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BELLEFONTE HIGH SCHOOL GIVEN CONFERENCE HONORS

Will Play Mount Carmel, at State College Tomorrow.

At a meeting of representatives of the western conference Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association, held at the Penn Alto hotel, Altoona, on Monday night, the Bellefonte High school football team was awarded the honors of the conference and selected to play Mount Carmel for the State championship, on Beaver field, at State College, tomorrow (Saturday) afternoon, at 2 o'clock. Regarding the meeting in Altoona the Altoona Tribune says:

Bellefonte High school's football team was declared champion of the Western Pennsylvania Inter-scholastic athletic conference at a warm session of representatives of nine member schools in the Penn Alto last night.

Selection of the Centre county eleven is expected to surprise local football followers who had looked upon either Altoona or Lock Haven High as probable winners. Bellefonte was chosen to carry the western conference standard in a post-season game with Mount Carmel, eastern winner, when faculty managers compromised after a lengthy debate in which the relative qualities of contending teams were forgotten or ignored.

For some time Lock Haven and Altoona held the spotlight. Johnstown, Bellefonte, Lock Haven and Jersey Shore delegates favored Lock Haven, taking the stand against Tyrone, Clearfield, Hollidaysburg and Altoona, who favored the Maroon and White.

Emerging from this muddle, representatives were slightly at a loss on the proper procedure. Tyrone's delegate furnished a loophole by withdrawing from the session. A suggestion to appoint a committee to name the championship team found favor.

On the first ballot taken by committeemen Lock Haven received three votes, Bellefonte two and Altoona one. Another ballot brought in a verdict of one vote each for Bellefonte and Altoona. Pitted against Altoona in a new balloting, Bellefonte enjoyed a three to four margin which held against Lock Haven also.

Elevation of Bellefonte to the top of the heap is even more surprising in view of the fact that the Centre county eleven won only a single conference game and was tied twice. A 27-6 victory over Altoona High and scoreless deadlocks with Lock Haven and Tyrone comprised the team's accomplishments in the conference field.

Another unexpected turn of affairs that occurred was Bellefonte's rescinding of a suggestion to decide the championship on points.

At a meeting of delegates, September 19, Mr. Puderbaugh, principal of Lock Haven High, suggested that Robert L. Thompson, secretary, write for plans suitable to determine the title winners on points. Bellefonte suggested the point system used by the W. P. I. A. This was the only suggestion received. A vote by mail resulted in five of the nine members, including Bellefonte, voting for the new method. Lock Haven dissented. Three schools failed to vote.

Last night the minutes of the meeting of September 19, when read by Mr. Thompson, were approved as correct by representatives present.

A short address by Nelson Benson, superintendent of Lock Haven schools, in which the speaker brought forth many arguments against the adopted system, lead to a vote for reconsideration of the point system adopted through the mail vote.

State College, Lewistown and Portage High schools were admitted to the conference during the meeting last night. Election of officers for the coming year will be made at a banquet in Bellefonte Friday to which two delegates from each member school are invited.

Bellefonte and Lock Haven Play a No-Score Game.

From twelve to fifteen hundred Bellefonters, including the American Legion bugle and drum corps and the Odd Fellows band, motored to Lock Haven on Thanksgiving day for the Bellefonte High school football game with Lock Haven High; and this notwithstanding the fact that the day was about as rainy and miserable as could be, but fortunately not cold. It is estimated that 4,000 people gathered on Hansen field to witness the game, which it was conceded would be the deciding contest for the honors of the western Pennsylvania conference.

But what a field to play on. The rain had turned it into a slippery, slimy quagmire of mud and water, and while it was just as fair for Bellefonte as it was for Lock Haven, it is a pity that the town hasn't a better field for athletic sports.

In the first period of the game the Lock Haven team outplayed the red

and white and at one time came near scoring. But the Bellefonte line stiffened and saved the day. In the third quarter Bellefonte got the ball down to within eight yards of the goal line but on two tries could not advance, and a trial for a field goal by Harnish was blocked.

Lock Haven had a little the best of the game as they made eleven first downs to seven by Bellefonte, but with that they were unable to score. Bellefonte was penalized three times and Lock Haven twice. So far as the sport goes the game was clean throughout.

Between halves the Bellefonte and Lock Haven musical organizations kept the large crowd well entertained, and following the game Bellefonte people, headed by their band and bugle and drum corps gave a parade through the principal streets of the town, the bugle corps receiving much applause from the crowd on the streets.

Bellefonte Man Dies from Wounds Self-inflicted.

Despondent over a prolonged spell of illness Fred Chandler cut his throat and then shot himself twice, at his home on Pike alley, early Sunday morning, inflicting wounds that resulted in his death at the Centre County hospital on Monday afternoon.

Mr. Chandler had been in poor health for more than a year but was able to be up and around. On Sunday morning he went down into the cellar of his home and made an attempt to cut his throat, the one slash reaching from his left ear almost to the right. Failing to reach a vital spot he shot himself twice in the left side of the abdomen, about six inches below the heart, using a 22-calibre gun. His wife heard the reports in the cellar and rushing down found her husband, badly wounded but still conscious. Summoning assistance he was taken to the hospital where he lingered until Monday afternoon.

Alfred Henry Chandler was a son of Thomas and Eliza Chandler and was born at New Castle, England, on February 26th, 1854, hence had reached the age of 73 years, 9 months and 2 days. He came to this country fifty-two years ago and had been a resident of Bellefonte ever since. He was a laborer by occupation and a good citizen.

As a young man he married Miss Harriet Symmonds, who died in 1921. In February, 1927, he married Mrs. Esther Symmonds, who survives with three children by his first marriage, namely: Mrs. Emanuel Shope, of Milesburg; Mrs. Arthur Bickel and Charles Chandler, both of Bellefonte. He also leaves one sister, Mrs. Grace Young, at New Castle, England.

Funeral services were held at 2:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon, burial being made in the Union cemetery.

Annual Christmas Seal Sale Starts Tomorrow.

Once again the Christmas seal has appeared, offering to every person the opportunity to help in the great drive against tuberculosis.

Appropriately, the seal is a cheerful little sticker, symbolic not only of the Christmas spirit but also of the spirit of the movement that it helps to finance. For the fight against tuberculosis is slowly moving to a glorious victory and the seal is the triumphant banner of the conquerors. Every person who enlists under that banner can feel that he is helping to spread the tidings of hope and good cheer into thousands of homes where the white plague has entered, and to preserve the happiness of thousands of others which the disease threatens.

The cost of the seals—1 cent apiece—is so slight that it is within the power of everyone to help in the battle to win in this great cause.

The annual sale of tuberculosis Christmas seals will start in Centre county tomorrow, Dec. 3. In this section the following women will have charge of it:

Mrs. Charles R. Kurtz, chairman; Mrs. James K. Barnhart, Mrs. Eben B. Bower, Mrs. Jacob Hoy, Mrs. Charles S. Hughes, Mrs. Harry C. Menold, Mrs. Samuel Shallcross, Mrs. E. O. Struble, Miss Helene A. Williams and Mrs. Roy Wilkinson.

State College Stock Exhibits Win Many Prizes.

Livestock exhibits of the Pennsylvania State College won many prizes in the judging contests in the annual livestock show, at Chicago, on Monday, the awards for that day being as follows:

Pat cattle division—Aberdeen, Angus steers, class 193; second, Gray Boy, Pennsylvania State College.

Pat sheep division—Garden and cross-bred sheep, class 46, wether, one year, and under two. First, Pennsylvania State College; class 148, champion wether, first, Pennsylvania; Barrow, 200 and under 250 pounds, third and fourth, Pennsylvania State College; class 178, Barrow, 250 and under 350 pounds, third, Pennsylvania State College; class 181, pen of three Barrows, 250 and under 350 pounds, first, Pennsylvania State College; class 183, five Barrows (any weight stipulated), get by one sire, first, Pennsylvania State College; class 184, ten Barrows, 200 to 250 pounds, first, Pennsylvania State College; class 186, champion pen of Barrows, first, Pennsylvania State College.

Pat swine division, Duroc Jerseys: Class 201, pen of three Barrows, 350 pounds or over, first, Pennsylvania State College; class 203, five Barrows (any weight stipulated above), third, Pennsylvania State College.

A Proposal: Will You Help?

This is the second day of December. A new year will dawn before we realize that it is here. Before it comes, however, we would like to have the label on every copy of the Watchman that we mail, showing that the subscription of its recipient is paid up to 1928.

We would like to have this done for three reasons:

1st. All of what should be the working capital of this paper is tied up in its subscribers. We have the utmost confidence in their intention to pay and trust them to the limit, but our confidence in them isn't acceptable collateral to put up at the bank in order to borrow money with which to pay paper bills and meet the weekly payroll.

2nd. The United States postal authorities are likely, any minute, to throw out of the mails all papers that are not paid up to within the year. We had trouble with the Department some years ago. At that time we told the powers that be that if we wanted to trust our subscribers that was our business. The reply was that the law takes no cognizance of our faith in you—if you are a delinquent—and that it is its business to see that no papers are sent through the mails to persons who do not pay promptly for them. Inasmuch as there is actually no way for us to evade this ruling of the Postal Department we hope you will see the dilemma we are in and remit a portion or all of your arrearage before December 31.

3rd. If all of our readers were paid up we would have no problem of financing the Watchman from week to week. If the spectre of meeting the Saturday pay-roll check were not hovering over the desk all week possibly we could give you a much better Watchman than you have been getting.

There are not many who owe much. There are a lot who owe a little—a year or two, let's say. This seems only a trifling sum to you, because \$1.50, \$3.00 or \$4.50 isn't a sum that the average person worries much about. But when you come to consider what anyone of those amounts would total if multiplied by five or six hundred you will better appreciate how serious it is to us.

The most of the Watchman's resources are tied up in just such trifling little accounts. We have so much confidence in our readers that we believe that everyone of them is honest and will pay some day. Our trouble, however, is keeping the paper going until that "some day" arrives. And it troubles us so much that we fear it is handicapping us in the work we are trying to do.

It would be such a happy Christmas, such a hopeful New Year if our list was all paid up and enough money in the bank to end this unnecessary worry lest our checks might not be good.

If the figures after your name on the label of this paper do not indicate some month in '28 won't you please send us a remittance? You can figure it out yourself. For example, if the last figures on your label should be '25 that would indicate that your subscription expired in the given month in 1925, and you would owe us \$4.50 since it would be just three years from '25 to '28.

As we have said before the sums seem trifling and it is very distasteful to us to call attention to them, but their aggregate means so much that we are compelled to do it.

We trust you will accept this proposal in the friendly spirit in which it is made and respond at once.

Sincerely yours,

GEORGE R. MEEK,

for The Democratic Watchman.

Prominent Lewistown Man Parboiled in Bathtub.

Andrew McFarlane Thompson, a prominent resident of Lewistown, and a relative of the Thompsons in College township, was literally parboiled in the bathtub in his apartment in the Coleman hotel at that place, last Thursday night.

Thompson, who was 67 years old, went to his room early Thanksgiving evening. About 1 o'clock on Friday morning the night clerk, John Pearson, heard the water running in Thompson's bathroom. He tried the door but it was locked. He then called Mr. Thompson's room on the house phone but received no response. Summoning assistance he went to the room and forced the door, and was horrified to find the gentleman, clad only in his pajamas, lying on his back in the tub and immersed in a foot of scalding water.

It is presumed that Thompson had fallen backward into the tub and in doing so probably struck the hot water spigot, turning it on, and being dazed by the fall was unable to help himself. He was removed from the water as quickly as possible, but died while being taken to the Lewistown hospital.

He was a son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Thompson and was the last of the Thompson brothers who for more than half a century operated the knitting mills at Lewistown and Milroy. His three brothers, Reed, George and Walter Thompson, all died within the past four years.

—Word from the Decker party, now in Los Angeles, who are on a three months' motor trip to the coast, is to the effect that they are so delighted with California that it would not be surprising if they decided to eventually make it their home. The drive out was made in eight days, with not a drop of rain after leaving Pennsylvania.

—The Knights of Columbus will hold a food sale and bazaar in their rooms, over the Bellefonte Trust company, on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings, December 6th and 7th, 1927. The public is cordially invited.

Injured Near Lemont.

"Ike" Garner, who works on the J. W. Klinger dairy farm, narrowly escaped death, on Sunday evening, when a passing automobile struck and knocked him down, bruising and cutting him painfully. The driver stopped and rendered assistance by taking him to a doctor and having his injuries dressed. Mr. Garner is recovering as rapidly as could be expected.

—A Christmas bazaar will be held at the parish house of St. John's Episcopal church on Tuesday, December 6th, beginning at 12 o'clock noon. There will be for sale a full line of Christmas gifts, fancywork, aprons, children's dresses, candies, cakes and food. A light lunch will be served during the afternoon. Everybody invited.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

SHERIFF'S SALE.—By virtue of a writ of Levari Facias issued out of the Court of Common Pleas of Centre County, to me directed, will be exposed to public sale at The Court House in the Borough of Bellefonte on

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10, 1927.

the following property: All that certain message, tenement and tract of land situate and being in the Township of Spring, County of Centre and State of Pennsylvania, bounded and described as follows:— BEGINNING at a corner of land now or formerly of John Hoy's estate, on the line of land of Rowland C. Irvin; thence along line of land of Rowland C. Irvin and land of A. O. Furst North 67 degrees 20' East 211 and 70-100 rods to a post; thence along land now or formerly of D. Grove South 23 degrees East 202 perches to stones; thence along land or formerly of Reuben Valentine's estate and George Valentine South 62 degrees West 425 perches to stones; thence along land now or late of P. and W. Barnhart North 29 degrees west 100 perches to a post; thence along land of John Hoy's estate the following courses and distances:— North 64 degrees East 122 perches to a post; thence North 22 1/2 degrees West 14 perches to a post; thence North 61 and one-half degrees East 105 perches to a corner; thence North 25 1/2 degrees west 113 perches to the place of beginning.

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Sale to commence at 1:30 o'clock P. M. of said day. E. R. TAYLOR, Sheriff. Sheriff's office, Bellefonte, Pa., November 15th, 1927. 72-45-3t

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EXECUTRIX'S NOTICE.—Letters testamentary having been granted to the undersigned upon the estate of T. Clayton Brown, deceased, all persons knowing themselves indebted to same are requested to make prompt payment, and those having claims against said estate must present them, duly authenticated, for settlement.

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