

6 BOYS HELD IN BURGLARIES

PLEAD GUILTY TO CRIMES OF SMALL-TIME JOBS LOCALLY

4 of Group, Arrested in Altoona, Implicate Three Others in Crimes

7TH YOUTH IS PAROLEE FROM LOCAL COURT

Police Claim One of Gang Planned Robbery of Bank, Jewelry Stores

Six youths from the Bellefonte area, all charged with participation in a long series of small-time burglaries here and in neighboring towns during the past several months, were held under bail ranging from \$500 to \$1500 each late yesterday afternoon when arraigned before Justice of the Peace Harold D. Cowler, West Bishop street.

The six who yesterday entered pleas of guilty to charges of breaking, entering and larceny are: Paul Bryan, 17, of Halfmoon Hill; George Lucas, 20, of East Logan street; Clark Charles, 19, of St. Paul street; Francis Genus, 17, East Bishop street; Tony Benzie, 17, Roopburg; and Donald Reed, 17, Roopburg.

Charges against Carmen Warrick, 22, of Beaver street, are not being pressed since he is being held for parole violation.

Bryan, Lucas, Charles and Warrick all have served terms at the State Industrial School at Huntingdon; Genus recently was paroled from the local courts, and Benzie and Reed are first offenders.

The downfall of the band of petty cash, cigarette, ice cream and candy burglars came early Saturday morning when they extended their activities to Altoona. According to police, Bryan, Charles, Genus and Lucas stole a 1938 Chevrolet coupe from the Claster Lumber shed, South Water street, Bellefonte, and drove to Altoona where city police surprised them in the act of looting a Shaffer company store at 115 Lloyd street.

Two of the boys were captured as they sought to escape from the building the way they entered, through a broken cellar window. The other two managed to get away as they fled, before 11:30 p. m. They had loaded a counter with considerable merchandise, evidently preparing to carry it to the car. A \$5 roll of dimes and a roll of pennies was found in their possession.

Gets Kiwanis Appointment Howard Stueble, of Zion, member of the Bellefonte Kiwanis Club, has been appointed member of the agricultural committee of the Pennsylvania District Kiwanis.

The appointment was made this week by the Board of Trustees of the District.

POLITICAL SAGE SEES MANY CANDIDATES FOR OFFICES

With all elective offices in Centre county to be filled at this fall's elections there is a steadily growing current of interest among those of the county's citizens who are politically minded.

Tackling a job many a braver man would shudder to contemplate, an old and trusted friend of The Centre Democrat left his lonely retreat in the wilds of Liberty township, this week, visited the Court House, the club, the fire halls, the political headquarters and other places where men gather to discuss politics, and has prepared for us the following summary of rumors regarding the coming elections. He insists that most of it is rumor, but we know of old that what he reports as rumor generally comes to pass.

Here's his view of the situation: "Well, folks, unless the plum tree drops a rich harvest on Centre county's stalwart Republicans, there's going to be too many candidates on the ticket for the primaries, September 12. I mean that a lot of G. O. P. politicians are kind of holding back, intimating that unless they are given good state jobs they'll take revenge by running for a county office and cluttering up the ticket. That's always bad, for when so many candidates run for an office it's difficult to corner a winning plurality for any favored one.

Named Fire Marshal

PRIZE DEADLINE NEARS

With 5 p. m. Tuesday, January 31, as the deadline for claiming awards in the first drawing for the \$500 cash fund given away by Bellefonte merchants through the retail division of the Chamber of Commerce, 33 prizes, totaling \$136 remained unclaimed last night.

A second list of prize-winning numbers will become effective Wednesday morning of next week, February 1.

Take Steps To Revive Society

Committee Named to Suggest Changes in By-Laws of Linn Historical Group

Much interest was evidenced in the proposed revival of the Linn Historical Society of Centre County at a meeting held at the library building Friday afternoon, and steps were taken to restore the organization to an active place in the life of the County. More than 30 persons were present.

The meeting was in charge of George R. Meek, who named a committee with W. Harrison Walker as chairman, to study the by-laws of the Society and to recommend any changes which may be necessary to enable the group to function with a maximum of effectiveness. Other members of the committee are Miss Mary Hunter Linn, and J. Thomas Mitchell, both of Bellefonte.

During the discussion upon the proposal of reviving the Society it was decided to hold a meeting at the library building on Tuesday, February 1, at 8 p. m.

TO AID BANK DEPOSITORS

Bellefonte Trust Co. Installs Latest Type After-Hour System

In line with its well established plan of furnishing every needed service, the officers and directors of the Bellefonte Trust Company, Bank contracted with the O. B. McClintock Company of Minneapolis to install the very latest type of equipment for the convenience and safety of local business men who take in cash and checks during the hours of nights, Sundays, and holidays, when no bank is open to receive the deposit of such "after hour" receipts.

Briefly described, this new service equipment consists of a heavy, bronze trimmed Receiver, built into the wall of the banking house on the Allegheny street side. From this Receiver, or Depository head, there extends through the building wall to the inside of the bank a heavy steel chute, which connects with a steel chute, which connects with a steel chute.

CHURCH BASEMENT BEING EXCAVATED BY MEMBERS

Male members of the Bellefonte Reformed church are spending their spare time these days excavating the basement of the church, in preparation for the construction of additional Sunday school rooms and an assembly room.

All labor on the excavation is being done by members of the congregation. Some wield picks, shovels and crowbars; others wheel the material outside and load it on trucks provided by and driven by church members.

JUNIOR SPORTSMEN AT GAP TO ORGANIZE

The organization meeting of the Junior Sportsmen of Pleasant Gap will be held Friday, January 27, at 7:30 p. m. in the Pleasant Gap Fire Hall. All boys between the ages of 10 and 14 years are invited to join.

Big Trout Inn To Reopen

T. N. McAlarney, proprietor of the Big Trout Inn, South Water street, announces that the establishment will reopen Monday morning, January 30. The inn closed the first of the year while the owners were on vacation in Florida. Since their return last week the interior has been remodeled and redecorated to a considerable extent.

County Residents Slightly Injured Blippery roads caused minor injuries to Beulah Broome, Milesburg, Robert Broome, Jr., Milesburg, and Lena Casher of Port Matilda, when the car in which they were riding skidded and crashed into a guard rail just outside of Tyrone borough Saturday afternoon.

Mystery Still Veils Absence Of A. McNitt

Relatives of Missing Man Interview Amnesia Victim at Harrisburg

SAY STRANGER BEARS "NO RESEMBLANCE"

See Mississippian on Sleeping Car While Enroute South After Radio Appeal

Hopes that a 70-year-old amnesia victim found wandering on the streets of Jackson, Mississippi in 1931, and who has been in a Jackson institution since that time might be Andrew R. McNitt, strangely missing Bellefonte burgher, were dashed to earth early Friday morning when relatives of McNitt interviewed the man-without-a-name in the Pennsylvania Railroad station at Harrisburg.

The interview was held at 3 o'clock that morning in the sleeping car occupied by the Mississippian, while he was enroute to Jackson from New York, where he was picked up by a train.

Infection Proves Fatal to Woman

Mrs. Vincent Speary, 38, of Near Bellefonte, Dies at Centre Co. Hospital

An infection developing from a small nose pimple resulted fatally to Mrs. Edna A. Speary, aged 38, wife of Vincent Speary of Buffalo Run Valley, southwest of Bellefonte, who died at the Centre County Hospital here Tuesday morning in less than two weeks after the onset of the infection.

To Offer Course In Fly-Tying

Local Expert Will Conduct Series of Six Free Lessons; Registration Opens

A free course in fly-tying is to be offered to local fishermen through the efforts of Hassall Lose and Samuel H. Poorman, it was announced yesterday.

Brother-In-Law of Scott Gets State Job

The second political appointment from the G. O. P. ranks in Centre county since the change of administration at Harrisburg was the selection of James L. Adams, of Phillipsburg, for the position of superintendent of the State Penitentiary.

Protected Coasting Areas Are Designated

At a meeting in the Bellefonte Chamber of Commerce offices Friday night, directors of the Chamber at the instance of Mayor Hardman P. Harris, designated for coasting the following streets:

Logan Street from Blanchard to Spring.

Wilson, from Bishop to Curtin.

Allegheny, from Curtin to 5th Avenue.

Spring, from Curtin to 5th Avenue.

Reynolds Avenue from Willowbank to the Creek.

Haltmoon Terrace to Lamb Street.

Coasting on Logan Street will be supervised by Bellefonte Borough police officers. All other streets will be supervised by Rover Scouts, with "officers" on duty from 6 p. m. to 10 p. m. every night with the exception of Saturday and Sunday nights.

Motorists traveling such streets during coasting seasons are urged to use extreme caution and to follow instructions given by the officers or Rover Scouts in charge. Coasting on other streets and alleys will be prohibited because of the widespread danger of accidents. Parents are asked to insure their children to coast only in the protected areas.

Name Jurors For February Court Term

Grand Jury Meets February 13; Criminal Court Will Open February 27

CIVIL SESSIONS TO CONVENE MARCH 6

Walker Increases Number of Jurors For 1st Week; Cuts List For Civil Cases

Grand and Traverse Jurors for the regular February court were drawn this week by Jury Commissioners J. W. Condo and Merrill E. Pletcher, with the assistance of Sheriff Harry V. Keeler. Miss Virginia McClellan, deputy in the office of Frontholony Bond C. White, acted as clerk to the board.

Honored By Scouts

Peter T. Augustine (above), of Bellefonte, District Scout Commissioner, received the Silver Beaver Award at the tenth annual meeting of the Juniata Valley Council Boy Scouts at State College, Saturday.

Rockview Cell Block Completed

Public Works Administration Engineer C. E. Strausser last week reported to G. Douglas Andrews, Associate Director, Region No. 1, the final completion of the new cell block at the Rockview Penitentiary.

Sportsmen Name Jodon President

New Officers Delegated to Prepare Plans For Annual Fish Fry in March

At the annual organization meeting of the Bellefonte Sportsmen's Association in the Court House Monday evening Rover Jodon, well known local game warden and sportsman, was elected president of the group for the coming year.

Potato Growers Voice Protest

Farm Show Delegates on Record Condemning Taxes Aimed at Chain Stores

Condemnation by the Pennsylvania Cooperative Potato Growers' Association of the proposed Paizman "death sentence" tax on chain stores was cited this week by E. B. Bower, Bellefonte, manager of the association, as "one of the most significant developments" at the five-day Pennsylvania Farm Show at Harrisburg.

Co. Budget Includes \$1,500 For Library

Probabilities are strong that the County Library and Historical Corporation will soon receive an appropriation of \$1,500 from the Centre County Commissioners—the appropriation upon which the formal opening of the library in the former Humes building, Bellefonte, depends.

C.D.A. Observe 19th Birthday

Supreme Regent of National Organization Among Speakers at Event

At the nineteenth anniversary celebration of County Patrick McArdie, No. 448, Catholic Daughters of Bellefonte, held in St. John's Parochial school hall, E. Bishop street, Sunday night, more than 75 women were present. The affair opened with a luncheon served at 6 o'clock. Miss Frances Mahar, of Kane, vice supreme regent of the national organization, the Very Rev. Father William E. Downes, court chaplain, and Father Bernard McGuire, both of Bellefonte, were present.

Coal Bootleggers Quarrel

A feud among bootlegging miners in the Excelsior district of Coak Township near Sunbury, which led to the blowing up of an automobile used for motive power to haul coal to the surface and almost resulted tragically, sent John Saroka, 33, of Shamokin, to the county jail at Sunbury. He is held in default of \$1,500 bail for court trial on a charge of malicious use of dynamite.

Fall Victim Was 78

Daniel Straw, Julian farmer who died recently from the effects of a fall at his barn, was aged 78 years, 3 months and 10 days. Last week his age was given at 76 years. Funeral services were held Monday of last week at the Methodist Episcopal church at Julian, and interment was made in the Julian cemetery.

Officers at Classmate's Funeral

The Rev. Delas R. Keener, of Centre Hall, will officiate Friday at the funeral of Rev. Earl G. Kline, of Bellefonte, who died Monday in a Philadelphia hospital. The ministers had been classmates at Franklin and Marshall College. The Rev. Mr. Kline had been pastor of the Evangelical and Reformed church at Selingsgrove for the past twelve years.

Charges Against Tressels Are Upheld by Local Court

Hazel & Co. Sale To Open Tomorrow

The annual January White Sale of Hazel & Company, Bellefonte, will open at 9 o'clock tomorrow (Friday) morning and will continue for two weeks.

In addition to a general piling down of prices on virtually every item in the store, exceptional bargains are offered in a series of "Daily Specials," for the two-week sale. Turn to the store's advertisement on another page and plan now to refurbish your home, dress your family, and fill all your needs at substantial savings.

SMULLON MAN HURT IN MOTOR ACCIDENT

Emery E. Day, of Smullton, was slightly injured and a truck and car were damaged in an accident on a rural road near an one-mile east of Smullton Tuesday morning. The accident happened when Day's car skidded into a truck driven by Frank Muser, of Milliflora.

Judge Walker Rules Couple Has Been Performing Duties of Attorneys

FINAL DECREE WILL ACT AS RESTRAINING ORDER

Advertising Claims of Licensee's Service Bureau Used to Support Decision

Charges by the State and the Centre County Bar Association that J. L. Tressel and his wife, M. E. Tressel, of East Bishop Street, Bellefonte, have been engaging in the unauthorized practice of law, were upheld yesterday in an opinion filed by Judge Ivan Walker, before whom a hearing in the matter was held several weeks ago.

The defendants are given ten days in which to file exceptions to the ruling, and in case no exceptions are filed, the decree will become final and will act as a restraining order against Mr. and Mrs. Tressel.

To reach his conclusions, Judge Walker cites a previous Court ruling in which the duties and responsibilities of a lawyer are outlined, in part, as follows:

"... a lawyer has, through patient years of study, acquired an understanding of the law and obtained a license to engage in its practice.... he applies his knowledge in three principal domains of professional activity:

"1. He instructs and advises clients in regard to the law, so that they may be informed as to their rights and obligations....

"2. He prepares for clients documents requiring familiarity with legal principles beyond the ken of ordinary laymen....

"3. He appears for clients before public tribunals.... in order that he may assist the deciding official in the proper interpretation and enforcement of the law."

Using these factors as a guide, Judge Walker's opinion states there is no evidence that either of the defendants appeared before any public tribunal representing anyone, so there is no violation of that part of a lawyer's duties.

Aim Bill at Collectors of Mercantile Taxes

A proposal to abolish the 40-year-old mercantile license tax and wipe out more than 150 Democratic-controlled jobs in a move to reduce state taxes more than \$7,000 a biennium was before the legislature yesterday.

A bill introduced by Rep. Don Wilkinson (R. Luzerne), himself legislator in the legislative directory as a "tax collector," would throw into discard the mercantile tax—first assessed in 1890—and automatically vacate the offices of the tax appraisers.

The appraisers, 153 in all are scattered throughout the state. With their office assistants, they are appointed by the Auditor General's Department, held for two more years by the Democrats.

Appraisers obtain their income from fees amounting to 50 cents on appraisals in all counties except Philadelphia and Allegheny. They make 62½ cents in Philadelphia, where there are five appraisers, and receive a flat salary of \$5,000 a year in Allegheny county, where there are also five.

Social Hygiene Day February 1

Emphasis To Be Placed on Causes and Cures of Syphilis

Mrs. E. E. Widdowson, president of the Bellefonte Woman's Club yesterday announced that the organization is wholeheartedly in accord with the aims of National Social Hygiene Day to be observed throughout America on February 1. The day, the slogan for which is "Guard Against Syphilis," will be marked by 5,000 meetings to highlight present community campaigns against syphilis and will focus public attention on vital next steps in the conquest of syphilis, according to Dr. Walter Clark, executive director of the American Social Hygiene Association.

Evidence of interest in the forth-coming National Social Hygiene Day (Continued on Page 7)

Valentine Day, February 14

If you are planning a party for St. Valentine's Day be sure to look for the special recipes in the Housewife's Food Almanac in February 3rd issue of The American Weekly, distributed with the Baltimore Sunday American. On sale at all newsstands.

Ice Causes Motor Mishap

Damage estimated at \$75 returned about 2:30 o'clock Monday afternoon when cars driven by W. C. Snow and Herbert A. Stein, both of State College, collided at the intersection of McKee street and Adams avenue, State College. Ice on the road was assigned as the cause of the crash.

Car Slides Into Bus

When a car driven by Andrew Hamling, of Philadelphia, and one of the Johnston Motor buses driven by Howard Shney, of Bellefonte, collided on Griffith's turn near Ave Mann, Monday afternoon, no one was injured and total damage was estimated at \$55. Police report the car skidded into the bus when Hamling applied his brakes while rounding the sharp curve. Damage to the bus was placed at \$40 and to the car \$15.

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