

State College Man Killed In Action

Pvt. Donald W. Schenck, Former Manager A & P Super Market, Four Other County Men Wounded

The week's toll of Centre county casualties in World War II shows one man killed in action and four others injured, according to War Department messages received by relatives.

Pvt. Donald W. Schenck, of State College, was killed in action August 25 in France.

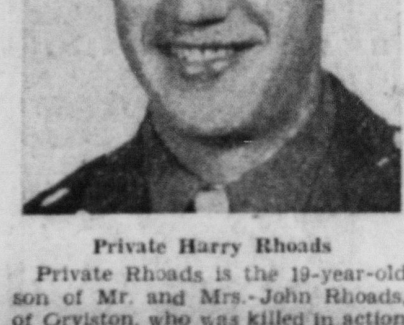
The wounded are: Pfc. Paul Stoner, of Boalsburg, wounded for the third time, August 25 in France. The wound is reported to be serious.

Pfc. Budd Hoy, 24, of Pleasant Gap, slightly wounded in France.

Lance Cpl. Andrew Solits, 24, of Clarence, wounded second time September 5, while fighting with Canadian army.

Lt. Edward Drapcho, 24, of Clarence, wounded second time in France.

Killed In Action



Private Harry Rhoads is the 19-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. John Rhoads, of Orviston, who was killed in action on July 28 in France.

Assigned to the infantry after his induction April 17, 1943, Harry was first sent to Camp Blauding, Fla., where he took his basic training.

After training in various camps he was sent to England, where he was stationed several weeks before assigned to the battle area in France. He had only been in France a few weeks until he met his death.

Pvt. Rhoads mailed a letter home to his mother on July 28, the day of his reported death, telling her not to worry—that he was O. K. A second letter mailed August 1 was received by his father in which the son mentioned that he had come through his first battle without receiving a scratch.

Private Rhoads is survived by his parents, a brother, Cpl. Lester Rhoads, also in service, and two sisters, Mrs. Melvin McCloskey and Mrs. Robert Shearer, both of Orviston.

To Retire After 29 Years at Rockview

Charles Hassinger, of East Curtin street, for the past 29 years a guard at Rockview penitentiary, will retire October 1, having reached retirement age, it was learned yesterday.

Mr. Hassinger, who is 71, entered the employ of the penitentiary on September 30, 1915.

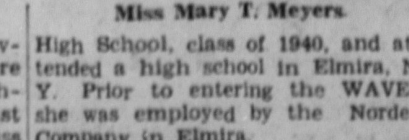
It is reported that one or two other guards at Rockview are to be retired on age in the near future, although no definite information is available at this time.

Bellefonte Girls In Armed Forces



Miss Hulda M. Chilcoat Among the Bellefonte women serving in Uncle Sam's armed forces are Miss Mary Theresa Meyers, daughter of Mrs. Louise Meyers, of East Logan street, Bellefonte, and Miss Hulda M. Chilcoat, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Chilcoat, of Bellefonte, R. D. 3.

Miss Meyers left Bellefonte recently for Hunter College, The Bronx, New York, where she is undergoing training in the WAVES. Miss Meyers is a graduate of the Lock Haven



High School, class of 1940, and attending a high school in Elmira, N. Y. Prior to entering the WAVES she was employed by the Norden Company in Elmira.

Miss Chilcoat is a former student of the Bellefonte High School and the Thompson Business College, Harrisburg. Before enlisting to fly with the WASPS she was a stenographer at Penn State, and later a bookkeeper in Harrisburg. A brother is recovering slowly.

FIVE YOUTHS SENTENCED IN THEFT SERIES

All First Offenders; Must Pay Costs, Make Restitution

TWO OTHERS TO APPEAR IN COURT

Stole Tires, Parts to Keep Cars in Repair, Police Claim

Five of seven youths from the Bellefonte-State College-Unionville area, appeared in court here Monday morning and entered pleas of guilty to larceny of tires, tubes and car parts. The two other members of the group are scheduled to appear in court at a later date.

Because it was the first offense for all the youths, Judge Ivan Walker suspended sentence upon them on the condition that they pay the costs of prosecution, make restitution for the items taken and undergo probation for a year.

Lloyd C. Brass, 17, of Unionville, and Guy J. Frazier, 16, of Bellefonte, pleaded guilty to a charge of stealing tires and tubes from a car in Unionville on August 21.

Chester Conley, 17, of State College, and John W. Butts, 18, of Bellefonte, admitted the theft of parts from Ring Brothers automobile salvage station near Pleasant Gap on August 11. Also implicated in this crime were Bond L. Shreffler, 17, of State College, and Richard Wilkins, 17, of Axemann, Shreffler was not present, Monday, and is scheduled to appear in court on October 2.

Wilkins also was absent, it being reported that he is now in Tennessee. Carl L. Corman, 17, of Bellefonte, and the Brass youth from Unionville, pleaded guilty to stealing parts from a car parked at the Andy Dubbs service station east of Milesburg on August 21.

Police officers John Eiserbooth and E. B. Barrie of Rockview substation, prosecutors in the case, said the youths owned cars and that the thefts were committed to keep the cars in running condition.

Seaman Dies In Accident

Harry Jack Smith, 20, of the U. S. Navy, died at 11:30 a. m. Tuesday, September 19, as the result of an automobile accident at Gulfport, Miss., according to a Navy message received late yesterday afternoon by his mother, Mrs. Charles A. Smith, of Valentine street, Bellefonte.

No details of the accident were contained in the message. Seaman Smith was graduated from the Bellefonte High School in the class of 1941 and entered the Navy a short time later. While undergoing training at Sampson, N. Y., he suffered a severe attack of meningitis and for a time his condition was critical. He recovered and returned to service, having been stationed in Mississippi for some time.

His father is an employee of the Pennsylvania Railroad at Altoona and was not at home when the message was delivered yesterday.

COUNCIL STUDIES AIRPORT PLANS

Ray C. Noll Outlines Possible Future Developments

Bellefonte Council at a regular session Monday night took preliminary steps to protect the local airport from possible exploitation, while at the same time opening the way for negotiations to develop the airport into one of the state's leading post-war rural air centers.

The discussion was led by Ray C. Noll, of Pleasant Gap, one of the partners in the New-Way Flying System which operated the airport until the recent discontinuance of military pilot training courses there.

Mr. Noll declared that the partnership has dissolved and that the airport is now owned solely by his brother, Henry Noll, of Pleasant Gap.

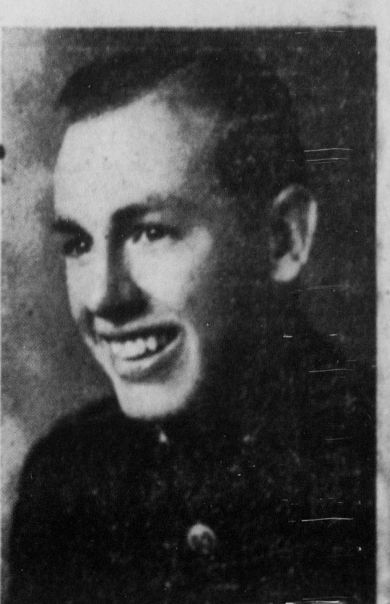
In regard to the contemplated expansion of the airport, Mr. Noll declared that enlarging of the field at this time is not necessary, but advised that the airport is now owned solely by his brother, Henry Noll, of Pleasant Gap.

Woman Injured In Fall Out of Car

Mrs. Harris Hugg, of Bush Hollow, Union township, narrowly escaped serious injury or death during the weekend when the door of the family car came open at one end of the Milesburg bridge and she fell out on the road.

Mrs. Hugg suffered lacerations and bruises and her glasses were broken. According to reports from the home she is recovering slowly.

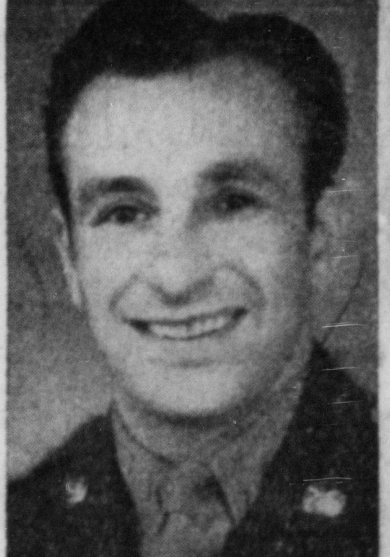
There's a Rocky In the Army, Navy, Air Corps, and Marines



Pfc. Robert E. Rocky



Elmer E. Rocky, Jr.



Pfc. Junior Lee Rocky



Cpl. Stylr J. Rocky

Brothers Serve In Separate Branches

Each of the four main branches of Uncle Sam's fighting forces in World War I—the Army, Navy, Marines and Air Corps, have a representative from the Elmer E. Rocky family, of East Lamb street, Bellefonte.

Pfc. Junior Lee Rocky, 23, is in the Army and is now with troops who are fighting over the same areas as the Rocky family fought in World War I.

Elmer E. Rocky, Jr., 20, gunners' mate third class, is in the Navy and is on his 7th trip across the Atlantic as a member of a Naval gun crew on a transport ship.

Pfc. Robert E. Rocky, 18, is in the Marine Corps and is now recuperating in Oceanside Hospital, San Diego, Cal., from an attack of pneumonia.

Cpl. Stylr J. Rocky, 21, is in the Air Force, and is serving in England. Stylr has the double distinction of being one of the very first men in Bellefonte to enlist in the service after Pearl Harbor, and also of being the first member of the Rocky family to marry while in the service. On August 8, 1944, he was united in marriage with Maura Keogh, a native of Lanes, England, who is engaged in secretarial work in that country. Mrs. Rocky's photo appears above with those of her husband and brothers-in-law.

The four men are sons of Elmer E. and the former Ethel Leterman Rocky, and all of them were born in Bellefonte. Their father, who was in France for nearly two years in World War I as a member of the 311th Field Artillery, 79th Division, landed in Cherbourg, spent some time in Cannes, and also served in the Bar-le-Duc and Verdun sectors—areas which have appeared in the news of World War II in recent weeks. Mr. Rocky is a member of



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LOCAL CHURCH IS OBSERVING ANNIVERSARY

Reformed Congregation Established 108 Years Ago

FIRST SERVICES IN COURT HOUSE

Rev. C. Nevin Stamm Writes About Early Trials of Congregation

Rev. C. Nevin Stamm, pastor of St. John's Reformed church, Bellefonte, since November 1, 1937, has written a most interesting history of the church for an anniversary booklet recently published by the congregation in commemoration of 108 years of service to the community.

The history traces the growth of the church from a union Lutheran and Reformed congregation in 1836, down to the present time, and relates some of the obstacles which were met and surmounted during the intervening years.

In 1836 Rev. Eppiriam Kieffer, a young man just entering the ministry, brought his bride to Bellefonte, was ordained here on November 12 that year, and within a month had organized and become pastor of a combined Lutheran and Reformed congregation.

The church continued as a union denomination until about 1843 when Rev. William R. Yearick, who succeeded Rev. Kieffer, reorganized the congregation exclusively as Reformed, although the two denominations continued to worship in the same building. In the early days the Bellefonte church was a part of the Rebersburg charge, which consisted of eight congregations. In 1847 at a meeting of the Susquehanna Classis, the churches in Nittany Valley, Bellefonte, Zions, Smyrtown, Jacksonville and Salona were separated from the Rebersburg charge and were constituted as a new charge.

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TITAN RECEIVES NEW "E" AWARD

Navy Grants Third Star to Industry for Continuing High Production

In recognition of a continuing high production record, the Navy Department yesterday announced the awarding of a third renewal of the Army-Navy "E" award to the local industry. A new flag with three stars is expected to arrive here in the near future.

With announcement of the award came congratulations from the Navy Department to every employe of Titan for maintaining the high production standards required first to win the award and then the subsequent stars.

Announcement of the awarding of the new honor was contained in the following letter addressed to W. P. Sieg, president of the local company:

Department of The Navy Office of The Under Secretary Washington 11 September 1944

Mr. W. P. Sieg, President Titan Metal Manufacturing Co. Bellefonte, Pennsylvania.

"Dear Mr. Sieg: It is my pleasure to announce that in recognition of the continued outstanding production of the men and women of your company, the Navy Board for Production Awards at its last meeting granted the Titan Metal Manufacturing Company a

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11 Babies Born At Hospital In 24-Hour Period

With the birth of 11 babies at the Centre County Hospital in a 24-hour period, last Thursday, a new one-day birth record was established at that institution, officials report.

The delivery rooms and maternity wards were in almost constant use much of the time, and all night long the institution buzzed with unusual activity as the population steadily increased.

Chronologically, the advent of new Centre countians began at 11 minutes after midnight Wednesday and continued until 6:50 p. m. Thursday.

Trail Of Fugitive Lost At Martha

Packard Stolen from Lemont Garage Abandoned; Police Believe Rockview Inmate May Have Boarded Freight Train

The trail of a manhunt for Joseph P. Loesch, 24, Rockview fugitive, which centered in the Martha vicinity yesterday morning after a car stolen Tuesday night from the L. Frank Mayes' garage in Lemont was found abandoned near Martha, grew cold yesterday afternoon when police expressed the belief the man had boarded a Bald Eagle Gray freight train near Martha early yesterday morning.

Loesch walked away from the prison grounds about 3 o'clock Monday afternoon, and Tuesday was reported to have been seen in the vicinity of Oak Hall and Linden Hall.

About 7 a. m. yesterday when L. Frank Mayes, auctioneer, went to his garage, he found that someone had pried open the doors and had driven away in his Packard coupe. The ignition keys had been left in the car.

Mr. Mayes reported the theft at once, and about 10 a. m. the car was found abandoned on the Bald Eagle Valley highway just west of Martha.

COLLEGE DOWNS B. H. S.; SCORE 26-7

3,500 See Night Game at College; McDowell Makes 53-Yard Run

Coach Ted Kemmerer's experienced State College High eleven rode to victory over Coach Gray Purdy's relatively inexperienced Bellefonte High team in the opening game of the home-and-home series played Friday night before a crowd of 3,500 fans in State College's flood-lighted Hollow. The score was 26-7.

Bellefonte, despite its defeat, set a precedent with its touchdown for it was the first time a loser has crossed the goal line since the trophy competition began. Six previous games in the trophy division have been shut-outs.

State College scored its first points shortly after the opening kickoff. Buster Harter, halfback, started on Bellefonte's 45 after an exchange of kicks and ran 15 yards before being downed. Joe Porter gained another 5 yards and Bill Garrison, on a reverse play, went 12 yards to the 12-yard stripe.

Harter on the next play ran for a (Continued on page Three)

Pilot Is Home

2nd Lt. William J. Fleck Lt. Fleck, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph D. Fleck, of Burnside street, Bellefonte, arrived here last Thursday for a week's visit with his parents and with his wife, the former Bette Jane Funk, of Penn state.

He came to Bellefonte while en route from a training period at Boise, Idaho, to a new assignment in Kansas. Lt. Fleck recently received an Army Air Forces commission as second lieutenant and is now a pilot of a B-24 Liberator bomber.

Prior to entering the service in February, 1943, Lt. Fleck was employed by the Decker Motor Company in Bellefonte.

Mother, Daughter Accident Victims

Cars operated by J. Earl Neidigh, 36, of Lemont, and C. R. Sheesley, 43, of Bellefonte, R. D. 1, collided about 9:30 a. m. Sunday on the turn on the bank road from State College to Houseville. The Sheesley machine was forced down a short embankment.

Mrs. Sheesley suffered a bruised left forearm and a laceration of the left knee. Her daughter, Ruth, 10, received a bruised right knee and was bruised about the forehead. They were treated by a State College physician.

The Neidigh car was damaged to the extent of about \$150 while the Sheesley machine damage was about \$200. Police from the Pleasant Gap sub-station investigated the accident.

Infantile Paralysis Is Fatal To Karthaus Child, Aged 2 1-2 Years

This area's second suspected death from infantile paralysis this year claimed the life of Margaret Burfield, 24-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Burfield, of Karthaus, who died at the Phillipsburg State Hospital at 4:28 p. m. Friday, about 15 minutes after she had been admitted to that institution.

The little girl became ill last Thursday morning, the chief symptom being dysentery. Later in the day she developed a severe headache, and when her condition showed no improvement Friday, she was taken by her parents to the hospital, arriving there about 4:05 p. m. After making arrangements for her admission, the parents left the institution to return home, and the child died only a few minutes after their departure while preparations were being made to place her in an oxygen tent.

It is reported that Margaret was a playmate of another Karthaus youngster who contracted infantile paralysis a short time earlier, and who now is reported to be responding to treatment at the Phillipsburg State Hospital. The home of the playmate has been under quarantine since the nature of the child's illness was discovered. Saturday morning the Burfield home was placed under observation quarantine for 14 days.

Two other children of Mr. and Mrs. Burfield—died two years ago from an illness closely resembling the one which proved fatal to Margaret, officials said. Both children died quickly and physicians gave it