

COUNTY MURDERS STILL UNSOLVED

Continue Efforts To Find Clue to Slayer

Mt. Eagle Man Released After Being in 'Protective Custody'

'TAN SEDAN' HAS NOT BEEN LOCATED

"We'll Know The Murderer When We Find Him," Col. Adams Claims

Col. Lynn G. Adams, State Police Commissioner, who personally is in charge of the Rachel Taylor and Fay Gates slaying investigations in Centre County, yesterday reported that police have reached no solution of the two murders.

Col. Adams declared that the key discovered on the ground near where the body of Fay Gates was found early Sunday morning, May 5, has so far brought no worthwhile developments.

Questioned as to the validity of rumors going the rounds concerning one or two "suspects" in this vicinity, Col. Adams admitted that police have heard the rumors, but indicated that they are without foundation.

Ten days have passed since Miss Gates' body partly disrobed and bearing brutal wounds about the head and face, was discovered on the "Spook Hollow" detour less than two miles from her home at Mt. Eagle. Parked nearby was the Gates family car, which revealed unmistakable signs that a struggle had taken place inside the vehicle.

In those ten days some 30 detectives, including some of the State (Continued on page six)

Twins Honored On 75th Birthday

Event is Occasion of First Hoy Family Reunion in 20 Years

On Sunday, May 12, Mr. and Mrs. Christian Harman, Jr. entertained at their new "Tom Thumb House" on Valentine Hill Road in honor of the seventy-fifth birthday anniversary of Mrs. Harman's father, Henry N. Hoy, and Mrs. William Wagner, of State College, twin.

All of Mr. Hoy's and Mrs. Wagner's living brothers and sisters were present, the occasion being the first in about 20 years that the family met in one place. The Hoy family is well known in this section, several generations of the family having lived in Benner township.

Those present included: Henry N. Hoy, of Bellefonte, R. D. 1, and Mrs. William Wagner, of State College, twins, the honor guests; Mrs. Annis Pifer, of Williamsburg, Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Hoy, of Bellefonte; (Continued on page six)

State College Woman Cuts Artery in Wrist

Florence Davis, of McAllister street, State College, severed an artery in her wrist Sunday morning while she was preparing a meal at the I. C. Holmes residence in that community.

Miss Davis was washing a bowl when it fell into the sink, a piece of the glass cutting her wrist. Passerby took her to a physician before she had lost a serious amount of blood.

Relief Recipients Warned Against Donating Money

Assistance recipients in Centre County should not make contributions to persons who represent themselves as agents of the Department of Public Assistance, Mr. Thomas C. Williams, Executive Director of the Centre County Board of Assistance, stated yesterday.

In several counties, including Centre County, persons have collected sums of money from assistance recipients, promising certain special services in return. These persons are not affiliated in any way with the Department of Public Assistance.

Assistance recipients who are approached for money should endeavor to secure the license number of the automobile and a description of the solicitor; then make an immediate report to the Centre County Board of Assistance, Bellefonte, Pa. (Phone 1028). Mr. Williams stated vigorous efforts would be made to apprehend these unauthorized persons but the Assistance Board can not act unless recipients furnish his office with sufficient information.

Made Phone History



H. Witmer Smith Dies At Home

Was Pioneer in Development of Telephone Industry in Centre County

H. Witmer Smith, 73, pioneer in the development of the telephone industry in Centre County, died at his home in Milesburg at 5 o'clock on Saturday morning, May 11, 1940, after a several years' illness with a complication of diseases.

The early history of telephone communication in this area closely parallels Mr. Smith's active years of life, for he was one of the leaders of a small group of Centre Countians who organized the first telephone company here, and who (Continued on page six)

Girl Scouts To Observe May Day

Virginia Dowdell Selected as Queen For Ceremony on Court House Lawn

May Day exercises are to be held by the Bellefonte Girl Scouts Saturday afternoon, May 18, on the Court House lawn. The program, which will begin at 2:30 o'clock, will be preceded by a parade in which both fire companies and several bands are expected to participate.

Highlight of the festivities will be the crowning of the May Queen, Virginia Dowdell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Dowdell, of East Linn street. The prince will be Rose Nelo, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Nelo, of South Potter street. Scout leaders will have charge of festivities.

Other participants in the exercises, according to an announcement (Continued on page three)

Business Men's Picnic At Hecla, August 7th

A revival of the annual Business Men's Picnic, highlight of the summer season in Bellefonte in years gone by, was promised this week at a meeting of the retail division of the Bellefonte Chamber of Commerce.

Preliminary arrangements are to hold the picnic at Hecla Park on Wednesday, August 7. It will be an all-day event, and all retail merchants in Bellefonte are expected to participate. It is hoped to continue the picnic as an annual outing. Committee appointments for the picnic are to be made soon by Ward Fisher, chairman of the retail division.

Forest Fire Burns 25 Acres In The Barrens

A forest fire, believed to have been of incendiary origin, burned over about 25 acres in the Barrens, west of Circleville, before it was gotten under control about midnight, Sunday, according to a report by Warden I. C. Holmes, of State College.

Police are checking on a car which is reported to have been seen in the vicinity about 7:30 o'clock Saturday night. Motorists who attempted to get the fire under control, were forced to discontinue their efforts when flames spread rapidly. They went to State College to report the fire to wardens.

Hospital Auxiliary Nets \$153 from Sale

The Auxiliary of the Centre County Hospital realized \$153 from a rummage sale held last Thursday in a vacant room in the Brockerhoff Hotel building.

Proceeds from the sale will be used for the purchase of linens and other supplies for the hospital. Mrs. Mary J. Gray, president of the Auxiliary, thanks all who helped make the sale a success.

Unionville Man Gets Award of Merit After Twenty-one Years

Harry McElwain, merchant and World War veteran of Unionville, has just recently received from the United States War Department, Adjutant General's office, a citation and an award of the Silver Star medal for "gallantry in action" over 21 years ago in the Meuse Argonne battle of the World War.

Mr. McElwain was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross for extraordinary heroism in action near Tossoy, France, July 15, 1918. The citation read: "During an intense artillery preparation by the enemy, he voluntarily went out about 1000 yards, through this heavy shellfire, to administer first-aid to five wounded men."

In addition to the D. S. C. and Silver Star, he was awarded the French Croix de Guerre and six battle bars on his victory medal.

The above is reprinted from the current issue of "General Orders," the national publication of the Army and Navy Legion of Valor of U. S., of which Mr. McElwain is a life member.

A copy of the General Orders and citation authorizing the third award follows:

HEADQUARTERS 3rd DIVISION AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES
8 July 1919
GENERAL ORDERS, No. 22
The Commanding General desires to record in General Orders the valor and devotion to duty of these officers and men of the 3rd Division. Their individual deeds, summed up, have created the glorious record enjoyed by the Marine Division, from those unforgettable days at Chateau-Thierry, in the defense of Paris, to the Victory Drive which began on the banks of the Marne and continued relentlessly until its brilliant conclusion in the Argonne before Sedan.

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Story Is Banned



MARY TOMB

A telegram from five Bellefonte organizations to the sponsors of the weekly radio program "The People," prevented Miss Mary Tomb, 17-year-old Milesburg girl from telling the story, Tuesday night, of her escape from two men who she claimed attempted to kidnap her from her home on April 28.

The telegram asking that Miss Tomb's appearance on the program (Continued on page three)

Permits to Wed Court To Name At New Peak Board Member

New Law Brings Avail-ance of Applications at Local Register's Office

Several precedents were shattered in the Centre county Register's office during the weekend as couples from various parts of this and other counties made a last minute rush to secure marriage licenses before the provisions of a new State law requiring physical examinations became effective.

On Saturday 7 marriage licenses were issued, which up to that time was the highest number ever issued in one day in this county. Monday, the last day for securing licenses under the old law, saw a total of 19 permits issued, which established a record that may stand for many decades.

In the first 13 days of May a total of 56 licenses were issued—which with but one exception is a greater number than has ever been issued for an entire month June, 1939 estimated.

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Harvey To Speak At Club Dinner

Nationally Known Anglers to Attend Event on Eve of 'Paradise' Opening

George Harvey, Director of athletics at the Penn State Forestry School at Mt. Alto, will be the principal speaker at the annual Fishermen's Dinner to be held by the Bellefonte Kiwanis Club at the Penn Belle Hotel on Thursday, May 23, according to an announcement made yesterday by Dr. Richards H. Hoffman, chairman of the dinner committee.

Mr. Harvey, who is an expert angler and maker of trout flies, will speak on the subject of "Choosing the best trout lines in limestone and freestone streams."

Jack Knight, by whose famous solunar fishing table thousands of anglers follow, will also be present at the dinner and will give a brief talk. Mr. Knight was the principal speaker at the last two Kiwanis Fishermen's Dinner and gave unusually interesting talks.

Members of the Kiwanis Club and their invited guests will be present at the dinner, which will be held the night before the Fisher-men's Paradise opening.

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Receives Medal For Life Saving

West Penn Meter Reader Here Honored for Resuscitation of Local Man

A West Penn Power Company meter reader from the local office was awarded the "President's Medal" here last Thursday for saving the life of a Bellefonte man, March 25, 1939.

Receiver of the award presented by H. F. Webb, West Penn Safety Director, was Fred T. Hayes, 32, of East Howard street, Bellefonte. The medal was given in recognition of Hayes' resuscitation of Joseph Toner, of Bellefonte, after Toner had fallen into the Gamble mill race (Continued on page 6—second sec.)

C. of C. Contest For Boys Opens Monday

A contest for local boys, sponsored by the local Chamber of Commerce, is to get under way on May 20, Chamber Secretary Karl Kusse said yesterday.

The contest is open to all boys between the ages of 14 and 18 years, and entry blanks and information may be obtained from E. K. Stock, supervising principal of schools, or from the Chamber of Commerce offices in the Y. M. C. A. building.

The grand prizes in the contest will be expense-paid ten-day camping trips at the Legion Summer Camp in Indianatown Gap. One of the two winners will be chosen from the 14 to 16 year age group, while the other will be selected from the 16 to 18 year group.

Twenty Complete Driving Course

Second Class is Now Being Formed; School Sponsored by Motor Club

Twenty persons completed the Centre County Safe Driving School conducted in Bellefonte during the past several months by the Centre County Motor Club.

Because of popular demand another class is now being formed and prospective students are asked to leave their names in any of the Bellefonte newspaper offices.

Members of the first graduating class were: Virginia Krassner, Eleanor Cowen, Ann Penny, Mrs. Sara (Continued on page six)

Bellefonte High In Savings Bonds

Sale of Bonds Increased \$12,431.25 Over Amount Sold Last Year

Bellefonte moved from 124th place for 1938 to 139th place for 1939, among all Pennsylvania cities, having second class postoffices, in per capita sales of United States Savings bonds, the treasury department reported yesterday.

Sales of savings bonds to Bellefonte residents totaled \$7,818.75 last year, as compared with \$25,387.50 for 1938.

Bellefonte's reported sales total includes both bonds sold at the Bellefonte postoffice, and bonds purchased through the mails by Bellefonte residents. Sales over postoffice counters in Bellefonte aggregated \$29,006.25 for 1938, as compared with \$17,550 for 1937, while mail-orders purchased by Bellefonte residents jumped from \$7,537.50 for 1938 to \$3,125.00 for 1939.

Per capita sales rankings, which (Continued on page 2—second sec.)

Attorney Gets Masonic Honor

Receives Silver Plaque, Gold Watch in Recognition of Long Service

Approximately 325 Masons assembled at the Trinity Methodist Church at Philipsburg, last Wednesday night, to pay honor to W. Harrison Walker, of Bellefonte, who is celebrating his 25th anniversary as District Deputy Grand Master of the 21st Masonic District, comprising the Lodges in Centre and Clearfield Counties.

At the speakers' table were the following dignitaries: Right Worshipful Grand Master, William H. Brehm, Philadelphia; R. W. Deputy Grand Master, John A. Lathrop, Pittsburgh; R. W. Senior Grand Warden, Scott S. Leiby, Harrisburg; Grand Secretary, Matthew Galt, Jr., Philadelphia; Dr. John W. Clardy and Rev. A. Law (Continued on page four)

JUNIOR LEGION BAND TO GIVE CONCERT MAY 26

On Sunday, May 26 at 4 p. m., on the Bellefonte Community Athletic Field, the American Legion Junior Band will present an open air concert which will be free and open to the public.

The athletic field has been selected on account of the seating accommodations for the audience. The band will be on the football field and the audience on the football grandstand. If the public responds to this concert several more will be given during the summer months on Sunday evenings.

H. C. Smith, of State College, who for the past year has been president of the State Band-Masters' Association will be the guest conductor for this concert.

The public is cordially invited to hear the band and note the progress it has made since its final appearance last Armistice Day.

License Causes Error

In last week's issue it was reported that Terrill Lucas, 24, of Bellefonte, had been fined \$80 for a violation of the fishing laws. Subsequent developments reveal that the man fined was Earl Felmes, who had Lucas' license at the time. It is reported, Lucas was not involved in the illegal angling, it was said.

To Build Bellefonte Link of College Road

Salvage Covers Prove Value in Fire Here

Efficient work by the Undine Fire Company kept loss at a minimum in a blaze, Sunday morning, which badly damaged the roof of the Walter Ray family home on East Logan Street.

The still alarm was sounded about 9:40 o'clock and when Undine reached the scene a considerable portion of the roof was ablaze. Although it was necessary to use a considerable amount of water in fighting the fire, the interior was protected with salvage covers, and practically no damage resulted to the interior of the home, or household goods.

The house is owned by Charles F. Cook, East Hill Street.

The Undine Company was called on a second still alarm about 1:15 o'clock Sunday afternoon when the fire of the John Miller family home on West Logan Street, owned by Mrs. Harvey Miller, caught fire. Firemen stood by while the blaze burned itself out with no damage.

Six Sex Cases To Be Tried

All Scheduled For Hearing First Day of May Criminal Court

Of thirteen criminal cases scheduled to go on trial at the regular May court which opens here on Monday morning, May 20, six are the result of statutory charges, a survey of the trial list prepared by District Attorney Musser W. Gettlig reveals.

All of the sex cases are scheduled to go on trial on Monday, the remainder of the docket being listed for action Tuesday.

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Rev. J. B. Musser Is Transferred

Pastor Ends 8½ Years Service in Zion-Hubersburg Churches

A ministry of 8½ years as pastor of the Hubersburg charge of the Evangelical and Reformed church by the Rev. James E. Musser, came to a close yesterday when the Rev. Mr. Musser assumed the pastorate of Second Reformed church at Scranton.

He will preach his first sermon there as the regular pastor on Sunday. The church is located at the corner of Prospect avenue and Willow street, and the pastor will reside at 622 Alder street, Scranton.

Rev. Musser's transfer to Scranton was made at the behest of the (Continued on page six)

PLEASANT GAP FIREMEN TO HOLD FESTIVAL IN JULY

The Pleasant Gap Fire Company will hold a festival on the baseball grounds in that community from Tuesday through Saturday, July 23 to 27. Ground prizes will be awarded each night and there will be a continuous band concert.

The carnival will open with a special parade the first night, in which prizes will be awarded for the largest group in uniform and for the largest musical organization in the line of march. Free shows will be added attractions each evening.

Plan C. of C. Events

The sales promotion committee of the retail division, Bellefonte Chamber of Commerce and a meeting on Tuesday announced tentative plans for special activities of the division every month during the coming summer. Further details are to be decided upon later.

ACADEMY REUNION SATURDAY MAY BE A SIGNIFICANT EVENT

The Bellefonte Academy reunion at Philipsburg, Saturday night, is being watched with much interest by many Centre countians as well as by friends of the Academy in all parts of the United States.

It is possible that the reunion may produce something substantial in the way of restoring the widely famed local school to its former sphere of life and influence in the educational world.

At the very least, the reunion will serve to re-establish contacts which have been broken ever since the Academy succumbed to financial reverses some years ago.

The Academy graduates who will assemble at the William Penn Hotel will represent a cross section of the financial, educational, industrial and civic life of western Pennsylvania—an area from which the Academy drew nearly fifty per cent of its student body. The resources represented by the group will be of tremendous scope, and it is not beyond reason that some plan may be broached whereby the historic Bellefonte school can again take its rightful place among the educational institutions of the land.

Western Pennsylvania residents never derived any financial return from the operation of the Academy. Any profit accruing from the school found its way into the coffers of Bellefonte business men. Consequently the action of Pittsburgh graduates in sponsoring the first reunion may have more than passing significance.

Whether the reunion turns out to be a move toward the reopening of the school or whether it is merely a get-together of former school mates and friends, it would be a fine gesture for some of Bellefonte's business men, educators, civic and industrial leaders to attend the event if for no other purpose than to acknowledge the town's debt to the Academy and lend moral support to any suggestions which may be made regarding the future of "The School on The Hill."

The reunion program will begin with a dinner to be served at 5:30 p. m. Eastern Standard Time. It isn't too late to make reservations.

MISS MARTHA J. MCCLURE

Daughter of Mr. Thomas B. McClure, 38 West Bishop street, Bellefonte, who has just received her diploma from St. Joseph School of Nursing Education, at Mishawaka, Ind. Miss McClure also received a certificate upon completion of a four-months' course in pediatrics and communicable diseases at City Hospital, Indianapolis, Ind.

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