

LAMB STREET BRIDGE BIDS TO BE OPENED JUNE 15.
Borough to Take Over Gamble Mill Property from Bellefonte Realty Company.

Every member was present at the regular meeting of borough council, on Monday evening, with the exception of Mr. Badger, chairman of the Street committee, who was confined to his home with an attack of lumbago.

Secretary Kelly reported receipt of a number of sets of plans for the new Lamb street bridge over Spring creek, as prepared by bridge engineer J. D. Long and approved by the State Highway Department. Contractors desiring a set of plans can secure them from the secretary by making a deposit of \$10.00, the money to be refunded in case their bids are rejected.

Secretary Kelly reported that fire marshal John J. Bower had been duly sworn in as a borough officer by burgess Hard P. Harris and the oath recorded on the minutes.

The secretary also read a communication from Mrs. Sarah Walky requesting exoneration of some of her taxes. Held for investigation.

A delegation of members of the Logan Fire company was present in regard to their proposition to council two months ago relative to the purchase of a new pumper. Chief O. B. Malin was spokesman and he said that a committee of the Logans had solicited prices from five different manufacturers, the Mack company, La France Fire Engine company, the Seagraves company, Aarons-Fox and the Buffalo Fire Apparatus company, all of which had submitted propositions except the Mack company which has so far made no reply. Mr. Malin was particularly anxious that council would go on record at that meeting in regard to its attitude on the purchase of a new pumper, as the company is planning to hold a three days bazaar, July 2nd, 3rd and 4th, and they would like to advertise the fact that the purpose of the bazaar is to raise a fund to help pay for the pumper. Mr. Beaver, of the Fire and Police committee, reported that he had talked with members of the company and endeavored to discourage the question of buying a pumper at the present time, under the depressed business conditions.

President Walker suggested that the Fire and Police and Finance committees hold a meeting with the committee of the fire company for the purpose of considering the question from all angles, then make a report and recommendation to council.

The Street committee reported general cleaning and repairs of streets and gutters and the receipt of \$5.00 from the Pennsylvania Railroad company for patching street near the freight station. The committee also reported that it had authorized the placing of an extra light on Howard street, one on north Spring street and two on Burnside street.

Mr. Emerick then presented a resolution setting forth the fact that inasmuch as the erection of a new bridge over Lamb street is an emergency measure that the advertisement for bids be published only two weeks instead of three, as required by law, and that the bids be opened at a regular meeting of borough council on June 15th. In explanation he stated that the borough solicitor had advised that this action would legalize the letting. The resolution was passed by a unanimous vote of council.

The Water committee reported that most of the 12-inch water main has been laid on Lamb street. Also the collection of \$375.00 on water taxes and \$13.25 on rent, etc.

The Finance committee asked for the renewal of notes totaling \$8,600, which was authorized.

The Sanitary committee presented the report of health officer S. M. Nisley in which he stated that he had inspected a number of dairies which supply milk to Bellefonte dealers and also had visited groceries and green goods dealers to see that all foodstuffs are properly protected from flies and dirt.

The Water committee presented an ordinance providing that the borough take over from the Bellefonte Realty company the Gamble mill property and assume the bond issue of \$30,500 now outstanding against the same, payment to be made at the rate of \$6,000 a year, or \$500 per month to be paid to the Bellefonte Trust company to take care of the interest and principal. The ordinance was read for the first time and will be brought up for final action at the next meeting of council.

There being no other business borough bills amounting to \$1101.77 and water bills \$701.14 were approved for payment after which council adjourned.

Eleven class reunions will be held at State College tomorrow, alumni day. The members of the class of 1881 will be guests of the College during the commencement activities. There are only two survivors of this class, Lewis A. Schaefer, of Bellefonte, and Neville C. Davison, of Pittsburgh. Five members of the class of 1876 are expected back for commencement.

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MAY WEATHER WAS ABOUT NORMAL HERE

The following summary of local weather conditions will be interesting reading to those who have memories of the Mays of other years. It is authentic, also, because it was made by an authority on the subject, Mr. H. P. Parker, in charge of the U. S. weather bureau station at the airport here:

Twos in the month of May. When clouds were highest up in air. But the poet who wrote these lines was an Englishman and was referring to the weather of England. Furthermore, poets are allowed poetic license and the weather is no exception to this privilege.

However, as a general rule, the month of May in the middle northern States, from the Rockies to the New England coast, is noted as a transitory period from the chilly, blustery or windy month of March and the showery month of April, to the lazy warmth and general summer type of June weather.

Had Lord Ronald visited Bellefonte and vicinity during the past month of May, to woo his cousin Lady Claire, his ardor would probably have been considerably dampened.

The most unusual feature of May was the heavy precipitation. With the exception of a small amount of hail on the 10th, all of this was rain, and totaled 8.03 inches. The greatest amount in 24 hours was 1.85 inches on the 22nd and 23rd. Heavy rain also occurred on the 20th and again on Memorial day. The latter was of short duration, but the rate of fall was unusually heavy, almost an inch in one hour. The thunderstorms which produced this rain passed over Bellefonte in an east-northeast direction and the rainfall in Bellefonte was heavier than at the Airport. Almost 60% of the total precipitation for the month occurred in 4 days, the 13th, 20th, 22d and 30th. The total precipitation for May, 1930 was 1.88 inches and 4.41 inches in May, 1929. Strong, gusty winds occurred on the 30th, attaining a velocity of 40 miles per hour for periods of a minute or more. The wind may have been stronger in or very near Bellefonte on this date. The mean relative humidity was about 70%. Cloudiness was above normal, averaging 70% overcast. There were 4 clear days, 13 partly cloudy and 14 cloudy, also 17 days with 0.01 inch or more of precipitation. Thunderstorms occurred on the 2d, 10th, 16th, 19th, 20th, 22d, 30th and 31st. There was light frost on the 4th and 5th and heavy frost on the 1st. Light fog occurred on several days and dense fog on the 25th and 26th. No snow occurred during the past month.

The mean monthly temperature was 57.7 degrees, apparently normal, though slightly less than a year ago. In 1929 it was 2 degrees lower. The highest temperature was 89 degrees on the 28th, and the lowest 23 degrees on the 1st, the latter also being the lowest recorded in May, at the Airport, during the past 3 years. The greatest daily range in temperature was 44 degrees on the 4th, and the least, 4 degrees on the 13th. The warmest day of the month was the 20th with a daily mean temperature of 71 degrees, the coolest the 1st, with a daily mean of 43 degrees. The 19th, 29th and 30th were also comparatively warm, and the 23d was cool. The highest temperature recorded in May, at the Airport, during the past 3 years was 94 degrees on the 30th in 1929. In May, 1930, 90 degrees was recorded on the 7th.

Comparing these data with past records and with adjacent localities, we find the following interesting items. The records of Mr. Kurtz show a monthly mean temperature for May in Bellefonte during the years 1901 to 1910 inclusive, of 61.9 degrees. During the past years, the following high temperature occurred in May at State College: 93 in 1895, 92 in 1889 and 1919, and 91 in 1911. The lowest temperatures during May at State College for the same period of 40 years are: 27 in 1890, 28 in 1903, 29 in 1927, 30 in 1888, 1900, 1923 and 1926, and 31 in 1891, 1893, 1895, 1906, 1911 and 1920. All other temperatures were 32 degrees or above.

A joint average of precipitation for Bellefonte, 1901-1911 inclusive, and at Western Penitentiary, 1916-1922 inclusive, gives 3.77 inches for a period of 18 years. These records indicate a heavier rainfall at Western Penitentiary. Nine years of record at Fleming, 1859-1867 inclusive, show an average of 3.92 inches. Forty-two years of record at State College give a mean monthly precipitation of 4.06 inches. We may therefore safely conclude that the

VETERAN OF TWO WARS ENDS LIFE WITH BULLET.

Herbert Spencer Houck, a veteran of the Spanish American and World wars, and a sculptor of some repute, committed suicide, on Monday, by shooting himself in the head, in his studio apartment in New York. A brief note found in the apartment indicated that financial distress was the cause of the suicide.

Interest locally is attached to the suicide by the fact that the man was a son of the Rev. and Mrs. W. A. Houck and lived for several years, during his young manhood, in Bellefonte when his father was pastor of the Methodist church here in the early nineties. At that time he was about 16 or 17 years old and those who remember him recall him as a dapper youth. But the fact that he served in the Spanish-American war and as a member of the field artillery in the World war is evidence that he had plenty of courage and patriotism.

After the World war he located in Harrisburg and engaged in business but gave that up and took up sculpture. His last completed work in this line was a statue of Lincoln at prayer and of late he had been working on an equestrian statue of Lincoln. In addition to his studio apartment in New York he had use of an apartment in Harrisburg.

Mr. Houck's parents are dead but he is survived by one brother and four sisters, Charles Houck, of Hazleton; Mrs. Gertrude Norris, of St. Joseph, Mo.; Mrs. Henry Stine, of Harrisburg; Mrs. W. T. Hildrup, of Harrisburg and New York, and The Contesse Boco Bianchi, of Florence, Italy. The remains were taken to Harrisburg for burial.

TWO NEW BUILDINGS TO BE BUILT AT "STATE"

Contractors who informed the Pennsylvania State College of their desire to bid on two new buildings for the college included in Governor Pinchot's emergency unemployment appropriation are now studying the plans. It is expected that the awards will be let soon, and that actual construction will be started next month.

The buildings are for home economics and for dairy husbandry. Each will be built of rose brick with white stone trim, conforming with other buildings erected on the campus recently.

The college started work on its part of the new buildings as soon as the plans were approved by the board of trustees, the plumbing and electrical work being handled entirely by the Penn State department of grounds and buildings. It is expected that all main pipe lines and conduits will be laid this month and this part of the work completed so that the builders can start work as soon as the contracts are let.

Centre county friends of John W. Hess, locomotive engineer of Altoona, who was so badly wounded in a hunting accident on the Seven mountains, last December, will be glad to learn that he has finally recovered to that extent that he was able to leave the Altoona hospital on Monday. Hess was hunting with the Modoc hunting club, of which he is a member, and while traveling through the woods the gun of Dr. Frank Bailey, of Milton, was accidentally discharged, the ball penetrating his right hip, shattering the thigh bone. He was brought to the Centre County hospital where he was a patient from December 4th to February 24th, when he was removed to the Altoona hospital. There is no gaining the fact that he has had a tough time of it. For several weeks after the accident it was a grave question if he would survive, but his rugged constitution carried him through the siege that would have meant sure death to most men. As it was he spent almost six months in the hospital and it will probably be some time yet before he will be back to his old standard of physical fitness.

rainfall of the past month was double the normal amount.

The least precipitation of record for Bellefonte is 1.13 inches in 1903, 1.69 inches at Western Penitentiary in 1920, 1.44 inches at Fleming in 1860 and 0.92 inch at State College in 1902. Other years with light precipitation in May were 1863 with 2.02 inches at Fleming; at State College 0.96 inch in 1926, 1.01 in 1928, 1.24 in 1903, 1.37 in 1896, 1.67 in 1920, 1.81 in 1906 and 1.94 in 1891.

With the exception of the heavy rainfall and attendant cloudiness the weather of the month of May was practically normal this year in the vicinity of Bellefonte.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL OPENS NEXT MONDAY.

The daily vacation Bible school will open in the High school building next Monday morning, at nine o'clock. Sessions will be held each morning from nine to half past eleven o'clock, for five days a week through a period of three weeks. Children from four years of age and through all the grade schools of the community will be welcome in this school. It is open to all children of Bellefonte and vicinity, who come within these ages, regardless of whether they have any religious affiliations are not. The school is conducted under the auspices of the churches and all expenses are paid by them, so that there is no charge to any pupil, and represents a desire of the religious forces of the community to be of the greatest possible service in the proper training of the boys and girls.

The common truths and morals of the Christian church will be taught, hymns of the church universal, passages of Scripture. Handcraft and supervised recreation are also furnished. The work of the school is done in such a way as to arouse the interest of the children, as is seen by the fact that many of the children have returned to the school each succeeding year.

The principal of the school will be Miss Catherine Gardner. The personnel of the teaching staff will be: Mrs. Ruth Hartwick, the Misses Helen Brown, Mary Woodring, Martha Geiss, Jane Musser and Philip Wion and Frank Lyons.

MEMORIAL EXERCISES DELAYED BY RAIN STORM.

Saturday's Memorial exercises were delayed for an hour by the hard rain storm that broke over Bellefonte just before the time for the formation of the parade, and which naturally resulted in keeping many people away from the cemetery who otherwise would have helped swell the crowd.

The parade was to have formed at 1.15 but it was after two o'clock before the organizations were able to get in line. It included the American Legion and drum and bugle corps, Troop L, G. A. R. men in autos, Wetzler's boys band, P. O. S. of A. and members of the Undine and Logan fire companies. While the services at the cemetery were held as usual they were brief as possible owing to the wet condition of the ground and the fear of more rain. The address was delivered by Rev. Horace Lincoln Jacobs, pastor of the Methodist church.

Following the services in the Union cemetery the American Legion went to Milesburg and took part in the parade and services there. In the morning, at 9 o'clock, the Legion went to the Advent cemetery and at eleven o'clock marched to the Catholic cemetery for the services. Father Downes made the address there.

Memorial services were held in the Zion cemetery on Sunday afternoon.

CONCLUDING CASES IN COMMON PLEAS COURT.

In the case of the Shoemaker Bros. vs. H. E. Dunlap, sheriff, an action in trespass to recover damages as the result of a collision between the plaintiff's truck and a car driven by S. H. Hoy, deputy sheriff, on September 3rd, 1929, the jury returned a verdict of \$474.31 in favor of the plaintiff.

Paul Holt, by his next friend, Elita Holt, vs. M. F. Calderwood and Mrs. M. F. Calderwood, being an appeal from the decision of justice of the peace John M. Keichline, who had awarded the plaintiffs a claim for money due on a railroad tie contract. The plaintiffs were represented in court by Mr. Keichline and the defendants by former Judge Ellis L. Orvis. After hearing the evidence the jury returned a verdict in favor of the plaintiffs in the sum of \$4381.81.

The most sensational trial of the week was that of Mrs. Pasqua DiBartola vs. Stella Shaffer, an action in trespass to recover \$50,000 damages for the alienation of her husband's affections. Mrs. DiBartola lives in Johnstown while Mrs. Shaffer now lives in Bellefonte, although she had lived for a number of years in Johnstown. After being on trial two days the jury returned a verdict in favor of the plaintiff for \$3,000.

William H. Smead, a brother of Howard Smead, of Bellefonte, died at his home in Williamsport on Memorial day and was buried on Tuesday. He was 62 years old.

CONDEMNED MEN WIN ELEVENTH HOUR RESPITE.

Carl Crow and Frank Cantilla, two Italians convicted of murder in Cambria county and scheduled to be electrocuted at seven o'clock on Monday morning, were granted an eleventh hour respite by Governor Pinchot after they had abandoned all hope of any further reprieve from death. The Governor called the penitentiary from French Lick, Indiana, where he had gone, on Friday, for a few days rest and recreation after the strenuous days of the past three weeks. Warden Stanley P. Ashe received the message and gave it to deputy warden W. J. McFarland. The message merely stated to delay execution that a respite would be granted.

To make certain the message was from the Governor deputy McFarland called up Mr. Hagey, in Harrisburg, clerk of the Board of Pardons. He had heard nothing of any respite being granted but at once got busy and called the Governor at French Lick. The latter confirmed the message by saying that he had at last decided to grant the respite. Mr. Hagey then called deputy McFarland and informed him that the message was correct.

The first message was received at 2 o'clock Monday morning, just five hours before the men were doomed to go to the chair, and at 2.47 deputy McFarland walked into the death house to carry the message to Crow and Cantilla. He found them both awake, nervous and downcast. According to the guard they had slept but little during the night. McFarland walked to the front of the cells where both men could see him and said: "Well, boys; I have good news for you. The Governor has granted you another respite."

Deputy McFarland said that it was impossible to describe the two men. Their faces lighted up and after thanking him both started to talk at once, protesting that although they had been convicted they were innocent of the killing of Louis Hoffman in July, 1928. They claimed that the men who did the killing had made a getaway and never been caught.

According to their story there were two rival gangs of bootleggers in Johnstown, most of them Italians, and belonging to rival political affiliations. Naturally it was a constant fight between them for supplies and also for trade but they never indulged in gun feuds. The first man caught after the murder was Tony Polombo. He belonged to the rival gang to that of which Crow, Cantilla, Parse and Powell were members. At his trial he turned State's evidence and swore that the above men were the guilty parties to the murder, and they allege he did so to save the members of his own gang. Such was the story, told rather incoherently, early Monday morning, in the death house, by Crow and Cantilla to the deputy warden. How much of truth there is in it no man can determine.

Crow has been at the death house since the latter part of April, when he was taken there with Joseph Parse, another of the condemned men. Cantilla was taken to the death house last Thursday. Crow's wife and little son were at the death house, on Saturday, to bid him goodbye. When they learned of the respite having been granted Cantilla's two brothers made a quick motor trip from Johnstown, on Monday morning, to visit him and rejoice with him on being given another chance for his life.

The facts that led up to the respite being granted was detective work on the part of Hugh Jeffreys and his son Francis, of DuBois, who have been quietly working on the case for several months. They finally uncovered evidence, on Friday, which they believe of vital importance in the case, and it then required quick work to get the matter before the Governor. Pinchot left Harrisburg on Friday, made a speech at Oyster Bay on Saturday and immediately thereafter left for French Lick, Ind., to attend the convention of Governors. He was finally reached in time to grant the respite five hours before the hour of electrocution, which was the second time in the history of the chair that a respite was given at exactly the same hour.

The Jeffreys are convinced in their own minds that the men under sentence of death are innocent of the murder of which they were convicted and feel confident that when the newly-discovered evidence is placed before the Governor it will result in securing for them a new trial.

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SPAWLS FROM THE KEYSTONE.

—Roland S. Morris, of Philadelphia, lawyer and former Ambassador to Japan, has been elected president of the Woodrow Wilson Foundation.

—Miss Mary L. Carlin, supervising principal of the consolidated school, Rush township, Centre county, was recently appointed president of the school department of the Central convention district of the Pennsylvania State Educational Association.

—Safecracker blew up a safe at the Sunbury Coca-Cola plant at Packer and Fourth streets, early Monday morning, and stole \$386 in cash. The blast ripped off the safe door, blew out the side of the building, burst a huge hole in the flooring and leveled partitions.

—Judge Thomas F. Bailey, of Huntingdon, president judge of the Twentieth Judicial district which, until several weeks ago included Mifflin county, was appointed by the Pennsylvania Supreme court to sit in the Mifflin county courts until such time as a president judge shall have been appointed in that county.

—Congressman Robert F. Rich, of Woolrich, has been nominated to fill the vacancy on the board of directors of Dickinson Seminary caused by the death of his father, the late Michael B. Rich, at a meeting of the board of managers of the Preacher's Aid Society, of the Central Pennsylvania conference of the Methodist church. The election of directors will take place, June 8.

—Books have been written on "the romance of the soil," but it remained for Joseph Kesler, farmer of Somerset county, to make it really romantic. Last Friday night, while a bright moon shone down, farmer Kesler, with a force of men, plowed 60 acres of his land. It was cooler that way, he said, and furthermore recent rains and the good condition of the ground made the conditions ideal.

—While changing a tire on the State highway, near Mt. Carmel, Sunday night, Guy Bookmiller, Danville taxi driver, was beaten and robbed by a lone bandit. Bookmiller was hard at work when a stranger stopped and asked if he were having trouble. That was all he remembered until four hours later, when he awoke in a ditch two miles away and half a mile from Mt. Carmel. The sum of \$48 was missing from his pocket.

—Earl Keller, 32, on Tuesday saved scores of school children from possible injury or death when he halted a runaway automobile which plunged down Walnut street, in Ashland, headed for school children out for recess. Keller boarded the automobile and brought it to a halt a few feet from the school house. In doing so he crashed his arm through the window of the car and severed an artery. Suffering greatly from loss of blood, he was taken to the Ashland State hospital.

—When the June term of United States Court opened at the federal building in Williamsport, on Monday afternoon, it was announced that the trial of the prohibition case in which nine Lock Haven men, including five policemen, are defendants, had been postponed until the October term at Scranton. An indictment was returned at Harrisburg early in May. The shortness of the time, giving the defense inadequate opportunity to prepare its case, is the reason for the postponement, it was stated.

—After drawing his pay and finding that he was working as a carpenter for 40 cents an hour, Mike Shutovic, 45 years old, of New Kensington, ended his life by buying a revolver with his wages and firing a bullet into his brain at the Foster House, Monessen, on Saturday. The body was not found until Tuesday morning, when Mrs. Don Wilson, proprietress, noticed a dried pool of blood in the hall outside of Shutovic's room. Investigating she found the man lying on the floor, the new revolver beside him.

—At the Jordan State game farm, in the eastern end of Lawrence county, already this season 3000 young ring-necked pheasants have been hatched and 10,000 more eggs are in the process of hatching. Young pheasants are being born at the rate of 1100 daily at the farm at the present time—the largest number of eggs ever set at the game farm. Mallard ducks are also being hatched at the farm at the present time, but these are merely for placing in a small artificial lake that has been created at the game farm.

—Rewards totaling \$5000 offered by Luzerne county and the Glen Alden Coal company, for the arrest and conviction of the men who dynamited the pay car at Warrior Run, on January 13, 1930, remains unclaimed, notwithstanding the fact that John Nafus and Sigismund Szachewicz were found guilty and electrocuted at Rockview penitentiary on Monday of last week. State police and county detectives who placed the two men under arrest are prohibited from accepting rewards under the law. No other claimants have appeared. Whether outside aid was given the authorities in solving the crime was never revealed.

—L. D. McCall, Esq., attorney of DuBois, has filed suit in the common pleas court of Clearfield county on behalf of his client, Vernon H. Anstine, against Frederick Montfoot, in which Anstine sets forth that Montfoot had by persuasion, induced his wife to leave their home at DuBois on May 8, 1930, and says that by reason of his wife changing her affections to Montfoot, he has suffered \$100,000 damages because of the loss of her affections, comfort and companionship. Montfoot has not filed his answer so it cannot be determined what view he will take of the value suffered by Anstine, or what benefits received by himself.

—A flaming truck, from which its driver had leaped just as the gasoline tank exploded, side-swiped and set fire to another car, and plunged into a house which also took fire in New Philadelphia, Schuylkill county. Stanley Venulis, 19, the driver, jumped from the truck when he saw flames at the back of his seat. His leap came simultaneously with the explosion, and he landed in a pool of the blazing fuel. His arms, face and back badly burned, he was taken to a hospital in Pottsville. With no one at the wheel the truck, a mass of fire, side-swiped the car of Matt Kublitz, and caromed into the house of John Rigno. The New Philadelphia fire department extinguished the three flames.