

Over The County News

Elmer Duek, automobile mechanic of Millheim, has opened a service station for the sale of gas and oil, batteries, tires and tire service and mechanical service on cars at the former Breon stand on Penn street.

On Christmas day, William B. Fiedler, of Centre Hall, one of the aged gentlemen of that town, while removing snow from the sidewalk of a neighbor, had the misfortune to fall and crack the socket bone at the hip.

The most famous U. S. Pasture Experiment Station east of the Mississippi, the Kyfertown Station, will be discontinued next year, after a decade of important contributions.

A well was drilled on the Mrs. Samuel Grove farm, formerly the C. R. Neff farm, to the depth of 203 feet. Mr. Brown, an experienced driller from the eastern part of the state, to improve the water supply on one of the prettiest farm homes in Penn Valley.

In a fall of about twenty feet Guy Corman of Spring Mills, narrowly escaped serious injury. The injuries inflicted were a deep cut on one of his hands, a bruise on the side of the face that was looked upon with misgivings immediately after the accident, and a cut on the lip.

Dr. Ralph Dorn Hetzel, president of Penn State College, has been elected a "Freemason" in a very rare distinction. The honor was bestowed on him recently by Judge Robert D. Lewis of Conowington, grand master of the Masonic lodge of Pennsylvania, at annual installation services in the Philadelphia Masonic Temple.

Walter Corbin, a carpenter from State College, was released from the Centre county jail last week after serving 84 days there on a charge of violating the liquor laws. He was ordered to remain outside of this county.

John Taylor, now resident on the H. O. Beahm farm in Penns Valley suffered a serious injury to his leg early last week. While doing some work in one of the fields, he turned suddenly and in an unaccountable manner his knee was thrown out of joint.

Bruce Schaeffer, 10, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Schaeffer, tenants on the Daup farm in Georges Valley, cut several deep gashes in his forehead over the right eye, when the coaster he was operating failed to respond to the youth's maneuvers and dashed into a barbed wire fence.

Mrs. Merrill Johnstonbaugh has been on the sick list for the past week but is better at this writing. Mrs. W. D. Marshall visited at the Kephart home one day last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Tomoo and family of Stormstown, visited at the Charles Harshberger home on Monday of last week.

Clarence Hull has been on the sick list the past week but is better at this writing. Adeline Garner spent Sunday at the Roy Breon home.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Speary and family spent Sunday with relatives at State College on Sunday. Don't forget a chicken and waffle supper to be held at the Edward Smeltzer home on Friday evening, Jan. 27, serving from 5 until 8 o'clock.

What has become of the old-fashioned man who always carried an umbrella?

Centre County Hospital Notes

Monday of Last Week Discharged: Mrs. Earl J. Neidigh, State College, R. D. 1; Mrs. Linn W. Miller, State College, R. D. 1. Admitted Monday, discharged on Thursday: Mrs. Stephen L. Chatrik, Pine Grove Mills.

Tuesday of Last Week Admitted: James A. McGarry, Pleasant Gap; Waldo E. Homan, Boalsburg; Miss Isabelle Graham, Boalsburg. Admitted Tuesday, discharged Wednesday: Miss Jane Talhelm, Julian; Master Mahlon Sprankle, Bellefonte. Admitted Tuesday, discharged Sunday: Clark R. McKinley, Milesburg. Admitted Tuesday, discharged Saturday: Harold B. Bohn, Centre Hall. Births: A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Clarence J. Cox, Boalsburg, and a daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Merrill R. Fisher, Milesburg.

Wednesday of Last Week Admitted: Mrs. Alma I. Hoy, State College; Joseph L. Leathers, Howard R. D. 2.

Thursday of Last Week Admitted: Lester Atman, Centre Hall, R. D. 1; Mrs. James C. Kane, Bellefonte. Discharged: Thomas D. O'Neal, Bellefonte. Admitted Thursday, discharged Friday: Grant Avery, Bellefonte. Admitted Thursday, discharged Saturday: John A. McCormick, State College.

Friday Admitted Friday, discharged Saturday: Miss Betty Smith, State College.

Saturday Admitted: Master Carl R. Alexander, Julian; Wilbur I. Bitner, Bellefonte. Admitted Saturday, discharged Sunday: Lawrence Neal, Milesburg. Expired: Mrs. Catherine Beizer, Bellefonte.

Sunday Admitted: Alfred Price, Upper Darby; Mrs. Henry W. Houser, Bellefonte; Mrs. James G. Wallace, Milesburg. Discharged: Mrs. Edna Cain and infant son, Bellefonte, R. D. 1. Expired: Mrs. Edgar Malloy, Bellefonte. Births: A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Struble, Bellefonte, R. D. 1.

There were 42 patients in the hospital at the beginning of this week. Hospital Contributions Contributions received by the Centre County Hospital during the week were: from Mrs. A. A. Berl, cards for children in Children's ward; from H. C. Stricker, Aaronburg, box of greeting cards for Children's ward.

PORT MATILDA R. D. NO 1. Mr. and Mrs. Neil Baney of Occoala, attended Mrs. Walker's funeral. Widney Masche and friend Miss Helen Merritt spent Sunday with their friends, Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Kerin.

Mrs. M. L. Wooster of Tyrone was a Sunday visitor at the home of her sister, Mrs. A. J. Collett. Mrs. Wilmina Snyder owner of the Pet shop at Bald Eagle, proudly announces that she is a great-great-grandmother. Five generations, all living and all girls. Her great-granddaughter of Pittsburgh just gave birth to a big baby girl.

Mrs. Sarah M. Walk, life-long resident of Fowler, Pa., passed peacefully away Saturday morning at 1:05. Full account of her death notice will be found in the obituary column.

Mrs. Homer Velocik of Clearfield visited with her aunt, Mrs. Arma Duey. Joseph Duey, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arma Duey, of Dix, and Miss Thelma Weaver of Tyrone were united in marriage Monday Jan. 9th, 1939 at Tyrone.

Mrs. J. T. Beckwith who has been on the sick list for a couple weeks is able to be around again. Mrs. Ralph Waite and son David of Mt. Union visited with her sister, Mrs. Lizzie Acker.

Mrs. Milford Walker who has been in the Philadelphia Hospital for months is still in a critical condition. She had another blood transfusion last week. Her friends wish her a speedy recovery.

Miss Fannie Gaden of Atlanta, is visiting with her aunt, Mrs. A. Duey. Misses Betty Dayton and Marguerite Kerin visited with Mrs. Harry Elder of Tyrone.

William Urban of Pittsburgh, and Mr. and Mrs. Edward Adamitz of State College, spent Sunday with their mother, Mrs. Vera Urban. Misses Madeline and Eileen Weaver and Clarence Beckwith visited on Friday, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Eters of Altoona.

Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Kerin spent Monday at Greenwood visiting Mr. and Mrs. Roy Spangle. Mr. and Mrs. Harry Eters and daughter Ardis of Altoona, spent Sunday at the Weaver home.

MARTHA (From last week) Wharton Weller butchered a fine hog on Thursday. The butchers being William Richards and Mrs. D. R. Richards. Callers at the Lundy Steele home on Friday evening were: Mr. and Mrs. A. Spackman and son Williams; Mr. and Mrs. Joe Williams; Mrs. Boyd Gendimore; Mrs. John Bailey and daughters Peg and Gwennie.

JULIAN Jerry and Billy Flack called on Mrs. Edie Isabel in Howard recently. Mr. and Mrs. John Flack and son Nelson of Port Matilda and Clarence Flack of Julian, and Mrs. Elsie Gabel spent Sunday with Jerry and Bill Flack. Flan Midget Ships It is understood that next year's naval estimates for the British Admiralty provides for one and possibly two flotillas of midget destroyers of World War tonnage to guard British shipping in the event of hostilities. The midget ships would be equipped with up-to-the-minute engines and also anti-craft and anti-submarine equipment.

The Hanging of Seeley Hopkins

The jury selected to witness the hanging were: I. N. Gordon, W. F. Reynolds and William Houser, Bellefonte; Dr. Dunwiddie, Phillipsburg; D. H. Rhule, Spring Mills; Cephas Gramley, Rebersburg; D. B. Kines, Branchburg; W. E. Landon, Phillipsburg; J. S. Barton, Fleming; J. P. Sebring, Loveville; Samuel Benton and Samuel Aley, both of Walker township.

As Hopkins marched along he was steady and firm and when they reached the scaffold he made a motion to Rev. Sarvis to proceed and Hopkins walked up the steps without faltering.

Speaks From the Scaffold. Following a brief prayer in which Hopkins knelt with the clergymen, the doomed man arose, stepped forward and spoke. "Farewell, kind friends," he uttered in a firm voice. "I have no malice towards any. I leave this world without an enemy. God has forgiven me my terrible crime." Then he stepped back and Sheriff Cooke whispered to him. He came forward again and said: "There is another thing which I wish to speak of before I go and that is a report that has been in circulation about town is untrue." He then continued and denied that two young ladies (mentioning their names) had become intimate with him while in prison. Before he stepped back he recognized William Charles, his friend, and called out: "Good bye, Billie. Try and mend your evil ways and meet me in heaven."

Rope Breaks at First Plunge As Hopkins stepped back the handcuffs were quickly fastened to his wrists at his back; arms, knees and ankles were securely fastened with straps and as the cap was being drawn over his face he exclaimed again, "Good bye."

All was not ready and a painful silence prevailed. Sheriff Cooke grasped the lever and pulled. The ropes parted and Hopkins body plunged through the opening. There was a sickening crash as the rope broke near the beam and to the horror of the spectators the body fell to the ground. The trussed form, trembled, quivered, then straightened. It was a ghastly sight. Capt. Clark rushed up and with the assistance of Drs. Belcher, Harris, Dorworth, Cephas Gramley and others the quivering body was carried up the platform.

Sheriff Cooke held the broken rope and secured it with a strap while others braced the inert body, and three minutes later the second drop occurred. This time the body remained suspended and a few minutes later the physicians pronounced Seeley Hopkins life extinct.

Mother Ignorant of Son's Fate. A sad feature of the Hopkins affair was the fact that Mrs. Hopkins, mother of the doomed man, was in total ignorance of her son's crime, imprisonment and execution. She was quite aged and for months had been confined to bed with a serious illness. Her children thought it best to keep the news from her as it might have caused her instant death.

Burt Hopkins, of Rochester, N. Y., and George Baker, a brother-in-law of the doomed man, arrived in Bellefonte a few days before and remained until after the execution. They took charge of the body and accompanied it to Rochester for interment.

Recollections of a Newspaper Reporter. (Continued from page one) cell door. Seeing Mr. Hughes still seated at the table, he exclaimed: "Say, Mr. Hughes, aren't you coming along?" and the latter remarked: "Oh, no, Seeley, I have no morbid curiosity to see you hanged. I prefer to see good-bye here." Imagine Mr. Hughes' surprise when Hopkins quickly retorted: "If I'm not afraid, you needn't be."

So Hopkins proceeded fearlessly with the Sheriff to the gallows which had been erected on the south side of the jail yard. The Sheriff had given permission to the inmates of the cells in the south tier to watch the execution with mirrors. At least that was the story at the time.

Another prisoner, Andrews by name, occupied the double cell with Hopkins. He was to be hanged three months later for the murder of a girl at Karthaus. The two prisoners had become exceedingly fond of each other.

Mr. Hughes relates that a few minutes after Hopkins had left his cell, Andrews suddenly became hysterical and knelt by the cot, praying to God to have mercy on Hopkins' soul. Mr. Hughes, naturally alarmed, rushed to his side and asked him what was troubling him.

Andrews in shrieking tones shouted: "The rope broke." "How do you know?" was Mr. Hughes' reply. "Why, I heard the prisoners say so." Andrews fairly shouted, "Why, I heard a difficult time in his attempt to console the distraught Andrews with the thought that when the rope broke Hopkins was unconscious and practically dead. It is true, however, that Hopkins was hanged twice that day.

It was common belief, according to Mr. Hughes, that no Centre county jury would have even brought in the first degree murder verdict if Hopkins had not killed his mother-in-law. The unfaithful conduct of Mrs. Hopkins, explained Mr. Hughes, won sympathy for her husband, but the murder of his wife's mother justified the death penalty.

HOLTS HOLLOW Mrs. Agnes Shawley of Milesburg, called at the Roy Leathers home, also at the Orvis Watson home on Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Art Burd of Milesburg, Mrs. Edith Burd and son Monroe, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Milford Burd and family at Pleasant Gap.

Mr. Tressler, of Bellefonte, called on friends at this place on Monday. Sunday callers at the Watson home were Mrs. Walter Switzer and daughter and Joanne Rhoades of Bellefonte, Aaron McKinley of Milesburg, Mr. Lee Johnson and two children.

Bible study will be held at the home of Edith Burd on Jan. 17, at 7:30. Marie Johnson spent the weekend with relatives at Gum Stump. Nevin Watson was a dinner guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Margale Jr., at Pleasant Gap on Sunday.

Charles Lucas visited his mother at the Ira Lucas home at Axe Mann on Saturday. Mrs. John Kelly and children of Moore Run were Sunday visitors at the Orvis Watson home. Milford Petzer of Feltzertown and Elizabeth Walker of Bech Creek called on friends at this place on Saturday evening. Fred and Nevin Watson visited re-

WOODWARD

Mrs. Carrie Pultz in company with Russell Kessinger spent Saturday and Sunday at the home of Mrs. Pultz's daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. John Houser. They had an enjoyable time.

Isaiah Boob, who had been on the sick list last week for a few days, is very much improved. Mr. Boob is one of the oldest persons in this community. If health continues he will be eighty-nine years of age on the thirtieth of this coming July. He is a fresh looking old gentleman and still moves along quite briskly.

Since the installing of the electrolights in the new public school building last week on day, the rooms present a beautiful appearance. The varnishing of the woodwork just finely brings to view the natural graining of the wood. A beautiful drinking fountain was also installed in the hall of which everybody can justly be proud, to use especially the children.

Two of the E. L. C. E. officials, Harry Crader in company with Harwood Kremer as chauffeur, contacted other C. E. societies of the East Branch of which Mr. Kremer is superintendent, on Sunday evening. They found quite a number of churches without such societies. We suggest that any church having any young people should forthwith organize a Christian Endeavor society in order to give them spiritual, intellectual and social training, a training of which any community can be well pleased. Give the young people something good to do. Mr. Kremer will be glad to assist you in organizing such a society. Only give him a call. Address Harwood Kremer, Woodward, Centre County, Pa.

Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Fiedler, and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Musser and daughter, Wanda, of Hellsgrove were Sunday guests at the R. E. Musser home.

Legal Notices EXECUTOR'S NOTICE. In the Matter of the Estate of Sarah E. Wright, late of Spring Mills, Centre County, Pa., deceased. Letters testamentary in the above estate having been granted to the undersigned, all persons indebted to the said estate are requested to make payment, and those having claims against the same, to present the same duly proven, without delay to EARL M. BARTLEY, Executor, Spring Mills, Pa. 24

EXECUTRIX NOTICE. In the Matter of the Estate of Hugh Laird Curtin, late of Boggs Township, Centre County, Pa., deceased. Letters testamentary in the above estate having been granted to the undersigned, all persons indebted to the said estate are requested to make payment, and those having claims against the same, will present the same duly proven, without delay to BEATRICE WERTZ, Administratrix, Bellefonte, Pa. R. F. D. 1, Spangler & Campbell, Attorneys. 23

ADMINISTRATRIX NOTICE. In the Matter of the estate of Mary Jane Pike, late of Spring Township, Centre County, Pa. Letters of administration on said estate having been granted to the undersigned, all persons indebted to the said estate are requested to make payment, and those having claims or demands against the same, will present them without delay for settlement to BEATRICE WERTZ, Administratrix, Bellefonte, Pa. R. F. D. 1, Spangler & Campbell, Attorneys. 25

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CAUTION NOTICE. My wife, Charlotte Nymen, has left my bed and board without just cause or provocation. I hereby caution the public not to harbor or assist her as I will not be responsible for any debts she may contract. FRANK NYMAN, Howard, R. D. 2, Pa. 23

ADMINISTRATRIX NOTICE. In the Matter of the Estate of Emma Graham Lawrence, late of Bellefonte Borough, Centre Co., deceased. Letters of administration on said estate having been granted to the undersigned, all persons indebted there-to are requested to make immediate payments, and those having claims or demands against the same, will present them without delay for settlement to HELEN J. HAUFER, Administratrix, c. t. a. Bellefonte, Pa. 26

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE. In the Matter of the Estate of Della May Stanley, late of Boggs Township, Centre County, Pa., deceased. Letters of administration on said estate having been granted to the undersigned, all persons indebted there-to are requested to make immediate payments, and those having claims or demands against the same, will present them without delay for settlement to CLARENCE W. STANLEY, Administrator, 423 Garfield Street, Tyrone, Pa. 23

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE. In the Matter of the Estate of Lewis E. Davidson, late of Boggs Township, Centre County, Pa., deceased. Letters of administration on said estate having been granted to the undersigned, all persons indebted there-to are requested to make immediate payments, and those having claims or demands against the same, will present them without delay for settlement to CLARENCE W. STANLEY, Administrator, 423 Garfield Street, Tyrone, Pa. 23

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE. In the Matter of the Estate of Amanda Bachau, late of Spring Mills, Gregg Twp., Centre County, Pa., deceased. In the Orphans Court of Centre County, Pa. Estate No. 13498. Letters of administration on the above estate having been granted to the undersigned, all persons indebted to the said estate are requested to make payment, and those having claims against the same, to present the same duly proven, without delay, to FRANK RACHAU, Administrator, West Hill Street, Bellefonte, Pa. Arthur C. Dale, Bellefonte, Pa., Attorney for Estate. 26

AUDITOR'S NOTICE. Notice is hereby given that the undersigned Auditor appointed by the Orphans' Court of Centre County, Pa., to ascertain the legacies, pass upon claims and credits, and distribute the assets, etc., for the Estate of M. L. Beck, late of Howard Borough, Centre County, Pa., deceased, has set for Friday February 3rd, 1939 at 10:00 o'clock in the morning and the law office of Johnston & Johnston, High Street, Bellefonte, Pa. as the time and place of hearing; at that time and place all persons must prove their claims before the undersigned Auditor or be debarred from coming in upon the assets of said Estate. PHILIP H. JOHNSTON Auditor 23

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