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## Soldier Killed; Two Wounded

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Quality lists of World War II during the week included the names of three Centre countians, one of whom was killed and the other two seriously wounded in the battle of France.

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Sgt. Samuel D. Falls, 36, Howard, R. D. 1, a machine gunner who was wounded several days after D-Day and had returned to duty, was killed in action in France August 8, according to word received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey J. Falls, of Howard, R. D. 1.

Falls entered the Army Feb. 21, 1942, trained for six months in West Virginia and Virginia, and went overseas in the autumn of 1942 for further training in England. He went into France with the invasion

forces and was slightly wounded two or three days after D-Day.

Sgt. Falls attended the Beech Creek township schools and was employed for 16 years as a boiler fireman for the Harbison-Walker Refractories at Monument before entering the service.

In addition to his parents he is survived by six brothers: Richard, at J. Ralph, at home; James, Beech Creek township; Pvt. Clair, in New Caledonia; Pvt. Boyd, France; and Pvt. John, New Guinea.

Another brother, George, was killed several years ago in a motorcycle accident at Blanchard.

Pfc. Harry B. Kern, 35, son of Mrs. Jane Kern, of East Howard street, Bellefonte, was seriously wounded in action in France on August 10, according to a War Department message received last Thursday by his mother.

Last week Mrs. Kern received a letter from her son written August 12, at which time he stated "I have received a few nicks and had to stay behind the rest but don't worry about me." In previous letters he stated that he arrived in France late in June.

The Bellefonte sergeant, who was a member of an anti-tank division of the field artillery was called for service December 31, 1942, and at New Cumberland was assigned to Ft. Lewis, Wash., where he remained until March of the following year when he was sent to California for desert maneuvers.

In September of that year he transferred to the field artillery and while enroute to his new post at Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo., spent his first furlough in Bellefonte. Last November he was sent to Camp Breckinridge, Ky., where he trained with an anti-tank division and remained there until March of this year when he left for overseas. He again visited his mother last February.

Pfc. Kern attended the Bellefonte High School and before entering service was employed for 17 years by the Universal Match Company. He has a brother, Pfc. Robert Kern, stationed at Maxwell Field, Ala.

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## ESCAPED BULL IS SHOT AFTER WEEK'S CHASE

### 1800-Pound Hereford Slain After Hunt Near Philipsburg

### DASHES TO FREEDOM FROM MEAT PLANT

### Owners Spurred Search by Posting Reward, Dead or Alive

An 1800-pound Hereford bull, escaping while being unloaded from a truck at the Tasty Meat Products Company plant in Philipsburg, Tuesday last week, roared and bled-gained its way throughout the Philipsburg area dodging bullets from an army of hunters until noon on Tuesday of this week when it became shot by two of Chester Hill's foremost deer hunters.

Death of the bull put an end to one of the chief topics of conversation in that area for a week, squelched rumors that the bull had been seen practically everywhere in the northwestern part of the county, and provided the packing plant with material for many a succulent beef dinner.

The white-faced red-colored animal, with a big body and short powerful legs made its bid for freedom while being made ready for slaughter. It was being led from a truck engaged, broke loose and ran through a gate after several boys guarding the portal fled.

The enraged animal dashed up Pine street and then on to Front street, roaring and charging. Pedestrians scurried to the safety of porches and doorways as the bull, followed by a crowd of onlookers, dashed through a screen door to safety.

Meat plant employees on motorcycles pursued the beef but were soon outdistanced. The animal later was trailed to the Cold Stream Dam, south of Philipsburg, and then to the Osceola Mills area and then to the Sleepy Hollow district.

Hundreds of searchers, many of them hunters armed with rifles, were out in the woods looking for the animal. (Continued on Page 6)

## What About V-Day?

With one phase—probably the most important one—of World War II rapidly approaching a climax, and with many towns and cities throughout the nation preparing for the observance of V-Day, a similar movement is gaining ground rapidly in Bellefonte.

Victory over Nazi Germany seems to be approaching with increasing rapidity and it is generally believed plans for a celebration should be made beforehand, not so much because a formal program is necessary, but because of a plan of action will serve to direct activities in a more or less uniform channel.

Reports have it that several local industries plan to close down immediately for 24 hours, when official announcement of the end of the European war is made. The American Legion Band of Bellefonte has standing orders to report to the Diamond in Bellefonte as soon as possible after the word has been announced. The Veterans of Foreign Wars and other local organizations have expressed an interest in proper observance of the momentous day.

Suggestions advanced to date include a parade with appropriate floats, round and square dancing in the streets, and a rally on the Diamond for the purpose of observing the victory and strengthening the war effort against the Japanese.

It also has been suggested that the churches of the town may wish to have special services in observance of the European war's end. The closing of stores and business places on V-Day poses another problem which should be decided now, with adequate provisions for such establishments in the event the announcement comes at an hour when business houses are closed or are about to close for the day.

These and other possible suggestions for V-Day in Bellefonte are expected to be discussed at a meeting of the Chamber of Commerce board of directors to be held Friday night in the YMCA building. Chamber officials announced yesterday that suggestions will be welcomed and ask that they be submitted in time for consideration at tomorrow night's meeting.

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### Motorcycle Crashes Into Side of Car Near Beech Creek

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## Memorial Services For Wm. F. Leathers

Memorial services in honor of William F. Leathers, of Mt. Eagle, who was killed in line of duty while serving with the United States Army, in the invasion of France, will be held Sunday afternoon, September 10, at 2:30 p. m., at the Kennedy Methodist church at Mt. Eagle, with the Rev. Roy A. Goss, pastor of the church officiating. It is hoped to have representatives of the American Legion, and of the Howard Odd Fellows, and the Veterans of Foreign Wars, of which he was a member, present.

## OSCEOLAN'S DEATH TERMED SUICIDE

Conflicting reports of the man's death, which occurred at Richmond, Va., have been in circulation. It was stated that Bushko had boarded a troop train three times and was put off twice and was shot the third time in a scuffle and fell from the train, but the Richmond undertaker told family members that he had committed suicide. No details of this version were given.

He is survived by his widow, Anna, and by 10 children, seven of whom are at home. Two of the children live at Norfolk, Va., where he visited before going to Richmond, and a son is serving in the army in England.

To Aid in Celebration Co-operation with the Fire Company in planning for the celebration of the 100th anniversary of the founding of the village was promised by the Inter-Organization Council of Pleasant Gap at a meeting held last week. The fire men hope to make in a salute and will be held next summer, a memorable event.

## SET \$27,174 AS QUOTA FOR WAR CAMPAIGN

### Complete Plans For Campaign in Bellefonte Area

### DRIVE SCHEDULED OCTOBER 10 TO 24

### 12 Local Agencies, 17 Nationwide Charities to Benefit

With a total of \$27,174, preparations for the 1944 Bellefonte Community War Fund campaign, October 10 through 24, were completed this week at a meeting of the local War Fund directors.

The War Fund campaign serves the double purpose of providing funds formerly subscribed through the Bellefonte Welfare Association as well as taking care of Bellefonte's share in the National War Fund which provides monies for the maintenance of 17 nationwide charitable agencies.

At the directors' meeting E. L. Plumb, president of the Welfare Fund, now called the Bellefonte Community War Fund, announced the following chairmen for the drive: special gifts, William W. Sieg, industry, Fred Warner, Philip B. Ray and Orvis Reed; house-to-house solicitation, E. Keith Anderson; Commerce, C. C. Brown; small industries, Rudy Lindquist; and publicity, Mrs. Samuel Waite.

Because of war-time conditions the budgets of several of the participating agencies have had to be increased for the coming year. (Continued on page six)

## Candidate's Car Is Damaged in Mishap

A sedan operated by Harry K. Kelley, of Pleasant Gap, was damaged about 11:15 o'clock Friday morning when it crashed into a car owned by Charles S. Kniss, of Spring Mills, parked near the Corman Fruit Market near Spring Mills.

The Kelley car was traveling toward Pleasant Gap at the time when it struck the rear of the Kniss car. The Kelley car was torn off and the Kniss machine was slightly damaged. The mishap was investigated by State Motor Police from Pleasant Gap. Mr. Kniss is Democratic nominee for the General Assembly.

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## Local Physician Active In Burma

### War Correspondent Describes New Techniques Developed in Treatment of Wounds and Disease in Jungle Fighting



Major Harold B. Harris

Work being done in the Burma jungles by a medical unit of which Major Harold B. Harris, 35, former Bellefonte physician, is a member, is explicitly outlined in an article by Jack Bell, Miami Herald correspondent, recently published in the Sunday Magazine of the Miami Herald.

Dr. Harris practiced in Bellefonte for a number of years before entering the service, maintaining offices at the family residence in the Tanner property at the corner of Allegheny and Howard streets. He was stationed for some time at Ft. Eustis, Va., before being assigned to overseas duty.

Mrs. Harris and their two sons, Dale, 4, and John Richardson, 6, are making their home for the duration with her sister, Mrs. Georgia Mae Jennings and Miss Lou Kittinger at Mrs. Jennings' home, 48 W. Dilido drive, Dilido Island, Miami Beach.

Excerpts from Bell's article about Dr. Harris' activities in Burma, follow:

MYITKYINA AIRFIELD, Burma.—Two bearers came out of the dense undergrowth along the path that led back to the American front lines. On their stretcher lay a young man and somehow one sensed that he was badly hurt.

Carefully the native bearers walked over the slippery ground, entered the tent which serves as a portable surgical hospital unit. The stretcher was laid on two piles of sandbags. Every man knew what to do. I heard Maj. Harold B. Harris, of Miami Beach, giving orders, quietly but definitely. The man's clothes were cut away, soap and water came immediately. Instruments were at hand.

On that stretcher lay a human being felled by war. His left knee

Mrs. Catherine Decker, 21, and her son, Ardel, 4, of near Spring Mills, were injured about 1:30 last Tuesday in an automobile accident south of Spring Mills.

Mr. Decker, 27, driver of the car, escaped with a laceration of the face and brush burns of the knees when his machine ran into the rear of a truck owned by Austin Confer, parked in front of his home in Georges Valley.

Mrs. Decker and son were admitted to the Centre County Hospital later in the day after undergoing treatment.

The Decker car, which was traveling from Potters Mills to Spring Mills, was virtually demolished. The truck was only slightly damaged.

Rebekahs to Meet District meetings for all Rebekahs will be held in the IOOF hall, Bellefonte, on Friday, September 8 at 2:30 and 8 p. m.

was clattered above the knee. Amputation was imperative. Deep lacerations left ugly, jagged wounds the length of his right leg and thigh. Part of his chest was gone. There was a compound fracture of his left forearm. His right forearm showed many wounds, as did the right hand. Several lacerations appeared on his head.

Capt. James R. Bone, anesthetist from Cincinnati, went to work. So did three surgeons: Maj. Harris, Capt. H. L. Stone, of Twin Falls, Idaho, and Capt. Charles F. Honeycutt, Missoula, Mont. They worked with the anesthetic drug procaine, which is essentially novocaine as used in dentistry.

Carefully yet swiftly Capt. Bone blocked out the wounds to be operated on, some local, some regional. (Continued on page two)

## Bob Morris Wins Nittany Golf Title

Staging a sensational comeback after losing the title last year, Bob Morris regained the golf crown of the Nittany Country Club in the annual Labor Day tournament. He is explicitly outlined in an article by Jack Bell, Miami Herald correspondent, recently published in the Sunday Magazine of the Miami Herald.

Morris reached the championship contest by defeating Phil Ray in the quarter finals, and Fred Cleveland in the semi-finals. He defeated Jack Wilkinson in the first match and Bill Sieg in the semi-final round to become champion.

Ralph Blaney won the second flight by defeating J. B. Sutton, John Curtis, Sr., defeated his brother, J. Mac Curtis, for high honors in the third flight. Hugh Crumlish of Pleasant Gap, became winner of the fourth flight when he defeated James B. Craig, Charles Garbrick and Bill Brachbill fought it out in the uncompleted fifth flight, and Garbrick came out the winner.

## Cartwright Brothers Meet In France

Two Bellefonte brothers who hadn't seen each other for a year and nine months met on August 18 in France, according to letters received by their parents. Mr. and Mrs. Earl M. Cartwright, of East Bishop township, and Pfc. Earl N. Cartwright, who has been overseas about 15 months, and Pfc. Hassel Cartwright, who was sent to the European area about June 1.

The brothers report that they were able to spend several days together and that they talked "fast and furiously."

Pfc. Hassel Cartwright recently was awarded the combat infantryman's badge, which entitles him to an extra \$10 monthly salary for combat duty. This special recognition of the infantryman's service is the outgrowth of a suggestion made some time ago by columnist Ernie Pyle.

## SPORTSMEN'S DINNER

Sportsmen are asked to remember a meeting of the Bellefonte Sportsmen's Association to be held at the local high school cafeteria on Thursday evening, September 14. Reels of wildlife movies will be shown and "Red" Derr of Pleasant Gap, who recently returned from the Aituttian Islands, will talk about the Kogik bear. Refreshments will be served and tickets are now on sale at 50 cents.

Youth Injures Finger Harold Gursalus, 17, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Gursalus, Bellefonte, R. D. 3, was treated at the Centre County Hospital dispensary Friday night for a slight injury received while working with a lawn mower. A cut on the first finger of his right hand was dressed and he returned to his home.

## Black and White Robins Have Bird-Lovers Frantic

A pair of robins that look something like paratroopers in jungle garb have local ornithologists scratching their heads and leaning frantically through bird books to see whether such things can happen in bird-dom.

As of yesterday Bellefonte bird lovers were ready to write off as non-existent the birds which nevertheless may be seen disporting themselves in the vicinity of the Joseph Kane home on Phoenix avenue, near the Universal Match plant offices.

On Labor Day this writer was interrupted at his labors by Mr. Kane, who thought he might be interested in a "white robin" which was at the moment hunting worms on the Kane lawn.

If it had been a white robin, ornithologists would have passed it off with the explanation that it was merely an Albino—a not too unusual quirk of nature.

It has dead white shoulders. Then comes a dark "holo" or circle of black feathers about the middle. The tail feathers are dead white.

The characteristic red breast of the robin is missing. The breast appears to be mostly white, with a slight reddish tinge.

The bird is full grown and the feathers fully developed. There is little doubt of its being a robin, for it has all the characteristics of that bird, and when obliged with a most robin-like chirp, all doubt was dispelled.

Bird lovers possibly could recover from seeing one such bird but when Joe announced that there are two of them, all the usual explanations fail. One of them could have been explained away with the surmise that perhaps it was a cross between a robin and a pigeon. But when you get two that guess seems pretty frail.

## D. PAUL FORTNEY DIES AT HOME

### Was Former County District Attorney; Funeral This Afternoon

A stroke suffered on August 25 proved fatal to D. Paul Fortney, of Bellefonte, former Centre County District Attorney, who passed away at his home on East Bishop street at 5:50 p. m. Monday, September 4, 1944.

Mr. Fortney had been in failing health since suffering a previous stroke some years ago, but had been about his usual activities up until the time he was stricken.

The deceased was a son of the late David Franklin and Sarah Huey Fortney and was born in Bellefonte on July 11, 1887, making his age at time of death 57 years, 1 month and 22 days. He attended the Bellefonte public schools and Penn State, and continued his education in the law offices of his late father.

He was admitted to the Centre County Bar on April 14, 1906, and was elected District Attorney in November. (Continued on page six)

## Smullton Soldier Seriously Wounded

According to reports, Mrs. Carrie Detwiler, of Trenton, N. J., formerly of Smullton, this week received a War Department message notifying her that her son, Pvt. Donald Detwiler, aged about 22, was seriously wounded August 29 in France.

Mrs. Detwiler resided in Smullton until about a year ago when she went to Trenton to live with a daughter, Mrs. J. G. Saville. Pvt. Detwiler has been in the service about a year.



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## COUNTY MILKWEED PROGRAM BEGINS

### F. G. Rogers Names County Chairmen to Direct Collection

The following area chairmen in the county have been appointed by F. Glenn Rogers, county superintendent, to act in the collection of milkweed—an important war material.

Penn. Haines and Miles townships, Ray Bright, agriculture supervisor, East Penn's Valley High School, Gregg township, John Decker, agriculture supervisor, Spring Mills, Pater township, Jacob Wetzel, principal, Centre Hall College, Patton, Harris and Ferguson townships, Ed. Dale, agriculture supervisor, State College.

Taylor, Worth, Halfmoon and Huston townships, William Ross, principal, Port Matilda. (Continued on Page Four)

## Homer Rodeheaver to Appear in Bellefonte

Homer Rodeheaver, a nationally known singing leader, trombonist, and evangelist, will be in Centre county for two meetings on Tuesday, September 26. Announcement was made by officers of the Centre County Christian Endeavor Union, the organization sponsoring this noted singer's appearance, that he will be accompanied by B. D. Ackley, well known composer of many gospel songs, and just on the program will be Warren G. Hoopes, general secretary of the Pennsylvania Christian Endeavor Union.

No admission will be charged to these meetings, being held in Philipsburg in the afternoon and in Bellefonte in the evening, because they are made possible by contributions from C. E. societies throughout the county. The exact place in each town will be announced soon in the columns of this paper.

## Concrete Mixer Is Damaged In Accident

A concrete mixer owned by the State Highway Department was damaged to the extent of about \$25 when it was struck by a coal truck operated by Myles K. Sones of Karthaus, about 11:15 p. m. last Thursday at the intersection at Snow Shoe.

The accident happened when Mr. Sones attempted to pass the highway truck operated by W. O. Yarnell of Bellefonte, R. D., which was towing the concrete mixer at a point where a car was parked at the side of the road. Both machines were going towards Moshannon. Police from the Pleasant Gap sub-station investigated.

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## LOCAL COUPLE WEDDED 50 YEARS

### Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Moore Quietly Observe Golden Anniversary

One for May day, back in 1906, Horatio S. Moore and an enterprising young mining equipment engineer from Monongahela, came to Bellefonte on a business mission.

He walked about the place, noting the beauty of the town.

"I liked the place," he decided. That's how Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Moore, who on Monday last week quietly celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary at their home on North Allegheny street, came to Bellefonte, for he liked the town so well after his several hours' inspection that he and his wife moved here on January 7, 1907.

Horatio S. Moore and Miss Mabel Alice Quimby, only daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Silas E. Quimby, were married at the Methodist parsonage in Rochester, N. H., on August 28, 1894, while Mr. Moore was employed as a mechanical engineer for the Susque-

## BLOOMSBURG FAIR HAS GRANGE SHOW

Agriculture is going to get more recognition than ever before at the sixtieth annual Bloomsburg Fair opening on Monday, September 25, to continue day and night through Tuesday.

The Grange show always a feature, will be staged in the Agricultural building with the incentive of increased awards. The prizes are \$80, \$70, \$60, \$55, \$45 and \$35. Each Grange entering will receive \$35.

The judging is on the basis of 50 points for quality; 30 points for variety; and 20 points for display.

There is no more popular feature than the horse pulling contest, staged in recognition of the great

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## MAN'S NAME GIVEN OVER GERMAN RADIO

Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Rhoads of Coleville, were notified during the weekend by the War Department that the name of their son, Staff Sgt. C. Robert Rhoads, 22, had been heard in a recent broadcast from Germany.

The telegram stated: "An intercepted unofficial short wave broadcast from Germany mentioned the name of Staff Sgt. C. Robert Rhoads as a prisoner of war. No personal message was included. This information supplements previous official report received from the International Red Cross."

Sgt. Rhoads, a tall gunner aboard a B-17 Flying Fortress, was reported missing by the War Department June 22, and on July 7 his parents were notified that he was a prisoner of war in Germany.

Dr. and Mrs. Richard P. Noll, of North Allegheny street, Bellefonte, are the parents of their first child, a