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BELL ENLARGING SERVICE.

Over 200 Independent Pennsylvania Phone Companies Link With the Bell System.

More than 200 independently owned and operated telephone companies in Pennsylvania are connected with the Bell System, according to figures published by the Pennsylvania Public Service Information Committee.

These independent telephone companies are known as Connecting Companies of Pennsylvania, and while they are organized primarily to supply local service, they have the advantage of using the Bell System toll and long distance wires for talking to any part of the United States.

From time to time with the approval of the Public Service Commission and the Interstate Commerce Commission mergers and consolidations are effected between the Bell and independent companies, and the latter then become Connecting Companies. This tends to eliminate the costly duplication of telephone service. During the year just passed these independent companies added 23,126 telephones to their systems, due in part to consolidations.

In addition to these many telephone organizations scattered throughout the state, connections are made by the Bell Company with 1371 Rural Lines, owned by groups of individuals who do not operate switchboards. At suitable junction points these lines are connected with the Bell Telephone Company.

Musser-Ishler.

A very quiet wedding took place at the home of Mrs. Mollie (Stover) Ishler, at State College, on Wednesday evening of last week, when her daughter, Miss Nellie Ishler, was united in marriage to Malcolm Musser, youngest son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Frank Musser, of near Bellefonte. Only a few intimate friends of the bride and the bridegroom's brother, George Musser, and wife, of New York State, were present at the ceremony. Following a short wedding trip by automobile the young couple will reside at the well known Musser farm, just south of Bellefonte.

The interests of the J. G. Morris estate in the American Lime and Stone Company were recently purchased by the Warner Brothers, Wilmington, Delaware.

It is understood that the Warner took over all of the Morris estate's holdings of common stock, about 3500 shares, and 1250, or one-half of the estate's remaining 2500 shares, of the preferred stock. The price paid by the Warners approximated \$180,000, it is said.

Coupled with the announcement of the Warners having acquired control of the company, it is stated that during the summer they will build an additional large hydrating plant in Bellefonte. It is also said that operating costs will be drastically revised with a view to reducing maintenance, or overhead, charges, to the lowest minimum consistent with efficient management.

Escaped Drowning.

C. E. Yearick, proprietor of the Howard hotel, had a narrow escape from drowning when the Ford car he was driving left the State highway near Jacksonville and plunged into the creek by the side of the road, the car overturning, pinning Mr. Yearick beneath in several feet of water. Mr. Yearick was going to Bellefonte and failed to make one of the sharp turns near Jacksonville. He succeeded in keeping his head above the water by placing his hand under his chin. About an hour later a passing motorist saw his plight and hastened to his assistance, succeeding in righting the car and releasing him.

State College Borough Grows With Campus.

A peculiar circumstance of growth has existed for over 65 years in the parallel population of the town of State College and the enrollment of students at the Pennsylvania State College which is located there. The town is almost entirely on one side of the state highway leading through the community and the college campus is directly opposite. When the college had 100 students fifty years ago, the town had about fifty residents. Ten years ago when there were 2000 students, the borough of State College had 2000 population. Today they are still even at about 3500 in the town and an equal number represented on the campus. The growth of the town and the activity of the business interests have recently received recognition in the granting of charters to business men's organizations by Rotary International and Kiwanis clubs. The State College Rotary Club started with 23 members and Kiwanis had 53 members present when their charter was delivered last week.

Paul Bradford, tenant on the Old Fort farm, is serving ice cream and soft drinks at the Old Fort stand.

CLASS OF NINE WILL GRADUATE TUESDAY EV'G.

Six Girls and Three Boys Finish High School Course, and Will Receive Coveted Diplomas.

Another commencement season is here, and the hard-working, plodding students who have "made the grade" through four years of arduous high school work, will write "finals" to their labors Tuesday evening, when their graduation will take place in Grange Arcadia, with appropriate exercises. The class is made up of nine—six young ladies and three young men—not a large class numerically, yet a class standing high in scholarship and a credit to the school.

- Monday night is designated Class Night, when a splendid program will be rendered in Grange Arcadia, and a small admittance fee charged.
- Following is the commencement program. Admission to these exercises will be ticket only, and a signed article found in this column are given the reasons for this method.
- COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM.
- Invocation.....Rev. S. F. Greenho
 - Salutary.....RALPH NEFF
 - Oration.....CHARLOTTE KELLER
"The Value of a Smile"
 - Music.....
 - Declamation.....VESTA BLAUSER
 - Oration.....ROSSMAN WERT
"Making America Intelligent"
 - Music.....
 - Oration.....ZELLA RIPKA
"Theodore Roosevelt as An American"
 - Class Prophecy.....RUTH BINGMAN
and FLORENCE ZETTLE
 - Music.....
 - Oration.....CURTIS REIBER
"The Hygiene of Education"
 - Valedictory.....AGNES GEARY
 - Music.....
 - Presentation of Diplomas, W. O. Heckman
 - Benediction.....Rev. Floyd A. Hoff

Memorial Day Program.

Services at Centre Hall at 6:00 P. M.—Rev. C. E. Hazen the Speaker.

Memorial day exercises have for some years past been in charge of a committee representing the various fraternal organizations and Sunday-schools of the town have lifted the burden from the remaining grizzled veterans, who themselves in years gone by gave their personal attention to the decorating of graves of comrades-at-arms. Time has reduced their ranks to a mere corporal's guard, and ebbing strength has necessitated others carrying on the loving tribute to the memory of fallen and deceased heroes.

The following program has been prepared for Memorial day observance at the Centre Hall cemetery:

Formation of parade at 6:00 P. M. at the Reformed church. It is urged that everyone who can do so take their place in line.

Decorating of graves.

Roll call.

Salute.

Singing by male quartette.

Prayer.

Singing by male quartette.

Address, Rev. C. E. Hazen.

Singing, American.

Centre County Baseball League.

The Centre county baseball league opens officially on Saturday (Memorial day) with morning and afternoon games, Centre Hall's place in the league this year is taken by Hecla Park. Two local players—Newton Crawford and Harry Gross—will play in the league, the former with Hecla Park and the latter with Bellefonte. Millheim will undoubtedly prove a winner this year owing to Paul Musser having been declared eligible to play. When Musser pitches it's going to be a game placed in the "W" column in Millheim's standing. Some there are who predict the bumps for the big ex-major leaguer, but given anything like proper support, he will make the other three teams in the league look outcasted. That's our opinion.

Well, since we haven't anything to root for at home, let's be for Penna Valley, and hope that Millheim cops the pennant.

Here's the schedule of the playing season: batter up!

- May 30, A. M.—Hecla Park at Bellefonte; State College at Millheim.
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- June 4—Millheim at Bellefonte; State College at Hecla Park.
- June 6—Millheim at Hecla Park.
- June 11—State at Hecla Park; Bellefonte at Millheim.
- June 13—State at Bellefonte; Hecla at Millheim.
- June 18—Bellefonte at Hecla; Millheim at State College.
- June 20—Bellefonte at Millheim.
- June 25—Hecla at Bellefonte; State at Millheim.
- June 27—Millheim at Bellefonte; Hecla at State College.
- July 2—Bellefonte at State; Millheim at Hecla.
- July 4—A. M.—Millheim at State; Hecla at Bellefonte.
- July 4, P. M.—Bellefonte at Hecla; Millheim at State.
- July 9—Bellefonte at State; Hecla at Millheim.
- July 11—Bellefonte at Millheim; State at Hecla Park.
- July 16—State at Bellefonte; Millheim at Hecla.
- July 18—Millheim at Bellefonte; Hecla at State.
- July 23—Bellefonte at State; Hecla at Millheim.
- July 25—Bellefonte at Hecla; State at Millheim.
- July 29—Millheim at Bellefonte; State at Hecla.
- August 1—Millheim at State; Hecla at Bellefonte.
- August 6—State at Bellefonte; Millheim at Hecla.
- August 8—State at Millheim; Bellefonte at Hecla.
- August 13—Bellefonte at Millheim; Hecla at State.
- August 15—Bellefonte at State; Hecla at Millheim.
- August 20—Millheim at Bellefonte; State at Hecla.
- August 22—Hecla at Bellefonte; Millheim at State.
- August 27—Bellefonte at State; Hecla at Millheim.
- August 29—Bellefonte at Millheim; Hecla at State College.
- Sept. 3—State College at Bellefonte; Millheim at Hecla.

The proposed air line from Easton to Pittsburgh may be more than hot air stuff. It was the dream of Edward H. Harriman to control a line from the Atlantic to the Pacific, and the \$100,000,000 left his widow may yet largely fulfill what is supposed by many to have been a dream never to be realized. Mrs. Harriman was a close adviser in all railroad transactions of her late husband. It would be a strange fulfillment of his ambitions, if she would actually put into effect his plans for a transcontinental rail system, built around a \$200,000,000 Air Line across Pennsylvania.

Both local banks will be closed all day and evening next Saturday, Memorial Day.

The county fairs will not get aid from the State in the way of finances. The legislature refused to limit the funds to fairs that put a ban on gambling, so Pinchot vetoed the appropriation of \$125,000.

Mann's Bridge—\$88,371.

The new bridge over the Penny tracks and Kishacoquillas creek, at Mann's Narrows, will cost \$88,371, and will be finished at the close of this year.

The cost of constructing the bridge was apportioned as follows by the Public Service Commission: Pennsylvania Railroad Company, \$52,371; State Highway Department, \$18,000; Lewistown and Reedsville Electric Railway Company, \$2,500; County of Mifflin, \$12,500; Derry township, \$1,000, and Brown township, \$1,000.

The course of the highway will be changed and this will require the removal or destruction of a double house, but two crossings at grade and two curves will be eliminated.

The nearhood property in Centre Hall, sold at sheriff's sale at the court house, Saturday afternoon, was knocked down at \$225.00. The deed was made in the name of W. G. Runkle.

DIED WHEN THROAT CUT BY WINDSHIELD.

Fifteen-Year-Old Boy Killed at Milton When Hurled From Bicycle and Thrown Through Windshield of Motor Car.

Roy Auman, a fifteen-year-old boy, was fatally injured on Front street, Milton, Thursday evening of last week, when the bicycle which he was riding was struck by an automobile.

The boy's home is near Coburn, but he was planning to spend the summer on a farm near Milton, and was staying here with a sister, Mrs. Anna Mull. He had bought a new bicycle last week and was riding westward on First street, just crossing Front street, when the accident took place.

Joseph Pox, a local jeweler, was driving a coupe, going westward on Front street. His car struck the bicycle, smashing the wheel, and throwing the young rider against the windshield with such force that he crashed through it, severing the jugular vein. The lad arose, walked a few steps toward the curb, and fell over dead.

Fox reported the accident to the police, but was not held. The coroner's inquest was not held for a few days, as Mr. Fox is prostrated from shock over the accident.

The remains were shipped to Coburn from where burial was made the latter part of the week. The youth is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Auman, who live in the Zerby region west of Coburn.

This is the second Auman boy to meet an untimely death. A brother of the unfortunate lad was shot a number of years ago when he was gathering chestnuts in a tree near his home. Two shots were fired into his body and it was never discovered who killed him or what the motive was.

Potter Township School Teachers.

At a recent meeting of the school directors of Potter township, the following teachers were elected for the coming term:

Potters Mills Grammar—Mildred Brown.

Potters Mills Primary—Harriet Frasier.

Centre Hill—George Sweeney.

Tusseyville—Mary B. Foust.

Colyer—R. W. Sweeney.

Tussey Sink—Martha Yearick.

Manor Hill—Roy Searson.

Earlstown—Zella Ripka.

Pine Stump—Lila Brooks.

Pum Grove—Mary Zerby.

Theological Students Graduate.

At the ninety-ninth annual commencement of the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg, nine young clergymen received their diplomas. All of them have accepted pulpits and will start immediately upon their active work in the Christian ministry. The graduating exercises were held in College Church, the address being delivered by Dr. J. A. Clutz. Diplomas were presented by Dr. J. A. Singmaster, chairman of the faculty.

The graduates were: Rev. Phillip Boyer, Table Rock; Rev. Paul L. Foulk, Littlestown; Rev. J. Harold Mumper, Gettysburg; Rev. Carl R. Nagels, Conshohocken; Rev. Felix G. Robinson, Gettysburg; Rev. Raymond C. Sorrick, Williamsburg; Rev. C. E. Stahlman, Ringgold; Rev. John H. Wagner, Boalsburg; and Rev. Percie M. Willard, Frederick, Md.

The Tri-County Camp.

The days of training of the various groups at the Tri-County Camp, on Spruce Creek, are as follows:

- June 23 to July 6—Boys, 16 to 17 years of age.
- July 7 to 20—Girls, 16 to 17 years.
- July 21 to August 3—Girls, 18 to 23 years.
- August 18 to 31—Boys, 18 to 23 years of age.

Kiddies' Day—June 15th.

The day of days for the kiddies in all parts of Centre county is Thursday, June 18th—the day on which the kiddies are the guests of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. No further arrangements than the appointment of committees and the fixing of the time have been made, but that is sufficient to guarantee to the children a day of real sport.

New Stockholders.

The Penna Valley Banking company recently increased its capital stock, the stockholders in the institution now being the following: David K. Keller, cashier; W. F. Bradford, president; C. D. Bartholomew, assistant cashier; R. P. Campbell, vice president; E. M. Huyett, T. E. Jodon, C. P. Long, J. Roy Shaffer, H. W. Harper, Anna Mabel Allison, W. H. Homan, J. G. Dauberman, H. G. Strohmeyer, Jacob Shaver, H. S. Braucht, George Searson, A. H. Spayd, T. A. Hosterman, Charles W. Slack, L. L. Smith, P. H. Luse, D. W. Statesbeck, J. C. Vonada, W. F. Keller, W. E. Lee, L. R. Smith, J. W. Delaney, G. E. Heckman, G. H. McCormick, W. R. Neff, J. D. Patterson, B. W. Ripka, Mabel F. Arney, A. P. Hockman, G. W. Raiston, C. A. Long, G. O. Benner, J. V. Foster, J. H. Burkholder, W. A. Alexander, I. A. Meyer, W. T. Korman, Z. A. Weaver.

Funeral Directors Elected.

C. R. Lauer was re-elected president of the Bald Eagle Funeral Directors' association at the annual meeting of that organization held at Williamsport. Other officers elected were: J. E. Brown, Lock Haven; secretary-treasurer, H. N. Koch, State College, (re-elected); executive committee—F. V. Goodhart, Centre Hall; L. H. Neff, Howard; Lloyd McCloskey, Mill Hall; A. M. Gann, Renovo, and E. E. Wid-downson, Bellefonte. Bradford county was added to the association which previously was composed of Centre, Clinton and Lycoming counties.

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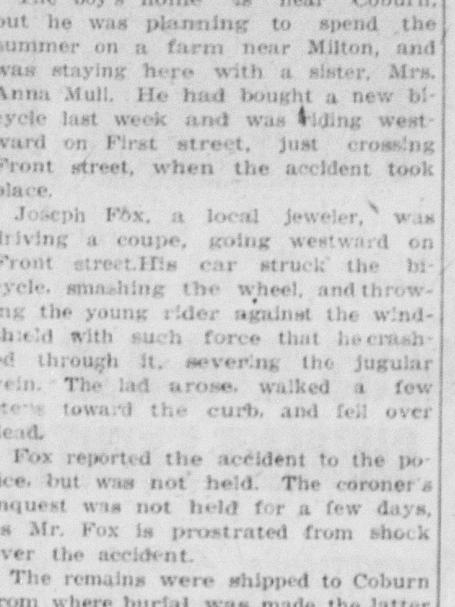
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SERIES OF REVIVAL MEETINGS AT COLYER AND ZERBY.

Rev. Paul B. Lindley, of Urhanna, Is the Evangelist.

A series of revival meetings will be held in the Friendly church, at Colyer, beginning Saturday, May 31st, and continuing until June 14th.

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REV. PAUL B. LINDLEY.

Ohio, will be in charge of the meetings and will be assisted by a corps of efficient workers.

Services will be held each evening at 7:45 o'clock, and there will be three services on Sundays—at 10:30 A. M., 2:30 P. M. and 7:45 P. M.

At the close of the Colyer meetings, the party will go to Zerby, where a series of meetings will be held in the campmeeting grove, beginning June 16th and extending to the 25th.

The same program for services will be followed here as at Colyer.

Lutheran Missionary Conference.

The Northern Conference of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of the Susquehanna Synod of Centre Penna. will be held at Mifflinburg in the Lutheran church, June 4th. Mrs. G. E. Fisher, synodical president, will preside. One of the speakers will be Mrs. J. D. Curran, missionary to Africa. The conference will continue throughout the entire day and evening.

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TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS.

F. P. Geary's barber shop will be closed at noon on Memorial day.

William McClellan is rebuilding a portion of the coal sheds along the railroad.

John Noll, of Pleasant Gap, has been doing decorating on the interior of the E. M. Husty home.

The coming Grange Encampment and Fair, at Centre Hall, will be held from August 29 to September 5.

Mrs. Lucy Henney is having her residence repainted. A. L. Duck, of Spring Mills, is doing the work.

Judge Albert W. Johnson, appointed to the bench of the middle district of Pennsylvania by President Coolidge, will take the oath of office in Williamsport on Monday.

Miss Miriam Huyett is instructing a class in instrumental music. Miss Miriam is a graduate of Susquehanna University, and is an accomplished pianist.

L. L. Smith shipped a carload of hay last week for the Ringling Bros. and Barnum and Bailey circus, at Altoona, last Friday, to feed the big herd of elephants, giraffes, and hundreds of horses.

Free mail delivery service has been promised to Lewistown Junction and Juniata Terrace. This checks the move for an independent post office on the Juniata side of the river. The problem has been rightly solved.

Harry Gross, of Centre Hall, pitched for the Bellefonte league team against the Bellefonte Academy, last Thursday afternoon, and after holding the academy unless until the seventh inning, was doomed to defeat by the score of 3 to 1.

Prof. Lester E. Baird, principal of the Pleasant Gap High school, has tossed his hat in the ring for the office of superintendent of schools of Centre county. He is a son of Wm. H. Baird, and was graduated from the Centre Hall High school. He is aged 33 years.

Roy Dutrow is going into the chicken business on a large scale, and has under construction a large poultry building on a lot to the rear of his home. He already has several hundred nice white leghorns of near-broiler size, and expects to add many hundreds more in a short time.

A Ford went through the barricades of the road under construction over Nittany Mountain and jumped an open ditch two and one-half or more feet in width, and complained only of a broken sense of the left eye. It isn't a big step with some drivers from a Ford to a flying machine.

Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Harshbarger and Mrs. Small, of Altoona, drove to Centre Hall by auto and were guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Bradford. On their return home on Sunday they took with them Margaret Bradford, a daughter of their hosts, who will be in Altoona until the close of the week.

Charles H. Richelleu recently purchased the Hiller property on High street, Bellefonte for the purpose of constructing a new modern theatre, and announces that plans have been completed for the new structure. The contract states that the new theatre shall be finished and read for use by September 1st.

Rev. John A. Wagner, son of Rev. J. W. Wagner, of Boalsburg, was ordained a Lutheran minister at the synod of the district held at Jersey Shore, last week, and has been elected pastor of the St. James Lutheran church, Brooklyn, New York. Rev. Wagner is a graduate of the Lutheran seminary connected with Susquehanna University at Selinsgrove. His father is a native of Potter township, and Mrs. Harkins, wife of Rev. J. F. Harkins, pastor of the Lutheran church at State College, is a sister.

W. S. Williams, contractor and builder, is one of the busy men these days, but is making good headway with all of his undertakings. The Goodhart barn, at Centre Hill, unroofed by the recent storm, has been reroofed and otherwise repaired, and workmen are now reconstructing the Lloyd Smith barn nearby. At Centre Hall the Williams house, near the railroad station, is well on with the outer construction and brick casing. The Reformed parsonage foundation is also well under way; the moving of the house from the state highway at Unionville is accomplished and other work attending it almost completed. The building projects in Bellefonte are moving along nicely.

The rebuilding of the Morris Burkholder barn will begin early next week, Elias Brean, of Axemann, having the work in charge. This was one of the several barns in the valley to be wrecked by the young cyclone that passed over this region some time ago. The barn was almost totally destroyed, and much of the timbers in it were so badly broken that it was useless for reconstruction. The new timbers were cut from logs taken from Mr. Burkholder's timber tract in the Seven Mountains, and sawed at a mill at Potters Mills. Last week neighbors with teams hauled the lumber to the Burkholder place. Like in several similar instances, these neighbors acted the part of what the word neighbor means.

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