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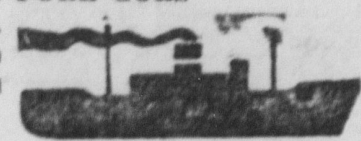
A HEAVY BOMBER cruising at a speed of 250 m.p.h. may use 200 gallons of gasoline an hour.

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

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An Army Transport burns 23,000 gallons of fuel oil a day.



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Citizens Unite To Battle Lime Dust

Walter Eberhart Names President of Group at Public Meeting; Executive Committee Named to Consider Plans for Action

Organization of a permanent citizens' committee to lead the way in Bellefonte's efforts to rid itself of the lime dust nuisance highlighted a public meeting held in the Logan House, Tuesday night. Approximately 55 residents from all walks of life were present at the session.

The meeting was called by representatives of Borough Council, and Chairman Walter R. Eberhart, president of the special committee of Council, who presided at the session, was elected president of the citizens' group. Mahlon K. Robb was elected treasurer, and Harry Menold was named secretary.

Mr. Eberhart, upon unanimous motion of the assembled group, named the following members to an executive committee to work with the officers in preparing future plans: Charles E. Dorworth, Samuel H. Poorman, Rev. C. Nevin Stamm, William K. Wee, Hattie Wagner, Grover Corman, Dr. E. H. Adams and Donald Snyder.

Former Judge M. Ward Fleming, appearing at the meeting as solicitor for Bellefonte Borough Council, when called upon by Mr. Eberhart to explain factors to be taken into consideration in the contemplated lawsuit against the Warner Company, reiterated statements he made before Council two weeks earlier.

He said the borough can enter the suit only if thorough owned property is damaged by lime dust, or if the general health of the town is affected. The case would be instituted in the form of a request for an injunction and it would be necessary for the plaintiffs to prove property damage, the cause of the damage, and the source of the damaging material.

The trial would require expert testimony and the case probably would become highly technical in nature. It would require much preparation and would entail considerable expense, he said.

Judge Fleming emphasized that his intent in speaking before the group was not to "solicit business," but that the citizens group should feel absolutely free to employ any legal counsel they desired. He added that in any lawsuit, he would be present as solicitor for the borough.

Judge Fleming explained that he could not predict the outcome of the suit. "Any professional person," he said, "cannot guarantee results. All he can do is to pledge his best efforts to achieve the desired result."

He stressed the fact that inconvenience or extra work caused in keeping properties clean and free of lime dust is no cause for legal action. Actual damage to property or to health must be proved beyond a reasonable doubt, he declared.

Many persons in the group related incidents tending to show that lime dust is detrimental to property and to health, and some pledged financial and other assistance to any move to eliminate lime dust.

Several officials of the Warner Company attended the meeting but took no part in the discussion.

S/Sgt. Harold W. Smith, 21, Centre Hall, killed in England

Staff Sgt. Harold W. Smith, 21, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. Frank Smith, of Centre Hall, and husband of the former Anne McGovern, daughter of Mrs. Bernard McGovern, of Pine street, Bellefonte, was killed in a plane crash somewhere in England on June 30, according to a War Department telegram received during the weekend by his wife.

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 France.

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 then 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 training.

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

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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 Main street, Centre Hall, Friday, one of the bullets striking and shattering a living room window, near which Mrs. Luse was sitting at the time.

The second shot struck the back of the brick dwelling but caused no damage. It is not known whether the shots were fired intentionally at the home, or whether they were stray bullets. Authorities have been notified of the incident and prosecutions may result in the event there are any repetitions, it is reported.

Hewitt Heads Zoning Board

Appointment of a board of adjustment for the new Bellefonte Borough Zoning Law featured a regular meeting of Council at the Logan House, Monday night.

The appointments, announced by Council president William W. Sieg, are: Borough Engineer Arthur C. Hewitt, chairman, to serve until January 1, 1947; Councilman David W. Keller, to serve until January 1, 1946; and Councilman Edward J. Teaman, to serve until January 1, 1945. Mr. Sieg pointed out that the appointments give each of the borough's three wards representation on the board, whose duty it will be to hear and adjust any disputes which may arise from the operation of the zoning law.

By a unanimous motion, Council ruled that three residents of Reservoir Hill, South Allegheny street, are to have 30 days in which to tap onto borough sanitary sewers and discontinue the use of cesspools. In the event they fail to comply with the order, Council will complete the

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County Athlete Suffers Wounds

Pfc. George Martz, 24, widely known Centre Hall baseball player, was seriously wounded in the fighting in Normandy, June 14, according to a War Department message received Monday morning by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John A. Martz, of Centre Hall.

No details of the nature of the infantryman's wounds were given, but in a letter written by him in a hospital in England on July 11 he told his parents that he "wasn't feeling well." He has written to other relatives explaining that he had "very bad luck" in the fighting but hasn't said anything further regarding his injuries.

Pfc. Martz wrote that he landed in France on D-Day, June 6, and that for four days the fighting was "tough," but that he escaped with scratches and bruises in those engagements.

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There will be special music by a quartet during the Sunday school hour and a vocal solo by Mrs. Ralph Graizer during the holy worship service.

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Pvt. Nevin R. Walk

Pvt. Walk, 26, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Walk, of Julian, R. D. 1, lost his life on June 6, the first day of the French invasion, according to a War Department message received by his parents this week. He was a member of an infantry unit.

Pvt. Walk entered the service on February 21, 1942 and received training at Ft. George Meade, Md., and at Dillsworth, N. C. Later he was transferred to Frederick, Md., and after completing his training there was sent to Camp Blanding, Florida. He left for overseas duty in September, 1942.

The Huston township soldier has two brothers in the service. Pvt. Paul Walk, at Ft. McClellan, Ala., and Charles L. Walk, seaman second class, now in the South Pacific. Also surviving are his parents and the following sisters and brothers: Mrs. Everett Hanscom, of Fleming; Rose, of State College; Jean, of Tyrone; Clifford, of Julian, R. D. 1; Harold, Marie, Don, William and Melvin, all at home.

Pvt. Walk attended the Julian schools and was employed by the M. L. Claster Lumber Company in Bellefonte at the time he entered military service.

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Pvt. Glenn Mann Reported Killed

Milesburg Soldier, Father of Two, Dies in Italy June 20

Pvt. Glenn Edgar Mann, 26, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter E. Mann, of Milesburg, was killed in action somewhere in Italy on June 20, according to a War Department telegram received by his wife, the former Leona Larry, who is residing at Mill Hill with their two children, Dorothy, aged 7, and James, aged 5.

Pvt. Mann, who has three brothers now 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 14, six days before his reported death, saying that he was at a rest station.

He entered the service on September 9, 1943, and was assigned to a radio school at Camp Blanding.

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Bellefonte Native Dies in Army Camp

Mrs. Albert Haupt, of Bush Addition, Friday received a telegram notifying her of the death of her brother, 1st Lieut. Jasper E. Solt, native and former resident of Bellefonte, who died of a heart attack at a camp in Mississippi on July 12, at the age of 43.

Lt. Solt, a resident of Charleston, S. C., was a son of the late Mr. and 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 the age of 20 years, and has been serving continuously since that time.

Surviving, in addition to the sister in Bellefonte, are another sister, Mrs. Dale Musser, of Altoona; and his wife and four children, all of Charleston, S. C. One of the sons is now serving overseas in the armed forces.

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