

Suspect Foul Play In Death

Badly Burned Body of Man Found in Caboose in Avis R. R. Yard

A man identified as Robert Edwards, aged about 70, of Shenandoah, with his battered body, badly burned about the right side, was found on a bunk in a caboose in the New York Central Railroad yards at Avis Monday afternoon. Death is believed to have occurred several days ago.

The discovery was made by E. A. Traver, Jersey Shore, R. D., who was inspecting cars in the yards where the caboose had been standing for ten days. Identity was made through papers in a wallet found near the body.

According to T. Mark Brungard, of Lock Haven, acting for Clinton County Coroner W. J. Shoemaker, who is confined to the Lock Haven Hospital by an injury, the time of the inquest will depend upon the completion of the investigation, but will not be held earlier than the latter part of this week.

The body, frozen when found, was clothed in a coat, trousers, shirt, socks and shoes. The wallet in which the identification papers were found also contained \$1.95 and receipts for night lodgings.

Blood-stained newspapers and the suspicious circumstances of the fatality led officials to suspect foul play. The good condition of the clothing of the victim indicated that it had been put on after the burns had been received.

Shenandoah relatives of the man, when contacted by officials, described him as a "founder" and said he was unmarried.

Socialized Medicine Is Seen As Menace

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practice in road building will be geons who would be employed under the plan and who would be subject to the whims of the political party in power, he said.

He pointed to countries such as Germany, Italy, Russia, Austria, and others where socialized medicine is in effect. In those countries, he said, the death rate is considerably higher than in the United States. Advancement in those countries in the field of medical research has lagged far behind this country, where physicians are continually striving with the desire for the betterment of the people they serve as well as themselves. Socialized medi-

Thomas Speaks At Father and Son Fete

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of which illustrated the points in his remarks.

L. C. Heineman, Secretary of the Y, reviewed last year's record of 2,980 sessions, with a total attendance of 64,866 persons as setting a precedent in the history of the institution in Bellefonte.

He added that one day recently 361 persons used YMCA facilities. There were 5 different meetings; 3 basketball games; 4 bowling contests, and large groups of youngsters in the swimming pool and game room.

Other speakers included Melvin Dry, leader of boys' and girls' work at the "Y"; Nelson E. Robb, president of the Bellefonte Trust Company, who made his first public appearance in many months, and who expressed pleasure that his recovery in health made it possible for him to attend the event; William Tressler, aged 96, the oldest father present, who commended Secretary Heineman and the fine work being done for young people by the Y. M. C. A.; Whitey Cartwright, son of Earl Cartwright, who recited the aims of the Pioneers, Junior Y. M. C. A. organizations; and I. T. Parsons, Mayor of Lock Haven.

The entertainment program included singing led by Cecil A. Walker, with Mrs. E. K. Stock at the piano; accordion ensemble and solo numbers by the following pupils of Mrs. Alberta Krader: Foster T. Augustine, Robert Wayne, Eleanor Dohlbower, Robert Schaeffer, Betty Lou Herman and Richard Shope. Wayne Bryan sang two tenor solos. The baked ham dinner, prepared and served by the ladies of the Y. M. C. A. Auxiliary, followed an invocation by the Rev. H. Willis Hartsock.

Arm Caught in Belt

Carl Jones, superintendent of the Forksville coal mines, near Du-

shore, was injured quite badly while at work at the mines, when his arm was caught between a belt and pulley, while he was assisting in starting the breaker. No bones were broken, but muscles and ligaments were badly torn.

Society Votes Change Of Name

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for a transfer of ownership of the property would involve no expense, and would enable the State Historical Commission to take steps to save the building from further destruction until such time that funds become available to restore it to its original condition.

The Benner property is now a part of the Rockview penitentiary lands, and is owned by the Department of Welfare. All that would be required to assure its preservation would be to transfer it to the Historical Commission. Much confidence was expressed at the meeting that once the transfer is secured, funds for the rebuilding of the home may be obtained from several sources other than the State government.

Arrangements are now under way to hold a public meeting, Friday, March 10, at the Court House, at which time the State Historical Commission will present motion pictures showing some of the work already completed in preserving historical sites in Pennsylvania.

The change of name of the local historical group was made at the request of Miss Mary Linn and her brother, Henry Linn, who declared that they believe the best ends of the organization would be served by naming it the Centre County Historical Society. They pointed out that nearly every county society in the State is named so that the county it represents is mentioned first in the name. Miss Elizabeth Meek made the motion favoring the change in name.

J. Thomas Mitchell, secretary of the organization, read the by-laws of the original Linn Historical Society, and after a discussion it was decided that with a few minor changes, the by-laws will fully serve the purposes of the new group.

Dr. S. K. Stevens, of the State Historical Society, spoke at length on the program of the State organization in preserving historical landmarks throughout the State; approved of the by-laws read by Mr. Mitchell, and declared the local society should pay particular attention to library work, since it has been found this type of activity is among the most valuable rendered by county groups.

Dr. George P. Bible spoke of the prominent position the Benner home held in the state's iron industry before Pittsburgh became the iron center of Pennsylvania.

In closing the meeting, it was tentatively decided to hold the annual organization meeting on the first Tuesday in May, which this year will be May 2. Membership in the society may now be obtained by communicating with J. Thomas Mitchell, secretary.

Want School On Same Site

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sale, which brought net receipts of \$86 a success.

The benefit dance given by the "Keystonians" orchestra to provide money to replace clothing lost in the high school fire, and sponsored by the Woman's Club, netted \$134.77. In addition to the receipts from the dance a donation of \$25 was received from the Bishop street school and several other contributions of cash were made by individuals making it possible for the club to replace 61 girls' coats and 15 boys' coats.

There are still a few coats at the library building, which were taken from the high school building during the fire and which have not been claimed.

"First Aid for Consumers" was the topic presented by Mrs. Portia S. H. Frey, nutrition specialist of the Home Economics Department, Pennsylvania State College.

Two vocal solos were rendered by Miss Bess Edelblute, accompanied by Mrs. Musser Gettig. Mr. Herman McClure played two violin solos, with Mrs. Gettig at the piano.

Delicious refreshments were served by the entertainment committee and a social hour followed.

Saturday, April 1, the Woman's Club will hold a rummage sale in the Bush Arcade.

History Turns Backward as Public Schools Open at Bellefonte Academy

History took a fling at repeating itself this week as it began a new chapter in local school events.

Little did the boys and girls who attended the first public school on Academy Hill prior to 1869 believe, as they saw new schools being established elsewhere in town, that some day future generations would return to their own traditional alma mater.

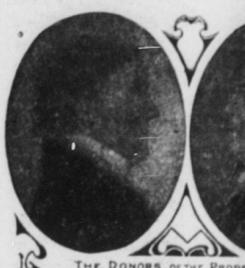
It is an interesting fact that this is the result of the High School courses this week after an interrupted period following the burning of the school building.

As an example of the repetition of history, High School students will now pursue their education on Academy Hill where public schools were located from 1866 to 1895.

In the latter year the site of the public school building on Allegheny street, recently burned, was selected, and Rev. J. P. Hughes was called to Bellefonte to establish the academical courses preparatory to college entrance.

It is also interesting to recall that when the historic Academy was destroyed by fire in May, 1921, just one day prior to the High School commencement exercises, the Bellefonte School Board at that time came to the rescue and allowed work to continue in the High School building, and that without any charges for light or rent.

And now the Academy premises are being used by the High School teachers and students to relieve the embarrassment caused by the recent fire.



The Academy building suffered considerable damage by fire several times during its eventful career, but

FAMOUS OLD BELL

An interesting recollection was the old Academy bell bearing date of 1802—a Spanish bell of most pleasing deep tones. It was never ascertained how the bell came to America. It rang the pupils to school in the morning and afternoon.



In the summer of 1904, an electric storm raged. The electric wires converging in the old cupola ignited the beams on which the old bell was supported, and as a result a fire developed that completely destroyed the Academy, nothing but the walls being left to tell the story.

Rooms were secured in the town for accommodation of the boarders and of the classes until November, when the Academy building was restored. The six stately columns that adorn the front were erected that year and in June, 1905, the centennial celebration was fittingly observed. Hon. Charles Emory Smith, Postmaster General, and editor of the Philadelphia Press, was the speaker of the day.

That fire ended the life of the cupola and destroyed the bell.

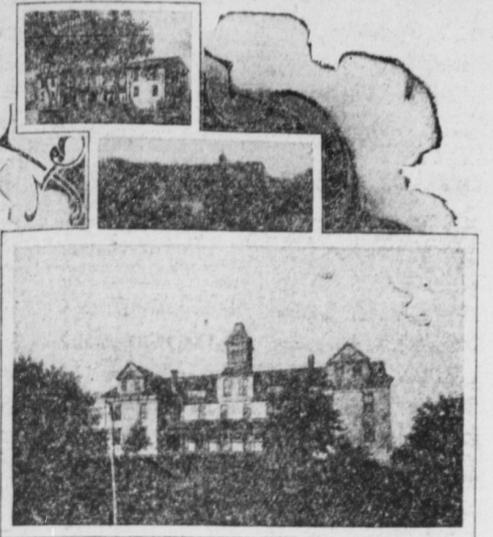
Mr. Hughes gathered up several parts of the bell from among the debris, sent them to the New York Stencil Works, and with the model prepared by a local genius as a guide, several hundred small bells were made with the design of the old building on one side

and of the restored building on the other side. These were sold at the centennial celebration at cost and were largely purchased for souvenirs.

WEATHER SIGNALS A FEATURE

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The top picture in this group shows the original building erected in 1806. The middle picture shows the large brick building attached to the south wing in the early 70's. The lower picture represents the Academy as it stood in 1904, prior to the disastrous fire. The third story had been added to the original structure and the brick building had been torn down because it did not add beauty to the scene.

In 1905 the Academy building was just half as long as it is today. In 1913, Mr. Hughes purchased the property and added the fifty-foot wings at the north and south ends.

CONSTRUCTED IN THE YEAR 1806.

The history of the Academy school site dates back to 1800 in which year James Harris and James Dunlop, who owned the present site of Bellefonte, donated the land for educational purposes. It has been believed that they also gave the property for public use on which the Court House and jail are located.

When Centre county was organized in 1800, certain "lots and lands in and adjoining the town of Bellefonte" were granted by these gentlemen to the trustees of the new county, a portion of the proceeds of which was to be used for the support of an academy or public school in said county. Thus came into being the first public school in the town.

While the original building was not constructed until 1806, the enterprise was conceived in 1805.

each time it emerged larger and with greater physical facilities.



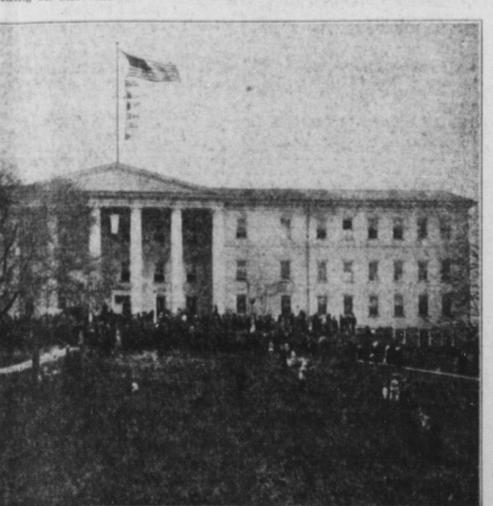
A view of the first building erected on Academy Hill, which was dedicated to educational purposes and used as the first borough public school.

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This picture, showing flags waving above the Academy, was taken during the World War to reveal the symbols of the Allied Nations.

Bellefonte High Classes Resumed

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one student failed to do his part during the "fire drill" a bad situation might have become a catastrophe.

As was the case in the former building, ten periods a day will be held at the Academy. Several new

classes will be organized in the next few days to take care of large classes which are being divided into smaller ones. Two study halls have been established at the Academy; one in the former Academy study hall and another in the gymnasium. Cafeteria service will be resumed as soon as equipment and facilities can be arranged.

Mr. Stock announced that students bringing lunches to school will not be permitted to eat outside the buildings. Nor will any "short cuts" through the grounds be permitted. Parking of student cars on the Academy campus is banned until arrangements for the accommodation of cars has been completed.

In concluding his remarks, Mr. Stock declared that the forced removal of the high school to the Academy is not to be considered as a "lark," and that the usual scholarship standards will be maintained. The interruption in the school routine will be no excuse for a let-down in requirements, he warned.

'Dream Road' Is Described

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employed. Cities will be bypassed and there will be eight points to get on or off this super highway. The road is being financed with WPA grants of \$26,000,000 and with \$35,000,000 in bonds sold by the RPC. These bonds bear an interest rate of 3 1/2 per cent and will fall due in 1967. The road will be a toll road, the charge for a pleasure car being \$1.25 for the entire trip and from \$4.25 up for a truck. This charge will be offset by the large savings in mileage and cost of operation of the motor vehicle over this road. It is estimated that a pleasure car will make a saving of at least a cent a mile and a truck at least four cents.

Other interesting facts about this highway are that the longest tunnel is over a mile in length; other roads have grades up to 9 per cent, but this road has only a 3 per cent maximum; on other roads cars are accumulatively lifted two and one-half miles; on this highway a car will be lifted accumulatively only one-half mile. It is expected that the road will be popular with trucks because of this grade feature.

The right of way will be two hundred feet. The tunnels are 23 feet wide and 14 feet high. All the tunnels will be used except one. The road bed used is that of the South Penn railroad, construction of which was begun during a period of railroad warfare about 1880 and discontinued several years later. The construction and care of this highway until its final liquidation is under the State Turnpike Commission. It is expected that the road will be completed by 1940.

Samuel H. Hays, court stenographer, and a member of the Lewistown club, was a guest at Tuesday's meeting.

Under the surface, most men are boys and, sometimes, the surface is thin.

Guilty Verdicts Reached in Court

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drew Bonak, Aloysie Blash and Mike Korminitz, all of Clarence, were charged with rape, were settled out of court.

Because of the unusually short list of criminal cases, and because some 19 cases were slated for trial next week, Judge Walker directed that several of the civil cases be disposed of this week.

Judge Mortimer C. Rhone, of Lycoming county, specially presided in the case of Charles F. Schad vs. the Centre County Commissioners.

The case, one dating from 1936, was special to Judge Walker who had been interested in the matter as an attorney.

The Schad suit presented some unusual angles, for valuation of lands owned by Charles F. Schad and taken over when the Bellefonte-Milesburg highway was constructed ranged from zero to \$40,000. After the testimony had been heard yesterday, and by mutual agreement of Mr. Schad and the Commissioners, Judge Rhone directed the jury to return a verdict of \$1,160 in favor of Mr. Schad. The costs of litigation were placed on the county.

In 1930 a board of view appointed to survey Mr. Schad's tract, along the McCoy dam, to determine the amount of damage caused by the construction of the new highway recommended no damage payments. Subsequently Mr. Schad sought an appeal from the view's findings and presented a damage claim in the amount of \$40,000. It was on these latter claims that yesterday's trial was conducted.

A civil action of E. Z. Campbell, of Bellefonte, vs. David Casper, of near town, resulted in a jury verdict in favor of Mr. Campbell. Mr. Casper is to pay for damages to Mr. Campbell's car in an accident near the Hoopsburg mill, and also is to pay the costs of litigation.

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