

COAL SHORTAGE THREATENS

SHIPMENTS AT STANDSTILL AS MINE LAY-OFF CONTINUES

Trucker Escapes Death After Ignoring Warnings

OPERATORS, MINERS AT LOGGERHEADS

Some Industries Face Serious Shortage of Coal

The first serious evidence of disorder in the Centre county soft coal areas since the closing of the mines April 1, occurred Tuesday of this week when a Bellefonte truck driver reported having narrowly escaped being struck by a bullet which passed through the cab of his machine.

Ben Bernie To Open Hecla Park Season



BEN BERNIE

Ben Bernie "The Ole Maestro" above, and all the lads will open the dance season at Hecla Park on Wednesday April 19. Featured with Bernie and his orchestra are the Bailey Sisters, Bobby Gibson, and Manny Prager.

Bernie has been on top of the entertainment world and has brought himself great fame in the field of radio. At the present time he and all the lads are co-starring with Lew Lehr on the Half and Half program every Sunday over WABC-Columbia network.

The Winchell-Bernie feud, now a cause celebre of press and networks, supplies the theme for "Wake Up and Live" and "Love and Hisses," Twentieth Century Fox films which recently brought the Ole Maestro and the famous columnist together in a face-to-face screen encounter.

Plan Additions To Gap Hatchery

Construction of Cold Storage Plant, More Ponds, Included in Proposal

Construction of a cold storage plant and of additional ponds at the Pleasant Gap fish hatchery are included in a \$100,000 modernization program sponsored by the fish commission and approved last week by Governor Arthur H. James.

Under the program recommended by Commissioner of Fisheries C. A. French, the program would include construction, improvement and installations at Bellefonte, Reynoldsdale, Hunsdale, Corry, Tiomesta and Torresdale.

If the program received Federal government approval the WPA would supply labor and salaries, in (Continued on page seven)

South Ward Polling Place Is Changed

The Centre County Commissioners, acting as the County Election Board, yesterday, announced that the polling place for the South Ward of Bellefonte Borough has been changed from the store room in the Plaza theatre building to the show room of the County Chevrolet Garage, at the corner of Allegheny and Bishop streets.

The new polling place will be used for the first time during the vote on the school bond question, Tuesday, April 18.

Ask Information From Anglers Catching Trout Having Numbers

Fishermen who visit Spring Creek back of Rockview Penitentiary this year will have an opportunity to make some fine catches of trout, many of which are marked by a metal tag around the lower jaw bone.

A large number of brook, brown and rainbow trout have been marked in this manner and planted here as part of a cooperative project now being conducted by the Board of Fish Commissioners and the Pennsylvania State College.

The purpose of this study is to obtain definite information on what happens to trout from the time they are planted until they finally lie in the anglers' creels. It is believed that this study will yield valuable information on the following questions: How much do trout grow in streams? How far do they travel after planting? How long does a normal planting produce good fishing? What are the results of plantings made at different seasons of the year?

In carrying out this program each trout was measured and tagged at the hatchery and then released at a definite point on Spring Creek. As each tag bears a different number it will be possible to identify each trout when it is retaken. Much of the success of this experiment depends on getting certain information on these tagged trout when they are caught. To make returns

Truck Strikes Man Near Bellefonte

G. W. Shank, of near Howard, a pedestrian, suffered a compound fracture of the left arm about 8 o'clock Saturday night when he was struck by a truck driven by Willard Noll, of Milesburg. The accident happened near the McCoy dam, north of Bellefonte.

Shank, walking toward Milesburg, was struck when the driver of the truck was blinded by the lights of an approaching car and failed to see the pedestrian. Mike Simco, of Milesburg, a passing motorist, brought Shank to the Centre County Hospital for treatment.

Choir To Sing at Milesburg The male choir of 30 voices from Pine Grove Mills will render a sacred song service in the Methodist church, Milesburg, Friday evening, April 14 at 8 o'clock, under the sponsorship of Mrs. Baird's class. This is a return engagement, making it possible for those who were not able to attend before, and those who did, to enjoy another hour of inspiration and pleasure. Please let nothing prevent you from hearing this splendid choir. A silver offering will be lifted. Mr. Marks is the manager and Brooks Corral is director of the choir. Miss Mary Ward is pianist. All are residents of Pine Grove Mills.

—Fishing reels, all makes, 25c to \$7.50. Parrish Drug Store.

Man, 57, Dies After Being Hit By Car

Accident Happens Near Rockview During Heavy Snowstorm

CORONER'S JURY FREES DRIVER OF NEGLIGENCE

Victim, Patrick J. Donahue, Millbrook, Suffered Many Injuries

Struck by a car while walking along the highway during a blinding snowstorm, Saturday night, Patrick J. Donahue, aged 57, of Millbrook, father of five children, was fatally injured. He died a half hour later at the Centre County Hospital.

The accident happened on the State Highway between the Rockview school house and the residence of Dr. J. W. Claudy, on Roewiew penitentiary lands.

The driver of the car, Foster A. Johnson, of South Burrows street, State College, was exonerated of all blame in the accident by a coroner's jury which met Sunday afternoon at the Koch Funeral Home, State College.

According to testimony brought out at the inquest, Donahue, on his way home to State College, was (Continued on page 7)

BURNS FATAL TO WOMAN

Mrs. Robert Rudy, 21, State College, Dies at Local Hospital

Burns suffered early Sunday morning when her home in Lytle's Addition, State College, was swept by fire, proved fatal to Mrs. Robert W. Rudy, aged 21, who died at the Centre County Hospital, Bellefonte, at 8:50 o'clock Monday night. Her nephew, Walter Rudy, aged 20, also severely burned, is reported to be in fair condition at the hospital, where he has been under treatment since the fire.

Mrs. Rudy succumbed to second degree burns of the face, hands and a considerable portion of the body. Her nephew is suffering from severe burns of the face and hands, and is believed to have inhaled flames as he made his way from the blazing (Continued on page 6)

R. K. Owens to Open Appliance Store Here

Ralph K. Owens, son of Edward R. Owens, yesterday announced that he will conduct a modern electrical appliance store in conjunction with his Thor Washing Machine agency, in the room adjoining the Bellefonte Hardware Company store, South Allegheny street.

Plans have been made for the extensive remodeling of the exterior and interior of the room and it is probable that a new and modern front will replace the present entrance and show windows. The store will be closed while the interior is being remodeled.

Mr. Owens, until recently when his father withdrew as a partner in the Bellefonte Hardware Company, had been employed for 16 years in that store, and during most of that time was agent for Thor Washing Machines.

WILLIS WION DROPPED FROM HIGHWAY PAYROLL

Willis E. Wion, of East Howard street, for the past four years chief mechanic at the State Highway Department, garage on East Bishop street, Bellefonte, has been notified that he will be dropped from the state payroll at the close of business, tomorrow.

He will be succeeded in the post by Paul Bright, of State College. Mr. Wion has the distinction of being the first person hired in the automobile business in Bellefonte. In 1904 when he accepted a position with the John Lyon agency, located where the Bell Telephone Company offices now are, he became the town's initial auto mechanic. At that time the Lyon agency handled single-cylinder Cadillacs. Mr. Wion has been in the automobile business ever since.

Home Damaged By Fire Loss estimated at several hundred dollars resulted from a fire at the John Kerstetter home near Boalsburg about 9:30 o'clock Sunday morning. The blaze, believed to have originated from a chimney in the kitchen wall, worked its way through to the second floor.

The Boalsburg Fire Company succeeded in checking the flames with water from the booster tank. Damage was confined principally to the walls in which the fire was confined.

CAKE BAKING CLINIC WILL DIAGNOSE ILLS OF PASTRIES



A Cake Baking Clinic will be the curtain raiser for the first class of The Centre Democrat three-day Cooking School which starts next Wednesday. Mrs. Dorothy Bathgate, who is conducting the classes, calls this first program "Lighter Tasks," and among the things she simplifies with her modern equipment is the problem of baking cakes.

First, she'll give a recipe for a (Continued on page 7)

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Officers retained in their positions for another term are: Mrs. Robert M. Beach, president; John S. Somerville, treasurer; and Mrs. Carolyn McClure Waite, secretary. Members of the executive committee and of the board of directors also were chosen upon the recommendation of the nominating committee, consisting of Mrs. E. E. Widdowson, J. Thomas Mitchell and Miss Mary M. Blanchard.

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But danged if we can get excited over April 15 right now, for outside on snow is blowing so hard it moves straight along the ground. The wind is terrific. The thermometer is doing a tail spin. We imagine the display of fishing goods in local sporting goods store windows is hidden behind frosted glass—although that may be an exaggeration.

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Whatever difference of opinion may exist as to the location of the proposed new High School Building, our citizens should not fail to go to the polls next Tuesday and support the bond issue.

This is the most important decision to be made for the future welfare of Bellefonte's public school system.

It should be borne in mind that an unwise defeat of the loan will not relieve the taxpayers of an obligation that must be met. It will not postpone additional tax levy for school building purposes, as many persons erroneously believe.

On the other hand, to defeat the loan at this time will deprive Bellefonte of receiving its anticipated government grant of 45 per cent of the cost of rebuilding.

To lose this grant (a purely gratuitous endowment) would necessitate the imposing of an additional tax levy for school purposes, probably exceeding by far the amount asked to carry the bond issue.

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Many Prizes To Be Awarded At Cooking School

Many valuable prizes and useful electrical appliances are to be given away as a feature of the annual Centre Democrat Cooking School to be held in the Y. M. C. A. auditorium here Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, April 19 to 21.

In addition, Mrs. Dorothy Bathgate, home economist in charge will distribute among the audience the foods prepared during the classes.

All housewives and other interested persons are cordially invited to attend. There is no charge of any kind, and ample seating accommodations, in full view of the model kitchen will be provided.

The only request made is that each person bring a pencil and tablet to record for future use the many worthwhile cooking habits which will be brought out during the sessions.

Classes begin at 2 o'clock and will adjourn in time for the preparation of a new dish or two for the family's evening meal.

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Skater Dies After Falling On Sidewalk

Carl Glasgow, 32, Millheim WPA Worker, Succumbs to Clot on Brain

WAS PREPARING FOR FIRST SKATING PARTY

Coroner Finds Inquest Unnecessary; Funeral Held Yesterday

A fall suffered nearly a week previously while he was roller skating near his home resulted fatally Saturday night to Carl Matthew Glasgow, 32-year-old WPA worker of Millheim, who died suddenly at his home from a blood clot on the brain.

Glasgow, according to reports, had been invited to join a group of Millheim residents who each Thursday night go to the Hecla Park rink. Being unable to skate he secured a pair of roller skates and early last week was practicing on the sidewalk in front of his home when he fell heavily, striking the back of his head.

He complained of pains about the head and is reported to have undergone treatment by several physicians Saturday evening, while his wife was absent from home, he became (Continued on page six)

ASKS \$4,335 IN DAMAGES

W. R. Gearhart, Bellefonte, Defendant in Suit Resulting From Crash

As the result of a truck accident on Bald Eagle Mountain near "Skytop," Feb. 24, 1938, Wilbur Russell Gearhart, of Bellefonte, former employee of the State Highway Department, is being sued for \$4,335 damages by Joseph H. Sprecher, of Lebanon. The suit was filed yesterday in the offices of Prothonotary Bond C. White.

Sprecher, trading as Sprecher Brothers, claims that one of his truck and trailer outfits, carrying four new cars, was traveling toward State College and had just passed the summit of the mountain at "Skytop," when a truck driven by Gearhart backed on the road from the berm and crashed into the side of the truck and trailer.

Damages are listed as follows: to the truck and trailer, \$2,700; to one of the DeSoto cars being transported, \$400; loss of earnings because of damage to truck, \$1,000; cost of sending another truck to continue journey, \$100, and cost of removing truck to garage, \$75.

The statement of claims alleges the accident resulted from carelessness and negligence on Gearhart's part, in that he backed onto the road without warning; failed to show due regard to other users of the highway, and disregarded the rights of others on the road.

One Person Injured Week-end Accidents

Two accidents, one near Snow Shoe and the other at the D. M. Kline farm near Axemom, brought injuries to one of the drivers during the weekend. Total damage to cars involved was less than \$200.

Anthony J. Droeg, of Bellefonte, Md., suffered lacerations of the lips when his car overturned on a curve near the Kline farm at 4:45 o'clock Sunday morning. The machine was damaged to the extent of about \$175 as it failed to round a curve and plunged into a concrete abutment before turning over.

Damage was slight Sunday afternoon when cars driven by Clarence O. Yoder, of Lock Haven, and Edward Moore, of Albion, collided on the Snow Shoe mountain. The mishap occurred when a third machine stopped to pick up a hitch-hiker, police said. No one was injured.

The Latch String Is Out to One and All

In the last week or so this office has had a number of strange visitors, such as the Siegs, the Rothlocks, the Rays, the Yeagers, Bob Willard, Ben Crossley, Bill Rowe, Doc Noll and some others, but a guest we had Tuesday night outshines them all.

This visitor came in silently, swept into the front office, scouted through the press room and finally sat down. We hardly knew what to expect. Our guest distinctly didn't look like a Democrat, and we failed to find any of the marks that distinguish the hide-bound Republican. Maybe the war scare in Europe was on his mind.

Anyhow we had a wholesome respect for him, and perhaps his ideas were no better than a lot of others advanced in this day and age. Nevertheless when our visitor disappeared somewhere in the dimness of the composing room, we breathed easier.

We never did like bats.

Read Maps Available Here This office has just received from Harrisburg a supply of official road maps of Pennsylvania, and a number of colored folders of "Pennsylvania, the Scenic State," issued by the Publicity Commission. The maps and folders are distributed free of charge, and since the supply is limited only those who act at once will be certain of getting copies.

PRESENT SITE IS FAVORED BY BOARD; HUGHES QUILTS

Bellefonte Couple Wedded 50 Years

Directors Will Build on Old Location if Possible, Hazel Says

STORMY MEETING ON ELECTION EVE

Hughes' Withdrawal is Protest to Teacher Hiring Policy

The McKinleys were married a half century ago at the old Johnson homestead near the Advent church, Milesburg.

Those present for the anniversary were: Miss Brooks, Centre Hall; Mrs. McClellan, Mr. and Mrs. Clair McKinley and son, Mr. and Mrs. Gregg McKinley and two children, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Rockey and four children, and Mr. and Mrs. Ray Johnson, of Bellefonte; Mrs. Howard Watson and son, of Buffalo Run; Mrs. Ida Johnson and son, of Holts Hollow, and Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Silker, of Milesburg. A feature of the day was a delicious dinner at noon. Mr. and Mrs. McKinley received a number of useful gifts.

The honored couple, although well along in years, enjoy excellent health. Their many friends throughout the county join in extending congratulations and best wishes for many more years of life together.

Tax Group To Convene Here

Will Meet in Humes Library Building to Discuss "Hidden" Levies

The first meeting of the National Consumers' Tax Commission study group will be held on Tuesday, April 18, at 2:30 p. m. in the Humes Building. The women of Centre county are invited to attend. Sponsors of the meeting put forth the following appeal:

"Everyone is interested in taxes. Home owners pay property taxes. Those above certain salary minimums pay income taxes. There are inheritance, sales, corporation, all kinds and varieties of direct taxation, including per capita taxes on citizens who are not reached through property ownership.

"Everyone complains of the high cost of living. The poor declare (Continued on page four)

Model Home To Open April 29th

Announcement was made last night that the formal opening of the Chamber of Commerce sponsored model home under construction on East Linn street for Clyde Stewart, manager of the Wolf Furniture store, will be held on Saturday, April 29.

After a private showing to officials in the afternoon, the house will be thrown open to public inspection for eight days. The West Penn Power Company will provide a hostess to show visitors through the home and to explain the many modern features it contains.

A. & P. EMPLOYEES OF DISTRICT MEET HERE

Approximately 125 managers and clerks from A. & P. food stores in the Lock Haven and Lewisburg districts held a joint meeting at the Bellefonte Y. M. C. A. Tuesday night.

H. G. Witter, of East Curtin street, who has been in the employ of the A. & P. organization for 35 years, presided and was among the speakers. Other speakers included A. M. Mader and a Mr. Rochester, of East Linn street, and Mr. Bauman, coffee expert for the company.

Problems of merchandising, management, and other matters of interest to employees were discussed.

SCHOOL PROBLEM CLARIFIED IN QUESTIONNAIRE BY BOARD

(Editor's Note: This is the third and final of the present series of articles dealing with the proposed school bond issue and building program.)

The Bellefonte School Board wishes to answer or comment on the more common and typical questions or issues which have been raised, as follows:

1. How many students were housed in the high school building? About 900, consisting of 200 in the upper grades and 700 in high school.

Directors Will Build on Old Location if Possible, Hazel Says

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SPECIAL BULLETIN Last night George Hazel, president of the Bellefonte School Board, declared that Bellefonte citizens will have an opportunity to express their views, if at any time in the future the Board considers a change of site for a new school building.

He said that if it should be found that a new building could be erected at materially less expense on a different site than on the present property, a public hearing would be called for the purpose of determining public sentiment in the matter before the Board makes any final decision.

In protest against the policies followed in the selection of new teachers, James R. Hughes, former headmaster of the Bellefonte Academy, resigned as a member of the Bellefonte School Board at a regular meeting of that body, Monday night. His resignation has not been officially accepted.

Prior to his resignation Mr. Hughes, backed by Board member Charles P. Cook, fought through the passage of a resolution in which the Board goes on record as favoring the present site for any new building, provided that site meets State approval and does not involve higher building costs than some other location.

The immediate reason for Mr. Hughes' resignation was the failure of the Board to act upon Mr. Hughes' motion that his nephew B. Ralph Summer, of South Spring street, be elected as a teacher of history and sociological subjects in the Bellefonte High school.

The resolution upon which he and Mr. Cook forced a vote reads as follows: "Resolved that the Bellefonte School Board (Continued on page seven)

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