

INDIAN DEAD AT COLLEGE

LIFELESS BODY FOUND IN POWER PLANT COAL CHUTE

Inquest to be Held This Morning; Cause of Death Not Established

DISAPPEARED WHILE UNLOADING COAL CAR

Victim, Philip Sarouy, 58, Survived by Wife and One Daughter

An inquest is to be held this morning into the death of Philip Sarouy, aged 58, of 133 S. Frazier street, State College, whose lifeless body was found in a coal chute at the Pennsylvania College power plant yesterday morning.

The inquest, over which Centre County Coroner Dr. W. R. Heaton, of Philipsburg, is expected to preside, will be held at the Koch Funeral Home, State College. The proceedings are to get under way at 10 a. m.

Sarouy, mechanic at the power plant, is unofficially believed to have died of suffocation, although examination may discredit this theory. According to reports he was last seen about 9 o'clock yesterday morning unloading a car of coal which was standing on tracks over the coal hopper at the rear of the plant.

Sometime after 9 o'clock he was sought by a fellow workman, and when a cursory inspection about the coal car failed to reveal any trace of him, it was believed he had gone to another part of the plant. The doors of the hopper car were closed.

When workmen failed to find Sarouy after a half-hour search, the plant was again examined and it was then that one of the engineers noticed that the coal-feeding apparatus in the plant hopper was not working properly.

A short time later, or about 10 o'clock, the mechanic's body was found in the coal-filled chute inside the building, with only his feet protruding. He was dead when first removed from the opening.

Up until last night, no eye-witnesses of the accident had been located, but fellow employees advanced the theory that Sarouy may have crawled under the car platform to loosen coal or make an adjustment to equipment. There, they claim, he may have suffered a heart attack, or may have lost his balance and tumbled into the funnel-like opening of the chute.

The victim of yesterday's tragedy was a native of Morrisdale and was aged 53 years, 3 months and 28 days. Surviving are his wife, Alice, and a daughter, Cleome, teacher in the Harris Township High school, Ebersburg.

Funeral arrangements had not been completed last night.

Katz Clearance Sale To Open Tomorrow

The annual store-wide clearance sale at the Katz store is scheduled to get under way at 9 o'clock tomorrow, Friday morning. The store is closed today while preparations are being made for the ten-day event.

One of the outstanding annual merchandising events of the mid-winter season in Bellefonte, this year's sale promises to be even more sweeping than usual, as shelves, counters and racks are cleared of goods. Turn to the Katz store advertisement and prepare your shopping list.

Report on Forest Land Sale

Between September 1 and the end of December, 72,720 acres of forest land were offered for sale to the Department of Forests and Waters in the Sprout Forest District, in the northern part of Centre county and the western part of Clinton county. District Forester Charles Hogeland announces this land has been examined by members of the District office and detailed reports prepared. The Sprout State Forest is second largest in the State, having an area now of 215,900 acres.

Posts Bond For Court

Charged with an infraction of the motor code, William L. Sheaff, of Lemont, last Thursday posted \$500 bond for his appearance at court. Bail was set by Wilbur P. Letzler, State College Burgess. Sheaff was arrested about 10 o'clock last Wednesday night by Officer Martin L. Kauffman after his car had crashed into a parked machine near Pugh Street and College Avenue, State College.

Keeping Up With Local History

DO YOU KNOW The first post office established in Centre county was at Milesburg, March 13, 1797, and Joseph Green was appointed postmaster. Prior to this time the nearest post office was Northumberland.

Congratulations



William B. Rankin (above), East Curtin Street, Bellefonte, prominent local insurance representative, celebrated his 85th birthday, Tuesday, by performing his usual duties at his office in Crider's Exchange. Mr. Rankin, oldest representative of several of the insurance companies he represents, has been honored on various occasions for establishing new records of service and accomplishment in his chosen profession.

John S. Walker Named Auditor

Former Council Head to Serve Unexpired Term of Late John W. Smith

John S. Walker, former president of Bellefonte Borough Council, Monday night at a regular meeting, of Council was unanimously appointed to the position of Borough Auditor to serve out the unexpired term of the late John W. Smith, who died some weeks ago.

Other applicants for the office were: Miss Virginia Healy, D. Wagner Geiss, Samuel D. Rhinesmith and Robert C. Thompson.

In moving for the appointment of Mr. Walker, Councilman Henry Brockerhoff declared that in view of the many years of service Mr. Walker gave the borough as

Will Examine Man Charged With Thefts

Entering a plea of guilty before Judge Ivan Walker here Tuesday morning on charges of a series of thefts, Robert H. Marshall, of State College, was remanded to jail to await a mental examination. Sentence will not be passed, Judge Walker said, until the court has reviewed the report of the examination.

State College Police Chief M. L. Kaufman, prosecutor in the case, told the court that Marshall's arrest is believed to have solved a series of thefts in State College and vicinity dating back to the latter part of 1937. In the loot, the officer said, was a large quantity of gasoline stolen from parked cars, a shotgun, pump gun, typewriters, motors, blankets, movie projection machine, victrol and other items, many of which were recovered in Marshall's garage and in his living quarters in the Orlando apartments, State College.

Bellefonte P O S of A To Install '39 Officers

At a meeting of Bellefonte Camp No. 887, P. O. S. of A. to be held Tuesday, January 10, newly elected officers will be installed for the ensuing year. The officers are: president, Glenn Russell; vice president, John Eckstrom; master of forms, Edmund Foreman; conductor, Edward Decker; secretary, Harry A. Rosman; financial secretary, Clifford Jodon; treasurer, I. W. Wright; inspector, Od Watkins; guard, Harry Houser; trustee, I. W. Wright, and orator, C. A. Kline.

Name Viewers For Proposed New Road

Acting upon a petition signed by 21 residents of the Hailmont Hill area of Spring township, Judge Ivan Walker this week named viewers to lay out a proposed new road. The viewers are: E. L. Willard, State College; J. T. Henry, Martha Furnace, and John S. Searly, Bellefonte.

The proposed road would extend westerly from the Bellefonte borough line, along the lanes of Marie Chandler, Frank Torsell and others, to intersect with the improved road which is a public road leading to Potter Street.

Over Third of \$600 Fund Is Unclaimed

Nick Kovacic, Coleville WPA Worker, Wins First Prize of \$50

WINNERS DISTRIBUTED THROUGHOUT DISTRICT

Two Women Awarded Two Prizes Each; \$391 Paid Out to Date

More than \$200 of the \$600 cash fund distributed by the Retail Division of the Bellefonte Chamber of Commerce as a feature of the Christmas season remains unclaimed. Karl E. Kusse, secretary of the Chamber announced yesterday. Ticket holders have until February 1 to claim awards before the account list of winners becomes effective.

The first prize, \$50, went to Nick Kovacic, of Coleville. Nick, a WPA worker, arrived breathless in the C. of C. office about 4 o'clock Friday afternoon, threw his hat on the floor, grasped a table to steady himself, and gasped:

"I've got it!"

Kusse, not knowing whether to be alarmed or sympathetic, ventured the question: "You've got what?"

"The big prize!" Nick shouted. He added that he bought a piece of tinoleum at a local hardware store before Christmas, and the ticket was given him at that time.

Mrs. Mildred Wetzel, of Thomas street, Bellefonte, and Mrs. Willis (Continued on page four)

FIVE HELD ON LIQUOR COUNT

Raids by Enforcement Officers Reveal Stills, Mash and Moonshine

As an aftermath of charges filed following recent raids by the liquor control board, five persons all of Clarence, Snow Shoe township, Centre county, were arraigned before Justice of the Peace E. T. Haynes of Snow Shoe and held in \$500 bond each for the next term of the Centre county court.

The defendants are Katie Frané, George Tynio, Mary Charnick, her son Andrew Charnick, and Andy Panick. The latter, a retail beer licensee is charged with Sunday sales and with the sale of liquor at his home which adjoins his place of business.

Enforcement officers of the Altoona division of the liquor control board of the state reported that they secured two 20-gallon copper stills, 30 gallons of mash, 14 gallons of moonshine and a quart of coloring matter from one of the Clarence homes while a 12-gallon still and 41 bottles of home brew were confiscated at another of the homes.

Another of the defendants is charged with the possession and manufacturing of moonshine.

The raids were all conducted by the Altoona group.

Name Rothrock Head Athletic Association

At the annual organization meeting of the Bellefonte Community Athletic Association, in the Court House, Tuesday night, Marvin J. Rothrock was named president for the ensuing year. He succeeds Thomas Beaver to the post.

Other officers chosen were: vice president, Mr. Beaver; secretary, Paul Beaver, and treasurer, Guy Brown. Directors named are: Ralph Dale, Francis Crawford, W. W. Sieg, C. M. Thompson, Guy Brown, Paul Beaver, Thomas Beaver and Guy Baughman. They will serve with the following directors whose terms have not expired: George Purnell, M. J. Rothrock, John Galisla, Horace Hartranft, Aaron Leitzell and Melvin Chery.

Two Stated To Plead Guilty

John Snelford and Glen Keiser, both of Hubersburg, are scheduled to enter pleas of guilty in court here this morning to charges of breaking, entering and larceny, and receiving stolen goods, respectively. The charges result from the recent robbery of the Max Markle cabin in Walker township. Unable to post \$300 bail each when arraigned before Justice of the Peace Harold D. Cowher, Bellefonte, both men were remanded to jail.

Sawmill Worker Injured

David Long, 22, of near Rebersburg, underwent treatment at the Centre County Hospital during the weekend for injuries to the left hand received while working at the P. F. Stover sawmill near Rebersburg. He was admitted to the institution on Friday afternoon and returned home Sunday.

GREETINGS FOR 1939

With this issue The Centre Democrat begins a new year. Like most of our readers, we enter 1939 with high hopes, the resolution to be of greater service and the confident belief that despite present problems, our people will work out a solution that will be for the best.

To those who have contributed to the success of this newspaper in the past, including our loyal workers, our advertisers, and our subscribers as well as those who have co-operated in assisting us in many ways, we wish to return our thanks and to express our hope that we will continue to share their generous aid throughout the new year.

Naturally, for Centre county and its people, we hope that the year 1939 will be profitable from an economic viewpoint, but, may we not also express the wish that it will be a year of growth and progress for every individual reader.

Let us not forget as we begin 1939, that the individual's gain is not to be measured solely by the things which he possesses, but rather by the development of the things that are spiritual. Let us, as individuals, include in our 1939 program, some definite plan for personal advancement. Let us resolve to be as unselfish as possible during the new year.

Hazel Installed Kiwanis Head

Committees Named for 1939; Widdowson Presents Gavel To Successor

The officers of the Bellefonte Kiwanis Club for 1939 were installed at the meeting Tuesday at the Penn Belle Hotel. They are: Herman J. Hazel, president; Charles E. Martin, vice president; the Rev. Clarence E. Arnold, secretary; and L. Ward Hill, treasurer.

The president's button was presented to the new president by the retiring officer, Edgar E. Widdowson, who also presented as his personal gift a fine gavel with a copper plate on which is inscribed the name of each member of the club.

In the course of his remarks president Widdowson expressed his appreciation of the fine co-operation of the membership in the club during the past year and said that he counted among his most cherished assets something which money could not buy, the confidence and

Naval Academy Appointments

Retiring Congressman Names Successful Candidates for School Entrance

George A. Kelley, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. George A. Kelley, of the Forge, Bellefonte, Tuesday was named as one of three appointees to the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis by Congressman Don Ginery, Ginery named three young men from this district; to the school as his final act as representative of the 23rd Congressional District.

The Bellefonte appointee was graduated from the Bellefonte High School in the class of 1936 and the following year he studied at the U. S. Naval Academy Preparatory School at Annapolis. Last fall he entered the Pennsylvania State College as a freshman student of mechanical engineering.

Kelley who will be 20 years old next August 1, expects to be called to Annapolis in June or July to begin his studies as a midshipman. The alternates for his appointment are: 1st, James H. Young, Altoona; 2nd, Frederick DeWitt Evans, Clearfield; 3rd, George W. Gaylor, Clearfield.

Ginery's other appointments to the Academy are: Robert Replogle, Roaring Springs, Pa., principal; 1st alternate, George McMillin, Jr., State College; 2nd alternate, George E. West, Osceola Mills; 3rd alternate, Maurice Hartle, Driffting.

Theodore Alter, III, Altoona, principal; 1st alternate, Robert B. Thompson, Altoona; 2nd alternate, Walter Laich, Munson; 3rd alternate, William Rumberger, DuBois.

The above appointments have been made on the basis of the candidates' rating on a competitive preliminary examination held in October. Successful candidates will enter the Naval Academy July 1, 1939.

MAILING LIST CORRECTED

This week the mailing list of the Centre Democrat underwent its monthly correction, and due to the season of the year, a large number of change of addresses and credits were involved. For this reason we urge that every one who paid their subscription during December take the precaution of examining their label and ascertain its correctness. In case of error, notify this office at once.

In the event that any of our readers intended to pay last month's bill and failed to do so, it will be considered a favor if they remember us during the month of January.

G. W. Royer, First Baby of New Year

To George William Royer, now aged four days, goes the title of being the first baby born at the Centre County Hospital in 1939.

Undine Co. To Purchase 40 Uniforms

Logans Re-elect Custer President; Philip Saylor Chief for 1939

MIGNOT AND GILLEN NAMED TO KEY POSTS

New Parade Uniforms to be Ready For Memorial Day; Order All-Weather Coats

Tuesday night at Bellefonte's two fire-lighting units re-organized for the new year, Earl Custer was re-elected president and Philip Saylor was retained as Chief of the Logan Fire Company, and Philip Mignot became president and John Gillen Chief of the Undine Company.

In addition to electing officers, the Undines approved the purchase of 40 new parade uniforms, which are expected to be delivered in time for use in the Memorial Day parade. The new uniforms, to be ordered through G. W. Heffelfinger, local tailor, will be double-breasted models; blue with white trim. The eight-point caps will have short visors. The company also authorized the purchase of 6 new all-weather fire coats.

Firemen conducted their reorganization meeting in their respective halls, and later in the evening a social hour was held, with Dutch lunches being served.

In addition to Custer and Saylor, the official family of the Logan Company during 1939 will be as follows: (Continued on page four)

WILL PROBE CHILD'S DEATH

Rumors Result in Investigation; Parents to be Questioned Tonight

Dr. R. W. Heaton, of Philipsburg, Centre county coroner, is conducting an investigation into the death of Donna Perrine, aged 6 months, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Irving Perrine, of Philipsburg, who died in an Altoona Hospital, Saturday.

The probe was launched after rumors from Port Matilda, where the Perrine family lived prior to December 1, were called to the attention of the Coroner's Office reports that the little girl may have been roughly handled.

An inquest into the death was begun Tuesday night and was continued until late tonight when the parents will be questioned. Mr. Perrine is employed at the Moshannon airport.

Dr. E. R. Phillips, of Philipsburg, testified Tuesday night that he conducted a post mortem on the child's body and that he found the left arm and the legs stiff. It was declared that the child apparently died of coronary thrombosis—an ailment which usually appears only in those of middle age or older. It was explained the condition may have been caused by a blood clot resulting from bruises.

Officials report that when the family resided in Port Matilda, bruises were seen on the child's forehead and nose.

Funeral services for the little girl were held New Year's day at the Weber Funeral Home, Philipsburg, and interment was made in the Philipsburg cemetery.

Retail Division To Meet and Dine, Jan 12

A dinner meeting of the Retail Division of the Bellefonte Chamber of Commerce will be held at 6:15 p. m. Thursday, January 12, at the Methodist Episcopal church.

The guest speaker will be Prof. C. J. Rowland, of State College, whose subject will be "Income Taxes." Features of the meeting will include installation of officers and planning for a town-wide sale in Bellefonte stores during the latter part of January. Admission to the event will be 50 cents, and tickets must be purchased in advance.

Credit Association To Meet

An attendance of more than 350 farmers of Centre and adjoining counties is expected at the fifth annual stockholders' meeting of the Hollidaysburg Production Credit Association, which will be held at the Morrisons Cove Vocational High school at Martinsburg on January 10. John A. Runk is president of the association.

Townsend Meeting

There will be a Townsend meeting in the Court House Friday, January 13th, at 7:30 p. m. Mr. William Calvert, a U. S. Postoffice inspector, will be the speaker. Everybody is invited.

MOTOR LAW VIOLATIONS LEAD CRIME DURING 1939

Undines Reveal 'Secret' System For Moth Control

Ends 50 Years As Railroader

Julian Native Establishes Exceptional Record in Half-Century of Service

The waning days of the old year brought to an end a half-century of railroad service for M. B. Richards, better known as "Bing" New York Central engineer, who resides in Jersey Shore.

Mr. Richards made his last scheduled run Wednesday, December 28, to conclude a railroad career that in addition to the 50 years of service, was marked by an exceptional record for reliability. He was new on the injured list and never regained ill health. He has never required the use of glasses in the performance of his work and has successfully passed the rigid eyesight tests of the company without requiring glasses.

Mr. Richards was born at Julian, Centre county, February 18, 1871, and entered the service of the Pennsylvania Railroad as a student telegraph operator and station agent November 12, 1888, under the supervision of the late W. B. Parsons, of Unionville. He resigned this position August 31, 1892 and entered the employ of the New York Central Railroad as a fireman, September 28, 1892. He was promoted to engineer January 14, 1898, and held that post in all classifications of locomotive ratings.

Mr. Richards is enjoying excellent health and stated that he expects to devote his time to the management of his real estate holdings that include numerous residences and three service stations in and about Jersey Shore. He is a brother of Mrs. Julia Parsons, of Unionville.

Old Homestead Will Again Change Hands

The Governor Packer homestead at Howard, now owned by Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Robb, will be seeking a new tenant in the spring, according to an announcement from the Robbs. Mr. Robb's falling health, we are told, will not allow him to continue managing so large a farm.

This is a desirable farm, and anyone interested in acquiring it is free to call at the home any evening or on Saturday and receive any information desired.

New Year Welcomer Hits Policeman's Car

William Earl Fogleman, aged 20, of Lemont, got the New Year off to a poor start.

About 12:30 o'clock New Year's morning, just after bidding goodbye to 1938, Fogleman's car struck the rear of a car in which Chief of Police Harry Dukeman, of Bellefonte, was making a patrol of borough streets. The mishap occurred about 12:30 o'clock on South Allegheny street.

Chief Dukeman investigating the cause of the accident, placed Fogleman under arrest on a charge of drunken driving. Appearing at a hearing before Justice of the Peace Harold D. Cowher, West Bishop street, Tuesday night, he was bound over for court under \$500 bail. Bail was furnished and he was released from custody. It is reported that Fogleman will offer a plea of guilty at a session of court scheduled to be held this morning.

Vacates Part of Road

The Centre County Court this week granted the prayers of Gregg township petitioners to vacate a part of a macadam road in Gregg township, through lands of W. P. Hosten, to a point where the Brush Valley road enters the macadam road. The road is to have an outlet through a spur, which is now in use, and which is not to be vacated.

NAMED APPRAISER

Warren R. Roberts, auditor general, has named Fred C. Mensch, of Millheim, as mercantile appraiser for Centre County in 1939. He succeeds Herbert H. Stover, of Smulltown.

454 'Guests' at County Jail Spent Average of 18.41 Days Each

68 SERVE TIME FOR DISORDERLY CONDUCT

13 Women Imprisoned Last Year; 21 Inmates Charged With Sex Crimes

The 454 "guests" forcibly detained at the Centre County jail during 1938 spent an average of 18.41 days under Sheriff Harry V. Keeler's supervision, jail records for the year reveal.

In other words a total of 8,361 days were put in at the bastille. If prisoners during the year had been gainfully employed outside during that time at a wage of \$3.20 per day, the total amount they would have earned would have reached the substantial figure of \$26,756.20.

By far the greater number of those who looked upon the world from between bars had transgressed the motor laws, for 107 camped under Sheriff Keeler's wing for varying lengths of time for offenses of this sort. Disorderly conduct was the second most "popular" crime, 68 offenders being jailed during the year. Next came larceny, and breaking, entering and larceny, with a total of 61 incarcerated for those offenses. Of the 454 jailed in 1938, 13 were women.

A total of 79 persons were jailed without any specific charges being entered in the Sheriff's docket. These cases include strangers lodged up while their character was being investigated; persons held for police in other counties; those suspected of

Rotary To Entertain B.H.S. Football Squad

The Bellefonte Rotary Club will be hosts to the Bellefonte High school football team at a dinner to be held at the Brockerhoff Hotel Monday evening, January 8, it was announced yesterday.

Guests will include team members, coaches, managers and others who were actively associated with the team during the past season. Henry A. Brockerhoff will be chairman of the evening's program.

File Appeal From Finding of Viewers

A formal appeal from the finding of a board of viewers in the condemnation proceedings under way to secure land at the old Fair Grounds as a site for the proposed Bellefonte Borough sewage disposal plant, was filed last week by former Judge James C. Purr, an attorney for John McCoy, Anna A. McCoy and Kate D. Shuger, owners of the land.

Viewers in the case recently fixed the price of 6.15-acre plot at \$1,000.

In filing the appeal the owners aver that the viewers didn't allow a sufficient amount of damages and that they fixed the value far below the actual worth in disregard of the weight of evidence.

The appellants also declare that they were not informed of the time of the hearing, December 5, and consequently were not present. At the hearing, the statement sets forth, the borough called three witnesses: W. J. Buerick, Harry Brockerhoff, and W. W. Schaefer. These witnesses, the landowners say, are members of Bellefonte Borough Council and are therefore interested and partial in their views.

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