

ADMITS FIRING FATAL SHOT

HARRY WILLIAMS HELD IN BEECH CREEK MAN'S DEATH

Friend of Slain Man is Lodged in Jail on "Open" Charge

EARLY SOLUTION OF CASE IS SEEN

Police Withhold Details Pending Completion of Investigation

Harry Williams, aged 28, of Beech Creek township, Clinton County, fired the bullet that sent George A. Winters, 24-year-old Martin's Grove WPA worker to his death in a hay field on June 20, according to information received last night from official sources.

Privates James H. Griffith and Harold D. Ream, of the State Police at Rockview penitentiary, who have been devoting their entire time to the investigation of the slaying of the groundhog hunter, last night reported that Williams has admitted to them that he fired the 22-caliber rifle bullet that struck Winters above the left ear, sending shattered fragments of lead into his brain.

Police would not say, last night, whether the shooting was accidental or intentional on Williams' part. Neither would they comment upon a probable motive, presuming the act was done intentionally.

"We have not completed that angle of the investigation at this time," Griffith declared, while giving every assurance that the probe will continue until every detail has been (Continued on page 7)

KATZ CLEARANCE SALE WILL BEGIN TOMORROW

The annual July Clearance sale of the Katz Store, Bellefonte, will open at 9 o'clock Friday morning, July 7, and will continue for ten days, the management announced yesterday.

This clearance sale, one of the most popular annual merchandising events in Bellefonte, will be no exception this year, for again every item in the large stock of the store has been drastically reduced in price. Sensational savings will be the rule rather than the exception throughout the ten-day period.

County Commissioner Baiser Weber, of Howard, suffered a heart attack while in the Commissioners' offices Saturday morning, and after being assisted to the offices of a Bellefonte physician, was taken to his home in Howard.

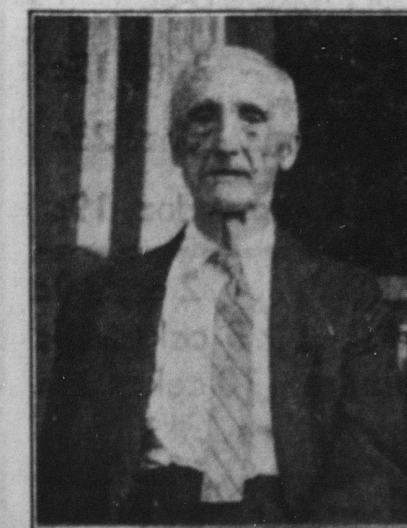
Yesterday it was reported that while Mr. Weber is recovering steadily he has not yet regained his usual strength. He was in Bellefonte for a short time Monday.

UNDINES WIN PRIZES

The Undine Fire Company, Bellefonte, won second place for the best appearing apparatus in a parade at Philipsburg on the Fourth. In the Osceola Mills firemen's parade earlier in the day the Undines took second place for the best equipment and second for the neatest appearance.

MILLHEIM COUPLE OBSERVE 56TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Mr. and Mrs. William A. Stover (above) celebrated their fifty-sixth wedding anniversary on Sunday, June 25th, at a gathering of family and friends in their home at Millheim.



The anniversary was arranged and carefully planned by their two daughters, Mrs. Olive Walker of State College, and Mrs. Kathryn Mensch of Altoona, and a granddaughter, Mrs. Grace Decker of Millheim, who invited forty guests to help celebrate the auspicious occasion.

TON ENGINEERING CO. SELLS NEW TYPE MACHINE

als of the Sutton Engineering Company, Bellefonte, yesterday announced the sale of the first of the heavy-duty sizing, straightening or leveling machines recently developed by the company. The machine was purchased by the Rotary Electric Steel Company, of Detroit, Michigan.

The 34,500-pound machine is unique in that it has four power-driven rolls instead of the customary two. This feature provides more accurate sizing and straightening of steel rods and tubes; gives the rolls much greater life and in other ways has advantages over the earlier machines.

Delivery of the machine to Detroit will be made by rail.

TO EXPLORE LARGE CAVE

5 1/2 Feet of Water Covers Floor of Cavern Along Jacksonville Road

The existence of a large limestone cavern, which might equal or exceed in size other well known caverns in Centre county, was hinted at yesterday by residents of the Jacksonville area who have partially explored a cave on a tract of land on which Martin J. Miller, of East Linn street, Bellefonte, is developing a lime quarry.

The cavern, according to reports given Mr. Miller by persons who have crawled through the narrow entrance to explore the interior, has been examined for a distance of 150 feet, and at that distance there was nothing to indicate that the cave ended there. To get that far one of the explorers removed his clothing, and fastening one end of a 150-foot rope about his waist, waded into a pond which covers the cavern floor. The depth of the water ranged up to 5 1/2 feet, the man reported.

Mr. Miller, who has opened a quarry and who is now hauling furniture to Howard for shipment, yesterday reported that he expects to make a complete exploration of the cave in the near future, to determine the extent and nature of the place. It has long been known that most of the limestone areas of Centre county are honeycombed by caves, and it is possible that some large ones remain unknown.

The Miller tract is located a short distance west of Jacksonville.

Lightning Strikes Home

Lightning struck the chimney of the H. K. Kistler home, 510 West Fairmount avenue, State College, during a severe electrical storm late Tuesday afternoon. Falling bricks broke the slate from the house and sun porch roof. Damage is reported at several hundred dollars.

Reports Hit-Run Accident

Eugene A. Long, of Spring Mills, reported to police that a car driven by an unknown driver broke a right front tire of his car as it was parked at the scene of a carnival in Millheim, Saturday night. Long furnished the license number of the alleged hit-run car.

Honor Pastor On Fifteenth Anniversary

Reception Held Sunday For Rev. C. C. Shuey, of Bellefonte

CHURCH PICNIC HELD IN GROVE

Rev. H. Willis Hartsock Dedicates Poem to Guest of Honor

In appreciation for his fifteen years of service as pastor of the Advent church, the congregation on Sunday tendered the Rev. C. C. Shuey a special reception which lasted throughout the afternoon and evening.

At the afternoon meeting, which was largely attended, the following program was observed: Singing by the Male Chorus of Pine Grove Mills; reading of the 65th Psalm, by Orvis Scholl of Millersburg; prayer, by Rev. H. Willis Hartsock, Bellefonte; song by Male Chorus; roll call and statistics, by the pastor, Rev. Shuey; song by Male Chorus; address, by the Rev. W. B. North, Lock Haven, on the work of himself and wife in China; reading of poem, composed by Rev. Hartsock, on the 82nd birthday of Mr. Shuey; song, by Male Chorus; benediction by Rev. Hartsock.

The congregation then adjourned to Miller's grove, about a mile from the church, where the ladies had provided a delicious meal. About seventy-five persons surrounded the tables and partook of the repast which the ladies had so graciously prepared.

After the cravings of the inner man had been delightfully and thoroughly satisfied, those present again (Continued on page three)

State Fire Laws To Be Enforced Here

Borough authorities yesterday announced the opening of an intensive drive against motorists who violate the state laws regarding following fire apparatus to fires and parking at the scene of fires.

Local fire police, borough police and other officers have been instructed to arrest on sight any motorists who fail to remain at least 500 feet behind fire apparatus, answering an alarm. Similarly, any motorist who parks within 500 feet of the scene of a fire is subject to immediate arrest.

Upon arrest police may accompany the violator to the office of justice of the peace or the Burgess for an immediate settlement of the case. This feature would eliminate the possible "fixing" of cases before a hearing at a later date.

BELLEFONTE MAN IS 97 YEARS OLD

William Tressler, of West Howard street, Bellefonte's second oldest citizen, celebrated his 97th birthday anniversary, Thursday of last week, at the home of his son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. William Tressler, at Warriors Mark.

Those who participated in the day's festivities were: Mrs. Sadie Kauffman, Atlantic City, a sister of Mrs. William Tressler; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Tressler and daughters, Lois and Ruth, of Richmond, Va., and Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Burkett and son, Billy.

Saturday, members of the Tressler family gathered near Fillmore where Mr. and Mrs. Tressler first went to housekeeping, and spent the day (Continued on page eight)

CLEARFIELD LEGION BAND TO PLAY HERE, JUNE 14

The Clearfield Legion Band, eight times winner of the State championship and winner of the band prize in the Bellefonte Flag Day parade, is scheduled to play at the annual carnival of the Bellefonte High School Band, to be held on the high school commons, Friday and Saturday, July 14 and 15.

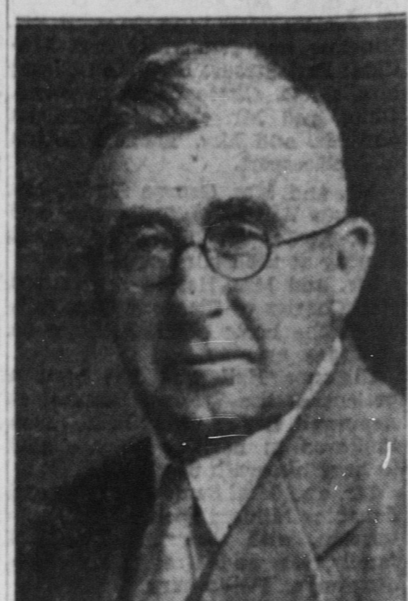
The Clearfield organization will provide music Friday night, and the program will include two numbers which the Legion outfit and the B. H. S. bands will play together.

Games, amusements and contests of all kinds will feature the two-day carnival, and all lovers of good music are urged particularly not to miss the Clearfield Band's concert, Friday night.

FOUR MORE DEMOCRATS BECOME CANDIDATES

Four more Democrats announced themselves as candidates for county offices during the past week. Miss Helen M. Schaeffer, of East Curtin street, Bellefonte, is a candidate for Register. Charles F. Hipple, of East Linn street, Bellefonte, farm implement dealer, is a candidate for County Commissioner. Elmer Bron, of Jenner township, seeks election as Sheriff, and Charles Lee, of Walker township, is a candidate for Treasurer.

To Seek Re-election



ALFRED L. BOWERSOX

Alfred L. Bowersox, of 526 West Beaver Avenue, State College, has announced that he will be a candidate for re-election as Centre County Commissioner. Mr. Bowersox is just completing his first term in that office, having been elected to the post on the Democratic ticket four years ago.

Mr. Bowersox is a native of Penn's Valley, having been born

three miles west of Millheim. His parents were Franklin and Maria Bowersox, both of whom are now deceased.

After receiving his preliminary education in the Glade School, Ferguson township, Mr. Bowersox attended the Lock Haven Teachers' College, from which he received his degree in 1902. Following his graduation he taught school for two years, and then became a grocery salesman for four years before returning to the teaching profession, in which he spent a total of 25 years. Seven years of his life were spent on his father's farm in Ferguson township.

In March, 1909, he was united in marriage with Margaret E. Keichline daughter of George Keichline, of Ferguson township. The family consists of two daughters: Mrs. Edward Gilliland, of State College, and Miss Florence Marie Bowersox, who is employed by the Pennsylvania State College.

Mr. Bowersox's brothers and sisters are: Oscar and John Bowersox, and Mrs. Anna Gray, all of State College; Mrs. Gordon Harper, Pennsylvania Furnace; Edgar, Lansdowne; Elmer, Port Worth, Texas; and Mrs. Charles Weaver, of near Millersburg.

At the time of his election as County Commissioner four years ago, Mr. Bowersox was serving as (Continued on page eight)

Announces For Register

One of Penn's Valley's well known residents became a candidate for office last week when Harry A. Corman, of Spring Mills, announced that he would seek election as Register. Mr. Corman, a staunch Democrat, was elected to the Centre County Board of Auditors four years ago.

A son of Andrew and Julia Tibbens Corman, he was born in Spring Mills on October 20, 1892. He received his early education in the Gregg township schools and then attended the Altoona School of Commerce, being the first person ever to complete the certified public accountant course at that institution. After completing his education Mr. Corman became inspector in the Altoona yards of the Pennsylvania Railroad, remaining in that post about a year before accepting a position as bookkeeper for Armour & Company, in the Altoona offices of that firm.

After he had been with Armour & Company for about a year, Mr. Corman's mother became ill, and he resigned to return to Spring Mills to be with her. He purchased a pair of mules and hauled milk for a year before taking over the farm which he has successfully tilled for the past 23 years.

3 Escape Death In 40-Foot Plunge

Car of Osceola Residents Goes Over Embankment on Seven Mt. Road

Three occupants of an automobile from Osceola Mills, had a remarkable escape from death on Saturday night about 10 o'clock, when their car, operated by Leroy Goss, crashed into a guard rail and plunged over a 40-foot embankment on the Seven Mountains road. The scene of the accident is the cut between Pottery Mills and Brown's Place, where the car, after leaving the road rolled over several times and came to rest in a small stream at the foot of the embankment.

Most seriously injured in the crashup was Goss who suffered a fracture of his shoulder and a lacerated head. Joe Timchak and Andrew Kohler, both of Osceola, received lacerations of the head, hands and legs. Goss was taken to the hospital for treatment.

It is said that an approaching car forced Goss' machine from the road and that it crashed when the driver lost control. The bodies of (Continued on page three)

High Voltage Is Fatal To Co. Native

Aaron B. Myers, 35, Dies in Accident at East Pittsburgh Plant

FELLOW WORKMEN ARE THROWN CLEAR OF WIRE

Body Brought to Julian For Interment; Services Held Sunday

Funeral services were held at Julian, Sunday, for Aaron Boyd Myers, 35, Centre county native who was instantly killed last Thursday afternoon when high voltage current was turned into a line on which he and several other men were working in the East Pittsburgh plant of the Westinghouse Electric and Manufacturing Company.

According to reports, Myers and four or five other men were working on a new circuit breaker when the current was inadvertently turned into the device. The others were thrown clear of the wires, but Myers was in such a position that he was held fast, receiving the full charge. He was dead when fellow workmen reached his side.

The deceased, a resident of Turtle Creek for the past 15 years, was a (Continued on page six)

Titan Employee Dies at Plant

Heart Attack Fatal to Claude W. Hinds, 54, of Aaronsburg

Stricken ill shortly after reporting for work at the Titan Metal Company plant, Friday morning, Claude W. Hinds, aged 54, of Aaronsburg, well known Republican party worker died at the plant before medical aid arrived.

Centre County Coroner Dr. W. R. Heston, of Philipsburg, after conducting an investigation, declared that death had been caused by a pulmonary hemorrhage.

Hinds had planned to resign from his duties at the Titan Metal plant on July 7 to accept an appointment as dog law enforcement officer in this district, succeeding Herbert Stover, of Coburn.

The Aaronsburg man reported for work as usual shortly before 7 o'clock Friday morning. He complained of difficulty in breathing, and told fellow workers he thought he'd go home for the day. His condition rapidly grew worse and he was taken to the first aid room. Death ensued there at 7:20 o'clock (Continued on page six)

Display Ruined By Rainstorm

Hundreds of Spectators Are Drenched as Sudden Storm Ends Event

A sudden and severe rainstorm brought an untimely end to the fireworks display at the Community Athletic field, Bellefonte, Tuesday night, and sent thousands of drenched men, women, and children running for shelter.

The rain, combined with mud resulting from a severe storm earlier in the day, caused considerable damage to spectators' clothing. Entire families had holiday attire ruined as they waited their turn to pass out of the single exit to the sports park.

Firing of the \$200 fireworks display began about 8:10 o'clock, and the rain began about 20 minutes later. Only a score of pieces had been fired when the storm broke, and rather than allow the entire display to be ruined, the committee in charge of firing the pieces lighted all of the set items at once, giving spectators a three-minute view of the entire selection of ground pieces.

Aerial numbers were hastily packed (Continued on page eight)

Worried Local Citizen Asks 'What's Wrong With Bellefonte?'

What's the matter with Bellefonte—or is anything the matter with the town? asks a prominent local citizen who wishes to be known only as "A Worried Bellefonder."

Because his letter to this newspaper shows a higher than average knowledge of local conditions, and because the writer, active in many civic and charitable enterprises in the borough, has intimate knowledge of the inside workings of community affairs, we feel that his observations are timely and vastly important to every citizen of the borough.

Here is the letter, in full: "What's the matter with Bellefonte, or is there anything the matter with Bellefonte? Is the community following a general trend along with other communities or are we alone in the direction we are going?"

CHURCH VESTRY OPPOSES LAMB STREET CLOSING

Against Closing 'For Any Reason,' Council is Informed

WATER ORDINANCE BEING CONSIDERED

Council Takes Action to Compel Cutting of Weeds on Vacant Lots

The first indication that there are objections to the proposed closing of Lamb street to enlarge the high school site became evident at a regular meeting of Bellefonte Borough Council Monday night when the vestry of St. John's Episcopal church informed Council that it is "opposed to the closing of Lamb street for any reason."

Recently the School Board and Council met jointly to discuss the proposed closing of that portion of Lamb street between Spring street and what is commonly known as "Mensch's Alley," which passes at the rear of the Episcopal church property. With the street closed, the School Board was of the opinion that sufficient ground would be available for a new high school building as well as for necessary recreation purposes.

No action was taken upon the vestry's notice, which was submitted to Council by letter. (Continued on page eight)

County WCTU IN MEETING

Mrs. Della Henry Named President; Oratorical Contest Held

The county convention of the Women's Christian Temperance Union was held in the Blanchard Church of Curtin last Thursday with 125 in attendance.

Mrs. Mamie Williams, assisted by Mrs. Vornada, led a beautiful memorial service for members of the Union who have passed away.

Mrs. L. H. Letzler, an inspiring speaker, gave an excellent talk on the life of Frances Willard.

During the afternoon session eight tables were dedicated to the cause of temperance in the impressive White Ribbon ceremony.

The following officers were elected: President, Mrs. Della Henry; first vice president, Mrs. Rachel Krape; second vice president, Mrs. H. A. Houseal; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Clark Williams; record- (Continued on page 6)

Interest Shown In New Church

Buffalo Run U. B. Congregation Plans Extensive Repairs to Building

The Buffalo Run United Brethren in Christ church was organized on February 18, 1939, by Rev. Homer E. Gauntt at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Emanuel Fike, with the election of a class leader, stewards and trustees. The Official Board voted that the class should be made an appointment of the Houseville charge.

Until weather conditions were favorable to meeting in the church, services were held every two weeks in the homes of the members. (Continued on page six)

SURRENDERS TO POLICE

John J. Bower, Jr., of Bellefonte, being sought by local police for several days in connection with his alleged possession of several worthless checks for a total amount of about \$165, surrendered to officers at the Centre county jail early last night.

He was detained at the jail pending disposition of the matter. The checks were cashed at various Bellefonte business places during the weekend, police report.

Injured in Accident

One person was injured and damage was placed at \$35 when a sedan driven by B. Schalktm, of Burnham, struck a bank 2 1/2 miles east of Boalsburg at 7:30 o'clock Sunday night. A passenger, Miss Verna White, of Lewistown, suffered a nose injury and bruises of the elbow.

BECOMES SOLE OWNER OF FORMER HOAG DAIRY

Paul Walizer, of North Thomas street, Bellefonte, for the past year part-owner and manager of the former Hoag Dairy on North Thomas street, this week became sole owner of that business when he purchased the share of Fred M. Kyle, of Mackeyville, owner of the Kyle Dairy Farm in that community.

The sale became effective as of July 1. Mr. Walizer will continue to conduct the local dairy in the same manner as it has been operated during the past year.

JAMES C. FURST TO ACT AS DISTRICT ATTORNEY

Former Judge James C. Furst, of West Linn street, will act as district attorney at a special session of court to be held here Monday morning, when more than a dozen pleas of guilty will be heard. The appointment, which has the approval of the court, was made by District Attorney Musser W. Gestig, who will leave Sunday for a vacation trip.

MEET YOUR FRIENDS IN OUR COLUMNS

BANJO BAND SCORES HIT IN JULY FOURTH PARADES

Bellefonte's 65-piece Banjo Band scored a hit at both Osceola Mills and Philipsburg, July Fourth. The band motorcade left Bellefonte at 8 a. m. to be on hand for the parade in the former town at 10:30 a. m. The Philipsburg parade started at 2:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

As the Banjo Band was paid a set guarantee for its services in each town, it was not in competition with others for prizes.

One week's vacation will be given band members with no rehearsals or appearances scheduled within that time, after which more engagements are to be played and preparation will be made for the band's New York World's Fair trip, intended for August. Next practice is set for Thursday, July 13.

PASSENGER HURT IN THREE-WAY COLLISION

Saturday afternoon three machines were involved in an accident at the intersection of the Tusseyville road and Route 322, near Pottery Mills. One person was injured and total damage was \$150.

In the tangle were a sedan driven by Mrs. S. H. Bliner, of Centre Hall; a truck owned by O. W. Hoats, of State College, and driven by Budd E. Moore, of Port Matilda, and a sedan operated by Harrison F. Borman, of Bellefonte. The Bliner car was damaged to the extent of \$100; the Borman car to the extent of \$50, and the truck was practically undamaged.

According to police the truck struck the rear of Mrs. Bliner's car, forcing it against the Borman machine which was stopped at a sign. Calvin Taylor, of Thomas street, Bellefonte, a passenger in the Borman car, was bruised about the head.

Christian Workers' Assembly

The Centre Democrat is in receipt of a booklet from Rev. Reed O. Steady, of Berwick, a member of the board of administration of Central Pennsylvania Conference, Evangelical church, containing program and information on the Central Workers' Assembly to be held at Central Oaks Heights, West Millston, July 17 to August 6. The conference will embrace leadership education, youth convention, missionary convention, camp meeting, and Bible conference.

College Corps Wins Awards

During the week the State College American Legion and Auxiliary Junior Drum and Bugle Corps won additional laurels in competition with similar organizations from various parts of the state.

In drill competition at Shamokin, Saturday, the State College outfit won first prize of \$125.

In parade competition at Osceola Mills, Tuesday morning, the college outfit nosed out the Gallitzin drum and bugle corps for first place.

Approve Road Proposal

Howard Borough Council has approved a proposed new concrete road to run through the borough. The improvement program, which would begin at the end of the present concrete east of Curtin, would extend a distance of about 4 1/2 miles to a point 300 feet east of Howard borough. Work would begin August 10. According to reports, the road would be 22 feet wide.

CENTRE COUNTY HOMES ASKED TO ENTERTAIN CITY CHILDREN

Revising a custom inaugurated several years ago, Centre county will play host this summer to a group of New York's poor children, under the New York Tribune's fresh air vacation plan.

For many of these children—who know nothing but slum life—a two-weeks' vacation in Centre county will be truly a glorious taste of heaven on earth. A new vista of life will be opened to them.

The following named committee has been selected to direct the movement locally, with the Rev. C. Nevin Stamm chairman: Rev. W. C. Thompson, Rev. Clarence E. Arnold, Rev. G. E. Housholder, Rev. H. Halbert Jacobs, Rev. Samuel H. Sayre, Rev. Homer E. Gauntt, Rev. H. Willis Hartsock, Mrs. Robert Mills Beach, and Mrs. Samuel M. Shallers.

Those who take the children into their homes need have no fear of undue hazards. The children get (Continued on page three)