

NEWS ABOUT TOWN AND COUNTY.

Four car loads of Methodists motored to Lakemont park, Altoona, yesterday, for the big Methodist day gathering. Freshman week at the Pennsylvania State College will open September 17 and continue until the 23rd, when the regular college year opens. James Reish, of Potter township, is the latest candidate in the field, having come out for the nomination for recorder on the Republican ticket. The weather man was kind to our Methodist brethren, last Thursday, and the result was a fine attendance at their annual picnic at Hecla park. The soldier boys of Troop L are brushing up on military tactics in preparation for their annual encampment at Mt. Gretna, which will be held August 8th to 22nd. Ervin S. Bennett, of Runville, is out as a candidate for the nomination for county commissioner on the Republican ticket; "urged to make the run by many friends," he says. Walter H. Drawbaugh, of Dover, Pa., awarded the contract for building the Lamb street bridge, arrived in Belleville this week and is making arrangements to begin work on the bridge at once. The burning out of the big smokestack at the C. Y. Wagner & Co., mill, Saturday noon, called out the firemen, but only as a precautionary measure, as the stack burned out without doing any damage. All next week the State theatre will show "Men of the Sky." It is an airplane picture, full of thrills, adventure and romance. The movie magazines speak well of it, so that good entertainment awaits those who go to see it. O. G. Morgan, well known coal dealer of Belleville and Republican candidate for county treasurer, is a patient in the Centre County hospital. At this writing the nature of his ailment has not been determined but his condition is regarded as serious. Miss Carrie Neiman is so critically ill at her home on her farm, above Unionville, that no hope whatever is felt for her recovery. Mrs. Patsy Bathurst is also thought to be in a critical condition at the Bathurst home, on Water street, Belleville. Members of the family of the late Wilbur T. Twitmore desire, through the Watchman, to extend their appreciation and thanks to the many friends who so kindly ministered to them during the recent illness and death of that most estimable gentleman. The congregation of the Woodward Evangelical church are planning for a big home-coming event on Saturday, August 22nd. As an extra inducement to entice the return of old residents they will have an ox roast in the afternoon, bean soup supper and festival at night. Mr. and Mrs. O. M. Bowersox, of State College, announce the marriage of their only daughter, Helen Ewing Bowersox, to Mr. Mel H. Atchley, Friday, July 17th. Mrs. Atchley is a graduate of the Pennsylvania State College and Mr. Atchley of the University of Tennessee. Vincent Velock, of Blair county, made his escape from Rockview penitentiary, Tuesday afternoon, while working at the new sewer disposal plant. He was in for 2 1/2 to 5 years for entering and larceny. No trace has yet been found of Richard Cowan, who escaped on Wednesday of last week. "Honeymoon Lane," which will be shown at the Richelieu next Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, is one of the season's newest musical productions. When Eddie Dowling and Ray Dooley are in any show it just has to be good and since they are together in "Honeymoon Lane" we have no hesitation in recommending it. We thank Pauline Noll Gruber for her thoughtfulness in having mailed us a copy of the New York Times Magazine in which Zona Gale's story "The American Village Defended" is published. Often we miss such things and we are especially grateful when those interested in Belleville and Centre county who come across anything creditable to either send them to us. In this instance, however, we had already read Miss Gale's story and commented on it last week. While picking huckleberries on Bald Eagle mountain, last Friday, John Shutt, of Belleville, came into contact with a large blacksnake and a blowing viper. He killed the blacksnake, which measured almost six feet, but the viper made a safe getaway. Snakes of all kinds are unusually plentiful this year, with the copperhead heading the list, and officials in the State Department of Agriculture, at Harrisburg, have figured out that it is the hot weather that is driving the snakes from their rocky dens in the mountains into the low lands which make them seem more numerous and aggressive than in former years.

TWO DEAD AS RESULT OF AUTO ACCIDENT.

Two Killed Instantly, Two Others in the Philipsburg Hospital.

One young man and a young woman were instantly killed when the coupe in which they were riding crashed into the rear of a large merchandise truck parked by the side of the concrete state highway, a short distance east of the Triangle, in upper Bald Eagle Valley, shortly before 3 o'clock Wednesday morning. Two other young men, who were with the party and riding in the rumble seat of the wrecked car, are in the Philipsburg hospital in a serious condition. Wednesday evening their condition was reported as being fair. The dead are: Miss Helen Fredrica Brooks, of Germantown, owner of the car, killed instantly. Robert M. Hipple, of Williamsport, driver of the car, killed instantly. The injured: Howard Cashdollar, Bellevue, in Philipsburg hospital with fractured skull. Kenneth Miller, Tyrone, condition not believed critical. The four young people were students at the summer session at State College, and had driven to Tyrone late Tuesday evening for a party at the home of Miller, who lives in that place. They were on their way home by way of Bald Eagle Valley and Belleville when they crashed into the heavy truck which had been parked to the right of the roadway while the driver fixed a flat tire. The truck was from Enola, Pa., and was bound for Renovo. The driver was Eugene Roustorf and the three other men comprising the crew were Cyril Roustorf, William Bowman and Floyd Finnefrock. To State police all the men testified that they were as far to the side of the road as it was possible to get and that the truck showed two green and two red lights on the rear as required by law. The driver had just left his seat and walked around in front of the truck when the coupe crashed into the rear with such force that the heavily loaded truck was pushed forward some distance. The driver was hit by the truck and injured about the head and face bad enough to need the attention of a physician. The three other men were riding in the rear part of the truck and they all jumped to the aid of the occupants of the coupe. Miss Brooks and Mr. Hipple were dead when removed from the wreck, both being badly crushed. A Tyrone physician and the Tyrone ambulance was summoned and the injured sent to the Philipsburg hospital. The dead were taken in charge of a Tyrone undertaker. The truck driver was exonerated of blame. Last Sunday Robert E. Miller, wife and two children, Nevin F. Miller and Mr. and Mrs. Nevin Blesh, all of Lock Haven, made a trip to Tyrone and near Port Matilda, on the return trip, a blowout of one of the tires wrecked the car. Harry Miller, who suffered a number of bruises and lacerations, was brought to the Centre County hospital for treatment. None of the others were badly hurt and were able to be taken home to Lock Haven. About 4.30 o'clock, on Wednesday afternoon, Wilma Iwicz, 11 years old, of Johnstown, a visitor at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Iwicz, near the Titan Metal plant, was run down on the highway by a car driven by Mrs. Reeder Jodon. She was taken to the Centre County hospital with a fractured leg, head injuries and cuts and bruises, but her condition is not believed to be critical. In fact relatives are planning to remove her to the Mercy hospital, Johnstown.

FOUR BIG NIGHTS WITH THE UNDINE FIREMEN.

When it comes to putting on a carnival the Undine firemen have had enough experience to know how to go about it. They realize that there must be sufficient attraction to draw the crowd and hold it. Because of this fact they are arranging for enough free exhibitions and band concerts at their carnival to be held August 12-15, to not only entice the people of Belleville but from all the surrounding countryside. Especial appeal will be made by giving away a Chevrolet automobile and a number of \$20 gold pieces. The carnival will be held on the grounds in the rear of the Undine building, on Bishop street. These grounds are well drained, and being on the side of a hill are especially adapted to carnival purposes. The free exhibitions can be seen from any place on the ground. The Belleville fire department is rated among the best in the volunteer class in the State. The companies are always on the dot in responding to a call for help and when there is a chance to reciprocate they ought to be liberally patronized. The world champion Athletics will play an exhibition ball game in Williamsport today. The game will be played on Bowman field at 3 o'clock this afternoon and the admission will be \$1.00. No reserved seats.

HAINES TOWNSHIP MAN VICTIM OF SUICIDE.

Ill health, despondent and sadly in need of the actual necessities of life Harry T. Johnson, an aged resident of Haines township, ended his troubles, about 9 o'clock last Thursday evening, by blowing off the top of his head with a German Luger pistol. Johnson lived alone in a small house along the side of the mountain above Aaronsburg. He had not been well for some time and made frequent trips to a physician in Millheim. Because of his illness he was unable to do much manual labor, but was being helped by people in Aaronsburg and that locality. On Friday evening John Stover and Frank Burd, of Aaronsburg, drove to Johnson's home along the mountain, taking with them a nice donation of provisions. Everything was quiet about the house and going inside they found the aged man lying on the floor with the top of his head shot away. Coroner W. R. Heaton was summoned and held an inquest, the jury returning a verdict of death by suicide. Deceased was a son of Samuel and Catherine Johnson and was born at Lykens, Dauphin county, in 1855, his age being 76 years and 6 months. He located in Haines township some twelve years ago and had lived there ever since. His wife died about eight years ago but surviving him are four children, A. L. Johnson, of Mineral Lake, Ohio; Harry A., of Berne, Pa.; Miss Mae, of Philadelphia, and J. C. Johnson, of Lewisburg. He also leaves two sisters, Mrs. Harry Weidensaul, of Ashland, and Mrs. Mary Bidding, of Atlantic City. Funeral services were held in the Evangelical church, at Aaronsburg, at 2 o'clock on Monday afternoon, by Rev. A. C. Paulhamus, burial being made in the Aaronsburg cemetery.

HUNTING IN BELLEVILLE FOR JAPANESE BEETLES.

If a man in khaki breeches and a silver shield on his hat invades your yard and garden without asking permission, gives your flowers and vegetables a careful scrutiny and makes a searching investigation of your grape vines, don't think he is a prohibition officer in disguise figuring on your possible crop of grapes and what you may do with them later in the season, because he is not that sort of an individual. He is a representative of the State Department of Agriculture on the hunt of Japanese beetles. One of these men has been in Belleville this week, going from house to house—or to be more exact, from garden to garden, and up to Tuesday he had not found a beetle-bug or any indications of any. He carries with him a sample beetle in a bottle of alcohol which he shows to whomever is at home when he visits a house, and also leaves a small circular with a picture and description of the beetle. Two men have been in Lock Haven for several weeks and others are in Williamsport and Altoona. Traps have been set in all those towns and it is reported that two of the beetles were caught in Williamsport. While the writer has not made a study of the Japanese beetle and knows nothing of its tastes and proclivities, we rise to remark that it must have a special preference for town life, judging from the fact that the representatives of the Department of Agriculture who are hunting it seem to be concentrating their efforts in the towns and not out in the country districts. A wonder value, 100% angora goat mohair covered living room suite, with one piece webbing, sagless spring construction, at \$138.00 during W. R. Brachbill's anniversary sale. Floor lamp free with every suite. 30-1t

"SMILING LIEUTENANT" AT CATHAUM NEXT WEEK

Regarded as the outstanding picture attraction of the summer to date, "The Smiling Lieutenant" comes to the Cathaum theatre, State College, next Monday and Tuesday as the feature picture of the summer season. Maurice Chevalier, Parisian Prince of Personality, heads a brilliant array of talent that includes Claudette Colbert, Charlie Ruggles, and Miriam Hopkins. "The Smiling Lieutenant" is the sort of picture that lifts you right out of your everyday life and carries you to the realm of your dreams. It makes you forget your cares and worries as you become completely engrossed in its charming story. It is glorious entertainment. There is entrancing music by Oscar Straus, a romantic story, and delightful comedy. \$108 buys an excellent quality nine piece dining room suite during W. R. Brachbill's anniversary sale. 30-1t

The Chevrolet car of J. B. Darlington was sold at sheriff's sale, at the Decker garage last Thursday, to satisfy claims against it. It was purchased by a Tyrone man for \$300. Mr. Darlington was arrested in Belleville, several weeks ago, and taken to Pittsburgh to answer to a charge of false pretense.

NEW BILLING DATES FOR ELECTRIC SERVICE

Realizing that the practice of billing all electric customers in the Belleville district on one day has caused congestion and unavoidable delay in the making of payment at the local office, the West Penn Power company, according to W. T. McCormick, district manager, is putting into effect, August 8th, a change in the system of billing which it is certain will result in the company being able to give much better service and more attention to the Belleville customers. Under the present method all meters in the Belleville district have been read between the 8th and 15th of the month. Under the new system, a certain number of meters will be read each week, the bills for meter readings of several days before to be sent out each week. The reading and billing dates for the accounts will depend on location and will, in all probability, differ from those now in effect, but after the change over to the new dates in August, the reading and billing of each account will be made the same day each month thereafter. The regular monthly bill for electric service used during the latter part of June and the first part of July will be mailed to you on July 31st. Another bill will be sent in August covering electric service used during the latter part of July and that part of August shown on the bill itself. This later bill, which will be on a new and clearer bill form, will show the new day of the month on which your bills will be due in the future. This new billing practice will make no extra charge of any kind because of the change in dates. The new plan does not make any increase in rates now charged for electric service, which are low in comparison with those paid in most other parts of the State, nor has any increase in rates been contemplated. In order that no confusion may arise in the minds of the customers, the West Penn Power company desires that anyone who is not at all clear on this change will write, telephone or visit the local office where a more complete explanation will gladly be given. This new plan means that instead of all the customers paying their bills on two or three days each month and undergoing any delay, some bills will fall due each week during the month, and as a result, prompt attention can be given to the customer when making payment. Ask to see the \$112 3-piece overstuffed new design living room set, upholstered in the new fall covers, at W. R. Brachbill's. 30-1t

NOT MUCH ACTIVITY IN BOROUGH POLITICS.

While county candidates for various offices are button-holing voters at every opportunity there is very little activity so far in borough politics, notwithstanding the fact that the last day for filing nomination petitions is less than two weeks away—to be exact, August 11th. Four councilmen will have to be elected this fall and so far none of the present members have indicated whether they will be candidates for re-election, or not, but it is quite likely some of them will be. Probably next in importance to borough councilmen are two school directors. Both Mrs. M. E. Brouse and Mrs. Caroline Gilmore are completing their twentieth consecutive year on the board and both ladies have signified their desire to retire from service. In fact Mrs. Gilmore, it is reported, will not be a candidate again. It is understood that Mrs. M. F. Broderick, of north Thomas street, will accept the nomination as one candidate and nomination papers in her behalf, both Democratic and Republican, have been in circulation this week. Mrs. Broderick, who prior to her marriage was Miss Helen Crissman, was one of Belleville's corps of school teachers and as such acquired a knowledge of the schools that should tend to make her a good director, should she be nominated and elected. Four candidates are reported as being in the field for overseer of the poor, Alexander Morrison and Thomas W. Fleming, the present incumbents, and Thomas Howley and D. Paul Fortney, Democrats.

FIRE AT COLEVILLE BURNS CAR AND GARAGE

The garage on the property of Ernest Tate, at Coleville, occupied by William F. Geisinger, and the latter's Chrysler car, were entirely destroyed by fire, about five o'clock last Friday evening. How the fire originated is not certain but there is a possibility it might have been caused by children playing with matches. When discovered the flames had made such headway that it was impossible to get the car out of the building. The Logan fire company responded to a call for assistance but by the time they reached the Geisinger home the garage and car were both doomed. Mr. Geisinger, a mail carrier in Belleville, was out on his last trip at the time of the fire and did not know it was his garage that was burned until he returned to the post-office. Both the car and the garage were insured.

NEWS PURELY PERSONAL.

Miss Madeion Shiff, a guest for two weeks of Mrs. William B. Wallis, will leave, Sunday, to return to New York. Edward L. Gates, now acting city editor of the Johnstown Tribune, will come to Belleville tomorrow to join his wife and children for a week's vacation. Mrs. Edith Knoff has had as a guest, for several weeks, her sister-in-law, Mrs. Sue Meyer, of Olean, New York, whom Mrs. Knoff entertains during the summer of each year. Peter Mandis, of Detroit, Mich., has been in Belleville the past week, looking after his property interests accumulated here during the years that he was a resident of the town. Mrs. Walter Cohen has been visiting with her daughter, Mrs. Max Rosenblum, in Sunbury; her visit closely following one Mrs. Rosenblum had made with the Cohen family in Belleville. Mrs. H. Terresta Smith has closed her home in Millheim and gone to Ventnor, New Jersey, for an indefinite visit with her nephew, Mr. Stover S. Snook and his family. She left Millheim last Friday. Miss Bertha Laurie will arrive here from New York, Tuesday, for her annual summer visit back home, expecting to be in Belleville two weeks. While here Miss Laurie will be a house guest of Mrs. George R. Meek. Sister Olivia, Sister Anthony and Sister Servilla, came up from Lancaster, Tuesday afternoon, to spend the remainder of the week as guests of Sister Olivia's mother, Mrs. William McGowan, at the McGowan home on Spring creek. Mrs. Sol Auerbach and her two daughters, who have been with Mrs. Auerbach's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Cohen for the month of July, will be joined here within the week, by Mr. Auerbach, who comes here quite frequently during his family's summer visits to Belleville. Among the Watchman office visitors, on Tuesday, was C. P. Long, well known merchant of Spring Mills. Of course it was business that brought him to town and not politics, as he is not a candidate for any office this year, but that isn't saying that he is not keeping an eye on the various candidates and their chances of making the nomination and election. Mrs. John Dabelow and her two children, John and Eleanor, are guests of the children's grandmother, Mrs. John Porter Lyon. Mrs. Dabelow, just recovering from a six week's illness, came home two weeks ago with her brother, George Lyon, who drove to Philadelphia to bring her to Belleville, that she might be here while convalescing. Jacob Bortoff, home from Penn State over the week-end, entertained a driving party Sunday at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Bortoff, on Spring street. In the party were Miss Elizabeth Neisley, her brother and sister, J. Omar Neisley Jr., and Mrs. William Pugh and Miss Dorothy DeHaven, of Lancaster, and Lee High, of Middletown. Mrs. William Hoopes, the former Miss Marie White, and her sister, Miss Helen White, are here from Philadelphia, looking after the storing of their aunt's, Miss Powell's, furniture, in anticipation of renting the house. Miss Powell has been with Mrs. Hoopes and Miss White since her return north from Tulsa, Oklahoma and is unable to come to Belleville to take charge of the house. The annual summer family party entertained by Mrs. R. G. H. Hayes, was terminated last week with the return to New York city of Mr. and Mrs. John and Thomas Hayes, and the going back to Syracuse, of Miss Ellen Hayes and Miss Samaron. Having been in Belleville for a part of July, they were guests of Mrs. Hayes at her apartment, and at the Markland during their stay. In the party from the school set that returned home from camp Cedar Pines, Monday, were Barbara Shoop, counselor, Charlotte Walker, Jane and Clara Beatty, Cheryl McCormick, Katherine Kilpatrick and Betty Long. The time spent there by the girls varied from two to six weeks. Cedar Pines has been very popular with the camping set of Belleville for a number of years. Mrs. W. A. McCoy and her daughter, Amy Jane, drove in from Ambridge, Saturday, the child having been brought in to be with her grandmother, Mrs. Oscar Wetzel, until the opening of school. Mrs. McCoy returned home Tuesday with plans for joining her daughter here the middle of August, when she will substitute in the First National bank for some of the vacationists, while being a member of the family house party Mrs. Wetzel will entertain. A party of twelve, including Mrs. John Curtin, Mrs. James C. Furst, Mrs. Charles Dorworth, Mrs. J. M. Curtin, Mrs. David Dale, Mrs. John Sommerville, Mrs. George R. Meek, Mrs. Robert Morris, Mrs. G. Murray Andrews, Mrs. D. H. Hastings, and the Misses Rebecca Dorworth and Betty Curtin, with a party of seven from Williamsport, constituted an all day bridge party, Wednesday, hosted to themselves at the Furst camp on Fishing creek. Mr. and Mrs. Augustus C. Heverly will leave, Sunday, on their annual fishing trip to northern Canada, where they have spent Mr. Heverly's vacation for a number of years. Going directly to North Bay, they enter the Tunagami Forest from there and will be located on Martin Lake, occupying a log cabin belonging to a long established fishing camp, where they will spend the two weeks in fishing, a sport in which Mrs. Heverly joins with much pleasure as her husband. Friends and out of town people who were here for the funeral of the late W. T. Twitmore, on Sunday, were his three sons, Alton A. Twitmore, of Bradley Beach, N. J.; Joseph Twitmore and wife, of Sunbury; Dr. Wilbur Twitmore, wife and three sons, Wilbur Jr., Gilbert and Richard, of Lancaster; Dr. Harry Pickle and two sons, Wilbur and Harry Jr., and Mr. and Mrs. Willis Herr and son Billy, of Leamon Place; Reuben Alexander, of Julian; Mrs. Gilbert Mattern and daughter Eleanor, of New York city; Mr. and Mrs. Harry Page, of Sunbury; Mrs. Estella Parsons, of Unionville; Mr. and Mrs. Philip D. Waddle, of State College; C. T. Fryberger and Mr. Hoffer, of Philadelphia; Mr. and Mrs. Blair Billing and R. Mulholland, of Altoona; Mr. and Mrs. Fred Brachbill and Mr. Kreider, of Littleton; Mr. and Mrs. John Brachbill and two sons, John Jr. and Charles, of Williamsport.

BOALSBURG BANJO BAND TO BROADCAST CONCERT.

The Boalsburg banjo band will give a concert over WPSBC, radio station of the Pennsylvania State College, on Tuesday evening, August 4th, as one of the programs in the series of summer twilight musicals. The concert will start at 6:30 o'clock, eastern standard time. The station, WPSBC, operates on 1230 kilocycles. The concluding program of the twilight series will be broadcast Wednesday, August 5th, with artists provided by the music institute of the college. Noon broadcasts from WPSBC will continue indefinitely five times a week, Monday to Friday inclusive. The Boalsburg banjo band made its WPSBC debut a year ago. The group is composed of about fifty boys and girls, mostly students in the Boalsburg vocational school and the State College schools. The director is G. Malcolm Smith, of State College. During the program Mrs. Smith will provide several accordian selections. The Banjo band artists gained state-wide recognition when they played at the farm show, in Harrisburg, last winter, and this spring they competed in the national banjo band contest at Rochester, N. Y. The young musicians have also entertained for a number of service clubs and other organizations in Centre county.

BASEBALL STANDING OF INDUSTRIAL LEAGUE

Following is the standing of the Belleville Industrial Baseball League up to and including June 27th:

| Team                       | Won | Lost | P. C. |
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| Whitrock Quarries          | 4   | 0    | 100   |
| West Penn Power            | 4   | 1    | 80    |
| American Limes & Stone Co. | 3   | 3    | 50    |
| Federal Match Co.          | 2   | 3    | 40    |
| Chemical Lime Co.          | 1   | 2    | 33    |
| Titan Metal Co.            | 1   | 5    | 16    |

—One week more to save from 20 to 50% under their regular moderate prices on furniture and rug sale at W. R. Brachbill's anniversary sale. 30-1t

Belleville Grain Markets.

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| Wheat     | .50 |
| Corn      | .40 |
| Oats      | .30 |
| Rye       | .40 |
| Barley    | .40 |
| Buckwheat | .50 |