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2 County Men Lose Lives; 4 Wounded

State College Bomber Killed in Action Over Germany; Cole Soldier Dies In France.

World War II during the week cost the lives of two more Centre county men and four others were wounded, one of them seriously, according to War Department messages received by relatives.

Those who lost their lives are: 1st Lt. Edward J. Lower, of State College, bombardier and navigator, killed over Germany on September 12.

Pvt. Leroy Fritz, of Coleville, who died in France on November 5. The message did not explain whether his death resulted from wounds or illness.

The wounded are: Pfc. John F. Stover, of near the

Seriously Wounded



Pfc. John F. Stover

Wounded in Action



Pvt. John David Ludwig

Employment Payrolls Here Show Increase

According to a Chamber of Commerce survey of nine Bellefonte industries, employment and payroll figures for October showed sharp increases over the corresponding figures for 1943.

Last month 1908 persons were employed and the payrolls totaled \$432,097.16. In October 1943, 1410 were employed and the payrolls totaled \$295,487.58.

Industries included in the survey were: C. Y. Wagner & Co., Titan Metal Co., Whitlock Quarries, Central Pennsylvania Gas Co., Bellefonte Central Railroad, Olde-Tyme Bakery, National Gypsum Co., Universal Match Corp. and Sutton Engineering Co.

Wounded Soldier Returns to States

Pfc. Robert Wayne, aged about 28, of Bellefonte, Infantryman who was wounded in France on August 23 this year, arrived in New York early this week and is expected to undergo further hospitalization in this county before returning to Bellefonte.

Pfc. Wayne, who in civilian life is an employe of the Keystone Gazette, is a brother of Mrs. Jack Perks of West Beaver street, and makes his home with the Perks family. He left for overseas duty in July this year and was wounded in action a short time later. Sunday he talked briefly with his sister by telephone from New York.

Local Soccer Team Rivals Now United in Beating Japs

Two Centre county men who first met on the soccer field during their high school years, are helping to bring the Jap war to an end along the remote Ledo Road part of the world. S/Sgt. Earl W. Burd, whose mother resides at Rebersburg, and Sgt. William R. Shirk, whose parents live at Lemont, were captains of their respective high school teams when they first became acquainted. Burd attended the Miles Township High, and Shirk, State College High. Both men are stationed along the

Bellefonte airport, seriously wounded in Italy on November 1

Pvt. John David Ludwig, 26, of Clarence, slightly wounded October 26 on Leyte in the central Philippines.

Pvt. Carl Fisher, of State College, slightly wounded in France.

Pvt. David M. Shilling, of Blanchard, slightly wounded in Italy on November 3.

Lt. Lower Killed

Lt. Edward J. Lower, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lower, of Nittany Village, State College, Pa., D. and husband of the former Jane Hanscomb of State College, was killed in action over Germany on September 12, according to a War Department message received Saturday night by the Lowers.

On September 25 the family received word that the State College lieutenant had been missing in action over Germany since September 12. Saturday's message explained: "Report now received from the German government through the International Red Cross reveals that your son was killed in action over Germany."

Lt. Lower, bombardier and navigator of a B-17 Flying Fortress, was inducted into the service on June 7, 1942. He received training at Nashville, Tenn.; Maxwell Field, Ala.; Douglas, Ga.; Santa Ana Army Air Base, Calif.; and at Kirtland Field, N. M.

He was graduated from the Army Air Forces Bombardier School at Kirtland Field, Albuquerque, N. M., as an aerial bombardier and was commissioned a second lieutenant. He was then sent to Ephrata, Wash., where he was assigned to a B-17 Flying Fortress, after which he trained in Florida and at Langley Field, Va., before going overseas.

Lt. Lower, who was 23 years of age on September 12, the day he was reported missing, had received four clusters to his Air Medal and the Distinguished Flying Cross. It is believed by his wife and parents that

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SUGGESTS WAR MEMORIAL HERE

J. Thomas Mitchell Proposes Memorial as Part of 150th Anniversary

At a regular meeting, Monday night, Bellefonte Council heard a proposal that the town erect a proper memorial to all Centre county men who served in World War I and World War II, as a feature of activities commemorating the 150th anniversary of the founding of Bellefonte, next year.

The suggestion was contained in a letter to Council from J. Thomas Mitchell, local historian. Mr. Mitchell pointed out that Bellefonte is the county seat, and recalled that 30 years ago the present memorial to Governor Curtin and veterans of earlier wars was erected in front of the Court House. On that memorial are listed the names of all county men who served in all wars from 1776 to (but not including) World War I.

Mrs. Millard Shawley, of Reservoir Hill, appeared in Council to protest the borough's request that the cesspool on her property be closed and that the property be

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Centre Hall Home Damaged by Fire

A summer house adjoining to the home occupied by Mr. and Mrs. I. B. Shank near the Bradford flour mill at Centre Hall was damaged about 10:45 a. m. Sunday when fire of undetermined origin was discovered in the structure.

Members of the Centre Hall Fire Company used water from booster tanks to extinguish the blaze which charred the walls of the building. Some water damage occurred. The fire was discovered by Jerry Shank, 6-year-old son of the occupants of the house which is owned by Bradford and Company.

An estimate of the damage was not available.

19 TO UNDERGO EXAMINATION

Officials of Local Draft Board No. 1 of State College, report that 19 men from the area served by that board will be sent to Harrisburg on Monday, December 11 for pre-induction physical examinations.

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Funeral Is Held



Lt. Dean Gilmore

Impressive funeral services were held Sunday afternoon for Lt. Dean Gilmore, 23, veteran of 91 fighter-pilot missions in the Italian war area, who lost his life Tuesday afternoon when his plane plunged into Lake Louisa, near Barrow, Florida.

Brief services were held at the home of his father, Harry Gilmore, about two miles west of Millheim, at 1:30 p. m., with Rev. J. S. Shannon of the Millheim Lutheran church officiating. The cortege then went to the Millheim Lutheran church where full military rites were held by Key-stone Post, No. 444, American Legion of Millheim. Members of the Post and Auxiliary attended in a body.

Throngs of friends and acquaintances crowded the home for the services. The church was filled to capacity long before the scheduled time of the service at 2 p. m., and there were more people outside the edifice than were able to obtain seats or standing room indoors.

Veterans of World War II served as casket bearers, and additional World War II veterans, either discharged from service or home on leaves, attended in a body. They were in uniform. Two Millheim men, Edward Shugerts and Earl Stover, both in the Navy, and both home on furloughs, carried the colors as the funeral procession went from the church to the Fairview cemetery in Millheim.

Also present were many members of the Legion and V. F. W. posts in Bellefonte, and from other communities, many of them being in uniform.

At the Fairview cemetery in Millheim, additional hundreds of persons who had not been able to attend the church service, were waiting for the cortege. A firing squad and buglers from Jackson-Crisman-Saylor Post, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Bellefonte, were present for the last rites at the graveside.

Floral tributes were numerous and unusually beautiful. From Lt. Gilmore's squadron at Barrow, Florida, came a large spray consisting of white flowers in the form of wings. At the outer edges of the wings was a border of red rosebuds.

The body was accompanied on the railroad trip from Florida by 1st Lt. John R. Prindle, of Meadville, Pa., who remained in Millheim until after the funeral.

SCRAP COLLECTION SCHEDULED FRIDAY

Proceeds From Sale of Scrap to Go to Honor Roll Fund

A townwide collection of scrap will be held in Bellefonte Friday, November 24, it was announced yesterday.

Newspapers and other waste paper, tin cans, metals of all kinds, and rags, will be collected in borough trucks which will begin their rounds at 9 a. m.

Proceeds from the sale of scrap will go into the Honor Roll fund, for the extension and maintenance of the honor roll in front of the Court House.

Newspapers and other paper must be tied in bundles or packed in cartons. Tin cans must be processed. All scrap materials should be placed on the curb so that it is clearly visible to members of the collection crews.

The honor roll fund is depleted and there are a number of names scheduled to be added to the list as soon as funds become available. It is reported:

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New X-Ray Equipment Now In Use at County Hospital

The new Westinghouse x-ray machine, shown below, was recently installed at the Centre County Hospital and was placed in regular service last week, replacing the former machine which had outlived its usefulness.

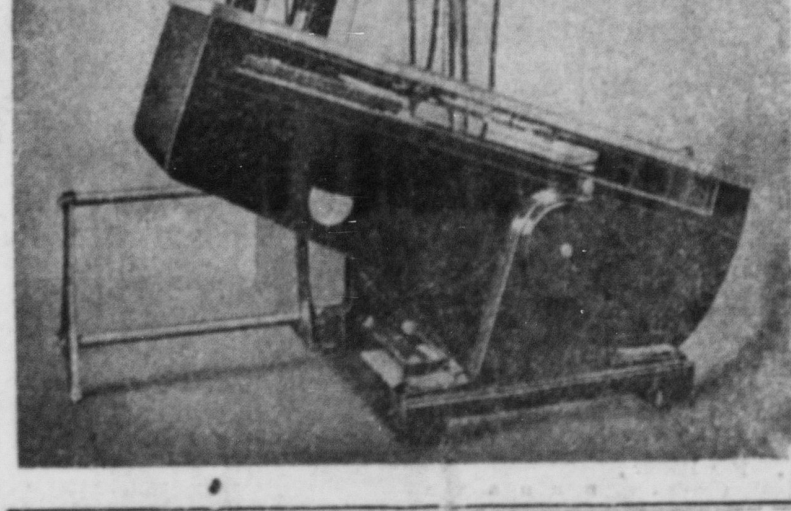
The apparatus, purchased at a cost of \$5,500, was bought with \$3,500 of the Bellefonte and State College Community Welfare Funds; a \$1,000 contribution from the Woman's Auxiliary of the hospital, and a \$1,000 contribution from the Bellefonte Tuberculosis Committee.

The new equipment is of the most modern type and includes many new features developed in recent years. It is completely shockproof in construction, eliminating any possible electrical hazard to either the patient or the operator.

The equipment provides facilities for many newly-developed x-ray techniques in the field of fluoroscopic examination, x-ray picture taking, and superficial therapy.

Twice as powerful as the machine it replaces, the new apparatus will permit diagnostic examination of the patient in any position from "head down" at an angle of 27 degrees below horizontal, to a straight upright position. The photo below shows the table at an angle of about 45 degrees.

An innovation not available in the



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HOME DAMAGED BY EXPLOSION

State College Family Badly Shaken by Blast in Furnace Room

An explosion in the furnace room of the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred N. Hite, on North Atherton street, State College, about 6:35 o'clock Monday morning caused one wall of the building to be bulged out about two inches, shattered the first floor windows and blew a large hole through the living room floor.

Possible reasons advanced for the blast include explosion of accumulated furnace gas, or a faulty boiler valve. Members of the Hite family were badly shaken but were not injured.

The explosion occurred while the Hites and their daughter, Norma Jean, and a neighbor's child were still asleep. Mr. Hite, a College Campus patrolman who works at night, had fixed the furnace before going to bed and believed it to be in good working condition at that time.

Water was blown throughout the house. The blast was so strong that it forced the first floor from its base and as it settled, nails were protruding from the boards. Window panes and sashes were broken and one sack blown entirely from its position. The door to the second floor was forced from its hinges and some furniture smashed. The top

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SCOUT LEADERS ATTEND DINNER

E. K. Anderson Named Chairman of Muncy District Group

Eighty-six Scouters and their wives from Muncy District attended the annual dinner held in the Logan Grange Hall, Pleasant Gap, last Tuesday evening. P. H. Powers, vice president of the West Penn Power Co., was the featured speaker on the program which also included William Tucker, chairman of the Muncy district committee; Robert Smith, Scout executive for the Juniata Valley Council; Professor Theodore Gates, president of the Juniata Valley Council; and E. Keith Anderson, chairman-elect of the Muncy district.

Mr. Powers who is vice president of the Allegheny Council and an enthusiast for the Scout Cubbing program, gave his analysis of what Scouting is, how it operates, and what it can be expected to contribute to tomorrow's world. He made a

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MAN WHO FLED ROCKVIEW IS APPREHENDED

Lemont Resident Is Recommended For \$50 Reward

PRISONER SCALED WIRE STOCKADE

Brief Liberty Costs Allegheny County 5 to 10 Years

"Where are you going?" "Nowhere—I guess."

That short but pointed conversation along a rural road between Boalsburg and Shingletown Gap about 4 o'clock Saturday afternoon, spelled the end of an ill-starred escape from Rockview penitentiary on the part of a former Allegheny county plumber who was serving 10 to 20 years for robbery.

The first speaker was Rockview Guard J. E. Rimmer, and the second was Amil Charles "Buddy" Ehrhart, 25, who climbed over the prison stockade about 9 a. m. that morning.

Clyde N. Smeltzer of Lemont, who was present when the capture was made, has been recommended by officials for the \$50 reward posted by the State for information leading to the apprehension of escaped Rockview prisoners.

Mr. Smeltzer and several companions were returning from a hunting trip to Stone Valley when they saw a man walking along the road. They thought nothing of it until they arrived in Boalsburg and saw Officer Rimmer standing guard at a crossroads.

Upon learning that a prisoner had

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Organize Fire Co. In Gregg Township

A group of public-spirited Spring Mills and Gregg township citizens have organized a fire company to be known as the Gregg Township Fire Company No. 1.

The first meeting of the company was held in the Grange Hall at Spring Mills with 16 present at which time the following temporary officers were elected: Ralph Shook, president; W. Bright Blitzer, treasurer; and Walter E. Hering, secretary. Men over 21 years of age are eligible to become members of the new organization.

At another meeting, November 2, it was announced that the new organization now has a membership of 86. At this meeting a partial draft of by-laws was presented and discussed.

GRAND JURY TO HEAR EIGHT BILLS

Session to Open Monday; Only One Summary Case Listed

Eight bills of indictment are scheduled to be presented to the Grand Jury for December court when that body convenes here on Monday. Only one case is listed to be heard at the regular session of summary and domestic relations court to be held before Judge Ivan Walker next Wednesday. It was reported yesterday by the District Attorney's office.

Cases listed for presentation to the Grand Jury are: J. Arthur Shuey, Milesburg, Viol. Veh. Code. Alfred L. Estright, Bellefonte, F. & B. Charles Barendt, of Philipsburg, Burglary. Arch Hodes, Mrs. Arch Hodes and Samuel Hodes, Philipsburg, Ag. A. & B. and Disorderly Conduct. Whorton Fye, Moshannon, Forgery. Lester J. Hines, Bellefonte, R. D. Non-support. Roosevelt McDonald, Port Matilda, Viol. Veh. Code. Whorton Fye, Moshannon, Pointing Deadly Weapons. The single case for Summary Court is: Kenneth E. Bohn, State College, Desertion.

Bellefonte Soldier's Outfit Withheld Fire to Save Lives

Although Private Miles K. Nelson of Bellefonte, who recently was awarded the Purple Heart for wounds suffered in France, he undoubtedly caused many Nazi casualties, and saved many American troops from the same fate.

Successfully convalescing in the 158th General Hospital in England from a shrapnel wound of his thigh, suffered near St. Lo, the young coast artilleryman told how discretion proved to be the better part of valor during his first day of action.

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County Man Promoted to Major



Major Kenneth L. Royer

Effective October 30, Captain Kenneth L. Royer, son of Mrs. Pearl E. Hackman, Madisonburg, was promoted to the rank of Major at Langley Field, Va., one of the major installations of the Army Air Forces Training Command.

Enlisting September 16, 1941, as an air cadet, Major Royer went to Maxwell Field, Ala. for training and in March, 1942, he received his wings as a navigator and his commission as a 2nd Lieutenant in the Air Corps. He was navigation in-

structor at Turner Field, Ga., for four months and in June, 1942, reported to Langley Field, where he was a navigator for the 5th Escort Attack Group. As group navigation officer he was promoted to 1st Lieutenant and then Captain. He later became Squadron Radar Officer, Navigation and Bombing, which position he holds today.

Prior to his enlistment in the army, Major Royer worked in the Glenn L. Martin plant in Baltimore, Md.

PTA TO MEET HERE TUESDAY NIGHT

"Back to School" Program Planned For Parents; Movie Scheduled

"Back to School" will be the theme of a Bellefonte Parent-Teacher Association meeting to be held at 7:30 Tuesday, November 28, at the Bellefonte High School.

Parents and teachers will meet in the study hall, room 712 and from there will proceed to the various classrooms occupied during the day by their sons and daughters. In three fifteen-minute periods the parents will have an opportunity to see how subjects are taught in senior and junior high school and will have an opportunity to question teachers about various phases of classroom work. The usual procedure of passing to and from classes will be followed as closely as possible so that parents can familiarize themselves with school routine.

During "lunch time" refreshments will be served in the cafeteria and while lunch is in progress the business session will be held. After the business meeting a film entitled, "Character, Personality and Character" will be shown in the high school auditorium.

The special "Back to School" program was arranged in observance of National Education Week and a large turnout is hoped for.

To Give Iron Lung To Hospital Here

A portable iron lung, purchased for the Centre County Hospital by the Bellefonte lodge, Loyal Order of Moose, is expected to arrive here in the near future and the machine will become a valuable addition to the facilities of that institution.

The lung was ordered after authorization had been approved by the lodge at a regular meeting last Wednesday night, according to Walter E. Hering, secretary of the organization.

According to Mr. Hering, the device is the only type being used by the Army and Navy, and incorporates all the latest improvements devised for this particular kind of equipment. It is manufactured by the William J. Millikin Company of Washington, D. C.

While the instrument will be located at the hospital, it is completely portable and may be transported quickly anywhere for emergency service. It will operate on regular house current or storage batteries.

Although the use of the iron lung is most popularly associated with infantile paralysis cases, it is a highly versatile instrument, according to Mr. Hering. Its value has been demonstrated in cases of drowning, asphyxiation, partial paralysis, poisonous gases, and other emergencies affecting the respiratory organs.

Plans for instructing members of the fire departments and first aid squads of different industries in the use of the lung so that its use in an emergency will not be restricted to hospital personnel, are being considered, Mr. Hering stated.

Thanksgiving Service for Local Churches

On the morning of Thanksgiving Day, a union service for all the churches of Bellefonte will be held in the Presbyterian church at 9 o'clock.

The sermon will be preached by the Rev. C. Nevin Stamm, pastor of the Reformed church. The public is urged to attend this service.

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9 NURSES' AIDES COMPLETE COURSE

Receive Certificates at Exercises; Dr. E. H. Adams is Speaker

Nine Bellefonte and State College Nurses' Aides received their certificates at graduation exercises in the chapel of the Bellefonte Presbyterian church last Thursday night.

Dr. E. H. Adams of Bellefonte, was the speaker and the presentation of caps, pins and certificates, was in charge of Mrs. Nellie Geary, superintendent of the Centre County Hospital, and Mrs. Edward Harris, Jr., of Pleasant Gap, nurse instructor of the group. Glenn Aumiller of Bellefonte, administered the O. C. D. oath.

Others participating in the program were Mrs. Ernest Martin, of Bellefonte, who sang several solos, accompanied on the piano by Mrs. Maud Gettler, and Miss Joan O'Hara, also of Bellefonte, who presented several piano selections. The final number on the program was the singing of the "Star Spangled Banner," by Mrs. Ernest Martin and the audience.

This was the second class of Nurses' Aides to be graduated since the Bellefonte-State College chapters of the American Red Cross sponsored the course about a year ago.

Members of the second class who received their caps, pins and certificates last Thursday were: Mrs. Catherine F. Anderson, Miss Jean E. Dunn, Mrs. Eleanor B. Garbrick, Miss Rose Marie Nels, Miss Isabel M. Sager, Miss Susan Scibick, all of Bellefonte; Mrs. Jane C. Lower and Mrs. Katherine K. Rupp, of State College; and Miss Elizabeth Ann Wetzel, of Milesburg.

Bellefonte Students On College Dean's List

On the Dean's List of the School of Liberal Arts at Penn State for the summer session were the following sophomores—all graduates of the Bellefonte High School, class of 1942:

Mary E. Swartz, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde G. Swartz, of East Logan street, who had an average of 2.9. Sara E. Risan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Earl T. Risan, of West Curtin street, whose average was 2.6. Frederick A. Duggett, Jr., son of Mrs. C. C. Alexander, of East Curtin street, who was on the Navy V-12 Dean's List with an average of 2.7.

Revival in Progress at Unionville Church

Revival services at the Unionville Free Methodist church began Monday evening, with Rev. H. W. VanValin, of Pittsburgh, former minister of Unionville, in charge. Services begin at 7:30 o'clock each evening and will continue through December 3.

Through an unfortunate typographical error in last week's announcement it was reported that the services would begin November 30, instead of the correct date, November 20.