

PLEASANT GAP MAN GRUELLY BEATEN

Claims Attack Took Place During 'Ride'

Harry Keller, 35, Tells
Sheriff Three Men
Took Part

VICTIM REPORTED IN DAZED CONDITION

Struck on Head With Butt
of Gun; Wound Be-
comes Infected

Brutally beaten about the head and face during a "ride" on which he was taken by companions last Wednesday night, Harry Keller, aged 35, of Pleasant Gap, was found yesterday afternoon in a semi-dazed condition at his home when Sheriff Edward R. Miller and his deputy, James Hugs, visited the residence to investigate the reported attack.

Keller, the Sheriff reported, was struck a heavy blow on the left side of his head with the butt of an old muzzle-loading gun. The wound has become infected, Miller stated.

A complete investigation of the reported attack is to be made today by the Sheriff's office with the aid of an officer to be assigned by Corporal S. S. Mollenkoff, of the State Police sub-station at Rockview.

News of the reported attack reached the office of District Attorney Musser W. Gettig yesterday morning, and that official immediately notified the Sheriff's office. Sheriff Miller and Deputy Hugs went to the scene upon their return from another trip.

According to the story related by
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Pine Hall Boy Killed By Car

Coroner's Jury Exonerates
Driver of Blame in
Boy's Death

Darting across the road in front of a car, Charles E. Evey, aged 11, son of Mr. and Mrs. Homer C. Evey, of Pine Hall, was instantly killed at 8:15 o'clock Tuesday morning.

Waiting for a bus to take him to school at Pine Grove Mills, the youth, playing games with a group of about 15 other children who meet each morning at the C. M. Johnson garage, ran out into the road in the path of a car driven by Miss Blanche Shoemaker, of Pine Grove Mills, who was traveling toward State College.

Miss Shoemaker swerved her car sharply to avoid striking the lad,
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Daniel Snyder Real Estate Brings \$10,250

At a public sale of the real estate of the late Daniel N. Snyder, of Bellefonte, held by the Bellefonte Trust Company at the Court House Saturday morning, six properties were disposed of for a total of \$10,250.

The Daniel Snyder homestead property on North Allegheny street, went to the deceased's son, Donald Snyder, for \$3,000.

William H. Brouse, of Bellefonte, purchased the double frame dwelling at 37 and 39 Pine street, for \$1,050.

The double frame dwelling at 41 and 43 Pine street was knocked down to C. F. Hoy, of Zion, for \$1,100.

Niles Davis purchased the frame house on East Linn street, for years the home of the Morton Smith family, for \$2,200.

One of the two frame dwellings at the rear of the former Smith home and facing on East Lamb street, went to James C. Furst, attorney, for \$1,375. The other house was sold to Clarence Hamilton for \$1,525.

Auctioneer L. Frank Mays, of Leont, was in charge of the sale.

Over Thousand Volumes Added To Library Since First of Year

Over one thousand volumes have been added to the book collection of the Centre County Library since January 1, 1940. Some of the books added during the last two weeks are as follows: Elizabeth—How Green was my Valley; "Elizabeth"—Mr. Skeffington; Bentley—Power and the Glory; Levant—Smattering of Ignorance; Aaron—God's health and bad Medicine; Richter—Trees; Taylor—Of men and Music; Cecil—Young Melbourne; Christie—And then there were None; Rodman—Handbook of salt-water Fishing; Hewler—Victorian House; Spalding's official Athletic Almanac, 1940; Fuller—Loon Feather; Russell—Benjamin Franklin, the first civilized American; Reich—Consumer goods; Worthington—Sallie and her Kitchen; Maugham—Trembling of

Mother And Daughter Banquet Here May 9

Plans are being completed for the annual Mother and Daughter banquet to be held at the Y. M. C. A. on Thursday, May 9, at 6 o'clock. The affair is being sponsored by the Woman's Auxiliary of the Y. A turkey dinner will be served.

Court To Hear Angling Case

Milesburg Man Takes Appeal
From Charge of Fishing
Out of Season

Charged with possession of trout before the opening of the season, D. P. Sherry, of Milesburg, manufacturer of electric welders, was fined \$70 and the costs of prosecution Monday morning when arraigned before Justice of the Peace Harold D. Cowher, at his offices on East Bishop street.

Seven trout were found in Mr. Sherry's possession, Sunday night, Warden Thomas Mosler, David Dahlgren and Samuel B. Reed contended. The fine represents \$10 for each trout.

At the hearing, the warden testified that Sherry was arrested along Spring Creek near Milesburg about 5:30 o'clock Sunday night. In his car was found a jar containing the seven trout.

Sherry testified that he had driven his daughters, aged 12 and 14 years, to the creek to instruct them in the art of fishing. They were along the creek about one hour, he said, and when they returned to the car they found the jar containing the fish inside. Sherry said he presumed they were placed there by someone who knew his car and expected to ride back to town with him. The arrest was made shortly after Sherry and his daughters returned to the car.

"The defendant was given five days' time in which to pay the fines or appeal the case. Since he has decided to take matters to court, the fine will be held in abeyance pending the decision of the court."

"Ghost" Speaker Heard At Rally

Pinch-Hitter Steals Show at
Annual Jefferson
Day Dinner

A pinch-hitter stole the show at the annual Jefferson Day dinner held Friday night at the Mt. Loyal Inn, State College, under the sponsorship of the Democratic Committee of Centre county.

The man who was called upon for the principal address when the scheduled speakers, Dr. Herbert Cohen, of York county, and Dr. Luther Harr, Philadelphia City Treasurer, were unable to be present, was Dr. Robert White, city comptroller of Philadelphia, and recent candidate for Mayor of that city.

Nearly 300 persons, men and women from all parts of Centre and adjoining counties, who filled the spacious dining room to capacity for the event, sat mostly at the edges of their chairs during Dr. White's hour-long, rather informal address, in which, strangely enough, the sub-

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Police Take Negatives Of Murder Photos

14 Views By Centre Dem-
ocrat Cameraman To
Be Studied

ENLARGEMENT MAY REVEAL NEW CLUES

Source of Handkerchief
Found at Shiloh Church
Being Traced

The negatives of fourteen pictures taken at the scene of the Rachel Taylor slaying by a Centre Democrat cameraman, were taken in custody yesterday by members of the State Motor Police from Harrisburg headquarters, as investigators sought new clues in their efforts to track down the slayer of the 17-year-old Penn State co-ed.

The Centre Democrat photos, the only ones known to have been taken at the Lemont school house March 23, before the body of the girl was taken to the Koch Funeral Home at State College, included three different views of the scene showing the position of the slain girl's body at the time it was found. Underclothing which apparently had been thrown above her head are shown in the views of the body, which was
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Police Claim Lock Haven High Student's Car Hit Local Boy

An apparently clueless hit-and-run accident in Bellefonte on Sunday night, April 7, was solved here Monday by Chief of Police Harry Dukeman, Bellefonte, after a week of the kind of sleuthing for which the Chief has long been known.

The driver arrested in connection with the accident is Christy Tallman, aged 18, son of Walter Tallman, of 5 South Grove Street, Lock Haven.

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2 Hurt in Crash Near Spring Mills

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The injured were: Martha Foley, of Washington, D. C., lacerations of the face and head, and George Stine, of Millheim, lacerations of the face and head. Mrs. Stine was a passenger in a car operated by Elwood L. Foley, of Washington. Stine was a passenger in a car driven by H. A. Orwig, of Aaronsburg, who escaped injury.

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Brouse Re-elected President of Elks

William H. Brouse was re-elected president of the Bellefonte Elks Club at a meeting held Monday night at the Elks home on West High street. Others re-elected were: John Gauda, vice president; William H. Brown, secretary-treasurer; and William Yates, Martin Miller, O. A. Kline, William H. Brouse and John Gauda, trustees.

Before the meeting a turkey dinner was served at the home. Music was furnished by the Little German Band of Lock Haven.

Anglers Suffer From Cold As 1940 Trout Season Opens

Low-hanging clouds and a cold, bitter wind which froze ice along the edges of the streams of Centre county greeted first day anglers here Monday as the 1940 trout season got under way.

It was ideal weather for hunting and the general aspect of the weather was reminiscent of late November, rather than the fringes of spring.

Despite the bitter cold and the insipid conditions, the county's streams were frayed from stem to stern by a vast army of fishermen, who, according to reports, had what considered to be a fair catch.

Some went home early with the day's limit, while others gave up when trout failed to show much interest in what was transpiring.

Anglers were the most effective lure, while a few fishermen had fair success with wet and dry flies and artificial lures. Along the posted areas of Spring Creek, the new rules in effect were rigidly observed.

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For a number of years Council periodically has attempted to enforce laws, but on every occasion the "drives" have bogged down after several weeks' time and law enforcement again returned to a hit and miss basis.

The Mayor and police brought out no new factors at Council to explain lack of enforcement. Police have contended that when they issue tags for violations, the Mayor
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Three Trout Fishermen Are Fined \$860

Fines totaling \$860 were levied against a Williamsport R. D. woman and her brother and nephew from York. They were arrested by Game Protector Miles Reeder on a charge of taking 58 fingerling trout from Wagner Run, near Carroll, in Sugar Valley, Clinton county.

The three are: Mrs. Helen C. Penstemaker, George W. Wagner and his son, Grundner.

At a hearing before Alderman T. Mark Burgard, Lock Haven, their fine was defined as \$500 for the taking of undersized trout and \$280 for catching 38 over their combined limit of 20 fish.

Lee Tice Gets \$1860 State Position Here

Lee Tice, of Howard, deputy sheriff under the former administration, yesterday was named Junior Field Agent in the Parole Supervision office of the Pennsylvania Department of Justice, at Bellefonte. The post carries an annual salary of \$1,860.

Tice succeeds William Lucas, of Corsica, who has been affiliated with the Bellefonte field staff for several years. When Harry V. Keeler was sheriff, Tice was his chief deputy.

Crippled Children Receive Aid Through Community Fund

The Bellefonte Community Welfare Drive will open officially on Thursday, May 2, at a dinner for all the workers, including the executive board, captains, their lieutenants, and teams. To it will be invited heads of the agencies on the assistance list, all of whom will report on their yearly activities and 1940 financial requirements.

As the day approaches, the public grows increasingly interested in the lasting value of the investment it will be asked to make. It readily understands that money invested in the health of the less fortunate children of the community, and in the upbuilding of their bodily strength for future activity as citizens, brings a dividend in happiness for those helped and resultant improvement in community vigor.

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