

ORDERS BAN ON LOTTERIES

DISTRICT ATTORNEY DIRECTS CLEAN-UP OF GAMBLING

Action Parallels Similar Measures Taken in Adjacent Counties

THEATRE BANK NIGHTS, SUIT CLUBS, INCLUDED

Police Directed to Launch Drive Against All Forms of Gambling

In compliance with many requests received from various parts of the county, District Attorney Musser W. Gettig yesterday announced that he has asked State Motor Police to wage an intensive drive against all forms of gambling and lottery throughout the county.

Theatre bank nights, suit clubs, furniture clubs, punch boards, slot machines, daily and weekly drawings, bingo games, merchandising schemes and in fact any kind of lottery is to come under the ban, Gettig declared.

Gettig's decision to prohibit all forms of gambling in Centre county resulted from demands from county residents that gambling be outlawed, and was strengthened by the action taken in nearby counties on the same issue in recent weeks.

Rev. C. C. Shuey Is Honored on Birthday

Rev. C. C. Shuey and his family, of East Bishop street, were guests of honor at a dinner given by the officers and teachers of the Methodist Church school Tuesday evening, in the social hall of the church.

The dinner was in honor of Rev. Mr. Shuey's eighty-second birthday, and thirty-fourth year of his superintendency of the Church school. Seventy members of the Church School Board, and their guests, were present.

Lynn Fromm Injured; Car Strikes Bridge

T. Lynn Fromm, of West Logan Street, a salesman for Whiteoak Quarries, Bellefonte, was injured about the right arm, shoulder and leg about 6:15 o'clock Friday night when his car struck a bridge west of Hartleton.

Mr. Fromm was crossing the bridge when a car approaching from the opposite direction skidded across the road, and Fromm pulled to the extreme right to avert a collision. His car skidded into the bridge, damaging the machine about the right front portion. A car following the Fromm car also pulled to the right and skidded into a ditch, but the occupants were uninjured.

Wedding Is Held At Court House Office

At a ceremony performed in the office of Register John L. Wetzel, Saturday morning by Justice of the Peace Harold D. Cowher, of West Bishop Street, Bellefonte, Miss Mildred Herr, aged 20, of Port Matilda, became the bride of Paul Jones, aged 21, of Port Matilda.

Movie Operators Are Granted Charter

The movie projectionists in Bellefonte, Philipsburg, Houtzdale, Ramer, Madera, Osceola and Conipport were granted a charter December 9th, 1938, it was announced this week by the International Alliance of Stage Employees and Motion Picture Operators of United States and Canada, which is affiliated with the American Federation of Labor.

The purpose of the organization is to achieve by mutual endeavor, the improvement of the social and economic conditions of workers identified with the theatrical and moving picture industry.

Mrs. M. C. Piper Marks 85th Year

Wife of Milesburg Pastor Honored on Anniversary of Birthdate

Mrs. M. C. Piper, wife of Rev. Mr. Piper, retired Methodist minister of Milesburg, attained her 85th year on Saturday, January 28th, and in honor of the occasion the ladies of the Methodist church assembled on Friday evening with a basket of beautiful flowers from Woodring's Floral Gardens.

The evening was spent in a very pleasurable way. Mrs. Vera Rossman conducted an interesting program. Rev. D. D. Kauffman, pastor of the church, led in prayer, and the hymn, "Blest be the Tie That Binds," was sung. This was followed by several short readings. Mrs. (Continued on Page Eight)

APPLIANCE DEALERS PLAN YEAR'S PROGRAM

Over 30 electric appliance dealers were present at a sales promotion meeting held in the Episcopal Parish House on Tuesday evening which was sponsored by the West Penn Power Co.

Comparative sales figures for the past several years were given to show the increase in the various household appliances now in use. Sales promotion plans for the year 1939 were revealed, showing an optimistic view for increased sales activity in this vicinity.

Man Injured When Bus Strikes Truck

When a Lakes-to-Sea bus crashed into the rear of an ash truck at Nittany, Tuesday morning, George N. Dolan, of Howard, suffered several fractured ribs and other minor injuries.

Dolan, engaged in shoveling ashes from the truck onto the icy highway, was thrown from the vehicle by the impact, his body breaking the windshield of the bus. His left side was injured when it struck the end-gate of the truck.

10 Anglers Sign For Fly-Tying Classes

Up until late yesterday a total of ten fishermen in Bellefonte and vicinity had signed for a course in fly-tying to be given under the sponsorship of S. H. Poorman, of South Water street. Registrations for the class will be accepted until February 10.

The first class, with Hassall Loss, well known local angler as chief instructor, will be held late this month. Student kits, including all equipment and materials needed for the classes, may be purchased at cost from Mr. Poorman, or may be obtained elsewhere. No charge of any kind will be made for the instruction offered.

Major R. T. Smith Resigns

Major Ralph T. Smith of Harrisburg, yesterday tendered his resignation as Comptroller in the Department of Military Affairs at Harrisburg. The post carries an annual salary of \$4,200. Major Smith, formerly of Bellefonte, and son of Mr. and Mrs. Morton Smith of this city, has been located in Harrisburg for the past four years.

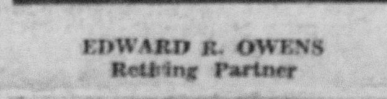
Partner Retires



MARK W. WILLIAMS New Bellefonte Hardware Owner

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The new owner announced yesterday that the Bellefonte Hardware Company, established 19 years ago, will retain the same name. Present employees at the establishment, James H. Williams, Lloyd A. Stover and Philip B. Shuey also will be retained.



EDWARD R. OWENS Retiring Partner

Plan Gala Flag Day Celebration

Flag Day, June 14, will be a red letter day in Bellefonte, if plans now under consideration materialize. For on that date a district meeting of the American Legion is to mark a celebration the like of which has probably never been seen in this community.

Flag Day services on the Diamond, a mammoth street parade with worthwhile prizes being offered to visiting firemen and musical organizations, a festival, and several dances at local bright spots are being planned for the day's program.

Rotary Club To Get Charter At Dinner

Charter Night will be observed by the newly organized Rotary Club of Bellefonte at a dinner and meeting to be held at the Brockerhoff Hotel, Monday night, February 6, at 7 o'clock.

A feature of the program will be the presentation of the club's charter by Walter M. Kirkman, of Baltimore, Md., District Governor of Rotary for this district. Mr. Kirkman is scheduled to be one of the speakers of the evening. R. J. Kennard, president of the State College club, will preside as toastmaster.

Commissioners Get Grant For Poor Home

The County Commissioners have received a check for \$37,992.50 as the first payment on the PWA fund for the Centre county poor home now under construction in Bellefonte.

The total amount of the federal grant is \$104,386, and the amount to be supplied by the county is \$127,584. Work on the building is progressing rapidly, with steel construction now under way. The foundations are completed and the boilers are to be set in place within a week or so.

College Man Breaks Sculler

D. W. Dedrick of State College, retired Penn State professor, suffered a fractured shoulder about 7 o'clock Tuesday night when he fell on South Allen street, State College. After receiving treatment at a physician's office he was taken to his home in the Peoples' Bank building.

Local Store Is Sold To M. W. Williams

Bellefonte Hardware Company Partner Purchases E. R. Owens' Half-Interest

HAS HAD 31 YEARS OF BUSINESS EXPERIENCE

Will Retain Name, Location And Personnel; Owens to Manage Real Estate

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U. S. Has Small Standing Army

Kiwanis Speaker Says It Would Require Year to Equip, Train Fighting Force

Captain Herbert M. Beezer, commanding officer of Machine Gun Troop, 103rd Cavalry, Bellefonte, spoke on the military affairs of the federal and state governments and explained the functions of the local troop, in an address before the Bellefonte Kiwanis Club at the organization's weekly luncheon, Tuesday.

There are in the regular army approximately 150,000 men, he stated. The National Guard of the various states numbers about 210,000. Members of the Officers' Reserve Training Corps could staff an additional army of 200,000. The United States (Continued on page four)

Petition Council For Police Car

Business Men Support Move; May Also Seek Installation of Signaling System

Bellefonte Council, at its regular meeting Monday night, will be asked to purchase an automobile for the use of the Borough Police, and may also be asked to install some kind of signaling system to facilitate calling police when needed.

Rebekah Lodge To Award Jewels

Members of Crystal Springs Rebekah Lodge No. 25, will hold a banquet at the Penn Belle Hotel, Friday evening, February 3, at 7:00 o'clock. Members of Port Matilda and Philipsburg lodges will also attend.

Child Painfully Scalded

Charles Leathers, 3-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Leathers, of near Howard, is recovering in the Centre County Hospital from burns received when he fell into a tub of scalding water while his mother was washing, Saturday. The child suffered burns about the face, shoulders and hands. His condition is not serious.

Yarnell Woman Injured

Mrs. Yarnell Emshelzer, of Yarnell, was injured last Wednesday when her car skidded into an embankment near the Advent cemetery. Two companions in the car were unhurt. Mrs. Emshelzer received treatment at the offices of a Bellefonte physician for a severe laceration and bruises of the forehead and bruises about one knee.

Hold Hearing On Teachers' Tenure Act

Myra M. Boone, Beech Creek, Appears on Charge of Incompetence

TWP. SCHOOL BOARD SERVES AS TRIBUNAL

Decision May Be Appealed to Court; Is First Action of Kind in County

Charged with incompetence, Myra M. Boone, of Beech Creek, teacher of the Fishing Creek school along the Nittany Valley Highway east of Bellefonte appeared at a public hearing held in the matter in the offices of attorney P. Paul Campbell, Criders Exchange building, Bellefonte, last night. The Spring Township School Board acted as the tribunal.

The hearing was the first held in Centre county over the application of the state teachers' tenure act passed by the 1937 legislature. Miss Boone was represented at last night's proceedings by Attorney Musser W. Gettig, while in the absence of Mr. Campbell, who is ill, former Judge M. Ward Fleming represented the school board.

The "judges" in the case, with whom decision of the matter rests, are the members of the township school board, namely: Edward V. Rhoads, president; R. E. Malone, secretary; Mrs. Clara Barnhart, Mrs. Bella B. Grove and Larue Haze.

Titan Credit Union Elects

Employees' Group, Beginning With Capital of \$3.25 Pays 5% Dividend in 1938

A 5 per cent dividend was paid in 1938 to some 223 stockholders in the Titan Employees' Credit Union. It was reported at the annual meeting of the group in the Court House, Friday night. In the two years since the unit's organization under a federal charter, a total of 360 loans amounting to \$13,232.82 have been made with a loss of only \$7.82, it was reported.

State Policeman Slain By Veteran

Corp. George Naughton, Formerly of Rockview, Victim of Shotgun Blast

Corporal George D. Naughton, veteran member of the state motor police, formerly stationed at Rockview barracks and widely known throughout Centre county, was shot through the heart late Monday while pleading with a 54-year-old WPA worker and ex-miner to surrender.

The shooting occurred in the village of Clarksville, 20 miles east of Washington, Pa., in a three-story stone building where the ex-miner, Frank Palanzo, 34, boarded with Mr. and Mrs. Patsy Marlin.

Ice Skating Rink At Hughes' Field

A public ice-skating rink is to be opened in Bellefonte this weekend — if the weather is cold enough to freeze ice to a safe depth.

The rink, being conducted under the sponsorship of the Bellefonte Kiwanis Club, will be located at the swimming pool at the Hughes Athletic field, East Bishop street. Permission to use the property was granted by James C. Furst, attorney for the owners, and water to fill the pool to a depth of about four feet is being donated free of charge by the Borough. Water has been turned into the pool and all that is required to make the project a going concern is sub-freezing weather.

Milesburg Store Is Damaged By Fire

Damage estimated at approximately \$500 resulted from a fire at the H. Lykens & Sons Clover Farm store in the Miles estate building at Milesburg shortly after 9 o'clock last Thursday morning.

Son Is Born

A son was born Sunday at the Lock Haven Hospital to Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Neidich, of State College.

6 Hurt When Car Hits Sled At Snow Shoe

Two Undergo Hospital Treatment; One Victim Pinned Under Auto After Crash

BLANCHARD YOUTH HAS SEVERE LIVER INJURY

In Local Hospital After Fall From Sled; All Reported to be Recovering

Coasting accidents in Snow Shoe and Blanchard, Saturday, claimed seven victims, three of whom were seriously injured. Six Snow Shoe boys were injured when the large sled on which they were riding struck a car while a Blanchard youth suffered internal injuries in a fall from his sled.

The most seriously injured boy is Charles Shaw, 15, of Snow Shoe, who is receiving treatment at the Philipsburg State hospital for fractures of the left thigh, leg and ankle.

Robert Swartz, 11, was brought to the Centre County Hospital for treatment of a fracture of the left leg and severe bruises. Thomas Stidler, 12, was treated at the offices of a Snow Shoe physician for severe lacerations of the left leg and cuts about the body.

Local Girls Injured In Coasting Accident

Two Bellefonte girls were painfully injured in a coasting accident on North Allegheny street, Friday night. They are Miss Dorothy Stevens, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. R. L. Stevens, of East Curtin street, and Miss Anne Dorworth, of East Linn street, daughter of William J. Dorworth, of Philadelphia.

The girls were coasting down Allegheny street toward Fifth avenue on a cutter when a youth on a small sled is said to have pulled in front of the cutter, upsetting it. Miss Stevens was thrown over both sleds, landing on her head on the icy road. Miss Dorworth also was thrown to the road and both girls were unconscious for a time.

Rev. Neilson Accepts Call

The Rev. David Neilson presented his resignation as pastor of the Church of Christ of Blanchard to his congregation at the service Sunday morning to accept a pastorate at Indianapolis, Ind., which will give him the opportunity to pursue post graduate study at the Theological Seminary there. He has been pastor of the Blanchard-Howard charge for the past ten years with much success, and his resignation came as a surprise to his congregation.

Brachbill's February Sale Opens Today

The annual February clearance sale at Brachbill's furniture store opened this Thursday morning with prices cut from 30 to 40 per cent on all items. Featuring the better grades of moderate priced furniture, the current sale offers an unusual opportunity to purchase high quality bedroom, dining room and living room suites, as well as odd pieces, at exceptional bargains.

Cars Meet on Icy Road

In a collision on a rural road near Shingleton Tuesday night cars driven by Hammill Kline, of State College, R. D., and Don T. Adams, of Johnstown, were slightly damaged but no one was injured. The machines were traveling in opposite directions and collided in attempting to pass on the narrow and icebound road.

State Auditors Here

The semi-annual audit of the accounts in the Centre County Court House offices is now being made by auditors from the State Department of Revenue. Records of the Prothonotary, Register, Recorder and Treasurer are to be included in the audit.

COUNTY TO GET REFUND OF \$1,553 FROM TWO OFFICES

P. O. S. of A. Protest Rejection of School Building Program

Audit of Prothonotary's Accounts Shows \$1,388 Due Under Old Law

RECORDER TO RETURN \$164 OF YEAR'S PROFITS

Officials Must Refund Half of Net Earnings in Excess of \$3000

Train Enroute Here Is Wrecked

Bald Eagle Valley Passenger Local Derails at Switch West of Tyrone

The locomotive, tender, two baggage cars, a combination baggage and mail car and a milk car on Train No. 500, Bald Eagle Valley passenger local, were derailed on the main line at Grazer tower, two miles west of Tyrone Tuesday morning at about 7:50 o'clock, the exact cause of the derailment not being determined.

The train, which was due in Bellefonte at 8:42 o'clock, was going east and was crossing a switch when the entire train, with the exception of two passenger coaches in the rear, was derailed, running several hundred feet before coming to a stop. The track for this distance was badly damaged.

The two trucks of the tender were completely sheared off, the tender dropping to the rails, while the trucks were under the forward part of the baggage car next to the tender. Both the engine and tender tilted at an angle but not in a dangerous position. (Continued on page five)

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NEWSPAPERS ARE WARNED

The following communication received by The Centre Democrat through the Bellefonte Postoffice is self-explanatory:

POSTOFFICE DEPARTMENT OFFICE OF THE SOLICITOR WASHINGTON January 29, 1939.

Postmaster, Bellefonte, Pennsylvania. My dear Sir: The attention of this office has been called to an article which appeared on page one of the December 15, 1938, issue of "The Centre Democrat" relative to a plan conducted by your local merchants in which a ticket is given with each fifty-cent purchase, entitling the holder to participate in a drawing for prizes.

This scheme is a lottery and under Section 601 P. L. & R. 1932, all matter of every kind in any way relating thereto is accordingly unmailable.

Please invite the attention of the publishers to the enclosed copy of Section 213 of the United States Penal Code 18 U. S. C. 336, in order that they may not deposit such matter in the mails in the future.

Yours very truly, VINCENT M. MILES, Solicitor.

There is little upon which to comment except to emphasize the future course of this newspaper of refraining hereafter from publishing any reference to schemes or plans where prizes are awarded by drawing. This, it will be apparent, is compulsory in order to avoid the penalty of having the newspaper barred from the mails.