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Autopsy Reveals Strange Factors; Inquest to be Held Today

LOADED RIFLE IS FOUND UNDER BODY

Victim George Winters, 24, Martin's Grove WPA Worker

Centre county authorities last night were continuing a thorough investigation into the strange death of a Beech Creek groundhog hunter...

The victim, George Winters, aged 24, WPA worker, died as the result of a bullet wound in the head...

The man's body was found face up in the middle of a clover field under him was his single-shot, bolt-action 22-calibre rifle...

Last night Dr. W. R. Heaton, of Phillipsburg, Centre county coroner, after making an x-ray examination of the man's wound at the Centre County Hospital...

As the investigation gathered momentum, District Attorney Musser W. Gettig, Officers W. C. Myers and James H. Griffith, of the State Police at Rockview, and various other officials met at the hospital...

Judge Fleming In Auto Crash

Escapes Serious Injury as Car Plunges Into Pole Near Unionville

When his car left the highway and struck a power-line pole near Unionville late last Thursday afternoon...

Judge Fleming was returning to Belleville from his Phillipsburg office, where he goes twice each week...

Passing motorists extricated the driver from the damaged car and brought him to his home where it was found that while no bones were broken...

The car's collision with the power-line caused an hour's interruption of electric service to Unionville before repairs were completed...

FAMILY OF JAMES J. VONADA HOLDS REUNION AT HOWARD

ed and moved to his comfortable home in Howard. He is unusually active for a man of 72 years of age...

The children, all of whom are living were present, as follows: Mr. and Mrs. J. Homer Yearick and son John; Mrs. Matilda Ertley and son George...

The appetizing picnic dinner that had been prepared was served indoors, due to the inclement weather; nevertheless it was thoroughly enjoyed by all present.

The Centre Democrat has been a regular visitor in Mr. and Mrs. Vonada's home for a good many years, and its sponsors take this opportunity to wish this genial couple many added years of health and happiness.

Sued For Harboring

A news item from Scranton last Wednesday stated that a federal suit had been filed against P. H. Schweitzer, of State College, charging violation of the Revenue Law of 1934 by harboring Mr. Schweitzer was sued for \$15,712 for allegedly harboring gold coins valued at \$4640 in a New York bank from July 1, 1933, to December, 1936...

Baby Show To Be Held Saturday

More Than Score of Valuable Prizes Offered by Belleville Merchants

More than a score of valuable prizes are to be awarded at a baby show to be held at the Belleville YMCA Saturday afternoon, January 24, by the Service League of St. John's Episcopal church...

Children may be registered at the Wilkinson stationery store on West High street, Thursday or Friday of this week, or they may be registered as they enter the YMCA on the afternoon of the show...

Among the classifications in (Continued on page seven)

AUTO CRASH VICTIM DIES

William Urban, of Port Matilda R. D. Succumbs in Hospital

William J. Urban, of Port Matilda, R. D., died in the State Hospital at Phillipsburg Friday morning of injuries received in an automobile accident at Retort, near Sandy Ridge, Tuesday afternoon...

Traveling towards Ocoola the car skidded, ran up a five-foot embankment and overturned.

Girl Bitten By Snake

Eva Ellenberger is recovering from a snake bite received while working through a hay field on the Basil Frank farm, State College, R. D. The wound, consisting of four marks on the left ankle, was treated at the office of a State College physician...

Alpha Extinguish Fire

A slight fire in the coal shed at the Miss Susan Johnson residence, Lytle's Addition, State College, at 10 o'clock Saturday morning was extinguished by members of the Alpha Fire Company.

Appointed Justice

'SQUIRE G. E. HOFFER



G. Earle Hoffer, of West High street, Belleville, Monday received notification from the offices of Governor Arthur James that he has been appointed Justice of the Peace in Belleville borough...

Mr. Hoffer was named to serve out the term of the late John G. Bower, who passed away in October, 1938...

Mr. Hoffer, who has indicated that he will accept the appointment, will conduct the duties of his new position in the insurance offices he has maintained for some months in Crider's Exchange building, North Allegheny street.

Released Under Bail

Martin Howard, of Thomas street, Belleville, posted \$300 bail for court after a hearing Friday before Justice of the Peace Harold D. Cowher on charges of attempting to pass a forged check...

The other three, James Thomas, Raymond Deitz, and Arthur Hill, were committed to jail in default of \$300 bail each last Thursday...

Light To Speak At Grange Fair

Committee Plans Special Features for Annual Event; Fair Opens Aug. 24

August 24, the opening date for the 1939 Grange Fair, is practically just around the corner. Already plans for program and special features are well under way.

The committee announces that the Grange Day address on the afternoon of Thursday, August 31, will be delivered by Hon. John H. Light, Secretary of Agriculture...

DR. LEROY LOCKE NAMED COUNTY MEDICAL DIRECTOR

Dr. LeRoy Locke, of North Allegheny street, Belleville, has been appointed Centre County Medical Director by Dr. John Shaw, state secretary of health. He replaces Dr. Joseph A. Parrish, of Belleville, who has been director since the death of Dr. J. L. Seibert.

A graduate of the Pennsylvania State College in 1915 and of the University of Pennsylvania in 1929, Dr. Locke has been a member of the Centre County Hospital staff for the past number of years...

PROMINENT AUCTIONEER UNDERGOES OPERATION

L. Frank Mayes, of Lemont, well known auctioneer and marble dealer, last Friday was admitted to the Centre County Hospital, Belleville, where he underwent an operation this same day.

Reports from the institution yesterday were to the effect that Mr. Mayes is resting comfortably, although no date has been set for his discharge from the hospital.

Milesburg Fire Co. Festival

The Milesburg Fire Company will hold a festival on Saturday night, June 24, at the old athletic field, Milesburg. Wetler's band will furnish the music, and there will be all kinds of amusements, games and refreshments for everyone.

POLICE END REIGN OF CALF THIEF IN BALD EAGLE VALLEY

Fitting like a phantom through upper Bald Eagle Valley, leaving in his path a trail of butchered calves slain chickens, emptied pop bottles, and stolen cartons of matches, a 56-year-old man, with no particular address but with a police record dating back to the gay nineties, was brought to a halt by State Police here last weekend.

The man, R. F. Carmack, is now confined in the Centre County jail, under a total of \$600 bail on charges of malicious slaughter of livestock and breaking and entering and larceny. Bail was fixed by Justice of the Peace Harold D. Cowher, of West Bishop street, after a hearing during which the man entered pleas of guilty to both informations.

The charges against the stranger who has been living in shacks, barns and other similar places in the valley since early in the spring, were so drawn as to include a variety of criminal acts.

According to State Police officers James Griffith and H. D. Ream, of the Rockview barracks, who conducted the investigation and made the arrests, Carmack first began "operations" in this county sometime in March when he entered the Port Matilda Feed store, owned by Edgar Williams, and stole a flashlight, revolver, brace and bit, watch, screw driver and pair of pliers, valued at a total of about \$15.

Then about April 20, police say, he went into the B. H. Williams barn near Port Matilda, hit a two-week-old calf over the head with an iron bar, and butchered the dog-like animal on the spot, carrying away both left legs. These were cooked in a can and eaten, Carmack told police.

Sometime later the meat house on the Thomas Williams farm at Martha Furnace was broken into and an undetermined quantity of meat taken. This job aroused considerable curiosity at the time, for the burglar gained entrance in an unusual manner.

PRIZES TO BE AWARDED AT COMMENCEMENT

At the annual Belleville High school commencement exercises in the Plaza theatre this Thursday night will be the awarding of prizes in commercial subjects won by Mary Nelo, Honorable mention, William Edmiston, Mary Gingham.

General Excellence Prize: A prize of \$10.00, given by Col. W. Fred Reynolds for excellence in the general and academic course, won by Heleen Olsen, Honorable mention, Theodore Lindquist, Anne Dorworth.

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Civic Club Prize: A prize of \$5.00, given by the Civic Club of Pleasant Gap to the Spring Township Senior boy or girl who has attained the highest average during the present school year, won by Theodore Lindquist, Honorable mention, David Kachik.

Biographical Essay Prize: A prize of \$10.00, given by Mrs. M. E. Brouse to the Senior boy or girl who writes the best biographical essay, won by David Thompson, Honorable mention, Mary K. Flynn.

Most Valuable Athlete Prize: A prize of \$5.00, the gift of Mr. Robert M. Hood, Jr., in memory of his father who previously gave the prize to the Senior boy who has been most valuable to the high school athletic teams during the past year, won by Philip Gordon, Honorable mention, Jay Knapp.

Junior Declamatory Prize: Two prizes of \$7.50 each, given by Col. W. Fred Reynolds to the boy and girl in the Junior Class who delivered the best declamation, won by Jane Zahniser, George Purnell, Honorable mention, Mary K. Walker, Richard Austin.

General Courtesy Prize: A prize of \$5.00, given by Mr. George R. Meek, to the pupil who shows under all conditions the highest degree of courtesy, won by Harry Curtin, Honorable mention, Dorothy Stevens.

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28 Aliens Admitted As U.S. Citizens

Judge Walker Welcomes Class with Brief Address on Americanism

D. A. R. CONDUCTS SHORT PATRIOTIC SERVICE

Women Who Lost Citizenship Through Marriage, Regain Full Rights

Twenty-eight residents of Centre county forewore allegiance to foreign kings, potentates, and dictators and pledged allegiance to the Stars and Stripes at the conclusion of a session of naturalization court held before Judge Ivan Walker at the Court House here, Monday.

A brief but forceful address by Judge Walker on the meaning of American citizenship, and an impressive ceremony by the Belleville Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, brought to a close a full day of questioning applicants and witnesses. It was one of the largest classes ever to be examined for citizenship in this county.

As Judge Walker concluded his outline of Americanism and welcomed the newcomers as citizens, members of the D. A. R. presented each new citizen with an American flag. The session ended when every-

Another Man Held On Bad Check Charge

Two Cambria county men were released from the Ocoola Mills jail last Thursday where they were placed on charges of disorderly conduct and reckless driving following an accident on the Ocoola-Houtzdale road in Ocoola borough. The two men, Albert Ganrat, 28, of Hastings, and Walter Bolonski, 32, of Bainesboro, and Walter Bolonski, 32, of Hastings, were seized by Chief of Police William Delansky following an accident on the curve near the Harris-Hirsch road. Chief Delansky said that the two men were traveling from Houtzdale when their car failed to negotiate the curve, ran over the curb and upset. One of the men was still in the car when the wreck was investigated.

Prompt and effective action by Albert Thompson, well known Nittany service station owner, thwarted an attempt by gypsies to rob him Saturday afternoon, and resulted in the nomads being apprehended and lodged in the County jail at Belleville.

Disposition of the charges against the four will not be made until it has been ascertained whether or not they are wanted by police in (Continued on page six)

Win Honors In F. F. A. Contests

20 Centre Countians Compete in Various Events at State College

Twenty boys from all parts of Centre county participated in the F. F. A. contests held last week at State College, and a review of their work indicates that the county representatives turned in almost creditable performance.

Standing work in livestock judging, The Bolsburg boys did outstandingly, taking 3rd, 13th and 22nd place in the contest. A total of 247 boys selected from schools all over the state competed in this particular contest, Mr. Dale, the teacher at Bolsburg, has spent considerable time in training the team.

James Gilliland was high with and has a chance for a place in the 652.3 points out of a possible 800 Pennsylvania team at the National (Continued on page six)

Banjo Band Festival This Weekend

The Belleville Banjo Band will hold its sixth annual festival Friday and Saturday, June 23 and 24, at the rear of the Undine Fire House, Bishop street, Belleville.

The Banjo Band will play and there will be a short parade each night through the down-town streets. The band has engaged, as special entertainment, The Myers Brothers of State College, whose vocal work is appreciated wherever heard. They sing late popular numbers and ballads of long ago in a modern style all their own. They use guitar accompaniment, and were featured at the band festival two years ago.

The band has gone to considerable expense to feature this high-class entertainment and hope that many will be present each night to hear and see these popular boys. Entertainment and games will be featured and all kinds of refreshments will be sold. A novel and extensive feature of the band festival is the tea-garden, with tables and chairs for diners, which will (Continued on page seven)

COURT DISMISSES PLEA FOR SCHOOL ADDITION

In an opinion filed late yesterday by Judge Ivan Walker in the case of citizens of Runville who had asked that the supervisors of Boggs township, the County School Board and the County Superintendent of Schools be compelled to build an addition to the Runville school, the court dismissed the request.

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In announcing the plan yesterday, Mr. Goldmah declared that anyone visiting the store may obtain a free bottle of milk, which will be purchased from the Markle Dairy, Pleasant Gap. There are no strings to the offer, with the exception that you must drink the milk in the store.

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In the United States there are some two and a half million families, representing about ten million men, women, and children, who are engaged in dairy farming. In preparing and distributing milk there are other millions of hired hands, creamery employes, transportation workers.