

FUNDS GRANTED FOR SCHOOLS

PRESIDENTIAL APPROVAL IS GIVEN TOWNSHIP PROJECTS

Consolidated Buildings to be Erected by WPA Labor; Lemont and Woodward; Woodmont Open; Lemont Quarry to Furnish Material

Approval by President Roosevelt this week of allotments of federal funds totaling \$74,698 for Centre County gives two school districts virtual assurance that consolidated school projects will be completed and ready for use before the opening of school next fall.

Congressman Dan Cingery has been notified that \$61,588 has been marked for the construction of consolidated school near Lemont in College township, and a fund of \$13,110 designated for the construction of a consolidated school for the east precinct of Centre township, at Woodward. Both buildings, Works Progress Administration projects, are to be built on lands owned by the school districts of the respective townships, and are sponsored by the township school boards.

The grant for the College township school includes funds for the operation of a stone quarry in or near College township to produce some of the materials needed in construction.

Approval of the Federal grant makes funds available at once for the proposed new eight-room building at Lemont, which was approved by the voters of the district at a special election last July. At that time the residents of the township approved a bond issue of \$32,000 to provide materials for the structure. All labor costs will be met by the WPA. The bond issue has been sold and the last obstacle has been removed from the path of the project. The building will occupy a site at the western end of Lemont on

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Vandals Damage Eagle Silk Mill

Because vandals sometime Saturday night damaged about 20 of the windows in the abandoned Eagle silk mill property on North Water Street, the Bellefonte Chamber of Commerce has taken steps to prevent further damage to the building.

The Chamber issued orders that the Reconstruction Finance Corporation, holders of a substantial lien against the property, be notified of the damage, and be advised that in order to protect their interests a full time watchman should be provided for the building.

In addition, Bellefonte Borough police through Mayor Harris have been instructed to make special patrols in the silk mill vicinity, and to arrest any persons found molesting the property in any way. An investigation is now under way to determine, if possible, the identities of those who damaged the windows Saturday night by throwing stones through the panes.

Chemical Trustees to Get \$500 Per Month

William Golden, of Scranton bankruptcy referee acting as special master in the reorganization proceedings of the Chemical Lime Company of Bellefonte, have recommended that the trustees, E. Spencer Townsend and Clarence Wynne be allowed \$500 monthly each.

He also recommended that claims of creditors, their attorneys and the appraisers be deferred until the bills are passed upon by the Centre County Court.

Driver Sued for \$25,535 Damages

The McCullin suit was filed by Helen B. Polet, whose husband Harold J. Polet, of Brooklyn, N. Y. was instantly killed on the State College-Balsburg highway when their machine was struck head-on by the McCullin machine. Mrs. Polet claims damages for the death of her husband, for injuries to herself, and for damage to their car.

According to local attorneys, the suit could have been brought in here next Tuesday.

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Julian Man Freed After Bail Is Set

Court Fixes Bond at \$2000 After Hearing on Statutory Charge

ROCKVIEW FUGITIVE IS GRANTED PLEA

Philipsburg Man Gambles Twice With Gambling Devices; Loses in Court

A habeas corpus hearing and eight pleas of guilty were heard and disposed of Monday morning by Judge Ivan Walker at a special session of court.

As a result of the habeas corpus hearing, bail for Charles Spackman, of State College and Port Matilda, charged with a statutory offense against Amanda Hartsock of Julian, was set at \$2,000. Bail was furnished and Spackman was released from custody.

According to the story related by Miss Hartsock on the stand, Monday morning, Spackman is the father of a child born to her April 3, 1938. At the time of the alleged offense, June 29, 1937, Amanda was only 15 years old, placing Spackman's alleged act in the statutory class. She became 16 years old in November 1937, she said. In such hearings, the defense is not given an opportunity to reply to the charges, the purpose being merely

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Potatoes To Get Permanent Home

Growers Association Presented With CCC Buildings; Will Establish School

A home, with 27,000 square feet of floor space in 19 buildings, is to be established for Pennsylvania's potatoes.

This announcement was made yesterday by Ebon Bower, of Bellefonte, secretary, treasurer and general manager of the Pennsylvania Cooperative Potato Growers' Association, whose efforts are largely responsible for giving the humble potato the position it deserves in this state.

The home, Mr. Bower declared, has been provided through the cooperation of the Civil Conservation Corps, at Washington, which has turned over to the Potato Growers' Association all the buildings of the now abandoned CCC camp No. 10, near Ridgway, Elk County. Permission has been granted the Association to move the buildings from

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Former Commissioner Misses \$50 Reward

Former Centre County Commissioner Victor Brungart, of Rebersburg, missed by inches being \$50 richer last week before he was given a ride to a hitch-hiker who he afterward learned was a fugitive from Rockview penitentiary.

Mr. Brungart was motoring along the Penna Valley road when he picked up a hitch-hiker who he believed he recognized as a resident of that area. He learned that the man was not a Centre county and his peculiar actions led Mr. Brungart to be suspicious of him but he had no idea he was aiding Clarence E. Smith to make his way to freedom from Rockview.

The former county officer reports that his passenger asked where he could find work as a garage mechanic but that when he offered to try to get him a job, the stranger lost all interest. Finally Mr. Brungart dropped his guest at a road intersection and was glad to be rid of him. Later he learned that had he turned the man over to any police authorities he would have received a \$50 reward posted for Smith's capture. Several days after Mr. Brungart's experience, Smith surrendered himself to police at his home in Erie.

Sudlow May Resign As Rector of Church

The Rev. Robert J. Sudlow, rector of St. John's Episcopal church, Bellefonte, Sunday announced to his congregation that because of ill health he is considering resigning his pastorate here in the near future.

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Let's Uphold Our Reputation!

Whatever the condition of the times, Bellefonte has never failed to make a noble response to the needy in their hour of distress. Time after time, flood and fire emergencies have shown the generous spirit imbued in our citizens, and the readiness with which they have met every charitable appeal.

In a few days a corps of volunteer workers will canvass every home and business place to solicit pledges for raising the annual community welfare fund needed for the coming year. Every individual who has any earning capacity whatever is asked to contribute to this fund.

\$17,000 is needed if the agencies participating in the fund are to be properly maintained. The Budget Committee and Directors of the Fund ask no applause for the effort they are making in behalf of these worthy causes. We, as individuals, should regard this appeal a community duty—a point of honor—as well as a sense of responsibility on the part of all of us to give as liberally to the thousand-and-one minor emergencies covered by this charitable group as they would to a major disaster.

No one would refuse to help an individual in distress, now they have an opportunity of extending aid to every local charitable organization through a common fund.

Our hospital, fire companies, under-privileged children, associated charities, Y. M. C. A., etc., all benefit by this annual budget fund which is designed to eliminate any further appeals by individual groups.

The very nature of the work which the Community Welfare Fund has done in the name of the people of Bellefonte constitutes its own appeal. Its budget of \$17,000 for the year is based upon an absolute minimum requirement. Any shortage of funds would create an imperative necessity for curtailment of activity—which would mean that some needy persons in distress would be denied aid.

Certainly the good people of Bellefonte will not permit the Welfare Organization to face such necessity.

Let us take heed of the Biblical injunction: "If thou hast received much, give plentifully; if thou hast received little, do thy diligence gladly to give of that little; for so gatherest thou thyself a good reward."

Parrish-Lamb Wedding Today

Bellefonte Physician, Bride, Will Leave Saturday for South American Cruise

At a ceremony to be solemnized at 9:30 o'clock this Thursday morning in St. Conice church, Knoxsville, Pa., Miss Eleanor C. Lamb, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Lamb, of Brookline, will become the bride of Dr. Joseph A. Parrish, well known Bellefonte physician.

Immediately after the ceremony a wedding breakfast will be served at "The Pines," Pittsburgh, for members of the bridal party and invited guests. Dr. and Mrs. Parrish will leave Pittsburgh about 1 o'clock this afternoon to go to New York.

Beaver is Paying Spring Visit to Borough Stream

Bellefonte's wildlife population was increased yesterday with the arrival of a beaver, which may have come to this borough for the purpose of having a family.

The beaver was spotted by George Eberhart, who was walking along the tall race from the Gamble Mill when he saw the rodent sunning itself on the bank. As Mr. Eberhart drew near the beaver plunged into the stream and remained hidden until Mr. Eberhart drew out of sight, when it again came out on the bank.

About two years ago a beaver, which Mr. Eberhart believes may be the same one he saw yesterday, came to Bellefonte and located just below the falls on Water street until its family was large enough to stand a trip downstream to whatever beaver colony they call home.

Bellefonte School Board Cites Dire Need For New Building Program

Ed. Note: The Bellefonte School Board presents below the first of a series of articles dealing with the proposed bond issue on which the Bellefonte electorate will vote on May 17. The articles will attempt to show the existing conditions and building needs of the High School, the proposed alterations and additions, and the existing and projected financial set-up.

The first step taken by the School Board in considering a building program was to engage the services of Hunter & Caldwell, well known Altoona architects, to make a thorough survey of all conditions affecting the present and future school situation of Bellefonte.

Hunter & Caldwell were selected for this purpose because of their extensive experience in the school building field, and their outstanding success in making complete and accurate surveys. Consequently, the proposals of the School Board are based on full information and with long term planning in mind.

During the present year nearly 800 pupils are being accommodated in the High school building. This number includes 165 in the upper grades and 635 in High school.

Man Receives \$600 Legacy Long Overdue

S. Dakota Resident Learns of Bequest Here Through Barest Chance

FACED LOSS OF CLAIM TO MONEY THIS FALL

Luck and Good Memory of Court House Deputy Result in Happy Ending

Alton Lucky Neff's middle name came true this week when the 63-year-old man, a native of Centre Hall, now residing at Cepa, South Dakota, learned that he is the heir to more than \$600 from the estate of a former Centre Hall resident.

If Mr. Neff, whose address has been unknown here for many years, had not written to the Centre County Court House several weeks ago to obtain his birth certificate; if attorneys for the estate had not been able to locate him before this fall; if the memory of Miss Geraldine Bilger, deputy in the office of Register of Wills, had not been as keen as it is, Mr. Neff would never have received his legacy.

The curious chain of circumstances which conspired to bring to Mr. Neff what is rightfully his began shortly after the death of Flora O. Bairfoot, of Centre Hall, August 15, 1929. In her will, Mrs. Bairfoot set aside more than \$500 for Alton.

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Mill at Coburn Razed by Fire

Meyer Company's Plant Burns After First Day of Full-Crew Operation

A day-old industry at Coburn was destroyed by fire last Wednesday night when the Meyer Company's new sawmill was destroyed by fire of unknown origin. The mill, in part, was engaged in masonry work, had employed a full crew that day for the first time.

Owned by Lynn V. Meyer, of Millheim, and John G. Meyer, of Coburn, the mill was equipped with a new type of sawdust-burning boiler, which according to reports may have caused the blaze. It is surmised that a gas may have favored in the boiler, blowing off the top plate and scattering sparks over the area.

The blaze was discovered shortly after 6 o'clock and so rapidly did they spread over the entire building that the roof fell about 5:30. With the exception of the boiler, which was engaged in masonry work, the mill, located to the rear of the Pine Creek roller mill, is a total loss.

Millheim firemen summoned to the scene rendered valuable aid in preventing the spread of the fire to neighboring woods, although difficulty in securing an adequate water supply prevented them from saving the mill from destruction. The mill was not insured, and it is not known whether it will be rebuilt.

Ag. Program in Schools Opens

Eight County Schools Launch Vocational Agricultural Projects for 1938

Many boys and girls in the County have decided to earn credit and experience by conducting a school project of Agricultural nature during 1938.

Schools participating in the Project Program are: Boalsburg, Bellefonte, Spring Mills, Blanchard, Howard, Port Matilda, Hubersburg and Pleasant Gap.

Six of the above schools are conducting Agricultural work through W. J. Tucker, County Supervisor of Agriculture. Spring Mills is under the direction of Mr. John Decker.

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Clarence Native Is Injured in Collision

Miss Verna Mae Chambers, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Chambers, of Clarence, a student at the State Teachers College at Indiana, received a severe laceration of the knee and two of her school friends suffered from shock when their car and one driven by Edgar W. Miller, of Centre Hall, collided at the intersection of Burrows and Pollock roads, on the Penn State campus about 8:40 o'clock Friday night.

The car driven by Miller was owned by Miss Pearl Garbrick, of Bellefonte. Neither Mr. Miller nor Miss Garbrick was injured. It is reported that the Chambers car was estimated at about \$300, and to the Garbrick car about \$100. Miss Chambers and her friends were touring the campus in her father's car at the time of the collision.

PENN STATE STUDENT ENDS LIFE WITH POISONOUS GAS

Letter to Parents and Note Reveal Mental Stress of Suicide Victim

DESCRIBES ACTIVITIES LEADING TO DECISION

"Where Are All These People Going in Such a Hurry?" He Asks

The following letters, written last week by Derf Hess, Jr., of Sunbury, Penn State student who ended his life at his fraternity early Monday morning, give some insight as to his attitude upon life and death during his last week on earth.

He even outlined the method by which he hoped to exit from the world, and according to evidence found after the discovery of his body, he carried out his pre-arranged plans to the letter.

Saturday, April 16, 1938. 11:45 P. M.

Dear Parents, Brothers, and Sister: It seems incredible that I have but a few more days to live. A month ago I decided that I must die. Two unsuccessful attempts at self-destruction have made me determined to see that this coming one will be final.

My whole duty in life, it seemed to me was to find out why I am here, why I must be a part of this ferment called life. I have gotten closer to the answer than any individual dare and remain alive. When one inquires too deeply he is apt to discover some unpleasant things.

The last year has burnt all the (Continued on page 6 Col 2)

Mayor Harris Cracks Down on Clyde Swartz's Fun

Mayor Hardman P. Harris has fixed Clyde G. Swartz's fun!

For the past several years Clyde, who runs a machine shop that spans the Gamble mill race, near the Pennsylvania Railroad station, has been making the first pages of metropolitan dailies by catching trout from the stream beneath his shop. The mechanist has been able to maintain his fishing honors by merely hanging a line out one of the windows of the shop, and looking at it occasionally between jobs.

But this rare sport will be no more unless the Mayor has a change of heart.

Last Friday the town's chief officer instructed Officer Donald Johnson to post "no fishing" signs along the entire length of the mill race.

When interviewed about the matter, Mayor Harris claimed that the race is a part of Spring Creek, passes through the borough, and therefore is subject to borough regulation. "It's just carrying out the borough's policy of protecting fish in the borough limits," he said.

When this reporter asked Clyde about it, Clyde claimed it was an outrage, said something about class legislation and heaved a wretch through the shop just for emphasis.

David Stark Freed In Hunting Violation

In an opinion filed yesterday by Judge Ivan Walker, in the case of David Stark who was charged with attempting to kill a deer after he had already shot his legal limit of one deer for the season, Judge Walker found the defendant not guilty.

Stark was taken into custody December 4, while standing on Watch at a deer crossing. Game wardens found that he had already killed his deer and preferred the charge against him. At a hearing before Justice of the Peace Harry A. Rosman, at Millsburg, Squire Rosman found the man guilty and imposed a fine of \$100 and costs of \$4.50. Stark took an appeal to court, and the Justice's ruling was upheld.

Stark's attorneys then made a motion for an arrest of judgment, setting forth that the fact that Stark was standing on a deer crossing with a gun in his hands was no evidence that he was attempting to kill a deer.

In sustaining this contention, the court cites numerous precedents in which various courts have held some definite act must be made to sustain a charge of an attempt to commit a crime. In this instance, Judge Walker rules that Stark had committed no overt criminal act.

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Body of Youth Found in Closet of Fraternity; Planned Act Carefully

WAS TO BE GRADUATED WITH HONORS IN JUNE

Seals Self in Lethal Chamber of Own Making; Funeral to be Held Today

Leaving a 12-page letter to his family in an effort to explain the reasons for his act, Darl Hess, Jr., aged 21, senior honor student in physics at the Pennsylvania State College, Sunday night entered the clothes closet of his room, drew a blanket about his pajama-clad form and ended his life by releasing several jars of carbon monoxide gas.

His lifeless body was found shortly after 1 o'clock Monday afternoon by other members of the Phi Mu Delta fraternity who broke into his locked room after he failed to appear for lunch.

The student was last seen about 11 o'clock Sunday night when he (Continued on page 6—Col 3)

Homestead Grays May Play Here

World's Colored Champions Seek Permission to Play Big League Game, May 17

The opening game at the Bellefonte Community Athletic field this spring may be one between two of the outstanding teams in the National Colored League, it became known this week when Guy Brown, secretary of the Athletic Association, received a request from the Homestead Grays for permission to play the New York Black Yankees here on Tuesday, May 17.

The game is a regularly scheduled one on the National colored circuit, and would provide local baseball fans with an opportunity to see two of the nation's best colored teams in action.

The Homestead Grays are undisputed World's colored champions, and they feature Josh Gibson, billed as "The World's Greatest Player." The Black Yankees are worthy opponents and the game should provide top-notch baseball from start to finish.

The secretary of the Homestead Grays is Cum Posey, who while attending the Pennsylvania State College in 1910 and 1911, played on the varsity basketball team. He played with that team in a game against Bellefonte Y. M. C. A. again here in 1911.

Indications yesterday were to the effect that the Grays and Black Yankees would be notified that they are more than welcome to play the May 17th game in Bellefonte.

3 Bands to Appear in Flag Day Parade

The Bellefonte High school band, Pifer's Banjo Band and the American Legion Band have signified their intention of participating in the Flag Day celebration to be held here Tuesday, June 14, by the Elks Lodge. It was reported yesterday by Clark N. Aikie, chairman of the committee in charge.

Various civic, fraternal and patriotic organizations are expected to be in the line of march during the parade to be held late in the afternoon. An effort is being made to have the school children take part in the parade, which will come to a halt at the Diamond where a Flag Day address will be made by a prominent speaker.

Frank Hockman, manager of Hecla Park is co-operating with the Elks Lodge, and has promised to have one of the country's leading orchestras play for a dance to be held in the evening at Hecla's famous pavilion, to climax the day's celebration.

At any hour of the day or night your home and family may be endangered by fire. Our greatest protection lies with the men who constitute our volunteer fire companies. Show your appreciation by contributing to the Community Welfare Fund.

TREASURE HUNT MAY BE

You have an appointment to spend Monday evening, May 23, in Bellefonte to take part in a big Treasure Hunt. Everyone is welcome. Nothing to buy and no admission charges of any kind.

Watch this newspaper for further announcements regarding the biggest spring celebration ever attempted in Bellefonte. Plan now to be here for the fun and excitement, and to share in the Treasure Hunt!

Former Mayor Harry A. Mackey, of Philadelphia, will be the principal speaker at the Republican mass meeting to be held in the Court House at 7:30 o'clock Saturday evening of this week.