

Bellefonte, Pa., December 14, 1923.

NEWS ABOUT TOWN AND COUNTY.

The Brockerhoff house public dining room will be closed all day on Christmas.

Raccoon will be the only kind of game legal to hunt after tomorrow, and they will be in season until February 1st.

The Pennsylvania State College will close for the holiday season today, and will not reopen until Thursday, January 3rd.

The Hon. Harry B. Scott, of Phillipsburg, has been made chairman for Centre county of the Harding memorial association.

In an automobile accident on Centre Hill mountain, last Friday afternoon, Howard Grove, of Centre Hill, sustained several fractured ribs.

The Hon. William I. Swoope has presented a bill in Congress that would provide for the erection of a public building in Phillipsburg not to exceed \$125,000 in cost.

A sale of home-made candies will be held at Olewine's hardware store on Saturday, conducted by members of St. John's Episcopal Sunday school, for the benefit of the church school service league.

Mrs. F. M. Crawford's Sunday school class will take orders for home-made salted peanuts at 50 cents a pound, and home-made salted almonds at \$1.00 per pound.

Jury commissioners John Decker and Joseph Emerick, with Mrs. Donald Potter as clerk, started their job on Monday of filling the jury wheel with names of men and women who will be called upon to do jury service during 1924.

Mrs. William McClure was painfully injured, last Friday morning, when she was struck by a car coming down High street, at the crossing leading from the Centre County bank building to the old Garman property.

William R. Phillips, general manager of the Bellefonte plant of the American Lime and Stone Co., with Mrs. Phillips and their three children, are occupying apartments at the Bush house.

J. Linn Blackford opened his new moving picture house, "The Clifton," in Huntingdon, last week. The Monitor of that place says "it's a wonderful theatre and that the people of Huntingdon are proud as can be of it."

Many merchants in Bellefonte have put on holiday reduction sales which have attracted large crowds, while the high-class pictures at the Scenic always draw big audiences.

Sheriff-elect E. R. Taylor announced on Wednesday that he had selected his deputy in the person of John L. Dunlap, of Bellefonte.

If Centre county is to participate in the State-aid road fund distribution the county commissioners will have to make their desire known to the Highway Department on or before December 31st.

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MEYERS GOES TO JAIL.

Bootlegging Cases Chief Interest at December Term of Court.

Violators of the Volstead law were the chief attraction at the regular December session of court held this week, and the court house was crowded every day with men and women curious to witness the outcome? Principal interest centered in the men caught in the state police dragnet on or about October 12th, when a raiding squad under command of Capt. Paul Stout, of Lancaster, arrested three Bellefonte men, two at Snow Shoe and one at Penns Cave, on charges of manufacturing and trafficking in liquor.

The first of the cases were disposed of on Monday evening when John Haldeman, of Bellefonte, plead guilty to the charge of bootlegging and was sentenced to pay a fine of one dollar and undergo imprisonment in the county jail for not less than thirty days nor more than sixty.

The next case was that of William Musser, of Penns Cave, who plead guilty to manufacturing and selling liquor of greater strength than the Volstead law prescribes. At a hearing before a justice of the peace in Bellefonte early in October Mr. Musser gave bail for his appearance at the December term of court and some time later he left the county and went to Canada. Under pressure of his bondsman he returned last week and on his way back spent a night in Buffalo, N. Y., where he fell into the hands of a bunch of evil-disposed people and was robbed of \$400 in cash and some valuable papers.

The case of Fred Meyers occupied the attention of the court most of Wednesday afternoon. State police told of purchasing a quart bottle of whiskey from Mr. Meyers about ten o'clock on the evening of October 11th, which, when analyzed, proved to be from forty to forty-five per cent. alcoholic content.

The case of Jeff Tearney was taken up on Wednesday afternoon, he having entered a plea of not guilty, but after the Commonwealth had offered its evidence in the shape of the testimony of the state police who told of purchasing liquor from Mr. Tearney, and presenting the liquor in evidence, he changed his plea from not guilty to guilty.

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Civil cases tried included the Pickering Coal & Clay company vs. Central Refractories company. Verdict in favor of the plaintiff for \$431.14.

William P. Bell vs. D. R. Wilson, an action to recover damages resulting from an automobile accident. Verdict in favor of the plaintiff for \$174.10.

Wilhelm Krause vs. John Bergen, an action in ejectment. Verdict for the defendant.

Mrs. David H. Custer Killed by Accidental Gun Shot.

Mrs. Lulu M. Custer, wife of David H. Custer, who lives a short distance above Snow Shoe intersection, was instantly killed between nine and ten o'clock on Wednesday morning when a shot gun in the hands of her eighteen year old son Harold was accidentally discharged, the entire load hitting her in the left side just below the heart.

The son was naturally horror-stricken and with other members of the family rushed to their mother's side, hoping that the shot was not fatal and that Mrs. Custer had only lost consciousness, but their hopes were in vain. The son is heart-broken over the accident.

Mrs. Custer was fifty years old on August 8th and was a daughter of Uriah and Mary McHenry Conley. In addition to her husband she is survived by eight children, namely: Arthur G. Custer, of Baltimore; Mrs. Joseph Davidson, of Wingate; Earl, at home; Mrs. Budd Monsel, of Bellefonte; Harold, Nellie, Clark and Paul, at home.

Rev. M. C. Piper will have charge of the funeral services which will be held at two o'clock tomorrow afternoon, burial to be made in the Stover cemetery.

Solid mahogany candlesticks, with glass tops, at \$1.00.—W. R. Brachbill. 49-1t

Mother and Son Dead as Result of Auto Wreck.

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The Yarnell-McMullen hunting party, located in Little Sugar Valley, got their second deer on Wednesday afternoon, a two point buck. But even this will hardly account for their failure to get a big black bear on Monday.

A half dozen or more of the hunters had bruin entirely surrounded and four of them took two shots apiece at the bear, which in the case of one of the men was at a distance of only about fifty feet, but notwithstanding this fact the bear broke through the cordon of hunters and got away.

A New York, a Boston and the regular hotel orchestra will all be playing, as the dining room, the lounge and the mezzanine gallery will be given over to diners and revelry.

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AMONG THE HUNTERS.

A Small Fortune Spent on the Trail of Deer.

Almost six thousand hunting licenses were issued in Centre county this year which means a preliminary expense of practically \$6,000 before the army of hunters start for the woods, and with this figure as the basis of calculation the man with a statistical mind might be able to figure out what the people of Centre county have paid this fall for a few weeks of the sport of hunting.

Twenty-five and thirty years ago hunting parties consisted of from six to eight men, all expert in following the trail, and about all they took to camp was plenty of bread, bacon, sausage, a ham or two, some potatoes, and plenty of coffee.

Take the Fisher party, of Boalsburg, which camped at Sinking creek in the Bear Meadows district, their provender included eighty pounds of sausage, three fresh hams and three cured hams, several sides of bacon, a quarter of beef, white bread, nut bread and graham bread, oranges and grape fruit, prunes, tea and coffee, flour, sugar, lard, two turkeys and a number of chickens.

Their bill for "eats" was just \$353.35. They have a two story house for a camp and it is fully equipped with beds, cots and mattresses, dishes, etc. Of course the Fisher party has a membership of from twenty to twenty-five men, but if the expense of each party of that size has been anything near that of the Fisher party it would indicate an expenditure of anywhere from fifty to seventy-five thousand dollars.

The "Watchman" reaches its readers most of the deer hunters will have broken camp and be either at home or on their way there. So far as deer is concerned it has been a successful season. While it is practically impossible to get an accurate count of the bucks killed in Centre county the various game wardens agree that the number is the greatest for many years, probably in excess of four hundred.

Quite a number of parties got their limit the first week, while others went home with three, four and five deer.

The Tuscarora club, of Juniata, went home from the Seven mountains last Thursday with four deer.

The DeForest club, of Altoona, hunting in the Stone creek region, went home with five on Friday.

Two bear were killed on Wallace run, in the foothills of the Alleghenies, the latter part of the week. One weighing 184 pounds by a Tyrone party and the other by a party from East Liberty. It weighed 140 pounds.

The Foster party, of State College, came home from Stone creek last week with their limit of six.

The Woodward club broke camp last Saturday, having bagged their sixth deer on Friday.

Among the former Centre countians back for the hunt was Prof. S. C. Miller, assistant superintendent of the schools of Chester, Pa. He came up for the first three days of the season and spent them at his father's camp over at Monroe Furnace, just over the mountains from Pine Grove Mills.

Mr. Miller bought a new .300 Savage rifle and came up here to try it. The very first shot brought down a fine buck and he hadn't fired another shot from it until last week when the second one was aimed at a buck that fell dead in its tracks.

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NEWS PURELY PERSONAL.

Dr. S. M. Huff and wife, of Newark, N. J., spent last week among relatives in Milesburg and calling on friends in Bellefonte.

Miss Cella Haupt went over to Curwensville Monday afternoon, expecting to remain for the week with Mrs. Howard J. Thompson.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Griffith left Tuesday for Philadelphia, where they have planned to spend the holiday season with their children.

Mrs. Washington Irvin and her daughter, Mrs. Fred Hollibaugh, spent yesterday in the stores of Altoona, doing their Christmas shopping.

Mrs. Walter Lilly, of Lewisburg, has been a guest during the week of Mrs. John I. Olevine and Miss Adaline, at their home on north Allegheny street.

Mrs. M. I. Gardner was an arrival in town yesterday; having come over from Clearfield for one of her frequent visits with her mother, Mrs. Cyrus Strickland.

George Harpster was an over Sunday visitor with his daughter and family, at Mill Hall, and while there saw the carcass of one of the very few elk killed in the State this season.

Mrs. William B. Wallis, of Pittsburgh, planned to Bellefonte this week to celebrate her birthday with her mother and grandmother, Mrs. Conley and Mrs. Meese, remaining here for the holidays.

Mrs. and Mrs. John T. McCormick, of State College, spent Tuesday in Bellefonte, shopping, looking after some business and visiting. The greater part of the time, however, was spent with Mrs. McCormick's sister, Mrs. Hutchinson, at her home on Howard street.

Mrs. Murdock Clancy, of Narberth, and Miss Caroline McClure, of Wilkesburg, were called to Bellefonte last Saturday, on account of their mother's accident.

Mrs. D. D. Lambert and her daughter, Mrs. Lobb, who came to Bellefonte two weeks ago for the funeral of James Noll, went to Tyrone Tuesday morning for a day's visit with Mrs. Lambert's brother; intending to leave from there during the afternoon for their home at Larimer.

Paul Foreman, a student at Franklin and Marshall College, will arrive home this evening to spend his holiday vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. R. Foreman. Their son Mahlon will come home tomorrow from the University of Michigan and their daughter, Miss Lois, will arrive on the 20th.

Miss Hilda L. Haupt, head operator in the Bell telephone exchange in Bellefonte, attended a meeting of the supervising employees of the Bell company in the Central Pennsylvania district held at Altoona on Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lycurgus Lingle, of Centre Hall, spent Tuesday in Bellefonte, doing some Christmas shopping. Mr. and Mrs. Lingle expect to leave next week for New York State, where they will be until after Christmas with their son James and family.

Mrs. Robert A. Miller and her cousin, Mrs. Fred Giles, both of Tyrone, spent a short time in Bellefonte Wednesday afternoon, on their return from a day's visit with the Jamison family, at Mrs. Miller's former home at Spring Mills.

A very interesting caller at the "Watchman" office Wednesday was Irvin T. Harrison, of Pleasant Gap. Mr. Harrison has been employed at the Whitecock operations for three years or more and is one of that company's most trusted employees.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Young and their two daughters, Evelyn and Jean, of Bellefonte, W. Va., are expected in Bellefonte late next week, to be Christmas guests of Mrs. Young's parents, Dr. and Mrs. M. A. Kirk. Mr. and Mrs. Young are moving to Mr. Young's former home in Clearfield, where he has accepted a position in his line of work as a sanitary engineer and it is there they expect to make their home as soon as their household goods arrive from Charleston.

Among those in attendance at court during the fore part of the week were William Woods, of Osceola, and John Bergen, of Munson. They were here for the termination of a case that has been in court for a long time. It involved the title to some property along Moshannon creek near Osceola that Mr. Bergen bought at tax sale.

Mrs. Joseph Metz will leave Bellefonte today to join her son at their home in Princeton, Ind., for Christmas; expecting to remain there until early in the new year, when she will return to Centre county.

Mrs. Metz is better known in this locality as Miss Fannie Baum, and has been here for a ten week's visit with her brothers and sisters in Bellefonte and State College. Upon her son's return to school at Columbus, after the holidays, Mrs. Metz will continue her winter's visit here.

Mrs. Robert F. Fay, with her daughter, Patty Lane Fay Jr., who had been in Bellefonte since early summer, left two weeks ago to return to their home in California. The trip out was made over the southern route; Mrs. Fay's plans included stops in Philadelphia, Washington and New Orleans, for a short visit with friends in each place, expecting then to go direct home, arriving in Santa Monica about December 11th.

Miss Freda Baum returned home a week ago from a month's visit with her sister, in New York city.

Mrs. John Jacobs, of Boalsburg, who was in Bellefonte on a shopping expedition on Wednesday, was a very pleasant caller at the "Watchman" office.

Mrs. Ralph E. Kirk and her daughter, Mary Katherine, are guests of Mrs. Kirk's mother, Mrs. D. I. Willard; having come in from Grindstone Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Cohen arrived in Bellefonte a week ago, having driven here from their home in Baltimore for a visit with Mr. Cohen's brother, Walter Cohen and his family.

Mrs. George Stuart and her son Kenneth spent a day in Bellefonte last week with Mrs. Stuart's uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. James Stewart. Mrs. Stuart stopped here on her way home to Cameron, after attending the funeral of her father, the late Harry Seibert, at Barnesboro.

Arthur E. Ward, of Jersey City, was an over Sunday guest of his mother, Mrs. J. E. Ward. Being on a business trip to West Virginia and through western Pennsylvania it is probable that Mr. Ward will plan his return to the east so that he may spend Christmas in Bellefonte with his mother.

Mrs. Joseph Ceader came here from Newark, N. J., Monday and has been a guest of her nieces, the Misses Cooney, for the week. Upon the return home today of her daughter, Mrs. McClure Gamble, Mrs. Ceader will spend the remainder of the time with her; the plans for her stay in Bellefonte, however, are indefinite.

Mrs. G. A. MacMillen was in Bellefonte Tuesday, between trains, stopping off for her daughter, Mary Mott, MacMillen Jr., who had been here with her grandmother, Mrs. Odille Mott, for several months. Mrs. MacMillen went directly from here to New York, intending to drive from there back to her home in Detroit, Mich.

Mrs. A. Clyde Smith returned home from Clearfield Wednesday night, bringing with her her daughter, Miss Miriam, who had been under the care of Dr. Waterworth for three weeks; on account of recently discovered spine curvature. The treatment will require Miss Smith to be perfectly rigid on her back for three months.

Miss Kate Gummo, who is making her first visit home from Germany in twenty years, was in Bellefonte for several hours Wednesday afternoon; having driven here with her niece, Mrs. Dunlap, from Pine Grove Mills. Miss Gummo spent much of her girlhood life in Bellefonte, later going to California and finally left this country to make her home with her aunt in Germany; but on account of the confiscation of all her property there, came home to live the rest of her life with her people.

Not a Bath in Four Years. A man who gave his name as John Chezkov, and his home Unionville, was arrested at Cresson, last Thursday evening, as a suspicious character. When searched at the station house it was discovered that he was wearing six pairs of trousers, seven shirts, two suits of underwear, two vests, a coat, a heavy pair of shoes and articles. He wore a heavy beard and claimed to be only twenty-six years old. He claimed to be on his way home from a visit to Pittsburgh and confessed that he had been arrested forty-six times in the past three months while "looking for work." His hands and face were so dirty that Cresson officials asked him when he had taken a wash and he replied: "Oh, not so bad this time; washed last time in July, but have not taken a bath all over for about four years." And yet he claimed to live in Unionville.

The gift she will appreciate, a Hoosier kitchen cabinet.—W. R. Brachbill. 49-1t

Harding Memorial Association of Centre County. The part to be taken by the citizens of Centre county in the erection of a memorial to the late President, Warren Gamaliel Harding, has taken form in the appointment of officers, the following having been named by the national Harding Memorial association:

Chairman, Harry B. Scott, Phillipsburg. Vice chairmen, Hardman P. Harris, Bellefonte; M. Ward Fleming, Phillipsburg; J. Laird Holmes, State College; L. Frank Mayes, Lemont. Secretary, W. I. Fleming, Bellefonte.

Further details in connection with this undertaking will be announced in the near future.

Report of Needlework Guild. The Bellefonte branch of the Needlework Guild of America reports the collection of 694 articles for the year 1923.

In the distribution 344 of these articles, consisting of towels, pillow cases, sheets, wash cloths and infant apparel were sent to the Bellefonte hospital. The remaining articles comprising stockings, underwear, etc., were distributed by the directors.

JANE W. CURTIN, Secretary. The party who took the spare tire from Sim Baum's car is known. If same is not returned at once prosecution will follow. 49-1t

The ideal Christmas gift, a Globe Wernicke book case.—W. R. Brachbill. 49-1t

For Rent.—A private garage. Inquire at this office.

Bellefonte Grain Market. Corrected Weekly by C. Y. Wagner & Co.

Table with 2 columns: Grain type and Price. Includes Wheat, Shelled Corn, Rye, Oats, Barley, and Buckwheat.