



## Five County Men On Casualty Lists

### Pfc. Herbert G. Yarnell, Valley View, Killed in Italy; Man Missing in Action; Local Soldier Is Prisoner; Two Slightly Wounded

The week's casualty reports from World War II battlefronts lists one Centre county man killed, one missing in action, one a prisoner of war, and two wounded.

Pfc. Herbert G. Yarnell, 21, of Valley View, was killed in action in Italy on February 23.

Pfc. Ralph H. E. Immel, 18, of Centre Hall, has been missing in action in Germany since February 20.

Pfc. Estell J. Swatsworth, of Bellefonte, previously listed as missing in action in Belgium since December 18, is reported to be a prisoner of war in Germany.

The wounded are:

T/S Frank W. Dean, 30, Pine Grove Mills, slightly wounded in Germany, February 20.

Pvt. Everett J. Fauzey, 18, Bellefonte, R. D. 1, slightly wounded in Germany, February 23.

#### Pfc. Yarnell Killed

A War Department telegram received last Thursday by Mr. and Mrs. Francis E. Yarnell of Valley View, Bellefonte, revealed that their son, Pfc. Herbert G. Yarnell, 21, was killed in action on February 23, in Italy.

"The county soldier was called for service December 22, 1942, and at New Cumberland was assigned to the ski troops and was sent to Camp Hale, Colo., to begin training. He remained there about a year and then was sent to the Aleutians where he remained on duty about six months.

Pfc. Yarnell then returned to the United States and after spending a 21-day furlough at his parents' home was sent to Camp Carson, Colo., and then again to Camp Hale for advanced training. He remained there for eight months before being given another furlough.

After a 15-day visit home he left for an eastern embarkation point and went overseas in January of this year, landing in Italy. The last letter he wrote his mother was received a month ago when he requested her to send him "salt, pepper and candles."

Pfc. Yarnell attended Bellefonte High School and was employed as a truck driver by the Bellefonte Saftler Stores at the time of entering service. Born at Union Furnace, March 20, 1923, he was a son of Francis and Reba Spencer Yarnell. In addition to his parents, three brothers and a sister survive. They are Cpl. Marion F. now in France; Richard, Miss Josephine and Jackie, all at home.

#### Pfc. Immel Missing

Pfc. Ralph H. E. Immel, 18, son of Mrs. Mabel Immel of Centre Hall, has been missing in action in Germany since February 20, it was disclosed in a War Department telegram received Friday by his mother.

The Centre Hall soldier, who was serving with an infantry division of the Third Army under General Patton, is a brother of Lt. Donald Immel, who was seriously wounded in action in France last November 6. Pfc. Immel was inducted into the

### Car Strikes Pole at Howard Intersection

A car driven by Paul Albright, of Altoona, a guard at the Piper plant in Lock Haven, was badly damaged late Tuesday when it struck a telephone pole at the corner of Main and Walnut streets in Howard.

Mr. Albright and two women and a baby in the car escaped serious injury.

According to reports Mr. Albright was traveling east on Main street when he turned suddenly to the right to enter Walnut street. The car failed to make the turn and crashed into a pole in front of the Carrie Butler home. One of the women suffered a laceration of the eye, and the other a nose laceration and injury to one finger.

Both machines were badly damaged. Spicer and three or four passengers in his car escaped injury. There was no one in the Deitrich car.

Spicer was scheduled to have a hearing last night before Justice of the Peace William H. Brown here on charges of motor code violations.

## MILLHEIM MAN TAKES OWN LIFE

### Mitchell H. Swartz, 68, Found Dead in Shed Near Home

A 68-year-old man residing near Spring Mills spent Saturday night in Millheim, visited a tobacco store where he purchased his usual allotment of tobacco, talked with friends, and about midnight went home.

Arriving there he changed into old clothing, went to a nearby inn, placed the muzzle of a 12-gauge shotgun under his chin and pulled the trigger.

His lifeless body was discovered in the shed about 7 a. m. Sunday, when members of his daughter's family, with whom he resided, started a search for him.

The deceased is Mitchell Herbert Swartz, who made his home with his son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. S. John Moser, near the Heckman cemetery, Spring Mills, R. D. 2. Members of the Moser family could assign no reason for the act, other than that Mr. Swartz for several days had seemed to be greatly worried.

Centre County Coroner Charles (Continued on page six)

## Man Jailed After Motor Crash Here

Earl E. Spicer, 18, of Bellefonte, R. D. 1, was lodged in the county jail late Tuesday night after a car he was driving struck a machine parked at the Centre County Hospital nurses' home on Willowbank street.

Spicer was driving west on Willowbank street when his car ran to the left of the road to strike a machine owned by Sarah Deitrich, a nurse at the hospital. Miss Deitrich and Miss Virginia Bertram, also a nurse at the institution, had just left the Deitrich car a moment before it was struck.

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## BOY HIT BY CAR SERIOUSLY HURT

### Philip Bathurst, 8, of Tyrone, Struck by College Woman's Machine

Philip Bathurst, 8, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Bathurst, of Tyrone, formerly of Bellefonte, was seriously injured last Thursday night when he was struck by a car on Park avenue, Tyrone. He is a patient in the Altoona hospital where his condition, while slightly improved, remains serious.

The youth suffered a fracture of the upper left leg, a possible fracture of the skull, possible internal injuries, a bad laceration of the right ear, laceration of the left knee, laceration of the lower leg and numerous bruise burns covering practically the entire area of his body.

Tyrone police said Mrs. Betty Stephens, of State College, struck the child. She told investigating officers that she stopped at once and picked up the child. A sailor who was a passenger in the car, told Philip until they arrived at a physician's office. After receiving treatment there the boy was sent by ambulance to the hospital. For a time the boy was unidentified and the mother, bearing of the accident, went to the physician's office.

Mrs. Bathurst is the former Adelaide Bartlett, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Bartlett, of Bellefonte. She spent most of her life with her grandmother, Sarah Bathurst, in Bellefonte.

Tyrone police are investigating the accident.

## MENOLD TO RETURN TO SCHOOL STAFF

### Miss Nuss Granted Leave of Absence; Schools to Observe V-E Day

Harry C. Menold, now an instructor in the schools of Jeannette, will return to the faculty of the Bellefonte High School as mechanical drawing instructor next fall as the result of action taken by the Bellefonte school board at a regular meeting Monday night.

Mr. Menold, who left the local school system last fall to accept the position in Jeannette, wrote to the board for re-instatement in his former position here, and the board, by unanimous action, granted the request. The vacancy caused by his resignation last fall had not been filled. Mr. Menold will return to Bellefonte at the same salary he was receiving when he left the community.

A report by Tax Collector George A. Brown for February, revealed collections of \$1,206.19, leaving an unpaid balance of \$5,228.50 on the current duplicate.

Miss Dorothy Nuss, teacher of English in the 7th and 8th grades, was granted a sabbatical leave to work on an advanced degree at Penn State, and Miss Hannah Westsky, of Morrisdale, a teacher with five years' experience, was elected to take her place.

Mrs. Marjorie Walton Grundy, of Philipsburg, was named as a teacher of commercial subjects in the high school to take the position (Continued on page four)

## Architect Sketches Proposed Additions to Hospital

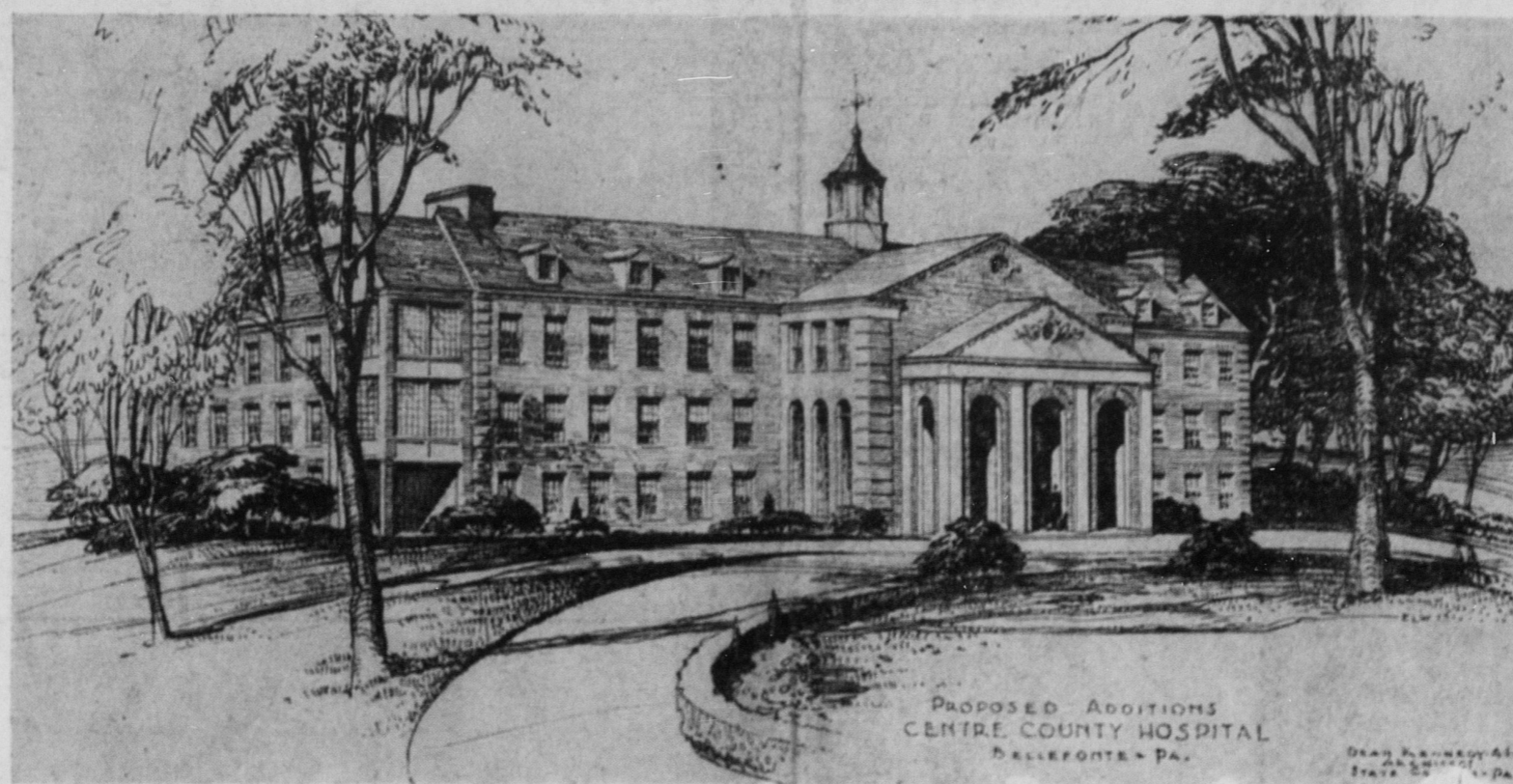


Photo above is a reproduction of a sketch drawn by Architect Dean E. Kennedy, of State College, showing how the Centre County Hospital in Bellefonte would appear with additions which are proposed as a memorial to Centre county veterans of all wars.

Most outstanding feature of the proposed additions is the new entrance, consisting of the open entrance portico in front, leading into a two-story memorial lobby, which, it is planned, would house a spacious war memorial room.

While plans are indefinite at this time, it is believed that most of the entrance wing would be devoted to the memorial room. It would be apart from usual hospital activities and would provide a quiet sanctuary for meditation. In the room would be suitable tablets on which would be inscribed the names of county veterans of all wars, together with historic mementos of the men and the wars in which they participated.

The proposed memorial plans, currently being furthered by the Bellefonte Kiwanis Club, would provide other additions, which would result in doubling the present bed capacity of the institution. The hospital now has 71 beds, including cribs and bassinets. There are approximately 50 rooms for adult patients.

Room for the additional beds would be provided through razing the present ancient wooden structure on the southwest corner of the present brick building, and replacing it with the construction shown at the right of the entrance in the sketch above. The wooden structure, unsuitable for hospital purposes, is used chiefly for storage purposes.

A further extension would be built on the southeast corner, adjoining the present sun porches and extending southeast to occupy some of the area now used as a parking lot at the rear of the hospital. Part of this construction is to be seen, at the left side of the architect's drawing, above.

The new additions would permit a much needed re-arrangement of various hospital departments, permitting better and more effective care of patients, and facilitating the operation of the entire institution.

The proposed additions as outlined in Mr. Kennedy's drawing (Continued on page three)

## AGED MAN FOUND DEAD IN FIELD

### G. N. Wolfe, 83, of Spring Mills, Dies After Wandering From Home

A search conducted by bloodhounds from Rockview penitentiary, firemen from State College, Pleasant Gap, Centre Hall, and Millheim, and by hundreds of Perry, Valley citizens came to a close about 1 p. m. Sunday with the discovery of the lifeless body of an aged Spring Mills man who had wandered away from home sometime Friday night.

The man, George Newton Wolfe, 83, was found on a steep embankment on a farm about two miles from the home of his son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Clayton B. Stover, with whom he made his home. Centre County Coroner, Charles Sheeffer of Milesburg, who visited the scene, declared that death had resulted from exposure and exhaustion.

According to reports Mr. Wolfe, who for 27 years was a mail carrier on a rural route out of Spring Mills since his retirement in 1927, arose sometime Friday night, dressed and left his daughter's home. When his absence was discovered Saturday morning, a search began, with searchers concentrating their efforts on the creek in the belief the aged man had fallen into the flooded stream.

Bloodhounds from Rockview were put on the trail but they lost the scent Sunday afternoon, while firemen and hundreds of individuals continued the search. Tibersa Zuber, who resides near the Stover farm, found Mr. Wolfe's body near (Continued on page three)

## Eating Places Here Close at Midnight

Operation of a new War Manpower Commission ruling in Bellefonte, beginning Monday night, results in a complete shutdown of all eating establishments in town at midnight every night.

The ruling sets forth that any restaurant which has not been open 24 hours a day, must close at midnight. No Bellefonte restaurants have been operating 24 hours a day, although three or four have normal schedules of 21 hours, remaining closed only from about 2 a. m. to 5 a. m.

It is reported that restaurant owners who feel that their establishments should be permitted to remain open after midnight may petition the War Manpower Commission for permission to do so.

In Bellefonte many industrial workers have been depending upon local restaurants for meals while going to and from work after midnight.

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Mr. Long was found in the cellar of his home about noon on Sunday and was rushed to the hospital where it was found the injury was not a severe one.

The man, unemployed, is reported to have threatened to take his life on previous occasions and after committing the act called to his wife and told her what he had done. She found him in a pool of blood and summoned the Widdowson ambulance.

The incident took place in the home of Mrs. W. Tate, of East Bishop street, with whom the couple live. (Continued on page four)

The Citizens' Committee to abate the Bellefonte lime dust nuisance has the "stage cleared for action," C. N. Stamm, chairman of the committee, reports, in issuing a call for a general citizens' meeting to be held in the Court House tonight, Thursday, March 15, at 7:30 o'clock.

Mr. Stamm stated that the committee had engaged the services of Attorney Paul Campbell to secure facts on what can be done to restrain this nuisance and his report will be made at the meeting tonight.

## Former Local Minister Works With Prisoners

### Rev. Ernest W. Moyer, former pastor of the Bellefonte Evangelical and Reformed church, who as an Army chaplain is attached to the 174th General Hospital in the European theatre of operations, ministers to German prisoners who are brought into the services under guard. In a communication to the General Commission on Army and Navy Chaplains, Washington, D. C., Chaplain Moyer has described his experiences among these men and their response to religious effort as follows:

"Part of my work consists in arranging services for prisoners of war. We have a German Lutheran ordained minister among our POWs, who hails from the Danzig section of Germany. We have worked out an itinerary of five places for holding services. He visits and administers communion to those in stockade and hospital wards. His last month's report shows that 176 communed, and that 882 attended church services.

"At home this minister is pastor of a rural charge with five churches. Because of its similarity he likes this work very much. Some of the prisoners are indifferent to religious services. Others who are favorably disposed get off the job too late and are too tired to attend services.

"I hold my services in our tent chapel at 8:30 p. m. The prisoners come and go under guard. I have been able to get only 100 portions and two German Bibles for all this work.

"All the soldiers say that the German homes they have seen still hold religious pictures or crucifixes on the wall. This German pastor said that he held services regularly until he was drafted into the army, and that he knows nothing of the people worshipping 'der Fuehrer'." (Continued on page three)

## WOMAN IS FOUND DEAD IN HOME

### Mrs. Verna Hackenberg, 66, Rebersburg, Succumbs to Heart Attack

Mrs. Verna Bron Hackenberg, 66, widow of the late W. J. Hackenberg and widely known throughout Centre county through poems published over a period of years in this and other county newspapers, was found dead in the bathroom of her home at Rebersburg about noon on Friday.

Discovery of her death came when neighbors noticed that Thursday's newspaper was not removed from the porch, and upon investigation it was found that no one had seen her after Wednesday night when she attended prayer meeting and called on neighbors.

At that time, it was learned, she had complained of pains in the chest. With this information revealed, neighbors summoned Mrs. Hackenberg's brother, Myles Bron, Rebersburg school teacher, who forced open a door and found the body in the bathroom. Since it was her custom to arise about 8 a. m. and since she was partly dressed when found, it was believed that she suffered a fatal heart attack about 8:30 a. m. Thursday. Mrs. Hackenberg had lived alone since the death of her husband four years ago, and because (Continued on page six)

## WILLS FUNDS TO HOSPITAL HERE

### Joel Royer, Zion, Provides Furnishings and Maintenance of Room

Requests to the Centre County Hospital for the purchase of furniture and furnishings, and for the maintenance of a private room for the maintenance of the Royer Memorial Room, are included in the will of the late Joel S. Royer, of Zion, filed for probate in the office of Register Harry A. Corman.

Mr. Royer, 82, retired farmer, died at his home in Zion on March 11, 1945, as the result of exposure after when he became ill while shoveling snow near his garage on February 20, and was helpless in the snow for 17 hours before being discovered.

The Bellefonte Trust Company is named executor of the will, which was signed on January 19, 1942. Two codicils, one dated December 8, 1942, and the other December 9, 1943, are appended to the will.

In addition to the hospital bequest, Mr. Royer provided trust funds for the Zion Lutheran church, the Tressler Orphans' home at Loysville, and the Good Shepherd Home in Altoona.

Other bequests include cash funds (Continued on page four)

## Recovering From Self-Inflicted Wound

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## Auman Named As North Ward Assessor

The Centre County Commissioners' office yesterday reported that four tax assessors have resigned their posts and that the Commissioners have appointed successors for two of them.

Jesse Klingler has resigned as assessor of the north ward of Bellefonte and Herbert Auman, Sr., was named by the Commissioners as his successor.

Samuel Everhart resigned as assessor in College township, and Frank Glenn has been named to his place. (Continued on page four)

## County Veterans Group Organized

### To Aid Returning Service Men; Delegates Agree Veterans Should Handle And Be Responsible For Any and All Memorials

A new organization to be known as "The Centre County Veterans' Council," was formed at a meeting held Sunday at the YFW home in Bellefonte, with representatives of all American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars and Society of the 28th Division Posts in attendance.

Officers of the group were elected as follows: E. R. Bordner, State College, president; William Clark, Philipsburg, vice president; Samuel D. I. Imemith, Bellefonte, secretary, and Ebon B. Bower, Bellefonte, treasurer.

The purpose of the Council is to safeguard the rights of veterans and their families as they relate to problems concerning the veterans of the county as a whole, rather than those holding membership in any particular post or organization.

The group also will assume full responsibility, when lawfully delegated to do so by the parent members of the Council, of all county-wide problems of veterans.

Some primary aims demanding immediate action are listed by the Council as: the choice, financing and erection of a suitable memorial to World War I and World War II veterans residing in Centre county; and the establishing and maintaining of a county service office to correlate and prosecute all worthy cases presented by the local posts or organizations' service officers.

A discussion of the appointment of Centre county veterans revealed that all delegates present were in agreement that it should be the veterans who should handle and be responsible for any and all memorials contemplated being erected now or in the future in memory of war veterans.

Delegates also were in agreement that there should be no repetition of the conditions which faced returning veterans of World War I, who had difficulty in obtaining even slight consideration in their readjustment to civilian life. The new Council proposes to make certain that present veterans have something to come back to, and someone to help them in their readjustment problems, a spokesman for the organization declared.

The Centre county group is one of many being set up throughout the state, and the number of service (Continued on page three)

## Bellefonte Man Injured by Car

John "Jack" Robison, 62, of Willowbank street, Bellefonte, an employee of the Old-Tyme Bakery here, suffered a compound fracture of the left leg between the knee and ankle, and lacerations of the head and one hip about 8:30 o'clock Saturday night when he was struck by a car while he was walking home from work.

The accident happened on the Bellefonte-State College highway opposite the John W. Brown home, Willowbank street. The car, driven by Mrs. Anna L. Hoover, of State College, was traveling toward State College and Mr. Robison was walking along the road in the same direction. Mrs. Hoover said she failed to see the pedestrian because of the headlights of an approaching machine.

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## County Sportsmen To Re-Organize

A special meeting of Centre county sportsmen will be held at the sportsman's hall in Port Matilda at 8 o'clock Monday night, March 19, under the sponsorship of the Port Matilda Sportsmen's Association.

All persons interested in the County Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs are urged to be present, since the program will include a general re-organization of the county unit and election of officers.

## Coal Operator Dies

Steve Rusnak, Sr., Philipsburg coal operator, died Tuesday morning at his home on Ninth street, following a prolonged illness. He was aged 66 years.

## PENNSYLVANIANS ARE FARM-MINDED

To furnish programs for these radios there are 961 broadcasting stations, ranging from local 100-watt stations to the 25 "clear channel" stations of 50,000 watt power. The radio broadcast range, he said, permits only 106 different wave lengths, and to prevent conflict among the 961 stations on the 106 wave lengths requires intricate scheduling of each station according to its power and its location with respect to other stations.

The nation's radio stations, the speaker said, receive their income from commercial broadcasts, but they also contribute much free service. In 1944, for example, KDKA gave free time, mostly for government wartime messages and information, valued at about \$500,000. In 1941 alone, the nation's radio stations contributed time valued at \$4,400,000 for government messages. Radio broadcasting contributes three factors to the community it (Continued on page three)

## New Pastor



Rev. Warren O. Ziegler, pastor-elect of the Hubsburg Evangelical and Reformed church, will be formally installed at ceremonies to be held in the Hubsburg church at 8 p. m. Sunday, March 18, it was announced yesterday.

The pastor, who succeeds Rev. Charles Link in the Hubsburg charge, is a native of Myersstown and is a recent graduate of the Lancaster Theological Seminary.

Rev. C. Nevin Stamm, pastor of St. John's Evangelical and Reformed church, Bellefonte, will be in charge of the installation service, with Rev. A. S. Asendorf, and the Rev. Mr. Dotterer assisting.

The new minister and his wife arrived in Hubsburg on March 3 and are now residing in that community.

## Kiwanis Club Names Memorial Committee

M. E. Rumberger, president of the Bellefonte Kiwanis Club, which has been delegated responsibility for carrying on further activities in behalf of a proposed memorial for Centre county veterans of all wars, yesterday announced the appointment of a committee of club members to act in behalf of the club.

Jean Love, president of the Centre County Hospital board of trustees, was named chairman of the committee. Members are: William W. Sieg, Robert C. MacDonald, Jesse H. Cumm, R. C. Blaney and Judge Ivan Walker.

The committee is expected to call further public meetings in the matter of choosing a suitable memorial, as well as to decide on methods for financing a memorial.

## Youth Cuts Tongue In Fall From Swing

Charles Young, aged 5, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Young, of South Allegheny street, Bellefonte, suffered a severe laceration of the tongue about 5:30 p. m. Tuesday when he fell while playing on a swing on the porch at his parental home.

No one saw the accident but it is believed a chain became unfastened, or the swing rolled over, throwing the youth against the porch banister. It is believed his teeth caused the tongue laceration.

He was taken to the Centre County Hospital dispensary where two stitches were required to close the wound in his tongue. The youth was permitted to return home after receiving treatment. His father is an employee of Lee Soil, Bellefonte drayman.

## Chicago Humorist To Appear Here

Arthur (Art) F. Briese, Chicago humorist, known as "America's Knight of Silliness," will be the speaker at a Bellefonte Rotary Ladies' Night dinner at the Penn Belle Hotel, Friday evening, March 16, at 6:45 o'clock, according to Attorney William W. Luke, who will introduce the speaker.

Other features of the program will be songs by Miss Louise Neff, a student of music at Penn State.

## High Purchases Property

V. O. High, of Milesburg, this week purchased the white stucco building at Pleasant View owned and occupied by Benjamin F. Sheets and family. Mr. High purchased the property, which originally was constructed as the home of the now non-existent "Bee Hive Printery" as an investment. Mr. and Mrs. Sheets plan to move to Bellefonte where Mr. Sheets is a linotype operator at the Keystone Gazette office. (Continued on page four)