

Democratic Watchman

Bellefonte, Pa., May 29, 1931.

NEWS ABOUT TOWN AND COUNTY.

—After having been closed for two weeks operations at the Chemical Lime and Stone plant were resumed last Friday.

—Mrs. Krader has left Petrikin Hall and gone back to the Harter apartments, where she had lived for a number of years.

—The Bellefonte curb market will open on Saturday, June 6th, according to truck gardeners who expect to be here bright and early that morning.

—Ask for Blanche's potato chips, you will know them by the size of the package also by their quality. Telephone 323J at once for some for over Sunday.

—The Forrest Tanner family are moving from their home on Spring street into the old MacManus property, corner of Allegheny and Howard, which they recently purchased and restored with such good taste.

—Denzie Collins, who gave his home as State College, was arrested in Clearfield, last Thursday, on the charge of illegal transportation of liquor. When arrested a five gallon can of alleged alcohol was found in his car.

—The Bellefonte camp P. O. S. of A., No. 887, having been invited to take part in the Memorial day parade in Bellefonte tomorrow, all members are requested to meet at the Camp hall, on High street, at one o'clock p. m. Commandery men who have uniforms are requested to wear them, with side arms.

—Competition in the green grocery business in Bellefonte has become so acute that Paul W. Emerick, who has been in business in the Decker building, on High street, the past two or three years, closed his store, last week, declaring that he will wait until the business condition improves then open up again.

—The first tarantula ever to have been found in Bellefonte was taken from a bunch of bananas that were hanging in front of Carpenter's fruit store yesterday morning. They are very deadly and it is very rarely that one is captured in this country. A crowd of nearly a hundred people gathered in front of the store to see it captured.

—Mrs. Lief Olsen entertained at dinner, Wednesday evening, eight schoolmates of her daughter Ruth, in celebration of the latter's eighth birthday anniversary. She was assisted by Miss Hilda Leathers, teacher of the second grade school. The guests included Emma Lou Craig, Joyce Marie Jones, Jeannette McGinley, Sarah Bryan, Charlotte Gordon, Mary Ann Cherry, Violet Olsen and Helen Olsen.

—Four policemen and five other residents of Lock Haven are under bond to appear before United States Commissioner Charles Williams, at Williamsport, next Monday, to answer to charges of conspiracy to violate the prohibition laws. The policemen are Martin J. Peters, William T. Devling, George R. Webb and Robert W. Probst, all of whom are under \$3000 bond. The others are Simon Zimmerman, wholesale candy dealer under \$5000 bond; Archie Mace, W. W. Miller and Russell Barber, members of the Harmonic club, under \$2000 bail each.

—The parish house of St. John's Episcopal church was crowded to the doors, Wednesday evening, to see the first of a series of entertainments to be given under the auspices of St. Mary's Guild. It consisted of living models of famous paintings and was conceived and put on by Misses Mame and Blanche McGarvey. The settings were very artistic and the entire conception so true to history that no newspaper description can do it justice. Every person who posed took their part splendidly but the credit for the success of the entertainment belongs to the Misses McGarvey.

—While the Misses Dorothy Coxey, Lelia Jodon, Dorothy Lewis and Mabel Watson were in their places in the choir loft of the Bellefonte Lutheran church, last Sunday evening, someone sneaked into the Sunday school room and took their purses, which they had left there with their wraps. The thief didn't get much money, but he caused a lot of trouble because three of the young women's drivers license cards were in their purses. Miss Coxey had also locked her car upon arrival at the church and had considerable difficulty in locating a duplicate key so that she could get into it again.

—C. A. Krape, the former Spring Mills merchant who was sentenced for arson two weeks ago, spent only one week as an inmate of the western penitentiary at Pittsburgh, having been brought back to Rockview, last Saturday, as one of a carload of prisoners transferred to that institution. At Rockview he has been made a "runner" to carry messages between the cell block and business offices to the merit building. He makes two trips a day, one in the morning and one in the afternoon, and being on his honor is not accompanied by or kept under surveillance of a guard. He is apparently cheerful and is making the best possible of his brief term of confinement.

MAIL PILOT CLEVELAND KILLED IN PLANE CRASH.

Flew Into Top of Nittany Mountain Southwest of Greensvalley.

Mail pilot James D. Cleveland, more familiarly known among the flying craft as "Jimmie," was instantly killed, Saturday night, when he failed to attain sufficient altitude to top Nittany mountain and his body was burned beyond recognition in a fire which followed the crash and completely destroyed the plane and its entire cargo of mail and express.

Cleveland left New York at 10:30 o'clock Saturday night, fifty minutes late, with a cargo of 1167 pounds, which included four small express packages. He passed over Winkleblech at 12:40 o'clock, and the report there was that a light mist was falling. Instead of continuing on his regular course, over Brush mountain and Brush valley and crossing Nittany mountain near the Hecla gap, Cleveland flew up Penns valley and attempted to cross the mountain to the Bellefonte aviation field. At that time weather bureau officials at the field report that there was an ample cloud ceiling and range of five miles visibility.

Whether his plane had become ice-coated from the misty rain he had flown through, or whatever the cause, the pilot failed to obtain sufficient altitude and right on top of the mountain his plane cut a swath through the tops of the small trees for a distance of a hundred feet, finally tearing off the wings and the disabled ship hurtled to the ground against the trunks of three small trees. The motor was wrenched from its fastenings and came to rest some ten or twelve feet away. The gasoline tank was crushed and the liquid fuel burst into flames immediately.

Employees at the field were on watch for the plane and saw the light of the burning ship but believed it to be flares the pilot had dropped in an effort to locate his whereabouts. Shortly after, however, a call from the Millheim exchange to the field conveyed the information that a young school teacher of that place, who had been up the valley on a motor trip, had reported hearing the plane pass over the valley, heard a crash on the mountain and almost immediately saw the flare of a bright light.

As it was impossible to make a search of the mountains during the night officials at the field could do nothing, but with the first streaks of dawn Edward Olsen and Daniel Miller, the latter of the weather bureau, went into Greensvalley by automobile while pilots Sampson and Hudson, who were in Bellefonte on a lay over because of weather conditions, went up by plane to search the mountain top. They flew low and shortly after five o'clock located the wrecked plane. By flying in a small circle around its location they were able to indicate to Olsen and Miller where it was, and it was just 5:30 o'clock when they reached the wreck, and saw, with dismay, the havoc wrought by the fire following the crash. The metal frame of the fuselage was all that remained of that part of the ship, and it was warped and twisted. The pilot's badly charred body was lying on its left side in such a position as to show that he had not been catapulted out of the ship. Pieces of the broken wings were scattered around in various directions. Had the ship been twenty feet higher in the air it would have topped all the trees and crossed in safety.

Funeral director E. E. Widdowson brought the pilot's charred remains to Bellefonte. To get the body out of the woods it had to be carried almost two miles to a fire road running up the mountain from the dam in Greensvalley. Coroner W. R. Heaton had been notified of the disaster and came to Bellefonte from his home in Phillipsburg. A coroner's inquest to determine the exact cause of the pilot's death was held in the Widdowson morgue at 1:30 o'clock. The jury was composed of John M. Fleming, George and Charles McClellan, O. B. Malin, Charles Mensch, Jr. and C. L. Gates. A thorough examination of the remains showed that the left side of the pilot's skull was crushed just back of the left temple, evidence that he was instantly killed in the crash and not burned to death.

National Air Transport officials flew here from Cleveland, and postal inspectors came here from New York, Cleveland and Harrisburg. Of the 1167 pounds of mail and express only one letter was found anywhere near intact. Just how valuable the cargo of mail was cannot be told at this time, and it may be several weeks before anything near a correct computation can be made.

The accident was the first fatal one that has happened near Bellefonte since Charles H. Ames flew to his death on Nittany mountain, about four miles east of where Cleveland was killed, on October 1st, 1925, and it is the first in this immediate vicinity since the National Air Transport has had the contract for carrying the airmail.

Pilot Cleveland was a native of Cleveland, Ohio. He was 24 years old and had been in the flying service ever since he was sixteen years old. He had been on the New York to Cleveland route about eighteen months. He was unmarried but leaves his mother and two sisters.

CASES DISPOSED OF AT MAY COURT SESSIONS

In quarter sessions court, last week, Carl Johnstonbaugh was found guilty of a charge preferred by a young girl and given the usual sentence imposed in such cases.

The case against W. J. Walker and Malissa Walker, indicted for larceny on information preferred by county detective Boden, was not prosed upon the payment of the costs.

Mary Hockenberry, indicted for receiving stolen goods, also won a not pros upon the payment of the costs.

When court convened on Monday morning a continuance was granted in the Kato Coal company vs. the New York Central Railroad company, and Ralph A. Smith vs. the same, both being actions to recover alleged damages on account of forest fires.

Settlement was announced in the case of Henry Brown vs. Harry Abramson, an appeal.

The first case called for trial was that of John O. Todd and Evelyn M. Todd, in their own right, and Hazel Christine Todd, by her parents and next friends, John O. Todd and Evelyn M. Todd, vs. F. W. Hoffman, being an action to collect damages for injuries sustained by Hazel Todd who was hit by defendant's automobile in Port Matilda on August 2nd, 1928. The case was tried at the February term of court but was declared a mistrial when N. B. Spangler, one of the attorneys for the plaintiff, named the amount of damages that should be given in his plea to the jury. The jury at this trial awarded the father and mother \$200 and the little girl \$300.

In the case of Fanny Graham Uzzle, executrix of the last will and testament of George B. Uzzle, late of Snow Shoe, vs. George J. Kachik and John M. Kachik, an action to recover on a book account, no defense was offered and the jury returned a verdict in favor of the plaintiff for \$4657.07.

Another action in assumpsit to recover on a book account was that of W. F. Bradford, J. W. Bradford and V. A. Auman, trading and doing business as Bradford & Co., vs. Raymond Walker. Verdict in favor of the plaintiffs for \$518.02.

Standard Accident Insurance company vs. Alexander C. Bailey and Lewis Stein, trading as Bailey and Stein, being an action in assumpsit, continued for the purpose of taking deposition of witnesses out of the State.

GREGORY BROTHERS WIN OVER PEOPLE'S NATIONAL

Judge M. Ward Fleming handed down a decision in the case of Gregory Bros. vs. The People's National Bank, of State College, in which he affirmed the verdict of the jury, refused a new trial and entered judgment in favor of the plaintiffs for the full amount of the verdict rendered.

The case was tried at the November term of court, 1930, and was based on the liability of a note for \$2500. John B. Marinos, a candy dealer of Sunbury, wanted \$2500 and was accompanied to the bank by one of the Gregory brothers to negotiate a loan. The bank refused to loan the money to Marinos but agreed to loan it to the Gregory Bros. and take Marinos as endorser on the note. The loan was made in that way with the understanding that the bank promptly entering the note as a lien against Marinos in Northumberland county. This the bank failed to do. Marinos failed in the payment of the note and also failed in business and the bank charged the note up against the Gregory Bros. The latter brought suit to recover the value of the note with interest and the jury returned a verdict in their favor for \$3130.94.

—Thus far in May the U. S. Weather bureau at the air field reports that we have had rainfall totaling 6.87 inches. The normal annual rainfall in this section is 42.3 inches. That would be 3.52 inches per month which would make it appear that this May has increased her precipitation by nearly 100%. Such a calculation would be based on a wrong premise, however, since the spring months always do give the greatest rainfalls, while others give very little. We have been unable to find out just what is the normal rainfall in this section for May.

MEMORIAL DAY FLOWERS

The Annual Memorial day sale of plants and cut flowers is now being held at George Miller's hardware store.

—Two prisoners were reported to have escaped from Rockview penitentiary, last Friday, but they were later found in hiding under the hay at one of the barns.

Funeral director Widdowson took the remains to Altoona late Sunday night, and shipped them from there to Cleveland.

Postal authorities and representatives of the National Air Transport have been at work this week salvaging the mail cargo of the burned ship. In addition to money orders and checks it is known that included in the cargo were a number of gold bracelets, wrist watches, wedding rings, a quantity of diamonds, \$5.00 and \$10.00 gold pieces, but how much of this has been recovered is not known.

COMMENCEMENT EVENTS OF BELLEFONTE SCHOOLS.

The commencement events in connection with the close of the Bellefonte High and grade schools for the year 1931 will begin with the baccalaureate sermon in the Presbyterian church Sunday evening, at 7:30 o'clock. Rev. Horace Lincoln Jacobs, of the Methodist church, will deliver the message to the sixty or more members of the graduating class. A select choir of grade children will furnish the music, with Miss Rachel Shuey as organist.

On Monday evening the annual Junior declamatory contest for the Col. W. Fred Reynolds prizes will be held in the High school auditorium. The judges will be Rev. Clarence E. Arnold, James R. Hughes and Philip H. Johnston. The contestants and their subjects will be as follows:

Charlot Race from Ben Hur..... Wallace
Walter Smith
Gettysburg..... Singmaster
Martha Brugger
The Tell-Tale Heart..... Poe
Joseph Meyers
Pliny at Pompeii..... Pliny
Annette Decker
Michael Strogoff, Courier to the Czar
Lee Alexander..... Verne
How I found America..... Yezierska
Eleanor Johnson
Soul of the Violin..... Anonymous
Samuel Noll
Swan Song..... Anonymous
Martha Walker

The usual 15 cents admission charge will prevail for the above contest.

On Thursday, June 4, at 10 A. M., the grade children from the Bishop, Allegheny and Dale buildings will give their "last day play" at the Richelleu theatre. The presentation this year will be a review of the high spots of the year's production.

The first four grades will be seen in a beautiful woodland sketch in which the "Pixies" and their recruits save the woodland folks from their enemies, the "Hobgoblins."

Fifth and sixth grade girls will present a cutting of the beautiful Japanese operetta, "Search for the Wing-Wong Jar," given last February; the boys of these grades will be seen in "The Pirate's Umbrella."

Seventh and eighth grades will repeat in part the beautiful operetta, "The Caravan" as heard in March. Interesting specialties will be heard between acts so that an hour and a half's solid performance is promised. Price of admission will be 15c to all.

In the afternoon of June 4th, at 2:15, the Seniors will present the three act comedy, "Blind Dates." This will be a new feature of commencement week and it is hoped that it will become an annual affair. It also will be held in the Richelleu theatre. Admission price for this will be 10c for children, 25c for High school students and adults.

On Thursday, at 8:15, the final commencement exercises of the class of 1931 will be held, at which time Dr. Charles C. Ellis, president of Juniata College, will deliver the address. Dr. Melvin Locke, president of the board, will present the diplomas to the graduates and award the prizes.

There is an unusually fine exhibit of work in manual training this year, which may be seen at any time during the week.

MANY PLANES FLY EAST OVER AIRMAIL ROUTE.

In the thirteen years that Bellefonte has been a regular station on the transcontinental airmail route Centre contains have seen many airplanes come and go, but never have they seen such an armada of bombers, scout ships, pursuit planes, etc., as that of last Friday, when government ships to the number of 154 flew over Bellefonte enroute to New York.

The first of the ships passed over shortly after eleven o'clock. There were six groups with a total of 97 planes. Some time later eight more passed over. About two o'clock in the afternoon 37 bombers in one group flew east at fairly low altitude. Some time afterwards six ships followed. Single planes passed over during the day making the total 154. Only two of the ships landed at the Bellefonte field, the others making the through flight without a stop.

—From our friend, David J. Kelly, of Greer, West Virginia, we have received word that his employer, Herbert C. Greer, with his wife and daughter, Miss Jane will sail from New York, Saturday, on a tour of Europe; and further, that Mrs. Greer has been selected as one of thirty-two American women suggested by Ambassador Charles G. Dawes for presentation to their Majesties King George and Queen Mary, at the Court of St. James. So far as Mr. Kelly is concerned we presume he is so busy looking after the interests of the Greer Limestone company that if the King and Queen want to see him they'll have to come to America.

—A festival will be held in Noll's grove, Pleasant Gap, tomorrow (Memorial day) afternoon and evening, for the benefit of the Methodist church at that place. Wetzler's Boy's band, of Milesburg, will furnish the music during the evening. The public is invited.

NEWS PURELY PERSONAL.

—Mr. and Mrs. Joseph McGowan have had as a house guest this week, Mrs. Helen Pierson, of Philadelphia.

—Mrs. H. E. Fenlon and Miss Stella Cooney arrived home, Wednesday of last week, from a month's stay in Atlantic City.

—Mr. and Mrs. Earl Hoffer and their children, will spend the week-end at Valley Forge, visiting with Mr. Hoffer's parents, Mr. and Mrs. I. O. Hoffer.

—Mrs. Emma Bathgate returned to her home at Lemont, a week ago, after a two month's visit with her daughters, in Philadelphia and Cedar Crest, Maryland.

—Among the week's visitors to Washington from this locality, was Mrs. E. A. Wagner, of Bellefonte, who while there, was a guest at the Dodge hotel, near the Capitol.

—Miss Ruth Garman will come over from Brooklyn, Tuesday of next week, for a three weeks visit in Bellefonte with her father, William Garman, and other relatives.

—Mr. and Mrs. Harold Bowman and their daughter, Betty, will drive in from Clarion to spend Memorial day here with Mrs. Bowman's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Landis.

—Robert Willard is anticipating a visit to Pittsburgh, next week, expecting to drive out to spend several days with members of the Willard family, who live in that locality.

—Anne Dale, who arrived home this week from Washington, will leave early tomorrow with her mother, Mrs. David Dale, to spend Sunday with Mrs. Dale's brother, Judge Donald McPherson and his family, in Gettysburg.

—Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Hoy's guests this week have included their daughter, Mrs. Vincent Stevens and her two children, of Ridgway; Miss Margaret Morgan, of Snow Shoe, and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Kimberly, of New Jersey.

—Mr. and Mrs. Orin Ishler, of New Castle, motored to Bellefonte, on Saturday, and spent Sunday here with Mr. Ishler's sister, Mrs. D. Paul Fortney. They brought David Fortney, who had been visiting them, back to his home here.

—Miss Helen Harris, an instructor in the schools of Altoona, was here for an over Sunday visit with her aunt, Mrs. Frank Warfield, of the Petrikin hall apartments. Miss Harris is the only daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. John P. Harris Jr., of Altoona.

—Mrs. Joseph Landis and her son "Bobbie," left, Saturday, for Mrs. Landis' former home at Hickory, N. C., where they anticipate spending two or three months. The Landis family occupy an apartment in the A. M. Rishel home, on east High street.

—Mr. and Mrs. William Strausbaugh and their two children, Helen and Bobbie, drove up from Cedar Crest, Md., a week ago, to spend the week-end in Centre county with Mrs. Strausbaugh's mother and sister, Mrs. Bathgate, at Lemont, and Dr. Eva B. Roan and her family, at State College. Mrs. Strausbaugh is a native of Lemont.

—Included in the over Sunday house party Mrs. H. S. Taylor will entertain will be Mr. and Mrs. Henry Booske and their three children, of Philadelphia. Mrs. Booske was formerly Mrs. Harry Taylor, and Mrs. H. D. Zerby and her daughter, Miss Betty, who will come over from Altoona, where Miss Betty is now doing social service work.

—Mrs. Sarah Brown, of Cleveland, is here for the summer, and will be a guest of Mrs. Frank Warfield until the apartment in the Baum home, which she has occupied for several summers, is vacated by Miss Mary Forbes. Miss Forbes is instructor in English at the Bellefonte High school and will spend the vacation at her home in Chambersburg.

—Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Foote, of Bridgeport, Conn., were in Bellefonte over Tuesday night. Mr. Foote was taking a few days off and decided to spend them motoring through Pennsylvania. It will be remembered that he was connected with the management of the American Lime and Stone Company here just after the Warners acquired a controlling interest in the enterprise.

—The Reynolds Shoppes' Memorial day guests will include Mrs. Roy H. Grove, her daughter, Blanche and son, Harry with two friends, all of Warren; Mr. and Mrs. James R. Shope and their daughter, of Lancaster; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Knox, of Harrisburg, and George Blakelee, of Bethlehem. The Grove party will drive on to Gettysburg for the day, stopping here for Mrs. Grove on their return trip to Warren.

—Mrs. Samuel S. Taylor, who had been here from Connecticut for the greater part of a week, left, Wednesday, to return to Bridgeport. Mrs. Taylor came to Bellefonte to look after some work in preparation for Memorial day, and to spend several days with Mr. Taylor's sister, Miss May Taylor, who is now making tentative plans for spending a part of the summer at the Taylor home at Bridgeport.

—Mrs. Orin Miller is here from Erie and expects to spend the summer with relatives in Bellefonte and State College. She came in on the 17th, but went directly to State College where she visited her son Francis and the family until last Tuesday, when she came to Bellefonte and is now at the home of her brother, Thomas Shaughnessy, of Howard street. Mrs. Miller will return to the College next week. She wants to be there for the double graduation of her grand children. Joseph Miller will be graduated from Penn State and his sister, Helen, from the State College High school.

—Our old friend John Carver made one of his rare calls on us last Friday. Since he retired and went to live with his nephew, Milton S. Carver, at State College, he doesn't come to Bellefonte so frequently as he once did. In fact we have a suspicion that John doesn't do much any more but sit on the front porch of that comfortable home up there and watch the world race by in automobiles. At least he didn't deny the accusation when we made it. His nephew lives in the brick house on the Musser farm, just at the entrance to State College, and there is very little that goes into or out of that bustling place that can't be seen from the vantage point of their home. John was looking quite well and we were exceedingly glad to see him.

ROCHESTER MAN BOOSTS THRIFT BAN

David W. Denton, former treasurer of Beaver county and vice president of the Rochester Thrift Corporation, was the principal speaker at the Bellefonte Kiwanis club luncheon on Tuesday. He has long been identified with charity and church work in his home town. He is superintendent of the Baptist Sunday school at Rochester, Pa. In his talk pointed out that the Thrift Bank Rochester had done more community good for the poor man than any other welfare organization in that section. To his personal knowledge, he declared, there were over 4 properties saved from being sold off by the sheriff on account of delinquent taxes.

While he was county treasurer saw to it personally that folks would borrow money at the Rochester Thrift Corporation to pay their tax in that small community, he said with less than 15,000 people in that contiguous territory, there had been nearly half a million dollars loaned out in small amounts in the last few years. Of that amount only a few hundred dollars had been charged off. The company is not making better than 19% on the invested capital and paying stockholders 10% in dividends. He said it even in these times of depression stock could not be bought at \$15 a share, although the original price was \$12.00.

He congratulated the community of Bellefonte and State College getting back of the Centre county Thrift Corporation. Within a year he added, "I'll come back to see you after your company is in operation and I know that you'll congratulate me in using my time and effort traveling 300 miles here to give you this message of good will."

John M. Bullock, who is chairman of the subscription committee, reported that he has been agreed surprised by not only receiving many subscriptions for stock of the proposed Centre County Thrift Corporation but many applications for loans as well.

BELLEFONTE BANKS WILL BE CLOSED TOMORROW

The three Bellefonte banks will close all day tomorrow (Memorial day) and merchants, business men and the public at large who have any banking to do, should not fail to attend to it today. The bar has always observed Memorial day as a holiday, and this year will make no exception, merely because the day falls on Saturday.

Most of the stores and business places in town will also be closed.

Bellefonte Grain Markets.

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Wheat
Corn
Oats
Rye
Barley
Buckwheat