

PLAN LIQUOR LAW CHANGES

ENFORCEMENT WOULD BE IN HANDS OF COUNTY BOARDS

Would Eliminate Licenses for Beer Sales Only; Fees Increased

REGULATIONS WOULD OUTLAW 1-MAN CLUBS

Administration Back of Revised Code; Judges Would Name Boards

Proposing drastic and far-reaching revision of the state's liquor control laws, the James administration moved yesterday to clamp down generally on retail and club dispensers.

Broader, more stringent restrictions to be enforced through establishment of county boards, were included in the bills drafted by a joint legislative committee with the sanction of the administration.

Briefly, changes proposed in the liquor laws included:

- 1. Licenses for the exclusive sale of beer would be eliminated. At present there are approximately 4,000 of these licenses now in force. In the future all licenses would be required to obtain a permit to allow the sale of both beer and liquor.
2. District boards would be established to hear citations and to pass on applications for licenses. Boards would be empowered to reject or approve such applications.
3. Outlawing of "one-man" clubs through insertion of a provision (Continued on page four)

County Baseball League Revived

8 Teams, 2 From Bellefonte in Circuit; Rhinesmith Chosen as President

With harmony as the keynote of a meeting of baseball representatives from all parts of Centre county at the Bellefonte Y. M. C. A. Tuesday night, the members of the Centre County Baseball League, on the verge of final extinction, were rekindled, and a new and strong County League was formed.

Eight teams, two of them from Bellefonte, will comprise the new Centre County League. They are, in addition to the local ones, State College, Beahsburg, Millheim, Milledale, Howard and Snow Shoe.

To guide the destinies of the reborn league through what promises to be one of the best seasons baseball has ever experienced in Centre county, the following officers were chosen: S. D. Rhinesmith, Bellefonte, president; William Dunkle, Beahsburg, vice president; Jerry Weinstein, State College, secretary; Jesse Caud, Bellefonte, treasurer.

At a meeting scheduled at the Y next Tuesday night, committees will meet to draw up schedules, arrange players lists and perform other tasks necessary for the opening of the 1939 season.

Tuesday's meeting brought order (Continued on page six)

SENTENCED IN ROBBERY OF PHILIPSBURG STORE

Entering a plea of guilty to the larceny of about \$110 from the Maytag store in Philippsburg, Morris Powell, aged 46, of near Wilkes-Barre, was sentenced by Judge Ivan Walker at a special session of court here Monday morning.

Powell was directed to pay the costs of prosecution, make restitution of the stolen money and serve 90 days in the county jail.

According to a statement made by W. E. Burkholder, manager of the store, who was prosecutor in the case, Powell had been employed as a part-time service man at the store for some time. On March 15, he said, Powell obtained a key to the store, entered after hours and removed the money from its place of safekeeping, taking advantage of his knowledge of the whereabouts of the key to the cash drawer in committing the crime.

In his own behalf Powell declared the story as related by Burkholder was correct, adding that after the robbery he went to Lock Haven, and administered "knock out drops" to him and took the \$110. He claimed he had never before been in trouble.

LOGANS DONATE POLLING PLACE FOR SCHOOL VOTE

The Logan Fire Company, meeting at the fire house on Logan street, Tuesday night, voted to donate the North Ward polling place in the building to the school board for the special election April 18, free of charge. The usual rental for the polling place is \$12.

The company further went on record as favoring the present school property as the site for any new structure, and voted in favor of using local labor, local mechanics and local material insofar as possible.

Home Building Under Way Here

Construction of a building boom on a scale as evident in many sections of Bellefonte, and during the long summer as many as a score of homes may be built to ease the community's serious housing problem.

Four homes are being laid for a home to be built at the rear of the George Furey property on East Elm Street by Ralph "Buck" Toner, who is at present remodelling the Harm property on East Elm Street.

Raymond Brooks has excavated for a building on the western side of his new home on East Curtin Street while on the adjoining lot Charles E. Martin, manager of the Central Pennsylvania Gas Company, has excavated for a home. In the lot west of the Martin property, Charles Wehr manager of the Sheffield Farms Inc., has excavated for a home. Two lots remaining between the Wehr property and the David Washburn home are this week offered for sale, an advertisement appearing elsewhere in this issue.

Mrs. A. R. L. Hecoll has excavated for a home to be built on the northwest corner of the former Judge Ellis L. Gris property at the corner of the street and the street.

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COUNCIL SETS MILLAGE RATE

Zoning Commission Named to Recommend Uniform Building Laws

Establishment of a five-man zoning commission, fixing of the tax rate for the ensuing year, and final decision to sponsor a WPA sidewalk construction project in the borough were highlights of a regularly scheduled meeting of the Bellefonte Borough Council at the Logan House, Monday night.

The commission, which will be directed to establish zones and recommend building regulations for each zone, was named yesterday by Thomas B. Beaver, president of Borough Council.

Members of the Commission are: Arthur C. Hewitt, Mrs. George B. Thompson, Charles E. Martin, A. I. Francis and Charles Thompson. In naming the members yesterday, President Beaver informed them of Council's stipulation that they serve at no cost to the borough, either in fees or any other form of compensation.

An ordinance fixing the total borough tax rate at 15 mills, the same as last year, was unanimously passed by Council. Of the total millage, 13 mills are for general borough purposes and 2 mills are for inter-township purposes.

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Poetry Means Little To Boro Authority

The old pool room poem—"A man's ambition Must be mighty small To write his name On an outhouse wall."

doesn't frighten the Bellefonte Borough Authority, for at a regular meeting in the Logan House, Monday night, members of the organization approved a bronze plaque bearing their names, which is to be set into the main wall of Bellefonte's new sewage disposal plant, now under construction at the old Fair Grounds.

The plaque, which will be two feet square, will carry the following inscription:

Bellefonte Borough Authority Bellefonte, Pa.

Board of Authority William W. Sieg, president William J. Emerick, treasurer Harry Badger, asst. treasurer Henry A. Brockerhoff, vice pres. Leslie Thomas, secretary M. Ward Fleming, attorney Charles W. Tanner, Gen'l contractor

The Chester Engineers, design and supervision. Constructed 1939.

In addition to the above tablet, another plaque 9 by 24 inches in size, will carry the following legend: "Sewage Treatment Plant, Federal Emergency Administration of Public Works, Project No. Pa. 2116F."

New Center in Recorder's Office Workmen this week installed in the vault of Recorder Leamer R. Woodring a double-faced steel counter, with roller shelves, to replace the long wooden table which formerly occupied the center of the vault space. The new counter provides roller shelves for 89 deed volumes, in addition to some drawer space. A typewriter stand at one end further facilitates work in the vault.



Stroke Fatal To J. M. Cunningham

Former Council President; Father of Borough Water System Dies; Was 73

Death ended the career of one of Bellefonte's most useful citizens at 6:45 o'clock Friday morning when J. Mitchell Cunningham, former Council member and hotel man, passed away at his home on South Potter Street. He was 74 years old.

As memorials to his many years of faithful service on Council, and to his untiring interest in the borough's water and fire departments, Mr. Cunningham leaves those two vital branches of the city's government in far better condition than they were years ago when he first became interested in civic affairs.

Mr. Cunningham's last illness began some five or six years ago, with a kind of light stroke suffered while he was conversing with a friend on the streets of Bellefonte. Since that time he had periods of good health, but his rugged constitution was shaken and he was a ready victim to numerous afflictions. Wednesday (Continued on page six)

Spring Moving List Increases

Big Demand For Houses, Apartments in Middle Class Price Range

Although trying to be first to rent a vacant house or apartment in Bellefonte requires eternal vigilance and ability to go without rest for indefinite periods, a few Bellefonte citizens have proved equal to the task, and consequently the list of spring movers is slightly larger than had at first been anticipated.

This office, generally looked upon as a clearing house for local real estate, has been besieged for the past several weeks with inquiries for homes, apartments and rooms. The biggest demand seems to be not for the lowest or the highest priced accommodations, but for quarters in the middle class price range, i. e. from about \$18 to \$25 a month for houses, and from about \$22.50 to \$32.50 for apartments. The supply is woefully below the demand. Spring movers which have taken (Continued on page four)

Cooking Costs Will Be Studied

To Keep Close Check on Current Used at Centre Democrat School

As one of her cooking demonstrations for the forthcoming Centre Democrat school, Mrs. Dorothy Bathgate will cook three complete meals, including meat, vegetables and dessert, on an electric range that is metered to show the amount of current used. Wherever she has given this demonstration, Mrs. Bathgate says, the women have been amazed to discover how little it costs to cook electrically.

"While of course no one would cook three meals at one time," said Mrs. Bathgate in explaining her demonstration, "this gives a good idea of how much it costs to cook three typical meals, and a good basis for figuring the monthly operating cost of an electric range. Women are naturally conscious of (Continued on page four)

NEW PRIEST HERE

The Rev. Father J. Chervonak, of Bedford parish, arrived in Bellefonte Saturday to assume his duties as assistant to the Rev. Father William E. Downes in the administration of the work of St. John's parish. He replaces the Rev. Father Bernard McGuire, who some weeks ago was transferred to the Philadelphia district. The Rev. Father Chervonak is a graduate of St. Francis College and Seminary.

Citizens Favor Present High School Site

Bellefonte residents are ten to one in favor of the present high school property as the most suitable location for any new building which may be erected to replace the one recently destroyed by fire. It was revealed here this week when returns from a poll conducted by The Centre Democrat were compiled.

By a ratio of 414 votes in favor of the present site, to only 42 favoring any other site, the citizens of town unofficially went on record as opposing a move to relocate the high school plant on the outskirts of town, in line with the State Department of Public Instruction's policy for providing ample room for recreation, sports and future expansion.

The ballots on which the vote was taken provided space for suggestions, comments and remarks. Of the overwhelming majority of those who voted in favor of the present site, and who commented upon their reasons for so doing, most cited lower costs and central location as the chief advantages.

One voter asks the school board to spend \$300,000 and "give us a real school building." A number of others asked that local labor, mechanics and material be used wherever possible. Several believe the school board should definitely decide upon a site before the taxpayers of Bellefonte go to the polls on April 18 to vote upon the proposed \$55,000 bond issue for building purposes. But scores of other voters merely marked their ballots as favoring the present site, and their reasons remain unknown.

Of the 42 voters who indicated a preference for a change of location, a half dozen or more availed themselves of the opportunity to give their reasons for wanting a new location.

Several believe the present site should be converted into a playground and park. Others believe a new site would more adequately meet the needs of the high school—now and in the future. At least one other voter suggests that the move for a new site is being agitated for the personal gain of a man who may hope to sell land.

The newspaper poll, admittedly incomplete and by its nature open to almost unlimited manipulation by persons wishing to influence the results one way or another, is nevertheless believed by this newspaper to be an accurate cross-section of present popular sentiment on the question. Citizens took the ballot seriously, and the fact that nearly 500 votes were cast is in itself a strong indication of the interest in the poll. All ballots were mailed or brought directly to this office, and at no time was there any suspicion that anyone was attempting to "stuff" the ballot box or otherwise distort the results of the poll.

A number of the ballots cast during the poll were signed, apparently as evidence of good faith on the part of the voters. We appreciate these tokens of good faith and again assure the public that the opinions expressed on signed ballots will be kept in strict confidence.

Before turning to the comments, remarks and suggestions contained in some of the ballots, The Centre Democrat takes this opportunity to thank every voter for his or her co-operation in the poll, and to express deep satisfaction with the large number of votes cast, considering the effort required of each voter in getting the ballots into his hands.

The question on the ballot read: "Do you favor the present school property as the site for any new building which may be erected to replace the burned High School?"

Those in favor of the present site said:

"I'm for local labor, local mechanics, local material."
"When some public-spirited citizen gives new ground and furnishes transportation—then it will be all right to consider a new location."
"We are property owners in Bellefonte borough. The present site is our choice."
"Decidedly better from an economical standpoint and as a matter of convenience."
"More centrally located."
"More for the Academy for additional school purposes."
"The present site is ideal in all respects for a real, modern high school."

"Before we vote on the bond issue I think the board should definitely state their intentions as to the location of the new school. We deserve to know for what we are voting."
"Why take a school from the borough and place it in a township? About time that someone wakes up. There have been enough dumb things going on around here of late. We need thinkers, not hasty actors."
"Who'll bother about the State or National debt when a town no larger than Bellefonte is going more and more in debt with the change of every moon? Where will Bellefonte stop?"
"Should not the taxpayers of Bellefonte have a voice in deciding where their school should be built? This should be decided before the vote is taken on the bond issue. The school board fooled the taxpayers once."
"I would be hard to find a centrally located place. Besides, a new location would entail more expense."

"On account of cost and location I favor the present site."
"This is the only place for our High School—most central location."
"Too distant—much twiddling!"
"The building should be planned to accommodate only children within the school district of the Borough of Bellefonte."
"Who makes more debt?"
"Too much of taxpayers' money in present site to sacrifice it."
"Think the old site best because of its central location."

"This is the proper place. The building will be an ornament to the town."
"Present property is desirable, paid for, and a part of 'Old Bellefonte'."
"The pupil enrollment from outside the borough will decrease as the township high schools increase. The present site is most desirable."
"I believe it is more centrally located and more economical to Bellefonte taxpayers."
"If ever there was a bunch of -----, it would be the school directors if they decided on a new location!"
"Too much taxes now."

"I favor also local labor and materials purchased from local firms."
"Would like to see a portion of Lamb street closed."
"Because the high school has always been there."

"The idea was to centralize all buildings. Why should the taxpayers be asked to pay for a new plot of ground? You have two members on the school board who do not pay a property tax!"

Those favoring a change commented:

"Build the high school building on Bishop street, close to athletic field. Grade buildings on the old property."
"Am in favor of building it near present athletic field. Plenty of room for future expansion."
"Make present site into a park and put the school out where we can grow to it."

"I heartily approve of erecting the new building out of the borough with sufficient acreage for future expansion."
"There is no space for future needs."
"Let that site be for public park and play grounds."
"Absolutely silly. Let us have school board's decision before bond election."

PRESBYTERY TO MEET HERE

The annual meeting of the Women's Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church of Huntingdon will be held in the Presbyterian church, Bellefonte, Tuesday and Wednesday, April 11 and 12. Delegates from the seven counties comprising the Presbytery are expected to be in attendance.

Miss Catherine T. Woods, daughter of the late Judge Woods of Lewistown, of the Human Mission, China, and Mr. Joseph Ponce, principal of Allison-James School, Benton, Pa., New Mexico, will speak. The public is cordially invited to all sessions. The first will be at 2 o'clock Tuesday afternoon.

Fire Damages Milesburg Home Fire originating from the flue caused damage estimated at \$400 to the Mrs. Harry Lambert property at the corner of Market and Centre streets, Milesburg, about 11 o'clock Tuesday morning. The Milesburg Fire Company answered the alarm and saved the main part of the home from destruction. Damage was confined to the kitchen and the roof over the kitchen.

A & P Stores Lease Weiser Garage Here

Building Will Be Remodeled, Enlarged, to Suit Needs

WILL HOUSE TOWN'S FIRST SUPER MARKET

Expect to Have Store Ready For Use Late in Summer

The former Weiser garage property at the corner of Allegheny and Howard streets, recently purchased by Dr. Paul M. Corman, has been leased to the A & P food stores and will be remodeled at once into Bellefonte's first "super-market." It was announced by official sources yesterday.

The building will be extended east along Howard street to the line of the American Legion property, and the partitions of the present building will be removed, throwing the entire structure into one large room. It is reported that the front of the structure will remain unchanged.

A driveway will be built along the Toner property on Howard street to permit supply trucks to enter the building. The present araways on the Howard and Allegheny street sides of the property will be retained for parking purposes. Plans (Continued on page 6)

175 Sportsmen Attend Fish Fry

Addresses, Motion Pictures Feature Annual Get-together at Y. M. C. A.

The angling blood of some 175 Bellefonte sportsmen was warmed and cheered Friday night at the annual fish fry and get-together of the Bellefonte Sportsmen's Association, held at the Y. M. C. A. The event, as is usually the custom, came just two weeks before the opening of the trout season for which it acts as an appetizer.

At the conclusion of a delicious lake trout dinner prepared and served by the Ladies Auxiliary of the Y under the direction of a committee consisting of Milford Cox, A. G. Herr, Robert Thompson, Lewis Smith and Melvin Cherry, the president of the association, H. H. Reed, Jr., Jodon, introduced Dr. Richards Hoffman as toastmaster.

The chief speaker of the evening was Charles Fox, of Harrisburg, (Continued on page four)

Mrs. Crossley Heads Eastern Star Chapter

At ceremonies in charge of Mrs. Daise B. Henderson, of Bellefonte, past grand matron of Pennsylvania, Mrs. Emma Crossley, of East Bishop street, was installed as worthy matron of Bellefonte Chapter, O. E. S. The installation was held Friday night in the I. O. O. F. lodge rooms on West High street.

Others inducted into office were: Leif Olson, worthy patron; Arlene Maloy, associate matron; Irene Brooks, conductress; Priscilla Poorman, associate conductress; Mildred Wetzel, treasurer; Alice Fortney, secretary; Martha Dale, chaplain; Thelma Kline, marshal; Louise Rossman, Beatrice Wolfe, Catherine Wehr, Mary Walizer and Marion Barnhart, star points; Nelle Francis, warden; Mary Heverly, sentinel; Ruth Jones, Clara Christensen and Anna Hillegass, color bearers.

Preceding the ceremony of installation, a dinner was held in the Presbyterian chapel. Mrs. Henderson was assisted in the ritual work by Donovan Oelschlagel, grand patron of Pennsylvania; Ruth Dowse, grand organist; Altoona; Mayme Mallory, chaplain, and Sarah Hoffer, marshal, both of Bellefonte.

Announcement was made yesterday that William J. Mokie, of South Thomas street, son of the late John H. Mokie, will continue his father's marble and granite business on West High street, Bellefonte.

Because of the long illness of the elder Mr. Mokie, the son had been in complete charge of the business for the past five years and is thoroughly acquainted with all departments of the work.

Sun Glare Causes Crash

Glare of the sun was assigned as the cause of an accident which caused total damage of \$200 Wednesday morning on the highway a mile east of Yarnell. Cars driven by I. R. Confer, of Howard, R. D. 3, and H. Lee Robinson, of Bellefonte, R. D. 3, collided when one of the drivers was blinded by sunlight. Ray Confer underwent treatment in the offices of a Bellefonte physician for lacerations of the chin.

LICENSE SALE LIGHT AS TROUT SEASON APPROACHES

Angler Fined \$20 For Taking 2 Trout

On Sunday, April 2, Fish Warden George Cross, Harrisburg Park, assisted by Traveling Game Protector Samuel Reed, State College, and the local Game Protector, Edward M. Woodward, patrolled the waters in this community.

Approximately one hundred anglers were examined. Charles D. Strickler, Spring Mills, Fishing License No. 246288 (1939) was brought before Justice of the Peace H. A. Rossman, Milesburg, and fined \$20 and costs, for having in his possession two trout in closed season. Baid Eagle Creek is on the program to be regularly patrolled for some weeks to come.

County Treasurer Has Sold 405 Permits; Accurate Totals Unavailable

FISHING EXPERTS FORSEE FINE SEASON

Many of County's Older Citizens Have Obtained 1939 Permits

With the opening of the 1939 trout season only nine days distant, Centre County Treasurer Raymond N. Brooks yesterday reported that only 405 fishing licenses have been issued at his office to date.

This figure by no means represents the total number of licenses issued in the county, Brooks said, for there are perhaps a dozen other agencies authorized by Harrisburg to distribute fishing licenses in Centre county. Because of that factor, it is not possible to obtain an accurate tally of the number of anglers who are now ready for the opening of the season, April 15.

All resident citizens, male or female, sixteen years of age and upward, are required to take out a license to fish in any of the waters of the state, of the waters bounding or adjacent thereto. The price of a license is \$1.50, with ten cents added for the issuing agent's fee. When applying by mail to agents, three cents for return postage must be enclosed.

All naturalized or foreign-born residents must produce their naturalization papers before securing a license.

Centre county's oldsters are right in the front lines of those who have (Continued on page two)

COUNTIES' TAX SALES HALTED BY GOVERNOR

A bill postponing all county treasurer's sales until August was signed last week by Governor James. The primary purpose of the bill was to save the homes and land of owners and to give the residents of the State an added opportunity to pay off back taxes.

The county sales were to be held for taxes unpaid back as far as 1929. No tax sales were held last year by action of the legislature when it postponed the sales until April 1 of this year.

Bankruptcy Hearing

Creditors and others in interest are notified that a hearing in the matter of Nathan Koffman, of Bellefonte, who was adjudicated a bankrupt on June 8, 1938, will be held before the United States District Court at Scranton at 10 o'clock Tuesday morning, May 23, at which time creditors may show cause, if they have any, why the bankrupt should not be granted a discharge.

Infant Dies

Their first child, an infant son born early Monday to Harold H. and Pearl Confer Homan, died later in the day at the Homan home on South Ridge street, Bellefonte. Burial was made Tuesday afternoon in the Union cemetery, Bellefonte.

School Board Discusses Non-Resident Pupil Enrollment

(Editor's Note: This is the second of a series of articles by the Bellefonte School Board relative to the proposed bond issue and building program.)

There is no phase of the school problem which gives rise to more discussion and questions than that of the non-resident pupil. It is a problem that is not peculiar to Bellefonte. Many school districts have large non-resident pupil enrollments and deem it worthwhile to accept such pupils in their schools. Enrollment figures, available for last year on a number of Central Pennsylvania school districts are as follows:

Table with 2 columns: District and Non-Resident Enrollment. Rows include Philadelphia (400), State College (125), Lock Haven (450), Milton (140), Tyrone (120), Danville (210), Clearfield (585), Huntingdon (350).

Since a new high school building has become a necessity, the question commonly asked is, Why should Bellefonte taxpayers build to accommodate out-of-town pupils?

There seems to be little question that a better school program can be offered as a result of larger pupil enrollment. More subjects can be offered and more activities conducted. Teachers can work in their special fields instead of attempting to teach several unrelated courses. Foreign languages, public speaking, specialized mathematics, science, and commercial courses in which enrollments are small cannot be offered except in a large school. Such activities as band, glee clubs, orchestra, school newspaper, debate, drama, and athletics would be decidedly inferior and in some cases impossible without the larger number of pupils from which to draw.

From the community point of view of daily visitation to Bellefonte by several hundred out-of-town pupils is not so well realized. A recent questionnaire among non-resident pupils relative to the actual cash expenditures made by these pupils in Bellefonte disclosed the rather surprising statistic of \$25,000 per year as the amount spent by them on personal and family shopping. The items purchased covered pretty thoroughly the whole field of retail merchandise. For the family they buy groceries and meats, clothing and dress materials, hardware and farm supplies, household goods, Christmas and other holiday gifts. Considerably more than half of those who drive the family car to school purchase most of their gasoline and oil in Bellefonte and have most of their garage work done here.

For themselves these pupils spend several thousand dollars annually for school supplies, chewing gum, candy, movies, sodas, soft drinks, tobacco, cosmetics, and lunches. The amounts stated here apply only to expenditures actually made by pupils and not by their parents. While Bellefonte is seeking tourist trade it seems no more than good business policy to retain and encourage this daily "tourist" influx from nearby points.

So far as school finances are concerned the income per year from tuition sources exceeds, on the average, \$18,000. The high school tuition rate for the current year is \$5.85 per month or \$32.65 per year for each pupil. The rate is computed annually on the basis of school costs for the preceding year. Included in the computation are teacher's salaries, institute attendance, State Retirement Board allotment, books, classroom supplies, janitors' service, fuel, electric service, and maintenance of instructional apparatus. The question is frequently raised as to whether tuition costs include expenditures for new buildings, new (Continued on page three)