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Two Killed, Two Wounded In War

Pfc. George H. Emel, Bellefonte and Private Robert Ross, Linden Hall, Lost Lives In Fighting In France

Two county soldiers were killed and two others wounded in the fighting in France according to War Department messages received this week by relatives.

Killed in action were: Pfc. George H. Emel, 18, of Bellefonte, who lost his life on July 30, and Pvt. Robert Ross, 28, of Linden Hall, who died while fighting with infantry forces.

Wounded are: Pfc. Orren S. Orndorf, 25, of Woodward, whose injuries are described as being slight, and Pvt. John Smead, 34, of Bellefonte.

Slightly Wounded
Pfc. Orren S. Orndorf, 25, son of Mr. and Mrs. Stewart H. Orndorf, of Woodward, was slightly wounded in France on August 24, according to a War Department message received Saturday by his parents.

Orndorf, a graduate of the East Penn Valley High School in the class of 1938, and for seven years a member of the East Penn Valley Band, entered the service on



Pfc. Orren S. Orndorf, October 29, 1941, and underwent training at Camp Croft, S. C. In February, 1942, he was transferred to Fort Custer, Mich., remaining there until March of that year when he was made a private first class and was assigned as bugler of his company. He was sent overseas in April, 1942, and continued to serve there as company bugler.

Losses Life in France
Pvt. Robert Ross, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ross, of Linden Hall, was killed in action while serving with the infantry in France, his wife, Mrs. Helen Kessler Ross, of Philadelphia, was informed by the War Department, Friday morning.

Pvt. Ross, 28, had been assigned to France on June 10, a few days after the D-Day invasion, and had been in a hospital in England from then until the middle of July. The last word received from the county soldier by his parents was one written on July 28 in which he revealed he was back on duty.

In April, 1942, Pfc. Ross entered the service and was assigned to the infantry and sent to Camp Wheeler, Ga., for 13 weeks basic training.

Pfc. George H. Emel, in the Army on November 14, 1943, and received basic training at Ft. McClellan, Ala. From there he was sent to Ft. Meade, Md., and spent an Easter furlough at home before going overseas in April of this year. Prior to entering the service he was employed at the 'Oldie-Tyme Bakery, Bellefonte.

After his arrival in England he underwent training for the French invasion and was in action with the infantry from the early days of the invasion.

Surviving, in addition to his parents, are four brothers and a sister: Charles F., Ira L., Donald, Luther and Sarah, all at home.

2 BROTHERS DIE WITHIN 2 DAYS

Strokes Fatal to Toner J. Aikey, 65, and Benjamin F. Aikey, 70

Strokes suffered suddenly claimed the lives of two well known Bellefonte brothers residing in the Bellefonte area within two days this week.

Toner J. Aikey, 65, of Bellefonte, died at 5:32 p. m. Sunday, September 10, at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Ruth Flack, on North Spring street, after a four-day illness. His brother, Benjamin F. Aikey, 70, of Milesburg, died at 7:25 a. m. Tuesday, September 12, at his home, after an 11-day illness.

Toner Aikey, known locally as one of the most proficient hunters and anglers in this section, was employed for more than 30 years by the former Chemical Lime Company, now the National Gypsum Company. Benjamin Aikey had been employed at the State Highway Department garage here for some years. The stroke he suffered on September 1 was the first illness he had in his lifetime, relatives said.

The mother of the two men, Mrs. Harriet Leathers Aikey, who resides with her son-in-law and daughter, Mrs. and Mrs. Robert Thompson on North Spring street, Bellefonte, is 89 years of age. Their father was

Mrs. W. C. Thompson Fractures Leg in Fall

Mrs. William C. Thompson, wife of the pastor of the Bellefonte Presbyterian church, suffered a compound fracture of the right leg, between the ankle and knee, about 12:40 o'clock Friday afternoon in a fall while descending the stairs from the third floor of the Presbyterian Manse on North Allegheny street.

Medical aid was summoned and Mrs. Thompson was taken in the home at the James Trynary farm near Woodcrest.

Funeral services were held at the Koch funeral home, State College, Monday morning, Rev. E. E. Korte, student pastor of the State College Lutheran church, officiated at the services and interment took place in Boalsburg.

MISSING MAN IS PRESUMED TO BE DEAD

War Dept. Announces Decision in Cpl. Fetzer Case

LOST YEAR AGO IN NEW GUINEA AREA

Parents Receive Letter Reviewing Last Flight of Plane

Cpl. William H. Fetzer, previously reported missing in action in the South Pacific on August 15, 1943, is now presumed to be dead, according to a War Department message received Sunday by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Fetzer, of the IOOP apartments, West High street.

The message, in the form of a letter, explains that the transport plane aboard which Cpl. Fetzer was a radioman was last seen under attack by enemy fighter planes near Tullu Tullu, New Guinea, about 50 miles west of Lae.

Pvt. Lawrence O'Leary, son of Mrs. Alice O'Leary, of Penn street, Bellefonte, who two weeks ago returned to the United States from New Guinea, told Mrs. Fetzer that he saw her son on a Friday two days before he set out on the flight on which he was lost. "Bill was scheduled for K. P. duty Saturday, and was to be grounded on Sunday. However, he was sent out on a mission on Sunday, and did not come back," Pvt. O'Leary said, adding that the plane on which he was aboard was known to have been riddled by enemy fire.

Pvt. O'Leary said that those who saw the transport ship go down saw two of its crew members bail out with parachutes. He expressed a belief that the plane was destroyed by enemy fire.

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APPOINTMENTS FOR WOMAN'S CLUB

Committees Named For Year; First Meeting Planned

Mrs. Alexander Brown, president of the Bellefonte Woman's Club, announces the following list of committees and committee members:

Chairman: Mrs. Edward R. Miller, chairman, Mrs. C. Nevin Stamm, Mrs. B. J. Beezer.

Card: Mrs. O. A. Kline, chairman, Mrs. Harry W. Meyer.

Citizenship: Mrs. E. Keith Anderson, chairman, Mrs. R. J. McDonald, Mrs. Robert Morris.

Civic and Garden: Mrs. E. E. Widows, chairman, Mrs. J. C. Rogers, Mrs. Harry C. Stenger, Jr.

Crippled Children: Mrs. Roy Wilkinson, chairman.

Defense: Mrs. Elwood Johnson, chairman, Mrs. James Decker, Mrs. Morris Levine, Mrs. Fred Lucas, Mrs. Edgar Spicher.

Education: Mrs. Ralph C. Blaney, chairman, Mrs. Wendell Bearce, Mrs. Edgar Wagner.

Finance and Budget: Miss Mary Rankin, chairman; Mrs. Alexander Brown, Mrs. James Logan.

House: Mrs. Mary Taylor, chairman.

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Snow Shoe Woman Injured in Texas

Mrs. Alice Breen, wife of Pfc. Rufus M. Breen, of Bellefonte, and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Bradley of Snow Shoe, was seriously injured last week when she was hit by a two-ton Army truck in Logan Heights, El Paso, Texas.

The accident happened on the state road near the Logan Army Camp when Mrs. Breen and Mrs. J. E. Day were walking along the highway toward home. The truck hit Mrs. Breen, throwing her several feet into the air. The driver of the truck did not realize he had struck the woman and continued on his way. Mrs. Day's screams brought the truck back.

Mrs. Breen was put on a stretcher and rushed to the William Beaumont Military Hospital by an Army ambulance where it was found she had sustained bruises of the face, arms and back and legs, and several broken bones. She is expected to be a patient there for over two months.

Mrs. Breen is a former resident of Bellefonte and was employed at the Titan Metal plant before going to Texas to join her husband who is stationed there.

Charles Fromm Is Named Court Crier

Judge Ivan Walker has appointed Charles A. Fromm, of Bellefonte, as Centre County Court Crier to succeed the late D. Paul Fortney, of Bellefonte, who had held that position since Judge Walker's election.

Mr. Fromm began the duties of his position Monday morning with the opening of September court.

B. H. S. ALUMNI TO MEET

A meeting of the Bellefonte High School Alumni Association for the purpose of completing plans for a Christmas dance, will be held in the high school building at 7:30 p. m. Wednesday, September 20. It was announced yesterday by Miss Ann Penny, president of the association. All members and former graduates of the high school are urged to attend.

Julian Girl Suffers Injury While Playing

Lula Belle Hazel, aged 11 years, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Hazel, of Julian, R. D. 2, was admitted to the Centre County Hospital, Tuesday night, suffering from a possible fracture of the jaw received while playing.

The little girl was playing baseball with some companions and it is believed she was struck in the face by a ball, or by a bat. Her condition yesterday was reported to be satisfactory.

County Cattle Poisoned By Eating Green Corn

Several cattle throughout the county have lost their lives and scores have become ill in recent weeks from eating green corn, it was revealed yesterday.

A herd of 20 cattle, including 11 milch cows and 9 young cattle owned by J. T. Delaney of Centre Hall, were poisoned last week after being turned into a field of green corn. Dr. Samuel B. Guss, Bellefonte veterinarian, attended the herd, and all of them recovered, although four of the cows were reported to have been seriously ill.

The cows in Nittany Valley died from the poison and there have been other deaths in other sections.

Dr. Guss, commenting upon the condition, declared that it is believed that because of the dry weather during the summer, the sap in corn stalks and corn ears is not normal and that it has a strong toxic effect upon cattle who eat it. After the stalks and ears have been dried, he declared, the danger of cattle poisoning is removed.

Dr. Guss said that it requires only a short time for cattle to show the effects of the poison. He related an instance where cows had been in a cornfield only an hour before they were stricken. The poisoning, he said, often is fatal, and urged farmers not to take chances with their stock by pasturing them in fields where green corn is available.

The veterinarian said the effects of green corn on cattle is somewhat similar to the illness they contract from eating sedge grass. The poison affects the liver and a kind of jaundice results, he declared.

CHILD 2, DROWNS AT ELK HAVEN

Falls Into Stream While Attending Picnic of Garagemen

A two-year-old Hollidaysburg child, attending a picnic at Elk Haven Park, near Port Matilda, was drowned Sunday afternoon when he fell into a shallow pool of Bald Eagle Creek, which flows past the year of the park.

The tragedy happened within a few feet from the point where a group of men were pitching horseshoes, but no one saw the child's accident. In falling down the creek embankment it is believed that his head struck a stone, rendering him unconscious before he came to rest down in the water.

Victim of the outing accident was Jeffrey Charles Lingenfelter, nephew of J. M. Lingenfelter, of Bellefonte, and son of Charles and Ida Stewart Lingenfelter, of Hollidaysburg. The child and his father were among a group attending a picnic of garage employees of the Lingenfelter garages in Bellefonte and Altoona.

Late in the afternoon, it is reported, the youngster was playing about on the lawn of the park while men in the group pitched horseshoes and other games. They were engaged in preparing a picnic supper. About 5 p. m. when the group was called to supper the child's absence was noticed. His father found him in the creek a few moments later.

The boy was rushed to the office of a Tyrone physician where a pulmonary was used in a fruitless effort at resuscitation. It is believed the boy was dead when he was lifted from the stream.

The body was taken to the Glass funeral home in Tyrone, and later was taken to Hollidaysburg for interment. Surviving in addition to the parents, is a sister, Janet, one month old.

Centre County Coroner Charles Shecker of Milesburg, investigated the tragedy and ruled that an inquest would not be necessary, certifying that death had resulted from accidental drowning.

Six From College Enter Armed Forces

Six men from Local Draft Board No. 1, State College, left for Harrisburg Tuesday morning to enter the armed services as the September quota from the State College area.

They were Stanley G. Boob, Corporal; Frank L. Chaplin, Bellefonte; George Thomas, Bellefonte; R. D. George J. Decker, Bellefonte; Harold Harpster, Pennsylvania Furnace; and Joseph Shoemaker, Pennsylvania Furnace.

On September 7, three men from the State College board volunteered for immediate induction following their pre-induction physical examinations. They were William Allen, State College; Roger Johnson, Lemont; and Louis Krout, Bellefonte, R. D.

Philipsburg Soldier Killed In Action

Mrs. Edna Wood of Philipsburg, this week received a telegram from the War Department stating that her husband, Pvt. Walter J. Wood, 22, had been killed in action August 12 in France.

Walter was the son of Mrs. Harry Reickart of Locust street, Philipsburg, and the late Frederick Wood. His wife is the former Edna Selvidge of Houtzdale. They have a two-year-old son, Harry Claude.

He had been in service 14 months and went overseas in January. He was a member of an anti-aircraft unit and moved into Normandy in July following the first invasion of France.

Before entering the service, Walter was employed at the Lee Metal Products Company.

Undergoes Treatment For Leg Fracture

Monroe Shaffer, 63, of Lisbon, O., was admitted to the Centre County Hospital last Thursday for treatment of a fracture of the right leg between the ankle and knee, received several days earlier.

Shaffer came to Centre county about September 1 for a visit with his mother-in-law, Mrs. Samuel L. Mingle, of Stormstown, formerly of Bellefonte.

Last Saturday the Widows ambulance was summoned to the Mingle home to bring the man to the hospital, and there were reports that he was believed to have been injured by a hit-and-run motorist. State Motor Police at Pleasant Gap said they had no information about the reported mishap.

Four Stores Here To Continue Holidays

Four Bellefonte stores are to continue the observance of half-holidays, Wednesday afternoons each week until December 1.

The stores are: Brachbill's, DeHaas Electric Co., Electric Supply Co. and Wolf's.

Miner Injures Hand
William Lynch, of Moshannon, received an injury to his left hand while at his work at a Moshannon coal mine, Monday. He was taken to the Centre County Hospital where the injury was treated.

COUNTY COURT CONCLUDES; 4 CASES TRIED

Two Criminal, Two Civil Cases Heard; One Man Pleads Guilty

TWO DEFENDANTS DRAW JAIL TERMS

Jurors Summoned For Next Week Not to Appear

RETURNS HOME FROM PACIFIC

Cpl. Kenneth Hoag Served Year Aboard Army Ship Hospital

A Bellefonte man who recently returned to the United States after a year's trip as a technician aboard an Army ship hospital, brought with him sharp impressions of the war in the South Pacific and commented that large sections of that vast sea were now comparatively safe for travel.

The service man is Kenneth P. Hoag, corporal technician, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank P. Hoag, of West Linn street.

Cpl. Hoag, graduate of the Bellefonte High School, and of the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy in 1939, was engaged in pharmaceutical work at the Harrisburg area in March, 1942, when he entered the army. He was immediately assigned to similar work in the service and after training at Camp Robinson, Ark.; Camp Patrick Henry, Va., and Camp Steneman, Cal., was assigned to a ship hospital.

Army ship hospitals differ from the usual Navy hospital ships in that the Army vessels are liners and other types of craft made over to serve as hospital ships. They are not painted white, as are Navy hospital ships, nor do they have many of the other facilities of the regular Navy ships of that type.

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Memorial Services Held at Mt. Eagle

An inspiring and comforting memorial service in memory of Corporal William F. Leathers, who gave his life in the invasion of France, was held Sunday afternoon in the Kennedy Methodist church of which he was a member.

The address was made by the Rev. Roy A. Goss, who spoke highly of the esteem with which Cpl. Leathers was held by all who knew him, and urged those present to remain loyal and worthy of the principles for which he gave his life.

Music was furnished by Fred Fletcher and Chester Neff, and Miss Mary Virginia Stoltz, Miss Alma Fletcher and Mrs. Charles Beightol, Mrs. David Holter was pianist.

A large delegation from the Bellefonte Veterans of Foreign Wars of which the deceased was a member, were present, along with a delegation of about 35 members of the Odd Fellows Fraternity of Howard, to which he belonged.

The veterans organization had charge of the military ritual of the service.

SCHOOL HEALTH RULES STRESSED

State Outlines Methods of Controlling Contagious Diseases

With the opening of school, the State Department of Health points out, it is essential that school authorities carry out necessary precautions to prevent the spread of contagious disease or infectious conditions. The first duty of every school teacher should be to ascertain the health of each individual child under the existing conditions. Special note should be made of any child who is under par. Both school and health authorities agree that school is not the place for a sick child, not only from the standpoint of public health, but also from the standpoint of education.

The health regulations provide under Section X: "Every teacher, principal, superintendent or other person or persons in charge of any public, private, parochial, Sunday or other school or college shall immediately exclude any child or other person showing an unusual skin eruption, swelling about the neck suggesting mumps, soreness of the throat or having symptoms of

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Complete Plans For V-Day Here

Parade, Religious Services to Feature Local Observance; S. D. Rhinesmith Is Named Chairman; College Announces Plans

1345 PUPILS IN LOCAL SCHOOLS

Total school enrollment in the Bellefonte schools is 1345 pupils or an increase of 13 over last year. Supervising Principal Earl K. Stock reported at a regular meeting of the school board, Monday night.

The grade school enrollment is 566, as compared with 478 last year, or an increase of 27 pupils. High school enrollment is 852 this year, as compared with 866 last year, or a loss of 14 pupils. Mr. Stock declared that the high school enrollment was expected to show a marked decline this year because of war conditions, and termed the drop of only 14 as being much less than had been expected.

Establishment of an additional first grade to provide for an unusually large number of first-grade pupils was authorized by the board. While the plans for the grade are not complete, it is believed that the new building at the Spring street (Armory) building and that a few pupils will be taken from each of the present three overcrowded classes for

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Mothers' Club to Meet Here Tonight

The first fall meeting of the Bellefonte Mothers' Club will be held Thursday, September 14, at 6 p. m. at the home of Mrs. Paul M. Dubbs, East Curtin street, in the form of a covered dish supper.

Each member is asked to bring rolls, butter, a covered dish, and tableware. Mrs. Russell Hill, Mrs. Charles Keller and Mrs. Jacob Friedman will be co-hostesses.

Clark Named Head of Lewistown Union

At a recent meeting held in Lewistown, Sawyer W. Clark, a projectionist in the Bellefonte theatres, was elected president of Local Union No. 636, with headquarters in Lewistown, of the International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees and Moving Picture Machine Operators of the United States and Canada, an affiliate of the American Federation of Labor.

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Car Badly Damaged In Crash with Deer

A car belonging to Frank Homann of State College, R. D., and driven by Mrs. E. C. Johnson, daughter of the Homans, was badly damaged on Saturday night about 10 o'clock when it struck and killed a deer on Route 322.

The accident happened about two miles east of Boalsburg, near Tusseyville, as the Homans were driving to their home. The deer darted across the road in front of the car and apparently became blinded by the lights. It reared up on its hind feet and seemed to be striking at the lights, occupants of the car said.

Neighbors living near the scene of the accident took the Homans who were uninjured, to their home and the car later was towed to a garage

Complete Plans For V-Day Here

Plans for the observance of V-Day in Bellefonte were completed at a meeting of the local Chamber of Commerce, Friday night, when Samuel D. Rhinesmith was named chairman of ceremonies for the victory celebration.

Upon receipt of official information that the war in Europe has ended, all public warning signals, such as fire sirens, air raid signals, industrial whistles, and church bells will be sounded. The American Legion band will assemble at once on the Diamond for a short concert and an invocation by a local minister, after which there will be an informal parade.

Three hours after the sounding of the signals, the band will again meet at the Diamond to lead a procession to the high school auditorium for a religious service in charge of the Bellefonte Ministerium. The above arrangements will be followed if the signal is given anytime between 7 a. m. and 7 p. m.

If the notice of cessation of hostilities comes between 7 p. m. and 7 a. m. the informal concert and parade will be held on the Diamond, but the formal religious service will not be held until 9 a. m. the following morning.

The Chamber of Commerce asks all stores and business places to close their doors at the sounding of the signals, and to remain closed throughout the rest of the day. In the event the word comes in the afternoon, stores are asked to close at once and to remain closed throughout the following day.

Chamber officer, requested Mayor Harlan P. Harris to issue a proclamation.

Homer Rodeheaver To Appear Sept. 26

My chief objective in presenting vocal and instrumental programs is to emphasize the value of community singing. We used to sing and smile. I doubt we need to meet together and let forth in song those pent up feelings. It will cheer us along the way and make us better men and women.

This was from Homer Rodeheaver, well known vocalist and trombone player, who is to give a concert in the Bellefonte High School auditorium, Tuesday, Sept. 26, at 8 p. m. Along with "Rody" will be E. D. Ackley, writer of thousands of gospel songs, the accompanist, and Warren Hoopes, known to many Bellefonte residents, as the general secretary of the State C. E.

In bringing Mr. Rodeheaver to Bellefonte the Centre County Christian Endeavor Union hopes to meet the need for group singing as well as to afford the people of the county the opportunity to hear this colorful singer who smilingly tells a few stories to leave his message for a happier life. "Rody," a friend of Christian young people throughout the nation, has been in Centre county several times. At each appearance he has been greeted by larger audiences; more than two thousand people hearing him, the last time.

Board Authorizes Additional First Grade; Nurse Named

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Teen-Age Club Elects Officers

Officers elected by the Bellefonte Teen-Age Club, a new organization formed during the summer in this vicinity, are as follows: Clinton Swartz, president; Helen Berardis, vice president; John O'Hara, secretary; and Dan Fritchman, treasurer. Mrs. Henry Fraser is acting as the club's advisor.

Rules already adopted by the club, and which will be supplemented by a formal constitution, are as follows: no smoking, no gambling, no drinking, no one admitted under the influence of alcohol, no girls clad in shorts or slacks admitted.

The club operates on contributions made by various citizens and civic organizations and more such contributions are needed, since the group hopes to establish club rooms as soon as a suitable location is found. Officers will appreciate any suggestions as to suitable quarters for rooms.

Teen-agers in many parts of the United States, recognizing that while children have their playgrounds and other recreational facilities, and that

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