

SCHOOL BOARD AUTHORIZES SURVEY

PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT TO MAKE IMPARTIAL STUDY OF FIGURES

No Action Taken On Proposed Ouster of Non-Residents

HOPE SURVEY WILL SETTLE DISPUTE

Board Invites Directors of Outlying Districts to Conference

At a special meeting of the Bellefonte School Board last night the board unanimously voted to employ a firm of Certified Public Accountants to make a survey of school costs, to determine whether or not out-of-town pupils are educated at a profit or a loss to the Bellefonte School District.

The board also moved to invite the school directors of all outlying districts sending pupils to the grade or high schools here to confer with the board at its next regular meeting, Monday, February 12. The directors are to be asked to bring records showing the number of pupils each district is sending here, together with financial statements of the respective districts for the 1938-39 school year.

Although the meeting was called for the purpose of taking action on non-resident pupils, this matter apparently was not to be discussed. H. S. Moore, president of the board, declared: "It is not possible to decide upon the size of any contemplated new building or the non-resident question until we know how many pupils we're going to accommodate."

Assurances were given at the meeting that the status of non-resident pupils will not change during the present school year. The board further unofficially stated that no member of the board wants to exclude the out-of-town pupils. It is purely a financial question, it was pointed out.

Father and Son Banquet Planned

The Father and Son Committee of the Bellefonte Y. M. C. A. met Friday evening to make arrangements for the twelfth annual Father and Son banquet to be held on Thursday February 29 at 6 o'clock. The date of the banquet is the last day of the National Father and Son week, which begins on the 23rd.

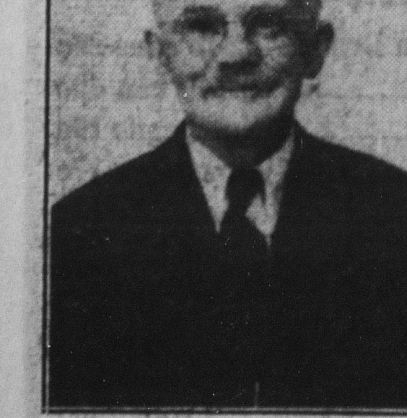
George I. Purnell was chosen to serve as toastmaster, with E. E. Widdowson as assistant, and L. C. Heineman was named general chairman of the committee. The Women's Auxiliary of the Y. will be in charge of the affair.

EVENTS PLANNED BY PLEASANT GAP FIREMEN

Announcement was made yesterday by officials of the Pleasant Gap Fire Company that the annual drive for funds will begin on March 1, and will continue until collectors have covered the area.

The company's annual carnival will be held at the baseball grounds, Pleasant Gap, from July 23 to 27, inclusive, and the annual banquet of the organization will be held on Saturday, April 20, at a place to be decided upon later.

State College Couple Honored On 60th Wedding Anniversary



Sixty years of wedded life were appropriately observed by Mr. and Mrs. Joseph H. Hoy, of State College, last week when nearly 60 relatives and friends gathered at their home on 823 West College avenue to celebrate the important anniversary.

Town Meeting Favors Out-of-Town Pupils by 162 to 2 Vote

NAME GROUP TO CONFER WITH BOARD

Authority Set-up Seen As Lone Hope for New Building

By a vote of 162 to 2, residents of Bellefonte at a public meeting in the Court House Tuesday night indicated their desire to continue offering facilities to out-of-town pupils, in opposition to the proposed ouster now under consideration by the Bellefonte School Board.

The meeting, one of the largest of its kind held in this community for many years, was attended by a throng of about 400 persons, with a majority of them being from outlying districts.

By a unanimous vote the assembled citizens authorized the appointment of a committee to meet with the Bellefonte school board at a special meeting, scheduled to be held last night, to convey to the board the sentiment expressed at Tuesday's public meeting, which was called by the Chamber of Commerce to discuss the proposed ouster.

BURNS FATAL TO WOMAN

Mrs. Ella Williams, Native of Bellefonte Area, Dies Near Pittsburgh

When her clothing ignited from a gas heater while she was visiting at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Harry Laudermilk, of Bellevue, Pittsburgh, Mrs. Ella Williams, of Coshocton, Ohio, native of Centre county and former resident of Bellefonte, suffered fatal burns last Friday. She died at the Laudermilk residence the following day.

Mrs. Williams, a sister of Mrs. Harry Badger, Mrs. Joseph Abt, and George and Harry Eberhart, all of Bellefonte, was a daughter of Daniel and Elizabeth Wilmer Eberhart and was born at Jacksonville on May 11, 1860, which made her age at time of death 79 years, 8 months and 16 days.

After her marriage a number of years ago she resided in various parts of the state.

Ice On Bald Eagle Heaviest In Years

Bald Eagle Creek which from Beech Creek west requires sustained low temperatures to freeze over to any extent because of the water in Spring Creek from the big spring at Bellefonte, now has ice on it 14 inches thick. Spring Creek flows into Bald Eagle at Milesburg. This is the heaviest ice on Bald Eagle Creek in years.

Ice on the Beech Creek stream at Beech Creek on the back water of the dam is 20 inches thick in places. The stream is frozen its entire length, in many places to the bottom.

The ice in small streams will be hard on fish life in the opinion of local fishermen.

MILESBURG FIRE LOSS IS OVER \$2,000

Residence and Store Damaged by Fire and Water on Tuesday

FIREMEN PREVENT DISASTROUS BLAZE

Are Hampered by Serious Water Shortage in Town Reservoir

Fire razing in the attic of the John Watson property at Milesburg, late Tuesday morning for a short time threatened destruction of the building as well as of the adjoining residence of John Roberts before firemen of the Milesburg Fire Company and the Logan Fire Company of Bellefonte, got the flames under control.

Loss estimated at nearly \$2,000 resulted from the fire, and from water which streamed down through the Watson residence and through the V. O. High grocery which was housed in a wing at the North side of the property. The roof of the Roberts home, ablaze on several occasions, was not badly damaged.

Most of the fire damage was confined to the roof and the second floor of the Watson's living quarters. While firemen were in action a portion of the rear part of the Watson apartment caved in.

Early efforts of the Milesburg Fire Company to get the fire under control were greatly hampered because of the serious water shortage existing in the community. The pump was attached to a nearby fireplug, but the volume of water was insufficient to provide a steady or forceful stream.

When the Logan firemen arrived on the scene, they drove to a race paralleling Spring creek to secure water. Nearly one thousand feet of hose was laid from the creek to the blazing building. Meanwhile, firemen and spectators hurriedly emptied the Watson home of most of its furniture and the High store of most of its stock. Groceries of all kinds were carried across the street and piled in large heaps along the wide berm between the highway and sidewalk.

Snow Shoe Man Hurt In Crash

James Uzzell Suffers Rib Fracture, Lacerations as Cars Sideswipe

James F. Uzzell, of Snow Shoe, suffered lacerations of the face and hand and a rib fractured about 5:45 o'clock Tuesday afternoon when the sedan he was driving and a truck driven by Frank Corl, of Bellefonte, sideswiped on the Snow Shoe mountain road, about 3 miles south of Snow Shoe.

Passing motorists took the injured man to the offices of Dr. E. H. Harris, at Snow Shoe, for treatment, after which he was taken to his home. The damage to the Corl sedan was estimated at \$500, while loss to the truck was estimated at \$150.

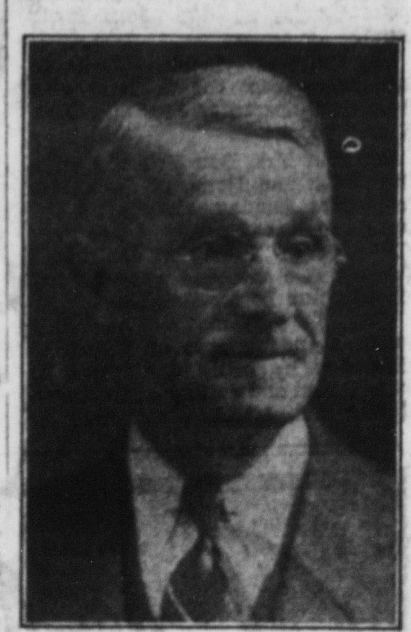
Band Nets \$250 From Play Here

'Rollin' Rhythm' Scores Big Hit; Plays to Capacity Audiences

Good music, an unusually fine cast and a variety of entertainment featured the home talent production "Rollin' Rhythm," presented at the State Theatre here Thursday and Friday of last week.

Packed houses for both evening performances and for the children's matinee Thursday afternoon netted approximately \$250 for the coffers of the American Legion and Auxiliary Junior Band, sponsors of the show. Samuel D. Rhinesmith, chairman of the band committee, announced yesterday.

Illness Is Fatal to S. W. Smith, Well Known Centre Hall Publisher



(Photo Courtesy Centre Reporter)

Electric Welders In Big Demand To Thaw Out Frozen Water Pipes

While few Centre countians can see any great virtue in the low temperatures and icy winds which have prevailed in this region for the past several weeks, the cold blast has proved a bonanza for one group of workers.

Firemen Called Out For Four Flu Fires

The cold wave last weekend again kept the Bellefonte fire department on its toes, and within a space of a few hours the Logan and Undine Companies answered four alarms.

AGED PHYSICIAN DIES AT HOWARD

Dr. Oscar W. McEntire, 80, Succumbs; Formerly Headed Medical Society

Dr. Oscar William McEntire, one of the oldest practicing physicians in Centre County, passed away at his home in Howard at 6:45 o'clock Friday morning after a year's illness with a complication of diseases.

Although Dr. McEntire had been confined to bed most of the time for the past several months, he left his bed as late as last Wednesday morning to examine and prescribe medicine for an office patient. He was aged 80 years, 6 months and 14 days.

WPA Project Moved To County Home

The Bellefonte WPA sewing project opened yesterday in new quarters, having been moved this week from one of the rooms in the Penn Belle Hotel building to one of the basement rooms of the new Centre County Home at the corner of Howard and Wilson streets.

REPUBLICANS SWING AXE

According to reports the following employees of Rockwell penitentiary, all Democrats, have received notice of their dismissal effective today: John McCloskey, of Millheim, superintendent of forestry; Paul Eberhart, Bellefonte, guard; Fred Slack, Centre Hall, guard, and Lester Williams, Bellefonte, R. D. 1, guard.

MOTHER SET FREE AS JURY ACQUITS HER

Mrs. Nellie Diehl Tried at Lock Haven For Smothering Child

OVERCOME WITH JOY AS VERDICT IS READ

Former Centre County Resident Plans to Return to Parents

Acquitted of a charge of smothering her infant son, Mrs. Nellie Diehl, 33-year-old Centre county woman, was released from the Lock Haven jail Saturday evening following a three-day jury trial in the Clinton county court. Visibly elated over the outcome of the trial and her restoration to freedom after two months confinement in jail, Mrs. Diehl exclaimed: "It's the happiest moment of my life."

Surrounded by relatives and friends, as she heard the verdict of the jury at 8 p. m. Saturday evening, Mrs. Diehl declared she would go home to Jacksonville with her aged parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Bannison, after she had stopped in Flemington for a reunion with her three children, Natalie, Bobby and Sally, who were cared for at the home of a relative during the trial.

Branch Library Is Now In Use

Snow Shoe-Clarence Area Establishes Branch in An Abandoned School

Snow Shoe borough and Snow Shoe township now have a library—a branch of the Centre County Library of Bellefonte.

PONTIAC AGENCY OPENS IN BELLEVILLE GARAGE

E. F. McClellan, formerly of State College, has been designated as the Pontiac agent in the Bellefonte area, and he has leased the L. A. Hill garage on East Bishop street as a sales room and service depot.

CHEMICAL ENTERS SUIT FOR THREE ACCOUNTS

Suits were filed in Federal court at Scranton last week by R. Spencer Townsend and Clarence P. Wynne, trustees of the Chemical Lime Company, of Bellefonte, to collect accounts for material sold to three respondents.

MAY SUPPLY CHRISTMAS TREES FOR BALTIMORE

Cyrus Shope, of near Milesburg, who furnished and erected the Christmas trees along the sidewalks of Bellefonte's business district during the past Yule season, will confer with officials in regard to supplying trees in that city for the 1940 Christmas season.

Mishap at Moshannon

Cars owned by Lester Mann, of Clarence, and Frank Culver, of Moshannon, were damaged at Moshannon Sunday afternoon when the Mann car skidded on the icy highway, knocked over several guard rails and struck the parked Culver car. Damage to the Clarence man's car was estimated at \$95, and to the other machine, \$10. No one was injured.

NAME POSTMASTERS FOR HUBLERSBURG, WINGATE

Appointments Assure the Continuation of Two Threatened Offices

CHANGE FORCED BY NEW AGE RULING

Miss Audrey Hall, Arthur McMillen Are Appointees

The fourth class postoffices at Hublersburg and Wingate, which were threatened with abandonment beginning today because of difficulty in securing postmasters to serve in them, are open as usual, and will remain so indefinitely, it became known last night.

BUILDING TO BEGIN FRIDAY

Ground-Breaking Ceremony to Launch \$100,000 College Project

Announcement was made yesterday that ground will be broken with appropriate ceremonies at 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon for the construction of a \$100,000, 92-room, 24-family apartment house on the corner of East Foster avenue and Locust Lane, in State College.

The large-scale project of the Federal Housing Administration, financed by the Prudential Insurance Company, is sponsored by the Lowden Corporation of which J. J. Lowden, of State College, is president, Pauline S. Lowden, vice president, and Gertrude M. Hoffman, secretary and treasurer.

Arrangements for the ground-breaking ceremonies are being made by FHA officials in Washington, and the program was not available here yesterday. Among the prominent Bellefonte citizens who have been invited to the exercises are J. Thomas Mitchell and W. Harrison Walker.

Late yesterday it was reported that the ground-breaking exercises will be in charge of Leo A. Kirk, Federal Housing Administrator director from Washington, D. C., who announced the project last week.

Illness Fatal To Lemont Woman

Services Yesterday for Mrs. Emma Bathgate; Interment at Shiloh

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Ralston to Head Dairymen's Group

G. W. Ralston was elected president of the Dairymen's League Cooperative Association at the annual meeting and banquet of that organization at the Gregg Township Vocational School, Spring Mills, Wednesday of last week. The business session followed an oyster supper.

Bellefonte Firm Gets Tax Refund

Only one Bellefonte taxpayer got a refund during the fiscal year 1939, according to a report made public today by the committee on Executive Department Expenditures, of the House of Representatives, to which it was submitted by the Internal Revenue.

Mac H. Hall Leaves Western Union Post

Mac H. Hall, of Milesburg, for the past 16 years manager of the Bellefonte Western Union office, last week severed his relations with that company. Lewis K. Wagner, of Erie, who for the past four months had been in charge of the Lantrobe office, has been sent here in Mr. Hall's place.

According to reliable reports, Mr. Hall resigned when he was notified that he was to be transferred from Bellefonte to Pittsburgh.

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Mr. Hall learned telegraphy while employed by the Pennsylvania Railroad, and entered Western Union service in 1916 as manager of the Tyrone office. He was transferred to Bellefonte in 1924, and has had charge of the local office since then. While here he established a reputation for prompt, efficient and courteous service.

His successor, Mr. Wagner, is a native of Erie and has been in Western Union employ for the past ten years. He and his wife and young daughter are occupying the Mrs. J. M. Bricker apartment on Reynolds avenue until they have completed arrangements for permanent quarters.

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Death was attributed to a complication of diseases from which she had suffered for several years.

A native of Centre county, Mrs. Bathgate was born at Galesburg on December 16, 1857, a daughter of William and Sarah Murray Shadel. On December 24, 1878 she was united in marriage with Samuel C. Bathgate, who passed away on January 10, 1917. Mr. Bathgate at various times taught in the schools of Spring, Benner and College townships.

Mrs. Bathgate is survived by all of her seven children, namely: Dr. Eva B. Roan, wife of Harry Roan, (Continued on page eight)

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The Bellefonte processing tax refund amounted to \$1,304.77 and went to The American Lime and Stone Company.

The report lists both income and processing tax refunds in accordance with an Act of Congress requiring that publicity be given to all such payments in excess of \$500.

A meeting of the Centre County Council of Republican Women will be held in the Court House at Bellefonte on Saturday, February 3, at 2:30 p. m. At this first meeting of the year campaign plans will be discussed. The program will include visiting speakers.

At an adjourned meeting last Wednesday afternoon State College Borough Council approved the purchase of a new police car, a two-door town sedan, at \$304.50 and a one-half ton pick-up truck at \$482. Both vehicles will be fully equipped. The price was based on the trade-in value of the present police car and pick-up truck.

Penitentiary Warden Resigns
Henry C. Hill, warden of the Federal Penitentiary at Lewisburg, Pa., has resigned to become superintendent of the new Pennsylvania State Reformatory at White Hill.