

MARINE BAND TO APPEAR HERE



CAPTAIN TAYLOR BRANSON

When the United States Marine Band comes to Centre County, Saturday, September 21 for two performances at Bellefonte and State College, a worthy son of America will be carrying on the glorious history of the Band at the Leader's desk.

Trailing Backward Over the Old Paths of History
First Important Court Trial In Centre County

The Climax of a Dramatic Whisky-Spilling Episode

Some day—as occasion provides—and perchance wearied of watching the antics of the big trout at the waterfall, direct your gaze behind you and above to observe the rocky slope that bends with sharp abruptness from the level of South Spring street downward to the line that marks the meeting of hill and South Water street.

And, if your imagination will permit the effort of a tremendous stretch, form a mental picture of a stream of whisky, equal in fullness to a spring freshet, cascading down that hill in all its gurgling glory. Intriguing, isn't it? And what's more, you're visualizing something that actually occurred at that spot! Yes, sir! It really happened—so tradition says—once upon a time.

In all the legend and lore of the white man's recollection, the hill that so majestically looks down upon the waters of Spring creek at that point has never yielded anything of value in the semblance of precious metals, but tradition—sometimes referred to as the child born out of wedlock to fact—has given it a prominent place in Bellefonte's early history for having furnished the nucleus of the first sensational court trial in Centre county.

The story begins considerably over a century ago, with the pouring of a huge wagonload of whisky over the hillside. Exciting as this event turned out to be, it proved only the preliminary issue of the law suit. The real drama of the legal action was a charge of slander brought by one tavern keeper against another, following the whisky-spilling episode.

The principals in the case were two landlords whose places of business stood almost directly facing each other on opposite sides of what is now known as South Spring street.

George McKee, whose personal grievance led to the suit for damages, conducted a tavern in a stone house on the lot now occupied by the brick residence and offices of Dr. Joseph Parrish. The house was of rustic construction with ample surroundings of lawn and garden, and was shaded in front by four large trees whose branches intertwined like giant sentinels with clasped hands.

Hugh Gallagher, who was defendant in the case, occupied a house on the opposite side of the street upon the lots where now stand the Markland Hotel, the Rogers Apartments and the Decker Garage. Gallagher's tavern was a long frame structure that resembled several buildings under one roof. At the rear and to the south end of the lot was the tavern stable where travelers stopping for the night could find accommodation for their horses. Gallagher, it was said, kept a popular place and was well patronized by the year around.

Although rivals in business, McKee and Gallagher had always been on friendly terms until the unpleasant interruption, about to be related, precipitated them into court.

The story opens in the late afternoon of a day in October, 1890, when Bellefonte was still young enough to be considered at the age of knee britches. A wagon, heavily loaded with barrels of whisky, arrived in town and stopped before the Gallagher tavern. Driver and horses were covered with dust from a long and tortuous journey over rough roads, and showed unmistakable signs of extreme

weariness. The driver, referred to as Aaron Longmier, decided to call it a day—and an extremely tiresome one at that—and made preparation to put up at the Gallagher place for the night. He would get a well-earned night's rest and continue on his way in the morning.

Longmier's cargo was intended for points of distribution in nearby counties, and as none of it had yet been delivered it represented considerable value to the owners. Upon him, then, lay the responsibility of its safe delivery, and with this knowledge uppermost in his mind he made plans to have it safe-guarded while out of his sight. Accordingly, he had the wagon and its contents lodged in the court at the rear of the tavern, overlooking the hilly slope and the stream below that threaded its way in a northerly direction.

He ordered his horses fed and bedded, and made arrangements with Harrison, the stable attendant, to remain watch over the wagon and carefully guard it during the night. He promised to pay well for the extra accommodation he asked and in return was assured that no harm would befall whatever was his. Satisfied that all was well, Longmier returned to the tavern, ate his supper and soon retired to his room and bed.

Had the weary traveler held any suspicion of the events that were to follow, his sleep would surely have been filled with disturbing dreams.

Darkness set in, and as the night progressed with nothing unusual occurring, the stable man grew weary of the job assigned him and decided to lie down for a brief time. He reasoned that the hours had already advanced too far for any attempted designs on the whiskey, even if anyone was so inclined—and he didn't believe that such an unheard-of thing could happen. He was confident no harm would come to the wagon and its contents with morning so close at hand.

He retired to his sleeping quarters at the stable and stretched himself on a cot. He placed a fallow-lighted lantern near the window in the hope that any prowlers who might be evilly inclined would be frightened away by the rays of the light. Harrison reasoned not only unwisely but illogically. It was a fatal and costly mistake on the part of the stable man, as succeeding events proved.

Some time later, it could not be ascertained at what hour, a number of figures emerged from the shadows of the otherwise deserted street and made their way to the unguarded wagon at the brink of the hill. Augurs and axes were brought into play and working with the silence and swiftness of a band of marauding Indians, they attacked the wagon load of whiskey-filled barrels. Working quietly but with sure and deft precision, every barrel was soon gushing forth its contents like a miniature waterfall. Leaving the liquid to gurgle its way down the rock-lined declivity, the perpetrators of the bold act of larceny departed as stealthily as they had appeared.

Longmier awakened long before dawn that morning and, having paid for his accommodations in advance the night before, made hasty preparations for resuming his journey. He intended starting

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MOSHANNON SUNDAY SCHOOL PICNIC

The Sunday School picnic was held last week at a place called "Whispering Pines. Where some kind man with heart of youth had fixed things up just fine.

There were sliding boards for the little tots and the older youngsters, too. And the grown ups, watching the little ones had plenty enough to do.

The preacher and a few young folks. The tennis court occupied. And when they tired of that good sport Down the sliding board they'd slide. The day was spent in the happiest way.

Forgotten were troubles all. As friends shouted "Hello" to friends With merry, gladsome call.

Old grudges were cancelled on that fair day. All spite and ill-feeling too. For how could one cherish awful things With such pleasant things to do.

At last came the very best hour of all. When baskets in great display Gave forth the most delicious things I've been in many a day.

There was Grandma Borger's chocolate cake Which surely was a treat. Mrs. Hazzard's vegetable salad Which you know cannot be beat.

There was Grandma Yeager's light sponge cake. Quite the best I've ever seen. And pickled eggs and pickled beets And cucumbers fresh and green.

Sandwiches filled with choicest meats. And jams and finest cheese. Were piled up high on many a plate. Chicken fried so golden brown. And meat loaves rich and good.

Were placed beside the other things. The most delicious food. These are a few of that sumptuous fare That called for ones attention: But there were heaps of other things Too numerous to mention. We all sat down to that wonderful feast. And each ones head was bowed. And thanks was raised in humble hearts.

As the preacher prayed aloud. He thanked our God for daily bread. For blessings rich and rare. For His kind hand that had guided.

And brought us safely there. And when we all had eaten. And the day had nearly gone. We started home by truck and car The way he all had come. And each one felt that God was pleased.

The way that day was passed. And we knew our Sunday School had found The way to love at last. Each heart was filled with worship

And kindness and cheer. And we pray that God will keep it thus Till our picnic comes next year. —Loretta Borger.

FISHER REUNION HELD

The thirteenth annual reunion of the Fisher clan was held on Saturday, August 20, at Reservoir Park, Tyrone, with 125 persons in attendance from Pittsburgh, Greensburg, Johnstown, Meadville, Bellefonte, Fleming, Wingate, Milesburg, Tyrone, Osceola Mills, Bald Eagle, Julian, Port Matilda, Warriors Mark, Williamsburg, Juniata, and Hollidaysburg, Pa., and Mount Pleasant, Mich.

After the enjoyable luncheon, the president, Harry Fisher presided over a literary program. Invocation was given by Rev. Frank P. Fisher. Short talks were given by James K. Morrison, Morris Way, Rodger Way, and Dr. Kirk. Inspiring addresses were given by Rev. Frank Fisher, of Pittsburgh, and Rev. James Fisher, of Pine Grove, Shirley Brus, Rebecca Way, and Leona Fisher entertained with readings. Mrs. Nannie Williams, Memorial secretary, read an article which she had composed, paying loving tribute to

the deceased of our clan.

The following officers were re-elected for the ensuing year: president, Harry Fisher; vice president, Nannie Williams; secretary, Eva White; treasurer, Edward Fisher; historian, William Way.

The rest of the afternoon was spent participating in the games and contests which had been prepared by the entertainment committee, composed of Rev. Frank Fisher, Beale Smith, and D. H. Way.

Railroad Shops on Full Time For the first time in more than a year, on September 6, the Bayre system shops of the Lehigh Valley Railroad will operate on full time. The new schedule, which will affect 915 men in the locomotive and car shops, will continue for a month at least.

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NINE CIVIL CASES LISTED FOR TRIAL THIS MONTH

Although 17 civil cases are listed on the trial list for September civil court, which will convene here Monday, September 19, it is probable that only nine of them will go to trial, according to a review of the list before Judge Ivan Walker, Monday morning.

Cases scheduled to go to trial are as follows: Mary Kunes vs. Pennsylvania Railroad Company, trespass, no affidavit of defense filed.

Curtis E. Bechdel, vs. P. R. R. Co. trespass, affidavit of defense filed.

Fred W. Bechdel vs. P. R. R. Co. trespass, no affidavit of defense filed.

Ernest Berry vs. P. R. R. Co. trespass, no affidavit of defense filed.

Frank P. Keller vs. County of Centre, appeal.

Clara M. Tibbens, plaintiff, vs. Joseph Gardner, trading and doing business as the Lycoming Ash and Garbage Company and the Lycoming Ash and Garbage Company. Defendants, trespass, affidavit of defense filed.

Grace Shilling, vs. Joseph Gardner, trading and doing business as the Lycoming Ash and Garbage Company and the Lycoming Ash and Garbage Company. Defendants, trespass, affidavit of defense filed.

Howard F. Patton vs. Robert L. Harper, individually and trading as Harper Chevrolet Garage, trespass, no affidavit of defense filed.

5th Reunion of Hettinger Clan

The fifth annual reunion of the descendants of Isaac and Mary B. Hettinger was held at Grand Park, Centre Hall, on August 14.

Those attending were: Robert E. Hettinger, Verna B. Hettinger, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Hettinger, Rosella Hettinger, Harry and Lottie Hettinger, Mrs. Lila Hettinger, and Ethel Hettinger, all of Spring Mills; Bruce Hettinger and Mr. and Mrs. Miles Decker, Centre Hall; Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Westley, Grand Rapids, Mich.; Keith Hettinger, of Upsilon, Mich.; H. M. Hettinger, Martha M. Hettinger and Mrs. Rebecca Park, of Altoona; Mrs. Clara E. Musser, of Johnstown; Mrs. Annie Frankenberger, of State College; G. Rufus Hettinger, of Sunbury; C. William McKinney, of Juniata; Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Bingham, Ralph Wagner, of Selingsgrove; Mr. and Mrs. Harold E. Fischer, sons Edwin and George, Miss Elizabeth Buller and Edward Heidler, all of York; Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Johnston, of Lanse; Mr. and Mrs. Herman Long and daughters Annabelle and Evelyn, of Liverpool.

Mrs. Annabelle Hettinger having celebrated her 88th birthday several days previous, was the oldest person present. Following a sumptuous dinner, plans were made for holding another get-together in 1939.

Clinton County Appointments The employment board officials of the Department of Public Assistance have announced the following appointments for Clinton county: clerk, \$1140-\$1380, Dorothy Jean Brownlee, rural delivery No. 1, Mill Hall; junior clerk, \$1020-\$1140, Robert Oscar Edgar, Lock Haven.

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Pork & Beans - 2 No. 2 1/2 cans 25c Condensed Eagle Brand Milk 19c Page Brand Evaporated Milk, 10 tall cans 59c Kellogg's Corn Flakes 2 lg. pgs. 23c Puffed Rice 2 for 23c Puffed Wheat 2 for 19c

IVORY SOAP 3 lg cks 25c SUNSHINE GRAHAM CRACKERS - 1 lb box 17c ALL FLAVORS ROYAL GELATIN - 3 for 14c

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