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Centre County Bank Case Has Exciting Day in Court.

The court house was crowded with spectators, Tuesday morning, when the regular term of argument court was opened.

It is unusual for more than the attorneys interested to be present at a session of argument court, so that the spectator who followed the crowd into the court room sensed some unexpected development.

As the lawyers would say, this is the history of the case:

Ivan Walker Esq. is trustee in bankruptcy for Mary C. Harris. He has converted her assets into cash and is ready to make distribution thereof.

Rev. Reed O. Steely, John S. Ginter and John S. Dale are the receivers of the Centre County Banking Company.

Appointed by the Centre County Court in consequence of a petition, which Spangler and Walker favored, after the federal courts had ruled that none of the proceedings in this case up to that time had a leg in law to stand on and some authority had to step in to unravel the muddled situation.

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Programs will go on tonight and tomorrow night and there will also be feature films between the broadcasting periods.

Lock Haven People Injured in Auto Accident.

"Dead Man's Curve," on the Nittany valley highway about midway between Bellefonte and Lock Haven, was the scene of another automobile accident, on Sunday night, in which four people were injured, all residents of Lock Haven.

Memorials to the Late John P., and Mary Scott Harris. At the regular meeting of the trustees of the Centre County hospital, last Monday evening, it was revealed that through the wills of the late John P. Harris, the well known Bellefonte banker, and his wife, Mary Scott Harris, a bequest of \$500 has been made the institution as a permanent endowment fund for the W. C. T. U. room in that institution.

Then Mr. Fleming, representing the Federal court as district referee in bankruptcy, convened his court in the law library of the court house and directed that Mr. Walker go ahead with his plans to distribute directly and set tomorrow, Saturday, as the date that Judge Dale, who represented the receivers in the morning's action, should file their exceptions to his ruling before the District Federal court, Judge Albert W. Johnson presiding.

The whole procedure seems to have been a tempest in a tea pot. From some source the story was spread that Judge Keller's decree of Saturday directed Mr. Walker to turn over the funds he has in hand to the present receivers. It did nothing of the sort. As we have said before, it merely gave the receivers "authority" to go into the Federal court and ask why they should not be turned over to

them for distribution. It also was their safeguard against liability for any action that might be brought against them in consequence of a distribution made by Mr. Walker directly.

The hub-bub gained fury because of the fact that there would be a duplication of charges for the distribution. Mr. Walker is entitled to a certain percent of the amount he has handled as trustee for Mrs. Harris. If he turns it over to the trustees of the Banking Company they will be entitled to a certain per cent for distributing it. It does seem improper that there should be two fees for doing the same work, and whether the receivers for the Banking Company have that thought in mind we are not prepared to say.

Inasmuch as the legal fees in this phase of the case, so far revealed, already amount to \$10,911.84 it appears that one crowd is about as eager to grab as it charges the other with intentions of doing.

Local Broadcasting Arouses Much Interest.

Station WKBG that has been broadcasting from the stage of the Moose theatre in this place all week has aroused great interest, especially among radio fans.

The wave length, 215, has been such that most anyone could tune in and the reception have been most satisfactory.

Good programs are put on the air each night from 8:30 to 9:15 and from 10 until all the volunteer talent has had its turn before the "Mike." Every body who has anything by way of entertainment to offer has been given the opportunity. Music, voice and instrumental, oratory, sermons and everything of interest has been gathered to keep the air full of doings during the scheduled program.

The theatre stage is connected with telephone service and after each number those who have been listening in call 505 to express their appreciation. Really it is very interesting.

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SPROW.—Mrs. Louise Spro, widow of Edward E. Spro, died at her home in Altoona on Saturday afternoon following a brief illness with an affection of the heart. Her maiden name was Louise Heaton and she was born at Howard, Centre county, on September 14th, 1884, hence was 42 years, 3 months and 25 days old. Her husband died seventeen years ago but surviving her are four children, Chester, Margaret, Donald and Mrs. William A. McConnell, all of Altoona.

CRAIN.—Abednego Crain, a native of Bald Eagle valley and a veteran of the Civil war, died last Wednesday at the home of his daughter, Mrs. William Sankey, at Osceola Mills, as the result of general infirmities, aged 87 years, 2 months and 26 days. His boyhood life was spent in Bald Eagle valley but after he grew to manhood he moved to Clearfield county, near Osceola Mills, where he engaged in farming, an occupation he followed the greater part of his life.

Word has been received at Rockview penitentiary that John Shultz, who made his escape last July, has been located in prison at Moundsville, W. Va., where he is under sentence from two and a half to five years for highway robbery. Penitentiary officials will lodge a detainer against him and when his time is up there he will be brought back to Centre county to answer to the charge of breaking and escaping.

BURKET.—Ira G. Burket, for many years the leading merchant in Stormstown, died in the Blair county hospital at noon, on Monday, as the result of a general decline in health. He had been ill for some months and several weeks ago had been taken to Hollidaysburg for treatment.

He was a son of Porter W. and Henrietta Gray Burket and was born at Stormstown, being 64 years, 9 months and 3 days old. Practically his entire life was spent at the place of his birth where he owned and operated a general mercantile store. He was a Republican in politics and in 1915 was the party candidate for prothonotary but was defeated by D. R. Foreman, the Democratic nominee. In 1923 he was again a candidate for the nomination for prothonotary but was defeated at the primaries by Roy Wilkinson. He was a member of Gray's Methodist church, the Bellefonte lodge of Elks and the Bellefonte Masonic fraternity.

He married Miss Ophelia Biddle who survives with three children, Harry, of Warriorsmark; Paul and Mrs. Helen Grossman, of Cleveland, Ohio. He also leaves two brothers, Dr. F. S. and John I. Burket, both of Cleveland.

Funeral services were held yesterday afternoon at the Harry Burket home, at Warriorsmark, by Rev. H. F. Babcock, of Lewisburg, and Rev. Fasic, of Warriorsmark, after which burial was made in Gray's cemetery.

GROVE.—Mrs. Clara Grove, wife of Howard S. Grove, died at her home at Centre Hall on Tuesday last week, following several year's illness. She was a daughter of John and Christina Custard Kreamer and was born near Pine Grove Mills on October 13th, 1860, making her age 66 years, 2 months and 21 days. On Christmas day, 1884, she married Mr. Grove and they began housekeeping in Bellefonte. Fourteen years ago Mr. Grove purchased the Rishel farm, at the Stone mill, in Pennsylvally, and the family lived there six years then moved to Centre Hall. Mrs. Grove had been a member of the Lutheran church the past thirty years.

In addition to her husband she is survived by the following children: Herbert F. Grove, of Centre Hall; Clarence, of Bellefonte; Earl J., of Altoona; Samuel, Chester W., Alfred and Ruth, at home; Mrs. Irvin McClellan and Mrs. Paul Lingle, of Pottery Mills. She also leaves these brothers and sisters, B. F. Kreamer, of Tusseyville; William, of Altoona; Mrs. Mary Hoy, Mrs. David Tressler, Mrs. Elsie Corl, Jacob, John A. and Samuel Kreamer, of State College; Franklin, of Tusseyville, and Mrs. Frank Lohr, of Pleasant Gap.

Rev. S. F. Greenhoe had charge of the funeral services which were held on Friday afternoon, burial being made in the Centre Hall cemetery.

MILES.—Linden, son of John B. and Blanche Eberts Miles, of Martha, died in the hospital at Renovo on Wednesday, January 5.

The young man had been working for the Miller Construction Co., which has a highway contract in the vicinity of Renovo, and having caught a bad cold, was taken to the hospital, when pneumonia developed and his death ensued.

He was born at Martha twenty-one years ago and had spent practically all of his life there. When his last employers were building the Bald Eagle Valley road he joined their forces and worked with such fidelity and intelligence that he was taken with the organization when it was moved to distant points.

He is survived by his parents and two brothers: John W., and Morrell. He was a member of the Baptist church and Rev. Forges, of Huntingdon, officiated at the funeral, which was held at the parental home at Martha last Sunday at 1.30 o'clock.

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HOSTERMAN.—Mrs. Nora Hosterman, widow of W. L. Hosterman, died at her home at Coburn on Tuesday of last week following several months illness with diabetes. She was a daughter of Emanuel and Catherine Kerstetter and was born at Coburn on February 12th, 1875, making her age 51 years, 10 months and 22 days. Her husband died fourteen years ago but surviving her are one son, C. Stuart Hosterman, at home, and the following brothers and sisters: Elizabeth Kerstetter, Mrs. Reese Auman, Mrs. L. L. Weaver and Mrs. Frank Miller, all of near Millheim; Charles, of Montgomery; Paul, of Sunbury; Mrs. Paul Stover, of Dauphin; Mrs. W. T. Corman and Mrs. J. M. Lynn, of Coburn.

She was a member of the Coburn Evangelical church and Rev. H. C. Klepfel had charge of the funeral services which were held last Friday morning, burial being made in the Millheim cemetery.

RUNKLE.—Mrs. Rosetta Runkle, widow of James W. Runkle, died at her home in Centre Hall on December 28 as the result of a stroke of apoplexy. She was a daughter of Peter and Catherine Grove Breen and was born in Georges valley, being 76 years, 3 months and 29 days old. Her husband died about six months ago but surviving her is one daughter, Miss Laura Runkle. Burial was made in the Centre Hall cemetery on December 31st.

Mrs. Runkle had been a member of the Lutheran church from girlhood and was a woman of many kindly impulses with an especial love and thoughtfulness for children. Though she had been in delicate health for a number of years she always manifested great interest in the boys and girls who came under her observation and her going will be a distinct loss to the young generation of Centre Hall.

Catholic Daughters of America will Install Officers January 23rd.

The recently elected officers of Patrick McArdle Court No. 448, Catholic Daughters of America, will be installed on Sunday afternoon, January 23rd, at 3.30 o'clock, at which time the seventh anniversary of the Court will also be celebrated. Mrs. D. E. Finnegan, of Altoona, district deputy, will be the officer in charge and the officers to be installed are as follows:

Grand regent, Mrs. Odilie Mott; vice grand regent, Mrs. Mary Waite; prophetess, Mrs. Stella Hogentogler; lecturer, Mrs. Mary Rogers; historian, Miss Elizabeth Saylor; financial secretary, Mrs. Mary Gray; treasurer, Mrs. Ada Beaz; monitor, Miss Cecelia Moerschbacher; sentinel, Miss Mary Cooney; organist, Mrs. Ethel Carpeneto; trustees, Mrs. Margaret Gross and Miss Abbie Kelly.

A program of vocal and instrumental music will be furnished during the social hour, when refreshments will be served. Among the guests who will be present will be Rev. B. A. O'Hanlon, of State College; Rev. Father William Downes, of Bellefonte; Miss Frances Mahr, State regent, of Erie; Miss Anna Fowler, district deputy, of Lock Haven, and also the national vice regent.

At the eight o'clock mass every member of the Court will receive Holy Communion.

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Lucian McGinley, seventy-five years old, of Milesburg, was run down last Saturday evening by a car driven by J. Thompson Henry, of Marthp. Mr. McGinley was walking on the road just north west of the Milesburg bridge as Mr. Henry came along on his way home from Milesburg.

It cost \$189,276.34 to run Centre county during 1926. This is \$14,663.05 in excess of the expenditures for 1925. The increase was due to unusual expenditures on bridges and right of way necessary for the new highway up Bald Eagle valley.

Real winter weather has prevailed during the past week, the thermometer on Sunday morning going down to ten degrees below zero. And at no time during the day has it gone up to the freezing point.

Bellefonte Quarry Expert Has Developed Big Plant in West Virginia.

Everybody in this community should be interested in limestone because next to the agricultural products of our fertile valleys limestone is the greatest present and future natural wealth producing resource we have. The iron ore deposits at Gatesburg, Scotia, "Nigh," Lamborne, Blair and other banks in the county are all worked out or so nearly exhausted as to be unprofitable in competition with the "Lake ores." Coal, we have a plenty if we consider the "A" seam, but as it is ninety feet in the ground and of inferior quality its value is problematical, especially during the time the Western Pennsylvania and Virginia coals hold out.

Centre County isn't the only place where limestone formations are found, however. It is the place where the stone runs low in silica and high in calcium. That quality makes its product valuable as furnace flux, but its lime while much sought in chemical manufactures, and agricultural uses, is rather handicapped in the building trades in large cities because Centre county lime is hot-slake, whereas in most larger building enterprises "cold-slake" lime is preferred.

We have before us a copy of the December issue of "The Explosive Engineer," a magazine devoted to the science of blasting of every sort, and the use of explosives. In a very interesting illustrated article C. J. Burton describes the blasting in quarries by well-drill charges and "Coyote" shots. For the purpose of his description he took the quarry of the Greer Limestone Co., at Greer, W. Va. It so happens that "Dave" Kelly, who learned his stuff in the quarries of the American Lime and Stone Co., here is in charge of the Greer operations and that fact added more to our interest in Mr. Burton's story. In it he refers to Mr. Kelley as follows:

"Later D. J. Kelley took charge of the plant and quarry operations, bringing the production up to 1000 tons a day by installing additional modern equipment and improving methods. He now has six Jack-hammers, one tripod, one Denver and one Sanderson well drill, a Sullivan compressor, two Osgood and one Theu steam shovels, and four Porter steam locomotives."

One of the illustrations of the operation reveals Dave on the job. He looks like a working man and he must be one, else how could he have brought that Greer plant to the point where an important trade magazine should use it as an illustration of a progressive quarrying industry.

The Bellefonte Academy had an inning at the Kiwanis club luncheon, at the Brockerhoff house on Tuesday. It was represented by coach Carl G. Snavely, captain J. F. Hood, of the football team, and head-master James R. Hughes. The latter was the principal speaker and he gave an outline of the foot-ball team's holiday trip to the Southwest for the edification of the large crowd of Kiwanians and guests present. The new president, W. Harrison Walker, presided and gave an interesting resume of what was done at the Kiwanis conference in Pittsburgh last week. The attendance prize, an Ingersoll watch, was won by Mine Host M. A. Landsy.

The engagement of Mrs. Eleanor Louise Sheffer and Wallace Ray Jones, of Binghamton, N. Y., was announced last week at a bridge luncheon given by Miss Sheffer's mother, Mrs. Paul D. Sheffer, at her home on east Linn street. Mr. Jones who spent the week-end in Bellefonte, is now continuing his college work, consequently no definite time has been set for the wedding.

The Centre County Society of Philadelphia will have its annual dinner dance at the Bellevue-Stratford on Thursday night, January 27. Every Centre countian who happens to be in the city at the time will be welcome. The committee in charge is Warren Underwood, Wm. S. Furst Esq., Gordon W. Ardell, Wm. A. Magee, Dr. S. Gray Matter, the president, and John C. C. Beale.

Before another issue of the Watchman reaches its readers a new Governor will be in the chair at Harrisburg. Quite a number of people in Centre county are drawing down State pay checks and it is only natural that every one of them should be wondering "where they are at."

The family of the late Daniel Eberhart, wish to express their appreciation of the kindness shown them by their neighbors and friends during the five weeks illness and at the time of the death of their father, Daniel W. Eberhart.

Mrs. H. E. Fenlon, of North Allegheny St., won the cedar chest that was given away by the auxiliary of the hospital on Wednesday afternoon.

Marriage Licenses.

John Lloyd Watson, of Shawville, and Ruth D. Skipper, of Clearfield. William Aloah Morris and Helen Hull, both of Bellefonte.

James Fortney Killed by an Automobile in Illinois.

James Fortney, a native of Centre county and well known especially in the vicinity of Boalsburg died at his home in Amboy, Ill., last Thursday, from the effects of an accident he suffered while crossing a street in that city the evening before.

He was knocked down by a passing automobile, being rendered unconscious when his head struck the paving of a following car ran over his legs before anyone had noticed his plight. He died from a fracture at the base of the skull.

Deceased was an engineer on the night shifter in the Illinois Central yards and his son was his fireman. The father and son had left their engine to get a lunch and the accident happened when the former was crossing the street to a restaurant.

He was born at Boalsburg, this county, on May 18, 1868, and was the youngest of the nine children of Mr. and Mrs. George A. Fortney. About thirty-three years ago he went to Illinois and located at Davis where he farmed for some time and later went to railroad at Freeport. After a few years there he moved to Amboy and had resided there twenty-one years. He was a thirty-second degree Mason.

He is survived by his widow and four children: Carrie Barlow, Myrtle Bates, Ray and James, together with eleven grand children and one sister, Mrs. Annie Patterson, of Boalsburg.

He was a very popular and well known man in Amboy. His body laid in state in the Masonic building where the funeral services were conducted on Sunday, with eight hundred sorrowing friends in attendance.

Those of his Pennsylvania relatives who went out for the funeral were: Mrs. Samuel Wasson, Mrs. Elsie White, Bellefonte; Mrs. James Patterson and Miss Beulah Fortney, of Boalsburg, and Mr. and Mrs. George Noll, of Winburne.

Bellefonte High Wins Second Game in Mountain League Race.

On the Y. M. C. A. floor, last Friday night, the Bellefonte High school basket ball team won their second game in the race for the Mountain league pennant, defeating Huntingdon by the score of 23 to 14. The Huntingdon quintette proved to be a fast bunch of floor workers. In the first half they led coach Riden's team 12 to 6. In the second half the Bellefonte tossers get into the game and scored seventeen points to Huntingdon's two. Seven Bellefonte tossers were tried out against the visitors. Captain Fuery being the star. For Huntingdon, Neff played an excellent game.

Today the team will journey to Houtzdale where they will play this evening and tomorrow evening will play the Philipsburg High, at Philipsburg. These games will test the strength of the Bellefonte boys as both Houtzdale and Philipsburg have mostly veteran teams.

"Beau Geste" Now in Third Big Week at Nixon at Pittsburgh.

Add one more title to the list of truly great motion pictures: With the appearance of Paramount's "BEAU GESTE," at the Criterion Theatre in New York seven months ago, the enthusiastic advance reports reaching Pittsburgh immediately following that sensational event, it became necessary to enlarge the roll of screen masterpieces. Doubly welcome, therefore, is the announcement that "BEAU GESTE" will begin the third big week of its engagement at the Nixon Theatre Pittsburgh on Monday, January 17th, playing twice daily at 2.30 and 8.30.

The magnificent broad sweep of this drama of the French Foreign Legion has never been surpassed, nor has there been a finer theme more masterly executed, than that of the devotion of the three young brothers, and their smiling, unflinching sacrifice for each other.

The pounding, pulsing drama of "BEAU GESTE" is brought to the audience with shocking force in the opening scenes. A detachment of the Foreign Legion is shown on its way across the African Desert to relieve a fort which has been attacked by Arabs. The commander of the relieving force on arriving finds no sign of Arabs, and his glass reveals a soldier standing at every embrasure in the walls, ready to fire on an enemy.

A bugle call elicits no response. Not a man stirs, and the gates remain closed. The Major goes to the walls and discovers the alert sentries to be—all dead! This opens a mystery which deepens and quickens as the story progresses, reaching to England and there involving three of the main characters, the brothers, enacted by Ronald Colman, Neil Hamilton and Ralph Forbes.

Coleman, giving the finest and most romantic performance of his brilliant career, and Noah Beery as Sergeant LeJaune, "the cruelest beast and bravest soldier" in the Legion, dominate the action although Neil Hamilton and Ralph Forbes are close rivals for screen honors.

None of the many noted artists in "BEAU GESTE" give anything but fine characterizations. William Powell, Alfee Joyce, Mary Brian, Norman Trevor, Victor McLaughlin and the others all add to their popularity. There are a thousand thrills in "BEAU GESTE"—the sight of hundreds of colorful tourages sweeping across the sand plains, the revolt among the 40 Legionnaires, and their dauntless defense against the desert hordes, in addition to countless other pulse leaping moments. "BEAU GESTE" should not be missed.