

ROCKVIEW FUGITIVES APPREHENDED

Officer's Key Eye Is Undoing of Pair

Lock Haven Patrolman, Former Guard, Recognizes Men on Street

ARREST FOLLOWS THEFT OF AUTO

Both Surrender Without Resistance; Brought to County Jail

BULLETIN
Justice moved swiftly against the two Rockview prisoners who escaped Thursday and who were apprehended in Lock Haven, Monday. Tuesday morning they appeared before Judge Ivan Walker and heard their original sentences doubled.
Raymond J. Randels, 43, was sentenced to serve 5 to 10 years, and was taken to Pittsburgh immediately to begin his term.
Norman Hicks, 25, was sentenced to serve 2 1/2 to 5 years, and was to be taken to Pittsburgh, Wednesday, by Sheriff E. R. Miller.

The "camera eye" of Lock Haven police officer William B. Ryan, formerly a guard at Rockview penitentiary, proved the undoing of two Rockview prisoners who escaped from the Centre county prison last Thursday afternoon.

Both men were picked up Monday on the streets of Lock Haven, 12 hours apart, as officer Ryan on his regular rounds recognized them as inmates of the prison where he formerly served as a guard.

The fugitives, Norman Hicks, 25, of Clearfield county, and Raymond Randels, 43, of Renovo, were working in a 60-acre potato field on penitentiary lands along Spring creek about 3 o'clock last Thursday afternoon when they walked unobserved into a nearby woods and made their getaway.

When their absence was noticed a short time later, prison bloodhounds were set on the trail and the men were tracked to near Houserville where the scent was lost. Deputy Warden C. C. Rife's was (Continued on page eight)

Two Injured In Motor Accidents

12 Tons of Beer Spilled Near Unionville When Truck Overtakes

Two persons were injured and eight vehicles were damaged in a series of four motor accidents during the weekend, State Motor Police at Pleasant Gap report.

Twelve tons of beer were splattered over the highway about 2 miles west of Unionville at 3:30 o'clock Saturday morning when a truck driven by Oliver Jackson, of Wilkes Barre, and a sedan driven by Emory Price, of Clairton, sideswiped while traveling in opposite directions.

The truck overturned and its load of beer was spilled. The car came to a halt in a ditch. Damage to the truck was estimated at between \$400 and \$500, and to the sedan, about \$100. Mike Hunter, of Clairton, a passenger in the automobile, suffered lacerations of the chin. (Continued on page seven)

18 Graduate In Walker Township

The annual commencement exercises of Walker Township High school were held in the Community Hall, Hubersburg, last Thursday, at 8 p. m. Dr. John G. Flowers, president of Lock Haven State Teachers College, delivered the main address of the evening.

Eighteen seniors were graduated. They are Miriam Bierly, Walter T. Bressler, Lois E. Deitrich, Edna Harter, James E. Hinds, Arthur McClure, Irene Miller, Kenneth Neidigh, Nevin F. Potter, Harold H. Richner, Helen Rogers, Jean Shaffer, Jean Shuey, Mary E. Stover, David L. Wells, Sara E. White, Marjorie L. Workman, and Lenore Yearick.

PARENTS TO ATTEND FARMERS' FIELD DAY

The 44 N. Y. A. boys who are taking agricultural short courses at the Pennsylvania State College are making a special effort to have their families visit the School of Agriculture on Farmers' Field Day, June 13.

Most of these boys come from farms, and their parents will find much that is interesting in the program. Tours will be made of the College farms and research projects explained. Exhibits and demonstrations also will be featured, and an address will be made by Louis J. Taber, master of the National Grange.

Anglers Jam 'Paradise' On Opening Day

All Previous Attendance Records Shattered, Figures Reveal

NEARLY ONE TON OF TROUT ARE KILLED

Largest Trout Taken Measures 24 Inches; Tips Scales Near 5 Pounds

Despite high winds, showers and heavily overcast skies, the seventh annual opening of "Fishermen's Paradise," Friday, saw all previous first-day attendance records at the famous resort shattered.

A total of 1553 anglers, 1403 male and 150 female, registered during the day and participated in an activity which went under the name of fishing. Standing elbow to elbow along every available inch of the banks, anglers lashed the stream from morning until night with every conceivable artificial lure.

The catch was amazing, considering the fact that trout are supposed to be wary and that the stream banks looked not unlike a holiday at Coney Island.

Records at the Paradise reveal that a total of 2100 trout were caught during the 12-hour period. (Continued on page seven)

Bus Driver Dies Of Crush Injuries

Pinned Under Bus While Attempting to Make Repairs

Injuries he received last Monday at a Phillipsburg garage when a bus he was repairing slipped from a jack and crushed him, proved fatal Thursday night to Harry L. Dunlap, Phillipsburg Bus Company driver who had been located in Phillipsburg for some time.

He is president of the Punksu-lawney Chamber of Commerce; a member of the borough council there, and is a member of the board of trustees of the Y. M. C. A. and Punksu-lawney Hospital.

Joining the American Legion in 1922, his rise in that organization culminated in his election in 1937 as department commander.

His record during the World War similarly is an outstanding one, and Mr. Smith comes to Bellefonte with a widespread reputation as a speaker of unusual force and power.

The Elks committee is working steadily toward completion of plans for the celebration and a complete schedule of activities is expected to be announced within the next few days.

Prosler Speaker At Unionville

Former State Legion Commander to Give Memorial Day Address

George Prosler, of DuBois, past state commander of the American Legion, will deliver the address at Memorial Day services to be held Thursday afternoon in the Union cemetery, at Unionville. Walter Zahner, chairman of a committee in charge of arrangements, announced.

The program, scheduled to begin at 2 o'clock, will include a parade headed by the Junior American Legion Band of Bellefonte; a salute by a firing squad from Bellefonte, and taps by a bugler. Mr. Prosler will speak from a platform to be erected in the cemetery, and a public address system will be installed.

After the program at Unionville, short services will be held in the Oak Ridge cemetery and the Stover cemetery, both near Unionville. The services are sponsored by the Veterans of the community.

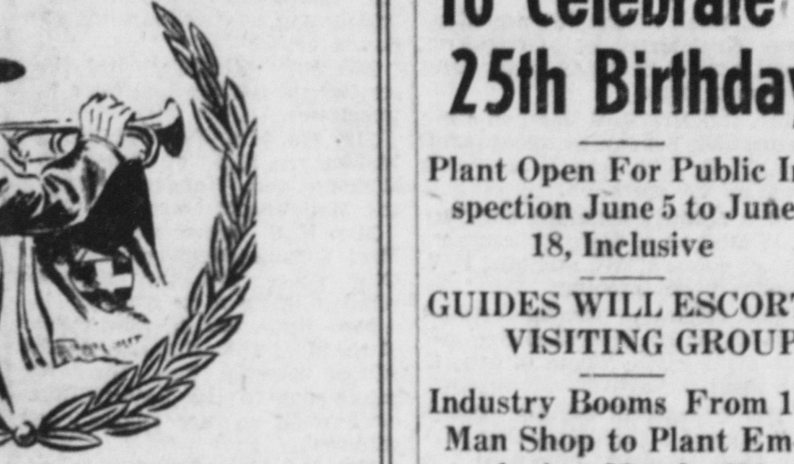
In the late afternoon and evening a festival for the benefit of the Unionville baseball team will be held on the school grounds at Unionville.

ESCAPES UNHURT AS TRAIN HITS AUTO

Dale O. Glosner, of Lock Haven, managed to get out of his automobile before it was struck last Wednesday evening at the Washington street crossing by the westbound passenger train which reaches Lock Haven after 7 p. m.

Mr. Glosner was on his way to the station to meet a relative arriving on the train. The engine of the car stalled as he shifted gears before entering the crossing, and he quickly got out of the vehicle. The locomotive of the approaching train hit the right front wheel and fender, damaging the car to the extent of \$15.

Memorial Day, 1940



A TRIBUTE TO THE HEROES AND DEFENDERS OF DEMOCRACY

THIS day and year, more than ever before, should we feel grateful to the veterans of American wars who have preserved for us the greatest democracy in the world today.

In honor of those veterans who fought the American way for American ideals, we offer this memorial tribute.

Their courage, faith in American ideals, and personal sacrifice shall serve for all time as an inspiration to every red-blooded citizen.

Elks Speaker Win In Annual Oratory Contest

Gunnel Bjalme and William Kellerman Awarded First Honors

Gunnel Bjalme and William Kellerman won first honors for girls and boys, respectively, in the annual Bellefonte High school junior declamatory contest at the Presbyterian chapel, Monday night.

Honorable mention for the girls' division went to Mary Grace Hartsock, while the corresponding boys' honor was awarded to Gordon Vars. Miss Bjalme's topic was "The Waltz," by Dorothy Parker, while Mr. Kellerman's subject was "That's What Happened to Me," by Michael Fessler. Miss Hartsock chose as her topic "Two Guys and a Girl," by Janet Bentham, and Mr. Vars' topic was "A Fish Story," by Don Marquis.

Judges of the contest were the Rev. C. Warren Newman, rector of St. John's Episcopal church, Mrs. William C. Thompson, and Mrs. Paul Beaver, all of Bellefonte.

The chapel was taxed to capacity for the contest, and music by the string section of the Bellefonte Alumni orchestra, under the direction of Mrs. Louis Schad provided a fitting interim between the addresses by the eight contestants.

Census Supervisor Reveals County Totals

Blake B. Shugarts, of Altoona, district supervisor of the census, spoke yesterday at a regular meeting of the Bellefonte Kiwanis Club at the Penn Belle Hotel, revealing preliminary census figures for a number of Centre county towns.

The figures, Mr. Shugarts explained, are subject to revision, but any revision will increase the present totals rather than subtract from them.

Here are the figures for the 1930 census as compared with totals for the 1940 census now nearing completion.

	1930	1939
Bellefonte	4804	5193
Howard	664	715
Milheim	559	681
Port Matilda	596	664
Phillipsburg	3600	3959
Centre Hall	658	756
So. Phillipsburg	480	527

DAMAGE \$225 IN AUTO CRASH AT STATE COLLEGE

Two automobiles were damaged to the extent of about \$225 shortly after noon Sunday when they collided at the intersection of South Atherton street and West Beaver avenue, State College.

Vehicles operated by Robert McSparrow, of State College, and Robert J. Winger, of Indiana, Pa., crashed when the latter driver made a left turn into Beaver avenue. Damage to the Winger car was \$23; to the McSparrow car, \$200. George W. Ferguson, of State College, a passenger, and McSparrow were slightly injured.

Former Resident Suffers Stroke

Friends of Elmer E. Straub, formerly well known resident of Bellefonte, who for the past several years has been making his home with his son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. N. A. Staples, at Leanech, Delaware county, have learned that he suffered a stroke Sunday, and is now a patient in the Bryn-Mawr hospital. Latest reports from the hospital are to the effect that his condition is encouraging.

Police Admit Car Clue May Be False

'Tan Plymouth' May Have Nothing to Do With Gates Slaying

PROBE SWINGS TO NEW CONSIDERATION

Seek Public's Help in Eliminating Possible Murder Suspects

State Police in charge of the investigation into the slaying of Payne Gates, May 5, are not convinced that a 1939 Plymouth sedan—or any car, for that matter—was used by the murderers of the 24-year-old M. Eagle girl.

This startling revelation about a car which has been widely heralded since the time of the crime as the machine used by the killer, was made by police sources last night as the investigators launched a drive for new leads into the baffling crime.

An official press release by State Police at Rockview stated: "The State Police request all persons who traveled on Route 64 between Milesburg and the barrier on the night of May 4 between 12 midnight and 2 a. m. to get in touch with them at Rockview barracks."

Because of the nature of information released to the public by police up to this time, the above request may sound like an invitation to the slayer to give himself up.

But police last night revealed that the purpose of the request is to definitely establish whether or not a car was involved in the crime.

It is no secret that the "electric eye" traffic counter along the highway at Curtin counted a total of (Continued on page seven)

Young Girl Is Bitten By Dog

Four Stitches Required to Close Lacerations in Cheek of Victim

Attacked by a dog near her home at Sunnyside, Monday evening, a four-year-old girl suffered lacerations of the cheek which required four stitches to close.

The victim is Georgette Cain, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Cain.

While she was playing a large dog owned by a neighbor is said to have leaped upon the girl, biting her severely about the face. Bystanders went to her rescue and she was taken immediately to the Centre County Hospital dispensary where the wounds were closed and other treatment administered. She was permitted to return home the same night.

Top Drivers Slated For Tipton Races

Mark Light, of Lebanon, the east's second ranking A. A. A. driver of 1939 and current leader in the running for 1940 individual honors, looms as a pre-favorite to win major awards in the automobile racing events at the Altoona speedway Memorial Day.

The Lebanon veteran faces competition from a star-studded field that includes Texan Buddy Rusch, winner of the 1939 feature race, but twice this spring he has served notice that he is championship bound.

Light took first place in the 20-lap feature event at Reading in the eastern inaugural last month. After turning in the fastest qualifying lap to win the pole position he finished third in a 10-lap sprint.

At Williams Grove, Carlisle, early in May, Light scored his second triumph in the 40-lap feature, outdistancing Ted Horn, the runner-up. His string of successes was temporarily halted at Langhorne two weeks ago when motor trouble forced him out of the 50-mile feature at a time when he was pushing Ted Horn for first place. Light had previously finished third in a 20-mile heat.

Light won third place in an 8-lap event at the Altoona Speedway in May, 1939, a program halted by rain. Returning in September he turned in the second best qualifying time of 41.55 seconds for the mile and one-quarter lap. Jole Chitwood turned a lap in record time to gain his pole position.

Light finished second in one 8-lap race and was leading the pack in another when a broken connecting rod forced his withdrawal and enabled Buster Warke to capture first place.

Millheim Legion Is Found 'Not Guilty'

Keystone Post, No. 444 of Millheim, was found not guilty of a charge of violating the liquor laws in a sealed verdict returned last Thursday morning as the regular May criminal court entered its last day.

The jury placed the costs of prosecution upon the Post.

The final trial of the session resulted in a jury verdict of acquittal in the case of F. G. Johnson, of Snow Shoe, who was charged with fraudulent conversion.

Candidates for Safe Driving Class to Meet
Candidates for the Centre County Safe Driving School now forming are requested to meet at the reading room of the Bellefonte Y. M. C. at 7 o'clock Wednesday night, May 29.

Since the maximum quota for the class is 20 students, all persons interested in taking the course are urged to attend the meeting for enrollment and preliminary instructions.

EIGHT PAGE EDITION
Because of the holiday, Thursday, The Centre Democrat consists of only eight pages this week.

MUSIC IN THE MORGAN MANNER



Russ Morgan, brilliant young musician, singer, director, and arranger, brings his famous radio orchestra from New York City to Hecla Park on Wednesday night, June 5, through arrangements completed today with Consolidated Radio Artists, Inc.

The distinctive music of Russ Morgan and His Orchestra has (Continued on page eight)

STATE COLLEGE SCHOOLS ADD TWO NEW TEACHERS

Miss Shirley Batchelor, who has served as a cadet teacher in the State College High School since last September, will have full-time status in the school during 1940-41.

It was announced this week by Secretary R. V. Watkins of the school board.

Miss Florence Taylor of Mason, Mich., now teaching in New York City, has been added to the State College school staff and will serve as director of all the activities of the elementary division.

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