

BOROUGH COUNCIL MET ON MONDAY EVENING

Seven members were present at the regular meeting of borough council on Monday evening. Roland Ickoff appeared in person to ask for a permit to build a house at the junction of Lamb street and Shoemaker avenue, and also requested both water and sewer extension. Mr. Cunningham stated that the Water committee and Street committee should join together in putting the sewer and water in the same ditch, and he had made that proposition to the Street committee but had not yet had its decision.

Secretary Kelly read a voluminous communication from M. J. Barrick, district engineer of the State Board of Health, relative to the sewer system of Bellefonte, in which he stated that he had received several appeals from Bellefonte residents in regard to the borough's attitude on requests for new sewers and sewer extensions, and had advised all such writers that the question of putting down such sewers was entirely within the rights of the borough council; and that it was customary to assess most of the cost for such sewers on property owners.

Mr. Cunningham stated that the Water committee had also received a letter from Mr. Barrick in which he recommended the installation of several four inch links in the system of water mains of the town, an improvement that would entail an expenditure of five or six thousand dollars and which cannot be done at this time.

A written communication was received from Robert Scott Kift, of Lock Haven, offering his services as a civil engineer. The letter was tabled.

The Street committee reported the usual repairs and receipt of \$30 from Roland Ickoff for a sewer permit.

The water committee reported the collection of \$11.75 on the 1924 water duplicate, \$49.50 on the 1925 and \$638.75 on the 1924. The committee also reported that the shaft and gear wheel at the Phoenix pumping station have become so worn that it is impossible to run the pump at its maximum speed, and they should be replaced with new parts. The cost will be about \$500, and the committee recommended that they be procured as soon as possible. The recommendation was approved.

The Finance committee reported a check for \$25,000 from Miss Sarah M. Love, tax collector, and also that the treasurer's report showed a balance in bank of \$4135.45. The committee asked for the renewal of notes aggregating \$13,000, and also requested authority to borrow \$1500 from the Centre Hall Odd Fellows, all of which was authorized. Mr. Emrick explained that while there seems to be plenty of money in the treasury now, there will be \$25,000 in notes due in a few days which the treasurer will pay.

Mr. Cunningham, for the Fire and Police Committee, asked that orders be drawn for the annual appropriation to the two fire companies, and same was authorized.

Mr. Reynolds, chairman of the special committee of council, presented requests for building permits for a house for Charles Keller, on East Curtin street; the Roland Ickoff house, on west Lamb street, and a store room by Guy Bonfatto, on the McQuiston lot on Thomas street; all of which were granted and ordered placed on file.

Bills totaling \$1966.22 were approved for payment after which council adjourned.

American Legion Auxiliary Council Met at State College.

The American Legion Auxiliary tri-county council held a meeting at State College, on Wednesday of last week, about fifty members being present from Williamsport, Jersey Shore, Lock Haven, Bellefonte, Philipsburg and State College. A very interesting report of the Paris convention was given by Mrs. Van Horn, who attended the convention as a delegate from the Williamsport Auxiliary, and whose son was killed in the battle of the Marne. The council voted to take care of five invalid soldiers in one of the State hospitals.

At noon a banquet was served to all in attendance and at the afternoon session Mr. Eton Walker, of the college military department, gave an interesting talk and related some personal experiences of the war in France. Jersey Shore was selected as the place for holding the next meeting, which will be on the second Wednesday in March.

Managers and farm operators of the charitable, penal, and educational institutions of the State will attend the second institutional farmers' week at the Pennsylvania State College, January 9 to 13, 1928. The program is outlined by the State Department of Public Welfare and the School of Agriculture. Activities begin Monday evening, January 9, with a welcome by Dean R. L. Watts, and a response by C. W. Hunt, deputy secretary of the State Department of Welfare, Harrisburg. H. G. Nissley, assistant director of agricultural extension, who studied farm conditions in Europe last summer, will talk on "European Agriculture."

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Hunter, Missing Twelve Days, Returned Home on Sunday.

J. Clyde Hess, of Parkersburg, Chester county, hunter, supposedly lost while hunting in the Seven mountains and given up as dead, returned to his home, on Sunday, and told a strange tale of his disappearance. Hess was hunting with a party of Milroy men, camped in the mountains, and disappeared on December 6th. When he failed to return to camp that evening members of the hunting party inaugurated a search for him which was continued for four days, and in which half a dozen members of the State constabulary, game wardens and hundreds of hunters in the mountains, took part. The theory was advanced that he might have been killed by an escaped convict from Rockview penitentiary but this was never given much credence as there were no escapes at that time. But Hess is now at his home in Chester county and here is the story he tells of his disappearance:

"On Tuesday, December 6, I left the hunting camp alone and started out to get my buck" he said. "I walked a few miles when I saw a deer and shot it. Then five other hunters appeared on the scene and claimed the deer, saying they had killed it. I argued the matter with them and told them I shot it. One of them hit me over the head with the butt end of his gun. I was knocked down. Although I did not lose consciousness my mind became a blank.

"I was never lost in the woods. I can remember that I walked over strange roads for days and was given several rides in automobiles. Finally, I do not know how, I reached Detroit where I obtained a job as a laborer. It never once occurred to me that I had two farms in Chester county and that my wife and five children were there. Not until Friday night did my mind become normal.

"I was sitting at a window in my rooming house, looking out at the street when two automobiles crashed together. The noise from the crash had a peculiar effect upon me and my memory started to return. Then it dawned upon me that my mind must have been blank for several days. I decided at once to return home. On Saturday morning I went to my employer, secured my wages and started the return trip.

When Hess reached Tyrone on his way home, his money was gone but he told his tale to railroad men with such earnestness that they telephoned to Parkersburg, received confirmation of his story and a pledge for a ticket to that place, so sent the man home on the next train. Hess was wearing his hunting clothes and carried a paper bag in which were a few cakes. His arrival home was the occasion of an ovation by members of his family and friends.

Dr. Pattee on Leave to Compile New Work on American Literature.

In partial recognition for his more than thirty years of outstanding service to the Pennsylvania State College, trustee action permitted Dr. Fred Lewis Pattee, well known authority on American literature, to complete his lecture work there with the start of the Christmas vacation, and he will leave today to spend the winter in Florida.

Dr. Pattee has just received a commission from a large publishing house to compile a history of American literature from 1790 to 1870. Such a volume will help fill out his series of historical sketches on American literature that already are considered by critics to be the most outstanding ever compiled. He will undertake this work while wintering at West Palm Beach.

Accompanied by his daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. John M. Stetson, of the University of Illinois, Dr. Pattee will first drive to Louisville, Ky., to deliver an address on "American Romantacies" at the annual meeting of the Modern Language association, December 29. From Nashville, Tenn., the party will go to Florida via New Orleans.

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SELFISH LITTLE TOMMY

Selfish little Tommy Tupper
Went as softly as a mouse,
Carrying the biggest stocking
He could find in all the house;

Creeping carefully on tiptoe
Up and up the garret stair,
Hung his stocking very tightly
On the queer old chimney there.

"Now when Santa comes a-climbing
Up the roof and down the wall,
He'll be sure to see my stocking,
And to fill it first of all.

"Yes, the pick of all his toys—
All the biggest and the best—
He will give to me and carry
All the leavings to the rest.

"What a pair of skates he'll bring me!
What a jolly ball to throw!
And the top, and whip, and jack-knife,
Will be best of all, I know.

"And the goodies—running over!
Just to see them will be fun;
And I'll hide them in my pockets
Till I've eaten every one."

What a pity—what a pity
Such a clever plan should fail!
In the meantime Tommy Tupper
Loudly raised a woeful wail.

Santa Claus, so busy filling
Little stockings, one by one,
Never saw the big one hanging
In the garret all alone.

—Sydney Dayre, in Golden Days.

Bellefonte High School Football Schedule for 1928.

Speculation as to what teams Bellefonte will meet on the gridiron next year has been settled by the announcement of the 1928 schedule. Early season games of a practice nature are yet pending but will be arranged by the time the pigskin toters are ready for another kickoff. The schedule retains the old favorites, Altoona, Tyrone, Lock Haven and Huntingdon. Reappearing after a lapse of several years is an old rival and neighbor, State College, as the Armistice day attraction. A feature of much interest will be the appearance of Mt. Carmel on the local field. The close game of December 2nd, should make this contest one of unusual spirit and interest. The coatlines of officials were very anxious to entertain Bellefonte on their own lot but the local schedule makers prevailed upon them to appear here.

The schedule is a hard and ambitious one and includes five conference games, so that a third undefeated season seems unlikely, but the athletic authorities feel it is better to win from or lose to a team of strength than play several easy games and win them handily. The schedule fits well with those of the Academy and State College, and Bellefonte fans will not have to make choice between several attractive games scheduled for the same day. The dates and games are as follows:

- Oct. 13.—*Altoona at Altoona.
- Oct. 20.—Mount Carmel at home.
- Oct. 27.—*Tyrone at Tyrone.
- Nov. 3.—Huntingdon at home.
- Nov. 12.—*State College at home.
- Nov. 17.—Lewistown at Lewistown.
- Nov. 24.—Juniata at home.
- Nov. 29.—*Lock Haven at Lock Haven.
- *Western Conference games.

Bill in Congress for Public Building in Bellefonte.

On Thursday, December 8th, Congressman J. M. Chase introduced a bill in Congress for the acquisition of a site and the erection of a public building in Bellefonte at a cost not to exceed the sum of \$125,000; said building to be used as a postoffice and other offices of the government. The bill in full is as follows:

For the purchase of a site and the erection thereon of a public building at Bellefonte, Pennsylvania.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of America in Congress assembled, that the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is hereby, authorized to purchase a site, or to acquire it by condemnation or otherwise, in the borough of Bellefonte, Pennsylvania, and cause to be erected thereon a suitable building, including fireproof vaults, heating and ventilating apparatus, and approaches, for the use and accommodation of the postoffice and other offices of the government, the cost of said site and building, including said vaults, heating and ventilating apparatus, and approaches, not to exceed \$125,000. The said building shall be unexposed to danger from fire by an open space of at least thirty feet on all sides, including streets and alleys.

Winter Halts Work on Impounding Dam at Penitentiary.

The advent of real winter weather has brought to a stop work on the big impounding dam, in McBride's gap, for the Rockview penitentiary. At that the breast of the dam is up to the first spillway, twenty or more feet in height and has ample capacity for impounding sufficient water for use at the penitentiary.

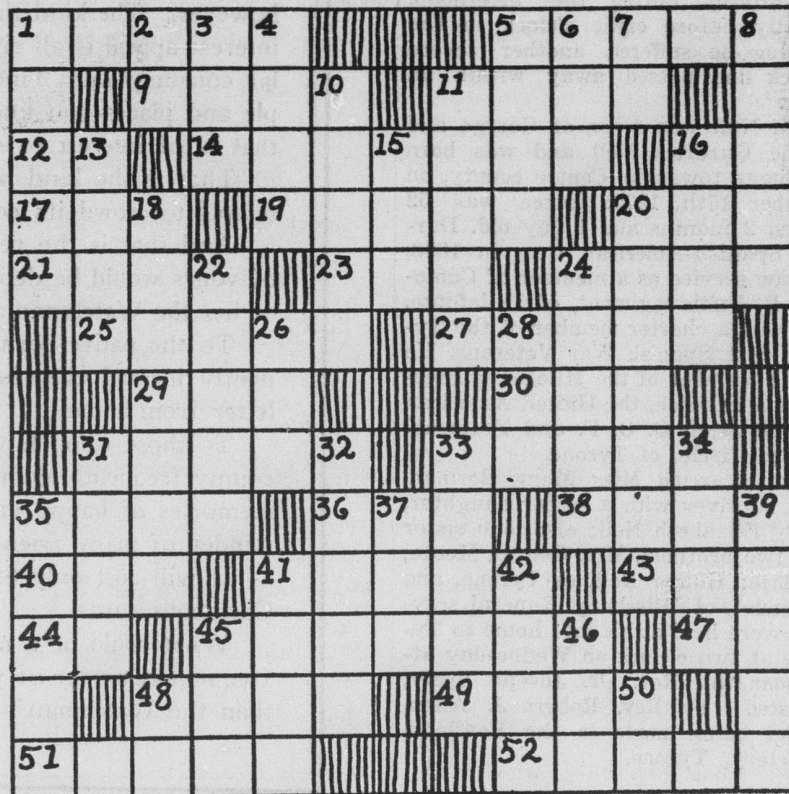
During the winter the men will be kept busy crushing stone and piling up material on the ground with which to complete the dam next summer. As now planned, it is estimated that it will take from three to four months to complete the breast of the dam, which, when finished, will be forty feet in height. According to the estimates of the engineers in charge the breast will be high enough to dam the water over about seven acres of ground, from which the trees, loose rock and all refuse have been removed.

—The Watchman gives all the news while it is news.

HOW TO SOLVE A CROSS-WORD PUZZLE

When the correct letters are placed in the white spaces this puzzle will spell words both vertically and horizontally. The first letter in each word is indicated by a number, which refers to the definition listed below the puzzle. Thus No. 1 under the column headed "Horizontal" defines a word which will fill the white spaces up to the first black square to the right, and a number under "Vertical" defines a word which will fill the white squares to the next black one below. No letters go in the black spaces. All words used are dictionary words, except proper names. Abbreviations, slang, initials, technical terms and obsolete forms are indicated in the definitions.

CROSS-WORD PUZZLE No. 1.



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| <p>Horizontal.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1—A watch 5—Depicts with a pencil 9—Native metals 11—To appear 12—Sun god 16—To perform 17—Two-wheeled vehicle 19—Savory 20—A wager 21—Makes a mistake 23—To permit 24—Money 25—To burn slightly 27—Man-eating fish 29—American writer and poet 30—To make a mistake 31—Urges on 35—Pedal extremities 38—Part of "to be" 39—Beverages 40—To finish 41—To flame up 43—To tear 44—That thing 45—To retaliate 47—Note of scale 48—Motor vehicle 49—Ova 51—To touch with the elbow 52—Gets dirty | <p>Vertical.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1—The edge 2—To proceed 3—Anger 5—An act 7—Part of "to be" 8—Three-toed animal 10—To climb a wall 11—Expectorates 13—Melodies 15—To mimic 16—Piece of office furniture 18—Grasped 20—An obstruction 22—Animal's nose 24—A gold measure 25—German (abbr.) 28—That woman 31—Dispatched 32—Volley of infantry fire 33—City in Switzerland 34—Splice 35—To make a pretense 37—Girl's name 39—Bridges 41—Festival 42—Same as 49 horizontal 45—Small carpet 48—Commercial announcement (abbr.) 50—Note of scale |
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