

MAN KILLED BY FREIGHT TRAIN

Meets Fatal Accident on Bridge North of Osceola Mills

Oak Lavonick, 42-year-old Spike Island, Clearfield county resident, was instantly killed early Tuesday morning when he was struck and run over by a Pennsylvania Railroad freight train hauling coal and clay to the Osceola Mills railroad yard.

The accident occurred north of Osceola Mills, about one mile from the yard, on a small bridge designated by the railroad officials as No. 065.

The freight train, consisting of 10 loaded coal and clay cars, passed over this spot between 4 and 5 o'clock during the morning but trainmen were unaware there was an accident until a number of hours later. The body was discovered by F. J. Gustkey, Osceola Mills, R. D., who was a member of the train crew.

After the train reached the yard and other routine work was done, crew members were thorough for the day, and Mr. Gustkey was walking over the tracks on his way home when he came to the accident victim on the bridge.

Railroad officials and Dr. E. S. Erhard, Clearfield county coroner from Curwensville, investigated the fatality.

The victim was reported in Osceola Mills Monday night and officials have found persons who saw him alive as late as 11 p. m. Time of the accident was established as between 4 and 5 a. m., and it is believed that he was walking home along the tracks when the train came and struck him. It was foggy at the time.

The train was hauling cars over the Moshannon branch, extending from Osceola Mills up through Houtzdale, from the Coal Run branch. The engine was running backwards.

The victim was single and lived with his mother.

Veteran of War in Italy Wedded Here

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forces on October 1, 1942, received training in Miami, Florida; Denver, Colo., attended a gunnery school in Texas and received overseas training at Charleston, S. C., before leaving with his crew late in February this year for a flight to Italy. They flew the Liberator from the United States to Brazil, then across the Atlantic to Africa and from there to Italy where they were based near Foggia, in the southern part of Italy.

From February 28 to September 26, Sgt. Dinges had 51 bombing missions, including flights over the Ploesti oil fields in Rumania; Germany, France, Italy, Yugoslavia and Bulgaria. He participated in the invasion of Southern France, his plane helping to blast a way along the coast for the invasion forces.

During his many missions, Sgt. Dinges reports that he had only one "close call." It was on his second bombing flight that one motor went dead before reaching the target, and another was shot out by flak over the target, and the plane experienced considerable difficulty in getting back to its base. He related that while anti-aircraft fire bothered the bombers on many of the runs, there was little opposition from German fighter planes. "They're pretty well cleaned out now," the 22-year-old veteran remarked.

On one of his rest periods Sgt. Dinges went to the Isle of Capri and at other times visited other points in Italy, although for the most part he was "pretty busy."

Prior to entering the service he was employed at the Old-Tyme Bakery in Bellefonte. He was graduated from the Bellefonte High School in the class of 1940.

Board Adopts School Calendar

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\$50,000, leaving a balance of \$5,344 uncollected on property tax and \$4,900 in per capita tax.

Borough Council, in a letter, informed the board that police protection will be provided for school children at the intersection of High and Water streets until the traffic lights are installed there. The installation of the lights will be delayed until the West Penn Power Company obtains authorization to continue with a street lighting program, it being the plan to place electric conduits for both installations in the same ditches, saving unnecessary tearing up of the streets.

E. K. Stock, supervising principal, reported that the new first grade is now operating in the Spring street school with Miss Isabelle Grove in charge. The new grade has brought about a better distribution of first grade pupils and has decreased the sizes of the classes, he reported.

Tires Saved When Car Catches Fire

Fourteen tires were saved from destruction last Wednesday night when a short circuit in the ignition switch caused a fire in a 1936 Buick car belonging to Dean Wagner of State College.

Mr. Wagner, who had a trailer filled with rocks attached to his car, was backing into the driveway of his home at 411 East Beaver avenue about 7 p. m., when the motor stalled. As he started the engine, flames leaped around the dash board endangering the car and the 14 tires stacked on the back seat.

With the aid of his father, Harry Wagner, they were able to put the fire out with wet burlap bags before Alpha Fire Company members arrived.

MUSIC SECTION MEETS AT SCHAD RESIDENCE

The first fall meeting of the Music section of the Bellefonte Woman's Club was held last Wednesday night at the home of Mrs. Louis Schad on Curtin street.

Mrs. Lenore M. Martin related some of her experiences at the Eastman School of Music where last summer she studied a theory of music, conducting, and voice.

Miss Mildred Hockman told about her summer vacation at Interlochen, Michigan, where she studied piano under Percy Grainger and voice under Lloyd Worthington, a member of the Philadelphia Opera Company.

Miss Hockman also played violin with the 75-piece symphony orchestra composed of musicians studying at Interlochen. The group broadcast a concert every Saturday afternoon.

Mrs. Martin and Miss Hockman each sang a group of three love songs as their contribution to the musical program. Miss Hockman accompanied Mrs. Martin at the piano while Mrs. Schad played the accompaniment for Mrs. Martin's selections.

Franksters Warned Against Damage

Mayor Hardman F. Harris of Bellefonte yesterday announced that police have been instructed to prosecute to the full extent of the law any youngsters found engaging in Halloween pranks before Halloween.

Many youths are engaged in annoying and destructive practices, the Mayor said, and added that such acts will not be tolerated.

To aid police in their drive, the Mayor suggested that doors of parked cars be kept locked so horn buttons cannot be reached and so prowlers cannot get inside parked cars.

Child Struck by Truck

Dallas Butler Jr., 14-month-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Dallas Butler, of Allison township, Clinton county, was seriously injured Friday afternoon as he toddled into the path of a truck. The baby darted into the path of a truck driven by Theodore Reeder of Mill Hill, who was backing the machine at the time, and did not see the child. Dallas suffered a possible skull fracture and brush burns on the right leg. He was unconscious for some hours following the accident. X-rays have been taken at the Lock Haven hospital.

TO OPEN SERIES OF CONFERENCES

Program of Audio-Visual Aids Will Aid in Church School Work

A series of conferences on visual and auditory aids to be held throughout Centre county for enriching the religious instruction program of the church school will begin on a full scale when the Grace Lutheran church of State College becomes host to the District No. 9 conference Monday evening, October 16 at 8 o'clock.

These conferences sponsored by the Centre County Sabbath School Association, will be largely in the form of demonstrations given in each of the twelve districts of the county and will take on a varied nature. The program will open with a devotional service followed by a brief explanation of the purpose of audio-visual aids in religious education. Then the various types of visual aids will be briefly described.

The use of non-photographic visual aids will be described with a display of maps, blackboards, and posters. From that the program will move to the use of lantern slides and photographic visual aids of a projected nature demonstrating the use of strip film and motion picture film. The use of religious records will be briefly demonstrated.

At the conclusion of the demonstration there will be a period of discussion on the whole field of audio-visual material and the use of it in teaching religious truth to all ages in the church and church school.

These demonstrations will be conducted by the Superintendent of Young People's Work in the county association, Rev. Milton R. Vogel of State College. Rev. Mr. Vogel has made a special study of audio-visual aids over a period of years.

At the conferences Rev. Mr. Vogel will be assisted by various other members of the county staff. A silver offering will be received to aid in defraying the expense such a program entails. Also, at each conference the program for the County Sabbath School convention being planned for Thursday, November 9 in the Phillipsburg Church of Christ will be announced and explained.

The complete schedule follows:

District 2—October 24, Methodist church, Snow Shoe, 8 p. m. Mrs. Royer Greib, sponsor.

District 3—Nov. 1, Methodist church, Port Matilda, 7:45 p. m. John Crain, president.

District 4—Oct. 31, time and place indefinite to date. J. R. Williams, sponsor.

District 5—Oct. 26, Church of Christ, Blanchard, 8 p. m. Rev. M. S. Rogers, sponsor.

District 7—Oct. 20, Methodist church, Bellefonte, 8 p. m. E. M. Cartwright, president.

District 8—Oct. 27, Grays church near Warriors Mark, 8 p. m. Eugene Eilenberger, president.

District 9—Oct. 16, Lutheran church, State College, 8 p. m. L. D. Fye, president.

District 10—Oct. 23, Lutheran church, Pine Grove Mills, 7:45 p. m. Charles Kern, president.

District 11—Oct. 25, Lutheran church, Centre Hill, 7:30 p. m. John B. Wert, Jr., president.

District 12—Oct. 17, Lutheran church, Millheim, 7:30 p. m. Albert H. Stover, president.

A conference has already been held in District 1 at Phillipsburg and plans for a conference in District 6 are incomplete at this time.

These conferences are open to the public, but they are most valuable to church school teachers and prospective teachers, to officers, and to ministers. This program is recognized as a practical aid in the improvement of religious instruction in the church school. The attendance of all persons interested in leadership of church school work is solicited.

Motorist Misses Girl; Hits Two Cars

A car driven by Meyer Hartman, of 991 West Beaver avenue, State College, crashed into two cars parked on South Allen street, State College, about 11:45 a. m. Saturday.

Mr. Hartman was driving east on Beaver and as he attempted to turn south on Allen, a girl stepped out in front of his car, he said. In order to avoid hitting her he swerved wide and in doing so crashed into the parked car belonging to Russell Shuey of Woodcrest, which in turn crashed into the car of W. H. Passmore of State College.

Damage to the machines totaled approximately \$40. Chief of Police John R. Juba who investigated the accident, said.

Prison Guard Drops Dead on Street

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It is reported that Mr. Abraham had suffered from a heart ailment for some time. About a year ago he was off duty at Rockview for several weeks because of the ailment, and he is said to have told friends that he expected subsequent attacks. Yesterday was his regular "day off," and when he called at the Heverly apartment he apparently was in his usual health. He is quoted as having said he planned to spend the remainder of the afternoon cleaning up his garden at his home in Pleasant Gap.

No arrangements for the funeral had been made yesterday.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

David L. Wells, Zion Marie E. Fisher, Bellefonte

William Boyd Chandler, Bellefonte

Alma C. Cartwright, State College

Robert George Moser, New Castle

Marjorie Ann Frankenberg, Pennsylvania Furnace

11 County Men in War Casualty List

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was sent overseas in April, landing in England. He went to France in July.

Sgt. Houtz is a graduate of the State College High School in the class of 1942, and before entering service he was employed at the Shaffer Store, State College. In addition to his wife and daughter, Naomi, who lives with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Zerby of Centre Hill, R. D., his parents and these brothers and sisters survive: Pfc. Charles, in training in Georgia; Clyde, Mrs. Hazel Loomis and Miss Pauline Houtz, all of State College, R. D.

Pfc. Dugan Killed

Norman J. Dugan, 32, son of J. Edward Dugan, of Pine street, Bellefonte, was killed in France on September 16, it was learned in a War Department message received last Thursday morning by his father.

The Bellefonte soldier who was a member of the 94th Field Artillery, wrote his father three weeks ago, saying in part:

"I am fine and having a good time. Don't worry about me. Am sending you the money I am receiving for my pay."

Pfc. Dugan enlisted in Battery B, 190th Field Artillery of Bellefonte, in September 1939, and left with the group the following February to begin training at Camp Shelby, Miss. Because he was past 28 years of age he was honorably discharged from service on October 19, 1941, but was recalled into the Army in April of the following year.

He trained at Watertown, N. Y., Fort Knox, Ky., and Camp Bowie, Texas. After several months he was sent to an embarkation center on the east coast from where he left for overseas last December. He landed in England and remained there until sent into France about a month ago.

Pfc. Dugan was a graduate of the Bellefonte High School in 1932 and was employed by various firms in the county until enlisting in the Bellefonte troop. Between the time of his discharge and re-entering service he was employed at the P. R. R. shops in Altoona. In addition to his father he is survived by three brothers and a sister: Cpl. Elwood Dugan, in England; Charles J. of Altoona; Francis J. of Bellefonte; and Mrs. Grace Klinefelter, at home.

Cpl. Adams Wounded

Cpl. Reuben Adams, 25, son of Doris Adams, of Port Matilda, R. D., was seriously wounded in France on September 24, according to a War Department message received by his father, Sunday night. Cpl. Adams is in a hospital in France, the message added.

The county soldier entered the service on July 26, 1942, and from New Cumberland was sent to Camp Forrest, Tenn. From there he was transferred to Camp Phillips, Kan., and underwent special training in Arizona before being sent overseas in July, 1944. He landed in England and has been in France since the early part of the invasion. Cpl. Adams was serving in the infantry.

The Port Matilda soldier has five brothers and six sisters: Axel, Hamilton, and Theodore Adams, Mrs. William Spicher, and Mrs. Laura Gross, all of Tyrone; Gilbert, of Port Matilda; Pfc. Paul Adams, serving in the South Pacific; Mrs. Ivan Adams and Mrs. Mary Peterson, of Altoona; Mrs. Charlotte Albright, of Pennsylvania Furnace, and Mrs. Alvah Weaver, of Port Matilda, R. D.

Pfc. Johnston Injured

Mr. and Mrs. Harrison R. Johnston, of Rockview, last Thursday morning received a telegram informing them that their son, Pfc. Thomas, was slightly injured in action in France on September 10, 1944. However, the Johnston family received two letters written by their son on September 18 and September 20 respectively, in which he failed to mention anything of his injury. It is assumed by members of his family that the injury is slight.

The Rockview soldier, who is a member of a parachute infantry, landed from the sky at the Anzio Beachhead invasion and later jumped with his comrades into Southern France.

Pfc. Johnston, who will be 22 in November, entered the service on February 13, 1943. He was first sent to Valley Forge General Hospital and then to jump school at Fort Benning, Ga. About January 20 of this year he went for overseas and landed in North Africa.

Tom was graduated from State College High School and had completed one semester at Penn State when he was drafted into the service. While in high school he was a member of the track team. A brother, Pvt. James H. Johnston, who was inducted into the service in January of this year, is stationed with the Marine Corps at San Diego, Cal.

Cpl. Hamilton Wounded

A War Department telegram received last week by Mr. and Mrs. Butler Hamilton, of Houersville, stated that their son, Cpl. Robert D. Hamilton, 22, had been slightly wounded in France on September 19, and that they would be informed of reports of his condition as received.

A letter received from their son, written by him two days before his reported injury, said that he was "OK, and still going strong."

The county corporal, who was with the 79th Division which took Cherbourg, went into France on D-Day and has apparently been serving the action there since. He entered the service on October 28, 1942, from State College, and took his basic training at Camp Blarding, Fla. Following that training he was sent to Camp Forest, Tenn., and then to California for maneuvers. He was sent overseas about the last of March, 1944.

Cpl. Hamilton was graduated from the Black Lick Township High School in Cambria county, and prior to induction was employed at CHT's

Milkshake store in State College

After lying wounded two days and two nights without aid, Pfc. Conrad C. Pringle, 33, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Pringle, of Port Matilda, captured three Germans who entered the house where he had taken refuge and, at gun point, forced them to carry him to a first aid station. Later the Port Matilda soldier was transferred to a hospital in Italy.

Pfc. Pringle Wounded

The county soldier attended the Centre Hall-Potter Township High School and was employed by the Titan Metal Company here at the time of his enlistment. Surviving are his wife and three children, Sheila, aged 5, Hazel, aged 4, and Bonnie Jean, 18 months, all living in Baltimore; his parents; and these sisters and brothers: Mrs. Ruth Caskey, Naomi, and Paul Sweetwood, all of Lock Haven, and Mrs. Lester McFadden and Homer T. Sweetwood, of Pottery Mills.

Sgt. Miller Wounded

Sgt. Robert P. Miller, son of Mrs. Alfred Letterman of Milesburg and well known former Bellefonte High athlete was wounded in action in the South Pacific war theatre, according to a letter to his mother from a Red Cross nurse, received Monday.

The letter, dated September 29, and dictated by the wounded man, stated that he was injured by shrapnel and that his right arm was broken. He told his mother that he was now confined to a rear area hospital. His letter in part read: "I lost everything. I don't have as much now as when I was born. Please send me some pictures."

Sgt. Miller, an outstanding athlete while a student at Bellefonte High School where he was graduated in 1938, is believed to have been wounded on Peleliu Island, one of the Palau group in the Pacific. He is a member of the First U. S. Marines which took part in the fierce fighting when the Leathernecks landed on Guadalcanal, and was in New Guinea until being sent to his present location. In a recent letter home he stated that he frequently encounters John Rose of Pleasant Gap, also a member of the First Marines, and recently met Charles Ort, also of Milesburg.

The county sergeant, who also attended Fullerton Junior College,

Pfc. Sweetwood Killed

Pfc. Ray Sweetwood, 27, was killed in action in France on September 17, according to a War Department telegram received yesterday morning by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Sweetwood, of Pottery Mills.

Two weeks ago the War Department had informed the parents that Pfc. Sweetwood was missing in action and that any further news of him would be forwarded as soon as possible.

Pfc. Sweetwood enlisted in the infantry in July 1943, and underwent training at Camp Hood, Texas, and Camp Butler, N. C. In May, 1944, he arrived in England, and went into France on D-Day, remaining there ever since.

His wife, the former Helen Coder, of Allenview, who is now residing

Fullerton, Cal., enlisted in the Marines

in Baltimore, and his parents on September 11 received letters from him in which he reported that he was in a dangerous spot. "The Lord has taken care of me so far," he wrote, adding that he was keeping his fingers crossed.

The county soldier attended the Centre Hall-Potter Township High School and was employed by the Titan Metal Company here at the time of his enlistment. Surviving are his wife and three children, Sheila, aged 5, Hazel, aged 4, and Bonnie Jean, 18 months, all living in Baltimore; his parents; and these sisters and brothers: Mrs. Ruth Caskey, Naomi, and Paul Sweetwood, all of Lock Haven, and Mrs. Lester McFadden and Homer T. Sweetwood, of Pottery Mills.

Pfc. John R. Arnold Killed

Pfc. John R. Arnold, 22, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Arnold, Osceola Mills, R. D., was killed in action while on duty with the Marines on some undisclosed front or battle action.

In a telegram from Lt. Gen. A. A. Vandegrift, commandant of the Marine Corps, regarding the death of their son, Mr. and Mrs. Arnold were instructed "to prevent possible aid to our enemies, and not divulge the name of his ship or station." In asking the parents to "please accept my heartfelt sympathy," the telegram also disclosed that their son was killed in action in the performance of his duty and service of his country.

Pfc. Arnold was born at the sanitarium in Phillipsburg on August 8, 1922. His entire life was lived in Osceola Mills. He is survived by his parents and three brothers: Pvt.

Legal Notices

EXECUTOR'S NOTICE

Estate of BENJAMIN AIKEY, late of Boggs Township, Centre County, Pa., deceased.

Letters testamentary in the above estate having been granted to the undersigned by the Register of Wills of Centre County, Pa., all persons indebted to said estate are requested to make payment and those having claims or demands against said estate are requested to present and make the same known without delay to MARIAN AIKEY, Executor, Milesburg, Pa. W. BRUCE TAYLOR, Attorney for estate. 259

AUDITOR'S NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been appointed by the Orphan's Court of Centre County, Pa., as Auditor to make distribution of funds in the estate of Martin Mink, late of Howard Borough, Centre County, Pa., deceased, and a meeting for the purpose of taking testimony shall be held at the law office of Johnston & Johnston, West High Street, Bellefonte, Pa., on Friday, November 3, 1944, at 10 o'clock in the morning. All persons are required to present their claims before the undersigned Auditor on the above date or be deprived from coming in for a share of the funds for distribution.

PHILIP H. JOHNSON, Auditor.

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