

4 HELD IN MINE DYNAMITING

\$55,000 Bond Issue Approved; Hughes Replaced By Troupe

Debt Increase Proposal Passes By 616 to 182 Vote

\$155,000 AVAILABLE FOR NEW BUILDING

Favorable Election Result Clears Way for Immediate Action

Moving with unexpected swiftness, the Bellefonte School Board at a special meeting at the Academy Monday night unanimously accepted the resignation of James R. Hughes...

The motion to accept Mr. Hughes' resignation, tendered at a regular meeting Monday last week in protest to the board's policies in regard to employing teachers, was made by board member Charles E. Cook...

Mr. Hartraut then moved for the appointment of Mr. Troupe to fill the vacancy. Mr. Cook seconded the motion, and no other names for the vacancy were proposed when George Hazel, president, asked for further nominations. The vote on Mr. Troupe was 616 to 182.

\$4,000 Damage As House Burns

Two Howard Families Made Homeless; Bellefonte, Mill Hill Firemen Called

Fire of undetermined origin swept through a frame double house at Howard late last Thursday night, narrowly missing, claiming several lives, made two families homeless and caused property damage estimated at more than \$4,000.

The property, located on Main Street near the Diamond, is owned by Walter Boone, and was tenanted by Mr. and Mrs. Sarkis Joseph and six children, and Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Speiser and one child. Joseph conducted a barber shop in one of the first floor rooms of his home.

The blaze broke out about 11:30 p. m. and was extinguished by the arrival of the fire department.

WOLF FURNITURE STORE MODERNIZED, ENLARGED

The newly modernized and greater Wolf Furniture store, West High Street, Bellefonte, will be formally opened to the public Friday night of this week, beginning at 7 p. m.

During the past few weeks the floor space of the store has been increased by 1600 square feet through the erection of a mezzanine floor over the rear portion of the present spacious room.

In addition, the entire interior of the store has been remodeled and redecorated. The office has been moved and all stock re-arranged. There will be a souvenir for every person who visits the store Friday night—the opening—night of the sale in honor of the modernized and enlarged business house.

See Need for Careful Planning For Proposed New School Building Here

In a letter to The Centre Democrat in regard to the proposed construction of a new high school building, Miss Ann W. Keichline, well known Bellefonte architect, writes: "We have been thirty years and spent thousands of dollars getting nowhere. Let us plan before we build this, and let us plan well."

As an architect, Miss Keichline sees in the present site, many more possibilities for a modern and attractive building than would exist on a level lot with a "box like" building. She calls on the people of Bellefonte to follow the architectural traditions of the past in planning a beautiful as well as a useful school building.

Troupe Is High School and Penn State Graduate

William Bell Troupe, newly chosen member of the Bellefonte School Board, is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Troupe, of South Thomas street. He was born in Bellefonte 33 years ago and received his early education in the local schools, having been graduated from the Bellefonte High school in the class of 1923.

He was graduated from the Pennsylvania State College in the school of Mechanical Engineering, in 1927. For the first two years after completing his education he was employed as an engineer for the Carbondale Machine Company. Leaving there in the fall of 1929, he accepted a similar position with the Alco Products Division of the American Locomotive Company, in New York City, remaining there until the fall of 1934 when he returned to Bellefonte to accept an engineering position.

WPA PROJECT THREATENED

Sidewalk Program May Fail Through Developments in Council

The WPA sidewalk and street improvement program sponsored by Bellefonte Borough Council seemed doomed at the conclusion of a regular meeting of that body Monday night when several telling blows had been administered to the proposal.

Missing WPA Man Is Found In Barn

After an all-night search, Melvin Lucas, aged 30, of Milesburg, who walked away from a WPA road project near Rattlesnake, Friday noon, was found the following morning asleep in a barn owned by his brother, Ray, at Runville.

The man, who is married and the father of two children, has been suffering for some time from a nervous complaint and a sinus condition. The incident happened the first day Lucas had been assigned to the WPA project north of Unionville.

Searching parties combed the mountains all night and at 5 o'clock the following morning the man was found in the barn by his niece, Nancy Jane Lucas, aged 7. He had walked about ten miles from his work.

Parnell Gets Appointment

Robert Parnell, of State College, has been named by the Centre County Commissioners, acting as the County Institution District, to the position of investigator for the District, in the post made vacant by I. R. Baumgardner, of Zion, who received a State job at Rockview penitentiary.

Charence Man Injured

When a truck driven by William McLaughlin, of Snow Shoe, and a car operated by John Krish, of Clarence, collided on a curve of the Moshannon-Reno road Monday afternoon, John Surovec, of Clarence, suffered slight lacerations of the face, and total damage to the two machines was about \$70. There were no other injuries.

JACKSONVILLE HOME IS DAMAGED BY FIRE

The farm residence of Blanchard Lucas, along the Jacksonville road, was considerably damaged by fire about 5 o'clock Sunday night. The blaze discovered by members of the family originated in one of the front bedrooms, and is believed to have been caused by an overheated stove pipe. Flames spread to an adjoining bedroom, and ate through the floor to the living room on the ground floor.

The Undine Fire Company of Bellefonte answered an alarm and succeeded in saving the home from destruction. Damage, estimated at several hundred dollars, was covered by insurance.

Hughes' Resignation Accepted; Troupe Only Candidate

AWARD CONTRACT TO REMOVE RUINS

New Board Member Will Serve Until Election This Fall

By a vote of 616 to 182 citizens of Bellefonte at a special election Tuesday turned in a better than 3 to 1 majority in favor of increasing the indebtedness of the school district \$55,000 toward the construction of a new school building.

Opposition to the bond issue was not as strong, comparatively speaking, as it was when the issue was first voted upon at the primary election in May, 1938. At that time the vote was 1137 for and 551 against, or a percentage of 67.3 in favor of the issue.

Tuesday's vote showed that 77.2 percent of those who went to the polls favored the bond issue. Considering that the bond issue was the only matter voted upon Tuesday, the turnout of 798 voters is considered to be quite heavy. Last year, at a regular election conducted at the same time, 1623 votes were cast on the special ballots for the bond issue.

Each of the three wards of the borough turned in whopping majorities in favor of the issue, the vote by wards being as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Ward, Yes, No. North Ward: 336 Yes, 87 No. South Ward: 193 Yes, 78 No. West Ward: 87 Yes, 17 No.

Totals: 616 Yes, 182 No. In the primary election in May, 1938, the vote by wards on the same question was:

Table with 2 columns: Ward, Yes, No. North Ward: 579 Yes, 203 No. South Ward: 389 Yes, 259 No. West Ward: 169 Yes, 89 No.

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FHA Loans Near Million Dollars

735 Persons in County Have Borrowed to Buy or Improve Homes

Centre county home owners and buyers have borrowed nearly nine hundred thousand dollars through Federal Housing Administration insured mortgages from 1934 until the first of this year, Stewart McDonald, FHA Administrator, announced today.

The money was made available through 735 FHA-insured loans to county residents. On 63 percent of the loans made through FHA, according to testimony submitted in the House of Representatives by Representative Wright Patman (D-Tex.) the borrower repays less than 30 a month.

McDonald reported the FHA guarantee on 6-2nd Sec.

NEW FACES WILL BE SEEN IN FAMILY ALBUM

On Thursday, April 27, at 8 p. m. in the Presbyterian Chapel, Bellefonte, the Family Album will give you an opportunity to meet everybody's relatives, your own and your neighbors'.

Into the making of the present generation have gone beauty without talent, talent without beauty, and rare combinations of both. The show this year has added to its cast, comedians, musicians, and singers of county-wide reputation.

Mrs. Alberta Krader will be there with her sister, Barbara MacDowell, and her violin; Earl Campbell, Bess Edelblute, and others will be on hand with their voices.

2 Sentenced In Theft Of College Taxi

Students Fined \$100 Each; Youth Admits Theft of Motorcycle

YOUNG CHECK FORGER PLACED ON PROBATION

Drunk Driver Draws \$100 Fine, 10 Days in Jail; Others Plead Guilty

Three men, all charged with taking motor vehicles without the consent of the owners, were among seven defendants sentenced by Judge Ivan Walker at a special session of court here Monday morning.

PHILIPSBURG, STATE COLLEGE OBSERVE JEFFERSON BIRTHDAY

Philipsburg and State College, as did thousands of other American communities, this week celebrated the 196th anniversary of the birth of Thomas Jefferson, author of the Declaration of Independence and the Bill of Rights, third President of the United States, and founder of the Democratic party.

Under the sponsorship of the Philipsburg Women's Democratic Club 175 persons heard an inspiring address on the life of the great Virginian delivered by the Hon. Dennis Ertel, lawyer, educator and chairman of the Pennsylvania Utility Commission. The gathering was held last Thursday night in the social rooms of the Methodist church, Philipsburg.

Tuesday night at the Nittany Lion Inn, State College, 225 Centre citizens gathered to pay homage to the founder of the party. Dr. Carroll D. Champlin, of Penn State, spoke most interestingly on the European situation and its effects on the United States, with particular emphasis upon the subtle part Russia is playing in the European scene.

Sample Home To Be Opened

C. of C. Among Sponsors of "Open House" at Stewart Residence

The first demonstration home to be erected in Bellefonte since 1936 will have its debut on Saturday, April 29, when the Clyde Stewart residence now being completed on East Linn street is thrown open for public inspection.

Recognizing the dire need for additional small homes in Bellefonte to accommodate an ever-increasing population, the Bellefonte Chamber of Commerce has joined with the contractor, Michael Baker, Jr., with Clusters and with many other supply and equipment houses in sponsoring the "open house," to acquaint the community with the advantages of owning a home.

FIVE HELD FOR COURT IN LOTTERY VIOLATIONS

Five Centre countians, all of Philipsburg, have posted bonds for their appearance in court here on charges of violating the laws against lotteries, it was reported here last night.

Elias Giamopolis and William Poulos are under \$1,000 bonds each on charges of possession and sale of lottery tickets. Charles Alberts, charged with possession of tickets, posted a \$500 bond, while George Maruchak and Otavio Catherine are under \$500 bail each on charges of selling tickets.

All waived hearings before Philipsburg Justices of the Peace. The acting prosecutors in all cases are officers from the State Motor Police detail at Rockview.

Sample Fair at Hubersburg. A sample fair, sponsored by the Booster club of the Trinity Episcopal and Reformed Church school, will be held in the church social hall, Hubersburg, Friday evening, April 21. A large variety of samples will be given and a "fish pond" is planned for the children. An entertaining program will be rendered and a free lunch will be served to all children six to fifteen years will be admitted for ten cents, and those that are sixteen years or older will be charged twenty-five cents.

Charged With Violation Of Postal Laws

Correspondence School Agent Arrested at Post Office Here

POSED AS FEDERAL OPERATOR, IS CLAIM

Say Salesman Guaranteed Civil Service Jobs to Prospects

Charged with fraudulent use of the United States mails and with representing himself as a government operator, Ralph D. Cooksey, aged about 32, representative of a correspondence school offering courses in preparation for Civil Service examinations, was arrested here Saturday.

College Woman Takes Own Life

Miss Bertha Parsons, 39, Found Dead in Bed; Had Been in Ill Health

Chronic ill health is believed to have been the reason for the suicide of Miss Bertha Parsons, aged 39 years, former catalog librarian at the Pennsylvania State College, who was found dead in bed at her apartment on West Fairmount avenue, State College, at 7 o'clock Monday night.

Miss Parsons, who had not worked in the library since 1935, was last seen about 6 o'clock Monday night. A short time later her lifeless body was found on her bed. In her apartment were found notes to friends in State College and signed checks for several bills.

Dr. W. R. Heaton, of Philipsburg, Centre county coroner, after conducting an investigation Tuesday morning announced that Miss Parsons had "secured toxic chemicals and prepared them for the suicidal purpose." A quantity of a deadly poison was found in her apartment.

C. E. Rally to Be Held Saturday

Rev. M. C. Bittner, Juniata, Chief Speaker at Sessions in Local Church

Rev. M. C. Bittner, of the Otterbein U. B. church in Juniata, will bring the main address in the evening at a Christian Endeavor Rally for intermediate boys and girls and their leaders, Saturday, April 22, in the Bellefonte Evangelical church.

Another Altoona man, Mr. L. C. Moffitt will lead one of the afternoon conferences. The rally will begin at 2:00 p. m. with devotions by The Woodcrest Society. During the worship period each society will present an offering for the purpose of carrying on Christian work among the boys and girls of the county and the state.

Roll call will serve as a "get-acquainted" effort. Following this, one person from each society will describe how its meetings and activities are conducted. Two conferences will follow and will each last 45 minutes. The first one "What We Believe and Why We Believe" (Continued on Page 4)

Father Downes 3 Down After Round With 'Ole Maestro'

Ben Bernie, the old smoothie, swings a mean golf club as well as a mean swing baton, it developed here yesterday when "The Ole Maestro" defeated the Rev. Father William E. Downes, one of Bellefonte's finest golfers, in a game at the Nittany Country Club.

When the rector of St. John's Catholic church returned to the clubhouse after a round with Bernie he was included in the "Lads" he found that the orthodox reader had him three down Yowah!

"Is he pretty good?" a naive reporter asked the rector last night. "Well, I haven't heard his music yet," Father Downes replied. "But if anything like his golf there isn't much better!" Bernie And All The Lads were to preside at the opening of Weis Park's famous pavilion last night.

Prizes Given At Cooking School Here

More Than 300 Attend First Session at YMCA Yesterday

CLASSES SCHEDULED TODAY AND FRIDAY

Display of Modern Appliances Attract Much Attention

Cooking can be fun—that's the impression the housewives of Bellefonte carried away from the first class of the Centre Democrat Cooking School yesterday afternoon.

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Office Provides Reliable Help

Employment Service Offers Experienced Aid to All Employers

Hundreds of men and women are being restored to private industrial and agricultural pursuits by placement through the Pennsylvania State Employment Service of the Division of Unemployment Compensation, Manager W. Ernest Brown, of the Bellefonte office said yesterday.

Employers throughout the State are learning through their personal experience, that the State Employment Service provides a high grade classified referral service.

The next time you need a farmhand, machinist, stenographer, bookkeeper, truck-driver, factory help, a domestic or other help, just call the nearest Pennsylvania State Employment service office and I am sure you will be satisfied.

APPOINTMENTS MADE TO STATE POSITIONS

Mrs. Lola Fulton, of Howard, has been appointed as a clerk in the State Highway Department offices on East Bishop street, Mrs. Fulton, who takes the place made vacant by the resignation of Miss Schultz, of Rebersburg, has been employed for some time by the Centre County Commissioners.

Miss Hazel Johnson, of North Spring street, has been named as clerk-typist in the Pennsylvania Department of Justice offices on West High Street. She replaces Miss Helen Schaeffer, of East Curbin street.

Appointments announced last week included: John W. Bottomly, Philipsburg, maintenance and construction foreman; Marshal Barto, of Pine Grove Mills, Ellis R. Houser, of Benner township, William A. Bowers, of Blanchard, Joseph Davidson, of Winata, L. M. Barger, of Spring Mills, E. D., and Wilbur F. Goss, of Philipsburg, all maintenance foremen.

Other appointments in the highway department, approved at Harrisburg, were: Frank L. Knarr of Bellefonte, mechanic; Clarence Schreier of Millheim, roller and equipment operator; Paul W. Bright of State College, garage foreman; James E. Gausewhite of Rebersburg, mechanic.

BLAST ROCKS POWER PLANT AT GROE MINE, MOSHANNON

Bellefonte Man Has Been Officially Dead Two Decades

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2 OTHER OPERATIONS SUFFER DAMAGES

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McCOY IN WAR TOGS

Today, Charles "Kidder" McCoy, well known resident of Bellefonte, has been dead for exactly 20 years, 6 months and 17 days, for he officially shuffled off this vale of tears on October 3, 1918. He died a hero's death and was deeply mourned by his family and friends.

J. O. BREWER BUYS BUSINESS AT AXEMANN

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TO DISCUSS ESTABLISHMENT OF CANNING FACTORY HERE

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Police last night claimed they have evidence tending to link the quartet with the destruction of the mine power plant by dynamite, entailing damage estimated at \$1,200 and putting the mine out of operation until new machinery has been installed.

Four other miners from the Philipsburg area are to be given hearings (Continued on Page 6)

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A meeting was called at which an organization was perfected and incorporated as the Bellefonte Community Welfare Fund Plan.

Each agency voluntarily became a part of this plan and the privilege of withdrawing from it is given all of the agencies annually. The original budget was submitted to the board of Directors by each agency setting forth the fund with the privilege of revising their budget figures annually.