



BELLEFONTE BRAWL TAKES ON ENTIRELY NEW ASPECT

Sheriff Taylor Throws More Light On Scandalous Affair - Patrolman Takes to Field.

(From the Tyrone Herald.) Denying allegations made by Lieutenant J. M. Bender, of the State Highway Patrol, Sheriff Dick Taylor and other principals of the affairs which led to wholesale arrests there last week painted a different picture of Centre county's mixup, on Saturday.

The arrest of Corporal Glen A. Amend, of the Bellefonte barracks of the highway patrol, and the preferring of charges against Sheriff Taylor, Robert Taylor and three other young men of the county, had simmered quietly Saturday, but threatened to boil over as word of the charges made by Amend through his superior, Lieut. Bender, became known throughout the county.

A different story is told of the brawl along the Pleasant Gap road last Monday night which is alleged to have ended in Amend giving Robert Taylor a terrible beating, and which led to the arrest of Amend on charges of aggravated assault and battery.

A different picture is painted of the arrest of Amend by Sheriff Taylor and two deputies early Tuesday morning which led to a counter suit against the sheriff.

And in the center of all the simmering and all the boiling, looms, according to information gleaned in Bellefonte, a woman, Robert Taylor's wife. About her is alleged to have hinged the entire trouble. And with her name is linked that of Corporal Amend.

H. S. Taylor, one time sheriff of the county, and a special deputy sworn in last Tuesday morning when the Amend arrest was made, tells a story which in every detail upholds the sheriff in his contention that he did not assault Amend, other than to take the measures necessary to arrest a man who is resisting arrest.

"They called me out of bed early Tuesday morning," Colonel Taylor says, "telling me that Robert was in a pretty serious condition and asking me to come over to the jail. I went and there Dr. J. C. Rogers was treating Robert, who sat there with a bruised and bloody head.

"They told me the story of what is alleged to have happened out along the Pleasant Gap road. Justice of the Peace Kline Woodring was there with a warrant for Amend's arrest. Dick (the sheriff) said he was going to rest him that night. Fearing that Amend might leave town the next morning, Dick yelled, 'Grab him.' I did, I grabbed him hard, and I guess if his shirt was torn I did it. From then on he quietly submitted to arrest."

Sheriff Taylor tells the same story of the arrest of Amend, and the son corroborates the account.

Robert Taylor and other witnesses to the affair along the Pleasant Gap road Monday night deny that Taylor resisted arrest, deny that he attempted to beat up Amend, deny that any attempt was made on that day to any jump upon the overwhelmed officer.

Robert Taylor tells this story: "I knew, I have known for months that Amend was running around with my wife. I have caught them together several times, once in my own home. It is common knowledge that they traveled together.

"I interfered only once, that time in my own home, and then Amend started to pull his gun on me and I insisted that I should go along, but Dick protested, saying, 'I can't necessary, I know Amend and Amend knows me, he won't offer any resistance.' But I kept insisting and finally he and his son and I went to the barracks. Mr. Coxy (who lives in the home that houses the barracks) left us in and we searched the place but found no trace of Amend.

"We left and looked over town, then went past the barracks again, and noticing the door open and a light burning, stopped and rapped. Amend for us to come in. We did and Dick and his son went up the steps, Dick saying, 'I've got a warrant for you, Amend.' They were nearly at the top then, and I stood on the steps, near the bottom.

"Amend attempted to turn and flee into his room. Dick grabbed his arm, and Amend scuffled with him, pulling his black jack and raising it over Dick's head. Richard, Dick's son, took the weapon from Amend.

"They continued to scuffle and Amend broke loose and ran down the quit when I reminded him where he was.

"Things had gotten to that point that I wanted my wife to move out of town. I told her last week end that she was to pack up, that Monday I was taking her to her home in Detroit.

"I was here at the Legion Home on Monday night, and wanted to go out to the home and see whether she was ready to leave. I took my car and several of these fellows went along to see us off. She wasn't there. My other car, the one I bought for her to drive, wasn't there. I left my car at home and got in with the three fellows who accompanied me, and we started to hunt her.

"We had seen a wreck along the road, and I thought Amend might be there. I wanted to tell him to run my wife off the road with my car. She was driving with one 1926 license plate in front of the car. I had taken the license plates off that car.

"We went to the wreck, and seeing Amend, stopped. I called him and told him what I wanted. He said he was going home and to bed. I told him I wanted the car off the road. He insisted he was going to bed.

"Just then my wife whizzed past, stopped up the road and called to Amend. I told Amend to stay where he was, and I went up the road to her. I opened the car door, pushed her off the driver's seat, got behind the wheel and told her we were starting for Detroit.

PENN STATE READY TO START \$1,736,000 BUILDING PROGRAM

Seven Projects To Be Under Way In Few Months—Reconstruction of 'Old Main'.

Approval of a building program involving the expenditure of approximately \$1,736,000 on seven projects was made at a special meeting of the Pennsylvania State College board of trustees held at the college over the week-end. President Ralph D. Hetzel, secretary of the board, announced on Monday.

Work on half of the program will be started as soon as specifications from approved plans can be drawn up and contracts let. Structures expected to be under way within a few months are a main engineering school unit to cost \$300,000, on the site of the old building destroyed by fire in 1913; a hospital on the east campus to contain 31 beds and modern infirmary equipment.

The college board of trustees also approved the tentative outline for the development of the Thompson Sports Park project for skating and winter sports field as provided by memoranda of all classes in college last spring. A dam and spillways are to be constructed at once. Memorial campus gateways from the classes of 1925 and 1926 will be started as soon as campus development plans are sufficiently advanced to show permanent campus entrances.

The board authorized the appointment of a consulting landscape architect, but has not yet named an appointee.

When the State Grange fund for a new dormitory for girls reaches \$109,000 authority is given to start construction. About half of this amount is now available towards a building to cost \$250,000. The board approved a perspective drawing for this structure.

Three Chemists Injured. C. T. Whittier, Andrew Dingwall and E. T. Himmigall, all of New York City, chemists attending an institute at State College, were injured while riding in a taxi from State College to Centre Hill Club. Harry Resides, the taxi driver, in an attempt to pass a stone truck at a corner struck the front of the truck and then an electric light pole. Whittier was at once taken to the Centre County hospital. The others were treated locally.

Still Under Pig Pen. A still and whiskey valued at between \$50,000 and \$60,000 was discovered and confiscated near Muncy, the still, one of the most complete and best equipped ever seen by the officers, was in a concrete pit, concealed under a pig pen in the yard of the plant. The capacity of the still was 200 gallons. Twenty-seven barrels of the alleged whiskey was found and seized.

Escaped Prisoners Found Asleep. Harvey and Fred Buck, Bradford county inmates at the Rockview prison who escaped from the institution reservation late Wednesday afternoon of last week, were caught near Snow Shoe Friday morning.

The men were seen by M. E. Flynn, a telegraph operator while endeavoring to operate an automobile. He called to them and they started down the railroad Flynn then communicated with Deputy Warden McFarland at Rockview and he found them asleep by the side of the tracks.

Wisconsin Beer Bill Vetoed. The Duncan beer bill which would have allowed the manufacture and sale in Wisconsin of beer containing 2.75 per cent alcohol by weight, was vetoed by Governor Fred R. Zimmerman.

The measure, the governor pointed out, is invalid, attempts by indirection to nullify the law of the land, and would bring "odium, ridicule and disgrace" to the name of the State.

GRANGE LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE, HERE AUGUST 16

Tent Erection Begun For Encampment and Fair, Which Opens Saturday, August 26th.

In two weeks, Tuesday, August 16, the Leadership Conference opens on Grange Park and lasts four days, and in four weeks the Grange Encampment and Centre County Fair will be in full swing.

Preparations are being rushed so as to be in readiness for both big events. Monday morning a gang of men under A. H. Spayd began laying floors, preparatory to tent erection. New buildings and improvements undertaken are about completed. An unusually interesting program has been arranged and premium book issued. The latter contains much information of value to exhibitors, campers and the public generally.

It is planned this year to stress boys' and girls' activities in every way and the engagement of a boys' band for the week seemed appropriate as the right kind of music is of all importance, putting life in every event.

The Boys and Girls' Live-Stock Judging Contest will be made an important feature of Wednesday afternoon, increased prizes paid and ribbons awarded to winners. The 4-H Clubs of Centre county will hold their annual round-up during the week and their work will be placed on exhibition and prizes awarded. The annual camp of the Junior Farmers' organization in their building on Grange Park will be larger and of more interest and importance than any year since their organization.

The boys and girls taking vocational training in the schools of Centre county, will give a demonstration of their work in seed corn testing, poultry culling and a number of other agricultural lines. All in all it is intended to make this the place and the time where the results of the year's work will be shown, combining the educational with a splendid good time for boys and girls as well as for men and women.

Two Slight Auto Wrecks. Two slight auto wrecks occurred in town on Saturday evening, but only in one was there injury to an occupant. Hoy Neff, of Centre Hill, and Walter Bacon, of near Millheim, collided near the diamond. The former was driving a Ford roadster toward the mountain, and the latter was in a Jewett coach approaching the street from the Dauberman meat market. The collision resulted in crumpling fenders, tearing off running boards, etc. The slow speed reduced the repair expense.

The second mishap occurred a few hours later to the front of the R. M. Smith home, close to the end of the concrete road. Lloyd Vonada was coming down the mountain driving a Durant touring car in which were several passengers, and Albert Auman, accompanied by a young man and two young ladies, were approaching the mountain in a Chevrolet roadster. The Chevrolet hit the front hub cap of the Durant, also broke up the running board, and ran to the rear across the road, striking the concrete retaining wall at the Smith home. One of the young ladies was cut about the head by striking the windshield.

A third car avoided crashing into the two in collision by being guided over a dirt into the yard of Floyd Snyder, next on the lower side of the Smith residence.

Summer School at Central Oak Heights The Central Oak Heights summer school of religious education, of the Evangelical church, located at West Milton, was formally opened last week, and the registration was completed on Tuesday. The school has 138 pupils registered for credits, and 14 auditors. This is the largest registration in the three years history of the school, and it promises to be one of the best sessions ever held.

Palmer Hetzel Obtains Pardon. Palmer Hetzel, who was convicted in Centre county on charges of breaking and entering and larceny, was granted a pardon by the State Board and approved by Governor Fisher. Hetzel was charged with the larceny of chickens owned by George Heckman, of Centre Hall, in 1925, and when arraigned before Judge Dale he received a sentence of from 2 to 4 years on the charge of breaking and entering, and from 1 to 2 years on the charge of larceny.

Orphanage Band Concert. A band of sixteen pieces, representing the Evangelical church orphanage at Lewisburg, gave a concert on the diamond here on Wednesday night, which was enjoyed by a large number of persons from all nearby localities. The weather conditions that night were ideal for an open air concert and this induced all to remain until the last number, a National air, was complete.

The organization is a comparatively new one, yet their program embraced classical and the more modern music, and the rendering of it was pleasing. Especially was it so when one recalls the very tender age of the artists. The contribution made for the benefit of the institution was over \$25.00.

From here the organization went to Rebersburg, and from there to the home. A truck, built to accommodate both the boys and instruments, conveyed the band from one point to the other.

The ladies of the Golden Eagle will hold a bake sale in the vacant room in the I. O. O. F. building on Saturday, August 12th, afternoon and evening. Homemade cakes, pies, and various other articles will be on sale.

NEW BANK IN BELLEFONTE.

Bank Building Secured For Place of Business—Open by October.

A third banking institution is to open in Bellefonte by October 1st, the place of business to be in the building formerly used by the defunct Centre County Banking Company. The official title of the banking company will be "The Farmers National Bank of Bellefonte." The charter, notice of the issuing of which was received on Saturday, provides for a capital stock of \$50,000 and a surplus of \$12,500, all of which has already been subscribed and paid in by some forty individuals in Bellefonte, Philipsburg and adjoining sections to the county seat. If conditions demand it, the capital stock may be increased.

The directors selected are: Dr. S. S. McCormick, Hubersburg, well known physician; Willis M. Bottorf, Bellefonte, hardware merchant; William H. Brouse, Bellefonte, merchant; Rev. Reed O. Steely, pastor of Evangelical church of Bellefonte; and Juvenile Court officer for Centre county; Van S. Jodon, Bellefonte, general manager of the Bellefonte R. R.; Wm. C. Smeltzer, Bellefonte, a retired farmer and director of the Sugar Valley Mutual Fire Insurance Co.; Jacob H. Weaver, Hubersburg, retired farmer; John W. Garbrick, Bellefonte, retired farmer; John P. Eckel, Bellefonte, groceries and meat market; Frank Hockman, Mifflinville, poultryman and amusement park; Dr. F. K. White, Philipsburg, dentist; Dr. Sol. M. Nissler, Bellefonte, well known veterinarian; Edwin F. Garman, Bellefonte, merchant; all well known citizens representing considerable wealth in bulk.

The board of directors have elected the following officers: Rev. Reed O. Steely, president; William C. Smeltzer, vice president; Willis M. Bottorf, secretary.

The cashier has not yet been selected from a goodly list of applicants awaiting the approval of the charter from Washington. He will be a thorough and competent banking man with considerable experience, and not from Bellefonte.

Tuberculosis Test Half Completed. Dr. T. E. Munce, Director of the Bureau of Animal Industry, announced that one-half of all the cattle in Pennsylvania are now tested for tuberculosis. Judging by the rate at which they have been tested the past few years, it is predicted by bureau officials that bovine tuberculosis will be reduced to less than one-half of one per cent by the end of 1933, provided adequate funds are made available.

On July 1 a total of 4681 herds had passed two or more clean tests and all the herds in 14 counties had been tested, nine of them being accredited. There is a waiting list of 2572 individual herds in 54 counties.

Late Potato Blight Appears. Late blight on potatoes has made its appearance in Somerset county. E. L. Nixon, plant pathology extension specialist of the Pennsylvania State College, reports. This is the earliest that it has been recorded. It promises to be serious and the loss will be tremendous unless proper spraying with Bordeaux mixture is continued, Nixon declared. Last year the first appearance of late blight was in Lehigh county, and two weeks after it was first found most of the unsprayed fields were dead.

Mrs. Emma Cook, widow of Walter Cook, of Howard, and the mother of a blind daughter who is twenty-five years old, suffered a paralytic stroke recently and her condition is regarded as serious.

ANNAL CONVENTION, W. C. T. U. To Be Held at Port Matilda, September 15th—Centre Hall Union Has Large Membership. The Centre County Woman's Christian Temperance Union has announced that the annual convention will be held at Port Matilda, one day only, September 15th.

The county treasurer, Mrs. F. P. Knoll, reports that the books already show an increase of membership over the membership last year. Almost every local reports a gain and there are several new or reorganized unions. With over a month in which to collect dues and enroll new members, the union will no doubt make greater gains before the convention.

The program of the W. C. T. U. is changing a little with new knowledge of the problem. The basic fact is now seen to be more scientific than ethical, resting upon the simple discovery that alcohol is a poison, a habit-forming drug, that the prevention of alcoholism is a matter of public health and sanitation. The eradication of the bootlegger is in the same list of public duties as the eradication of the typhoid germ.

Mrs. W. A. Broyles, of State College, is just completing the first year as president of the county organization. Mrs. Frank Fisher, of Centre Hall, is vice-president.

A large delegation from this locality is expected to attend the Port Matilda meeting. The evening speaker has not been announced, but an effort is being made to secure a notable minister for the occasion.

The Centre Hall union was last year the second in membership in the county. The membership is reported to have made a fine gain this year, but final reports will be necessary to see whether Centre Hall has maintained the high place in face of gains elsewhere.

The State Health car that visited Centre Hall last year and was so much appreciated, was on duty in Union and Mifflin counties during last month, and will also visit other counties in the State. Under the present regulations it will be about ten years before the car will again come to this county, unless the service is enlarged, and this should be done.

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TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS.

'Squire A. J. Shook advertises letters testamentary on the estate of Emanuel Breen, late of Gregg township, deceased.

The Charles W. Blerly farm, east of Smulltown, was sold at public sale to Allen Brunhart for \$4,650. The sale included several tracts of timberland.

Some thirty persons, many of them children, and most of them descendants of Postmaster R. M. Smith gathered for the day at Sunset club house, on Sunday.

A car load of cattle gathered from various farms in Haines township was shipped from Coburn. These cattle were all reactors on being tested for tuberculosis.

Miss Grace Smith has completed the enumeration of the children of school age in Centre Hall borough. There are 55 boys and 60 girls between the ages of 6 and 16 years.

John F. Mullen, of Bellevue, in the Pittsburgh district, is among friends in the valley. He was brought here by his son, Dr. James Mullen, by auto, on Saturday.

The Watsonson boot and shoe factory was completely destroyed by fire on Thursday night. The loss is estimated at \$75,000, full covered by insurance. Measures are being taken to rebuild the factory.

Mr. and Mrs. John H. Knarr motored to Baltimore, Md., and Camp Howard, the citizens' military training camp, on Chesapeake Bay, last week, visiting their son, Bruce Knarr, who is at the camp. They report his having the time of his young life.

While pasturing in a field two cows belonging to James W. Peters, above Pine Grove Mills, were killed by a bolt of lightning. F. M. Fisher, representing the Farmers Mutual of Centre county, adjusted the loss, under the policy estimated at \$175.

James W. Harter, Esq., and wife, of Akron, Ohio, with Mr. and Mrs. Daniel H. Harter, of Sterling, O., were guests of the latter's brother-in-law, and sister, Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Campbell, in Millheim. Aaron Harter, of Harrisburg, was also a visitor at the Campbell home.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Steininger and children, Ruth, Anna and Phyllis, of Lewisburg, came to the Charles S. Cupples home here on Sunday. Mr. Steininger is a baker employed in Bellefonte. Mrs. Steininger and children will remain for the week at the Cupples home.

Mrs. Newlin, of Grayville, Huntingdon county, has the distinction of having been the first delegate sent by the Missionary society of this Presbytery to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian church, the last session of which was held at San Francisco, and closed but recently.

Rev. and Mrs. Samuel H. Dietzel of Pleasant Unity, are here for their vacation, stopping with Mr. and Mrs. V. F. Keller. Rev. Dietzel was called home on Saturday on account of the death of one of his parishioners, but has since returned here to complete his summer outing. He has been on the Pleasant Unity field for seventeen years.

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SHOWS EXTENT OF AUTO DEATH TOLL

Figures Compiled by National Automobile Chamber of Commerce Exceed America's World War Losses.

More people have been killed by automobiles in the United States during the past eight years than the American soldier dead of the World War, the National Automobile Chamber of Commerce said.

From Jan. 1, 1919, to December 31, 1926, 137,107 persons were killed by automobiles, while the total casualties of the war in the American armed forces was 120,950. The number of injured in automobile accidents, however, was 3,500,000 since the armistice.

Twenty-six per cent of the killed and injured were children under the age of 15 years. Last year it was estimated 25,000 persons were killed, an increase of 1,000 over 1925 and the largest death toll ever recorded by automobiles for a year.