

TO CHARGE WOMAN WITH MURDER

Held in Death of 58-Year-Old Man

Victim Dies of Infection Resulting From Head Wounds

CASE AFTERMATH OF FIRE AT GUM STUMP

Mrs. Mary Weaver, 70, in Jail Pending Action; Inquest Scheduled

A charge of murder is to be lodged against Mrs. Mary Weaver, 70, of Runville, in connection with the death of William H. Walker, aged 54, also of Runville, District Attorney Musser W. Gettig announced last night.

Walker succumbed at the Centre County Hospital at 10:40 o'clock Sunday night from the after-effects of injuries suffered in an altercation with Mrs. Weaver, his housekeeper, early Saturday morning, April 20.

Gettig declared that under a murder charge three degrees of guilt may be proved. One is first degree, another is second degree, and the third is voluntary manslaughter. He added that there is no evidence to support a first degree charge in this case, predicting that one of the two lesser degrees would be specified.

Walker's death was attributed to acute erysipelas, which physicians claimed developed from head wounds received allegedly when Mrs. Weaver struck him several times on the head with an iron shoe last.

Centre County Coroner Charles Sheekler, of Milesburg, after a conference with the District Attorney, declared that an inquest will be held sometime this weekend, at a place and time to be decided upon later.

The coroner said that under his direction Dr. Richards Hoffman and Dr. J. C. Rogers, both of Bellefonte, performed an autopsy upon the victim's remains at the Weaver-Penal Home, Milesburg, Tuesday afternoon, and that the post mortem examination confirmed the findings reached from a previous X-ray examination of the deceased. Mr. Walker's skull was not fractured, although the head wounds were severe.

Walker, one of the principal figures in a fast-moving family drama at Gum Stump just eight days before his death, was reported to have been hit over the head early that morning by his housekeeper, during a quarrel which began soon after the two arose.

Mrs. Weaver, who had been undergoing treatment at the County Hospital and at the County Home, was discharged from custody, Sunday, but upon the death of Mr. Walker, was again taken into custody, Monday, and is now at the County Jail.

Walker, bleeding from his head (Continued on page 5, sec. section)

Academy Reunion Creates Interest

Local Residents Aware of Economic, Cultural Advantages in Re-Opening

Interest is growing rapidly in Bellefonte and vicinity in the Bellefonte Academy reunion and testimonial dinner to be held at the William Penn Hotel, Pittsburgh, on Saturday, May 18, committee members report.

FROMMS TAKE OVER HEFFELFINGER SHOP

Fromms, operators of dry cleaning and dyeing establishments in Renovo, Jersey Shore and Lock Haven, yesterday took over the former Mrs. G. W. Heffelfinger tailoring shop in the White building, on West High street, Bellefonte.

THANKS VOTERS

Mrs. Lucy Howe Merrill, of Philadelphia, elected last week as delegate to the national Democratic convention from Centre, Blair and Clearfield counties, takes this opportunity to express her thanks to the voters of Bellefonte and Centre county for their fine support.

Mrs. Merrill led the field of candidates for the office in all of the counties of the district.

Youth Injured As Car Is Overturned

Donald Knisely, 18, of Bellefonte, suffered a fractured collar bone, a dislocated hip, and cuts and bruises about the head and face, about 11:40 o'clock Sunday night when the car in which he was a passenger swerved off the road near the Kline farm between Pleasant Gap and Bellefonte, struck a culvert and turned over several times before coming to rest.

Harry G. Witter, of East Curtin street, Bellefonte, driver of the car, and other occupants of the machine escaped uninjured. The car, which came to a halt on its wheels, was damaged to the extent of about \$300. Motor Police reported, Knisely is employed in the meat department of the A. & P. Super Market here.

Elks To Hold Flag Day Fete

Parade, Ceremony, A nd Dance Planned Here For June 14

A Flag Day celebration of greater scope than the mammoth one held last year is being planned by the Bellefonte Elks Lodge in connection with a convention of the North Central District of Elks here on Friday, June 14.

Lodges of the district which will participate in the day's activities are those from Bellefonte, Kane, St. Mary's, Ridgway, Renovo, Lock Haven, Jersey Shore, Williamsport, Berwick, Bloomsburg, Sunbury, Milton, Danville and Johnstown.

Flag Day ceremonies to be conducted about 5:30 p. m. on the Diamond or on the Court House steps will be in charge of the Bellefonte Elks Lodge, while either Boy Scouts or Girl Scouts will present the various flags which have represented the United States at different times in (Continued on page 7)

Fireman Hurt At Milesburg

Damage \$100 as Overheated Stovepipe Causes Blaze at Sherry Property

One fireman was injured, and damage was estimated at about \$100 late yesterday morning in a fire at the D. P. Sherry property in Milesburg.

"Whitney" McMullen, a member of the Milesburg Fire Company, suffered crush injuries of a finger while attempting to open a chemical tank. The injury required medical attention.

\$300 Damage in Fire At Service Station

A short circuit in the motor driving an air compressor caused a fire which resulted in about \$300 damage at the Spicher service station near the Wagner Mill, owned by Harold T. Spicher, of the Hayes apartments, Bellefonte, early Saturday morning.

Marionette Show to Feature Meeting of Mothers and Daughters, May 9

Arrangements have been made for the annual Mother and Daughter banquet to be held at the YMCA on Thursday, May 9, at 6 p. m.

HOSPITAL RUMMAGE SALE SCHEDULED FOR MAY 9

The Spring rummage sale for the benefit of the Centre County Hospital will be held in the former A. & P. store room of the Brockerhoff Building on Thursday May 9.

Nothing New in Taylor Murder, Police Claim

Today marks the end of the fifth week since the battered body of Rachel Taylor, Penn State freshman, was found lifeless on the driveway of the Lemont School.

Church Receives \$1,109 at Cash Rally

A total of \$1,109 was received at services of the Bellefonte Evangelical church at the spring cash rally held Sunday. The goal was \$900, it was announced by Rev. H. H. Jacobs, pastor of the church.

MUSICIAN DIES

Your Help Is Needed!

Sometime next week you will be asked to pledge a portion of your annual income to the Bellefonte Community Welfare Fund.

The fund budget calls for a total of \$18,500 for the support of eleven community institutions during the coming year.

When you give money, you naturally expect something in return, but you cannot place a dollar and cents value on what you receive from your contribution to the Welfare Fund.

Your return might be the saving of the life of a loved one; your boy or girl might be prevented from entering a life of crime; a crippled child may be restored to normal usefulness; your home may be saved from destruction. All these, and more, are among the intangible returns you receive for your contributions.

Disregarding what you may actually gain from the institutions, isn't it a fine thing that such facilities are here for the use of all of us at any time? Could we, or would we, do without them?

Be ready for the solicitors when they call upon you. Be ready to pledge some amount to the Fund, however small it may seem. The drive will begin Monday and will end Saturday and by lumping all your contributions to charity in one sum, you will be free of further solicitations during the year.

Here are the institutions you are asked to help, and the amounts they require to operate during the coming year.

Centre County Hospital.....	\$5500
Bellefonte Y. M. C. A.....	6000
Boy Scouts.....	1000
Girl Scouts.....	900
Bellefonte Community Athletic Field.....	1200
Crippled Children.....	400
Salvation Army.....	300
A. M. E. Church.....	300
Associated Charities.....	150
Milesburg Fire Company.....	150
Logan Fire Company.....	350
Contingencies.....	1450
Administration.....	800
	\$18,500

Samuel Bryant Succumbs Here

Was One of Town's Best Known Musicians, Band Directors

Samuel Bryant, one of Bellefonte's foremost musicians and band leaders, passed away at his home on North Ridge Street Friday morning, April 26, 1940, after a year's illness with a complication of diseases.

A versatile musician, Mr. Bryant possessed the ability to play virtually all band instruments as well as the piano. He was a thoroughgoing instructor, a capable organizer, a composer of band numbers, and was able to score music for any instrument.

Rural Carriers To Collect Data

Bellefonte's 1,096 Rural Families Will Be Appraised

Postal business transacted by Bellefonte's 1,096 "rural route" families will be appraised next month, it was learned yesterday.

From May 1 to 15, Bellefonte rural mail carriers will keep records of all mail delivered and collected, money order applications taken, value of stamps on mail collected, and value of stamps and paper sold.

Band Concert Here Tomorrow

Music and Dancing Featured on Program of Bellefonte Banjo Band

Friday night the Bellefonte Banjo Band will present Bellefonte with the type program that has been packing houses in nearby cities for the past three years. In addition there will be the Krader Accordion band of 20 pieces, vocalists, dancers and musical numbers.

Mortgage Issued 128 Years Ago Is Satisfied

A 128-year-old mortgage in the office of Centre County Recorder Leamer R. Woodruff, was satisfied this week to clear the Federal Government's title to a tract of land which is now a part of the Howard Nursery Project.

'Y' Prepares For Annual Dinner

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Titian Agrees To Reinstate 147 Strikers

Also Arranges For Payment of Back Pay; Satisfies NLRB Order

MOVE CULMINATES LENGTHY LITIGATION

Several Men Taken Back Yesterday; More to Follow

Early and complete settlement of labor disputes which flared up at the Titian Metal Company's plant here with a strike on January 15, 1937, is presaged in an announcement that an agreement providing for the reinstatement with back pay of approximately 147 striking workers, has been reached.

The announcement was made Friday by former Judge M. Ward Fleming, attorney for the local industry, who added that the agreement was reached at recent conferences of Titian representatives with the National Labor Relations Board.

About six of the striking workers returned to their duties at the Titian plant yesterday. Others are to be added from time to time as employment conditions at the plant warrant, it was reported.

The provisions of the agreement may not be completed for several months, it was indicated, since in computing the back wages due to each of the reinstated men, their (Continued on page 7)

Fix Rules For Moore Quits Jr. Paradise School Board

Deibler Tract Open to All Boys 15 Years and Under; Season Limit 10

Ten rules governing fishing in Deibler's Junior Paradise, just below the famed Fishermen's Paradise, along Spring Creek near Bellefonte, were announced yesterday by Scout leaders of Muncy district, who will have charge of the operations of the Paradise.

The rules are as follows:

1. Every boy must register, giving name, age, residence, whether a Scout, and if so, the name of his troop.
2. The Paradise is for all boys 15 years of age and under.
3. Any boy 16 years or over may fish if he has a fishing license, and shows his current Scout credentials to the leader in charge.
4. No fishing will be permitted unless the gate has been opened by the instructor in charge.
5. Deibler's Junior Paradise will be (Continued on page 8)

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Group Attends Church Service

Knights of Columbus Observe 32nd Anniversary of Founding

Members of Bellefonte Council, No. 1314, Knights of Columbus, attended 8 o'clock mass in a body Sunday, April 28, in St. John's Catholic church, Bellefonte. Following the mass a communion breakfast was held in the C. D. of A. room on West High street, with members of the Catholic Daughters of America of Bellefonte, serving the breakfast. About 55 were present.

Christopher Beezer, grand knight of the Bellefonte council, was in charge of the ceremonies which marked the 32nd anniversary of the founding of the council. Mr. Beezer introduced the following speakers: Rev. William E. Downes, pastor of St. John's church and chaplain of the council; John A. Redding, state deputy, of Osceola Mills, and C. E. Sullivan, grand knight and district deputy of Lock Haven. State Deputy (Continued on page 6)

Paradise Will Open On May 24

Delay of Two Weeks Caused When Rain Impedes Completion of Road

Centre County's famous "Fishermen's Paradise," along Spring Creek southwest of Bellefonte, will not open until Friday, May 24, instead of Friday, May 10, as was originally announced.

The two weeks' delay, officials report, was caused by the weather. Some time ago the State Highway Department began rebuilding the Spring Creek road from the H. P. Schaeffer cabin to the Paradise. Spring rains delayed the work and the road to the Paradise is impassable, and will not be ready for use for several weeks.

County Hospital To Observe Open House

Open house will be held at the Centre County Hospital, Bellefonte, on Monday, May 13, in observance of National Hospital Day, officials of the institution announced yesterday.

Flight Grass Fire

A grass fire in Holmes Woods, State College, was extinguished by members of the Alpha Fire Company shortly after 2:30 o'clock Monday afternoon. Little damage resulted.

Student Reports Kidnaping Attempt

Claims Two Men Took Her From Porch of Milesburg Home

SAYS MEN WERE STRANGERS TO HER

String And Note Paper Traced to Outkitchen of Victim's Home

BULLETIN—Authoritative sources revealed last night that the source of the paper on which the "kidnaping note" had been written, and the shroffing with which the note was tied to a brick before being thrown on the rear porch of the Elmer Gordon home in Milesburg, Sunday night had been traced.

The source claimed that Mrs. Gordon revealed that she recognized the notepaper as having been in a cardboard box she threw in a rubbish carton in the outkitchen of the Gordon home several days before the "kidnaping." The white shoe lace, Mrs. Gordon claimed, came from an old pair shoes also in the outkitchen.

The two doors of the outkitchen, which is connected with the back porch, are never locked, Mrs. Gordon is reported to have declared. The note and the shoe from which the lace was taken have been turned over to police for investigation.

Relief Board Offices Move

Quarters to be Located in Penn Belle Hotel About June 1

The offices of the Centre County Board of Public Assistance, now located on the third and fourth floors of Temple Court building, South Allegheny street, will be moved about June 1 to the Penn Belle Hotel building.

Rumors of the proposed move were confirmed yesterday by an authoritative source.

Order By Liquor Board Reversed

Court Sets Aside 60-Day Suspension Against Hotel at Central City

An order by the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board suspending the license of A. A. Kohlbecker, proprietor of the Central Hotel, Central City, Milesburg, for a period of sixty days was reversed here Saturday by Judge Ivan Walker.

Judge Walker in reversing the board's suspension order placed the costs of the appeal upon Mr. Kohlbecker.

Registration Period For November Election

The Centre County Commissioners, acting in the capacity of the County Registration Board, yesterday announced that the registration period which opened on Monday, April 29, will continue until October 5.

Persons who register, change addresses or party affiliation within the prescribed registration period will be eligible to vote at the general election on November 5, the Commissioners said. Registration matters are attended to at the Commissioners' offices at all times during regular business hours.

Gregg Civic Club To Meet, Wednesday

A regular meeting of the Gregg Township Civic Club will be held on Wednesday evening, May 8, at the Vocational school in Spring Mills.

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Match Workers End 'Holiday', Friday

After a two-day holiday some 125 employees of the Federal Match Corporation here returned to work Friday morning, declaring that the holiday would continue until friction caused by "undesirables" in their midst had been adjusted.

The match workers, members of the Match Workers' Union, which is affiliated with the American Federation of Labor, contended that the holiday was the culmination of some months of fruitless effort on the part of employees to rid their ranks of the "undesirables."

The nature of the adjustment reached was not made public, but it is understood that there have been no changes in the Federal Match payroll.

Grand Jury To Hear 19 Bills

21 Defendants Involved in List For Presentation Next Week

Nineteen cases involving 21 defendants are scheduled to be presented to the Grand Jury for the May term of court which will convene here on Monday, May 6, according to a schedule released yesterday by District Attorney Musser W. Gettig.

Fifteen of the cases are listed for presentation Monday, and the remaining four are listed for Tuesday.

Four summary conviction cases are on the list to be heard before Judge Ivan Walker next Thursday, but the day's roster is expected to be increased by a number of pleas of guilty from those against whom true bills are returned by the Grand Jury.

The complete list follows:

Monday, May 6

Max Humphrey, Phillipsburg, P. & B.

Richard Tyson, Lock Haven, P. & B.

Neil Van Buskirk, Union county. (Continued on page 7)

Private Collection To Be Sold Here

An auction sale of the fine antiques and household furnishings from the private collection of the late Mrs. Ebon B. Bower, of Bellefonte, will be held at the Bower residence at 111 East Howard street, beginning at 9 a. m., Monday, May 20. The sale will continue from day to day until all the items have been sold.

Among the hundreds of rare and valuable articles to be offered are furniture, rugs and carpets, prints and pictures, lamps, china, pottery, brass and silver, and glassware. A complete catalogue will be forwarded to anyone desiring it by writing to E. B. Bower, Bellefonte, Pa., or L. Frank Hayes, Lemont, Pa.

Official Vote Count Nearing Completion

The official count of the Primary election held last Tuesday in Centre county was nearing completion yesterday afternoon and according to reports, the results of the election will not be materially changed by the tally.

The board, which began its work last Friday afternoon, consists of Mrs. Joseph L. Bunker, Hansel Johnson, Miss Virginia Healy and Boyd C. Vonada, all of Bellefonte. They are being aided by Frederic Hoffer, chief clerk to the County Commissioners, and Russell P. Beezer, second clerk.

Damage in Accident

Total damage of about \$120 resulted in a collision one-fourth mile west of Coburn about 5:30 o'clock Tuesday afternoon when cars operated by J. C. Bailey, of Millheim, and C. E. Wagner, of Coburn, sideswiped while passing the machines were travelling in opposite directions.

Bailey's Ford sedan was damaged to the extent of \$85, and damage to the Wagner Chevrolet coach was \$55. State Motor Police at Pleasant Gap reported. No one was injured.