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POLICE FEAR MORE SEX MURDERS

Establish 24-Hour County-Wide Patrol; Funeral Rites Held For Second Victim

Seek to Prevent More Slayings

BULLETIN
Yesterday afternoon while Ruth White, 15, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ray E. White, of Armour street, Bellefonte, was on her way to school, two strange men in a car stopped beside her near the Helen Schaeffer home on East Curtin street, and invited her to go for a ride.
The girl, frightened, ran to the home of her aunt, Mrs. Albert Schaeffer, nearby, while the car drove away rapidly. According to reports, the car carried no license tags.
Residents of the area reported that before the White girl was stopped by the men, the car passed the White home several times, tooting its horn.
Yesterday afternoon while the young daughters of Farmer Judge Arthur C. Dale, of East Linn street, and Lester Musser, of East Lamb street, were playing in a vacant lot beside the Francis Crawford home on East Linn street, two men called to them from a car on Linn street, asking them to go for a ride. The girls refused and immediately notified their parents, but the car drove hurriedly away.

Hinting that the just-maddened maniac who has attacked and slain two Centre County girls in less than six weeks' time may strike again before he is apprehended, Col. Lynn G. Adams, State Police Commissioner, who personally is in charge of the double investigation, yesterday announced plans for the prevention of further outrages.

Up until yesterday Col. Adams' statements were concerned almost entirely with the hunt for the slayer of Faye Gates, 24-year-old Mt. Eagle girl whose ravished and battered body was found alone a lonely detour less than two miles from her home early Sunday morning.

Up until yesterday his secondary interest appeared to be the solution of the mutilation and slaying of Rachel Taylor, 17-year-old Penn State co-ed, who met death at the hands of a sex-mad fiend early on the morning of March 28.

But yesterday a new note crept out in the daily press conferences held at Rockview barracks of the State Police, headquarters for the largest criminal investigation ever held in this county.

It was a note to strike fear into the hearts of every resident of this area—the fear that still other victims might be sacrificed to the twisted passions of the fiend who stalked his first victim on the streets of State College, who enacted his second crime on the brow of a windswept hill overlooking "Spook Hollow," near Mt. Eagle.

"We are establishing patrols to prevent a third crime," Col. Adams reported soberly. "The most important thing we have to do now is to reassure the public of their safety" he added.

Continuing, Col. Adams explained that all-night patrols are to be maintained over the highways and byways of the County. A portable broadcasting system has been set up at the barracks at Rockview, and radio-equipped patrol cars will be at the instantaneous command of those directing the investigation at Rockview.

"These patrols may be an inconvenience to the public," Major Adams declared, "but they will add to the security of the citizens of this vicinity."

The Commissioner declared that there are "thirty or more" officers and detectives working steadily in the investigation, and that the

Second Victim of Sex Fiend



FAYE GATES

24-YEAR-OLD MT. EAGLE GIRL SLAIN EARLY SUNDAY MORNING

A second brutal sex murder, the second in less than six weeks' time, early Sunday morning brought Centre countians to the grim realization that no girl will be safe in this area until the fiend or fiends are apprehended.

The victim of the latest attack was Miss Faye Gates, aged 24, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Gates, of Mt. Eagle.

Her lifeless body was discovered about 2:30 o'clock Sunday morning, along the lonely "Spook Hollow" road, currently serving as a detour around new construction under way on Route 220 between Curtin and Mt. Eagle. The scene of the crime was slightly more than a mile west of the victim's parental home.

The girl, criminally attacked, died from head wounds believed to have been inflicted by some blunt instrument. Police yesterday indicated had found a stone, "about as large as two fists," which was covered with hair and blood and which they believe might have caused the fatal injuries. From evidences on the ground, the stone was picked up the road just ahead of the body. Tracks on the road indicated it had been hurriedly turned around on the road, and one wheel passed over the foot of the girl on the ground, discounting theories that she may have turned the car around in an attempt to avoid what proved to be her slayer.

During a thorough search of the car, three doors of which were locked from the inside, police discovered in the back seat a three-foot iron wrecking bar, at first believed to have been used to beat the girl to death. Finding of the stone later caused police to believe the iron bar played no part in the crime.

Discovery of the slaying was made about 2:30 a. m. by Richard Wallace, aged about 19, of Milesburg, while he was on his way home after spending the evening with one of Miss Gates' sisters, Lois, aged 18. Wallace said that as he drove along the rough and muddy detour he thought he saw a body lying at the rear of a car parked along the road. When his car passed the scene, he

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Last Rites Held For Faye Gates

Funeral services for Faye Gates, victim of Sunday morning's slaying were held yesterday afternoon in the Kennedy church, within plain view of the site where the 24-year-old girl met a violent death three days previously.

The little church, located along the same road the girl's slayer used in trailing her to her doom, was crowded to capacity with friends, relatives and others who congregated to pay respect to the victim and to her bereaved family.

The services were in charge of the Rev. L. E. Kline, pastor of the Howard Evangelical church, and Rev. Wallace J. Cummings, pastor of the Methodist church at Kennedy, of which Miss Gates was a member. Among pastors who formerly served congregations in the Mt. Eagle-Howard vicinity who were present to pay a final tribute to the girl were the Rev. Mr. Price, the Rev. Mr. Mellett, the Rev. Mr. Morris, and the Rev. Mr. Fleck.

The Federal Match Company plant in Bellefonte, where Faye was employed and where her father is employed, declared a holiday yesterday and most of the girl's fellow workers attended the last rites, the plant employees journeying to Mt.

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To Stress Value Of WPA Program

Various Agencies Combine to Acquaint Public With Scope of Activities

Bellefonte and the Works Progress Administration will join the nation in a week's celebration, from May 20 to 25, to demonstrate to the community the value of the Professional and Service Divisions of the WPA.

With Centre County Commissioners, School Board, Borough Council, CCC Camp S-63 officials, Library and Historical Association and Colonel Philip Mathews, State Administrator, directing the observance of "This Week Pays Your Community" week, every project will be open to the public for special periods, so that the public may visit and see the activities of WPA.

Preliminary meetings have been held, and plans for the week have been set in motion.

The purpose is to acquaint the

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Hit-Run Driver Sentenced Here

Lock Haven High Student to Pay Damages, Fines Totalling \$100

Christy Talman, Lock Haven High school youth who failed to stop after his car had struck and injured "Bud" Eckerman, Bellefonte boy, on North Allegheny street, Bellefonte, on the night of April 7, has been ordered to pay the costs of prosecution, fines of \$100, and make restitution of damage.

Sentence on Talman was passed Monday morning by Judge Ivan Walker after the driver had entered a plea of guilty to a charge of failure to stop.

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Chamber of Commerce To Sponsor Contest

Announcement of a contest to be sponsored by the Bellefonte Chamber of Commerce was made yesterday.

Man, Tractor Fail Over Cliff Near Oak Hall

Machine and Rider Plunge Into Creek; Farmer Escapes Death

RUNAWAY MACHINE FALLS 100 FEET

Suffers Broken Nose and Head Injuries; Brought to Hospital

J. Ralph Neff, Oak Hall farmer, narrowly escaped death at 5:30 o'clock Tuesday afternoon when he rode his runaway tractor over a cliff, landing in Spring Creek near the new highway bridge on the Boalsburg-Lemont road.

Centre County Hospital authorities report that Mr. Neff received a fracture of the nose, abrasions of the face and bruises on one leg. His condition is said to be "satisfactory."

While he was gathering stones in the field at the top of the cliff, Mr. Neff's tractor started to move. He jumped to the seat and attempted to halt the vehicle before it started its perilous descent.

The machine had gained considerable momentum and continued over the brink of the stone-faced cliff, where it is believed to have thrown its rider clear. A wooden sled for hauling stone was hitched to the vehicle, and both pieces of equipment landed in Spring Creek. Mr. Neff was not thrown into the water, but landed on the bank of the stream.

Larry Zong, eight-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Zong of Oak Hall, saw the machine and its operator catapult from the field.

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Youth Injured In Mishap Here

Driver Also Hurt in Futile Attempt to Avert Accident; Car Damaged

In an attempt to avoid striking a 6-year-old boy who ran across the street in front of his car, James J. Hickey, of Bellefonte, Lock Haven, suffered injuries, his car damaged, and the youth also injured here Friday afternoon.

The accident happened about 4 o'clock Friday afternoon in front of the A. & P. super market, on North Allegheny street. As Hickey was traveling north on Allegheny street,

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Two Fishermen Fined For Illegal Catches

Two Centre county fishermen were fined a total of \$140 and costs for illegal catches of trout last Thursday night when they pleaded guilty to the charges at a hearing before Squire Harold Cowher, of East Bishop street, Bellefonte.

Terrill Lucas, 24, of Bellefonte, was arrested Thursday evening on Benner Run by Warden Dave Dahlgren and Sam Reed. His fine of \$80 and costs resulted from possession of five trout under the limit of six inches, and three fish over the limit of 10.

Elmer Davis, of Bellefonte, R. D. paid \$60 and costs for having in his possession six trout which were under the six-inch limit. Davis was also arrested on Benner Run. According to the warden, the men followed a fish hatchery track to the stream, and made their catches following stocking of the trout. The fines are to be paid not later than May 10.

CITIZENS URGED TO REPORT ANNOYANCES

"Because of the recent crimes committed in this vicinity and the number of people reporting some kind of annoyance from unknown people who cruise our streets in automobiles at night, I urge all ladies and young girls not to travel the streets late at night without proper escort. Any persons finding themselves followed or annoyed are urged to stop at the nearest house and call exchange for a policeman.

Our police are doing everything possible to put a stop to this type of annoyance but need the help of every citizen to crush it. The protection is extended to people from all our neighboring communities who on their way home if followed are urged to go to the nearest telephone and call for assistance.

HARDMAN P. HARRIS, Burgess.

Runville Woman Is Held For Murder

Mrs. Mary Weaver, 66, of Runville, is being held without bail in the County Jail for the murder of William H. Walker, aged 54, Runville farmer, for whom she acted as housekeeper.

Mrs. Weaver, formally charged with murder at a hearing before Justice of the Peace Harold D. Cowher at his offices on East Bishop Street, Tuesday night entered a plea of "not guilty," and heard the testimony of three witnesses as to the events that transpired at Walker's lonely farm home early on the morning of April 20, during which Walker received injuries which resulted in his death at the Centre County Hospital here on April 28.

The witnesses heard were Pvt. L. D. Priar, of his State Police arson bureau at Harrisburg; Henry Casper, of the Undine Fire Company, Bellefonte, who helped fight a fire which destroyed the Walker home a short time after Walker received his injuries, and Dr. J. C. Rogers, of Bellefonte, who was Walker's physician.

Because of the gravity of the

Grand Jury In Session Here

Return 11 True Bills; Recommend Many Jail Improvements

The Grand Jury for the May term of Court yesterday completed its deliberations and in 21 indictments considered, 11 were found true; 9 not true, and one case was settled.

Of its inspection of the county property the jury reported as follows:

"The County Home is in very fine condition and could not be improved upon. We recommend garbage service at the County Jail; the doors of the safe in the Sheriff's office should be revamped and new floors should be laid. All new kitchen equipment, especially a new stove, are required at the jail. Paint and plaster is needed in the kitchen and the Sheriff's quarters should be redecorated."

The report continues: "We recommend repairing the railing in the jail corridor and complete renovation of prison quarters, to comply with modern practices for sanitation and decency. We recommend the placing of modern lighting."

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Glee Clubs Will Present Concert

Boys' and Girls' Organizations to Appear in Annual Event Friday, May 17

The Girls' and Boys' Glee Clubs of the Bellefonte High school will present their annual concert Friday evening, May 17. Ninety-six voices will be heard, the membership of the two clubs being 78 and 18 respectively.

Among the composers whose works will be heard are: Chopin, Strauss, Romberg, Jacobs-Bond, Nivins, Speaks, and Friml. Besides the regular chorus numbers, there will be a piano solo, a soprano girl's ensemble.

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May Day Skating Party Is Planned

May Queen to be Crowned at Hecla Park

On Monday evening, May 13, the Walker Township Future Farmers of America will hold a "May Day Roller-skating Party" at Hecla Park.

For this party many new and interesting features including prizes and balloon showers are promised. Five hundred brightly colored balloons of all sizes and shapes suspended from the ceiling will lend much color and gaiety to the party. Highlight of the evening will be the coronation of the May Queen.

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Council Okays WPA Projects For Sidewalks

Proposal Passes Unanimously After Several Previous Defeats

ANY RESIDENT MAY HAVE WORK DONE

Water Department Clears Floating Debris; Begin Sinking Fund

Unanimous approval of a WPA project for the construction of sidewalks and curbs in Bellefonte was given Monday night at a regular meeting of Bellefonte Borough Council.

The project calls for the expenditure of \$3,827 in Federal funds. The sponsor's share of \$1,999 is to be paid in full by the property owners who take advantage of the project to have sidewalks or curbs built, repaired or reconducted.

The project, discussed and turned down on several previous occasions by Council, was approved Monday after the police department submitted a report of a survey made of sidewalks in town.

According to the police report a number of properties need sidewalks, while many others are in such disrepair that they constitute a hazard to pedestrians, with consequent loss.

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Board Approves High School Site

Directors Vote 3 to 1 in Favor of Old Site For New Building

The Bellefonte School Board Monday went on record as favoring the old high school site on North Allegheny street as the location of any new building which may be erected to replace the one destroyed early in 1939 by fire.

The board also tacitly approved the work done by the former board in regard to plans and architectural services for the new building program.

Of the four members present at Monday's meeting, three voted in favor of a motion to retain the old site, and one member, Horace J. Hartrandt, cast a dissenting vote. The motion was introduced by W. H. Brouse, and was seconded by Bossart J. DeHaas, Brouse, DeHaas, and Board President Franklin B.

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Bellefonte Central Re-elects Officers

All officers were re-elected for another year at the annual organization of the Bellefonte Central Railroad Company held Monday at the general offices of the road on North Spring Street.

Officers returned are: C. B. Wagoner, Philadelphia, president; G. E. McClellan, Bellefonte, vice president, treasurer, and general manager; Robert S. Walker, State College, treasurer; Earl M. Cartwright, Bellefonte, assistant treasurer, and T. D. Geoghegan, Washington, D. C., traffic manager.

P.T.A. Meeting to Be Held Tonight

Organization of a Bellefonte Parent-Teachers Association is to be effected at a public meeting to be held on Thursday evening, May 16, at 8 o'clock at the Court House. It was announced yesterday.

The principal speaker will be Mrs. C. E. Batcher, of Lewistown, president of the South Central District of the Pennsylvania Conference of Parents and Teachers.

Final organization of the local unit also is expected to be completed at tonight's meeting, to which all mothers, fathers, and teachers are cordially invited.

Smoker's Bed Burns

William M. Phillips escaped severe burns when a lighted cigarette ignited the sofa upon which he was sleeping in his apartment at Milton. Apparently Mr. Phillips, who was alone in the apartment, fell asleep and the cigarette he was smoking started the blaze. The flames were seen by John T. Jones, who reported to Jay Gauger, owner of the building. The davenport was destroyed and the room damaged to the extent of \$100 before the blaze was extinguished.

County Offers \$5,000 Reward

The Centre County Commissioners, acting in response to numerous resolutions, requests and petitions, yesterday morning officially offered a reward of \$5,000 for information or evidence leading to the final arrest and conviction of the person or persons responsible for the slaying of Faye Gates, 24-year-old Mt. Eagle girl.

The Commissioners acted after Col. Lynn G. Adams, State Police Commissioner, received the proposal without enthusiasm. Col. Adams speaking to Frederic G. Hoffer, Chief Clerk to the Commissioners, just before the reward was offered declared that he "didn't condemn or recommend the posting of a reward."

Col. Adams added that he never had any faith in rewards, and that in the present investigation police are receiving a steady stream of tips from the public. He expressed the belief that he didn't believe a reward would help, Hoffer said.

The \$5,000 reward in the Gates case is separate from rewards totaling \$2500 offered in the Rachel Taylor slaying. Of the total reward, \$1,000 was posted by the Commissioners; \$1,000 by Penn State students, and \$500 by State College borough.

Moose Lodge To Hold Smoker Tonight

The Bellefonte Moose Lodge, No. 296, will hold a fish fry and smoker at the home on N. Sprong Street this Thursday night in connection with the membership campaign which is being conducted by the lodge. A floor show from Altoona featuring professional acts will be a part of the entertainment which is being arranged by the committee.

The affair is for members and prospective members. It is not open to the public and those who have invitations only will be admitted. Governor William W. Litke will be chairman of the party. An out-of-town speaker whose name will be revealed later will be present.

Alumni Post \$50 Scholarship

A scholarship of \$50 to be awarded to the most deserving student to graduate from the Bellefonte High school in June was officially posted by the school Alumni Association at a meeting, Monday night, May 20. The association also will continue its usual cash prizes for outstanding work in various departments of school work, it was announced.

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