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Two Front County Killed In Action

Week's Casualty Toll Reports Two Deaths, Nine Wounded and One Missing; Several Service Men Wounded Second Time

The heaviest toll of Centre county war casualties reported in one week brings the record number to twelve. Of these, 2 are dead, 8 wounded, and 1 missing in action, and 1 ill in hospital.

Following is the list up to yesterday evening:

Killed: Pfc. Doyle Gardner, Jacksonville; Pfc. Malcolm Williams, Port Matilda.

Wounded: Cpl. Russell Nesbitt, of State College; Pvt. Norman E. Howard, Bellefonte; Pvt. Albert Kinsey, Bellefonte; wounded second time; Col. Robert D. Hamilton, Houserville, wounded second time; S. Sgt. Barrett Merrill, Philipsburg; Pvt. Richard M. Semmers, Lemont; Pvt. Thomas E. Roush, Pleasant Gap; Pfc. Russell Meyer, Bellefonte, wounded second time.

Memorial Services For Pvt. Grubb



Memorial services for Pvt. Elwood Grubb, Bellefonte soldier who died from wounds received while in line of duty, will be held in the Bellefonte United Brethren church on Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock. The pastor, Rev. D. E. Ormiston, will officiate.

Pvt. Grubb was wounded October 2 while taking part in the capture of Luxembourg, and died October 6. He had been in service since January 9, 1944. Early in June he was sent overseas, landing in England, and four weeks later was sent into the invasion of France.

He is survived by his wife and five children: one brother, a sister, and a step-son in service.

SOLDIER VOTES BEING RETURNED

Check Shows Less Than 30 Per Cent Received by Commissioners

Military ballots numbering 1146, or a little less than 30 per cent of the total 3681 mailed out to eligible voters in the armed forces, have been received by the Centre county board of elections, according to a check made yesterday.

About 25 ballots have been returned unclaimed. Of these, 19 are deceased and 6 missing in action.

Each new inductee of voting age is given an application for a ballot.

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Wounded



Henry Miller

CENTRE COUNTY S. S. GROUP TO CONVENE NOV. 9

Sabbath School Association to Meet in Philipsburg

VARIED PROGRAM HAS BEEN PREPARED

Three Sessions to Be Held Day and Night in Christ Church

Plans for the Fall session of the 76th annual convention of the Centre County Sabbath School Association have been completed. The convention is scheduled for Thursday, November 9, in the Church of Christ at Philipsburg with Rev. Harry McGowan the host-pastor.

The convention opens with registration from 9 to 9:30 a. m. Sessions begin at 9:30 and continue throughout the morning, afternoon and evening. The program offers a fine opportunity for gaining practical information appropriate and adaptable for these times of world strife, for gaining inspiration requisite to meeting the problems of life today, and a splendid opportunity for experiencing through Christian fellowship.

YOUTH SERIOUSLY INJURED IN WRECK

Car Fails to Make Curve And Crashes Over Five-Foot Bank

Several persons were injured, one seriously, in an unusually large number of accidents reported during the week.

The most critically injured was Gerald Weaver, 17, of Marsh Creek, who is a patient in the Lock Haven Hospital, suffering from head injuries, received in an accident near Beech Creek, Saturday night. He was discharged from the hospital after being treated for injuries to his head and ankle. The third victim of the accident, George Bowes, 15, also of Marsh Creek, suffered minor injuries and did not enter the hospital.

The boys were hurt when a sedan in which they were riding toward Bellefonte failed to make a curve about 200 yards above the Centre county side of the Beech Creek bridge. The machine upset and went down a five-foot embankment.

The serious condition of Gerald (Continued on Page Eight)

85 Milesburg District Children Inoculated

Eighty-five children of Milesburg and Central City were given final diphtheria inoculations at the diphtheria clinic sponsored by the Milesburg Woman's Club Thursday of last week.

The clinic, under the direction of the Red Cross was held in the first grade room of the Milesburg School, taught by Miss Elizabeth Ann Wetzler. Dr. Joseph Parrish, administered the toxoid with Mrs. Bertha Rimmey, Red Cross nurse, assisting. Members of the club and also parents wish to thank those who aided in making the clinic a success.

BUSINESS PLACES TO CLOSE ARMISTICE DAY, NOV. 11

All stores, banks and other business places in Bellefonte, have decided to close Armistice Day, Saturday, November 11, all day.

The stores will do away with their half holiday Wednesday, November 8, remaining open until 5 and 5:30 o'clock, and on Friday, November 10, will remain open until 9 o'clock that evening.

This decision was made by a unanimous vote of the retail division of the Chamber of Commerce, at their regular meeting last week.

Killed in Action



Doyle Gardner

Here's a German Shell That Didn't Explode



Lieut. George A. Kelley, Jr., U. S. Navy, of Bellefonte, a gunnery officer aboard the battleship Texas, is here pictured with the German 9 1/2-inch projectile which struck the ship off Cherbourg but failed to explode. Lieutenant Kelley, a former Penn State student and 1943 graduate of the Naval Academy, served aboard the vessel during the invasion of northern and southern France and is now back in the States while the vessel refits in the Navy Yard, Brooklyn.

Lieutenant Kelley is son of Mr. and Mrs. George Kelley, of Bellefonte, and the husband of the former Miss Clara Beatty, also of this place.

HOME BURNS AS FAMILY WORSHIPS

Sunday Morning Conflagration at Goburn Entails \$1,000 Loss

While the Fred Malone family of Goburn were attending church services Sunday morning the roof of their home caught fire, presumably from a chimney, and burned off, resulting in damage of approximately \$1,000.

The fire was discovered by Mrs. William Stanley, who lives across the road from the Malone home.

Both the Millheim and Centre Hall fire companies responded to the call for aid and succeeded in containing the damage to the roof and upper floor of the dwelling.

Most of the furniture in the home was removed from the first floor of the two-story building, but considerable water damage occurred to furniture on the upper floor. When fire burst through in the west wall of the house, firemen had to tear away part of the frame work from the kitchen to the attic and walls of the building were badly scorched.

Mr. Malone carried insurance on the house, it was said.

Corman Food Market Changes Ownership

William B. Ring, prominent Bellefonte business man, yesterday purchased the interest of Grover Corman in the Corman Food Market, West High street, and in the future will conduct the business as the sole owner.

Mr. Ring announced that Mr. Corman will be retained as manager of the store, but was not prepared to say what changes will be made in the personnel.

The Corman Food Market, opened by Mr. Corman when the A. & P. vacated the rooms in the McClain block some years ago, has been a progressive and well patronized store.

Scrap Drive Nets 13,450 Pounds Paper

Last Friday's scrap drive in Bellefonte was responded to by our citizens with fine results. A total of 13,450 pounds of paper was collected, together with a ton of tin cans. This collection enabled the committee to ship a ton of cans to be used for war purposes.

The next drive will be held Friday, November 24, and every citizen is asked to save all their waste paper and cans for collection.

The proceeds of the drives are being applied to maintaining the Honor Roll in Bellefonte, which is in need of funds.

PROF. KNISS AN ABLE CANDIDATE

Would Represent Centre County With Highest Qualifications

A few words concerning the candidacy of Prof. Charles Kniss of the General Assembly, merits the consideration of our readers who are looking for a high type of representative for Centre county.

Mr. Kniss was born in Herndon, Northumberland county, but was reared by his paternal grandparents who lived on a farm on the road to Shamokin. He attended the much despised one-room rural school. Through the deep interest of two of his teachers he was inspired to go to college. He was graduated from Albright College, Reading, and later took graduate work at Columbia University.

For several years he taught school. Then he purchased the New Berlin Reporter. After two years the people of that town persuaded him to become the principal of their schools. For two years, he tried to run his paper and teach. Finally he had to make a choice between a newspaper career or teaching. He chose the latter.

From New Berlin he went to Cambria county where he served as principal of the Reade Township High School for eight years. From there he went to Beaverdale as supervising principal of the Summerhill township schools and remained eight years. Then he came to Blair county as superintendent of the Juniata schools. He served there until Juniata was annexed to Altoona. He served as assistant superintendent of the Altoona schools for the remainder of his commission. Then he quit the profession to enter business.

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WEST PENN MAN HAS LONG RECORD

A. L. Francis Completes 35 Years Service With Company

On November 7, A. L. Francis, Keystone Division Right-of-Way Agent of the West Penn Power Company, will have completed thirty-five years of continuous service with that company. Mr. Francis has worked in Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Ohio and Maryland for the West Penn and its associated companies, chiefly on Real Estate and Right-of-Way work.

In 1930 he came to Bellefonte in charge of Real Estate where he remained until a year ago when he was transferred to the Division Office at Ridgway in his present capacity. In Bellefonte he was active in civic affairs, having served as President of the Chamber of Commerce, Director of the Y. M. C. A., a member of the Board of Control of the Fire Department representing the Undine Fire Company, as President of Bellefonte Kiwanis Club and is a past Lieutenant Governor of

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Celebrate Double Wedding Anniversary

Rev. and Mrs. Levi F. Sheets celebrated their fortieth wedding anniversary last Tuesday evening at their residence on Willowbank street, Bellefonte. They had as their guests Mr. and Mrs. Orvis Watson of Moore Run, who have been married eleven years. Both parties were married on November 3, and made the affair a double celebration.

Other guests present were Donald, James, Emory and Elma Watson, Benjamin Sheets, wife and son, Ronald Lee, Miriam, Elizabeth and Rhoda Sheets. A supper was served with two splendid anniversary cakes. Gifts were exchanged and all had a fine time.

Son of Former County Woman Killed in Fall

Joe Paul Pierson, son of Paul and Verna Allison Pierson, of New Jersey, met with a fatal accident last week, according to information received here this week.

The victim, who had been in the Merchant Marine for two years, was home on a 3-day leave, and while doing some painting fell from a scaffolding and was injured to the extent that he died after being taken to a hospital. He was 24 years old.

The mother of Pierson was Verna Allison, a member of the Allison family who at one time resided in Nittany Valley. He is survived by his wife, parents, and one sister. Burial was made in New Jersey.

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Navy Reveals Seaman's Fate

Parents of Taylor Billett Learn Through Authoritative Sources That Son, Reported Missing, Was Drowned When His Ship Was Torpedoed in Mediterranean

Confirmation of the death of Taylor Billett, of Bellefonte, who a year ago had been declared missing in action, was received this week by the young seaman's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chester Billett, of Colville. Seaman Billett, a machinist's mate third class, was drowned on October 13, 1943, according to the following letter received by Mr. and Mrs. Billett this week:

THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY Washington

Oct. 28, 1944

My Dear Mr. and Mrs. Billett: Your son, Taylor Billett, Machineist's Mate Third Class, U.S.N.R., has been carried on the official records of the Navy Department in the status of missing in action since 13 October 1943. Early in the morning of that day, the ship in which your son was serving, the USS Bristol, was torpedoed and sunk in the Mediterranean Sea off the coast of Algeria.

The weather conditions at the time included a moderate sea and excellent visibility. A thorough search of the area was promptly made by two American vessels and survivors were rescued.

In view of the length of time that

39 MEN TO LEAVE FOR EXAMINATION

Eight From Bellefonte and Vicinity to Report November 11

Twenty-six men from this area have been called for pre-induction examination at Harrisburg on Saturday, November 11, officials of Local Draft Board No. 2 of Bellefonte announced yesterday.

Those scheduled to leave at the above time are: Franklin Wythe Gos, Murray Hill, N. J.

Edgar Michael Soltard, Wilmington, De. (Philipsburg); John B. Northamer, Philadelphia; Ernest Dayton Lansberry, Centre Hall; Harold Herr Woomer, Howard; Pete Paul Pinchok, Marion, Ohio (Clarence); Angelo Thomas Pizmer, Bellefonte, R. D. 1.

Albert James Ayers, Sandy Ridge; Eugene Fuller Workman, Mingo; Calvin Hugh Shaw, Snow Shoe; Thomas Oliver Husler, Philipsburg; Roy Dewitt Kyler, Philipsburg; Andrew Michael Sprish, Clarence; Harry Robert Bloom, Bellefonte; Orrin Thomas Gardner, Bellefonte, R. D. 3.

Earl Robert Bones, Port Matilda; John Walter Barton, Fleming; Bernard Martin Stover, Jr., Bellefonte, R. D. 3; Leslie Joseph Detrich, Jr., Bellefonte, R. D. 2.

Donald LeRoy Scull, Bellefonte; Robert Portney McCaleb, Altoona (Howard); Harry Charles Price, Kylertown (Bellefonte); William Henry Vieard, South Philipsburg; William Edward Condo, Howard, R. D. 2.

Mike Biggans, Clarence. (Continued on Page Eight)

COLGROVE BUYS KOFMAN HOME

New Owner Plans Extensive Improvements to Property

An important real estate deal was closed on Friday by which Todd R. Colgrove, owner and proprietor of the Keystone Tire Service on South Potter street, became the purchaser of the Kofman brick residence on South Thomas street. The house now occupied by the William Racina family, will be vacated upon the expiration of their lease, when Mr. Colgrove and family will move into it from their present residence on High street.

Mr. Colgrove, who has been successfully engaged in the tire recapping service business for several years, is planning extensive improvements to both his residence and business properties. An outstanding change will be the removal of the old buildings and the railroad siding which have been a part of the property for many years. This will enable Mr. Colgrove to develop his plan to landscape the surrounding area of his home and convert it into more beautiful proportions.

Mr. Colgrove also has in mind the erection of a new and modern building, as soon as war priorities

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VANDALS SMEAR COLLEGE SHRINE

Famed \$6000 Nittany Lion Daubed With Black Paint

Penn State faculty, students and citizens alike were aroused with indignation Sunday when it was learned that sometime during the early morning vandals had smeared the College's famed Nittany Lion with black paint.

An investigation by members of the campus patrol of the grounds and buildings, and other police officials, revealed that the black paint used to smear the lion's face, paws and tail and to letter "hepat" on one side was tractor and machinery enamel. Brushes with which the painting was done were found in the shrubbery beyond the statue, and fingerprints were taken from them.

Prof. Harold E. Dickson, of the division of fine arts, one of the faculty members who helped interest the College in having Henry Warnecke come to sculpt the lion, depicted the smearing as "the most ignorant piece of vandalism ever perpetrated on the campus in my memory. The statue is the 'Nittany Lion,'" he reminded, "and it is also the finest piece of monumental sculpture in central Pennsylvania."

The lion was erected in the spring of 1942 at a cost of nearly \$6000.

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