

TO RAN FISHING IN SPRING CREEK

LANDOWNERS ORGANIZE; HINT AT COMPENSATION

Claim Majority of Owners
Behind Move To
Close Stream

LETTER TO FRENCH OUTLINES POSITION

Move Seen As Possible
State-Wide Threat To
Fishing Streams

Most of Spring Creek, site of the nationally known "Fishermen's Paradise" and favorite retreat for thousands of sportsmen from this and neighboring counties, is to be posted against all forms of fishing.

This information was given in a letter from "The Spring Creek Property Owners' Association," to C. A. French, State Fish Commissioner, it became known here yesterday.

The letter, written by J. K. Thornton, secretary, informs the Commissioner that the Spring Creek Property Owners' Association was organized February 9, 1940, at a meeting of a majority of the property owners along Spring Creek.

"Members of this organization have decided to post their lands and forbid any form of fishing in the stream flowing through or along their properties," the letter sets forth.

The statement to Commissioner French continues: "On account of the publicity given to Spring Creek by the Pennsylvania Fish Commission, unusual numbers of fishermen are attracted to this district. Although the majority of fishermen behave in a sportsmanlike fashion, a minority cause trouble and expense for land owners along the stream."

"For this reason," the statement goes on, "these land owners believe

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BEGINS DRIVE FOR MEMBERS

The annual membership campaign of the Bellefonte Chamber of Commerce is now in progress, under the direction of S. H. Poorman, the chairman, who, with his committee hopes to contact every business firm and professional man in Bellefonte who are not members of the organization.

Prompt Aid Saves Home

Motorists Warn Family of Fire; Notify Fire Department

The farm home of Bernard H. Williams, one mile east of Port Matilda along the Bald Eagle Valley Highway, was saved from destruction about 11 o'clock Saturday morning when a passing motorist rushed into the home and informed the family that flames were spurting from the attic.

While neighbors hastily formed a bucket brigade to battle the blaze in the attic and second floor, another motorist drove to Port Matilda to summon the fire department. Prompt action saved the home.

Robb Heads Alumni Dance Committee

Mahlon K. Robb, assistant to the president of the Bellefonte Trust Company, was named as chairman of the committee in charge of arrangements for the annual Bellefonte High School Alumni dance, at a meeting of the association at the Spring Street school, Monday night.

Other members of the committee are: Mrs. J. H. Hartwick, Mrs. O. A. Kline, T. H. Mensch and P. M. Dubbs, all of Bellefonte.

A feature of this year's dance for the graduating class at the local high school will be a reunion of the classes of 1915 and 1930 Mrs. Philip Witzrat is in charge of arranging for the reunion.

A feature of the next regular meeting of the Alumni group on March 25 will be the preparation of tentative plans for the organization of a Parent-Teachers' Association for Bellefonte. Such a group has been suggested by numerous parents and teachers and all persons interested in the move are cordially invited to attend the meeting.

Miss Kathryn Coble, chairman of the Alumni membership committee, is preparing a complete roster of Alumni members.

6 Criminal Cases Listed For Trial

Only six cases are listed for trial at the regular February Criminal Court which will convene here on Monday morning. It was announced yesterday by District Attorney Musser-W. Gettig.

The list prepared by Mr. Gettig follows:
Robert N. Tate, Lock Haven, 1 & 2.
Frank Passell, Lock Haven, public indecency.
Victor Simons, Great Neck, N. Y., drunken driving.
Samuel Mollica, Clearfield, statutory rape.
Lewis A. Stuckey, Altoona, removing goods to defraud a creditor.
Charles L. Robinson, Bellefonte, R. D. 3, resisting arrest.

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Man Denied Plea For Relief From Costs

A Philadelphia man who appealed to court for release from paying costs of a court trial yesterday was denied the appeal and the costs of the plea were added to his bill.

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Hold Hearing On Proposed Airmail Route

du Pont Asks for Permit
For Pick-up Station
In Bellefonte

SEES PASSENGER SERVICE IN FUTURE

Airport May Give Town
Emergency Landing
Field Status

Bellefonte's chances of obtaining a spot on the airmail pickup route hang in the balance. This week as hearings continue on the application of the All American Aviation, Inc., of Wilmington, for a certificate of convenience for mail, express and passengers on six new air pickup routes including this community.

Monday in Washington before the Civil Aeronautics Authority Richard C. du Pont, glider pilot and aviator and head of the airmail pickup corporation, urged the authority to permit his firm to operate on the new routes which will include Phillipsburg and State College, as well as Bellefonte, Clearfield, Tyrone and DuBois are already part of the original pickup service.

In his plea du Pont told an examiner that the six routes planned

No Decision On Hospital

Bellefonte Still in Running
as Site For New
Vets' Hospital

Assurance that Bellefonte will not be forgotten when the location for a proposed new Veterans Hospital to be established in Pennsylvania is chosen, was given this week by Frank T. Hines, head of the Veterans' Administration at Washington, D. C.

The assurance was conveyed in a letter from Mr. Hines to W. S. Zahner, service officer of Brooks-Doll Post American Legion. The Post has been actively engaged in an attempt to bring the proposed new hospital to this county.

Some time ago the Bellefonte Legion informed the Veterans' Administration that an 85-acre site near Unionville, with an adequate water supply and many natural advantages, has been offered free of charge as a location for the contemplated building.

In his letter this week Mr. Hines stated: "After study of statistical data which have been accumulated with reference to the needs of the several areas throughout the country, the Veterans' Administration has recommended to the Federal Board of Hospitalization that a facility be established in Pennsylvania. In the event it is decided to construct a new facility in Pennsylvania, I shall be glad to consider the advantages of Bellefonte."

In his official capacity Mr. Hines is expected to have much to say as to the location of any hospital which may be built.

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Daylight Saving Poll Is Tie, But 'No's' Give More Reasons

The Centre Democrat's poll on whether or not the public wants Bellefonte to go on a Daylight Saving Time basis during the coming summer is as close to being a non-commercial tie as it is possible to have.

Figures last night showed a total of 201 votes in favor of setting the clocks ahead one hour during the summer, and 198 against the "fast" time.

Judged by another standard, the "no's" have it by a heavy margin, for in the space on the ballots reserved for remarks, those against tampering with the time were much more emphatic and gave more reasons for objecting to Daylight Saving than those who favor the proposal.

Here are some of the comments of those in favor of Daylight Saving: "Very much in favor of it." "It gives me time to get out and fish." "I could work an extra hour; save

light; all progressive towns have it." "Most cities have it, why not Bellefonte? We need the extra hour of daylight."

"The extra hour could be used to good advantage." "Yes, but I refuse to get up any earlier." "Why not? It would mean a big saving."

Against these reasons assigned by those who voted in favor of Daylight Saving, we have a pile of salty, irate, anxious reasons why Daylight Saving is not wanted by those who favor standard time.

Here are some of them. (Note the strong tones, the variety of reasons): "Let 'em go to work at 6 o'clock!" "Farmers are against it."

"A lot of hokey." "If some people want to work an hour earlier, no one is going to stop them."

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List 15 Cases For Civil Court

All But Two Were Continued
From December
Docket

Fifteen cases have been listed for trial at the regular February Civil Court which will convene here on Monday, March 4.

All but the last two cases in the list, below were continued from the regular December term of court which was devoted entirely to the trial of several automobile accident suits.

The docket is as follows:
H. O. Smith, vs. E. M. Pearce and S. N. Rosenberry, a co-partnership, trading and doing business as the Pe Pe Ice Cream Co.; assumpsit, affidavit of defense filed.

Harry A. Fogel, Sr., vs. McCloskey & Company, a corporation; assumpsit. (Continued on page 6)

2500 View Two-Day Boy Scout Exhibit

A two-day exhibition held by the Bellefonte Boy Scout troop in the Brockerhoff Hotel early this month in observance of National Boy Scout Week drew no less than 2500 persons, according to a report made at a meeting of the executive committee of the Muncy district at the Brockerhoff Hotel here Monday.

W. W. Sieg, president of Muncy District, was in charge of the meeting. O. F. Sollenberger submitted a report covering the organization of a Cub Pack in this area, adding that the group is to be sponsored by the Reformed church, with the Rev. C. Nevin Stamm and J. M. Hartwick acting as leaders.

Lloyd Cummings reported that a first aid contest is to be held in Bellefonte in the near future, and announced that a "friend of Scouting" has donated a cup as a prize.

Kenyon Woody, Scout executive from Lewistown, declared that new troops are to be organized at Howard and Jacksonville.

In closing the session, the executive committee voted to aid in the coming Bellefonte Community Welfare Drive in every way possible.

Bellefonte Has Namesake 'Living' In Western State

Bellefonte is one of 6,138 city names which complicate the job of the postoffice department by designating more than one postoffice.

In addition to Bellefonte, Pennsylvania, a postoffice is located at Bellefonte, Arkansas, a survey of postoffice department records showed today.

Of the Bellefonte "twins," Bellefonte Pennsylvania is the larger, on the basis of its 1930 census population of 4,804.

Council Votes To Continue Tax Schedule

Proposed 1-Mill Reduction
Is Defeated by 4 to 3
Majority

BROCKERHOFF LED FIGHT AGAINST CUT

Lower Taxes Seen as Safe
Move in 1941; Zoning
Discussed

Overriding a suggestion by W. W. Sieg, chairman of the Water Committee, that the 1940 tax rate in Bellefonte borough be reduced one mill, Council at a regular meeting Monday night by a vote of 4 to 3 decided to maintain the tax rate at the present level of 15 mills.

The battle against tax reduction was led by H. A. Brockerhoff, chairman of the finance committee, who claimed that even with a 15-mill levy the borough would have a "working capital" of only about \$1,200 with which to meet any possible emergencies. He added that any unforeseen major expenditures would upset the entire borough budget.

Mr. Brockerhoff added that reducing the rate to 14 mills would mean a curtailment of about \$1,900 in the borough's annual revenue, and that, with only a \$1,200 margin on the 15-mill rate, the borough would be faced with an estimated deficit of

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Gets Share of Large Estate

Nephew of Local Man Re-
ceives Large Bequest
From Employer

Among the beneficiaries in the three million dollar estate of the late Harvey Gravel, president and owner of the American Chemical and Paint Corporation, Amherst, and 90 per cent owner of the Delaware River Ferry Company, Chester, was Roy K. Rishel, of Philadelphia, treasurer of the paint industry and nephew of A. M. Rishel, of East High street, Bellefonte.

Mr. Rishel was given 240 shares of stock in the Paint Corporation. It is estimated that each share will yield from \$100 to \$200 annually. (Continued on page four)

Father-Son Banquet Reservations To Close

Reservation for the annual Father and Son banquet to be held at the Bellefonte Y. M. C. A. on Thursday evening, February 29, will close on Tuesday, February 27, it was announced yesterday. Reservations can be made by calling the Y.

The dinner is to be served by the Ladies Auxiliary of the "Y," and the Hoosier Corn Huskers, of radio station WRAK, Williamsport, will provide entertainment. George Funnell, Sr., will preside at the dinner, and speaking will be limited to a brief program.

Admission to the dinner will be 50 cents each, and preliminary indications are that there will be more than 200 persons present.

PAYS BALANCE OF \$100 FINE TO GET RELEASE FROM JAIL

After serving half of his 100-day jail sentence for failure to pay a \$100 fine, Oscar Viehdorfer, of Mohanston, on Saturday was released from the county jail upon payment of the remaining \$50 balance of his fine.

Viehdorfer was sentenced to pay a fine of \$100 last fall when he pleaded guilty to a charge of shooting a bear out of season.

Woman Injured; Baby Unhurt

Mrs. Cashmir Polachek, of Morrisdale, was struck by an automobile Saturday afternoon at a street corner in Phillipsburg. She is a patient in the Phillipsburg State Hospital with a fractured left knee. The baby she had in her arms at the time of the accident was not injured.

Circulate Petitions

According to reports, the petitions for three men, candidates for the Republican county chairmanship, are being circulated. They are: Balser Weber, Howard; William H. Brown, Bellefonte, and Bond C. White, Axemann.

W. C. T. U. Broadcast

The Women's Christian Temperance Union will broadcast a program over radio station KDKA, Pittsburgh, on Saturday, February 24, at 11:15 a. m. Mrs. W. H. Wilkins will be the speaker.

FOUR HELD IN ROBBERY AND ASSAULT AT PHILIPSBURG

PASTOR INVITED TO PENN'S
VALLEY LUTHERAN CHURCH

Rev. Clarence C. Otto, a student at Gettysburg Seminary, has been given a call by the Penn's Valley Lutheran parish. The parish has churches in Centre Hall, Spring Mills, Tusseyville, Farmer's Mills, and Georges Valley.

Rev. Otto has been filling the pulpit in these various churches for several months as a supply minister. At a recent meeting of the Joint Council of the five churches a call was extended him. Rev. Otto is a native of Milton, Pa., and will graduate in May. He will be ordained on May 22 at Johnstown by the Synod.

Snow Causes Auto Crashes

Five motor accidents, all attributed to snow and ice on the highways, have claimed a toll of nearly \$600 in damages and caused minor injuries to three persons since Saturday, according to reports from the Pleasant Gap sub-station of the State Motor Police.

Because of one-way traffic existing through deep snow on the Nittany Valley road a truck driven by C. E. Linker, of Lock Haven, was struck by a car driven by Frank S. Larkin, of New York City, a short distance west of Zions about 3:30 o'clock Monday afternoon. The truck had come to a halt before the crash occurred. While no one was injured, (Continued on page six)

Legion Social Club Guests at Dinner

Nearly 200 members of the social club of Brooks-Doll Post, American Legion, were guests of the post at a turkey dinner held last Thursday evening at the Legion Home on Howard street.

During the evening Edmund Blanchard introduced the following speakers: W. W. Sieg, the Rev. Father William E. Downes, Burgess Hardman P. Harris, former Judge M. Ward Fleming, Dr. Richards H. Hoffman, Edward Kofman, Albert Rhoads and Jesse Dunlap.

Entertainment before the dinner was provided by the Milesburg Wagon Boys entertained. The dinner was prepared by Legionnaire Alex Strzgiak, of the Diamond restaurant, and was served by the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Legion post.

Sheriff Names 3 County Deputies

Sheriff Edward R. Miller yesterday announced the appointment of three deputies in the county. They are: C. C. Rhoads, deputy warden at Rockview penitentiary; H. R. Johnson, Mr. Rhoads' assistant at Rockview; and Albert W. Gilliland, 35, of State College, general delivery.

Deputy Sheriffs are on call and receive remuneration only for such services they perform at the Sheriff's instruction.

Week's Relief Slightly Higher

Direct relief payments to needy Centre county families during the week ended yesterday show an increase of \$138 over those of the previous week and one more check required to make the payments, according to State Treasurer F. Clair Ross. Payments for the week totaled \$4,504 which was \$1,127 lower than those of the comparable week of last year. Current payments required 95 fewer checks than those of a year ago.

Price Adjustment Announced

Pennsylvania wheat farmers who plant within their 1940 wheat acreage allotments as set by their County Agricultural Conservation Committee, will be eligible for a price adjustment or parity payment of 10 cents per bushel, according to an announcement by the Centre County Agricultural Conservation Committee.

COUNTY SCHOOL DIRECTORS TO CONVENE HERE TOMORROW

The fifty-third annual meeting of the Centre County School Directors' Association will be held in the Court House tomorrow, Friday, with morning and afternoon sessions.

Officers of the association are: George L. Newman, Milesburg, president; Samuel E. Miller, Phillipsburg, and Thomas G. S. Vils, Howard, vice presidents; R. D. Shoemaker, State College, secretary; G. H. McCormick, Spring Mills, R. D. treasurer, and George H. Hazel, Bellefonte, auditor.

Following is the program for the annual meeting:
10:00 to 10:15—Devotional Exercises by Rev. L. E. Kline, of the Evangelical church, Howard.
10:15 to 10:20—Reading of Minutes, by R. D. Shoemaker, secretary.
10:20 to 10:30—"An Accounting of the State Association and Its Leg-

Rhinesmith Heads Legion Band Auxiliary

Organization of a Parents' Auxiliary to the American Legion Junior Band was effected at a meeting in the Legion Home, East Howard street, Friday night, with the election of Samuel D. Rhinesmith, of East Bishop street, as president.

Other officers chosen were: Mrs. Sue Eckenroth, vice president; Mrs. Aaron D. Leititz, secretary and Francis Crawford, treasurer.

A discussion was held on ways and means of securing funds for the support of the band, whose membership includes sons and daughters of Bellefonte Legionnaires, ranging in age from 6 to 18 years. All parents of band members are urged to attend the next meeting which will be held at the Legion Home on March 1.

State College Girl Receives Scholarship

Ruth Ann Marshall, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William H. Marshall, of East Beaver street, State College, has been awarded the scholarship given by the Centre County Penn State Alumnae Club.

The scholarship of approximately \$50 is awarded to a Centre county sophomore girl, in memory of Mrs. Elizabeth Olewine, '86, Bellefonte, who was a special student at the college. Mrs. Olewine originated the scholarship, and the Alumnae Club has continued to give the award since her death.

PAPERS DAY LATE

Most readers of The Centre Democrat will receive this issue later than usual because Thursday was Washington's birthday and the postoffice observed a holiday. No deliveries were made and consequently in the Bellefonte area papers will be received one day later than the usual time. In more distant areas, little or no delay will be occasioned by the holiday.

NYA AIDS IN SNOW REMOVAL, AND OTHER COUNTY PROJECTS

Young men employed by the National Youth Administration helped to solve Bellefonte's snow removal problem last week under the supervision of George Carpeneto and Philip Saylor.

This emergency project was arranged through Thomas B. Beaver, president of Council; Councilman W. J. Emerick, and W. I. Scott, county supervisor for NYA.

The only cost to the borough was in providing tools and equipment. Labor charges, by far the major expense, are met by the NYA.

East Beaver street, West Curtin street, and various streets on Halfmoon Terrace were closed to traffic until late in the week when snow plows and crews of shovelers were able to break through the deep drifts of water-soaked snow. On

South Water street banks of snow lined the curbs and deep puddles of water covered the street, causing pedestrians to be showered by passing cars. Saturday afternoon the snow was washed into the creek with a fire hose and the drains were opened, allowing the accumulated water to drain away.

After all streets had been opened to traffic, the NYA crews directed their attention to removing the heaps of snow which had accumulated at the sides of the streets. Gutters were opened to permit ready drainage, and despite a fresh snow of several inches during the weekend, the town is getting back to normal.

The NYA work program and its accompanying vocational guidance (Continued on page three)