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F & M Cadet, Instructor Hurt In Plane Crash

RAF EXPLOSIVES BLANKET ALL BERLIN

Draft Officials Push Drive For Men Under 26

CRAFT FALLS ON FARM NORTH OF SALUNGA

Naval Inquiry Planned To Determine Cause Of Accident

A Naval aviation cadet stationed at F. and M. college, and his instructor were injured, the latter critically, when an airplane in which they were riding crashed on a farm a mile north of the Harrisburg Pike, at Salunga, at 2:15 p. m. Friday.

John Grassi, twenty-eight, 1222 Browning St., Camden, N. J., the instructor, is in the St. Joseph's Hospital in an unconscious condition, suffering from a possible fractured skull, possible internal injuries, compound and simple fractures of the left leg and multiple lacerations about the face.

Cadet Nicholas Bianchi, eighteen, Milford, Pa., is in the same hospital suffering from possible internal injuries and lacerations of the face. His condition is regarded as serious.

Farmers and motorists who witnessed the accident, said the plane had been circling the area at an altitude of about 500 feet when it suddenly seemed to rise, veered over and then plunged earthward. The plane hit the ground at about a 45-degree angle, they said. It landed in the middle of a muddy field on the farm of John Brubaker, Manheim R1, located about a mile north of the Harrisburg Pike.

TO HOLD INQUIRY

Lieut. C. F. Raichner, Resident Naval Officer at Franklin and Marshall College, said an inquiry would be started Saturday to determine the cause of the accident. He said it was not known who was piloting the ship when it plunged to earth, but that both men were qualified to fly the ship and in the case of a training flight, either of the occu-

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Soviet Units Score Big Breakthrough Below Tarnopol

Increase Threat To Nazis In Southern Ukraine; Cassino Situation Unchanged

(By the Associated Press)

The Russian flood has broken through Hitler's eastern dike at still another point, Moscow announced Saturday (today), engulfing 400 more towns and villages in a four-day rampage below outflanked Tarnopol in pre-war Poland and sharply increasing the threat of entrapment to thousands of German troops in the Southern Ukraine.

The offensive put the Red army within five miles of the former Rumanian province of Bucovina and 60 miles from old Czecho-Slovakia. It placed Soviet troops just 26 miles north of Czernowitz, big Rumanian rail junction controlling lines into Poland, Czecho-Slovakia, Hungary and southern Rumania.

In an order of the day Marshal Stalin said Marshal Gregory K. Zhukov's First Ukrainian Army had smashed forward 62 miles and captured Zaleshchiki in the southeastern corner of Old Poland, as well as the bitterly defended Nazi base of Chortkov, 40 miles south of Tarnopol. Another Soviet column, Moscow said, was within 15 miles of the Prut river, which "the Russians consider the true boundary of Rumania.

HEAVY NAZI LOSSES

The Russian midnight communique declared 20,000 Germans had been killed and 3,500 captured in

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Speaks Here

SEN. JAMES M. MEAD

SAYS MISSIONARIES' WORK SAVED LIVES OF OUR SOLDIERS

Sen. Mead Credits Pacific Natives' Good Will To Mission Labors

"When you go to church and it's Mission Sunday, always be generous, for the life of your son is being saved in the Pacific war theatre by the good will the natives have planted in their hearts by missionaries," U. S. Senator James M. Mead, of New York, told the Lancaster Lodge of Elks at its 55th annual banquet Friday night.

Senator Mead, a member of the Senate committee which last summer made a 45,000-mile tour of the world battlefronts, said that when the war is over "a story of one of the greatest organizations" to rescue missing American troops in the Pacific area will be unfolded.

"This organization finds the boys," he explained to the 200 members and guests at the dinner, "and the natives take care of them."

On every battlefront the U. S.

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DRAFT BOARDS RECEIVE NEW INSTRUCTIONS

McNutt To Head New Committee To "Ration" Deferments To Key Industries

Washington— (AP) —Selective Service Friday night intensified its drive for able-bodied young men in a series of sharp new instructions to draft boards, while government agencies agreed on a plan to save a few "indispensable" youths for vital war industry.

Aimed directly at faster induction of men 25 and younger for combat service, the orders from Major General Lewis B. Hershey, Draft Director, will leave registrants 26 and over untouched until the younger men have been cleaned up.

NEW COMMITTEE

Hershey's action came quickly after Chairman Paul V. McNutt of the War Manpower Commission announced that a new committee headed by himself would "ration" deferments among the chosen key industries, and gave other agencies just three days to submit figures on the number of men proposed by them for deferment.

The Hershey orders provided "interim" machinery to prevent the drafting of essential young men until McNutt's machinery is functioning, and in addition told the local boards:

1. To pay no heed to the expiration date of present deferments of men under 26, but to proceed with the review of their defermnts and reclassify them as 1-A or otherwise as rapidly the review is carried out.

2. To let men 26 and older

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'Miracle' War Patient

Staff Sgt. Arthur E. White (above) of Astoria, N. Y., a patient in Walter Reed Hospital, Washington, now can move his left leg following the splicing of seven nerves in his spinal column, severed by a sniper's bullet in Sicily. Lt. Kathryn E. Hoffman of Scranton, Pa., counts the pulse of the patient, whose recovery is considered a miracle of modern surgery.

Germans Retaliate With Determined Attack On London

British Assault Reich Hard On Heels Of American Daylight Attacks On Frankfurt, Schweinfurt And French Airfield Of Nancy And St. Dizier

London, (Saturday)—(AP)—"Aircraft of the RAF Bomber Command were over Germany in strength during the night, with Berlin as the main objective," an authoritative British source announced today hard on the heels of the American daylight attacks which pounded Friday Frankfurt and Schweinfurt and the French airfields of Nancy and St. Dizier as the air war against German Europe raged without pause.

The German radio declared the night raid on Berlin was on a large scale.

High explosives and fire bombs blanketed all Berlin, the Germans said.

NAZIS HIT LONDON

The Germans, who had offered little opposition to the daylight attacks, made it a "battle of the capitals" Friday night with the longest, most determined raid of the week on London.

It was their fourth consecutive night raid, and several waves of bombers caused casualties and damage with high explosive and incendiary bombs. A well-known building, a famous old church, and a publishing house were among London structures hit, along with many residences. The Germans also struck in southeast England

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"We Lead All The Rest" FARM CORNER

By The Farm Editor

ORGANIZE 4-H CLUB AT COLERAIN TWP. H. S.

The Kirkwood 4-H Community club was organized Friday night at a meeting held in the Colerain Township High school at Kirkwood. Thirty-one members enrolled and these officers were named:

President Kenneth Shoemaker, Kirkwood; vice-president, Glenn Weicksel, Christiana R1; secretary, Lucy Weicksel, Christiana R1; treasurer, Kenneth Walton, Christiana R1; song leader, Doris Nye, Christiana R1; game leader, Jean Shoemaker, Kirkwood; news reporter, Beatrice Boyce, Quarryville R2.

Club leaders named were Hayes Hastings, Kirkwood, and Lewis Shoemaker, Jr., Kirkwood, dairy and corn; John Hastings, Kirkwood, pig feeding; Mrs. D. E. Weicksel, Christiana R1, and Mrs. Charles Schreiber, Kirkwood, home economics; John Weicksel, Christiana R1, poultry; H. E. Roper, Kirkwood, home gardens and recreation.

The club will meet once a month and the next meeting will be held at the same place on April 25.

The meeting was in charge of Miss Anne Forbes, home economics director, and M. M. Smith, assistant farm agent, of the Agricultural Extension Service.

WILL AFFECT 135 HERE

J. Omar Nissley, Jr., Farm Security Administration supervisor

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Weather Calendar

COMPARATIVE TEMPERATURES

Station	High	Low
Water Works	38	21
Ephrata	37	23
Lititz (Ephrata)	37	23
Official High for Year, Jan. 28	.....	66
Official Low for Year, Jan. 10	.....	6
Character of Day		Clear

SUN

Rises—7:00 a. m. Sets—7:21 p. m.

MOON

8:34 p. m. Full Moon, April 8

STARS

Morning—Venus
Evening—Jupiter, Saturn

NEARBY FORECASTS

Maryland, New Jersey and Delaware: Fair and warmer Saturday; Sunday fair and colder.

SAVE THIS NEWSPAPER

Make this newspaper do double work — give it to your paper-salvage drive.

CORNWALL SOLDIER DIES OF WOUNDS HE RECEIVED IN ITALY

Annville Youth, Formerly Of Lancaster County, Missing In Action

Four casualties, two from Lebanon county and two from Lancaster county were reported Friday.

Cpl. Edward Reppert, nineteen, of Cornwall, died of wounds received in combat in Italy.

Pvt. Martin S. Heller, nineteen, of Annville R1, formerly of Lancaster county, has been reported missing in action in Italy.

TWO MEN WOUNDED

Pfc. Melten E. Worley, Ephrata, was wounded in action in the South Pacific area.

Pvt. Louis Kell, New Holland, was wounded in action in Italy.

Word that Cpl. Reppert had died in Italy was received Friday by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Reppert, from the War Department. The telegram said that the youth died on Feb. 19.

He was the first soldier from Cornwall to be killed. Cpl. Reppert entered the service while a senior in the Cornwall High School, and Sunday would have marked his first anniversary in the service.

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MAN, HURT IN AUTO CRASH ON MARCH 4, DIES IN HOSPITAL

Lincoln Highway Accident Injuries Fatal To Philip Robinson, 54

Philip Robinson, fifty-four, 337 Howard Ave., one of seven persons injured in a three-car collision on the Lincoln Highway, four miles west of this city March 4, died at 12:25 a. m. Saturday in St. Joseph's Hospital.

LANCASTER COUNTY HIGHWAY DEATHS

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Since January 1, 1944
Same Date—1943—3

Robinson had suffered a severe laceration of the throat when a car in which he was riding, driven police say, by Henry Bennett, thirty-four, 335 North St., collided with two other automobiles. Bennett's car, according to police, was going east on the highway when it struck an automobile being driven westward by Ralph Forry, forty-two, Pitman, N. J. The Bennett car then collided head-on with an automobile driven by Walter C. Kline, twenty-five, Wrightsville.

Bennett was given an immediate hearing before Justice of the Peace Charles Sheeler, Rohrerstown, and fined $35 on charges of driving without an operator's license and reckless driving.

FAT COLLECTION IN 2ND, 7TH WARDS TODAY

Waste fats will be collected by the Girl Scouts in the Second and Seventh Wards Saturday. Residents of these wards who have fat to donate should have it ready to facilitate the work. The Girl Scouts collected 1,535 pounds of fat last week in the Sixth ward, officials announced.

Foresee Jap Drive In China; U. S. Subs Bag 11 More Ships

(By The Associated Press)

Japan, whose three-pronged thrust into India is running into trouble, appears to be massing troops in China for a new offensive.

In the Pacific all news Friday was bad for Tokyo. The Navy announced American submarines had sunk 11 more Japanese ships—two tankers, three transports, five freighters, and a converted mine-layer.

BOMB ANT ISLANDS

A Navy search plane bombed the Ant Islands, the sixth target in the Caroline islands to be attacked. The Ant islands atoll is near much-bombed Ponape, eastern outpost of Truk. Fires were started on one of four enemy islands raided in the Marshalls.

President Roosevelt promised "America will fulfill its pledge" of independence to the Philippines and noted that "the return of freedom x x x draws closer with each island victory."

Tokyo radio asserted "fierce attacks are being continued" by Japanese troops on Bougainville in the northern Solomons. But Associated Press War Correspondent Spencer Davis reported from Guadalcanal the wind had been knocked "out of the enemy's last gasp offensive."

Although they have no planes to fly, the Japanese at Rabaul still are repairing Vunakanau bomber strip.

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52 MORE REGISTER FOR VICTORY GARDENS

Fifty-two more persons signed up for Victory Gardens Friday afternoon, in Civilian Defense Headquarters, Old City Hall, making a grand total of 512 registrants up to 4 p. m. Friday.

The office will be open Saturday from 1 to 4 p. m., and again next week from Wednesday through Saturday at the same hours. Persons who, on account of their work, cannot register at these hours, may secure an application blank by writing Chairman John Fritz, 148 E. King St.

Assisting Mrs. Walter Kaufman at the center in registrations will be Mrs. Wilson E. Browne, Mrs. Carl Simmons, Miss Evelyn Kern, Mrs. L. H. Butterfield, Mrs. A. R. Reemsnyder, Mrs. L. Brabson, Miss Alice Malone, Mrs. Helen Kreider, Mrs. Percy Gensemer, Mrs. Florence Bennett, Mrs. John A. Fritz, Mrs. Allen E. Pierce, Mrs. Harold Borthwick, Mrs. Steven Cutting and Mrs. Nevin Bitner.

DEFENSE BEGINS GRIM BATTLE AT LONERGAN TRIAL

Attempts To Block Admission Of Purported Confession That He Slew Wife

New York — (AP) — The defense began a gram fight Friday at the murder trial of stolid Wayne Lonergan to block admission of his purported confession that he battered and choked to death his wife, Patricia, heiress to $6,000,000, last Oct. 24.

Defense counsel Edward V. Broderick called two prosecuting attorneys to the witness stand in an attempt to prove that the statement was obtained by subjecting the 26-year-old Royal Canadian aircraftman to long hours of questioning without sleep.

DEFENDANT CALM

Lonergan, dressed in a dark blue suit, again sat calmly at the counsel table as the attorneys battled over the point that may decide his fate.

The prosecution has said that the purported confession is the key to its case and has maintained there was no witness to the crime except Lonergan.

The tall defendant appeared equally unmoved as his alibi was

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FEDERAL AGENCIES HIT BY SENATE BAN IN FUND BILL

Executive Groups Existing For 12 Months Need Direct Appropriations

Washington—(AP)—The Senate, approving the $8,557,000,000 independent offices appropriation bill, voted Friday to withhold funds from any government agency in existence 12 months without direct Congressional appropriations.

This ban, sponsored by Senator Russell (D-Ga.), struck particularly at the President Fair Employment Practices committee and other agencies Mr. Roosevelt has financed from funds given him for discretionary use.

WRITE IN AMENDMENT

The Senate also wrote into the bill an amendment requiring that the Senate confirm all Federal employes appointed to jobs paying $4,500 a year or more. The vote was 31 to 23.

The employment committee, set up to prevent discrimination in war jobs, first was excluded from the money ban when Republicans teamed with northern and western Democrats in support of a plea by Senator Buck (R-Del.) who said "the colored folks feel deeply interested."

But, after Senator George (D-Ga) had charged that by this exception, Republicans had forfeited all rights to complain against bureaucracy, the Senators about faced and killed Buck's amendment on a 33 to 26 vote. They had approved it previously, 37 to 21.

The requirement of Senatorial confirmation on $4,500-and-up jobs

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CHARLES H. KIRCHNER EXPIRES SUDDENLY

Charles H. Kirchner, forty-two, 706 N. Franklin St., well-known tobacco buyer, died suddenly at his home at 11:10 p. m. Friday, after being stricken ill several hours earlier. Dr. A. V. Walter, county coroner, will conduct an investigation.

Kirchner has been employed most of his life as a tobacco buyer for the General Cigar Company and was well-known throughout the county.

He was born in this city, the son of the late Charles A. and Elizabeth Karch Kirchner and was a member of St. Anne's Catholic Church, the Holy Name Society, the Knights of Columbus, and was a commissioner of Troop 20, Boy Scouts of America, with headquarters at St. Anne's Church.

He is survived by his wife, who was Josephine Fitzgibbons before marriage; a son, John C., and two daughters, Mary Josephine and Suzanne, all at home. Also these brothers and sisters: Richard J., James E., and Robert A., all of this city; the Rev. Francis A. Kirchner, assistant rector of St. Patrick's Cathedral, Harrisburg; John P., Paducah, Ky., Sister Grace Francis, OSF., Philadelphia; and Sister Pauline Marie, OSF, Lebanon.

OPEN SUNDAY — RCA'S DOWNTOWN Employment office will be open Sunday 2 P. M. to 6 P. M. Essential workers will not be considered without a statement of availability.—Adv.

GEN. MONTGOMERY SEES WAR LASTING A YEAR OR MORE

British Chief Conducts Tour Of Forces He Will Lead In Invasion

London —(AP)— Returning from a tour among the forces he will lead in the invasion of the continent, Gen. Sir Bernard L. Montgomery forecast Friday that the war probably would last another year or more.

Gen. Montgomery, commander of the British invasion forces, described them as the best army Britain ever had.

"We are preparing to take part in the biggest tug-of-war the world has ever seen," he said, "and if any should let go of the rope then we lose the match.

"How long will the pull last? No one can say for certain; it may last a year, it may take longer. But it will be a magnificent party, and we shall win. It will be a proper job for proper men."

The general, who was delivering

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"G-I BILL OF RIGHTS" PASSED BY SENATE

Washington — (AP) — The Senate passed unanimously late Friday a $3,500,000,000 "G-I bill of rights" measure providing virtually every suggested aid to veterans of this war except adjusted compensation (bonus) payments.

The roll call vote was 49 to 0 for passage of the measure.

The measure, which now goes to the House, carries an estimated $3,000,000,000 in benefits plus a flat $500,000,000 authorization for construction of new hospital facilities. It provides for government-paid education of from one to four years (based on length of service) for service men and women, plus:

1. Unemployment compensation of $15-a-week for a maximum of 52 weeks out of a 24-month period.

2. Loans up to $1,000 for the purchase of farms, homes or businesses.

3. A veterans' job placement service.

4. Designation of the Veterans Administration to administer all of its provisions under a status as a war agency.

OPA Permits Bars To Add Increase In Excise Taxes To Cost Of Drink

Washington—(AP)—The public will pay from 1 to 4 cents more, beginning April 1, for liquor sold by the drink, the Office of Price Administration said Friday in authorizing bars, hotels and restaurants to add the increased Federal excise tax to present maximum prices.

The OPA set up the following schedule to cover the new levy raising the alcohol beverage tax base from $6 to $9 a proof gallon;

For distilled spirits of 80 proof or more, the additional tax will be two cents for drinks containing not less than 1-2 ounce and not more than one ounce; three cents for one to one and three-quarter ounces, and four cents for one and three-quarter ounces or more.

Drinks containing one ounce or more of distilled spirits of less than 80 proof will cost two cents more, while drinks of 2 1-2 ounces or more of still wines containing more than 14 per cent but not over 21 per cent of alcohol will be increased by one cent.

The added tax on three ounces or more of champagne, sparkling wine, carbonated wines or wine-based cordials will be three cents.

Drinks of beer, ale, porter and stout will cost an extra cent for eight ounces or more. There will be no increase for these beverages sold on draught on quantities of less than eight ounces.

Joan Berry Breaks Down As Jury Hears Girlish Love Letter To Chaplin

Los Angeles—(AP)—Joan Berry stared at the floor and finally the tears flowed down her pale cheeks Friday as a Federal Court jury heard the girlish love letter she wrote to Charlie Chaplin in late 1942, saying in part:

"I know what I've done is past forgiving . . . thank you, Charles, for letting me know you . . . I'm going back to New York to get married . . ."

The fervent missive highlighted the fourth day of the comedian's trial on Mann Act charges involving the young woman, along with a court ruling barring defense questioning of her about another man and a trip she purportedly said she made from Mexico.

SHIFTS IN CHAIR

Charlie shifted in his chair as his attorney, Jerry Giesler, read Joan's letter aloud. At its conclusion the red-haired young woman pleaded with the court for a recess and was led sobbing from the witness stand.

After the ruling barring Giesler's questions about the other man, Giesler announced he was through cross-examining Miss Berry.

U. S. Atty. Charles H. Carr, with a few questions about Miss Berry's visit to Chaplin's Beverly Hills

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PLANE CRASH

At 2:15 p.m. on Friday, March 24, 1944, onlookers watched in horror as a plane circled 500 feet overhead before crashing into a field at a 45-degree angle.

That afternoon, U.S. Navy aviation cadet Nicholas Bianchi, 18, and his instructor, John Grassi, 28, took a training flight and ended up on a farm owned by John Brubaker a mile north of Harrisburg Pike near Salunga. Bianchi was stationed at Franklin & Marshall College, while Grassi was from Camden, New Jersey. Farmers and motorists removed Bianchi and Grassi from the wreckage and carried them out of the mud to a nearby road so that an ambulance could transport them to St. Joseph's Hospital.

A few days later, Grassi died of his injuries. Bianchi survived, sustaining multiple injuries. Franklin & Marshall naval authorities deemed the incident an accidental crash.

D-DAY

In 1944, the world at large experienced what would be the last full year of the Second World War. While the Battle of Stalingrad — which took place from late 1942 into early 1943 and resulted in a massive defeat for Germany — is rightfully seen as the turning point in World War II, it was an event early in the summer of 1944 that signaled certain victory for the Allied forces. At 6:30 a.m. June 6, nearly 150,000 Allied troops, 7,000 sea vessels and 2,400 aircraft stormed the German-controlled beaches of Normandy on the coast of France. Not only did the landing troops face heavy artillery from the hilltops overlooking the landing area, the beach itself was riddled with barbed wire and angled metal beams, sometimes known as "Czech hedgehogs," making it difficult to traverse. Allied forces had expected to take the beach on the first day of combat operations, but it ended up taking an additional four days.

The invasion would quickly segue into a full-fledged battle, which would drag on to the end of August. All told, Allied forces sent over two million troops to Northern France, with over 20,000 killed in the span of two months.

Within a year, Hitler would be dead and the Allies would claim a decisive victory in the war effort.

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