

3 CLARENCE BOYS KILLED

DIE INSTANTLY WHEN SLED CRASHES INTO COAL TRUCK

4th Boy Critically Injured; All Were Riding on Small Sled Near Mine

DRIVER IS ABSOLVED BY CORONER'S JURY

Funeral Today For Two Brothers; 3rd Victim is Brother of Injured Boy

Death accompanied a group of four Clarence boys on a sled ride down a winding ice-covered mine road Monday evening, and when the sled ended three of the youths were dead.

Striking around a right curve the small sled carrying the four boys, one on top of another, pancake fashion, crashed into the rear wheels of an empty truck enroute to the mine for a load of coal.

The dead are: Paul Confer, 14, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Confer, near Clarence.

Edward Cole, aged 12, son of Mrs. Agnes Witherite, of Clarence.

Cole's older brother, Robert, aged 14, is in grave condition at the Phillipsburg hospital.

Man Injured As Car Strikes Bus

Harold Frazier, 28, Axemann, in Hospital After Machine Skids Over Road

In a collision between a car and bus near Axemann, about 8:30 o'clock Friday morning, Harold Frazier, 28, of near Axemann, driver of the car, suffered a deep laceration of the forehead, laceration of the chin and chest injuries.

Frazier's head struck the windshield, rendering him unconscious, and he received chest injuries when he was hurled against the steering wheel.

The machine met head-on, and neither of them was able to proceed under its own power.

The accident was investigated by Private John Amick, of the Pleasant Gap sub-station, State Motor Police.

Organist, Minister In Jitters As Bird Struggles In Organ

A bat in a church belfry is nothing to write home about, but when you get a starling in one of the large pipes of a church organ, you have something. Ask any good Presbyterian.

Services at the Bellefonte Presbyterian church Sunday morning were conducted with extreme difficulty for just that reason.

When the services finally drew to a welcome end, deacons, elders and others held a conference. The bird, they opined, should be removed to the great outdoors.

So with the aid of Janitor Eckenroth ladders were secured, poles, strings and wires assembled, and the luckless fowl was fished from the deep recesses of the lowest B-flat pipe.

Ira Thomas To Speak At Father-Son Dinner

The date of the Annual Father and Son Banquet sponsored by the Bellefonte Y. M. C. A. has been changed to Friday evening, February 24 to enable Ira Thomas, scout for the Philadelphia Athletics, to be here as the featured speaker.

FEW CASES FOR GRAND JURY

Only Six Indictments Listed For Presentation; Nine Defendants Involved

Only six bills of indictment are scheduled for presentation to the February Grand Jury when that body convenes here Monday morning, according to a list prepared by District Attorney Musser W. Gettig.

The chief reason for the abbreviated Grand Jury list is that more than a score of defendants waived.

Boys Charged With Attempted Hold-Up

Charles W. Moser, aged 19, of Burnham, and E. Brown Johnson, 19, of Lewisport, were taken into custody in their respective towns Tuesday night by State Motor Police and Lewisport officers.

Johnson was suffering from a superficial bullet wound of the left eyelid where a shot fired by W. J. Bumgardner, proprietor of the service station, struck him.

Police report that Johnson recovered a few moments after leaving the station and that the pair drove to Reedsville when their car stopped for lack of gasoline.

Name New Teacher Fishing Creek School

As an aftermath of a hearing last Wednesday night on the application of the Teachers' Tenure Act in the case of Myra M. Boone, of Beech Creek, teacher of the Fishing Creek school along the Nittany Valley Highway east of Bellefonte, a new teacher has been named for the school.

The board chose for the position R. A. Derr, of Pleasant Gap, a native of Montgomery county who until recently was employed at the Pleasant Gap Hatchery.

Ranville Woman Seriously Ill. Mrs. Henry Confer, of Ranville, who has been in ill health for some time, last Wednesday while walking to the home of her son for a brief visit fell and fractured her hip.

160 Attend Rotary Club Charter Nite

Visiting Clubs Shower Gifts on New Organization at 'Birthday' Dinner

DEAN A. R. WARNOCK OUTLINES OBJECTIVES

Group Begins Life With 21 Members; Bell Presented By Sponsoring Unit

Bellefonte gave birth to a lusty, promising infant at the Brockerhoff Hotel Monday night when the charter for the newly-formed Rotary Club was presented at a dinner and meeting of some 160 Rotarians and their guests from all parts of Central Pennsylvania.

The club begins life with the following assets: 21 charter members, an abundance of enthusiasm, the well wishes of scores of neighboring clubs, and a slogan—"He Profits Most Who Serves the Best."

Overseers Begin Fight For Jobs

Commissioners Ordered to Show Cause Why Officials Are Not Being Employed

A writ of alternative mandamus was issued by the local courts this week commanding the Centre County Commissioners, in their capacity as the officers of the County Institution District, to show cause why they should not employ Lewis Holmka and Thomas Byron, former poor overseers of Phillipsburg borough, in the liquidation of the affairs of the poor district.

When the county system of administering aid to the poor required the former district method, January 1, 1938, it was understood that under the terms of the State regulations the poor overseers were to be employed at their usual salaries until their terms expired.

Court Rules Against Special Gregg Tax

Because the Centre County Commissioners failed to appear in court to establish their freedom from responsibility for maintenance of a Gregg township man in a State institution, Judge Wallace Smith, of Clearfield county, in an opinion filed here this week finds Centre county responsible for the payment of \$1,835.94 to the Danville State Hospital.

Legal action in the matter resulted when the Commissioners announced their intention of levying a special tax in Gregg township to take care of the hospital bill.

Youth Movement Film To Be Shown

"Youth Marches On," a film short sponsored by the Youth Movement, will be shown in the State Theatre, State College, this Thursday and Friday at both matinee and evening shows.

Cecil Brodhurst, a Canadian, who carried the lead, as well as other members of the cast, is identified with the Youth Movement. The film was produced in England by the Oxford Group, whose founder was Dr. Frank N. D. Buchman, former Y. M. C. A. secretary at Penn State.

Benefit Dance at Centre Hall. A round and square dance for the benefit of the Centre Hall Woman's Club will be held at the Centre Hall High School building Wednesday night, February 22, from 9 to 1 o'clock.

SKATING EXPERT



Miss Marie McCormick (above) of Tulsa, Oklahoma, announces plans to give instructions in ice skating at the public rink opened this week at the Hughes Athletic Field swimming pool, East Bishop Street, Bellefonte.

Scouts To Mark 29th Anniversary

Celebration in Court House Thursday Night Will Include Presentation of Awards

Boy Scouts of Bellefonte as well as Scouts all over the United States and its outlying possessions, will observe the birthday of the Boy Scout movement in America which was begun in 1910.

The district committee is expected to be present to advance a number of Scouts to Star and Life ranks.

Epidemic Among Hogs In Benner Township

A disease, which so far has not been diagnosed, has been claiming the lives of many hogs in the Benner township area, it is reported.

According to reports a kind of animal plague has been spreading among the hogs, but the cause of the deaths of the other hogs has not been determined.

Weather Delays Opening of Rink

Members of the Kiwanis committee in charge of arranging for a public ice skating rink at the pond at the Hughes Athletic field, East Bishop street, yesterday reported that the only factor delaying the opening of the rink is ice of sufficient thickness.

During the weekend a thin coating of ice covered the pool, but it was melted out by the sun through. Because the broken ice presented a rough surface, more water was added and the committee now hopes for at least several days of sub-freezing weather to make the rink usable.

Fire Near Centre Hall. The milk shed and wash house on the farm of Larue Decker, a short distance east of Centre Hall, were destroyed by fire of undetermined origin about 9:30 o'clock yesterday morning. Effective work by the Centre Hall Fire Company saved the house from destruction after a portion of the building caught fire.

Hearing to be Held In Boggs School Case

Discontent Over Centralization Leads to Mandamus Against Officials

TAXPAYERS SEEK NEW SCHOOL AT RUNVILLE

Claim Present Building Unsanitary, Dangerous, Overcrowded

Long heard mutterings of discontent among some taxpayers of Boggs township over school conditions in that district will come to a head in the Court Room here next Friday morning, February 17, when a hearing will be held before Judge Ivan Walker in mandamus proceedings instituted against the County Superintendent of Schools, H. Geisinger, chairman of a committee from the American Legion, who declared that W. I. Scott, N. Y. A. administrator in this area, has agreed to furnish 15 boys to level off the tract.

Action on the proposed establishment of a playground at the Phoenix Mill property and the reading of an ordinance to curb radio interference featured a regular meeting of Bellefonte Borough Council at the Logan House, Monday night.

Sportsmen Hear Fish Culturist

Announce Plan to Study Migration of Fish in Spring Creek, Near Bellefonte

The regular monthly meeting of the Pleasant Gap Sportsmen's Association was held in the Pleasant Gap Fire Hall on Monday evening, February 6. Plans were furthered for the shooting match to be held by the club on February 18 and also for the construction of a permanent rifle range near the Pleasant Gap baseball diamond.

A report was also received on the activities of the Future Sportsmen of Pleasant Gap group. This club has a membership of thirty-six boys in the world of thought and action.

Burned In Attempt To Hasten Fire

Rex Lilledahl, aged 32, is reported to be resting comfortably at his home on North Thomas street after suffering severe burns about the upper legs and hands Saturday morning while at work at the Sutton Engineering plant.

According to reports Lilledahl threw what he believed to be fuel oil on a low fire at the plant, in an effort to hasten the fire. It is believed the can was filled with gasoline for use in the resulting explosion.

P. O. S. of A. Official To Address Camps

On Monday, February 13, a county meeting of the P. O. S. of A. and P. O. S. of A. will be held in the Centre Hall Camp rooms in the Penns Valley Bank Building, The State Secretary, Charles B. Helms, will be present and will be the speaker of the evening. This is a public meeting and the public is extended a cordial invitation to attend.

A. M. E. Church To Hold Bazaar. The dates that have been set for the A. M. E. church of Bellefonte for their "Big Bazaar" which is to be conducted in the form of a "Village Store" in the Bush Arcade Building on High street, are Thursday, Friday, Saturday, February 23, 24, 25. Commodities of every description will be on sale, including groceries and bakery goods.

Commissioner in Accident. A sedan driven by County Commissioner Alfred N. Bowersox, of State College, and a truck operated by D. W. Bingham, of Lewisport, collided at the Black Barn near Axemann about 11 o'clock Friday morning. The accident was caused by ice on the highway. No one was injured, but both vehicles were damaged to some extent.

Council Acts To Establish Play Ground

Sanctions NYA Project at Phoenix Mill Property; Will Involve No Expense

CONSIDER LAW TO BAN RADIO INTERFERENCE

Authorize Revision of Ordinance Book; Carpeneto Named to Do Work

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Makes Plea For Thompson Plan

Local Educator Asks Government to Reconsider Opposition to Bill

James R. Hughes, former headmaster and owner of the Bellefonte Academy, and a member of the Bellefonte School Board, in a letter to Governor Arthur James this week made a strong plea that the Governor reconsider his opposition to the Thompson School plan.

Mr. Hughes declares in his letter that "I sincerely believe that the Thompson Plan or one very similar to it, if carried out to its full intent and purpose, would prove a most beneficial and popular enterprise throughout the state. It surely would develop many more intelligent citizens to become leaders in the world of thought and action."

Saturday Last Day To Sign for Fly-Tying

S. H. Poorman, sponsor of a fly-tying course to begin in Bellefonte this month, last night announced that approximately 30 local anglers have signed for the series of six free classes to be conducted by Hassall Loss of Bellefonte.

The classes, which will begin sometime during the week of February 20, will be held in the vacant store room in the Bush Arcade building, West High street, formerly occupied by the Bellefonte Bakery.

Local Man Ranks High At Audition

Wayne A. Bryan, aged 35, of North Spring street, Bellefonte, son of Mrs. Mary Bryan, of Milesburg, was chosen as one of the eight best singers of a group of 120 who were given auditions by the Metropolitan Company in New York City on January 26.

Mr. Bryan's achievement is of particular significance when it is considered that he entered the competition against persons from all parts of the United States, Italy and Vienna. His program included numbers in several foreign languages as well as in the English tongue.

Friday and Saturday will be "Cat and Dog Days" at the Hazel and Company store. Many items which have not moved as rapidly as had been anticipated and which have been around the store a trifle too long, have been gathered together and priced with but one view in mind—to get rid of them.

BURGLARY GANG SENTENCED AT SPECIAL COURT MONDAY

To Examine Sanity Of Robber Who Asked For I. O. U.

THIRTEEN PLEAD GUILTY TO LIQUOR VIOLATIONS

Docket Cleared as More Than Score of Defendants Waive Grand Jury Action

A would-be robber from Rush township who asked his intended victim to write out an "I. O. U." when the victim contended he didn't have any cash at the time, was remanded to the county jail here Monday morning after he had entered a plea of guilty before Judge Ivan Walker.

The Court, apparently believing that "I. O. U.'s" are not being asked for even by the best robbers, ordered a sanitary commission appointed to examine the mental condition of the shotgun hold-up man.

CHURCH HERE IS PLANNED

A. S. Ray Donates Howard Street Plot to Congregation For New Edifice

If plans announced this week by the congregation of the Christian and Missionary Alliance church are carried through, Bellefonte will have a substantial and dignified new church building before the present year ends.

The proposed new edifice is to be erected on the north side of East Howard street, just opposite the entrance to the Union cemetery, on a large plot of ground donated to the congregation by Ambrose S. Ray, well known East Howard street resident.

Sportsmen Meet At Port Matilda

At the recent meeting of the Port Matilda Sportsmen Association the following officers were elected for the coming year:

President, Jerry Sager; let vice president, Howard Thomas; 2nd vice president, George Rhule; secretary, C. Paul Zeigler; treasurer, A. Q. Williams; board of directors, O. C. Spackman, C. A. Smith, Cliff Sigel, A. B. Bennett, Morris Davis, and Fay Wallace as the member representing this association at the County Federation meetings.

McCoy Family Files Suit Against Boro

John McCoy, Anna McCoy and Kate D. Shugart, of Bellefonte, on Monday instituted a suit against the Bellefonte Borough Authority for \$2,500 damages for lands taken in condemnation proceedings now under way to provide a site for the proposed sewage disposal plant.

The tract of land is located at the upper end of the Fair Ground, north of Bellefonte. A board of viewers named to place a valuation upon the tract placed its value at \$1,000. The McCoy family appealed to the Court from that valuation, and the appeal is now pending.

Monday's legal action comprises a slightly different legal method of attaining the same end. The McCoy's have consistently valued their property at \$2,500. They are represented by Judge James C. Furst, while attorneys for the Bellefonte Borough Authority are Fleming & Litke, Bellefonte.

George Lucas, 20, Reputed Leader, Gets 3 to 6 Years in Penitentiary

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Six youths charged with participating in the recent wave of burglaries in Bellefonte and vicinity entered pleas of guilty at a special session of court here Monday morning and were given sentences ranging from 3 to 6 years in the penitentiary to 3 years probation.

Thirteen defendants from various parts of the county, charged with violations of the State liquor laws were sentenced to pay fines totaling \$2,000 or to undergo imprisonment in the county jail for a total of 669 days. Several other defendants were sentenced by Judge Ivan Walker at Monday's session, clearing the criminal docket for the regular February term of court, which will convene on February 27.

Bellefonte D. A. R. Meet at State College

The Bellefonte Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution held its February meeting at the University Club in State College on Thursday evening, February 2nd.

The Chapter went on record as requesting everyone to rise when the American flag and the words of the "Star Spangled Banner" are thrown on the screen at the theatres.

The Committee again sold gingerbread, the proceeds going to the Kenmore Association. The Hospital Committee reported that the card party held for the benefit of the D. A. R. room in the Centre County Hospital was quite successful and thanked all who participated.

Pleasant Gap Stages Novel Entertainment

On Thursday and Friday of this week the Pleasant Gap Fire Company will sponsor a play "Just a Girl For Jimmy." The characters are represented by people selected from the Logan Grange Drama Club who have won considerable recognition in this area.

The play although presented at the Grange Hall by the Grange Dramatic Club, is sponsored by the Pleasant Gap Fire Company who will share in the proceeds. Citizens interested in adequate fire protection are urged to support the Company by attending the entertainment. Admission will be 35 cents for adults and 20 cents for children.

To Aid With Tax Returns

Postmaster George R. Meek, of Bellefonte, announces that a special deputy revenue collector will be at the collector's office at the post office building, Bellefonte, on Friday and Saturday, March 3 and 4 to help any who may need help in making out their income tax returns. There will be no charge for the service.

KEEPING UP WITH LOCAL HISTORY

DO YOU KNOW That free mail delivery in Bellefonte was started July 14, 1890. The first city carriers were John Wagner, James Bayard, John Baer and Thomas Benner.