

BROOKLYN MAN KILLED NEAR STATE COLLEGE

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and bruises of the face, severe bruises of the left leg near the hip, badly bruised left ankle. Mrs. Samuel McMullin, cuts about the chin, injuries to the left leg, cuts and bruises of the forehead, and severe bruises of the chest.

Harland McMullin, aged 10, injuries to both ankles. All victims also suffered from shock. E. Byron Bartley, of Port Matilda, operator of one of the cars involved, was uninjured, while his wife and one child suffered from shock. Two other children in the Bartley car were uninjured.

The accident happened on a dry road, and while it was still daylight. Pelete was driving the last of a string of three cars headed toward Boalsburg. In front of him was the machine driven by Mr. Bartley. Coming from the opposite direction was the machine driven by Samuel J. McMullin. As he was passing the three cars approaching from the other direction his car allegedly was struck by the Bartley sedan and was hurled head-on into the Pelete car following Bartley's car.

The McMullin and Pelete machines were virtually demolished, while the only damage to the Bartley car was a slightly dented left rear fender, and broken bumperette.

Mr. Pelete sustained fatal injuries when he was thrown against the inside of his car. He and his wife were brought to the hospital here in the ambulance of H. N. Koch, State College. The McMullins were taken first to the Penn State College infirmary, and later were brought to the hospital here. Mrs. McMullin being admitted for treatment. Mrs. Pelete also remains under treatment at the institution.

At an inquest conducted Sunday afternoon at the E. E. Widomson Funeral Home on North Allegheny Street, Bellefonte, by Dr. W. R. Heaton, of Philipsburg, Centre County, the jury exonerated Mr. McMullin of responsibility for the fatality, and found that the accident had been caused by reason of the position of the Bartley car on the highway at the time.

The first witness heard at the inquest was Mr. Bartley, a truck driver by occupation, who declared that he and his family were driving toward Boalsburg at a speed of from 40 to 50 miles an hour when they topped a hill on the road, he noticed a car some distance ahead. The machine ahead was traveling at a low rate of speed he said, and he saw its stop-light flash as the driver applied the brakes. Bartley claimed he began applying his brakes, and had slowed his car to a speed of five or ten miles an hour when the left rear fender of his machine was struck by the car jolted and swerved to the right side of the highway, coming to an easy stop. He then heard the accident happen behind his car, he said.

Bartley claimed he never saw the car that struck his machine, that he had not attempted to pass the car ahead, that he didn't know what happened to the car ahead after the accident, and that his car at no time before or during the crash had

passed over the middle of the highway. After the crash he testified, his little boy began to cry, and believing he may have been injured, they drove away, intending to take him to a physician. After they had gone a short distance the child stopped crying and the Bartleys returned to the scene of the accident, remaining until the wreckage was cleared away.

Mrs. Bartley, the second witness, told substantially the same story as her husband. She added, however, that just before their car was struck it had approached to within four or five feet of the car ahead. The car ahead, she stated, did not stop at any time, and she did not know what became of it after the accident. Mr. Bartley, too, claimed she did not see the car that struck their car, but added that in addition to a damaged left rear fender, the rear bumperette was torn from their machine. Mrs. Bartley also testified that after their car was struck it ran off the right side of the highway, which was taken to be an important fact by the coroner's jury. The witness declared that her husband had not attempted to pass the car ahead, that their machine had never swerved or skidded, but stated that when they neared the car in front her husband said "Hold," indicating, she said, that he was going to apply the brakes suddenly.

Mr. McMullin, in his statement to the coroner's jury, told a straightforward story, remembered all details, and was definite in his picture of events preceding the tragedy.

According to his statement he and his wife and son were on their way to State College from Lewisport. As he started up a grade at the top of which the O'Bryan Service Station is located, he said he saw three cars approaching from the opposite direction. His machine was the only one in sight on his side of the road. As he neared the first car, which apparently had nothing to do with the accident, and which was not identified more fully at the inquest, Mr. McMullin pulled out as if to pass. The driver, apparently seeing the McMullin machine near at hand, pulled back into line. McMullin then said as the machine pulled back behind the first car, its rear end skidded around into the path of his (McMullin's) car. McMullin claimed he swerved to the right to avoid a collision with the Bartley car, but that the left rear end of the Bartley car struck the left rear of his machine, throwing McMullin's car to the left.

"After the impact," McMullin stated, "my car was thrown to the left and lunged directly into the Pelete machine on Pelete's side of the road." He added that at the time Bartley's car was "very close" to the first car. The witness then told how he got out of his car and found it necessary to pry loose the front seat so he could extricate his wife, whose head had been forced through the windshield, and whose body was wedged under the dashboard of the machine.

The witness was Roy O'Bryan, attendant at the O'Bryan service station at the time of the crash. He said he was standing outside the station, about 25 yards from the scene of the accident, when his attention was first called to the highway by the "odd" sound of the Bartley machine as its brakes were applied. He claimed that as Bartley's car approached the first machine, it seemed to "take a long time to stop" and did not stay on its proper side of the road. Finally, he said, the rear end of the Bartley machine skidded around directly in front of McMullin's car. The remainder of the accident, he said, was just as McMullin had described it.

Bartley, recalled before the jury, again stated his car at no time was on the wrong side of the road, that his car did not skid before being struck, that he did not try to pass the car ahead, and that the hydraulic brakes on his machine are in good condition.

Members of the coroner's jury were: P. W. West, John Anderson, Joseph DeLallo, W. W. Gherrity, H. L. Curtin, Jr., and P. M. Dubois, all of Bellefonte.

The accident was investigated by Roy E. Bailey, of the Pleasant Gap sub-station of the State Motor Police. Officer John R. Juba, of the State College police also was on hand to handle traffic at the scene.

I. O. O. F. PAST GRANDS ELECT COUNTY OFFICERS Officers for 1938 were elected by the Centre County I. O. O. F. Past Grands Association at the monthly meeting in Bellefonte, Thursday night, December 2.

Willis Wion, Bellefonte, was chosen president; Z. A. Weaver, Coburn, first vice president; T. L. Moore, Centre Hall, second vice president; V. A. Auman, Centre Hall, secretary; and G. C. Reed, State College, treasurer.

It was announced at the meeting that Grand Master C. Paul Wagner, Williamsport, will visit Centre County Odd Fellows at a meeting with the Centre Hall lodge Tuesday, December 4.

The annual Christmas Party of the Association will be at Centre Lodge No. 153 Bellefonte, Thursday, December 16.

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GREGG TWP. SCHOOL NOTES

Junior Class Play

The Junior Class of the Gregg Township Vocational School at Spring Mills will present their class play "Happy Landings" in the school auditorium at Spring Mills on Friday, December 10 at 8 p. m. The play is a three act comedy which has been successfully produced in many sections of the country. Members of the class are Joseph Myers, Warren Confer, Malcolm Yearick, Spurgeon Hennich, John Shook, Donald Snyder, Mildred Stover, Anna Smith, Martha Keller, Isabel Musser and Kathryn Ebert. Marion Lomit, a member of the sophomore class also has a part in the play. Admission: adults 25c, children 15c, in the evening. A Children's Matinee will be given in the school auditorium Friday afternoon at 1:00 o'clock, at which time school children will be admitted for 10c.

Combined X-mas Program

The four Spring Mills Grade Schools are planning to give a combined Christmas Program in the school auditorium on Thursday afternoon, December 23. The lower two rooms taught by Miss Wagner and Miss Luella Rearick will combine in producing an Operetta suitable to the Christmas season. The upper two grades taught by J. Russell Condo and Harry C. Condo will participate in the singing of special Christmas music and will give several short plays.

The first combined program at Christmas was given in the auditorium last year, and all agreed that it was most entertaining and enjoyable. This year, everyone, as in the past, is welcome, and it is hoped that many will plan to attend this program which the children of the schools will give.

Christmas Seals

The people of Gregg Township are responding very well in the purchasing of Christmas Seals, which were put in the mail a week or more ago. Bare in mind that 80% of the funds are returned to the local district. The funds are then used for health purposes in the schools. Sales in the past have been made through school children, but this year they have been put in the hands of the district committee. More than 30 one dollar sales have been made to date which exceeds the total seals of 28 dollars last year. These stamps may be purchased anytime before Christmas.

Second Period Ends

The second six weeks school period ended on Friday, December 3. Report cards will be issued to pupils on the afternoon of Tuesday, December 7th.

Open Basketball Practice

The boys' and girls' basketball squads started practicing in earnest on Monday, for the coming campaign of twenty games in the Centre-Clinton Basketball League, of which they are members. The first game is on Friday, Dec. 17 with teams from Snow Shoe, H. S. at Spring Mills.

Team Wins Title

The soccer team representing the Gregg Township Vocational School, Spring Mills won the Central Pennsylvania Interscholastic Championship at State College last Friday, by defeating a strong McAllesterville High Team by a score of 1-0. The two teams were finalists in the seventh annual tournament sponsored by Bill Jeffrey, Penn State Soccer Coach, which this year took in 72 high schools in thirteen counties in Central Penna. Spring Mills by taking the championship this year succeeds Lewisburg and Mansfield High Schools who were the champions last year. Spring Mills was coached by J. W. Decker, Supv. of Agr. in the local school, and the team was comprised for the most part of boys who lacked size, but made up for this by a fine fighting spirit that carried them through the hard play-off games. G. T. V. S. after winning the Centre County Championship by defeating Hubersburg H. S. in the County play-off series, continued to the championship by defeating Manchester High, York Co. champions, Troy High, Bradford Co. titlists to reach the final with McAllesterville, Juniata Co. winners who had defeated Lewisburg High who were champions of the Snyder-Union County League. The team was comprised of the following: Robert Myers, Dean Hettlinger, Warren Confer, Joseph Myers, John Shook, Fred Feltenberger, Harold Krenselly, Dean Spayd, Donald Flossman, Harold Walker, Marshall Frazier, who were better winners and the following who gave much valuable service: Donald Snyder, Roy Ripka, Hallard Zettie, and Malcolm Rearick, and Spurgeon Hennich.

PLEASANT VALLY (Boggs Township)

Charles Eminhizer of Bellefonte is spending a week at the home of William Richner, hunting for deer. Mrs. Loretta Miller and three children returned home on Wednesday night after spending a week with her father, Mr. Miles Meckley of Bellefonte, R. F. D.

Tom McMullen, Theoris Ebert, Paul Finney and Newman Boddorf, all of Harrisburg, spent Saturday at the home of Harvey Eminhizer, and enjoyed the day hunting for deer.

Sunday visitors at the home of Harvey Eminhizer were Thomas Pease, Toner Paeker and Ralph McCartney.

Mrs. Orvis Lucas, Mrs. Hazel Griffith and two children, Linda and Billie of Yarnell, spent a few hours on Sunday with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Richner.

William Ebers butchered on Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Richner and family visited on Sunday, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Richner at Summit Hill.

Miss LuVerna Eminhizer has gone to Bellefonte to live at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Roseman.

Miss Hannah Eminhizer spent Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Harvey Eminhizer.



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