

NEWS ABOUT TOWN AND COUNTY.

If the month of March will be anything like the last Friday in February we have a lot of nice weather ahead of us.

Having returned from his auto trip to Florida Milan P. Walker is back at his desk in the office of the Beatty Motor company.

The regular monthly meeting of the Centre County Motor Club will be held at the Brockerhoff hotel, in this place, this evening at 6:15.

Dr. M. J. Locke, the elder, has been confined to his home on Allegheny street for several weeks, suffering with a rather aggravated cold.

Kermit Roosevelt, son of the late President Theodore Roosevelt, will be one of the lecturers at the next summer session at the Pennsylvania State College. He will speak there on the afternoon and evening of July 16.

Have you seen "Finn and Hattie?" It is now showing at the Richelieu and is said to be a convul sing comedy. Anything in which Leon Errol and Zazu Pitts appear would be funny, for that pair could make a tombstone laugh.

Kermit Roosevelt and William McFee head the list of lecturers announced for the summer session at the Pennsylvania State College, which will open June 30th. The program will be enlarged this year and will offer 350 courses in 35 departments.

A little daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Keller, of Pittsburgh, in the Allegheny General hospital, on Sunday. The new advent makes three girls and one boy in the Keller family, and up to this time no name has been decided upon for the newest member.

On Monday afternoon five school boys came down High street rolling an old automobile tire. When they reached the bridge they deliberately threw the old tire into Spring creek then made a quick getaway, and that is one of the reasons for the accumulation of so much rubbish in the stream.

Mrs. Raymond H. Smith, of State College, has just been named regional chairman for Centre county of the Pennsylvania Committee of Republican women. Centre is in the north-central division and the organization for 1931 was announced on Friday by Miss S. M. R. O'Hara, of Wilkes-Barre, the state chairman.

Rev. C. C. Shuey is in the midst of a very successful revival service being held in the church at Dix Run. Beginning on Monday evening, February 23rd, fifteen penitents had been at the altar up to and including Friday night of last week. The meetings will be continued as long as sufficient interest is manifested to warrant them.

Dorsey Woodring, who for quite a number of years has been station agent at Milesburg, was placed on the retired list, on the first of the month and W. T. Kelly, station agent in Bellefonte, has been appointed official agent at that place in addition to his duties here. One man, however, will be kept at the Milesburg station to sell tickets and look after the freight.

M. R. James, specialist in fish culture for the U. S. Department of Fisheries, spent Tuesday along the lower end of Fishing creek, inspecting the contributory springs and surrounding grounds as possible locations for a federal hatchery that is to be located somewhere in the Sixteenth Congressional District of Pennsylvania. Lycoming and Clinton county sportsmen are advocating its location near the spring at Mackeyville.

Phyllis Jodon, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Van Jodon, was seven years old, on Wednesday, and her mother gave a party for her from four to six o'clock in the afternoon, the guests being fifteen of her school-mates, as follows: Dorothy Stevens, Joanna Long, Virginia Clark, Anna Grove, Anne Penny, Frances Jones, Laura Ann Stern, Betty Vonada, Phyllis Evey, Eleanor Forsburg, Mary Maxine Craft, Thelma Cook, Love Auman, Blanche Locke and Alice Jane Jodon.

The Rowland theatre, of Phillipsburg, was sold, last week, to Stanley Elkins, of Indiana, Pa. The theatre was built in 1917 and since its opening had been under the management of A. J. Fleckenstein. It has been used for both motion pictures and stock company performances and is one of the best theatres in this part of the State. The theatre was closed after Saturday night's showing of pictures and will be extensively overhauled before being reopened.

Miss Florence Cohen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter C. Cohen, of Spring street, Bellefonte, suffered an acute attack of appendicitis Sunday evening, was taken to the hospital at once and at 10:30 Dr. Waterworth, of Clearfield, performed the operation that probably saved her life. Her case was an unusually bad one and it is reported that had the operation been deferred until Monday morning the outcome might have been very different. She is recovering nicely now.

SPRING MILLS MERCHANT CONVICTED OF ARSON.

Charles A. Krape, Spring Mills Merchant Convicted of Burning His Own Store—Record Attendance in Court During Trial.

When a jury composed entirely of men brought back a verdict of guilty, last Saturday afternoon, in the Commonwealth's case against Charles A. Krape, 72 years old, Spring Mills merchant, charged with felonious arson, one of the most sensational and crowd attracting trials in the history of Centre county was brought to a close. The case which began Thursday afternoon, went to the jury at noon and the verdict was returned shortly after four o'clock on Saturday. Ex-Judge Arthur C. Dale, counsel for the defendant, immediately made a motion for a new trial and the bail was set by Judge Fleming at \$6000.

Thousands of people crowded the main corridor of the court room until it was necessary to lock the main doors in order that the aisles might not be blocked. Never since the Musser murder trial have the aged tipstaves been taxed to the degree they were last week. The milling mob of humans came from miles around to listen to the testimony and see the principals in this most important case tried in the March term and the lone case in the court of Oyer and Terminer. On Friday morning the places were occupied at seven o'clock with people carrying their lunches and when Judge Fleming announced a night session a goodly number remained, superfluous in their places, so that they would not miss a single feature.

The Commonwealth contended that the fire which occurred on the night of January 29, 1929, in Spring Mills and destroyed the shoe store of Mr. Krape, the dwelling house and place of business of John H. Rishel and did damage to the Allison home had not been incendiary in origin. They alleged that the aged defendant had set fire to the structure where he conducted his business in a nefarious manner, consequently collecting the insurance which amount to \$8686. A letter received by Mr. Krape and purported to be from some enemy threatening his property was set forth to have been written by the defendant and mailed to himself in order that suspicion would be diverted from him.

W. O. Gramley, a resident of Spring Mills, who has been a patient in the Jersey Shore hospital where he is recuperating from a severe illness was transported from his sick bed on the morning of the trial in order that he might give his testimony. He told of two conversations he had had with Mr. Krape in the latter part of 1928. The first concerned the condition of Mr. Krape's finances which he alleged were very poor and in the second talk, he said the defendant offered him "good money" if he would burn the store. On cross-examination the witness admitted that he was indebted to the shoe merchant but insisted that this had not been mentioned in either of the two chats.

Harry M. Hoy then testified and he also stated that Mr. Krape had offered him \$100 if he would "see the place go up in smoke." Mr. Hoy admitted under Judge Dale's questioning, that he had been drinking a little during December of 1928 and also that he had been convicted in 1925 in the Centre County courts.

Jacob Shearer, in whose home the Spring Mills telephone exchange is located, said that on the night of the fire he had been awakened by the telephone and had immediately dressed and started for the fire, stopping at the silk mill to blow the whistle and give the general alarm. He and Mr. Krape went around the burning building and found in the snow a pair of rubber arctic. The aged defendant said to Mr. Shearer "Here it is, it was robbers." The witness did not see Mr. Krape after that during the progress of the fire.

The State then summoned Linto D. Gritman, the prosecutor in the case and a member of the State police force in connection with the fire marshal's office, Mr. Hafey and Mr. O'Daniels from the insurance companies and witnesses to the signature of Mr. Krape as taken in the office of the county detective last December. They produced the letter Mr. Krape was alleged to have written to himself and told how he had produced it in the office of Squire Jamison, Spring Mills, and stated—"This will explain it."

C. C. Hart, handwriting expert from Williamsport, who had examined the two specimens and the letter stated that the handwriting was very similar although not identical. The State then offered the letter and a number of other exhibits and rested its case.

The first witness for the defense was H. F. Rossman, another resident of Spring Mills. Mr. Rossman told of the bad condition of the stove in the store and of a crack that was in the stove bowl. He said the floor beneath was in a splintered condition and was practically tinder.

G. C. King, R. G. Kennelly, Thomas Decker, Paul D. Schwab, Charles P. Long and W. B. Musser took the stand and told of the reputation of the defendant for honesty and veracity in his community. They also

GAMBLE HEIRS DEMAND BIG PAY FOR ISLAND.

Submit Three Propositions to Council on Monday Evening.

Heirs of the late G. M. Gamble who claim title to "The Island," in the Spring creek dam, are demanding big pay from the borough because of the big 16-inch water line having been constructed across that property. In a lengthy communication to borough council, on Monday evening, they sought to establish their claim to the Island as their property. Then rehearsing how it was despoiled for purposes which they had in view by reason of the water pipe being extended across it they offered to sell it to the borough out right for a compromise price of from \$8,000 to \$10,000. In the event the borough will not purchase outright they will accept \$5,000 as damages; or, they will accept an annual rental of \$720 a year for as long as the pipe remains in its present place over The Island. The communication was signed by G. Mac Gamble and Ruth Talbot. The matter was referred to the Water and Finance committees for consultation with the borough solicitor.

Only five members were present at the meeting of council. In the absence of president John S. Walker, W. J. Emerick occupied the chair. B. O. Harvey submitted a proposition to insure the borough against any and all claims for damages by reason of accidents either on the streets or pavements. When the proposition is submitted in detail council will give it due consideration.

TELEPHONE EXTENSION FOR STATE COLLEGE.

Construction of additions to the existing aerial and underground telephone cable network in the area served by the State College central office is planned by the Bell Telephone Company of Pennsylvania at a cost of approximately \$12,000, according to an announcement today by J. H. Caum, district manager.

Marked increase in the number of subscribers in State College and vicinity, together with the desire to provide adequate facilities to care for the future telephone requirements of the community, prompted the company to undertake the project at this time, it was explained. Work on the project is scheduled to begin in a few days and completed by next August.

The program provides for the construction of more than 10,000 feet of lead-sheathed aerial cable containing between 26 and 404 pairs of wires, and the placing of nearly 1,000 feet of underground cable carrying between 404 and 1,212 pairs of wires.

BELLEFONTE ACADEMY TO BOX COOK ACADEMY.

The Bellefonte Academy boxing team, which has not lost a match this season, will go up against a stiff proposition this (Friday) evening, when they will have for their opponents the strong Cook Academy team. The bouts will be staged in the Y. M. C. A. gymnasium and will begin promptly at 8:30 o'clock. Price of admission will be \$1.00 for men and 50 cents for ladies. If you enjoy boxing be sure to go tonight, as every bout will be worth seeing.

Tomorrow night the Academy basket ball team will play the Dickinson Seminary five on the armory floor, Bellefonte. The game will be called at 8:30 o'clock and ought to be a very good one.

The Academy football dance held at Hecla park, last Friday evening, was largely attended and one of the most enjoyable ever held, according to those who were there.

MAN WHO ESCAPED IN 1919 CAUGHT IN PHILADELPHIA.

Louis Statler, a man who is alleged to have escaped from Rockview penitentiary back in 1919, was captured in Philadelphia last Friday. During the twelve years he has been at large he has roamed almost half-way around the world. At a place not divulged by the police he met a woman who traveled with him. At Kalamazoo, Mich., he left her. Scorned and forsaken the woman went to the police and told her story, informing them that Statler was enroute to Philadelphia in an automobile bearing a Michigan license. Police were watching for him and when he reached that city nabbed him.

Robert H. Stearns, of State College, Charles W. Korman, of Coburn, and H. Conley Hayes, of Mackeyville, are seniors at the Pennsylvania State College who have just returned to the campus after four weeks of practice teaching in the agricultural vocational schools of the State. They will complete their practice training in June when they will return to the same schools to supervise student projects for two weeks.

Bellefonte Chapter, D. A. R., is planning to mark the graves of soldiers of the American Revolution buried in the Branch cemetery and vicinity. Anyone knowing of Revolutionary soldiers buried in that cemetery, or near there, kindly send names to Mrs. P. H. Dale, 138 W. College Ave., State College, Pa.

NEWS PURELY PERSONAL.

Mr. and Mrs. Harrison Walker have been spending a part of the week in Philadelphia.

Mose A. Behrer, well known Patton township farmer, was in Bellefonte Monday morning looking after some business matters.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Milton Prater, who are in Bellefonte organizing the Perry Business school are at present living at the Talleyrand.

Miss Adaline Rider went on duty at the Centre County hospital last week, as one of the supervising nurses, to substitute for Miss Witmer, while the latter is in California.

The Rev. Stuart F. Gast, rector of St. John's Episcopal church was in charge of the Lenten services in Altoona Wednesday night, and will be in charge of those at Mt. Carmel to-night.

John Koehler, of Fairbrook, one of the best known farmers of Ferguson township, spent the week in Bellefonte, as a juror and on Tuesday was a guest at the regular Kiwanis luncheon.

Miss May Taylor, who has been living at the William Chambers home, since closing her house on Spring street, the first of November, is taking a short vacation from her school work, on account of ill health.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy R. Wadding will drive to Mr. Wadding's home in Indiana, Saturday night and from there to Erie, expecting to be back in Bellefonte, Monday. Mr. Wadding is manager of the downtown A. & P. store.

Mrs. Charles H. Miller, left, Friday of last week, to return to her home in Butler, Pa., after a week's visit in Bellefonte, with her sister, Mrs. M. Ward Fleming, at Judge and Mrs. Fleming's home, on east Linn street.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne D. Stitzinger and their family, were in Bellefonte over Sunday, having driven in from New Castle for one of their frequent visits with the children's maternal grand parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Johnston.

Mr. and Mrs. O. M. Bowersox of State College, were interested spectators at court here on Monday and Tuesday of this week. Neither one of them were jurors, though they were interested in some of the litigation that was before the court.

Mrs. John Curtin is in Atlantic City, having gone down the early part of the week to be a guest of Mr. and Mrs. William S. Furst, while recovering from a slight indisposition. Mrs. Curtin expects to be away for a part of the month of March.

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Smith, of State College, are at the Covington Arms Apartment, Miami Beach, Florida, where they will spend part of the six month's leave of absence Mr. Smith was recently given from his duties as comptroller of the Pennsylvania State College.

Included in the Sunday guests whom Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Garbrick entertained at their home at Coleville, were Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Garbrick and their two daughters, the Misses Lillian and Ione Garbrick, of State College, and Miss Blanche Kessinger, of Mill Hall.

Mrs. Anne Cox will return to her home in the Allison building the afternoon of the month, following a five months stay with her son Jesse, in Reading. Mr. and Mrs. Cox motored to Bellefonte for Mr. Cox's mother and will accompany her back on the return drive.

Mrs. Max Rosenbloom, of Sunbury, has been in Bellefonte in charge of the Cohen home during her mother's absence. Mrs. Cohen having gone to New York two weeks or more ago, at the time of the birth of her second grand-child, a little daughter born to Mr. and Mrs. Saul Auerbach.

Mr. and Mrs. Gail Chaney, with their two daughters and Mrs. Chaney's mother, Dr. Edith Schad, moved late last week, from Detroit, Mich., back to their former home in Toledo, Ohio. Dr. Schad's sister, Mrs. Frank Wardfield, who had been visiting at the Chaney home in Detroit, returned to Bellefonte Saturday.

Dr. Joseph Parrish was home, over Sunday, for his first visit with his father and sister, C. M. Parrish and Miss Mary, since the early winter. Dr. Parrish who is an interne in the Philadelphia General has just finished his term of service in the Municipal hospital, during which time his going anywhere was prohibitive.

Mrs. Elmer E. Sager, who had been a guest at The Talleyrand during her five day visit in Bellefonte, left Tuesday to return to her home in Philadelphia accompanied by her brother Arthur Thomas, Mrs. Sager's visit to Bellefonte was in the interest of the Isaac Thomas estate, business of which will necessitate her return the first of April.

George W. Sullivan, manager of the Catham theatre at State College, was in Bellefonte, Monday morning, on his way back to the College from Miami, Florida. Mr. Sullivan took his family south by motor two weeks ago, secured an apartment in Miami for them and returned by train. Mrs. Sullivan and the children will remain in Florida until some time in April.

DETWILER vs. COLDREN CASE SENT BACK FOR NEW TRIAL.

The Superior court, last week, announced its decision in the now famous case of J. H. Detwiler vs. Musser Coldren, granting the appellant the right of a new trial in the common pleas court of Centre county.

The case is one to determine the rightful owner of a small strip of land along the southern tip of Nittany mountain and was the result of ejectment proceedings instituted at the February term of court, 1929. It was tried at the September term, 1929, when the jury returned a verdict in favor of the plaintiff, Mr. Detwiler. Attorneys for the defendant made a motion for a new trial and the case was argued in due time. In July, 1930, Judge Fleming rendered a decision in which he denied the right of a new trial and dismissed the motion.

Attorneys for the defendant took out an appeal to the Superior court and the case was argued in October. Just why the case was sent back for a new trial will not be known until the records are returned.

FATHER-SON BANQUET A NOTABLE EVENT AT Y.

The father and son banquet of the Bellefonte Y. M. C. A. last Thursday evening was another of the notable contributions of the local Association to the public welfare of this community.

Two hundred and fifty-two fathers and sons sat down to the tables that were spread in the spacious gymnasium and for two hours and a half there was a fellowship between youth and mellowing years that could not but have made a lasting impression on both.

J. Kennedy Johnston Esq., president of the Association, presided, and after the banquet had been served introduced Rev. Robert Thena, of the Lutheran church, who acted as toast master. The first speaker was Gordon M. Singer, athletic director of the Y, who spoke principally on the benefits of the summer camp for boys. Following him Jesse H. Caum proposed the toast "to our sons." The neat response to that was the toast "to our dads," by "Jimmy" Decker. Then the Rev. Omar B. Poulson, of Huntingdon, the guest speaker, was introduced, and fairly thrilled the large gathering with a dramatic parable of life's cycles.

During the dinner there was rousing singing and other diversion calculated to bring the boys and their elders to a community of interest and a comradeship that brought their hearts to heart.

The social contact was wonderful and no small part in its accomplishment was played by the Woman's Auxiliary of the Y, in serving the large assemblage so deftly. The food was splendid and in bountiful supply. It was hot and it seemed that always some devoted woman was at one's elbow urging the guests to have more.

Mr. Heineman, Mr. Singer and the women of the Auxiliary are doing a work among youth in Bellefonte that the town will never be able to fully realize.

CLARENCE COAL MINER DIES FROM BURNS.

Horribly burned on the head and upper part of the body Mike Novish, of Clarence, 55 years old, died at the Centre County hospital last Thursday morning, an hour after being admitted. He was employed in the mines at Cato and lived alone there in a cabin. Investigation of the cabin indicated that the man had been burned the evening previous and evidently from the explosion of an oil lamp. Only a small hole was burned in the floor of the cabin and how the fire was extinguished is a mystery.

Novish is survived by four sons and a married daughter. Burial was made at Clarence on Sunday.

MOTHER SAVES CHILDREN WHEN FAMILY HOME BURNS.

When Bernard Glenn, of Milesburg, went to work, early Wednesday morning, he left his wife and three children in bed and adjusted the furnace in the cellar as usual. Between 8 and 9 o'clock Mrs. Glenn awakened to find her home filled with smoke. She carried her three children out of the house safely and was able to secure an overcoat as her only protection before the flames enveloped the house. Bellefonte firemen responded to a call for help but could do little and the house and its contents were destroyed. Mr. Glenn carried \$4,000 insurance, which will not cover his loss.

DRAWING OUT SKELETONS BRINGS ONLY SORROW.

Is a girl's past sin her own? Can a lover or a husband demand to know the past? Will it make him happier if he is told the truth? What about the girl's heartaches? Answer to these queries will be seen and heard in "Once A Sinner," a Fox movietone production directed by Guthrie McClintic, which features Dorothy Mackall and comes to the Richelieu next Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Woven in this drama is the luxury, beauty, conflict and jealousy of young love capped with a climax of emotion to wring the hearts of all women as it holds the interest of all men.

The Odd Fellows were marching high, wide and handsome on Bellefonte streets Wednesday evening. Members of the Canton were here from neighboring towns, Hollidaysburg having sent the largest delegation, and in full regalia—very handsome at that—they paraded through the business district before retiring to the I. O. O. F. hall for the special work that occasioned the fraternal visit to Bellefonte.

SALE REGISTER.

MARCH 18.—At the residence of Roland Spiger on the swartz farm on the middle Buffalo Run road, 4 miles west of Bellefonte, a clean up sale, 6 horses, 14 milk cows, 13 head of other cattle, 25 hogs, 50 chickens, 2 tractors, and a general line of farm implements in good condition. Some household articles will also be offered. Sale will start at 9:30. L. F. Mayes, auctioneer.

Bellefonte Grain Markets.

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