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B. H. S. PRIZE WINNERS ANNOUNCED

To Award Honors at Exercises Tonight

Richard Walker, Betty Howard Win General Excellence Awards

136 SENIORS WILL RECEIVE DIPLOMAS

Dr. A. M. Weaver, Supervising Principal at Williamsport, to Speak

Awarding of a long list of prizes for excellence in various departments of school work will feature the 57th annual commencement exercises of the Bellefonte High school at the Plaza theatre tonight.

The general excellence prize in commercial subjects will be awarded to Betty Howard, with second honors being shared by Ann Kelley and Franklin Hillard.

The invocation opening tonight's activities will be presented by Rev. H. H. Jacobs, of the Evangelical church. Introductory remarks will be made by O. F. Sollenberger, principal of the high school. Dr. A. M. Weaver, supervising principal of Williamsport schools, will give the commencement address, and diplomas and prizes will be presented by Earl K. Stock, supervising principal of schools. During the program music will be furnished by the stringed section of the school orchestra.

Following is the list of prizes to be awarded to high school and grade pupils:

General Excellence Prize: A prize of \$10.00, given by Col. W. Fred Reynolds for excellence in the general.

James Hughes Gives 'Appreciation Dinner'

James R. Hughes, of Bellefonte, who left this morning for Princeton University to perform his duties as secretary of the class of 1885 and enjoy the 55th annual reunion of his class, has just completed a busy week of activity.

Sunday of last week he gave the Memorial address at the Hubersburg cemetery; last Tuesday night he was the commencement speaker at the Blanchard High school; last Wednesday he sponsored an "appreciation dinner" at the Penn Belle.

Dance Pupils to Give Recital at Snow Shoe

Snow Shoe and Clarence pupils of the Eileen George Webb dancing school will present an entertainment in the Snow Shoe High school auditorium on Monday evening, June 10, at 8 o'clock.

Proceeds from the dance recital will go to the Snow Shoe-Clarence Parent-Teachers Association. Admission will be 25 cents for adults and 15 cents for children.

In addition to numbers by pupils of the school there will be featured acts by visiting entertainers from the Phillipsburg area. The public is cordially invited to attend.

AUDITORS' STATEMENT PUBLISHED THIS WEEK

The Centre County Auditors' statement for 1939 appears in the second section of this issue of The Centre Democrat, and is scheduled to be published in the next two issues of this newspaper.

Notice to Centre County Tax Payers

All 1938 and previous years taxes on real estate entered in the County Treasurer's office will be advertised the first week of July. Sale will be held Monday, August 5, 1940. Harry F. Jones, County Treasurer.

FARM ENGINEERING COURSE OFFERED TO YOUTHS HERE

At least ten free scholarships for the study of farm management and engineering will be awarded to farm youths in Centre county, according to announcement of Dunlap Motor Company of Bellefonte.

The scholarships, available to young men between the ages of 18 and 25 who are actually engaged in farm work, will consist of home study course, together with practical training and experience under local farm conditions. They are provided by the National Farm Youth Foundation, which has been created by the Ferguson-Sherman Manufacturing Corporation of Dearborn, Mich., with the active cooperation of Henry Ford and Edsel Ford.

An advisory board for this educational movement has been set up in Centre county, consisting of the following members:

Lewis Lenhart, Bellefonte, assistant county superintendent of schools, chairman; W. J. Tucker, Pleasant Gap, vocational advisor, Centre county; Bond White, Bellefonte, chairman Kiwanis agricultural committee; Lewis Biddle, Bellefonte, R. D., master of Grange; Prof. R. U. Blasingame, State College, head of Department of Agriculture Engineering; Ralph Blaney, Bellefonte, County Farm Agent; Prof. Bruner, State College, head of Department Rural Education; Ray Bright, Phillipsburg, Professor of Agriculture, Phillipsburg high school; Henry Illingworth, principal Ferguson Township Consolidated schools; S. Ward Granley, Millheim, cashier Millheim Banking Co.

Centre county youths who wish to take part in this movement can get applications from the members of advisory board, the Dunlap Motor Co., and must be filed at the County Superintendent's office in the Court House.

Seventeen To Appear For Naturalization

Prothonotary Bond C. White announces that seventeen persons will appear in open court here on Monday, June 17, at 10 a. m., for final hearing on their petitions for naturalization.

Those who are to appear are as follows: Blazey Muestra, Clarence; John Polochko, Osceola Mills; James Burn Helme, State College; Giuseppe Favuzza, also known as Joseph Favuzza, Bellefonte; Wilhelm Kaldorf, Munson; Augusta Barbara Schwab, Phillipsburg; Pietro Passuello, Clarence; Ernest George Stern, State College; Victor Hugo Theiss, Phillipsburg; Andy Petroff, Phillipsburg; Einar Wenerlund Nilsson, Bellefonte; Carmel Scott, Snow Shoe; Fred Cruehran, also known as Frank Shufrahn, Phillipsburg; Henrietta Askey Forbes, Phillipsburg; Olive Poulos, Hannah Furnace; and Andy Svabik, Snow Shoe.

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Murder Suspect Is Quoted as Having Repudiated Partial Statement Made to Police

Although State Police investigating the Taylor and Gates murders yesterday denied any developments in either crime, other reliable sources reported that a partial statement, quickly repudiated, had been obtained from a suspect in the Gates slaying.

Details of the alleged statement were not available, although it was reported that the suspect, who is said to be a person whose name has not been connected with the crime, admitted being on the lone M. Eagle detour early on the morning of May 5 at about the time the Gates car traversed the muddy dirt road.

Reports have it that the suspect is said to have claimed that "things went black" about the time the Gates' car came along, and that he didn't remember what happened.

However, when he was called upon to repeat his statement to other police.

Centre Co. Association To Picnic

The annual basket picnic of the Centre County Association of Philadelphia, will be held at Belmont Mansion, Fairmount Park, Philadelphia, on Saturday, June 15. All members are urged to attend and bring their friends.

CCC Enlistments Now Open to Boys

Applications Being Received at Office in Bellefonte

Boys who are interested in enrolling in CCC are urged by Thomas C. Williams, Executive Director of the Centre County Board of Public Assistance to make application immediately at the Department of Public Assistance office in Bellefonte.

Applications for the July quota are now being taken by the Department and boys who desire an opportunity for participation in the CCC program have an excellent possibility by enrolling at this time.

Enrollment in the CCC enables boys to prepare themselves for better employment following their honorable discharge from the corps.

Will Open Dental Offices in Howard

Dr. Walter H. Kurtz, who for some years has maintained dental offices at Myerstown, today will open dental offices in Howard, this county.

The offices are located in the home of Dr. Kurtz's father, Dr. Walter J. Kurtz, which have been remodeled and furnished in keeping with the new use to which they are to be put.

Prostrated by Heat

The first case of heat prostration this summer in Centre county was reported in State College at 12:30 o'clock Tuesday afternoon as the mercury reached a maximum of 88 degrees, the hottest so far this season.

Dog is Destroyed

George Peters, county dog law investigator, reports that a dog owned by a student at the College, has been destroyed for killing sheep at the Homan farm near State College.

Bucknell Graduate



Floyd J. Waite, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Waite, of Howard, is scheduled to be graduated from Bucknell University on June 10. He will receive the degree of Bachelor of Science in Commerce and Finance.

A graduate of Howard High school Mr. Waite is a member of the Sigma Chi fraternity at the university. He belongs to a class of more than 250 Bucknell seniors who will receive their diplomas from President Arnaud C. Marts as the highlight of the university's ninetieth annual commencement.

Instead of the usual single address (Continued on page eight)

15 Graduate At St. John's School

Ceremonies Mark Commencement at Catholic School; Prizes Awarded

Graduation exercises at St. John's Catholic school were held Tuesday night on the school grounds adjoining the church with the entire student body of the school taking part in the ceremonies.

The Very Rev. Father William E. Downes presented diplomas to the following: Rose Quaranto, Cecelia Kishwara, Margaret Flynn, Jean Rogers, Ida Plomer, Elizabeth Mayer, Grant Tursell, George Kucan, Joseph Favuzza, Barry McGovern, James Bosciano, Ralph Genoa, Robert Kelleher, Joseph Meter and Angelo Quagato.

The sermon to the graduating class was given by Father A. J. (Continued on page seven)

Fire Alarm Interrupts Memorial Day Service

A second floor bedroom of the John Ginter home owned by John McCoy, along the main highway between Bellefonte and Milesburg, was considerably damaged by fire which was discovered about noon on Memorial Day.

The sounding of the alarm in Bellefonte came in the midst of Memorial Day services at the High School commons, and members of the Logan Fire Company marching unit broke ranks to answer the alarm.

The fire, believed to have started from a defective flue, was discovered by Mrs. Ginter. The loss included all the clothing belonging to two of the Ginter grandchildren and Mrs. Ginter's father, James McKinley. A mattress and all the furnishings of the room were destroyed. Framework in the upper part of the home was damaged by fire.

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Robbery Reported At State College

More than \$200 in cash and a number of valuable papers were reported to have been stolen from the McClellan Chevrolet Company, at State College, around 2:30 o'clock Saturday morning. The robbery was discovered late Monday morning by W. Frank McClellan, proprietor of the garage, when he started to prepare his bank deposit.

The money was kept in a strong box in the safe. During the absence of the night man for about 15 minutes around 2:30, the strong box was ripped out of the safe, it is said. State College police are working on the case.

Elks Complete Plans For Flag Day Celebration To Be Held June 14

Completion of plans for the annual observance of Flag Day in Bellefonte Friday, June 14, indicate that the event will surpass all expectations. It was announced yesterday by Clark Aikley, chairman of the Elks committee in charge of the celebration.

During the week one major change in the original plans was made when the public dance at Hecla Park, Friday night, was abandoned in favor of individual dances to be held at the Elks, American Legion and Undine fire homes, all in Bellefonte. Tickets now being sold at 50 cents each will entitle the holder to attend any or all of the dances.

Prizes to be awarded in the mammoth parade which is scheduled to move at 4 p. m., are: bands, first \$75, second \$50, and third \$25; drum and bugle corps, first \$50, second \$25, and third \$15; organization traveling greatest distance with at least 25 persons in line, \$35.

Nearly a dozen musical organizations as well as many civic and fraternal organizations from all parts of the North Central District of Elks, comprising much of Central Pennsylvania, have indicated that they will participate in the parade.

After moving through the principal streets of town the parade units will come to a halt on the Diamond where W. H. Smith, of Pottsville, Pa., State commander of the American Legion, will give the Flag Day address. The address is expected to begin about 5:30 o'clock. Attorney John G. Love will outline the history of the flag which at various times have been the national emblem, while members of Boy Scout Troop 6, Bellefonte, will present the flags as they are mentioned.

In order to provide ample room for the parade and for the speaking program, all parking will be presented to the court.

Blaney Named to School Board

Centre County Farm Agent, Ralph C. Blaney, of East Curtin street, Bellefonte, yesterday was named as a Bellefonte school director to serve out the unexpired term of Horatio S. Moore, resigned.

The appointment was made by Judge Ivan Walker, who acted when the school board was unable to decide upon a candidate to fill the vacancy.

The petition asking for Mr. Blaney's appointment was the only one presented to the court.

Mr. Moore, elected to the school board for a six-year term last fall, resigned from the position on April 29. Prior to that date he had resigned as president of the board and Franklin B. Schad was chosen to fill that position.

The appointee, Mr. Blaney, has been a resident of Bellefonte for many years and has always taken (Continued on page six)

Rebersburg Woman Hurt by Falling Cow

Mrs. W. E. Bair, of Rebersburg, has been confined to bed at her home since Tuesday of last week because of injuries suffered when a cow fell on her.

Mrs. Bair, who was suffering from an affliction of the shoulder at the time, had hobbled the refractory cow and was preparing to milk when the animal lost its balance and fell in the stall, pinning Mrs. Bair beneath.

Her screams attracted her husband who was working nearby, and he succeeded in getting the cow to its feet and releasing Mrs. Bair. A physician found that the woman had suffered several fractured ribs in addition to painful but not serious bruises and crush injuries. Yesterday she was reported to be recovering slowly.

JACOBS NAMED HEAD OF MINISTERIAL GROUP

The Rev. H. H. Jacobs, pastor of the Evangelical church, Bellefonte, was named president of the Bellefonte Ministerial Association at a meeting of the group held last week at the Bellefonte Y. M. C. A.

Other officers elected were: Rev. G. E. Householder, vice president; Rev. H. Willis Hartstock, secretary-treasurer. The association has voted \$25 contribution to the Bellefonte chapter Red Cross.

Jewelry Store Is Air Conditioned

The first Bellefonte business place to be completely air conditioned, and probably the first in Centre county, is the Crossley Jewelry store in the Brockerhoff Hotel Building, South Allegheny street.

A Frigidaire air conditioning unit installed last week, draws in fresh air from the outside, filters out impurities, takes up excess dampness and cools the air to a predetermined degree before distributing it through the room.

WINS SCHOLARSHIP



Willard Kissel, Jr. (above), son of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Kissel, of East Bishop street, has been chosen as the winner of a \$50 scholarship offered by the Bellefonte High School Alumni Association to the "most deserving student" in the graduating class. The scholarship was offered for the first time this year.

Selection of the winner was made by an Alumni committee composed of Gertrude Poorman, John S. Dulbs and Francis Jodon, with High school principal O. F. Sollenberger acting in an advisory capacity. Announcement of the committee's decision will be made at commencement exercises tonight. Kissel plans (Continued on page six)

Axemann Couple Wedded 50 Years

Family and Friends Greet Mr. and Mrs. Harry Sampsel on Anniversary

On Wednesday, May 29th, the family and friends of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Sampsel gathered at their home in Axemann to celebrate the 50th wedding anniversary of this aged and well known couple.

One feature worthy of mention was the presence of Mr. and Mrs. James Wilson, the bride's maid and best man who attended this couple at their wedding a half century ago. Mr. Wilson and Mrs. Sampsel are sisters.

Members of the Sampsel family present were: Mrs. Martha Neese and Harry Sampsel, Jr.; one daughter, Mrs. Edith Johnson, of Des Moines, Iowa.

Woman Camper Dies In Seven Mountains

Centre County Coroner Charles Sheekler, Milesburg, investigated the death of Mrs. Jessie A. Price, 33, of Burnham, who was found dead late last Wednesday afternoon, May 29, 1940, by friends in a cabin at CCC Camp 62, recreational area, in the Seven Mountains.

The woman, who was on a camping trip with her husband, died of a heart attack. Coroner Sheekler reported that she had been receiving treatment for a heart condition. Leaving her husband at the nearby stream, Mrs. Price returned to the cabin where she was found dead a short time later by friends.

Gingery Named To Post In Philippines

Don Gingery, former congressman and manager of the National Bituminous coal commission statistical office in the Federal building, Altoona, Monday received his commission as a colonel in the Philippine National Volunteers.

The Philippine National Volunteers, made up of the citizens of the Philippine group, is a voluntary military organization which supplants a regular army as the island government can not afford to maintain a standing army. Mr. Gingery first received a commission in the national volunteers in 1935 while visiting the islands as a congressman.

Finds Turtle Carved Nearly 30 Years Ago

Donald Sampsel, of Zion, this week found a land turtle which has aroused his curiosity.

The turtle, found in a woods about 1 1/2 miles north of Zion, had carved on its back the following inscription: "R. I. Smith, July 9, 1910."

Sampsel's discovery has us curious, too. Anyone recalling the "R. I. Smith," or the circumstances surrounding the carving of the turtle shell nearly thirty years ago is asked to call or write this office.

Logan Carnival July 26-27

The Logan Fire Co. will hold its annual carnival on July 26 and 27, it was announced yesterday.

COURT HOUSE TO BE CLOSED ON FLAG DAY

Centre county officials yesterday announced that offices in the Court House will be closed all day on Flag Day, Friday, June 14.

Boro to Buy Police Car, Traffic Lights

Titan Metal Plant Open to Visitors

Beginning yesterday and continuing through June 18, the Titan Metal Manufacturing Company plant in Bellefonte will be open to visitors, as a feature of the 25th anniversary of the founding of the plant.

Inspection trips through the entire plant will begin daily at 10 a. m. and 2 p. m. with guides provided to escort visitors. Persons wishing to go through the plant are asked to gather at the Miller property along the highway at the northern side of the property. Ample parking space is available. Because of the large crowds expected, the plant management has limited visitors to those 16 years of age and over.

Boro Home On Auction Block

Sale of 'Willowbank' to be Held Here June 29; No Reserve Bid

"Willowbank," ancient stone mansion on South Potter street, Bellefonte, which until recently was the Bellefonte Borough Poor Home, is to go on the auction block to the highest bidder on Saturday, June 29.

Plans for the sale of the historic, spacious structure were completed at a meeting of Bellefonte Council, Monday night, when Council decided against entering a reserve bid on the mansion and the acre and 20 perches of ground on which it is located. Council reserves the usual right to reject any or all bids.

The sale will be held at the Court House, beginning at 10:30 a. m., June 29. Twenty-five per cent of (Continued on page seven)

Two Injured In Holiday Mishaps

4-Year-Old Girl Falls Out of Car; Man Struck While Directing Traffic

Although traffic throughout Centre county was unusually heavy during the Memorial Day holiday, State Motor Police at Pleasant Gap were called upon to investigate only two mishaps. In the accidents two persons received injuries which necessitated treatment at the Centre County Hospital, Bellefonte.

Sandra Lee Slack, aged 4, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth M. Slack, of Spring Mills, suffered a fractured right arm and injuries about the head and body last Wednesday night when she fell out of a moving car. Although at the hospital receiving treatment, that little (Continued on page eight)

Coleville Man Is Victim of Vandal

Harry E. Poorman, of Coleville, owner of a Plymouth sedan, became the victim last week of a despicable piece of vandalism. Mr. Poorman's son, Russell, after having the car out last Wednesday night returned home about midnight and put it in the garage. The next day, when he attempted to drive to Bellefonte, the car stalled near the American Lime and Stone plant, and an investigation of the trouble revealed that about a quart of white sand had been placed in the oil receptacle, which completely ruined the motor.

Mr. Poorman is at a loss to know who committed the act, but if the culprit is apprehended he will be taught a severe lesson.

Radio Stars to Present Concert

"Asher and Little Jimmie," with Buddy Boyd and Nancy Louise, will present a concert in the new auditorium of the State Teachers College at Lock Haven, Saturday, June 8, at 8 p. m. This well known radio team comes direct from WCAU in Philadelphia. The proceeds are for the benefit of the Blanchard Church of Christ choir. Admission 10 and 25 cents.

DOG SHOW TO BE FEATURE OF SPORTSMEN'S PICNIC, JUNE 19

A dog show will be held in conjunction with the Centre County Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs on their first annual field day. This will be June 19 at Hecla Park.

All sportsmen are urged to come and bring their dogs. The dog does not have to be registered in the American Kennel Club to be admitted. There will be different classes for all the sporting dog groups; pointers, English and Irish setters, Gordon setters, springer spaniels, cocker spaniels, beagles, both the thirteen and fifteen-inch classes; fox hounds and coon hounds.

As these classes also will be divided as to sex, there will be plenty of ribbons. First, second, third and fourth prizes will be given and valuable merchandise prizes for the winners.

Boys and girls are invited to come and bring their dogs. The miscellaneous class will be divided into working dog groups, including Great Danes, shepherds, collies, dobermans, etc., while the terrier group will include all terriers such as airedales, scotties, and wire-haired terriers. There also will be a class for toy dogs which will include all the smaller dogs. An expert judge will officiate.

This will be the first attempt to have such a show in this section, and its success depends upon how well it is supported. Come and bring your family and the family dog.