

TWO SERIOUSLY INJURED IN CRASH

STUDENTS' CAR SKIDS INTO POLE AT MARTHA FURNACE

John Harkins, Son of College Pastor, One of Victims

OTHERS RECEIVE MINOR INJURIES

East Stroudsburg Youth Is Taken To Hospital In Philadelphia

Three Penn State students were injured, two of them seriously, early Friday morning when the car in which they were riding skidded at the intersection of Routes 322 and 220, at Martha Furnace, and crashed into a pole. A fourth student was unhurt.

The injured are: John W. Harkins, son of the Rev. John F. Harkins, pastor of Grace Lutheran church, and Mrs. Harkins, of South Atherton street, State College. He had a fractured left collarbone, broken nose, lacerations of the face and head, and body bruises.

Berne F. Gramer, a junior from East Stroudsburg and member of the Phi Gamma Delta fraternity, possible fracture of skull, lacerations of face and head, and body bruises.

Houghton W. Clark, Jr., of New York City, also a member of the Phi Gamma Delta, lacerations of face and head and body bruises.

A fourth passenger in the automobile, Jack A. Clark, of Aspinwall, escaped injury.

Cramer, believed to be the most seriously injured, was taken to the University Hospital, Monday, in the Widlow ambulance. Tuesday his condition was regarded as being critical, but yesterday he was reported to be showing some slight improvement.

Harkins, who remains under treatment at the Centre County Hospital, is regaining strength, and partially recovered consciousness Tuesday morning. He was examined Monday by Dr. George Swartz, brain specialist.

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Clear Over \$900 at Catholic Bazaar

The annual three-day bazaar held Thursday, Friday and Saturday of last week by members of St. John's Catholic church in the school hall on East Bishop street was a substantial success. Although figures were not available yesterday it was disclosed that proceeds will amount to more than \$900.

All committee chairmen and those in charge wish to thank all those who so generously contributed toward making the affair a success. The following were awarded prizes: Miss Ellen C. Shoemaker, Philadelphia; Mrs. Charles E. Evock, Coleville; Robert Taylor, State College; David Love, Mrs. Albert Mayer, Mrs. Christ Beezer, Carmen Torsell and Mrs. Guy Glenn, all of Bellefonte.

Boro Tax Records Undamaged In Fire

Contrary to rumors current in Milesburg, the borough tax records were not damaged or destroyed in the fire last Tuesday morning which gutted the Clyde Watson property where Tax Collector Merrill Watson and Donald Cochran resided, it was reported this week.

All tax records from 1934 to the present time were in the building when the fire was discovered, but all were carried to safety before the fire had gained much headway.

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Remarks:

PHYSICIAN DIES

Dr. Oscar William McEntire

Dr. McEntire, who passed away at his home in Howard, January 28th, was one of the oldest practicing physicians in Centre County. He was 80 at the time of his death.

He was born in Howard, Pa., and graduated from the University of Pennsylvania in 1888. He practiced medicine in Howard and in Centre County for many years.

He was a member of the American Medical Association and the Pennsylvania Medical Society. He was also a member of the Howard and Centre County churches.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. McEntire, and several children. He was buried in the Howard cemetery.

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L. H. Neff Entertains On Bank Anniversary

L. H. Neff, a director of the Howard First National Bank, entertained members of the board of directors of the institution at a dinner at his home in Howard, Tuesday night, in honor of the 32nd anniversary of the founding of that bank.

Officers and directors were: Dr. W. J. Kurtz, president; W. K. McDowell, cashier; W. C. Thompson, assistant cashier; T. A. Pletcher, Jack Kline, Mrs. Dorothy Hoch, of Lock Haven, and Miss Frances Holter, clerk. At the conclusion of the dinner the directors held their regular meeting.

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11 Cases Listed For Grand Jury

Only 11 criminal cases are listed by District Attorney Musser W. Gettig for presentation to the February Grand Jury when that body convenes here Monday morning.

All the cases are slated for presentation that day, and since the usual inspection of the county property usually requires only several hours, it is expected that the jury will finish its work in less than two days.

Another evidence of an unusually light docket lies in the fact that only one hearing is listed for the usual session of summary cases, which is held Thursday of Grand Jury week. This list may be lengthened by pleas of guilty on the part of some defendants against whom the Grand Jury returns true bills.

The list of indictments to be presented is as follows:

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Health Officer Suffers Injury

Centre County Health Officer Roy Chambers, of Clarence, was painfully injured Friday while attempting to crank his car. The motor backfired and the crank struck him on the right hand, fracturing the little finger in two places, and fracturing the finger next to it and pushing a bone through the back of his hand.

Mr. Chambers was taken to the office of a Lock Haven physician where the injuries were treated, after which he returned to his home. He is suffering intense pain but no permanent ill effects are expected to result. Mr. Chambers had just recovered from a two weeks' illness with the grippe when the accident happened.

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Jury Frees Motorist In Man's Death

Find Highway Fatality Was Result of Unavoidable Accident

VICTIM STEPPED IN PATH OF CAR

Leg Amputation Fails To Save Life of Osceola Mills Resident

After terminating an auto accident resulting in Edward Model's death, a coroner's jury which met Tuesday morning at the Philadelphia State Hospital, freed Chester Barnett, Sandy Ridge, driver of the car which fatally injured Model, of all blame in the highway fatality.

Model, 33-year-old Osceola Mills, Pa. resident, struck down by Barnett's car on January 27, died Monday night at the Philadelphia State Hospital of injuries received in the crash. When first admitted his condition was not considered serious. During the past few days he grew steadily worse and died early Monday evening.

A post mortem examination of the man revealed that he had suffered a concussion of the brain. Death was attributed, however, to toxemia and shock resulting from his injuries and from a subsequent operation for the amputation of one leg which had been severely injured.

At the inquest a rural policeman testified that the motor road near the Osceola enginehouse where the

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Court Denies Hunting Appeal

Dissatisfaction With Decision of 'Squire Held As Insufficient Reason

In a ruling filed yesterday by Judge Ivan Walker, Grant M. Boone, of the Marsh Creek area, was denied an appeal from a decision of a Justice of the Peace in a game law violation case.

Judge Walker set forth that the application for the appeal did not give a record of the case, and that the only reason assigned for the plea was that the defendant was dissatisfied with the conclusions of the Justice of the Peace in his decision. The court points out that is no valid reason for granting an appeal.

According to reports Boone was fined for killing a deer with the use of a gun.

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Whiterock Co. Gets Order for Blast Stone

Whiterock Quarries has received an order for ten cars of blast furnace stone to be shipped daily for an indefinite period, according to an announcement made by Ray C. Noll, general manager of the company.

The order was received from a steel company in Pittsburgh and will mean additional production for Whiterock.

All of the stone for the Pittsburgh order, which is a new source of business for Whiterock, will be shipped from the Howard plant. Both the Howard and Pleasant Gap plants have been shipping stone used in open hearth steel furnaces.

Mr. Noll stated that for a time employees would be given an opportunity to work longer hours to produce the additional tonnage. Between now and April 1, he said, it will probably be necessary to employ a considerable number of additional men. There are at present 300 on the Whiterock payroll.

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SIEG RECOMMENDS 1-MILL REDUCTION IN TAX RATE

A suggestion that one mill be cut from the present borough tax rate during 1940, and two mills during 1941, was made at a regular meeting of Bellefonte Council, Monday night.

The suggestion was contained in a letter from Councilman W. W. Sieg, chairman of the Water Department, who was unable to be present at the meeting.

If Mr. Sieg's suggestion is followed, the present 15-mill rate will be reduced to 14 mills for 1940 and 13 mills for 1941. Council is expected to set the millage for 1940 within the next few weeks.

Mr. Sieg wrote that he believes the reduction can be effected without harm to the borough's interests, because the Water Department, now virtually free of floating indebtedness, can turn over some of its annual revenues to operating expenses instead of debt reduction.

Figures given in the letter show that the average water rentals received during the past three years have been approximately \$26,000 annually. Last year the following reductions in indebtedness were made:

payment of temporary loans, \$14,000; to sinking fund for 1938, \$1,197; to sinking fund for 1939, \$1,197; State tax, \$52.40; interest on Phoenix Mill mortgage, \$168, and interest on temporary loans, \$324, or a total of \$16,938.40.

Continuing, Mr. Sieg reported that the interest charges and state tax are now eliminated, and that on January 1, 1940, only \$4,600 on the Phoenix mortgage remained unpaid. Since then \$2,000 has been paid on that balance, leaving only \$2,600 yet to be redeemed.

Mr. Sieg continued with the statement that the Water Department is willing to car-mark receipts to take care of the following borough obligations in 1940: complete payment of Phoenix mortgage, \$4,600; bonds due in 1940, \$5,000; 50 per cent of borough interest tax, so per cent of reduction of one mill in the tax rate, \$2,000; and sinking fund payment for 1940, \$1,197, or a total of \$12,797 for the year.

Sieg pointed out that if the millage is reduced to 14 mills this year, it will be the same rate that was

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Begin Work On College School

Addition Will Provide Large Auditorium, Library and Class Rooms

Work got under way last week on the WPA project at State College High school which provides for the addition of an auditorium, library, and classrooms to the school plant.

WPA District Supervisor J. E. Krause estimated that 270 cubic yards of earth and rock had been removed up until Friday by the 20 men, power shovel and 3 trucks on the job. Considerable rock was struck on the side of the excavation nearest Frazier street but was offset by the less difficult removal of what had been fill in other portions of the plot.

The project under the joint sponsorship of the State College school

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Sportsmen To Hold Contest

Membership Drive for Bellefonte Association Will Begin Tomorrow

As a feature of its concerted drive for new members, the Bellefonte Sportsmen's Association is offering prizes totaling \$1750 to persons who secure the largest number of new members.

New membership cards have been ordered and the contest will begin as soon as the cards are ready, which probably will be some time tomorrow. Contestants can secure the cards from Dr. Richards H. Hoffman, the Rev. William C. Thompson, or from Charles Mensch. Persons entering the membership contest must be members of the

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College Leads In Postal Savings

Deposits at Bellefonte Post-office Are Increased By Over \$1200

Postal savings deposits at the Bellefonte postoffice increased from \$17,162 to \$18,400 during the fiscal year 1939, according to the annual report of Postmaster General Farley to Congress on the postal savings system.

Individual postal savings depositors in Bellefonte numbered 35 at the end of the fiscal year 1939, as compared with 37 when the year started.

The postal savings situation in Bellefonte differed from that of the country as a whole, which showed an increase of \$10,492,649 in total (Continued on page eight)

Hunter Store To Move Into Hayes Building

Announcement was made yesterday that the J. D. Hunter stationary store, which is to vacate to Bellefonte Trust Company building on South Allegheny street, will move to the store room on North Allegheny street to be vacated when the Herr and Hevly grocery is discontinued. The change is expected to be completed by April 1.

The Hunter store last week received notice from the bank to vacate the building by April 1, the bank apparently having other plans for the property. Reports on the street during the weekend to the effect that the Hunter store would be

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Commissioners Get Final PWA Payment

The Centre County Commissioners this week received from the Public Works Administration the final grant for the construction of the County Home at the corner of Howard and Wilson Streets.

Since receiving the money, the Commissioners have paid off all but two contractors in full payment to the two being delayed until some minor adjustments are completed.

PHILIPSBURG JUSTICE REPORTED SERIOUSLY ILL

Justice of the Peace J. Mac Pearce of Philipsburg, well known throughout Centre County, was admitted to the Philipsburg State Hospital during the weekend to undergo treatment for pneumonia.

Yesterday reports from the hospital were to the effect that his condition, which had been quite serious, was showing some improvement.

Woman's Death Termed Suicide

Body of Penn State Instructor Found in Garage Near Her Apartment

The lifeless body of Miss Marion L. Cresser, aged 40, assistant professor of art education at Penn State, was found about 11:30 o'clock last Wednesday night in her car in a garage near her apartment at 520 South Frazier street, State College.

Centre County Coroner Charles Shecker, of Milesburg, after conducting an investigation, deemed an inquest unnecessary and pronounced death had resulted from carbon monoxide gas from the motor of her car.

When Miss Cresser's body was found by Mr. and Mrs. David A. Campbell, from whom she rented her apartment, the windows of the car were open and the ignition switch was on, but the motor was not running. Examination showed that the gasoline tank was empty.

Discovery of the tragedy was made (Continued from page 7)

School Head Honored Here

Bellefonte Teachers Fete E. K. Stock on Completing 20 Years Service

Congratulations were the order of the evening when fifty-four teachers and guests assembled in the dining room of the Penn-Belle Hotel Monday night to celebrate the twentieth anniversary of Earl K. Stock's service to the Bellefonte school district.

The banquet was tendered Mr. Stock by the local teachers' association. In attendance besides teachers, their guests, and Mr. and Mrs. Stock, were two members of the school board, H. J. Hartranft and Robert DeHass, Dr. Harold Westlake of the Department of Speech of the Pennsylvania State College was the principal speaker.

Keynoting the theme of the banquet, "Memories," the toastmaster, Mrs. D. B. Henderson, head of the commercial department of the high school, called upon Mrs. Alberta Krader, well known singer and teacher for an original version of the song, "Memories." The selection was cleverly written and well (Continued on page eight)

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