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## 5 County Soldiers Killed In Action

### Three Lose Lives in France, One Each in Italy and South Pacific—Three Casualties Natives of Clarence

Centre county's war casualty list increased by five during the past week with announcement by the War Department of the deaths of five men in action on the various war fronts. Three of the men lost their lives in France and one each in the South Pacific and Italy.

The week's toll follows:  
Sgt. Leonard M. Mann, 24, Mo-



### 94 Years Old

Charles F. Cook, oldest resident of Bellefonte, was honored at a family dinner last Tuesday night at the Brookshoff Hotel here in celebration of his 94th birthday.

Four generations of the family were present at the dinner, the guests including Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Cook and son, Richard, of Cleveland, Ohio; Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Cook and sons, Charles and Billy, of Hanover; Miss Anna Cook, Mrs. Eleanor McDowell, Mrs. Donald Kinsley and daughter, Janet, Mrs. W. Fred Reynolds, Mrs. Elsie Hevilly and Miss Mary Rankin, all of Bellefonte.

### Howard Child Hit, Injured By Car

Laura Mae Gardner, 8, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Gardner, of Howard, suffered a fracture of the right shoulder about 8 p. m. Monday when she was struck by a car driven by Rev. John R. Gulick, of Howard.

## Celebrate 52nd Wedding Anniversary



Mr. and Mrs. William R. Hoover

## MOTORCYCLIST DIES IN CRASH NEAR HOWARD

### Harold C. Young, 24, of Lockport, Loses Life as Machine Leaves Road

## CAUSE OF MISHAP REMAINS MYSTERY

### Cycle Rams Into Roadside Guard; Friends Discover Tragedy

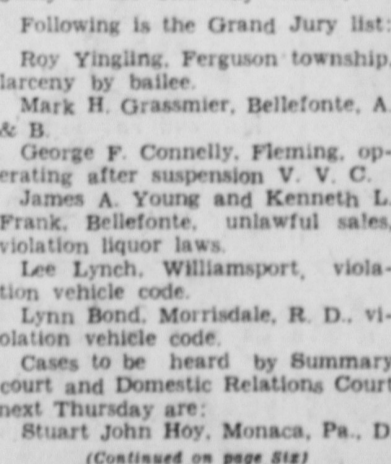
In an accident for which there is no known cause Harold C. Young, 24, of Upper Lockport, Lock Haven, father of two small children, was almost instantly killed about one mile west of Howard at 9:30 p. m. last Thursday when his motorcycle left the road and plunged into a field.

## LIST SIX CASES FOR GRAND JURY

### Vehicle Code Violations Head List; Jury to Meet Aug. 28

Six criminal cases have been listed by the Centre County District Attorney's office for presentation to the Grand Jury when that body meets here on Monday, August 28.

## Prisoner of War



S/Sgt. David Quick

## DUST COLLECTOR NOW IN OPERATION

### Company Pleased With Results, But Finds Production is Cut

A report on the operation of a new dust collector recently installed on kiln No. 3 at the Warner Company, was read at a regular meeting of Council, Monday night.

## Neighbor Reviews New Volume Of Poetry By Centre Hall Man

A moving tribute to a neighbor who is winning national fame in the field of poetry is paid by Mrs. Agnes Jamison, of Centre Hall, to Harvey Flink, of that community, in a book review Mrs. Jamison prepared about Mr. Flink's new volume of poetry, "A Mellow Horn," 62 pages, Horizon House, N. Y.

## SAYS SAIPAN IS ISLAND OF HEAT, FILTH

### Lieutenant Says Fear is Bad, But Stench of Death Worse

## FANATIC JAPANESE FIGHT TO DEATH

### Brother of Unionville Woman Comments on Rations

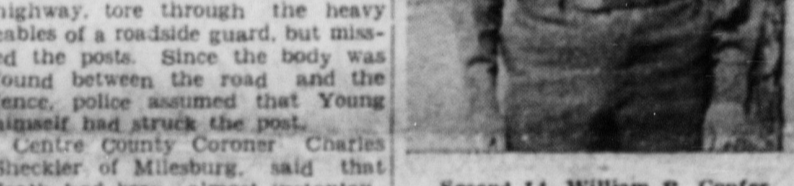
The following letter written by Lt. Jay W. McKee of Clarion county, to his sister, Mrs. Walter Zahniser of Unionville, describes in stark detail one man's experiences and impressions during the battle for Saipan:

## Wounded in Action



Second Lt. William E. Confer

## Gunner Killed



S/Sgt. Harold R. Kenneley

## Lands Paratroops



Captain Robert S. Walker

## RALLY TO BE HELD AT GRANGE FAIR

### Hon. Ruth Grigg Horting to Speak at Democratic Meeting, Wednesday

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## Tenters Moving Into Grange Park

### Week's Program Begins Tomorrow; Nearly 380 Tents to Be Occupied; Program Offers Many Special Attractions

Centre county's war bond drive is turning toward Centre Hall, which for the ensuing week will be the Mecca of a mass pilgrimage of farmers, merchants, business people, and those in virtually every walk of life, all eager for the 71st annual Grange Encampment and Centre County Fair.

Interest in the annual event has been whetted this year because in 1943, for the first time in the history of the fair association, the event was cancelled because of war-time conditions.

It is not expected that any attendance records will be broken, however, for with thousands in the armed forces and in distant defense industries and with traveling hazardous and uncertain it is not probable that beautiful Grange Park will find its facilities taxed during the coming week.

But despite those conditions, Centre Hall will have much of the appearance of pre-war days. Already the association has leased a total of 332 of its own tents and has provided space for the erection of 50 privately-owned tents.

Today will be devoted principally to moving into the tented community and getting settled for the week's activities, and the formal program will open tomorrow with the Bellefonte Grange players' 2-act play to be staged in the auditorium at 8 p. m.

Saturday, however, will be the first day with a full schedule of activities, morning, afternoon and evening.

In addition to a number of rides, concessions and games, the week-long, special daily attractions are to be provided by the Grange Association.

Saturday's special attraction will be a puppet show by Miss Jean Gordon, of State College. This feature will be given in the auditorium at 2:30 p. m. and there will be no charge. Marie Joy and Company, comedy acrobats and musicians, will give performances on the band stand at 11 a. m., 1 p. m. and 4 p. m. Saturday.

Bandstand entertainment every

## Carnival To Be Held at Milesburg

Under the sponsorship of the Milesburg Fire Company, the Thompson school grounds last next week, August 28 through September 2, it was announced yesterday.

The carnival will include a variety of rides, games, amusements and refreshments. A load of coal will be given away as a highlight of the Saturday night program.

## State War Finance Treasurer Commends Centre for Fine Showing

Centre county War Finance Committee members and workers and chairman Claude G. Aikens this week received high commendation from G. Ruhland Rebmann, Jr., State Treasurer of the War Finance Committee, for the county's exceptional record in the Fifth War Loan campaign.

In a letter addressed to Mr. Aikens, Mr. Rebmann said: "The outstanding record of the 5th War Loan drive in Centre county reflect the splendid organization job which you have done. The results show over 100 per cent on each quota. That is a splendid record, particularly in the case of E bonds in which your sales, excluding Army and Navy in each case, exceeded the sales in the

## S-Sgt. Eckley Writes "Am Well and Safe"

Mr. and Mrs. Paul N. Eckley of Valley View, near Bellefonte, Monday morning received the following cablegram from their son, Staff Sgt. Malcolm A. Eckley, who was reported missing in action June 25:

"All well and safe, best wishes. Malcolm A. Eckley." The message was dated "sans origine," meaning that its point of origin is unknown.

Sgt. Eckley, a waist gunner aboard a B-17 Flying Fortress, was among the first Allied men taking part in the invasion of France at the time he was listed as missing.

Early this month Pvt. Russell Heckman of Hubersburg wrote his wife that he believed Sgt. Eckley was safe. The Hubersburg soldier, who was stationed at the same air base in France as Eckley, wrote his wife, "I am unable to tell very much about Mac except that even if he has not written, I believe his family has no cause for worry."

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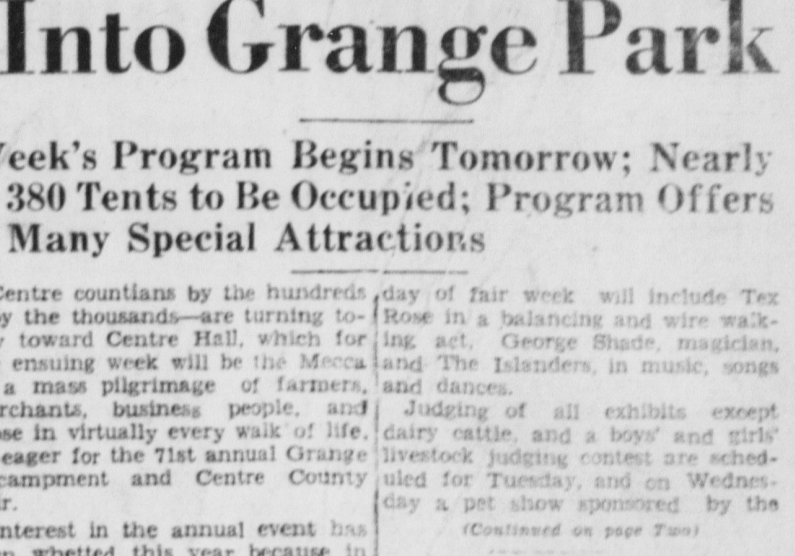
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Steve Puscher, Allegheny county prisoner who escaped from Rockview penitentiary on April 23 of this year and who was sentenced here Monday morning to serve an additional 1 to 6 years for the escape, was recaptured through the too enthusiastic celebration of his liberty, prison officials revealed after Judge Ivan Walker had sentenced the man.

After leaving the local prison last April, Puscher worked his way to New York City, where he was employed at various times as a dishwasher. Officials said the man declared that he drank more or less steadily, but kept pretty much from the public eye—and from the eye of police. But one day during a particularly vigorous celebration he got out of hand and was taken to Belle-

## Paradise Employee Suffers Lacerations

Paul Carner, of North Thomas street, employed at Fishermen's Paradise along Spring Creek, suffered painful injuries about the right hand while at work Monday afternoon.

Mr. Carner was lifting a five-gallon glass jug filled with water and was preparing to empty it into another container when the jug broke in his hands. Pieces of the glass cut deep lacerations in all his fingers and at the base of his thumb.

The man was brought to the Centre County Hospital dispensary where the lacerations were treated, after which he was permitted to go to his home.

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