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10 County Men Wounded, 2 Seriously; Man Missing

Pvt. Paul R. Meeker, Pine Glen, Seriously Wounded in Belgium. Seaman Taylor Suffers Burns of Hands.

At the close of another week of World War II, casualty reports revealed ten more Centre countians wounded, two of them seriously, on the various battlefronts, and another missing in action.

The wounded are:

Pvt. Paul R. Meeker, 27, of Pine Glen, seriously wounded in Belgium, October 26.

Seaman Richard Taylor, of Bellefonte, seriously wounded aboard a warship in the Pacific area. Later reports indicate that he suffered burns of both hands.

Pfc. Leo D. Sholl, 23, Bellefonte, slightly wounded in France, November 8.

Pvt. Charles R. Dickson, Bellefonte, slightly wounded in France, November 9.

Lt. Donald C. Immel, 26, Centre, Pa., slightly wounded in France, November 6.

Pfc. Luther Page, 23, Oak Hill, slightly wounded in Holland, November 5.

Pvt. Walter J. Knepp, 22, Tusseyville, slightly wounded in Holland, November 11.

Lt. William R. Confer, 26, Centre, Pa., slightly wounded in France.

Pfc. Richard Isenberg, 22, Oak Hill, who started a live ammunition in action on Guam on July 23.

Pvt. Steve Parnay, 19, Clarence, slightly wounded in France, November 9.

The missing man is:

Capt. S. Bruce Gilliland, formerly of State College, missing in action in France since November 7.

Pvt. Meeker, Wounded

Pvt. Paul R. Meeker, 27, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Meeker, of Pine Glen, was seriously wounded in Belgium on October 26, according to word received this week by his parents.

Pvt. Meeker entered the service on December 1, 1942, and received training at Camp Adair, Oregon, and Camp Carson, Colo. About two months ago he was sent overseas where he was serving in the infantry. Prior to entering the service he was employed by the J. H. France Company in Snow Shoe.

He has a brother, Floyd, who is with the armed forces in the Philippines.

Seaman Taylor Wounded

Richard C. Taylor, 22, of Bellefonte, husband of the former Jean Stover and son of Mr. and Mrs. William C. Taylor, all of Willowbank street, Bellefonte, was seriously wounded in action in the South Pacific, according to a War Department telegram received by his wife last Tuesday.

Seaman Taylor, well known proprietor of the Taylor grocery store on Willowbank street, entered the Navy on June 1 this year, and upon completing boot training at Bainbridge, Md., was sent to San Diego, Cal., where he was stationed for a short time before August 15, when he was assigned to Pearl Harbor.

From there he was sent to active duty in the South Pacific.

His wife was not unprepared for

the Department message, for on October 17 she received a letter from one of his friends. In the letter the friend reported that "Dick" had been in a slight accident, and that he was injured. He added that as the letter was written "Dick" was propped up in bed smoking, and that he expected to write soon. The Bellefonte man is believed to have been serving aboard a carrier at the time he was wounded.

On Friday Seaman Taylor's wife received a letter from a nurse who has been attending her husband aboard the hospital ship Solace. In the letter the nurse reported that he had suffered burns of the hands, and that he is able to walk about the ship. The extent of the burns or the manner in which they were suffered were not given in the letter.

He was graduated from the Bellefonte High School in the class of 1935 and for five years before entering military service operated the Taylor grocery here. A member of the Bellefonte IOOF lodge, he was one of several lodge members who took care of the many details connected with the construction of the new IOOF bowling alleys in the lodge building on West High street. At the time he entered the service

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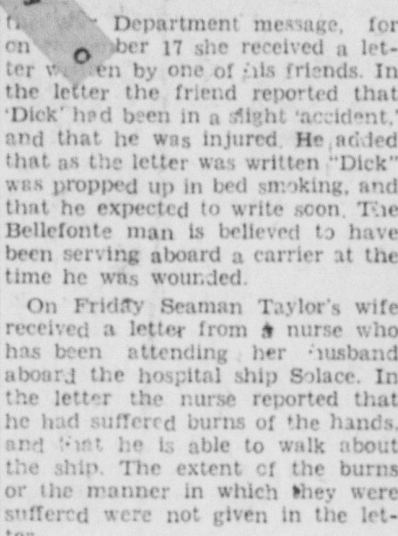
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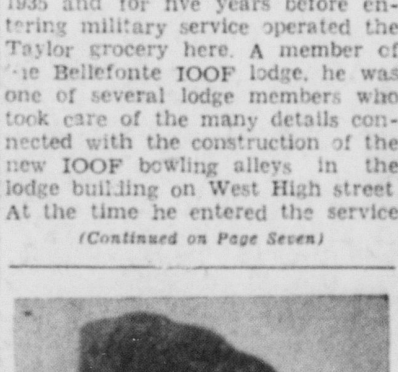
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SEAMAN RICHARD TAYLOR Wounded Aboard Ship



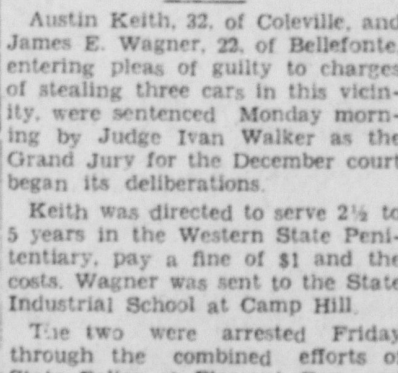
PVT. PAUL R. MEEKER Wounded in Belgium



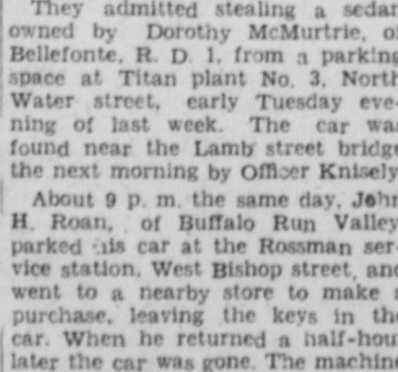
PVT. CHARLES R. DICKSON Wounded in France



LT. DONALD C. IMMEL Wounded in France



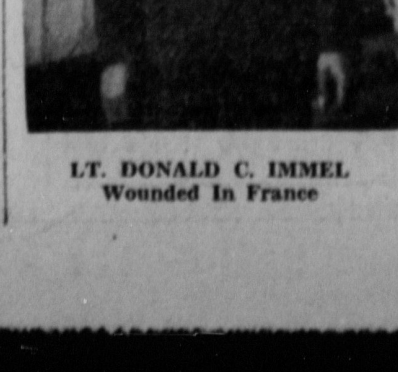
PVT. CECIL G. KEISTER Wounded Second Time



LT. WILLIAM R. CONFER Wounded in France



PVT. STEVE PARNAY Wounded in France



PFC. RICHARD ISENBERG Wounded in France

TO HOLD WAR BOND AUCTION DECEMBER 8

Cigarettes, Butter, Hams, New Furniture to be Sold

KIWANIS CLUB SPONSORS SALE

Music, Talks by Veteran Airmen Listed on Program

Rare items such as cigarettes by the carton, butter, hams, possibly a few nylon stockings, and other hard-to-get merchandise are scheduled to be offered at public sale at a War Bond Auction to be held at the Bellefonte High School auditorium on Friday evening, December 8.

The auction, sponsored by the Bellefonte Kiwanis Club, will be a highlight of Bellefonte's participation in the 6th War Loan Campaign, now under way.

In addition to foodstuffs and cigarettes, bed springs and mattresses, furniture of various types, clothing, and scores of household articles—all of them brand new, will be sold.

A varied program is being prepared for the auction. The American Legion Orchestra with soloist Miss Dorothy Reese will be present to provide music. The Kiwanis Quartette will appear in several numbers, and there will be group singing.

The crew of a bomber which saw much action on various war fronts will appear on the platform, and two airmen with long records of accomplishment overseas will speak.

One of them is Lt. Edward Mullmaki, of Quincy, Mass., who was on bombing missions over France, Austria, Germany, Rumania, and Jugoslavia before his plane was shot down on a raid over the Ploesti oil fields. He was taken in by peasants and later was sent to a prison camp.

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Bellefonte Lieutenant Weds

Lieutenant and Mrs. Russell Newton Gandy



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Lieutenant Gandy and his bride are pictured above following their wedding Sunday afternoon, November 19, at Memphis, Tenn. The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Gandy, West Lamb street, Bellefonte. The bride is the former Dorothy Washburn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Franklin Walker, of Memphis.

The wedding was impressively solemnized at the home of the bride's parents, who were beautifully decked with white blossoms, greenery and taper light. Chaplain Eubanks of the Fourth Ferrying Group officiated.

The bride was smartly attired in a suit of maize gabardine, worn with a little matching gabardine hat. She carried a white prayer book, surrounded with orchids and showered with white ribbon and little white blossoms.

Mary Craymes was her maid of honor. Capt. Specht attended the groom as best man. The wedding

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Girl Is Molested On Dark Street

Telephone Operator Here Escapes When Car Approaches; Suffers Minor Injuries; Police Seek Assailant.

Police investigating the molesting of Miss Anna Marie Dickson, 18, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin F. Dickson, of Willowbank street, late Sunday night near her home, yesterday declared that several suspects have been questioned but that no arrests have been made.

Miss Dickson, a graduate of the Bellefonte High School in June this year, and employed in the local Bell Telephone exchange since that time, left the exchange at 10 p. m. Sunday to go home. Her parents, who usually meet her outside the exchange building on North Allegheny street, to accompany her home, were detained and did not arrive at the building until after she had gone.

The girl was accompanied as far as the foot of "hospital hill" by another operator, and from that point she continued on alone.

As she neared the top of the hill, she noticed a man walking down the main sidewalk from the Centre County Hospital, across the road. He was whistling, and she noticed that he began following her, continuing his whistling.

The man passed the girl on the deserted and poorly lighted stretch of road between the top of Hospital hill and the Taylor grocery store. He walked on ahead of her for a few feet, stooped over as though to tie his shoe, and she passed him.

Miss Dickson had gone only a few steps past the man when he ran up behind her, threw one arm about her neck, and jammed the fingers of his other hand in her mouth.

He dragged her over to the highway guard fence at a point about 100 feet east of the Taylor grocery. There he tried to drag her over the fence, apparently with the idea of carrying her down a five-foot embankment to a level space which formerly was the site of a small building. A shed is located at one side of the level area.

Miss Dickson grasped the guard cable with her hands and held on, while the man struggled with her and three times warned "If you scream, I'll kill you." Those were the only words he spoke during the entire scuffle, the victim said. The girl attempted to scream, but was unable to because of the man's hand.

After a struggle which lasted about five minutes, Miss Dickson said, a car coming from the direction of Buffalo Run Valley halted at the stop sign where the valley road enters the Bellefonte-State College highway, and as the car moved into the highway its headlights lit up the area of the struggle.

The man, apparently frightened

by the approach of the car, left go and ran down over the small embankment and then down over a steep embankment leading to the edge of Spring Creek.

The girl ran across the road to the Charles Rosenman home, and

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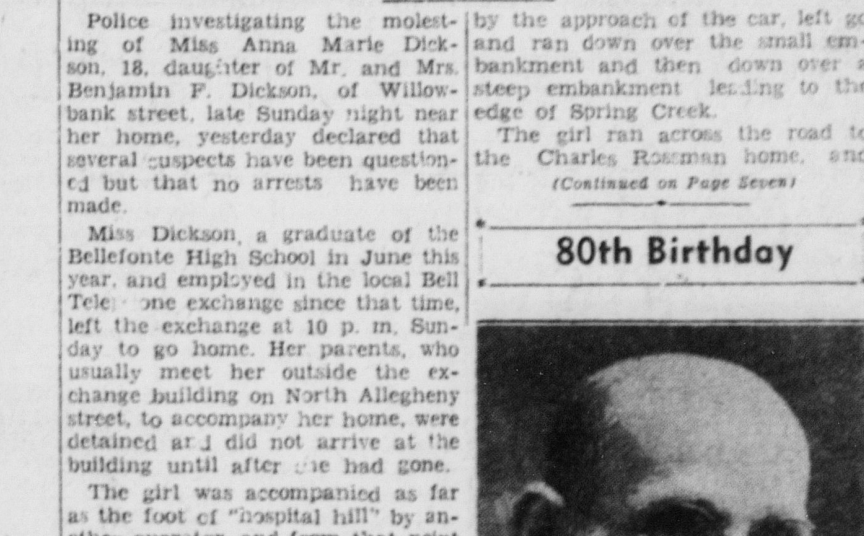
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80th Birthday

Benton D. Tate



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Mr. Tate, native and one of the older residents of Bellefonte, on Monday observed his 80th birthday at his home on South Spring street.

Mr. Tate, a son of the late D. K. and Theresa Kelley Tate, was born on Penn street where the family lived when his father was one of the town's outstanding contractors. Of the family only four survive: "Bent" and Harry, of Ranko, Va.; Kirkpatrick, of New York, and Mrs. George A. Bezer, of the Liberty apartments.

As a young man Mr. Tate went to New York and was employed for a few years by a wholesale firm. Returning to Bellefonte he entered the employ of the Bell Telephone Company and was chief lineman for that company here when failing eyesight forced his retirement.

Despite his blindness, Mr. Tate is as alert as ever mentally and physically.

The birthday was celebrated with little ceremony. He received friends during the day at the home of the Clyde Love family on South Spring street, in which he has lived for 33 years. The dinner table bore a birthday cake with eighty candles, baked by his sister, Mrs. George Bezer.

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TWO SENTENCED IN CAR THEFTS

Grand Jury Completes Duties; 7 True Bills Returned

Austin Keith, 22, of Coleville, and James E. Wagner, 23, of Bellefonte, entering pleas of guilty to charges of stealing three cars in this vicinity, were sentenced Monday morning by Judge Ivan Walker as the Grand Jury for the December court began its deliberations.