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Named to Consider Plans Action

Organization of a permanent citi- appearing at meeting as solicitor zens' committee to lead the way in for Bellefonte Borough Council, Bellefonte's efforts to rid itself of when called upon by Mr. Eberhart the lime dust nuisance highlighted to explain factors to be taken into a public meeting held in the Logan consideration in the contemplated House, Tuesday night. Approxi- lawsuit against the Warner Commately 55 residents from all walks of life were present at the session. before Council two weeks earlier.

sentatives of Borough Council, and suit only if borough owned property Councilman Walter R. Eberhart, is damaged by lime dust, or if the chairman of the special committee of general health of the town is af-Council, who presided at the ses- fected. The case would be instituted sion, was elected president of the citizens' group. Mahlon K. Robb was elected treasurer, and Harry Menold was named secretary.

motion of the assembled group, terial. named the following members to an The trial would require expert Pvt. William Rowe, Hattie Wagner, Gro-wer Corman, Dr. E. H. Adams and Judge Elemine Donald Snyder.

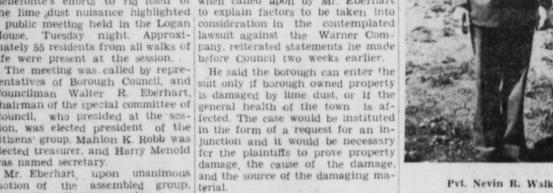


S'Sgt. Harold W. Smith, 21, Centre Hall, Killed in England

son of Mr. and Mrs. G. Frank reasonable doubt, he declared. in England on June 30, according to any move to eliminate lime dust. a War Department telegram re- Several officials of the Warner ceived during the weekend by his Company attended the meeting but

S/Sgt. Smith was a top gunner in an A-20 low-level bomber which * carries a crew of three-two gunners and a pilot. It is believed the ... plane crashed while returning to its base in England after a mission in support of the invasion forces in

wife



Walk, 26, son of Mr. and Mrs. executive committee to work with testimony and the case probably C. M. Walk, of Julian, R. D. 1, lost the officers in preparing future would become highly technical in his life on June 6, the first day of noticed at the noon check-up last Because early reports had it that The plane circled the town several board wrote a letter of invitation to plans: Charles E. Dorworth, Samuel nature. It would require much prep- the French invasion, according to a Thursday. The absence of Aldrich, two men were seen fleeing from the times before the pilot brought it Mr. Tate asking him to attend a H. Poorman, Rev. C. Nevin Stamm, aration and would entail consider- War Department message received who as driver of the Welfare De- abandoned vehicle, two carloads of down on the Number 2 fairway. He meeting September 9, to discuss pro-

Judge Fleming emphasized that member of an infantry unit. binald Snyder. Former Judge M. Ward Fleming, group was not to "solicit business." Pvt. Walk entered the service on the service other equipment the area and conducted a search, in group was not to "solicit business." Pvt. Walk entered the service on the penitentiary lands which they found neither the truck in elevated rectangle of went away with an agreement signand that the citizens' group should ing at Ft. George Meade, Md., and during the noon hour, consequently nor the men. After about two hours sod on the No. 2 tee. Had its course ed by the five members of the board.

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that in any lawsuit, he would be after completing his training there knowing that he carried considerable lice at Hollidaysburg, finding the carraged. present as solicitor for the borough. Was sent to Camp Blanding, Florida. extra fuel in drums to replenish the Judge Fleming explained that he He left for overseas duty in Sep-

ould not predict the outcome of the tember 1942. suit. "Any professional person," he The Huston township soldier h aid, "cannot guarantee results, All two brothers in the service, Pvt he can do' is to pledge his best ef- Paul Walk, at Ft. McClellan, Ala. forts to achieve the desired result." and Charles L. Walk, seaman second He stressed the fact that incon- class, now in the South Pacific venience or extra work caused in Also surviving are his parents and keeping properties clean and free of the following sisters and brothers: lime dust is no cause for legal ac- Mrs. Everett Hanscom, of Fleming; tion. Actual damage to property or Rose, of State College; Jean of Staff Sgt. Harold W. Smith, 21 to health must be proved beyond a Tyrone; Clifford, of Julian, R. D. Harold, Marie, Don, William and

Smith, of Centre Hall, and husband Many persons in the group re- Melvin, all at home. of the former Anne McGovern, lated incidents tending to show that Pvt. Walk attended the Julian daughter of Mrs. Bernard McGov- lime dust is detrimental to property schools and was employed by the ern, of Pine street, Bellefonte, was and to health, and some pledged M. L. Claster Lumber Company in killed in a plane crash somewhere financial and other assistance to Bellefonte at the time he entered military service.

took no part in the discussion.



BELLEFONTE, PA., THURSDAY, JULY 20, 1944.

Prison Fugitives FORCED DOWN Rockview Truck Abandoned Near Williamsburg After Two Inmates Make Bold Es-

cape; Vehicle is Undamaged

A Welfare Department truck in tanks of other motorized equipment. which two irmates at Rockview pen- feared that the pair might travel a itentiary rode to their liberty last considerable distance before aban-Thursday, was found abandoned doning the machine.

near Williamsburg. Sunday night, Officials expressed the belief yes- PILOT MANEUVERS but to date no further trace of the terday that the two got rid of the fugitives has been found. Deputy truck in the belief that it was "hot" Warden C. C. Rhoads declared yes- and that police throughout the state would be watching for it as soon as terday.

The truck was in perfect operat-ing condition when found and the Discovery of the truck came about fuel tank was only half empty, it 8 p. m. when State Police at Holwas reported. Deputy Rhoads said lidaysburg reported to prison ofhe had been informed that . the ficials here that a farmer living near truck was abandoned at the site williamsburg had told them he had

near a clay mine, late Thursday. seen the machine Thursday, and dive bomber which was forced down they claimed were rendered by the The fugitives are Floyd Bruce that after learning of the escape at on the Penn State golf course Sun- company through its representative,

aged

usual assignment at Rockview was card.

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Sea-Bee In Pacific Area Praises War Efforts of Local Lime Industry reported that they were not per-

When John W. Smith, plant su- many small articles used by the Jap-

perintendent at the Warner Com- anese, such as scarfs, post cards,

out here. I guess we live on and are kept going by letters.

censorship rules will not allow that, aged. Just that I'm on an island in the Pacific. Things were pretty much of was on a routine flight west from ood as we can expect, but have Harrisburg en route to Cleveland. learned not to kick. A little incident some Sundays ago taught me that. day, and was taken by truck to At-We had not had ice cream for what lantic City. Sunday afternoon a seemed to us ages, and we sure Navy auxiliary plane from Harrismissed it. I was sitting in the mess burg landed at the State College tent beside a very fine young Mar-ine. When he tasted the ice cream lieutenants to Harrisburg.

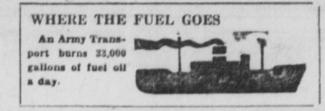
he said, "Boy, does this taste good. It is the first ice cream I've had in of the crash Sunday afternoon, that 14 months," so from now our when I players, were barred from the first dang get comething. The not going nine holes of the golf course to pre-to kick, as it could be much worse vent the possibility of comeone being suffering from Rocky Mountain struck by a golf ball.

Incidentally: Several weeks ago Seaman Smith, a Penn State grad-

souvenirs gathered from the inhab-

itable islands where he has been

stationed. Among the collection were



SUBSCRIPTION-\$1.50 PER YEAR.

Find Car Used By NAVY BOMBER School District Suit Withdrawn

Burr & Co. Granted Discontinuance of Action to Obtain \$1,400 for Aiding in Financing New Building

A lawsuit instituted some time ago board secretary, as required under against the Bellefonte Borough the state school code. He further School District was dropped this claimed that the agreement was not week when the plaintiff, Burr & attested in writing by the secretary Co., Philadelphia investment bank- of the school board, as required by ing house, requested the Court to the school code. Mr. Love points out OVER GOLF COURSE discontinue the case. In granting the that the statement of claim makes equest Judge Ivan Walker stipu- no allegation that the Bellefonte lated that the costs to date are to Failure of Oil Pressure be paid by the, Philadelphia con-

cern. In a statement of claim filed when the suit was brought, Burr & Company asked for \$1,400 with in-Two Naval lieutenants in a Navy terest from July 1, 1941, for services

Goodwin, 22. of Payette county, and Kenneth Aldrich, 27, of Crawford where the truck was parked and re-county. Goodwin's absence from his moved the keys and the registration though the plane was slightly dam-though the state of the truck was parked and re-though the plane was slightly dam-On September 4, 1940 the school

by his parents this week. He was a member of an infantry unit. By the service on the balagent to be absent so he could uty Rhoads, drove immediately to between two clumps of trees, but the building. Mr. Tate appeared at the feel absolutely free to employ any at Dillsworth, N. C. Later he was leased until the next of searching through the deserted been a few feet on either side, it The agreement set forth that the school District would pay Burr & School District would pay Burr & Co. \$1,400 on the issuance and sale Co. \$1,400 on the issuance and sale

of \$280,000 par value bonds of a Sounding of the State College borschool association to be formed by ough distress signal brought large the district to handle the school crowds to the scene. The two occufinancing

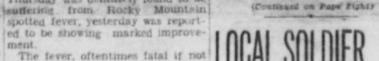
pants crawled from the overturned plane, and aided officials in roping that Burr & Co. continued to aid, off the immediate area. The airmen assist and otherwise help the board along in organizing the financing nitted to reveal their identities. The edge of the tail, a wing, the agency.

propeller, and the movable canopy Can't tell you where I am as Navy over the plane's cockpit were dam-It was learned that the bomber

The plane was dismantled, Mon-

Tick Fever' Victim

So many people visited the scene



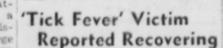
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(Continued on Page Four) **Becomes Captain**



The statement of claim continues Capt. Robert A. Barraclough To this statement of claim, the A Bellefonte youth who interrup! ed his college career to enter the U

board, through Attorney John G. Love, who was specially retained to the financing case, alleged that the months of submarine patrol duty off a mess when we first hit it, but are pretty good now, We get as good the Atlantic City, N. J., Naval Air Station and that it had refueled in the banking house was not valid because it was not executed by the Liberator bomber, was promoted to board president together with the a Captaincy on July 4 while in a



Fred Scandrol. 37, of Lemont, who was admitted to the Centre County unted from the Bellefonte High Hospital last Tuesday and who on Thursday was definitely found to be uated from Mercersburg Academy

The county airman entered the Army on January 11, 1943, and was sent to New Cumberland where he was assigned to the Air Corps and sent to Miami Beach, Fla, for basic training. From there he went to Ft. Meyers, Fla., for nine weeks and then was transferred to Sioux Falls. S. D., for 20 weeks of radio train-

His next training period was at Lowry Field, Colo., where he received ground and turret training before being sent to a replacement center at Salt Lake City. From there he went to Florence, S. C., and then (Continued on Page Eight)

Shots Strike House In Centre Hall

Two bullets, fired by a weapon in the hands of unknown persons, struck the Mrs. Agnes Luse home on Mr. and Mrs. William L. Brun-Main street, Centre Hall, Friday, gard, of Howard, this week received one of the bullets striking and shat- a telegram from the War Depart. tering a living room window near ment notifying them their son, Pfo which Mrs. Luse was sitting at the Alva Brungard, had been slightly time The second shot struck the back invasion of France. He was serving

of the brick dwelling but caused no with an infantry division. damage. It is not known whether He entered the service on August the shots were fired intentionally at 26, 1940, trained at Ft. Bragg. N. C., the home, or whether they were and was on maneuvers in the Carostray bullets. Authorities have been linas in the fall of 1941. He took notified of the incident and prose- part in the North African and Siccutions may result in the event illan campaigns and recently was cutions may result in the event illan campaigns and recently was a camp in Mississippi on July 12, at transferred to England to take part the age of 43. in the French invasion operations, ported

HEWITT HEADS COUNTY ATHLETE ZONING BOARD SUFFERS WOUNDS

Council Orders 3 Property Pfc. George Martz, Centre and his wife and four children, sil **Owners to Abandon** Hall, Is Casualty of Use of Cesspools **French** Invasion

Appointment of a board of ad- Pfc, George W. Martz, 24, widely interment in that city. justment for the new Bellefonte known Centre Hall baseball player, Borough Zoning Law featured a reg- was seriously wounded in the fight ular meeting of Council at the Lo- ing in Normandy, June 14, accordgan House, Monday night, ing to a War Department message

The appointments, announced by received Monday morning by his Council president William W. Sieg, parents, Mr. and Mrs. John A. are: Borough Engineer Arthur C. Martz, of Centre Hall.

Hewitt, chairman, to serve until No details of the nature of the in- morning of July 30. The services will January 1. 1947; Councilman David fantryman's wounds were given, but start off at 9:15 a. m. with a hymn Pleasant Gap Girl W. Keller, to serve until January 1, in a letter written by him in a hos- sing led by Zane B. Gray, followed 1946, and Councilman Edward J. pital in England on July 11 he told with Sunday school at 9:30, with T. Teaman, to serve until January 1, his parents that he "wasn't feeling M. Tressler of Bellefonte, as super-1945. Mr. Sleg pointed out that the well." He has written to other rela- intendent. The homecoming worship appointments give each of the bor- lives explaining that he had "very service will begin at 10:30 with the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Guy Kerough's three wards representation bad luck" in the fighting but hasn't Rev. Henry H. Shissler delivering stetter, of Pleasant Gap, this week on the board, whose duty it will be said anything further regarding his the sermon and taking charge of enlisted in the WAC at the recruitto hear and adjust any disputes injuries.

which may arise from the operation Pfc. Martz wrote that he landed is the present pastor on the Half- Miss Kerstetter is a graduate of

are to have 30 days in which to tap gagements.

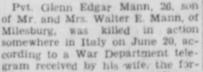
(Continued on Page Sis) (Continued on page Seven) coming service.

Pfc. Alva J. Brungard

Bellefonte Native wounded June 17 in action in the

14. station He entered the service on Sepa radio school at Camp Blanding. (Continued on Page Three)

forces.



Milesburg Soldier, Father

of Two, Dies in Italy

June 20

any limestone operations in Belle- writing pads, and a cigarette case fonte, gave up his position in June containing portraits of two slantmer Leona Larry, who is residing at of last year to join the Navy's Con- eyed beauties who may have been struction Battalion, he carried with the sisters or sweethearts of a dead Mill Hall with their two children, Dorothy, aged 7, and James, aged 5. him to the far corners of the Pa- Jap soldier. Other articles included Pvt. Mann, who has three brothers cific Islands the good wishes of the a soldier's knife, and endless collecnow believed to be with the invasion forces in France, was serving with an infantry regiment which landed in North Africa last, January, The last word from him received by his wife and mother were dated June six days before his reported cribes to some extent what a Sea- tistry. death, saying that he was at a rest

the age of 20 years, and has been

Surviving, in addition to the sis-

er in Bellefonte, are another sis-

ter, Mrs. Dale Musser, of Altoona

Bee in the Jap-infested South Pacific thinks about during a breathtember 9, 1943, and was assigned to ing spell:

Sunday morning, May 14, 1944. Dear Fellows:

Dies in Army Camp you, but it always seemed there were ing a swell job out here. In fact, Mrs. Albert Haupt, of Bush Addi- haven't written, I've thought a lot their heads off and all working to-

tion, Friday received a telegram notifying her of the death of her brother, 1st Liout Loud Loud of her brother, 1st Lieut, Jasper E. Solt, never know what letters mean to us

John W. Smith, CM 2/c

native and former resident of Bellefonte, who died of a heart attack at te age of 43. Lt. Solt, a resident of Charleston, NATION EXCEEDS S. C., was a son of the late Mr. and WAR BOND QUOTA Mrs. James E. Solt, of Bellefonte, and attended the local schools until the family moved to Williamsport. He entered the army 23 years ago at

serving continuously since that time. Sales Pass 20-Billion Mark State College Group to Go

-County Leads State in E Sales

of Charleston, S. C. One of the sons The people of the United States, is now serving overseas in the armed entering the Fifth War Loan cam- the armed services from the State paign with the largest quota in the College Draft Board area Monday. Funeral services were held Monhistory of war loan efforts, took the July 31, were announced this week day afternoon at Charleston, with assignment in their stride and fig- by selective service officials. ures released this week by the Treas-

ury Department reveal that the 16- induction pool, will go to Altoona Annual Homecoming billion dollar allocation was met- where they will be assigned either with more than 4 billion dollars to to the Army or Navy, depending on at Fillmore Church

able it is expected that total sales that day. It will be the last group The eleventh annual homecoming (Continued on page Three) at Fillmore will be held on the

Is Member of WAC

Emodean Mildred Kerstetter, 22, Communion services. Rev. Shisaler ing center at State College.

of the zoning law. By a unanimous motion, Council ruled that three residents of Reser-voir Hill, South Allegheny street, are to have 30 days in which to tap

are to have 30 days in which to tap onto borough sanitary severs and discontinue the use of cecopools. In the event they fall to complete the the order, Council will complete the control will complete pital, Santa Barbara, California. factory.

uate in civil engineering, sent his Wounded in Invasion parents, Mr. and Mrs. Luther L. Smith, an interesting collection of

Two Occupants Escape

Unhurt as Plane

Overturns

System Given as Cause

of Mishap

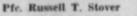
treated properly in time, is caused by a tick, infected with minute organisms which may be introduced into the human blood stream either through the bite of the tick or by

handling animals or hides on which there are infected ticks. Scandrol, upon admission to the hospital, exhibited fever and the brilliant rash characteristic of the spotted fever. Yesterday it was reported that the rash is disappearing

and that his temperature hovers near the normal level.

Wounded in France

in the county.



Pvt. Stover, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul M. Stover of near Woodward, is recovering in an army hospital in England from a wound received dur-

Russell, who has been overseas more than two years, was a member of the 29th Infantry Division which smashed across the base of the Cherbourg peninsula. In writing his parents from France, he said his only injuries up to then were bruised and scratched knees and shins from so nuch crawling forward along the

Later he wrote that he was back again in England in a hospital, saying nothing of his wound. His letter, (Continued on page Three)

Staff Sgt. Charles W. Risan, 21, wife, the former Sara Holderman, son of Olaf Risan, of Valentine and his mother, Mrs. William Moyer, Bragg, N. C., and Pvt. Edward Nel-street, Bellefonte, and Mrs. Risan of both of Blanchard street, Bellefonte, Son, 37, of Greensboro, N. C. Glendale, Calif., who was reported Pvt. Russell Moyer reported that he missing in action March 5, is now is in a base hospital in England unlisted as dead, according to word re- dergoing treatment for a foot wound ceived by his father from the War received in the fighting in Nor-Department

Pvt. Mover said he is getting along heavy bomber. He was lost while or bombing raid through the mountainous Yugoslavia territory. Word that the county soldier was missing

that location, August 1.

LOCAL SOLDIER DIES IN FRANCE

S. Air Forces, and who after many

land to become first pilot of a B-24

rest camp in Scotland after partici-

pating in the early invasion of

He is Robert A. Barraclough, 24, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Barra-

Captain Barraclough was grad

School in 1937 and later was grad-

ough, of East Linn street.

2nd. Lt. Leroy Elders, 23, Reported Killed in Action June 12

2nd Lt. Leroy Elders, 23, son of Leroy Elders, Sr., of Pittsburgh, and Scandrol is receiving as part of Mrs. Leona Elders, of Baltimore, his treatment a special vaccine for Md., and husband of the former that malady issued by the State De- Gladys Hinds, of Mingoville, was partment of Health. The man is killed on June 12 in the invasion of believed to have contracted the fever Normandy, according to a War Dewhile on a recent groundhog hunt. partment message received by rela-No other cases have been reported tives this week. Lt. Elders was serv-

ing as a paratrooper with an engineering division. He entered the service in March,

1942, and received training at Langley Field, Va., and the Army Air Base at Dyersburg, Tenn. In December, 1942, he completed an en-(Continued on page Four)

Bellefonte Youth Wounded by Shrapnel

A casualty of the fighting in Normandy, a Bellefonte youth is now recuperating in a government hospital in England from injuries received during the battle, according to word received this week by his parents

He is Pvt. Miles Nelson, 19, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Nelson, of East Lamb street, who in a letter received Friday reported that he suffered a shrappel wound of the left hip. He added that he is recovering steadily and told his parents "not to worry. Pvt. Nelson said the Red Cross is being most helpful to wounded soldiers

Nelson entered the service July 31, 1943, and after undergoing antiaircraft training at various camps was sent overseas in March of this year. He has two brothers in service: Pvt. Russell Nelson, 30, of Ft. son, 37, of Greensboro, N. C.

\$900 Damage in Fire at Julian Residence

Fire of undetermined origin caused damage estimated at about \$900 to the home of Miles Altimus. one mile west of Julian, Monday

pany of Bellefonte answered a call, Lester Gill, 52. of Pleasant Gap, confining damage to the roof and

on Saturday was admitted to the attic. Centre County Hospital suffering Members of the family and neighfrom severe injuries of the back and bors formed a bucket brigade but Store in Bellefonte head received in a fall from a truck when firemen reached the scene both on which he was breaking stone gable ends of the roof were ablaze. while at work at the Hassinger quarries near Howard.

of weeks because of a fractured hip. entirely gutted, firemen said.

Pleasant Gap Man afternoon Badly Injured in Fall Members of the Logan fire com-

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to Altoona For Assignment Names of 18 men who will enter Missing Airman Is

The men, drawn from the prespare, When final figures are avail- quotas at the induction station on

from the State College board to be processed through the Altoona cen-(Continued on Page Three)

Struck by Stone,

Has Skull Fracture

entire personnel of his employing tion of various shaped shells, and firm and fellow-workers. This is at- most interesting, a large cocoanut tested by the numerous cordial let- encased in its original outer shell. ters forwarded to and received from The scarfs, post cards and writing Seaman Smith. In one of the let- paper all contained Japanese letterters which follow, the writer des- ing and hand-drawings of superb ar-

Speaking of Marines, we Sea-Bees will never be able to praise them enough. They are men spelled with a capital "M." The word fear is just not in their dictionary. I'll have to

For ages now I've been trying to wait until I get back to tell you of find a few spare moments to write their exploits. The Army is also dono spare moments. Even though I fellows, all the Services are working

But there is another Army which (Continued on page Four)

ing the invasion of France.

18 MEN LISTED TO **ENTER SERVICE**

ground

Reported As Dead

At the time he was reported missing, Sgt. Risan was serving as a radio operator and gunner aboard a

was received by his father March

"Dick" Persia, of the Persia shoe quarries near Howard.

Struck on the side of the head by a stone Tuesday while playing with companions, John T. Womer, aged To Open New Shoe