

FIRE DESTROYS HIGH SCHOOL

Loss Totals \$150,000 as 900 Pupils March to Safety; Classes To Resume Soon in Academy

5 COMPANIES BATTLE BLAZE

In one of the most amazing and destructive fires ever to occur in Bellefonte, the 29-year-old high school building at the corner of Allegheny and Linn streets was destroyed Monday morning.

Alarm System Is Undependable, Probe Reveals

As the result of an informal inquiry into the high school fire, conducted Tuesday night at the Council chambers by the Bellefonte Fire Department, the only feature which showed up in a poor light was the 30-year-old fire siren atop the Centre County jail—the chief means whereby firemen are notified that their services are needed.

BOARD ACTS IN EMERGENCY

High School classes are expected to resume Monday, February 27, at the Bellefonte Academy. It was announced late yesterday by Earl K. Stock, supervising principal of the Bellefonte public schools.

Flames Sweep Through School Building



This photo, snapped not more than 10 minutes after the first flame broke through the roof, gives some idea of the speed with which the fire spread. View was taken from the old gas works site, on West Lamb Street.

TWO DROWN AS CAR SKIDS AND TOPPLES INTO CREEK

Woman's Club To Replace Coats Lost In Blaze

The Bellefonte Woman's Club yesterday announced that the club will replace coats lost in Monday's fire at the high school, in cases where the families cannot replace the lost items.

William Kline, 21, and Anthony Benzie, 17, Victims of Tragedy Near Town

Two Bellefonte youths were drowned early Saturday night when their car skidded out of deep icy ruts on the Spring Creek road, skidded crazily along for a short distance and plunged upside down into four feet of mud and water in the dam, a short distance above what is known as the "Horse Hole," two miles southwest of Bellefonte.

Dr. Corman Buys Weiser Property

At a public sale of the property of the late E. E. Weiser, of State College, Pa., Dr. Corman of Bellefonte, Saturday, six properties were disposed of at a total of \$13,572.99, subject to mortgages against each one.

DIE WHILE STRUGGLING TO ESCAPE FROM SEDAN

Machine in Stream Discovered by Pedestrian; Rescue Efforts Fail

SCHOOLMEN TO CONVENE

County Directors to Hold 52d Annual Meeting at Court House, Feb. 23

Morning and afternoon sessions are scheduled for the 52d annual meeting of the Centre County School Directors' Association to be held at the Court House on Thursday, February 23. County Superintendent of School F. Glenn Rogers announces.

Joe Miller Presides At State Conference

Joseph E. Miller, senior investigator at the state department of justice offices on West High street, Bellefonte, substituted for Conrail Butler, Supervisor of Pardon, State Office of Pardons, and presiding officer at the 19th annual conference of the State Parole Association, held at the Hotel William Penn, Pittsburgh, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of this week.

Falls Into Ice Water

Rex Gordon, an employee of the West Penn Power Company here had an unexpected plunge into the icy waters of Spring Creek at the McCoy dam north of Bellefonte last Thursday afternoon while he and several fellow employees were adjusting a splashboard at the dam.

N. A. STAPLES NAMED TO \$6,000 HIGHWAY POST

The appointment of N. A. Staples of Harrisburg, as engineer of District No. 6, with headquarters at Philadelphia, was announced recently by Secretary of Highways I. Lamont Hughes. The post pays \$6,000 a year.

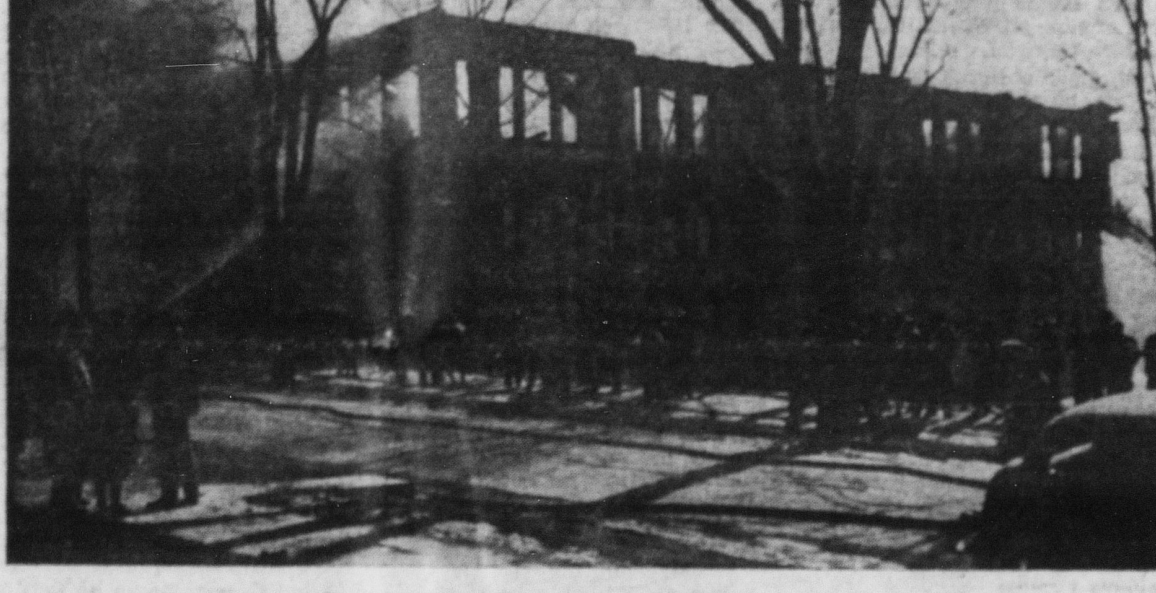
Townsend Meeting

There will be a Townsend meeting in the Court House Friday, February 17, at 7:30 p. m. Every one is invited.

Lewis Wallace Sole Remaining Contractor Who Helped Erect High School Building

Recalling the early history of the present fire-ravished Bellefonte High school building reveals Lewis Wallace, a former resident, now living at Akron, Ohio, as the only survivor of the group of contractors who were engaged to erect the building. Time has also removed the building committee, whose efforts were instrumental in bringing it to a successful completion.

SPARKS AND EMBERS as they fell by the wayside



This scene, taken from West Linn street, one and one-half hours after photo above, shows smoldering remains of 29-year-old building after the blaze was under control.

Finds Invitation 125 Years Old

In leafing through an old medical book at the Centre County Hospital recently John E. Sommerville, of East Bishop street, came upon the following invitation: "Washington's Birth Night The Company of Dr. D. Dobbs"

Local Couple Wedded 50 Years

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. McGinley, Both Bellefonte Natives, Observe Anniversary

Wanders From Home; Suffers From Cold

Lewis Whitehill, aged 3 years, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Whitehill, of Near Linder Hall, suffered frozen feet and legs as the result of being lost for nearly four hours near his home Saturday.

N.Y.A. Supervisor Outlines Work

Entire Program Based on Effort to Maintain Morale of Idle Boys and Girls

Free Sauer Kraut Supper At Meeting

Today, Thursday, a regular monthly meeting of the Brotherhood will be held in the Pleasant Gap Lutheran church at 7:30 p. m.

Why We Should Be Thankful

One of the bright spots remaining from the school house catastrophe is the realization that no lives were lost. Out of the ruins arises the comforting thought that had it not been for the well-directed fire drills maintained by the teachers and faculty, panic and its attendant train of death and injury would surely have followed.

CAR KILLS BOY COASTER

Boyd Kling, Jr., Aged 5, Bellefonte, is Victim; Driver is Exonerated

The first fatal coasting accident in Bellefonte in many years, Boyd Edward Kling, Jr., aged 5, of East Lamb Street, was killed instantly early Saturday morning when the sled on which he was coasting crashed into a car on East Linn Street, at the Ridge street crossing.

School Fire Causes Change of Program

Owing to the destruction of the high school building, an address scheduled to have been made there by Ira Thomas, Connie Mack's associate in big league baseball, will be held in the Court House instead.

Five True Bills Found By Jury

Only Five Criminal Cases Listed For Trial at February Court

Completing its work in record time the Grand Jury for the February term of court in less than a week Monday acted upon five bills of indictment and made a survey of the County property.

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