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11 County Men In War Casualty List

6 Lose Lives, 5 Wounded; Poole's Mills Man, Father of Three, Previously Reported As Missing, Died Fighting in France

The county toll of war casualties, killed during the past week reveals that six more men from Centre county have lost their lives and five others have suffered wounds on the various battlefronts, according to information received by relatives.

Those listed as dead are:
Pfc. Ray Sweetwood, 27, Potters Mills, killed in France September 17.
Jacob H. Wingard, Philipsburg, paratrooper killed in Holland.
Pfc. Norman J. Dugan, 32, Bellefonte, killed in France September 18.
Sgt. Robert J. Houtz, 22, State College, R. D., killed in France September 22.
Pfc. John R. Arnold, Osceola Mills, killed with Marines in undisclosed area.



Pfc. Joseph Woleslagle—Wounded

Extends Parcel Post Hours

Because the deadline for mailing Christmas parcels, 45 members of the armed forces overseas falls on Sunday, October 15, the parcel post window at the Bellefonte Post Office will remain open, Saturday, October 14, for this purpose only, until 5 p. m. instead of the usual closing time, 1 p. m. E. B. Bower, acting postmaster, announced yesterday.

Stuffed Owl Being Used To Scare Pigeons

Sounds? What next?
Monday afternoon a window on the top floor of Crider's Exchange, North Allegheny street, opening up on a stout timber was thrust out. On the end of the timber was a large stuffed owl. A couple of guys down in the street watched a mouse fasten the timber in place and close the window.

A score or more of pigeons stood on the crest of the roof and looked helpfully at the owl like youngsters just thrown off a baseball field.

It was found one in Bellefonte fight against the pigeons.
Charles E. Dorworth, owner of the building, explained the thing this way:
'Commissioner Harry V. Keeler owns the owl. He had it in his garden all summer and birds didn't bother the place. He thinks the owl might keep the pigeons from roosting on the eaves of the Exchange building and befouling the sidewalks below. I'm willing to try anything.'
It's all right with us. Only if the thing doesn't work, Keeler is in an awful spot. He'll have to admit that all summer there was nothing in his garden the birds considered fit to eat!

WAR FUND DRIVE LAUNCHED HERE

Solicitation For \$27,174 in Bellefonte Area Now Under Way

Active solicitation of contributions for the annual Bellefonte Community War Fund drive began Tuesday, after a meeting of approximately 100 committee chairman and solicitors at the high school cafeteria here Monday night.

The goal of the local campaign is \$27,174, of which amount \$8,800 will go to the national War Fund treasury, while the remainder will be retained in Bellefonte to support the town's various charitable institutions for the coming year.
Rabbi Victor Epstein, of State College, principal speaker at Monday's meeting, spoke of the work of the 22 national charitable organizations which participate in the War Fund. Rabbi Epstein spoke with the conviction born of experience on the actual battlefronts, having been with the Marines in the invasion of Tarawa and having served elsewhere in the South Pacific.
The speaker declared the men on the fronts are one hundred per cent

PRISON GUARD DROPS DEAD ON STREET HERE

C. L. Alabran, 58, Pleasant Gap, Victim of Heart Attack

HAD BEEN GUARD FOR PAST 19 YEARS

Pronounced Dead While Being Placed in Ambulance

C. L. Alabran, 58, of Pleasant Gap, for 19 years employed as a guard at Rockview penitentiary, died suddenly about 2:45 o'clock yesterday afternoon while walking on High street in front of the Elks home, Bellefonte.

Mr. Alabran, who was alone at the time, dropped to the sidewalk and remained motionless. Chief of Police Dukeman, who was nearby, summoned the Widowsan ambulance and as the man was about to be placed in the ambulance Dr. J. A. Parrish arrived on the scene and pronounced him dead.

Mr. Alabran had come to Bellefonte only a short time earlier and had stopped for a moment at the home of Miss Anna Heverly of the Petrkin apartments, West High street, to deliver a package his wife had prepared for her. It is believed he was stricken while walking up High street from the apartment.

Mr. Alabran came to Centre county on May 13, 1925, from Horatio, Pa., to enter the employ of Rockview penitentiary. He was born on November 14, 1886, and is survived by his wife, a daughter is received by his wife.

ACCEPTS SCOUT POST IN ARIZONA

"Red" Derr to Become Field Executive; Will Live in Phoenix

Ralston "Red" Derr, of Pleasant Gap, former Bellefonte school teacher and more recently Red Cross field director in the Aleutian Islands, has accepted a position as Boy Scout field executive for Arizona, and expects to make his future home at Phoenix, Arizona.

Mr. Derr, who since his return to civilian life in July of this year has been employed by the Titan Metal Company, will go to Mendham, N. J., Monday, to begin a month's course of special training for his post in Arizona, and upon completing the course will begin his new duties. His wife, son, Roger, aged 8, and daughter, Peggy, aged 10, will join him in Phoenix as soon as suitable living quarters have been obtained.

Girl Injured In Fall from Arbor

Betty Josephine Ebeling, aged 7, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ebeling, of Valley View, Saturday was admitted to the Centre County Hospital to undergo treatment for a severe laceration of the knee suffered when she fell from a grapevine at her home.

In falling the little girl's knee struck a crook which caused the laceration. Several stitches were necessary to close the wound and the girl is reported to be recovering rapidly.

BOARD ADOPTS SCHOOL CALENDAR

Christmas Recess Begins December 20, Ends January 2

The Bellefonte school board at a regular meeting Monday night adopted a school calendar for the year, received a check of \$50,000 from tax collector George M. Brown, and transacted other matters in an unusually brief session.
The school calendar calls for teachers' institute October 12 and 13 (today and tomorrow); a Thanksgiving recess beginning with Wednesday, November 23, and continuing until the following Monday, a Christmas vacation beginning with Wednesday, December 20 and continuing until Tuesday, January 2.
The first semester will end on January 25. March 29 will be the last day of school before the Easter recess, and April 3 will be the first day after the recess. There will be no Memorial Day recess and June 5 will be commencement day as well as the last day of school.
Tax collector Brown reported that of a tax duplicate totaling \$72,829 he has collected and turned over

FIVE GARDNER BROTHERS; FOUR OVERSEAS, ONE HAS RETURNED

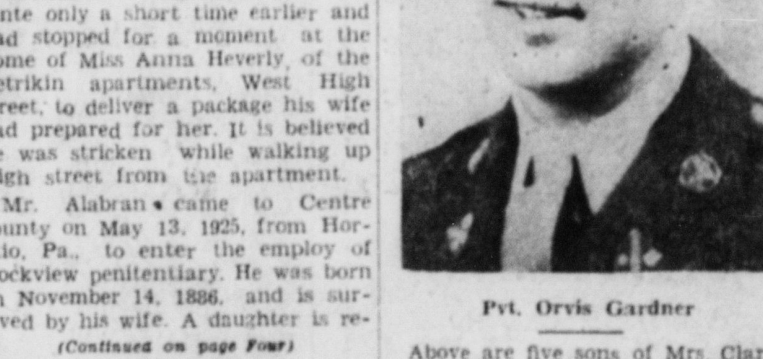
Private Earl Gardner, 36, entered the service in January, 1944. He trained at Camp Gordon Johnston, Florida. He is in an Amphibian Engineering Battalion and was recently sent to the South Pacific.

Private Dewey Gardner, 34, entered the service in August, 1943. He took his basic training at Fort Benning and from there was sent to the embarkation center at Fort Meade. He went to England in February with an Anti-Aircraft Battalion and is now serving in France.

Private Orvis Gardner, 24, enlisted in the Army in November, 1940. He trained at Fort Devens, Mass., Camp Blanding, Fla., and Camp Gordon, Ga. He was recently sent overseas with a Medical Detachment and his present location is unknown.

Private George Gardner, 26, entered the service September 30, 1942. He took his training in Alabama and then transferred to California. From there he was sent to the South Pacific where he served with an Ordnance Company. In January, 1944, he returned to the States. At present he is stationed at McGuire General Hospital in Virginia.

Sergeant Dale Gardner, 34, entered the service in March, 1942. He trained at Langley Field, Va., and in June, 1942, he was sent to England. Since then he has been in North Africa, Sicily, Italy, Corsica, and is now serving in an Engineer Battalion in France. The above picture was taken in Italy where Dale made friends with this little Italian girl.



Above are five sons of Mrs. Clara E. Gardner, of Bush Addition, Bellefonte, who are serving in the armed forces of their country. Four of the brothers are on overseas duty and one has returned from a combat zone.

Registration Closes; Tabulate Results

Registration officials at the Court House yesterday said that 796 service ballots have been returned to date.

A total of 3966 ballots had been mailed out from the office up to and including yesterday, and the office will continue to fill requests for ballots up to November 2. Completed ballots will be received until November 22.

Officials pointed out that the affidavits on the ballots must indicate that the vote was made on or before election day, November 7. Ballots marked after that date cannot be counted.

The number of ballots returned to date represents approximately 22 per cent of the total number mailed out.

John G. Love Named Hospital President

John G. Love, Bellefonte attorney, was named president of the board of trustees of the Centre County Hospital at the annual organizational meeting of the board, Tuesday night.

Mr. Love succeeds Ray C. Noll, of Pleasant Gap, as president. W. K. McDowell, of Howard, was named vice president; Jesse H. Caum, of Bellefonte, was re-elected secretary, and P. M. Dubbs, of Bellefonte, was re-elected treasurer.

Boy and Girl Struck By Automobile

William Cox, aged 4 1/2 years, son of Capt. and Mrs. William Cox, of East High street, Bellefonte, and his cousin, Betty Smith, 11, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thurston Smith, of Williamsport, were injured Sunday afternoon when they were struck by a car, while playing in front of the Catholic cemetery, near the home of their great-grandparents. Mr. and Mrs. Christy Smith, of East Bishop street.

The Cox boy was admitted to the Centre County Hospital for treatment of leg injuries. He was discharged from the institution on Tuesday afternoon. His cousin escaped with bruises of the legs and was taken to her parents' home in Williamsport. The car was driven by Guy Frazier, of Willowbank street, Bellefonte, who was driving west on Bishop street at the time of the mishap.

VETERAN OF WAR IN ITALY WEDDED HERE

Miss Edith Hopple Becomes Bride of S-Sgt. Robert Dinges

AIRMAN HOME AFTER 51 BOMBING MISSIONS

Ceremony Performed on Monday Night in Methodist Church Here

In a ceremony performed in the Bellefonte Methodist church at 7:30 o'clock Monday night by the pastor, the Rev. Harry C. Stenger, Jr., Miss Edith Hopple, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Hopple, of South Spring street, Bellefonte, became the bride of Staff Sergeant Robert Dinges, 22, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Dinges, of East Bishop street, who recently returned home after completing 51 missions as a tail gunner aboard a B-24 Liberator bomber based in Italy.

The bride's sister, Miss Norma Hopple, acted as bridesmaid, while Herman McClure, of Bellefonte, the bridegroom's brother-in-law, was best man. Sgt. and Mrs. Dinges departed Tuesday for Harrisburg and after several days there expect to go to Atlantic City, where Sgt. Hopple expects to be stationed for two days before being assigned as an instructor at some airbase in the United States. Mrs. Dinges expects to accompany him to his new assignment.

The bride was graduated from the Bellefonte High School in the class of 1923 and since then has been employed in the offices of Whitefoot Quarries here.

Sgt. Dinges enlisted in the air corps in 1942. He was assigned to the 98th Bombardment Group, and has since that time been engaged in 51 bombing missions. He has not conducted any services locally. The new rector will take the place made vacant on June 15 last when Rev. Francis P. Davis resigned to accept a call to Williamsport. Since Rev. Davis' resignation, R. G. Lindquist has been conducting services as lay reader.

Named Rector of Episcopal Church

Rev. Vernon A. Weaver, aged 45, of Manchester, Mich., has been named rector of St. John's Episcopal church, Bellefonte, and is expected to arrive here late this month to begin his duties.

The Rev. Mr. Weaver was elected to the post by members of the Vestry after a brief interview in Bellefonte. He has not conducted any services locally. The new rector will take the place made vacant on June 15 last when Rev. Francis P. Davis resigned to accept a call to Williamsport. Since Rev. Davis' resignation, R. G. Lindquist has been conducting services as lay reader.

Rev. Mr. Weaver, Mrs. Weaver and their two daughters expect to move to Bellefonte and will occupy the rectory on West Lamb street. One of the daughters is in high school and the other has just completed high school studies.

RECOVERS FROM BULLET WOUND

Mrs. John C. Jodon, 36, Is Patient at County Hospital

Mrs. John C. Jodon, 36, of Central City, Millsburg, is reported to be recovering steadily at the Centre County Hospital from a self-inflicted bullet wound fired about 5 p. m. last Wednesday at her home.

Mrs. Jodon, mother of four boys, is believed to have been worried over ill health. According to A. V. Kidd, of the State Police at Rockview sub-station, she fired a bullet from a .22-caliber gun through the lower chest area.

The officer reported that her eldest son, John, aged 13, heard his mother scream and carried her downstairs, before running to the home of a neighbor, Mrs. Margaret Pardoe, for aid. Mrs. Jodon is said to have written letters to her husband and to Mrs. Pardoe regarding her action, but declaring that she could go on no longer.

Yesterday hospital attaches reported Mrs. Jodon apparently was out of immediate danger, and visitors were being admitted to her room for the first time since she became a patient.

796 Service Votes Returned To Date

Approximately 200 persons qualified themselves to vote through registering Saturday at the County Registration Board offices in the Court House. Saturday was the deadline for registering for the presidential election November 7. Additional hundreds of voters registered at State College where traveling registrars were on special duty. Officials are now engaged in tabulating the figures in preparation for election. While no totals were available yesterday, officials reported that up to September 25, 1286 new registrations had been received in this county. Of that number 848 were Republicans, 379 Democrats, 56 Independents, 5 Prohibition, and 1 Socialist.

College Student Is Injured In Blast

Homemade 'Bomb' Explodes Prematurely; Victim Suffers Burns About Face and Hands; Condition Satisfactory

A homemade bomb which exploded prematurely resulted in painful injuries to one of two Penn State students who were experimenting in their room about 7:30 p. m. Sunday.

David Graham, 18, a freshman in the school of chemistry, and Robert Hile, an electrical engineering student, were amusing themselves with the construction of a bomb from a ping-pong ball. In filling the ball with a mixture of chemicals, the liquid exploded in Graham's face.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Turner, of East Hamilton avenue, at whose home the accident happened, took the student to a physician's office and then brought him to the Centre County Hospital where he was found to be suffering from slight burns about the face and eyes, and first, second and third degree burns of both hands.

His condition yesterday was reported by hospital attaches to be satisfactory. Hile escaped injury in the blast.

Attends Meeting At White House

Ralph C. Blaney, Centre County Agricultural Extension Representative, R. C. Blaney, of Bellefonte, was one of about 175 persons from all parts of the United States who attended a White House conference on Rural Education in Washington, D. C., last Wednesday and Thursday, and had the rare opportunity of spending most of the two days in the White House.

The conference was called, planned and directed by the National Education Association.

85TH BIRTHDAY MARKED BY A&P

Adherence to Economy Pledge Cited by 'Veteran of Four Wars'

Eighty-five years as pace-setter in the field of food distribution will be celebrated throughout the nation this week by the Great Atlantic & Pacific Tea Company.

Pioneer in modern methods of mass distribution, the A&P was established in 1859 when George Huntington Hartford opened the doors of his first red-fronted store in New York City. Today the stores are familiar sights throughout the country, and, along with present-day supermarkets, play a vital part in the daily lives of millions of consumers, producers and farmers.

Announcing local observance of the anniversary, Mr. O. H. Weinert, General Superintendent, for this area pointed out that the institution founded by Hartford is a veteran of four wars and has been committed to an important role in the present conflict.

"In its strict observance of the price control and rationing programs, its teamwork with Federal agencies in helping to move surpluses of various commodities, its leadership in (Continued on Page 3—2nd Sec.)

AS AIR FORCE SAW VESUVIUS

Here's what Mt. Vesuvius in Italy looked like to the crews of U. S. Air force bombers, fighters, and transport planes during its recent eruption.

The photo, taken by a member of a bomber crew, was received last week by Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Kustanbauer, of East High Street, Bellefonte, from their son, Cpl. Charles Kustanbauer, who is with an anti-aircraft unit stationed on Corsica.

Although Cpl. Kustanbauer did not have the opportunity to see Vesuvius from the air, he was stationed in Naples during the volcano's eruption, and described it as "the prettiest sight I ever saw." He added that ash from the volcano blanketed streets of towns and that the Italians have machines resembling our snow plows to plow the fine ash off the streets and roads.
Cpl. Kustanbauer enlisted in the Army on September 28, 1942, and prior to that time was employed at the Fishertons Paradise, near Bellefonte.