

132 MAY RECEIVE DIPLOMAS

COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES TO BE HELD THURSDAY, JUNE 22

Rev. William C. Thompson Chosen to Deliver Baccalaureate

GRADE SCHOOLS TO CLOSE ON JUNE 8

Junior Contest Will Be Held in Church Chapel June 6

The annual Bellefonte High school commencement exercises will be held on Thursday evening, June 22, it was announced yesterday by Earl K. Stock, supervising principal of schools.

School officials declared that the graduating class this year will be larger than ever before, exceeding even last year's record of 124 members.

Commencement week will begin with the baccalaureate sermon on Sunday night, June 18, at the Presbyterian church, with the Rev. William C. Thompson, pastor of the church, as speaker.

Boy Falls 12 Feet; Escapes Serious Injury

Lesler Brus, aged 8, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Brus, of Flemings, suffered painful but not serious injuries last Wednesday afternoon when he fell 12 feet through the rotted floor of an unroofed lot in the Joseph Alexander barn near Flemings.

The accident happened about 4 o'clock while the boy was exploring the loft. The floor appeared sound, but while he was walking across it, the supports gave way and he dropped, landing on a pile of odds and ends below. He did not lose consciousness and was able to climb unassisted from a shallow pit beneath the level of the barn floor.

Millheim Man Is Seriously Injured

Ernest Day, aged 38, of Millheim, yesterday was reported to be showing some slight improvement at the Centre County Hospital where he is undergoing treatment for injuries received last Thursday while serving as a straw boss of a West Penn Power Company line crew.

Osceola Man Heads K. of C. Delegates to the 42nd annual state convention of Knights of Columbus closed their three-day session at Scranton, Tuesday, by electing John A. Redding, Burgess of Osceola Mills, the district deputy, and selecting Bethlehem as the 1940 convention city.

HIGH SPEED 'TEST' FREIGHT TRAIN TO BE RUN OVER B. E. V. BRANCH

Beginning in June and continuing indefinitely a high speed "test" freight train will shuttle back and forth between Altoona and Lock Haven, over the Bald Eagle Valley Railroad, while the Association of American Railroads tests out a freight car truck-and-wheel-assembly being developed for high speed freight runs.

In preparation for the inauguration of the high speed test train's run through Bald Eagle Valley, the right-of-way from Tyrone to Lock Haven is being gone over with a fine-tooth comb, to put it in shape for the stress and strain of heretofore unheard-of speeds over that road.

Rails showing signs of wear or defects are being replaced with new rails; curves are being banked to accommodate high speeds and the roadbed is being otherwise improved to take care of the test runs.

Woman Known Here Killed In New York

Miss Doris Buckingham, of New Rochelle, N. Y., well known in Bellefonte through her frequent visits with the E. E. Widdowson family on North Allegheny Street, was almost instantly killed in New York City last Wednesday evening when she was thrown from a train.

Miss Buckingham, who was 30 years old, was hurled to her death when a lurch of the train caused the door to open and threw her off balance as she was passing from one car to another in search of a seat. The accident happened shortly after the New York, New Haven and Hartford train which she had boarded at Grand Central Station had left the station, and before it had reached the ground level.

The victim is survived by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Buckingham, and a sister, Miss Lorraine, all of New Rochelle. Mrs. Widdowson attended the funeral in New York, Saturday night. Interment was made at Waverly, N. Y.

MINISTER IS 91 YEARS OLD

Rev. M. C. Piper, Milesburg, Was "Horse and Buggy" Pastor

The Rev. Marshall C. Piper, well known retired Methodist minister of Milesburg, last Thursday quietly observed his 91st birthday at his home, enjoying the companionship of his two sons, Dr. R. C. Piper and family, of Hartford, Conn., and the Rev. Foster Piper, of Marquette, N. Y., who came here in honor of their father's anniversary.

Rev. Piper might well be termed a "Horse and Buggy" pastor, for 35 years of his 40 years in the active ministry were spent in traveling about through rural charges by way of horse and buggy.

Band Invited To N. Y. World Fair

The Bellefonte Banjo Band, only organization of its kind in the country, has received an invitation to give a concert at the World's Fair in New York.

Purchase of New Uniforms May Prevent Banjo Band From Making Trip

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Expenses of the trip, which would require about three days, would have to be met by the band.

DRUGGED FISH SCOOPED OUT OF LOGAN'S BRANCH

Residents along Logan Branch, one of this vicinity's most famous trout streams, last night reported that hundreds of trout were taken from the stream from about 4:30 to 7:30 o'clock last night.

The condition prevailed from Axemann to near the Forge, just outside Bellefonte, it was reported. All sizes of fish were affected, the largest reported to this office being 20 inches in length. They ranged in size down to fingerlings. Some families were said to have secured as many as two buckets of fish.

Heads Coal Office



DON GINGERY

Former Congressman Don Gingery of Clearfield, on Monday took over the position of manager of the national bituminous coal commission district office at Altoona. He received official notification of his appointment from the commission last Saturday.

The former representative of the Twenty-first Congressional District succeeds W. P. Corp, who resigned as manager of the Altoona office.

Bottom To Play For Alumni Dance

Bill Bottom and his orchestra of State College was chosen to play for the annual Bellefonte High School Alumni dance to be held at Hecla Park on Tuesday night, June 20, it was announced after meeting of the Alumni Association at the Academy, Monday night.

A feature of the dance this year will be class reunions under banners to be suspended at intervals along the sides of the dance floor.

Another innovation this year is that tickets will be 50 cents to all in prior years it had been the custom to make an extra charge for those who had not attended the Bellefonte High school.

School Tax Rate Is Unchanged

A four-dollar per capita tax and a millage rate of 24 mills for school purposes was levied for 1939 by the Bellefonte School Board at a special meeting in the Masters' House at the Academy, Monday night.

The board also approved a proposed budget submitted by the school administration for the coming year.

The motion retaining the tax rate at the same level as for 1938 was made by Board member Charles Cook, seconded by member Bossa DeHaas, and was carried unanimously.

Trustees Confirmed

The Senate has confirmed these trustees of Lock Haven State Teachers College: Dr. D. W. Thomas and Mrs. Helen McEntire, Lock Haven; A. P. Akeley, Coudersport; M. Ward Fleming, Bellefonte; Dr. W. M. Pierce, Ridgway; Harry C. Smith, Altoona; Harry D. Woolridge, Clearfield; George P. Hess, Beech Creek; and Scott R. McKean, Williamsport.

Announcers For Co. Commissioner

Clyde M. Lee, of East Bishop street, announces in The Centre Democrat this week that he is a candidate for County Commissioner on the Republican ticket.

CENTRE COUNTY BASEBALL LEAGUE GAMES

Saturday, May 20: Snow Shoe at State College; Milesburg at Millheim; Bellefonte at Bellefonte Moose; Boalsburg at Howard.

LOCAL LIME STONE MINERS ACCEPT JOBS IN GOLD MINE

Henry Auvinen, of North Spring street, and four or five other miners who for the past three years have been developing the new mine at the Chemical Lime Company, have signed for two years' service in a gold-mine development in Venezuela, South America, and are making arrangements to sail on June 16 from New York for that country.

The men, all natives of Finland and all experts in the development of mine shafts, are being taken to the South American country to help sink a deep shaft in a mine which 70 years ago was known as the richest gold mine in the world. The mine is now being developed by the Goldfield American Development Co. Ltd., an English syndicate. The miners, however, are employed by the Longyear Company, of Minneapolis, Minn., the firm which had charge of developing the American Lime and Stone Company's mine here some 18 years ago.

The mine is located in the southern part of Venezuela and the site is reached overland from a point on the Orinoco River. Some 1500 men are now employed at the mine, which although near the Equator enjoys a delightful climate by virtue of being located high in a mountainous region.

The Bellefonte men will not be accompanied to the Venezuela post by their families. Living quarters at the mine are limited, and since the men will be on the job only two years at most, according to present plans, it is not considered practical to go to the vast trouble and expense of moving Mrs. Auvinen, well known locally through her outstanding musical ability, may join her husband at his new location, later, but they do not plan to move their household goods to the South American country.

The other men who are leaving Bellefonte to go to Michigan for a vacation with relatives and friends before departing for their new posts.

DIRECT ROUTE TO WORLD'S FAIR PASSES THRU CENTRE COUNTY

Centre county and Bellefonte are on one of the direct routes being set up by the Pennsylvania Department of Highways to guide tourists from the west across Pennsylvania to the World's Fair in New York, it became known here yesterday.

The County Highway maintenance office, headed by Superintendent Aaron D. Letzler, is reported to be making preparations to place approximately 50 directional signs reading "New York" along the route through Centre county. The signs will be erected at every crossroads and at other strategic points along the way so that tourists will never be in doubt as to the correct route.

RADIO BILL BECOMES LAW

Final passage of the radio interference ordinance, and discussions upon the control of lime dust and the proposed closing of a part of Lamb street featured a regular meeting of Bellefonte Borough Council at the Logan House Monday night.

The law providing penalties for the maintenance of devices causing preventable radio interference was unanimously passed upon motion by W. W. Sieg, seconded by W. J. Emerick.

Borough Solicitor M. Ward Fleming and Councilman Henry Brockert reported that they had been in conference with Samuel M. Shores, secretary of the American Lime and Stone Company plant, and that Mr. Shores had agreed to the proposed closing.

STUDENT CHARGED WITH THEFT OF AUTO

Charged with taking an automobile without the owner's permission, Norman E. Blankman, Lancaster, Penn State sophomore, was released under \$300 bail for his appearance in court following a hearing before Burgess Wilbur P. Letzler, of State College last week.

Blankman is said to have admitted having duplicate keys made for a fellow student's machine, and taking a weekend trip to Lancaster in the car.

Free Wasserman Tests

Free Wasserman tests are being given to all Centre county persons unable to pay for the tests at the clinic which is being held from 4 to 5 o'clock every Tuesday afternoon during May at the Centre County Hospital, Bellefonte. The tests, to determine presence of syphilis, are held through the cooperation of the state department of health.

Two Young Hitch-Hikers

Two six-year-old hitch-hikers, Anna May Orr and Shirley Yarnell, who told police they were from State College, were found in a Lock Haven drug store on Monday. They said they had walked to Lock Haven from Mill Hill, Chief of Police Martin J. Peters got in touch with their uncle, Clyde Mauch, of Mill Hill, with whom they had been left.

Snow Shoe To Get Dial Telephones

Former Bank Building to House New Central Office Quarters

EXPECT CHANGE TO DIAL BY JULY 15

Will Retain Present Magneto System Until All Work is Completed

Rapid progress is being made on the installation of a dial telephone system throughout the Snow Shoe exchange area, it was announced yesterday by Jesse H. Casum, manager here for the Bell Telephone Company of Pennsylvania. The telephone dial in this area is scheduled for the middle of July.

Telephone engineers will begin shortly to install the dialing mechanism and associated equipment in the new central office quarters, located in the building formerly occupied by the Snow Shoe Bank on Olive street.

In the meantime, Bell installers will start to connect the new dial telephone instruments in the homes and business establishments in Snow Shoe. It was explained by Mr. Casum, however, that the present magneto instruments will remain in service until the actual transfer to dial is made.

Meanwhile, the necessary rearrangements and additions to the company's outside plant facilities are being made under the direction of William H. Gardner, district construction foreman.

Appointed to West Point

George M. MacMullin, Jr. son of Major and Mrs. George M. MacMullin, of West Fairmount avenue, State College, has been appointed as a cadet at the United States Military Academy, West Point, MacMullin, a graduate of State College High school last year, and now a student at Stanton Prep, will go to West Point on July 1.

Plan Circus Acts, Dances, Other Entertainment for Holiday Crowd

The American Legion promises a brilliant and spectacular event for Bellefonte for Wednesday, June 14. From present indications the 23rd District Convention and Flag Day Celebration will exceed all expectations. Activities will begin early Wednesday morning with the arrival of veterans, auxiliaries and firemen from all parts of Central Pennsylvania.

A complete program has been arranged to keep the visitors busily engaged from the moment of their arrival by departure at 10:30 a. m. the children from all schools will assemble on the Academy campus.

Lauer To Speak Memorial Day

Legion Plans Local Ceremony; Captain Herbert Beizer to Head Parade

A parade followed by services on the Diamond will be highlights of the observance of Memorial Day in Bellefonte. It was announced yesterday by Samuel D. Rhinesmith, commander of Brooks-Doll Post, American Legion, sponsors of the day's program.

The parade, scheduled to form on Howard street at 10:30 a. m., with Captain Herbert M. Beizer, of Machine Gun Troop as marshal, will move through the principal streets of town before going to the diamond.

Piano Recital Wins Acclaim For Artiste

An appreciative audience listened to a delightful piano recital given by Mrs. Marguerite Weidman in the Town Hall at Hubersburg on Friday evening.

The well balanced program included compositions of Beethoven, Schubert, Rubenstein, Liszt, Chopin, Debussy and others, the piece of resistance being the Sonata Opus 27 No. 1 of Beethoven. Mrs. Weidman gave a most effective and expert interpretation of a program which excited the interest of those not acquainted with the best literature as well as winning the applause of experienced concert patrons.

\$150 Damage in Crash

A parked car owned by Blair Brooks, Pleasant Gap, was damaged to the extent of \$125 Sunday morning in a collision with a truck operated by Russell Grove, Lewisburg. The Brooks car was parked on Route 322, one-half mile west of Tusseyville. Loss to the truck was about \$25.

Daughter of School Official Is Injured

Miss June Rogers, daughter of County Superintendent of Schools P. Glenn Rogers and Mrs. Rogers, of Nittany, was painfully injured Monday evening when she was accidentally struck on the head by a baseball bat.

Miss Rogers was engaged in mowing the lawn, and was in the act of drawing the machine along backwards when a bat in the hands of her sister, Miriam, who was playing ball with another sister, Helen, struck her on the head.

The young lady, who is employed as a school teacher, was rendered unconscious by the blow and was brought to the offices of a Bellefonte physician, where several stitches were necessary to close a laceration of the scalp. She was then permitted to return home, although she has been ordered to remain quiet for a week or ten days to prevent possible complications.

Collision at Gap

About \$15 damage resulted when cars driven by Kurtz Weiser, Millheim, and Avery M. Chahl, Syracuse, crashed at the intersection in Pleasant Gap, Saturday morning. No one was injured.

GROUP SEEKS BETTER ROAD

Asks State for New Bellefonte-State College Highway

Armed with petitions signed by more than 500 residents of Bellefonte and State College, a delegation of prominent citizens from the two communities on Friday interviewed Secretary of Highways I. Lamont Hughes in Harrisburg relative to the construction of a modern road between the two Centre county towns.

As a result of the interview Secretary Hughes told the group that department engineers will make a survey of the proposed road in the near future.

One of the possible obstacles which could be placed in the path of the proposed road is the location of the State College campus.

COMMENCEMENT AT ROCKVIEW, SUNDAY

Dr. M. R. Trabue, dean of the School of Education at Penn State, will be the speaker at commencement exercises for the prison schools at Rockview penitentiary, it was announced yesterday. The program will be held at 9 o'clock Sunday morning, May 21, in the prison auditorium.

Other speakers will include W. H. Sherwood, for the college classes, and Thomas J. Reilly, for the prison schools. Music will be furnished by the Nittany Nine orchestra, of State College.

Shiloh Will Hold Memorial Exercises

Memorial Day exercises under the direction of the State College American Legion, will be held at Shiloh on Sunday afternoon, May 28, at 9 o'clock. The speaker for the occasion will be Rev. Arthur L. Wagner, pastor of the Centre Hill Lutheran church.

Altoona Man Held In Thefts at College

In default of \$300 bail Robert P. McGinley, 19, of Altoona, was committed to the Centre County jail last week after a hearing before Justice of the Peace Harold D. Cowher, of Bellefonte. McGinley pleaded guilty to the theft of money from a purse in Dr. H. R. Glenn's office and stamps from the office of Edward H. Jones.

Miss Gladys Bodie, assistant to Dr. Glenn, saw McGinley leaving the building and on investigating found money had been taken from her purse. Police apprehended him a short time later.

WOMEN'S CLUBS MEET AT HOWARD

A most appreciative audience of nearly one hundred women, members of the Centre County Federation of Women's Clubs, heard the Hon. Sara M. Soffel, Judge of Allegheny County Court, deliver a very timely address on "Youth and Their Future," at the spring meeting of the Federation in Howard, last Saturday.

This subject is one on which she speaks with authority both from her duties on the bench and the many youth conferences she has been privileged to attend. She said this topsy-turvy world of today has prematurely aged our youth. They choose security and jobs rather than liberty; their attitude toward war is not what it should be.

CRIMINAL COURT CONVICTS 2; ACQUITTED MUST PAY COSTS

Defendant to Seek New Trial in Manslaughter Action

HIT-RUN CHARGE IGNORED BY JURY

Philipsburg Taproom Owner Freed in Lottery Case

Criminal Court, in session here since Monday, concluded yesterday morning when a jury in the last of six cases on the docket returned its verdict. Of the six defendants, two were found guilty by juries, one waived trial and entered a plea of guilty, and the remaining three were found not guilty but were directed to pay the costs.

Peter Killen, of Swisway, was acquitted of a charge of hit-run driving yesterday morning, but the jury directed that he pay the costs of prosecution. Killen was arrested after he allegedly failed to stop when his car struck and slightly damaged another machine near Elk Haven along the Bald Eagle Valley Highway.

Considerable general interest was shown in the case of Elias Gianopolis, Philipsburg taproom and restaurant proprietor, who stood trial on a charge of selling lottery tickets. A jury, after hearing a number of witnesses, who testified as to the defendant's good character, found him not guilty, but directed him to pay the costs of prosecution.

Gianopolis was charged with having sold "treasury balance" lottery tickets.

GAP BROTHERHOOD TO HOLD PICNIC MEETING

The Pleasant Gap Community Brotherhood will hold an outing and picnic this Thursday afternoon at the Bond White summer home in Howard township.

All men in the community are invited to attend the event and are instructed to meet at the Pleasant Gap Fire Hall anytime after the noon hour. Transportation from the hall to the White Camp will be provided during the afternoon.

Provisions have been made for target shooting, mullball and other sports. A picnic lunch will be served at 7 o'clock and the Rev. A. G. Hervert of Bellefonte, will be the speaker.

May Day Fete To Be Held Here Saturday

The second annual May Day celebration to be held by the Bellefonte Girl Scouts will take place Saturday afternoon, May 20, on the lawn in front of the Court House. The program will begin at 2 o'clock.

Prior to the ceremony during which Miss Cyrene Newcomb, of East Hill street, will be crowned Queen of the May, a parade beginning on Howard street and passing through the principal streets of town will be held. In the line of march will be Boy Scouts, the fire companies, several bands and other organizations.

Women's Clubs Meet At Howard

County Federation Group Hear Address by Hon. Sara M. Soffel

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LAD. LOST AT OAK HALL. FOUND AS SEARCH BEGINS

Just as an organized search was getting under way for George Lockhart, aged 7, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Lockhart, of Oak Hall, Monday evening, the lad was found safe and sound about one-fourth of a mile from his home. He had been missing one and a half hours.

JOHN R. MEESE DIES

John R. Meese, 74, died suddenly at 7:30 o'clock last night at the John Rice home, S. Spring street, of a heart attack. The funeral will be held at the Rice home Saturday afternoon. For many years Mr. Meese was a well known liveryman here.