

COUNTY MAY BUY ACADEMY

COMMISSIONERS MUST PROVIDE HOME FOR POOR

Would Require Approval of State Welfare Department; School Property May Meet Requirements for Housing the County's Dependents

The Centre County Commissioners this week began investigating the advisability of purchasing the Bellefonte Academy property, idle since the school ceased operation several years ago, for use as a County Poor Home.

Although the Academy has been inspected by several prospective buyers, and although at least one of them at one time was expected to make an offer, nothing developed from these negotiations.

The Academy property consists of the main building and headmaster's residence, on the brow of Academy Hill overlooking Spring Creek just above the Big Springs; several residences along the eastern edge of the campus, and the Hughes athletic field, on East Bishop street. The Commissioners could, if they chose, sell the athletic field, the two residences and part of the campus to private individuals in the event they purchased the property.

Any decision the Commissioners would make in the matter would have to be approved by the State Department of Welfare, which has established rigid requirements for the maintenance of Poor Homes taken over the first of the year as a part of the State's modernized system of public assistance.

Welfare Secretary C. I. Engard has announced that an adequate nursing staff headed by at least one registered nurse will be maintained at all homes. All inmates must be given complete physical examination before acceptance.

The regulations provide that all homes must comply with state and federal requirements.

JUDGE REPRIMANDS YOUNG CAR THIEVES

Two Coburn youths, one 15 and the other 17, were taken into custody early this week by State Motor Police officer George Hirschmann, of the Pleasant Gap sub-station, in connection with the theft, Saturday night, of a car which had been parked in front of the Hagan Garage in Centre Hall.

The theft of the car took place 10 o'clock Saturday night, and the machine was found by Police Officer Hirschmann sometime later parked on a back street in that borough. It was undamaged.

After a brief investigation Hirschmann picked up the older boy and after questioning him learned the identity of his companion. Both were turned over to Juvenile Officer Swengel Smith, who took them before Judge Ivan Walker Monday.

After administering a severe reprimand, Judge Walker released the youths with a caution that they are to be doubly careful not to get into trouble in the future. Because no charges were preferred against the boys by the Hagan Garage, no further prosecution will result from the car theft. The youths admitted they had taken the machine to go for a ride.

NEW LOCOMOTIVE NOW IN SERVICE

The Bellefonte Central Railroad's new 100-ton locomotive was placed in service yesterday on the Bellefonte-State College run, and its initial trip over the 24-mile route proved to be entirely satisfactory to railroad officials.

The locomotive, the largest ever owned by the railroad, was purchased in anticipation of increased traffic because of the \$5,000,000 building program at the Pennsylvania State College. The other three locomotives owned by the company are too light to haul long (Continued on page four)

Humes Home Deed Granted Library Corp.

Judge Walker Authorizes Executors to Transfer Property; Ends Litigation

CAUTIONS GROUP NOT TO ENCUMBER HOME

Ruling Protects Rights of Other Interests in Event of Library Failure

Bellefonte's proposed public library became a reality yesterday when Judge Ivan Walker ordered the executors and trustees of the late Ann Elmore Humes to convey to the Library and Historical Corporation a deed for the former Humes home at the corner of Allegheny and Howard streets.

The order opens the way for the establishment of the library after several years of litigation over the interpretation of Miss Humes' will and over the character of the corporation to be formed to receive the Humes property for library purposes.

Judge Walker, in his ruling, placed certain restrictions upon the corporation to preserve the library from future financial and legal difficulties. The Court stipulates that the Library Corporation shall not have the power to mortgage (Continued on page six)

Mrs. Gaintort, 91, Succumbs Here

Bellefonte's Second Oldest Woman Resident Was Native of Ireland

Death came to Bellefonte's second oldest woman resident at 12:30 o'clock Friday afternoon when Mrs. Frances Mary Gaintort, native of Ireland but a resident of the United States for the past 32 years, passed away at the home of Mrs. Ella G. Gray, on East Lima Street, where she had made her home for the past 20 years. Had she lived until April 28 she would have observed her 92nd birthday.

Mrs. Gaintort was the widow of the late William Richardson Gaintort, of Bellefonte, to whom she was married March 5, 1874 in the St. Michael's Episcopal church of Dublin, Ireland, by the Rev. Maurice P. Day. The Rev. Mr. Day later became Dean of Limerick and Bishop of Cashel. The church in which they were married was designed and built by her grandfather, Matthews, who was the architect for some of (Continued on page six)

Kiwanians Visit Titan Factory

Club Members See Various Processes at Plant; Receive Gifts From Management

Fifty members of the Bellefonte Kiwanis Club were guests of the Titan Metal Manufacturing Company after the weekly meeting at the Penn Belle Hotel on Tuesday. Under the guidance of W. W. Sleg they were taken through the plant and shown the various manufacturing processes in turning out the brass products which go to every part of the world.

Some of these processes are unique among the varied manufacturing interests of Pennsylvania. The plant of the Titan Metal Company houses much valuable machinery, while the raw material represents another large investment. The company has been in business for twenty years and is the major industry of the Bellefonte community. It is the only plant in Pennsylvania producing extruded brass (Continued on page six)

ALPHA FIREMEN CALLED TWICE DURING WEEK-END

The Alpha Fire Company at State College was called into service twice during the week-end. Damage was slight in both cases. An improvised cabin in the basement of the Frank Bamer home on South Barnard street caught fire when some boys were playing with candles. The cellar and first floor of the house, owned by the Misses Ella and Margaret Glenn, were slightly damaged.

Sparks from the chimney of the Adam Zeigler home on East Foster avenue resulted in no damage about 7:30 Friday night. The fire company was called when it was feared that the sparks might set fire to the roof. This fear proved groundless and firemen stood by until danger had passed.

SALESMEN APPEAL FROM BURGESS' ACTION IN CASE

Robert Martin and Howard Woolley, of St. Paul, Minn., have filed an appeal from a decision of Burgess Wilbur F. Letzner, of State College, in a summary conviction case.

The men, charged with selling photographs without a permit, were fined \$50 each and costs by Burgess Letzner. A hearing in the matter is to be held in the near future before Judge Ivan Walker.

REDECORATE DINING ROOM

Paul R. Emerick, manager of the Penn Belle Hotel, announced yesterday that the dining room at that hotel has been redecorated. The room has been repapered and repainted; the floor refinished, and new gold draperies have been hung. The color scheme throughout the room is gold and white.

SEARCHERS FIND COBURN MAN DEAD IN STREAM

Drowning Believed To Have Resulted From Fainting Attack; Coroner Finds Death of Nevin Confer Accidental

The strange absence of Nevin Vonada Confer, aged 24, of Coburn, missing from his usual haunts Monday night, was solved about 8 o'clock Tuesday morning when a searching party came upon his lifeless body lying partly in a small stream about a mile from his home. His face was under the surface of the water.

Relatives of the man concurred in the opinion expressed by Centre County Coroner, Dr. W. R. Heaton, of Philipsburg, who investigated the death, that Confer, who was subject to fainting spells, suffered an attack at the stream edge, fell with his face under the water, and was drowned before regaining consciousness. There was no evidence of foul play.

Mr. Confer left his home about 3:30 o'clock Monday afternoon to gather hoseradish. His absence that night did not alarm members of the family engaged in activities at a church supper, because they believed he had gone to the home of an aunt, Mrs. Boyd Sheats for the night. The following morning when they learned that he had not been at his aunt's home, a search was organized.

The body was found by two members of the searching party, Michael Vance and Mrs. George Wingard, of near Coburn. All indications pointed to the assumption that he had fallen into the stream while in an unconscious condition. While the exact hour of his death could not be definitely ascertained, it is believed the tragedy occurred shortly after Mr. Confer left his home, because he had gathered only a small quantity of hoseradish, Coroner Heaton, after investigating the circumstances of the man's death, deemed an inquest unnecessary and pronounced the fatality an accident.

The stream in which Mr. Confer lost his life is located on the William Getzler farm near Paradise, midway between Coburn and Spring (Continued on page six)

Sent To Prison In Morals Case

Judge Walker Declares "We Don't Intend to Tolerate Such Crimes in Centre County"

At the final session of February Criminal court last Thursday morning Judge Ivan Walker, declaring "We don't intend to tolerate such crimes as this in Centre County," sentenced Arthur Manuel, of Smithton, N. Y., convicted of a charge of attempted sodomy, to pay the costs of prosecution, a fine of \$1, and to undergo imprisonment in the State Penitentiary for from 1 1/2 to 2 years.

Manuel, convicted early last week, had been remanded to jail until his past record was investigated. A report from the Federal Bureau of Investigation revealed that he served a term at Port Leavenworth prison for a similar charge in 1917; served time in Washington, D. C., on an assault charge; pleaded guilty to and was sentenced on an assault and battery charge in Westmoreland county in 1932, and was arrested (Continued on page six)

Numerous Spring Movings Listed

Scarcity of Homes and Apartments Provides Little Choice in Housing

Spring is almost here again and with it comes the perennial urge felt by many persons to move into new living quarters. Some move for definite reasons, but there are always others who move for no real reason other than the desire for a change of location. Bellefonte's housing facilities, taxed to the limit during the past several years, offers little choice to those who wish to move. Only a limited supply of vacant homes and apartments is available, and there are scores of applicants for nearly all of them, according to reports.

Among the movings which have already taken place in the past week or so, or which will take place before April 1 are the following: Homer Upbrank and family will move today from the A. E. Schud (Continued on page six)

KERN LAUNDRY MAY GO ON AUCTION BLOCK

The City Steam Laundry, on North Water street, only commercial laundry in Bellefonte, and which has been in operation here for 23 years, may go on the auction block March 26. It was announced by Edward N. Kern, who with his brother, Mrs. Frank Kern, has been manager of the business since the death of his father in 1934.

Unless private sale of the laundry is effected before the last of this month the business, together with the building, will be sold. (Continued on page four)

MARINE BAND TO PLAY TWO CONCERTS IN COUNTY

Announcement was made here yesterday by M. R. Schoonmaker, a representative of the United States Marine Band, at Washington, D. C., that through arrangements with David A. Holter, bandmaster of Howard, the Marine Band will definitely play two concerts in Centre County on Saturday, September 24, and Sunday, September 25, at 8 o'clock in State College, and the evening concert in Bellefonte. Mr. Schoonmaker declared: "It has not been definitely decided as to whether the concerts will be held indoors or outdoors."

TO HOLD SEAFOOD DINNER, MARCH 25

The annual seafood dinner sponsored by St. John's Catholic church, will be served in the Parochial school hall, East Bishop street, Friday, March 25, from 11 a. m. to 7 p. m.

Proceeds from the sale of tickets at 50 cents per plate will go to the church. The menu will include all kinds of fresh seafoods.

1938 Budget Approved by Boro Council

Estimated Expenses Placed at \$35,551.00; Is Reduction From 1937 Total

AUTHORIZE DRAFTING OF PARKING ORDINANCE

J. R. Hughes Asks For Partial Reimbursement for Bishop Street Sewer Line

Bellefonte Borough Council at a regular meeting Monday night in the Logan House, wrangled through the proposed 1938 budget, the proposed new parking regulations, and the WPA street extension project with the result that the budget, calling for estimated expenditures of \$35,551.00 during the present year, was tentatively approved. The parking middle was sent to the Borough Solicitor, with instructions to prepare an ordinance for Council's consideration, while no action resulted from a heated discussion on the WPA project.

The total expense of operating the borough last year was \$35,792.88, it was reported by Borough Treasurer George Carpenito, who read a resume of the proposed budget. Receipts last year were \$39,922.73, while estimated receipts during the (Continued on page six)

Junior League To Entertain

Bellefonte Group to Offer Song and Prose in M. E. Church Tonight

Plans are all completed for the home talent entertainment to be held in the social room of the Bellefonte Methodist church, this Thursday evening at 7:45 o'clock. Tickets at 25c each may be obtained from members of the cast of the Junior Epworth League.

PROGRAM Vocal chorus—"Smile," by Junior League Members. Vocal solo—"A Rose of No Man's Land," by Betty Thompson. Piano solo—"Prelude in C Sharp Minor and Postludes," Cowles, Bachmann, by Zane Carey. Play—"How the Story Grew," Cast: Isabel Seger, Betty Zeigler, Hazel Kerschner, Phyllis Shaw, Sue Armstrong, Mrs. Lester Meek, Mrs. James Kerschner, Mrs. W. C. Armstrong. Piano Solo by Emily Switzer. (Continued on page four)

Farmers Discuss Bangs Disease

Committee Named to Represent County in State and Federal Control Programs

The control of contagious disease among dairy cattle is one of the important problems of Centre County dairymen, according to County Agent R. C. Blaney.

At a meeting of dairymen held in the Court House at Bellefonte on Friday evening of last week, a county committee known as the Centre County Livestock Disease Control Committee was elected. The purpose of this committee is to represent Centre County dairymen in the State and Federal government disease control program. The committee will have charge of T. (Continued on page seven)

CLASTER DROP CORPORATION TO BECOME PARTNERSHIP

Negotiations were completed last week whereby the firm of M. L. Claster and Sons, Inc., became a partnership to be known as M. L. Claster and Sons, with Aaron H. Claster, Samuel W. Claster, Benjamin Claster and M. Isadore Claster as members of the partnership. The corporation filed with the Department of State on February 21, a certificate of election by its shareholders to dissolve, and the Board of Directors is now engaged in setting up the affairs of the Corporation.

In the deal, the Bellefonte property of the Claster Corporation was transferred to the new partnership for \$47,505.90 according to records in the Court House. Claster, with main offices in Lock Haven, have branch offices and yards in Bellefonte, Tyrone, and State College. The firm deals in lumber, hardware and building supplies of all kinds.

HOWARD FIRE COMPANY ORDERS NEW APPARATUS

Howard Fire Company this week placed an order for a new piece of fire-fighting equipment. The new truck is to be mounted on a 1 1/2 ton Chevrolet chassis, which has been ordered through the Weiser agency in Bellefonte.

The chassis will be delivered to Chicago where the W. S. Darley Co. will mount the body and the fire fighting equipment on the truck. The apparatus is expected to be delivered to the Howard firemen within the next several weeks.

WESTINGHOUSE COOKING SCHOOL HERE MARCH 16

A Westinghouse cooking school, sponsored by the Delta, Eta, Chi, Sigma, and Phi chapters of the Pennsylvania State College, will be held at the Episcopal parish house, Bellefonte, on Wednesday afternoon, March 16, beginning at 2 o'clock.

The school will be in charge of Miss McCullough, and a number of prizes will be given away. Dishes prepared by Westinghouse ranges with the aid of other electrical appliances of that make, also will be given away.

Fleming May Be Candidate. Friends of former Judge M. Ward Fleming of Bellefonte, are reported to be circulating petitions in Centre and ten or twelve other counties in the central part of Pennsylvania to have Judge Fleming's name placed on the Republican ballot as a candidate for Secretary of Internal Affairs.

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