



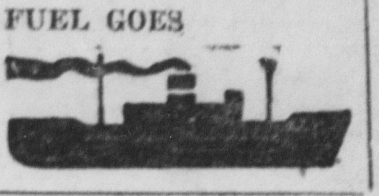
Where the Fuel Goes

A HEAVY BOMBER cruising at a speed of 250 m.p.h. may use 200 gallons of gasoline an hour.

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An Army Transport burns 33,000 gallons of fuel oil a day.



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'Tick Fever' Case Is Reported Here

Lemont Man In Hospital with Symptoms of Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever, Disease, Sometimes Fatal, Caused by Insect

Rocky Mountain spotted fever—a disease which has caused a number of deaths along the Atlantic seaboard this summer—is believed to have made its first appearance in Centre county this week when a Lemont man was admitted to the Centre County Hospital, Tuesday evening, with symptoms of that malady.

FORTRESS GUNNER MISSING IN ACTION

S-Sgt. Malcolm A. Eckley, 22, Lost in Flight Over Invasion Area



S-Sgt. MALCOLM A. ECKLEY, Staff Sergeant Malcolm A. Eckley, 22, son of former Centre County Commissioner and Mrs. Paul N. Eckley of Valley View, was missing in action since June 25, according to a War Department telegram received Saturday by his parents.

Sgt. Eckley, left, waist gunner aboard a B-17 Flying Fortress, was among the first Allied men taking part in the invasion of France. He was a member of the Eighth Combat Division of the Army Air Forces whose duty it was to prepare the way for the invasion. He was a member of "Any Gum Chum," a new Fortress which was named for an expression used by English children seeking chewing gum from American soldiers.

Logan Carnival To Be Held This Weekend

The annual carnival sponsored by the Logan Fire Company, Belleville, will be held in front of the fire hall on East Howard street, Friday and Saturday nights of this week, with the American Legion Junior Band providing music for both evenings.

PUBLIC MEETING SLATED TUESDAY

Borough Sponsors Session in Effort to Battle Lime Dust

A public meeting of all local persons interested in combating the lime dust nuisance has been called by Belleville Borough.

COUNTY MAN LOSES LIFE ON ITALIAN FRONT

Pfc. Robert R. Confer, 29, Reported Killed in Action, June 3

IS BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN IN ROME Entered Service in October 1942; Was in Famed 5th Army



Pfc. Robert R. Confer, 29, of Millheim, R. D., was killed in action June 3 somewhere in Italy, according to a War Department telegram received late last Wednesday by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Confer, of Millheim, R. D.

Although no details were given in the brief message, Pfc. Confer is believed to have lost his life while participating in the capture of Rome, the first Axis capital city to be taken by Allied ground troops.

3-YEAR-OLD BOY INJURED BY TRUCK

Rope Tied About Waist Tangles in Wheel; Condition is Fair

In a fall from a truck near his parents' home in Bush Hollow, Friday, Philip Spotts, 3, son of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Spotts, of Julian, R. D., suffered a severe head laceration, a leg injury and body bruises.

MUSIC SUPERVISOR CHOSEN BY BOARD

Miss Martha Albert Is Named to Succeed Mrs. Alberta Krader

Miss Martha Albert, of Bethlehem, was elected music supervisor in the Belleville schools to succeed Mrs. Alberta Krader, resigned, at a regular meeting of the local school board, Monday night.

\$16,000 SALES AT WAR BOND AUCTION

Purchasers Bid \$12,205 But Buy More Bonds to Swell Total

Centre county's first War Bond auction, held on the Diamond here Saturday night as the closing event in the 5th War Loan campaign, resulted in bond and stamp sales totaling \$16,000, although total bids on items offered were \$12,205, it was reported yesterday by Mrs. Frank Daly, chairman of the local women's division of the War Finance Committee, sponsor of the sale.

County Exceeds War Bond Quota

Allocation of \$2,238,000 Met, Officials Announce. Centre Leads State in Percentage of E Bond Sales in 5th War Loan

Latest reports available yesterday indicated that Centre county met its \$2,238,000 quota in the Fifth War Loan campaign which formally ended Saturday night. Definite figures were not available yesterday but Claude G. Aikens, chairman of the county War Finance Committee, expressed confidence that the goal had been reached.

As of July 5, the county had been credited with total sales of \$1,614,000, or 72 per cent of the quota, according to the Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia. There have been heavy sales since that time, and local officials are certain that the \$2,238,000 allocation has been passed.

The county led all counties in the state in percentage of E Bonds sold during the campaign, the Federal Reserve Bank revealed yesterday.

HERMAN HARJU DIES IN HOSPITAL

Underground Production Foreman Injured in 30-foot Fall, May 27

Herman Harju, 62, of Belleville, underground production foreman in the Bell Mine of the Warner Company here, died at the Centre County Hospital at 2:15 a. m. Saturday, death being attributed to pneumonia.

Mr. Harju had been a patient in the hospital since May 27 when he was severely injured in a plunge head-first down a 30-foot stone leading pocket in the mine.

Seaman Yeager Hurt On Obstacle Course

Jack H. Yeager, A. S. Belleville newspaperman who on June 1 entered the Naval Training Center at Bainbridge, Md., suffering a fracture of the right wrist and a dislocation of the right elbow, Friday, while going through the obstacle course at the training station.

According to reports Seaman Yeager was climbing a ladder when he fell. He will be a patient at the Naval Hospital at Bainbridge for from six to eight weeks. He had planned to spend a nine-day leave with his wife and family on North Spring street, upon completion of his boot training this week.

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INFANTRYMAN AND AIRMAN ARE MISSING

Pfc. John W. Simco, 35, and S-Sgt. Robert C. Rhoads Are Listed

BOTH PARTICIPATED IN FRENCH INVASION Simco Lost June 9, and Rhoads Missing Since June 22

Two Belleville men serving in the European theatre of action are reported missing in action, according to telegrams received Friday by their parents.

Pfc. John W. Simco, 35, son of Andrew Simco, of Belleville, R. D. 3, and S-Sgt. Robert C. Rhoads, 22, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Rhoads, of Coleville.

'RED' FRANCIS IS INVASION CASUALTY

Former Pro at Nittany Club Killed First Day in Normandy

Among the casualties on the Normandy beachhead on June 6, the first day of the invasion, was Peter William A. (Red) Francis, former golf professional at Nittany Country Club in 1936 and 1937, and professional at the Blairmont Country Club, Hollidaysburg, prior to entering the service.

News of his death was received during the weekend from a brother, Corporal Robert W. Francis, who is serving in a Field Artillery unit at Camp Cooke, Cal., and who succeeded his brother as golf pro at Nittany Country Club.

25 LISTED FOR MILITARY EXAMS

Board No. 2 to Send Group to Altoona on Thursday, July 18

Twenty-five men from the area served by Local Board No. 2, of Belleville, have been notified to report for pre-induction examinations at the Altoona center on Thursday, July 20, it was announced yesterday.

Severs Ligament As Hand Strikes Axe

Blanchard Holt, of Unionville, underwent treatment at the Centre County Hospital dispensary yesterday morning for an injury of the left hand suffered Tuesday while assisting in throwing rocks off a road on Muncy mountain near Unionville.

Holt had been using an axe and placed it on the road while he removed rocks. In swinging a rock backwards preparatory to throwing it, his right hand lightly struck the edge of the axe, inflicting a wound about one-half inch long. He paid little attention to the laceration until he discovered that one finger could not be straightened. At the dispensary it was discovered that a ligament just beneath the skin had been nearly severed by the axe. Holt will be unable to use the hand for a month or more.

Large Dairy Barn Is Razed by Fire

Hay Wagon Mishap Causes Blaze on Frank McIntire Farm East of Rebersburg, Involving Heavy Loss in Property

Fire resulting from a mishap while the hay crop was being harvested caused the destruction of one of the most modern and best equipped dairy barns in Brush Valley, Friday afternoon, entailing the loss of the barn, the tractor, hog house, corn crib and a number of farming implements.

The barn, located on the Frank McIntire farm, 3 1/2 miles east of Rebersburg, was burned to the ground.

CHERRY PICKER BADLY INJURED

Falls 16 Feet From Tree; Believed to Have Been Overcome by Heat

Believed to have been overcome by the heat while picking cherries Saturday afternoon, John Albright, 51, of Spring Mills, fell a distance of 16 feet and suffered a fracture of the pelvic bone, a fractured arm, and head injuries.

Centre Hall Man Wounded in Action

Cpl. Elwood Fohringer, 25, son of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Fohringer, of Centre Hall, was wounded in action on the Normandy front on June 13, according to word received by his parents, and is now in a hospital in England.

Jay Storch Wounded By Stray Bullet

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County Treasurer Undergoes Operation

Centre County Treasurer Edward R. Miller, of State College, Monday was admitted to the Lock Haven Hospital, where on Tuesday morning he underwent an operation on his left leg, which was injured in a football accident during his career as a football player at the Belleville-High School, and which has never completely healed.

During the operation a section of bone in the leg was removed and penicillin is being used in an effort to promote a complete healing of the bone. Mr. Miller has undergone a number of previous operations as a result of the injury.



Wounded in France

Pfc. John Hovan

Private First Class Hovan, 24, son of Steve Hovan, of Belleville, is numbered among the casualty list who were wounded in France during the invasion period. A letter received by his brother stated that John is back in England in a base hospital.

Titan Steel Worker Injured by Machine

John Katz, steelworker employed on the construction of a new building at the Titan Metal Company plant, underwent treatment at the Centre County Hospital dispensary, Monday morning, after he had been struck on the left forearm by the hammer of an air-driven riveting machine.

Two Injured When Car Strikes Pole

A sedan operated by Harry Hockenberry, of near Belleville, knocked down a highway sign and came to a stop against a pole on North Thomas street, Belleville, about 4:45 p. m. last Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Hockenberry, the occupants of the car, were taken to the Centre County Hospital in the ambulance. Mrs. Hockenberry suffered a small laceration on the forehead and returned home. Mr. Hockenberry was admitted and received treatment for shock. Damage to the car is estimated at \$100.

BIBLE SAVES LIFE OF LOCAL SOLDIER

Pfc. Wilbur Saxion, 31, Struck Over Heart by Nazi Bullet

A Belleville man who participated in the Normandy invasion, owes his life to a small Bible presented to him by relatives as a Christmas gift. It was learned by his parents this week.

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