

Begin Move for New High School Site

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Interested in having the high school property moved to a new location may be a bit difficult for the layman to grasp. It is contended that modern practice in most school districts is to locate high school buildings in sparsely settled outlying regions. This gives the advantage of plenty of room for future expansion; provides space for sports; keeps students out of the business district, with its consequent distractions, and otherwise is more suitable for pupils. It is claimed.

Also advanced in favor of the proposal is the fact that the site of the old high school building, the commons in the rear, and the old gas plant site adjacent, could be sold off most profitably for building lots. The Dale school building on Allegheny street, the Army building on Spring street, and the Bishop street building would provide ample room for grade schools, they claim, because seventh and eighth grade pupils would be provided for in the new high school building.

Whether or not the proposal will meet with any measure of public approbation remains to be seen. Those who have voiced objections to the change in sites claim there is virtually no water pressure at the extreme end of East Bishop street; the borough lines would have to be extended to include the school property; most students would have a longer distance to travel in getting to and from school; and the school board would have to scrap its efforts of many years in acquiring land and buildings in the vicinity of the present site.

Howard Men Are Injured

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According to reports Paul Fletcher was driving at the time and the car was proceeding toward the top of a hill when a machine approached from the opposite direction. A car had stopped on the brow of the hill to take on passengers, and the Fletcher machine, unable to pass the parked machine, crashed into it with great force.

The Howard men were enroute to Altoona to attend a rehearsal of the V. F. W. band, and were to have picked up a fourth man at Clearfield for the trip to Altoona. Calvin Fletcher is employed as WPA timekeeper; Bryant is employed in the Merrill Fletcher store at Howard, and Paul Fletcher is employed in shipping on the Great Lakes.

2 Passenger Trains May Be Discontinued

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would remain at the local postoffice until the following day. According to reports the Pennsylvania Railroad is now conducting a two-week survey of business at all stations along the Bald Eagle Valley Branch, presumably to gather information in regard to the two trains.

If the proposal becomes effective, Bellefonte will be visited only three times daily by passenger trains: the eastbound Lehigh Express, and the westbound Lehigh Express, and the Lewisburg train.

Hear Testimony In School Case

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Neff, a member of the board, claimed the school district is unable to finance any additions to the school. County Superintendent of Schools P. Glenn Rogers proposed that the school day be divided into two sessions, with half the pupils attending one session, and the remainder attending the other session. Mr. Rogers declared that the construction of an addition at Runville would conflict with the County and State plans for a centralization of the Boggs township schools, which calls for the elimination of all one-room schools.

Witnesses for the petitioners included Mrs. Edna Bennett, E. S. Bennett, and Mrs. Pearl E. all of Runville. Their stories pictured an old-fashioned, one-room school, seriously overcrowded, and with most elementary sanitation and lighting conditions.

Officials Praise Work of Firemen

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Director of public safety, declared that no fire department, paid or volunteer, could have prevented the school from destruction. He concurred in the local belief that flames were sent roaring through the warm air ducts by the ventilating fan, and declared that Altoona buildings equipped with the same type of heating systems are "a source of concern to the fire department. Chief Amheiser and Inspector Morrison also were glowing in their praise of the work done by firemen at the school building.

Turning to the Lyons building fire, the visiting officials declared that it is remarkable that only two apartments were damaged by fire when it is considered that the fire involved the entire building and that the flames were confined inside by brick walls and a metal roof. "A paid fire department could have done no better," they stated. Water damage to other apartments and store rooms in the structure could not have been avoided. They pointed out that the only way of combatting such a blaze is to flood the building, since it was impossible to localize the fire in any one section.

The visiting officials were escorted through the ruined buildings by Fire Marshall Philip Saylor and other members of the Bellefonte Fire Department. In both the school and Lyons building blazes, the Trades and Labor companies were given valuable assistance by the Alpha Fire Company of State College and the Milesburg and Pleasant Gap Fire Companies.

The new Penn Tavern at Millheim, is now serving food to the public, a requirement for a period of several weeks before the beer and restaurant license is transferred to the new location of the properties, L. M. Sulcuff. Food supplies in sufficient quantities to meet a restaurant trade is one of the requirements before a license is issued.

Following several days of comparatively warm weather, Centre County residents awoke last Thursday morning to find that the mercury had dropped over night to 8 degrees above zero. Coldest temperature in the previous 24 hours was 28 degrees.

ANNOUNCES ENGAGEMENT TO REBERSBURG MAN

What was intended as a birthday party proved to be an engagement party last Monday evening at Lock Haven when Mrs. Charles Chapman entertained a group of friends at her home on East Bald Eagle street in honor of Miss Frances Smith.

During the evening Miss Smith distributed Valentine announcements of her engagement to Mr. Ralph M. Cummings, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Cummings, of Rebersburg. The wedding is to take place in the Spring.

Miss Smith is the daughter of Mrs. Mary E. Smith, 110 West Bald Eagle street, Lock Haven, and is a graduate of the Lock Haven High school, class of '32, and a registered nurse at the Lock Haven Hospital. After completing her professional training at the West Penn Hospital in Pittsburgh, she looks additional training at John's Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore, Md.

Mr. Cummings is a graduate of the Rebersburg High School and is employed by the New York-Penn. Co. at Lock Haven. Guests at the party were: Mrs. Eugene Young, Mill Hill; Mrs. Alton McCloskey, Mrs. Donald Skoup, Miss May Louise Markel, Miss Ruth Hunt, Miss Ethel Law, of Lock Haven, and Mrs. Clifford Thomas, of Williamsport.

HOWARD CIVIC CLUB HOLDS ANNUAL PARTY

The Civic Club of Howard, held its annual party at the home of Mrs. John Condo, on Thursday evening, Feb. 23. On this occasion the club members entertained their husbands or another guest. The ladies were dressed in Colonial costumes to celebrate the birthday of George Washington.

The entertainment was conducted by Miss Marion Smith, and consisted of a solo "Carry me Back to Old Virginia," by Mrs. Ruth Beck, accompanied by Mrs. Julia DeArment, Games and contests appropriate for Washington's birthday were enjoyed and delicious refreshments were served.

Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. John Condo, Mr. Ruth Beck, Mrs. Mabel MacDowell, Mrs. Doyle Feasick, Mrs. Pfifer, Mrs. Emma Wenzel, Prof. and Mrs. Kemp, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Betz, Mr. and Mrs. Winfield Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. G. Buckley, Mr. and Mrs. DeArment, Mr. and Mrs. Warren Carson, Mr. and Mrs. Gus Eckhardt, Mrs. Gladys Wenzel, Mrs. Harry Butler, Mrs. Molly Pletcher, Miss Marion Smith, Mrs. William Smith, Mrs. Clair Lyons, Mrs. Helen Neff.

NEW CHEMICAL OPENS YOUR POTATOES' EYES

Years ago when a farmer planted potatoes he had to let nature take its course and wait patiently for a crop to mature after planting the seed potatoes, but no so today. The growth of potatoes can now be speeded up considerably so that farmers can get their spuds to market several weeks earlier than in the old days.

The American Petroleum Institute at Rockefeller Center reports the development of a by-product of petroleum refining—ethylene chlorohydrin—which makes potatoes open their eyes and send out sprouts long before not so treated wake up and begin to grow. Special chemicals developed at petroleum laboratories are now being used widely to ripen fruit and to promote growth. Bananas, oranges and tomatoes are extensively ripened with ethylene. Recently substances have been developed for shortening the production season of such trees as peach, pear, plum and cherry.

HOUSEHOLD SCRAPBOOK

Fire Resistant Fabric

To make fabrics resistant to fire, soak the material in a solution of five parts of boric acid, six parts of borax, and 100 parts of water. After soaking the fabric should be squeezed out and hung up to dry.

Buttermilk

Buttermilk is one of the best cosmetics known. Apply it to the face and hands. The milk may be warmed but should not be boiled.

Piano Keys

Be careful when washing the piano keys, to wring the cloth out quite dry, so as not to get any water in between the keys. Polish the keys with a clean dry cloth after washing, and the luster on the ivories will be retained.

Chipped Vase

If a piece is accidentally chipped out of the top of a valued vase, mold a piece of putty into the cavity and paint it the same shade as the rest of the vase.

A Delicious Topping

A delicious topping for pancakes, coffee, biscuits, rolls, muffins, and other breads, is strained honey that has been heated slightly. It may be poured from a small pitcher.

Washing Corduroys

Wash the corduroys carefully, then rinse until the water is clear. Do not squeeze out the water at the last rinsing, but throw the garment over the line in a shady place while dripping wet. This keeps the material soft and fluffy.

Frying Basket

Don't forget, when using a wire basket for frying croquettes, to dip it into the hot fat before putting in the croquettes, so that they will not stick to the basket when done and be difficult to remove.

Play Safe

It doesn't pay to take chances with stain removers on colored fabrics. Try it on the underneath part of the hem of the frock first to see if it affects the color.

Stitching Heavy Fabrics

Before stitching such materials as khaki and heavy duck or canvas, rub the hems and seams with hard yellow soap, and the needle will penetrate easily.

Hat Care

Soft felt and fabric hats will not soil nearly as quickly if they are rubbed over frequently with a face cloth or rubber sponge, used only for this purpose and kept spotlessly clean.

PENN STATE HONORARY GROUP BEST IN NATION

The Pennsylvania State College chapter of Eta Kappa Nu, national honorary electrical engineering fraternity, has been judged "the best in the United States" for the last academic year. It was announced in the current issue of The Bridge, the society's magazine.

Because of this record, the Penn State chapter of the fraternity will be given a plaque by the society's New York alumni in recognition of its achievement. The competition for the plaque was nationwide and the Penn State chapter won the unanimous decision of the judges on the first ballot. The first time this has happened in the history of the award.

Twenty-one chapters of the national honor society were entered in the competition. Penn State placing ahead of Cornell, Purdue, and Michigan, each of which had won the award in previous years. The award was made on the basis of scholarship and campus activities. The 12 seniors and 10 juniors who composed the chapter's membership last year had an academic average of 91.2 per cent. They sponsored an electric show, three smokers, joint meetings with other honor societies, they were active in the Penn State student branch of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers, and they participated in an inspection trip in public speaking activities and in personnel work.

Let's Demand A Guarantee

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erecting a sewage disposal plant at the old fair grounds might do well to take steps to guarantee that this town will not be placed in the same serious position. Council, in short, should determine just what chance there is of the obnoxious odors from the proposed plant; should determine what might cause odors, and should see to it that everything is done to avoid the mistakes made at State College—if the trouble there is the result of mistakes. To further clarify the matter: Council should never lose sight of the fact that sewage has an odor, and that unless the engineers can convince borough officials that the plant will remove the odors, without releasing any in the process, a sewage disposal plant might well become the most troublesome proposition the borough has ever experienced.

Three Escape Injury When Car Crashes

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moment after the accident Joseph R. Miller, of Bellefonte and State College, happened by on his way from Tyrone to Bellefonte, and he assisted in helping the three occupants from the machine. Leg braces worn by Mr. Meyers, an infantile paralysis victim, who is employed on an electrical project at the Bellefonte Y. M. C. A. were entangled in the brake lever, holding him fast in the machine. None of the occupants was injured, aside from a few minor bruises. Damage to the car, a 1935 Chevrolet coach, was estimated at about \$175 by garage officials.

Sees Delay As Serious Threat to Sew. Plant

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Judge Fleming declared that it is almost a vital necessity for the borough to have a personal representative on the grounds to bring pressure on the contractor when required.

Since development of the sewage disposal program also entails a considerable amount of accounting and supervision, Councilman Emerick moved that a new borough office be created to work part time for the Borough Authority on the sewage project, and the rest of the time for Council on borough business. The motion, seconded by Councilman Harry Badger, was unanimously passed. The salary was fixed at \$125 a month.

Mr. Carpeneto, who is borough treasurer, was the only person to submit a written application for the position, and his election was unanimous.

Upon motion by Councilman W. W. Sleg, seconded by Mr. Emerick, the salary of Philip Saylor, who has many duties in the conduct of the borough's business, was increased from \$115 to \$125 a month.

After the discussion of salary increases asked by Bellefonte's police officers, Chief Harry Dukeman and Officer Donald Johnson, Councilman Emerick offered a motion that the salary of both officers be increased \$15 a month, effective on January 1, 1939. The motion passed unanimously. Chief Dukeman, who had been drawing \$120, will receive \$135, and Officer Johnson, who had been receiving \$95 will receive \$110. These figures include a monthly allowance of \$5 each for the use of the officers' personal cars. If they do not use their cars in police work, the allowance will be deducted.

Mr. Emerick declared that if police do not wish to use their cars in hauling drunken persons to the lock-up, they may call taxis. Taxi charges will be assessed against the inmates before their release from custody, he said.

The matter of establishing a signal system for borough police was deferred until the next meeting. The Fire and Police committee reported that while aiding local firemen in recent fires, the Milesburg and Pleasant Gap fire companies lost some hose through accident. The companies are to be asked to make a formal report of losses to Council and some action will be

taken to cover the damage. To replace hose of the Undine and Logan companies lost or damaged in recent fires, as well as to build-up the supply of reserve, Council authorized the purchase of some 400 feet of new fire hose. A general check on all fire equipment is to be made, and the borough will take steps to bring the fire department within the requirements of the underwriters. To this end, the borough treasurer, George Carpeneto, was authorized to communicate with the Underwriters and obtain information as to their fire protection requirements for this borough.

Council appropriated \$40 to the Undine Fire Company for installation of a metal ceiling in the reading room of the Undine House. The present plaster ceiling is falling, it was reported.

At the conclusion of a discussion as to the responsibility for injuries anyone might suffer as the result of the dangerous condition of the ruins of the Bellefonte High school, Council instructed the secretary to notify the School Board to have the weakened walls removed.

M. C. McCrossin, of Philadelphia, WPA project engineer, appeared in Council to ask whether some type of project might not be sponsored in the borough. Council expressed interest in his offer and promised to make a survey looking toward the opening of a sidewalk construction and street improvement program. Councilman Sleg suggested that Council launch a WPA rat elimination project, declaring that such moves pay big dividends in savings to foodstuffs, and in improvement of health and sanitation conditions.

Mr. Carpeneto was named acting secretary of the meeting in the absence of Secretary Marie Doll, who has been ill for several weeks. Council approved building plans for three homes, submitted by Architect Michael Baker, of State College. Two of the homes are to be built on East Lamb street, and one on West Lamb street.

Burgess Wilbur F. Leitell, of State College, in a letter to Council, asked local delegates to choose State College as the place for holding the 1940 State Borough Convention. The matter will be acted upon at a future meeting.

When the water department reported that the department truck is in need of extensive repairs, and is of questionable value because of age, Council authorized the purchase of a second-hand Ford truck, model 1935, to replace it. The "new" truck is to cost \$225.

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The water committee reported collections of \$425.10, and noted that \$10,159.46 in water rentals is outstanding. It was suggested that the Borough take action to recover delinquent taxes due from Sarah Love, former tax collector. With Borough Solicitor M. Ward Fleming directing the movements, Council ended its session with a series of legal actions designed to enable Council officers to deliver a lease to the Borough Authority for the new sewage disposal plant under construction.

Is Patient at Geisinger Miss Beatrice Mensch, a freshman at Pennsylvania State College, was admitted to the Geisinger Hospital on Monday for treatment. Miss Mensch became ill Sunday and her parents were called to State College. She is suffering from an infection of the ear. Miss Mensch is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank O. Mensch, of Millton.

Townsend Meeting A Townsend meeting will be held in the Odd Fellows Hall at Centre Hall on Feb. 24th at 7:30. The public is invited.

MARtha FURNACE Miss Norma Bailey of Altoona is visiting with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. John Bailey, Sr. Mrs. Gerald Weber of Port Matilda, was a Sunday visitor at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Williams. Mrs. George Harpster of State College, spent Sunday with her aunt, Miss Florence Steele. Alfred Beckwith of Mt. Pleasant, was a Sunday guest at the Mrs. Helen Pink, home. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Korman were Bellefonte shoppers and visitors Saturday. Supper—Chicken and waffle supper in the Methodist church basement, Friday evening, March 10, from 5 p. m. to 9 p. m. Everybody welcome.

A very interesting meeting was held in the Martha Baptist church Sunday evening Feb. 12th, commemorating the birth of our W. C. T. U. leader Francis E. Willard also on Friday evening, Feb. 17 the L. T. L.'s of the community gave a very interesting program in which each and everyone did their part well and we are hoping that at these young folks grow up their lives may be of much service for the cause of the W. C. T. U.

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