

PLAN MERGER OF SCHOOLS

STATE APPROVES SET-UP FOR HIGH SCHOOL CENTERS

Superintendent Rogers Announces Division of County Into 10 Districts; Conforms With New State Policies

Major changes in the public school set-up in Centre county are included in a tentative plan prepared by County Superintendent of Schools, F. Glenn Rogers, in anticipation of the State-wide move for the consolidation of grade and high schools. Mr. Rogers' plan received approval of the State Department of Public Instruction this week.

Revision of the present borough and township school divisions is provided in the new system, which calls for the establishment of ten administration units or areas in Centre county. High school centers are designated in each of the areas and it is the hope to eventually provide large and complete high schools in each of the centers to serve all the school pupils of the area. The central high schools would be developed and expanded to provide facilities, impossible of realization under the existing systems.

The proposed plan, which is not to be forced upon the present school

districts against their will, is described as being more in the nature of a far-reaching program providing for the orderly development of the school system in the State. It is being set up to eliminate present hit-or-miss practices which school authorities hold is a costly, inefficient, and wasteful procedure.

The only compulsory feature of the present laws, Mr. Rogers sets forth, is that any district having 10 or less teachers must vote at the general election in 1939 as to whether or not they wish to merge with some other adjoining school district. If the voters do not favor a merger, their wishes will be respected.

While no force is to be brought into play to put the State plan into operation, authorities believe that the various district officials who see that under the plan their pupils can receive a better education, at less cost to the district, than is possible under the present prac-

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Earle's Signature Makes Thompson Plan Effective



SENATOR EDW. J. THOMPSON

Governor Earle Friday signed the legislation authorizing a \$75,000,000 federal-state school building program.

The measure, sponsored by Sen. Edward J. Thompson, Democrat, of Phillipsburg, established the program as a function of the General State Authority.

Under the projected plan, the federal government through the PWA, will pay 45 per cent of the cost and the remainder will be paid by the Authority through the sale of bonds. The bonds are to be re-

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Miner Killed As 3-ton Rock Is Dislodged

Former Phillipsburg Policeman Victim of Accident Near Snow Shoe

TWO PARTNERS UNABLE TO EXTRICATE REMAINS

Had Been Warned of Danger; Coroner Deems Inquest Unnecessary

John Grannis, 55-year-old Phillipsburg resident and former local policeman was killed Friday afternoon in a rock fall in the mine of which he was a partner at Gordon Heights, near Peale.

Grannis was instantly killed when a three-ton rock slipped and buried him in the undercut he was making. His two partners in the mine, Walter Busko and Frank Heeman, both of Oncoola Mills, worked for three and one-half hours before Grannis' body finally was uncovered at 6 o'clock.

Grannis had been warned not to attempt working in the precarious spot where the rock fell unless the rock, which appeared dangerous, was propped. Grannis entered the working place where an undercut had been started and started working.

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Addition To High School Is Probable

Bellefonte Board Moves to Act on Thompson Plan Proposal

ESTIMATE COST AT LESS THAN \$250,000

Building Would be in Addition to Wing Authorized Under PWA

Looking forward to the State's establishment of Bellefonte as the public school center for this area, the Bellefonte School Board at a regular meeting Monday night, considered preliminary plans for the construction of an additional \$250,000 wing to the Bellefonte High School building.

This wing, which would be financed under the recently enacted Thompson plan, is in addition to the \$122,000 building already authorized for construction under the Public Works Administration program.

The two buildings, both erected on the present High School commons, would completely cover the commons with the exception of a narrow passway between the two wings.

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MANSLAUGHTER CASE TO GO ON TRIAL HERE TODAY

5 Named Witnesses in Probe of "Graft"

Five Centre Countyans have been listed by District Attorney Carl B. Shelley, of Dauphin county, as witnesses in the House committee investigating the charges of graft lodged against Governor George H. Earle and his associates.

The five are: Burgess W. F. Litzell, of State College; Senator Edward J. Thompson, Leo R. Moerschbacher and a Mr. Plank, identified as president of the Centre county retail liquor dealers' association, all of Phillipsburg; and White Rock Quarries, of Pleasant Gap.

The five were among a list of 300 names read by Shelley, who did not indicate what type of information he expected to get from them. Later Don Gingery was listed as a witness by Shelley.

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Past Grand G. C. Reed, of State College, told of a trip to Canada where he visited an Odd Fellows orphanage and attended a lodge meeting.

The October meeting of the association will be at Stormstown.

Community Meeting

The citizens of the Baileyville community are urged to attend a meeting to be held in the Community Hall, Baileyville, Tuesday, September 20, at 8 p. m. Willis Kerns, Rural Sociology Extension Director, of State College, and F. B. Tait, Assistant County Agent, will be present to discuss and show slides of the use of a community building and the activities connected with it. The public is cordially invited to be present.

Charged With Drunken Driving

Blair Markle, of Centre Hall, arrested near Ake Mann, Saturday afternoon by Officer R. E. Bailey, of the State Motor Police at Pleasant Gap, was arraigned before Justice of the Peace Harold D. Cowher on East Bishop Street, Monday morning. He was held under \$500 bail for court and was released from custody when bail was furnished. After his arrest Markle was examined by a Bellefonte physician and was pronounced intoxicated.

Gap Brotherhood to Meet
The Pleasant Gap Community Brotherhood will hold a meeting at the State House, in Green Valley, this Thursday night as soon as possible after the supper hour. A full turn-out is requested to aid in the naming of committees and to adopt a program of activities for the coming year. A muskball game will be held and refreshments will be served.

Thomas Found Guilty of Aid in Jailbreak; Draws Jail Term

FIVE MEN FREED IN THEFT OF WHISKEY

Six Cases Remain to be Heard—Howard Man Acquitted of Assault

With a manslaughter case and several others of lesser degree remaining to be heard, the September Criminal Court in session here this week, is not expected to complete its work until late today or sometime tomorrow.

Two cases have been disposed of through pleas of guilty; two others through nolle prosequi actions, and two others have been continued.

All principals in the escape of three men from the Centre County jail, July 29, were disposed of this week after James Thomas, 23, of Bellefonte, was found guilty by a jury of aiding Harold Walker, 19, Julliat; William Spangler, 19, of Blanchard, and Glenn Sullenberger, of West Virginia, to climb over the jail wall to effect their freedom.

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New Chevrolet Agent To Arrive Monday

H. D. Fritchman, of Towson, Maryland, near Baltimore, is expected to arrive in Bellefonte Monday, to take charge of the Chevrolet automobile garage at the corner of Bishop and Allegheny streets. He will be assisted in the management of the garage by his father, F. M. Fritchman, who is expected here from Indiana, Pa., this weekend.

The Fritchmans have secured the agency for Chevrolet automobiles in Bellefonte, an agency which has been vacant since the death of E. E. Weser several months ago.

The younger Mr. Fritchman is experienced in the garage business and also is thoroughly familiar with the make of car the garage is to sell, having been Chevrolet agent at Towson, Maryland for some time before leaving the Detroit garage.

Mrs. C. F. Detrick and daughter, who have been conducting the garage since the death three years ago of Mr. Detrick, will retire from business. They will continue to manage the eight apartments on the third floor of the garage building.

The H. D. Fritchman family recently moved into one side of the remodeled residence of Robert Walker, on East Linn street.

Pleasant Gap Native Wedding Anniversary

(From the Freeport, Ill. Journal-Standard.)
Mr. and Mrs. Robert K. Nell, 434 West Clark Street, celebrated their silver wedding anniversary and Mrs. Nell's birthday anniversary Friday, Sept. 9. The celebration was in the form of a quiet family observance as Mr. and Mrs. Nell planned leaving at noon Saturday on a vacation trip to South Dakota.

Mr. Nell is a native of Pennsylvania, having been born at Pleasant Gap. His marriage to Miss Luella Lewicki of Freeport, took place at Velviedere on Sept. 9, 1913, the ceremony having been performed by Rev. J. Frank Smith, then pastor of (Continued on page four)

Special Truck Testing Scales

18-Ton State Outfit Detecting Errors in Platform Scales in County

If you buy a ton of coal these days and get an official weighslip for the load, you can be sure you are getting within four pounds of the actual weight. G. A. Spearly, State Deputy Sealer of Weights and Measures announced this week. This high degree of accuracy is assured through a rigid testing of all truck scales in the county during the past few weeks.

Up until this fall it has not been possible to check truck scales with any degree of accuracy, because of the fact that the State probably never thought of dragging tons of weights around to test them just weeks ago.

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Fire Destroys Garage And Car

Blaze at William Roan Residence Believed Caused by Short-Circuit

An automobile and a quantity of carpenter tools were lost late last Thursday night when fire razed a small garage building at the rear of the home occupied by William Roan, on East Howard street.

Believed to have originated from a short circuit in the car, which was driven into the building about 8:30 o'clock that night, the fire was discovered shortly before 10 o'clock. When neighbors roused members of the Roan family the entire frame structure was in flames.

The Logan Fire Company, Bellefonte, summoned to the scene, found it necessary to lay approximately 1600 feet of hose from a fire plug at the corner of Howard and Wilson street, to the Roan property, in Spring township at the extreme end of Howard street. The blaze was quickly gotten under control after connections with the plug had been (Continued on page six)

Kline Asked to Furnish Bond

School Board Orders Tax Collector to Comply With State Law in Reporting Returns

Acting upon a report made by Horace J. Hartman at a regular meeting of the Bellefonte School Board, Monday night, the Board took steps to place the reporting of tax collections upon a more orderly basis.

A motion was unanimously adopted requiring O. A. Kline, tax collector for the borough, to post a surety bond; to make itemized monthly reports of taxes collected during the month as required by law, and to further comply with the State regulations in reporting and handling tax collections.

This action was taken after Mr. Hartman reported that the Tax Collector has furnished no bond, and that the Board has been receiving no itemized reports showing who is delinquent and who is delinquent in the payment of taxes, as provided by the State laws.

Fire Damage Suits Scheduled for Trial

Suits for damages resulting from a forest fire on Bald Eagle Mountain which started about Eagleview station seven years ago are scheduled to be heard in a session of Civil Court at Bellefonte next Monday. Four key cases are scheduled to be heard, on the outcome of which will likely depend about 25 similar actions of owners of land against the Pennsylvania Railroad Company as responsible for the fire as alleged, from sparks from a locomotive.

Damage claims from the same fire brought in the Clinton county Court by 37 claimants, owning land burned over in Clinton county, were settled before trial about a year ago.

Illness Fatal To Linn Harris

Bellefonte Native Was Instrumental in Having Rockview Prison Located Here

J. Linn Harris, native of Bellefonte, died at 5:20 o'clock Monday evening at his home in Lock Haven, after an illness of two weeks. Death was caused by a heart condition, aggravated by bronchitis. A week ago his condition became worse and Monday morning he lapsed into a coma, the end coming peacefully. His son, Dr. Linn H. Harris, president of Blue Ridge College, New Windsor, Md., arrived at his bedside a few minutes before he died.

Funeral services will be held at the home Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock, with the Masonic Fraternity in charge. His intimate friend, the (Continued on page six)

Western Vagabonds Here

Jim and Jane and the Western Vagabonds, stage and radio artists heard regularly over station WRAK, Williamsport, are scheduled to present an entertainment at the I. O. O. F. hall, West High street, Bellefonte, on Saturday evening, October 1. The program begins at 7:30 o'clock. Admission will be 25 cents for adults and 15 cents for children.

Enters Teachers' College

Miss Nellie Donovan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Donovan, Bellefonte, R. D. 2, left Tuesday morning for Lock Haven to enter the State Teachers' College.

TWO INJURED AS 'CYCLES COLLIDE IN BEECH CREEK

Two bicycles collided on Main street, Beech Creek, Friday evening in front of the postoffice. The rider of one was Miss Marion Richards, of Blanchard, and of the other, Clair Young, of Beech Creek township. Apparently the one turned without knowledge of the other following.

The girl was slightly injured but Mr. Young was rendered unconscious when his head came into contact with the concrete pavement. He was taken to the office of a physician where he regained consciousness, and was treated for cuts on the arm and face.

Howard 'Cycle Rider Injured

Thrown From Machine After Sideswiping Car East of Beech Creek

A Howard motorcycle was injured and was arrested later for improper passing after an accident on Route 64 about one mile east of Beech Creek Saturday evening.

Leroy Huntington, of Howard, the cyclist, was treated at the Lock Haven Hospital for lacerations of the left foot and brush burns of the body.

Huntington's motorcycle sideswiped the car of Dean C. Kunes, Blanchard, who was driving toward Lock Haven. Kunes told the Motor Police that as he was approaching a car coming in the other direction, the motorcycle swerved around in front of him. Kunes pulled to the right, but the motorcycle hit the left front side of his car.

Huntington was thrown from the cycle in front of the car of William B. Cook, whom he had passed. Cook was able to stop in time and did not hit him.

Damage to the Kunes car was estimated at \$20 and to the motorcycle at \$15.

Chamber Commerce Elects Five Directors

Malcolm Wetzler, C. M. Thompson, the American Lime & Stone Company, Hazel & Co., and John G. Love were elected directors of the Bellefonte Chamber of Commerce during a ballot conducted by mail during the weekend.

Frank H. Crawford was among the five receiving the largest number of votes, but he declined the office on the grounds that he would not be able to serve because of personal reasons. Consequently the candidate having the sixth highest vote was given the office in his place.

Undine Carnival Opens Tomorrow

More Than a Score of Visiting Fire Companies to Participate in Parade

Preparations are complete for the weekend carnival to be held by the Undine Fire Company in an effort to recoup for losses earlier in the summer when a series of rain storms ruined three nights of the regular carnival sponsored by that organization.

The carnival will open at 6:30 o'clock Friday evening, September 16, with a street parade in which fire companies from a score or more surrounding communities are expected to join with local units. The parade will form on Bishop street, and the line of march will be as follows: from Bishop to Spring, to Linn, to Allegheny to Bishop and from there to the carnival grounds at the rear of the Undine House.

A feature of Friday night's program will be a concert by the Bellefonte High School Band. All kinds of games, free attractions, rides and refreshments will provide entertainment for young and old.

Saturday night a special free attraction will be the chief feature, but Undine officials decline to reveal the nature of the program at this time, preferring to keep the entertainment as a complete surprise.

All proceeds from the carnival will revert to the fund for new uniforms for the company.

Missionary Rally At Local Church

Williamsport District to Meet in Bellefonte, Friday of This Week

The Regional Missionary of the Williamsport district of the Evangelical church will be held in the Bellefonte church on Friday.

The first session at 2:15 and the evening session at 7:15.

The rally will include churches of Altoona, State College, Millheim, Rebersburg, Centre Hall, Howard, and Bellefonte.

The afternoon session will be given largely to business and reorganization.

C. of C. Observes 1st Anniversary

Speaker Points Way to Lasting Benefits Through Organization

A total of 156 men and women from all walks of life attended the first annual dinner and meeting of the Bellefonte Chapter of Commerce at the Y. M. C. A. Monday night.

Addressing a rapid and permanent growth for Bellefonte, only when the citizens of the town become really interested in their community, its homes, its streets, its medical care and its desirability as a home, Prof. A. H. Melville, of the Pennsylvania State College faculty, principal speaker at the evening declared that when the citizens of this town (Continued on page three)

LAMOREAUX REPORTED THROWN TO SIDEWALK

After Chief of Police N. R. Lamoreaux, of Phillipsburg, had allegedly been knocked down by persons described as being interested in a labor dispute in front of the Morphy's Bakery there Tuesday night, Sheriff Harry V. Keeley and five deputies rushed to Phillipsburg to find that the reputed agitators of the disturbance had apparently left town.

The Sheriff and his deputies, Earl Sweeney, Genlieb Haag, Norville Sizer, Creighton Wheeland, and Lee Tice, remained in Phillipsburg until 11 o'clock yesterday morning but no further disturbances took place.

The persons who are said to have knocked Lamoreaux to the sidewalk are reported to have been John Johnson, Lamoreaux was not injured, it was stated.

FIRST NATIONAL BANK BUYS CLINTON COUNTY PROPERTY

The First National Bank of Bellefonte, as administrator of the A. M. Womelsdorf estate purchased at Sheriff's Sale Saturday, the property of Daniel R. Wirth, successor guardian of Samuel R. Womelsdorf. The property is situated in Logan township, Clinton county, and the price paid was \$900.

The second piece, in Remova, was purchased by the Home Owners Loan Corporation for \$200. It was sold as the property of Thomas Gaugan, administrator of the estate of John Edward Gougan, deceased.

PENNSYLVANIA WON'T BITE

(Philadelphia Record Editorial)
The Republican State platform adopted at Pittsburgh on Saturday has all the rosy lushness of the poisoned apple the Old Witch handed to Snow White.

More's the pity that Pennsylvania voters are going to be highly suspicious of that apple. Especially since they still remember how, during the last Republican regime at Wilmington, thousands of Americans were reduced to selling apples.

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