

LOCALS

—Miss Julia Cooney returned last week to her home in Erie after spending two weeks at the Flack-Poorman home on Reynolds avenue.
—Mr. and Mrs. Allen Hewitt and the latter's brother, James Newcomb, left last week for Squirrel Hill, suburban Pittsburgh, to make their home.
—Pvt. Robert Witmer, who is stationed at the air base at Ft. Dix, N. J., is spending a 14-day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Witmer of Reynolds avenue.
—Mr. and Mrs. John Frank, of Harrisburg, and Mr. and Mrs. Ray Williams, of Pennsylvania Furnace, spent Sunday in Bellefonte as guests of Mr. and Mrs. L. Scott Stover, of East Howard street.
—The real estate and residence of the late William H. Ott, on West High Street, will be offered at public sale Saturday afternoon, December 16. The sale begins at 12:30 p. m. L. Frank Mayes, auctioneer.
—Mrs. John Love of East Linn street left Sunday for Philadelphia to spend several days with her sister, Mrs. Catherin in the Wolfers. While away Mrs. Love will also visit in New York with her brother, Robert Whitmer.
—Lt. James Pettigill of Gore Field, Great Falls, Mont., spent several days last week with his sister, Mrs. Robert Waite of the Friedman apartments, and also with Mrs. Pettigill's mother, Mrs. David Hempill of West Bishop street.
—Mrs. Jennie Gardner who had been occupying an apartment at the home of her sister, Mrs. George A. Miller on North Spring street, is now making her home with the Misses Isabel and Hazel Johnson, also of North Spring street.
—The regular luncheon and meeting of the Bellefonte Kiwanis Club, Tuesday noon at the Penn Belle Hotel, will be in the form of a Christmas party, with each member bringing a gift of not more than 50 cents in value for exchange.
—Pvt. John R. Gingham, of Bellefonte, who recently was home on a furlough, has been transferred from the Engineers school at Ft. Belvoir, Va., to Camp Funston, Ft. Riley, Kansas, where he is assigned to an engineering combat battalion.
—George R. Thomas, seaman, second class, who recently completed boot training at Great Lakes, Ill., is spending the customary nine-day leave with his wife and daughter, Connie, and also his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Thomas Sr., all of Coleville.
—Cpl. Edward W. Witmer, who has just returned to this country from the European war and is in Bellefonte Monday to spend a 17-day furlough with his wife, who lives on Willowbank street, and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Witmer, of Reynolds avenue.
—The Dramatic Section of the Bellefonte Woman's Club will meet at the home of Mrs. Wendell Bearce, East Lamb Street, at 8 o'clock Wednesday evening, December 20, to discuss the play "The Sign of the Cross" in the form of a Christmas covered dish supper. There will be a 50-cent gift exchange.
—William Brachbill, two-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. William Brachbill, of South Spring Street, Monday returned home from the Centre County Hospital, where he had been undergoing treatment for several weeks because of a severe infection. The child is reported to be recovering steadily.
—A meeting of the American Home Section of the Bellefonte Woman's Club will be held Monday, December 18 at 2:30 p. m. at the home of Mrs. Robert Eckenrode, with Mrs. Harry Meyer co-hostess. A covered dish luncheon will be served, followed by a Christmas party. Each member is asked to bring a 25-cent gift to exchange.
—Philadelphia and New York newspapers during the weekend carried an Associated Press photograph of interest to Bellefonte residents. The photo showed a reunion in New Guinea between Sgt. Marion Cronemiller, of Bellefonte, member of the WAC and her son, Lt. Phil D. Cronemiller, after his transport put into a New Guinea port. Lt. Cronemiller is a son of Capt. Cronemiller, of the Penn Belle Hotel, Bellefonte.
—Mr. and Mrs. Paul N. Eckley, of Valley View, were called to Camp Patrick Henry, Va., Monday night, because of the critical illness of their son, Pvt. Wayne Eckley, who has been stationed there. Pvt. Eckley's brother, TS Malcolm Eckley, who was at a redistribution center in Atlantic City, was notified of his brother's illness and through the Red Cross Home Service obtained a 10-day furlough. He left Atlantic City, Tuesday afternoon, to join his parents at Camp Patrick Henry.
—Pvt. Albert Dale Ebeling on Monday departed for Elgin Field, Florida, to resume his duties there after spending a ten-day furlough with his mother, Mrs. Nora Ebeling and family, of West High Street. Two other sons, Cpl. John Ebeling, of Camp Lee, Va., and Otto Ebeling, A.S. of the Great Lakes Naval Training Station, Illinois, are expected to arrive here December 20 to spend a week or more at their mother's home. Seaman Ebeling is completing his boot training at Great Lakes.
—Employees of the Bellefonte Murphy Store held a dinner last Wednesday night at the Brockerhoff Hotel. After the dinner there was a Christmas party in the store at which time gifts were exchanged. The following were present: Janet Emehizer, Betty Gordon, Vera Peterson, Marjorie Aikey, Julia Colo, Virginia Gray, Anna May Coso, Mrs. S. Roan, Mrs. A. Houser, Mrs. E. Fisher, Mrs. M. House, Mrs. K. Gordon, Helen Whiteman, Arlene Emehizer, Mrs. P. Stonebraker, Mrs. F. Long, Mrs. D. Colpetzer, Mrs. M. Fetzer, Candace R. Crossmyer, Agnes Kutches, Elizabeth Hendershot, Mrs. M. Fromm, Vivian Kelley, Lillian Hoy, Helen Kesinger, Mrs. M. Swartz, Betty Thall, Robert Harlett, C. Brown, O. Billett and H. Gearhart.

—Mrs. John Watson, of Altoona, was in Bellefonte last week for a day's visit with her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Allison Holabough, of the Friedman apartments.
—Mr. and Mrs. Paul Plymmer and daughter, Elizabeth Anna, of York, were in Bellefonte Wednesday for a visit with Mrs. Plymmer's brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. William J. Soger, of the Rogers apartment.
—First Lieut. Phillip Haupt, who has been in the Pacific war theatre for more than a year, arrived in Bellefonte Saturday to spend a leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Haupt, of South Allegheny street. This is Lt. Haupt's first visit home in more than two and one-half years.
—John A. Anderson, water tender, 1/c, who recently landed in Seattle, Wash., after serving 19 months in the Mexican Islands, arrived in Bellefonte last Thursday to spend a 30-day leave with his wife, of South Water street, and also with his father, John Anderson, of East Bishop street.
—Christian Hartman of near Bellefonte, suffered a severe injury to his left hand and body bruises Friday evening when a truck under which he was working at the Hill garage on East Bishop street, slipped from its blocking, pinning him underneath. He was taken to the Centre County Hospital where the hand was treated.
—Mrs. Sarah Warman and two children, of Detroit, Mich., were here during the weekend to attend the funeral of the three children of the late Robert Rossman, who lost their lives here last year, a night when gas escaping from a kitchen range filled the apartment in which they were asleep. The services were held Saturday.
—Mr. and Mrs. Donald Wion, of Hartford, Conn., came to Bellefonte recently for a visit with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Willis Wion, of East Howard street, and Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Fromm, of North Spring street. Last Thursday the younger Mr. Wion left to begin service in the U. S. Army. His wife, who before their marriage last summer was the former Florence Fromm expects to remain with her parents for the present.
—Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Emel, of East Bend street, Bellefonte, received a letter last week from their son, Lt. John Emel, stating that he felt sustained back injuries when he fell while fighting a fire in France. His letter read in part: "At a fire the other day I was at the top of a ladder when something happened and the ladder was thrown out from under me and of course, landed on my head with a sprained back. It's a little better now but far from being right." Lt. Emel, former state highway employe in Centre county, was employed at the Industrial School at Camp Hill near Harrisburg before entering the service.
—Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Bryan, of Milesburg, have received word of the promotion of their son, Donald E. Bryan, from electrician's mate second class, to electrician's mate second class. E. M. 2/c Bryan entered the service in March 1943 at the age of 17 years and upon completion of boot training at Great Lakes, Ill., was granted a seven-day furlough which he spent at his parental home. He has not been home since that time. He is now in the Pacific area, serving aboard a destroyer escort in the Pacific area. Prior to being assigned to sea duty he underwent a four months' course in electrical engineering at Purdue University.
—Among those from out-of-town in Bellefonte Friday for the funeral of former Judge M. Ward Fleming, were James L. Adams, George Peters, R. P. Dunsmore, Mr. and Mrs. George Shekell, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wiedler, Sam Finberg, Robert Glatfelter, Phillipburg; A. R. Warnock, Hugh C. Pyle, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bender, Mr. and Mrs. Edward R. Miller, Richard Kennard, Claude Aikens, Charles M. Graff, E. K. Hilsbman, Ray Watkins, State College; Howard Kosko, Andy Kosko, Andy Karbino, Clarence Roy, Dr. J. W. Clancy, J. W. Riordan, Rockview; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Miller and daughter, Catherine, Butler; Arden Fleming, Miss Mildred Fleming, Mr. and Mrs. Robert W. Shoup, Mr. and Mrs. Craig Dickson, Eugene Fleming, Williamsport.
—W. W. Keckhine, proprietor of the Larch Tree filling station at Nittany, has figured out a unique way of rationing his limited supply ofette supply to customers. Evidently getting tired of being accused of partiality in dealing out smokes, Bill resurrected an antique glass coin tray that could be found on any cigar case years ago. The bottom of the tray is of roulette design containing numbers. A ball is rolled upon the tray and upon which number the customer determines the operator's luck. The proprietor has now gotten away from much of the confusion in selling cigarettes. When a customer asks for a pack of his favorite brand, he is granted one free roll of the ball. If it stops on a lucky number he is entitled to purchase one pack. If the ball chooses another number, the purchaser is out of luck and gets no cigarettes. The idea is apparently proving satisfactory with the Larch Tree patrons.
—This office is in receipt of a photo from India, showing Cpl. Malcolm E. Gordon and Cpl. Phillip Gordon, Bellefonte brothers, at the time of their unexpected meeting, but unfortunately the faces are too badly shadowed for reproduction in print. Entering different branches of the service over two years ago, the Gordons were planning a reunion after the war, but fate moved up the date and the two met in North Africa last year. Recently, Malcolm, who is stationed with the 10th Air Force somewhere in Burma, arrived at an Air Service Command Base in India, and again ran into his brother, Phillip, who is in a quartermaster truck company. The World Almanac lists the population of North Africa, India and Burma as being larger than somewhat, but to the Gordon boys it is still a small world. They are sons of Mr. and Mrs. Fred (Crabbe) Gordon of North Thomas street.

—Max Gamble, of Reading, was here early last week for several days hunting in Centre county woods.
—Mrs. Ruth Fridgens, of Harrisburg, spent the weekend with her mother, Mrs. Sarah Waite and family of Willowbank street.
—Herman Startzenbaugh and son, Herman, Jr., of Philadelphia, spent last week as guests of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Kane and family of Phoenix avenue.
—Miss Kathryn Cohl, of North Penn street, and Mrs. Frank Wilson of West Bishop street, spent last Wednesday in Huntingdon on a business mission.
—Mrs. Sara Dawson, of West High street, last Thursday went to Seymour, Ind., for an indefinite visit with her daughter, Mrs. Beulah Smith Fetterman.
—Frank Stevens, P. M. 1/c, of Portmouth, Va., arrived in Bellefonte last week for a visit with his parents, Dr. and Mrs. R. L. Stevens, of East Curtis street.
—Mrs. Edward Harper, of East High street, left last Thursday for Lakewood, Ohio, where she will visit indefinitely with her niece, Mrs. Josephine Bentley, who is ill.
—Mrs. Lila Markley, of Uniontown, is in Bellefonte to spend the winter months with her daughter, Mrs. Lula Witmer, at the George Rothrock home on North Wilson street.
—Mr. and Mrs. Fred Showers, of Altoona, were in Bellefonte last Thursday on a day's business and pleasure trip. Mr. Showers is a son of the late Mrs. Alice Showers of Bellefonte.
—Mrs. Mary E. Runkle of Niagara Falls, arrived in Centre county on Saturday for a week's visit with Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Runkle on Water street, Bellefonte, and with Miss Laura Runkle, at the Centre Hall Hotel.
—Ensign Willard H. Kissell, who recently completed a naval course at Cornell University, Ithaca, N. Y., arrived in Bellefonte last Wednesday on a ten-day leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Kissell, of East Bishop street.
—The Bellefonte Music Club met last Wednesday at the home of Mrs. Mahlon Robb, on East Curtis street. A paper on Negro and folk music was read by Mrs. Harry N. Meyer, and Mrs. John Eisenhour gave a talk on the lives of contemporary Negro artists. The Centre county roads were played to illustrate various phases of her talk. Miss Kathryn Burkett explained how Negro spirituals were utilized by Devorak in his New World Symphony. Parts of the symphony were played to illustrate the talk. The club will not meet in January, the next meeting being scheduled for February at the home of Mrs. W. Leslie Thomas.
—Mr. and Mrs. Fred R. Osman and Mr. and Mrs. William M. Osman motored to Martinsburg, Va., Sunday, to bring home their brother, Pte. Boyd R. Osman, who is spending a thirty-day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Osman, of East Logan street. Pte. Osman arrived in San Francisco May 10, where he was a patient in the Letterman General Hospital until May 29 when he was brought to the Newton D. Baker General Hospital for treatment for a serious skin disease contracted while in New Guinea. Boyd entered service January 23, 1942, and went to the South Pacific in June, 1942, this being his first home in 2 1/2 years. Boyd is a son of the late Pte. Osman, who served with the armed forces from January to November, 1941, most of which time was spent in Hawaii, and was recalled after the Pearl Harbor attack. Before entering service he was a Titan employe, Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Osman have two other sons in service. Pte. Benjamin F. Osman is stationed in the South Pacific area, and Cpl. Albert V. Osman is located in Italy.
Foot-Deep Snow Ties Up County Traffic
Snow which began Monday afternoon and continued at intervals through most of Tuesday blanketed the county to a depth of from 9 to 12 inches, paralyzing traffic in many areas and giving the Highway Department's 67 men employed on plows and trucks an overwhelming task.
Main highways were kept in fair condition but other roads could not be opened because of lack of men. In many areas high winds piled up large drifts which increased the traffic tie-up.
Tuesday's falling temperatures turned snow into a mixture of snow and ice, and up until last night low temperatures prevented any great improvement in conditions. In Bellefonte borough employes kept the streets open, but the gutters are filled with banks of snow, and a layer of ice and snow covers all streets.
It was the first major snowstorm of the winter and is unusually severe for this early in the year.
Hazel Named Head of Gap Firemen
At the annual organization meeting of the Pleasant Gap Fire Company, Friday night, Laure Hazel was elected president for the coming year.
Other officers named were: Frederick Shaffer, vice-president; Paul Milner, secretary; J. D. Corman, corresponding secretary; E. W. Somers, treasurer, and Rea Flores, Hoover Noll and Roy H. Adams, trustees.
William Shuey was elected chief, and assistants chosen were Blaine Brooks, Stellard Beightol and A. H. Smith.
The company voted to purchase a \$500 War Bond.
The Pleasant Gap Fire Company has a total membership of 125 of which 78, or approximately 62 per cent, are serving in the armed forces. The company owns and maintains an ambulance for all residents of Pleasant Gap, free of charge, and the ambulance is in use on an average of once a week.
The interior of the company house is completely redecorated last summer.

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