

Bellefonte Watchman

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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 BELLEFONTE 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.

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. Hippie 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 Phillipsburg hospital. The dead were given 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 Ivicic, 11 years old, of Johnstown, a visitor at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Ivicic, 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 Bellefonte 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 Undine 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.

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