

COUNTY TOWNS PREPARE FOR 4TH

Many Celebrations Listed For Holiday

Fireworks Display in Bellefonte; Full Program at Hecla Park

ALPHAS HOLD FETE AT STATE COLLEGE

Mammoth Parades Are Planned in Philipsburg, Altoona

Centre countians will have no trouble in finding plenty of diversions and excitement on July Fourth, a survey revealed.

A full day of activities at Hecla Park will swell the coffers of the Bellefonte Chapter Red Cross war relief fund, for the management has agreed to turn over 12 1/2 per cent of the day's gross receipts to the fund.

A mammoth fireworks display sponsored by the Bellefonte Chamber of Commerce, will be held at the Community Athletic Field, Bellefonte, at 8:30 o'clock Thursday night, July 4. The display will be preceded by an hour's concert by the American Legion and Auxiliary Junior Band, of Bellefonte. During the concert members of a young peoples' volunteer committee will take up a collection for the Red Cross fund.

Elsewhere throughout the county and in neighboring counties there will be much to attract local citizens.

Activities at College

The annual July Fourth celebration of the Alpha Phi Chapter, State College, will be held on South Allen street, where a midway is being prepared. Hummel Fishburn will have charge of an amateur hour contest which will begin at 11 a. m. on the Fourth.

The Lemon band will give a concert on the midway at 2 p. m., after which the pet show, outstanding event for youngsters, will get underway. A league game between Bellefonte and State College teams will begin at 3 p. m. on the new community field, State College.

Prizes totaling \$175 will be awarded in a parade which will move at 6 p. m. through the business area of State College, and as soon as darkness descends, R. Y. Sigworth and a crew of aides will touch off a colorful fireworks display, easily visible from the midway.

Philipsburg Program

Philipsburg firemen are holding their annual celebration this week, with the climax scheduled for the Fourth.

At 6:30 o'clock this Wednesday night a fire fighting drill will be staged at the Mosannon Bank.

Seek Man Who Flew Rockview

Harry Castor Makes Escape While Driving Prison Farm Spraying Outfit

Harry Castor, serving from 7 to 15 years at Rockview penitentiary on a robbery charge in Washington county, escaped from the local prison at noon, Friday, and up until yesterday had not been apprehended.

Castor, a coal miner by occupation, was employed at the prison as driver of a specially-built spraying truck. He was engaged in spraying potatoes on one of the prison farms about 12 o'clock noon, when he left the truck and walked away. His escape was discovered about 12:15 and the far-flung organization for the apprehension of fugitives was put in motion.

Castor's minimum sentence would have expired on January 8, 1945.

Prison officials said that they received a report that a man believed to have been Castor stopped at a filling station between State College and Skiptop, Saturday night, for a meal. Although officers surrounded the area, no trace of the man could be located.

Castor is 24 years old, is 5 feet 5 1/2 inches tall and weighs 152 pounds. He has blonde hair, blue eyes and is of medium fair complexion.

Spring Mills To Celebrate Fourth

Because rain marred the festival which was to have been held last weekend in Spring Mills by the Gregg Township Civic Club, the organization has completed plans to hold the event on Thursday evening, July 4. It was announced yesterday.

Entertainment will include popular entertainers from the radio stations at Williamsport and Sunbury, and music will be furnished by the Junior and Senior Band of Spring Mills. All kinds of refreshments and entertainment will be available on the grounds.

Undines, Legion Band Win Four Prizes

Two prominent Bellefonte organizations captured a total of four prizes at the Fireman's day parade held last Thursday night in Tyrone.

The awards are particularly significant because of the fact that the parade was the greatest exhibition of fire-fighting equipment seen in Tyrone in many years. A total of 37 fire companies and many drum corps, bands, and marching units appeared in the line of march. The Undine Fire Company won three prizes, as follows: first for best appearing pumper; first for best appearing company, and second for the largest company. First honors for the best band went to the Brooks-Doll Post American Legion and Auxiliary Junior Band.

First prize for the largest company went to Hope Fire Company of Philipsburg. Philipsburg also won the award for the best men's drum corps.

Truck Spills Load of Kraut

500 Cases of Canned Food Scattered on Road as Big Machine Overturns

Five hundred cases of Silver Floss sauer kraut were scattered over the Nittany Valley Highway, near the Fishing Creek school house, about 3 miles east of Bellefonte at 2 o'clock Friday afternoon when a large 10-wheel truck skidded on the rain-soaked road and overturned.

The truck, owned by George W. Smith, of Baltimore, Md., was driven by Lester C. Randall, of Baltimore, and was enroute to Bellefonte at the time. On rounding a curve at the top of a hill the truck apparently went out of control, slithered back and forth on the high-crowned road, and finally overturned, spilling its load of kraut over the road.

The driver was uninjured, and damage to the truck was estimated at more than \$200.

One-way traffic was maintained past the accident scene until a crew of workmen piled up undamaged cases of kraut and shoveled hundreds of damaged cans off the road.

A wrecking truck from Bellefonte was unable to right the six-ton machine until a score or more of volunteers volunteered to aid the wrecking crew in lifting the truck to its wheels.

It required five trips by a small truck to haul the damaged canned goods to Bellefonte.

Class Hears Talks on Duties of Parents

Miss Mary Struble, of Zion, opened her spacious home on Friday evening to entertain the Ladies' Bible class of the Zion Union Sunday school, of which Miss Struble is an active member.

The newly-elected president, Mrs. Lyman White, selected as the evening's topic "Parents Are People, Too," and all members gave a reading relative to the topic.

Mrs. Krape had chosen a passage from Ephesians as a Bible reference to associate with her comments on the topic. Mrs. Krape declared that the level of a community is no higher than its homes, and that homes are no higher than the co-operative training and rearing of children by the parents.

Mrs. Krape reminded the group that the husband is the head of the house, even as Christ is the head of the church.

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OIL LABORATORY AT PENN STATE ENLARGED

The petroleum refining laboratory of the Pennsylvania State College, which has made Pennsylvania oil the best known chemically in the nation, has been enlarged by approximately 1,000 square feet of new floor space. The added space was needed to accommodate a growing amount of heavy testing equipment.

Now rounding out its tenth year of continuing research, the Penn State laboratory has won a national reputation for its methods of routine analysis, and many of its procedures have been adopted by laboratories in other regions. A staff of more than 30 members is kept busy in the laboratory.

Dr. M. R. Fenske, professor of chemical engineering in charge of industrial research, recently gave a ten-year report of Penn State's petroleum discoveries before the annual meeting of the Penn Grade Crude Oil Association, which sponsors much of the Penn State program.

Leaves Penn State



DR. E. L. NIXON

Dr. Nixon Resigns Penn State Post

Will Devote Time to Improving Farm Marketing Practices

Dr. E. L. Nixon, for the past twenty-three years a member of the faculty of Pennsylvania State College, has resigned that post and will move promptly to a new position as Agricultural Counselor for the Pennsylvania Chain Store Council.

Announcement of Dr. Nixon's appointment was made yesterday by Fred W. Johnson, executive chairman of the Council.

Dr. Nixon's chief task will be to improve marketing practices and the distribution of farm products.

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FIREMEN'S CARNIVAL PLANNED AT CENTRE HALL

Centre Hall's big summer event, the Centre Hall Firemen's Celebration, will be held Friday and Saturday, July 12 and 13, on Grange Park, Centre Hall.

The celebration will begin with a mammoth street parade which will move promptly at 6 a. m. Friday. In the line of march will be lodges, bands, fire companies marching clubs and other organizations. The parade will conclude at the Grange Park where festivities, including games of skill, contests, concessions and refreshments, will get underway.

A feature attraction Saturday night will be aerial acts, including high diving, ladder demonstrations and stunts. Three grand prizes will be awarded.

Dale Clan Holds Annual Reunion

95 Present at Family Gathering at Grange Park, Centre Hall

The fourth annual reunion of the descendants of John and Catherine Dale was held at Grange Park, Centre Hall, June 22.

The officers elected for the coming year are: president, J. A. Dale; vice president, J. E. Dale; recording secretary, Hilda Corman; treasurer, Jared Emmlinger, and historian, Jean Dale.

Those in attendance were as follows: J. H. M. Stover and daughter Sara, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Wirtz, Mr. and Mrs. Grant Coble, Dorothy Coble, Charles Coble, Suzy and Anthony Brooks, Rev. and Mrs. Homer E. Gauntt and children, Ruth Tressler and daughter Helen, Mr. and Mrs. John White, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene White, Dale and Elwood (Continued on page eight)

CAR AN UCK IN CRASH AT POTTERS MILLS

Damage estimated at nearly \$50 resulted in an accident on route 322, 1 mile west of Potters Mills at 2:10 o'clock Monday afternoon when a truck driven by Robert C. Shirk, of Millmont, R. D. 2, and a sedan operated by Mary J. Charters, Altoona, met at an intersection.

According to reports, both machines were traveling in the same direction with the truck in the lead. When the truck turned left into a side road, the Charters car attempted to pass. No one was injured, and damage to the truck was placed at \$15, and to the car \$35.

An information was sworn before Justice of the Peace K. W. Carson, at Potters Mills, charging Miss Charters with improper passing. It is reported.

Senior Recovering

Homier Senior, aged 77, of Yarnell, who was seriously injured on June 15 when his car was struck by the brickyard crossing in Milesburg by a passenger train, is reported to be recovering slowly at the Centre County hospital where he has been undergoing treatment since the accident.

Senior suffered a fractured vertebrae in the neck in addition to other injuries. Reports are to the effect that he will be compelled to wear a cast for some time after he is able to leave the hospital.

Fifteen years ago, Mr. Hickox explained, Thrift Investment Corporation founded the first industrial bank in Western Pennsylvania, of which there are now 43 successful units. He pointed out that the wholly owned companies have shown their operation to be more profitable and the outstanding loan balance has grown more rapidly under their management than when directed.

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Lightning Gets Credit for Landing Largest Trout In Season of 1940

Pictured above is the largest trout killed in Centre county this season. The fish measured 29 1/2 inches in length and weighed 10 1/2 pounds.

The proud youth seen holding the trout did not catch the fish. He is fire-haired youngster on a bicycle who came along when our photographer needed someone to hold a fish.

But we're getting away from the story.

The giant fish was cheated of its rightful place in life. It lived and grew to be a mammoth trout—the kind every angler dreams of catching someday. It grew so large that it was placed in the main spring at Fishermen's Paradise, "for everyone to see. There it revealed in the admiring glances it received from fish-hungry anglers and anglers alike.

Late last Wednesday afternoon the skies darkened. A storm broke. There was a flash of lightning over the spring and Our Hero died a sudden death. So did several smaller trout in the pond.

Dewey Sorenson, superintendent at the Paradise, and several of his aides, fished the carcass of the fish out of the pond. They loaded it in a car and took it to a taxidermy establishment.

When the trout's hide has been properly tanned, stuffed and mounted, it will be returned to the "Paradise," and hung on a wall of the administration building. Under it, perhaps, might be a sign reading: "Grandpaw. Died June 29, when struck by lightning."

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Sentence Man For Theft of Steam Engine

Elwood Wolfe, of Spring Mills, Admits Larceny of 6-Ton Machine

TELLS COURT HE WAS IN NEED OF MONEY

Service Station Owner Fined for Maintaining 5-Cent Slot Machine

Pleading guilty to the larceny of a 6-ton steam engine, Elwood Wolfe, aged 24, Spring Mills junk dealer, was sentenced by Judge Ivan Walker here Monday morning to pay the costs of prosecution, make restitution of the value of the engine, and to undergo probation for a period of two years.

According to a statement made in court by the prosecutor, Pvt. S. R. Richardson, of the State Motor Police at Rockview, the steam engine was owned by the Pennsylvania Department of Property and Supplies and was stolen on February 20 from Stover's quarry, five miles east of Coburn.

Richardson said that after investigating the theft, Wolfe was picked up and admitted that he cut the machine in pieces with an acetylene torch, loaded it on his truck and hauled it to Lewistown. The engine was valued at \$100.

Wolfe told the Court he took the engine because he was "in bad" (Continued on page four)

WOMEN OF MOOSE HOLD INSTALLATION CEREMONIES

Installation exercises featured a meeting of the Women of the Moose held June 26.

Mrs. Nellie Hull, newly elected Senior Regent, accepted the gavel from Mrs. Ruth Weaver who will fill the Graduate Regent's chair. A Past Graduate pin was presented to Mrs. Weaver by Former Judge M. Ward Fleming. She filled the chair with honor and credit and increased the membership. Mrs. Weaver has been named a delegate to the next national convention.

Installing officers were: grand regent, Mrs. Edna Luse; grand chaplain, Mrs. Lillian Miles; and grand guides, Mrs. Grace Bilger and Mrs. Beattie Hasinger. The next meeting will be held July 10.

Prominent State College Man Dies

Illness Fatal to C. B. Steel; Was Active in Veterans' and Civic Affairs

Charles Benschoff Steel, aged 52, assistant professor of highway engineering at the Pennsylvania State College and prominent State College civic worker, died at 1 o'clock Saturday morning, June 29, 1940 in the Williamsport Hospital of a complication of disease. He had been ailing for several years.

Mr. Steel was a charter member of the State College American Legion, Nittany Post No. 245, and a former past commander of the organization. He was a delegate to one of the national conventions and always took an active part in the Legion activities.

He was a member of the planning board for the State College Legion park and had charge of (Continued on page four)

Milesburg Man Is Injured In Crash

Carl Jodun, of Milesburg, an employee of the Lock Haven Silk Mill, suffered a laceration of the right side of the head and brush burns of the knees and chin shortly before 1 o'clock last Wednesday noon when his light roadster, which he was backing onto the road in Mill Hill, was struck by another car traveling west.

Jodun, who said he was alone in the car at the time, was removed to the Lock Haven Hospital for treatment and later discharged. He had gone to Mill Hill to get a fellow silk mill worker when the crash occurred, the impact throwing him against the windshield.

Constable Injured

Constable David L. Probst, of Lock Haven, while at work recently on a small bridge at his summer home along Pine Creek, lost his balance. In attempting to break his fall, he threw out his hand, which came down on a board with a large spike, which went entirely through the palm. He was administered anti-toxin to prevent tetanus, and later it was necessary to lance the wound, to drain it.

Former Co. Official Injured In Collision



BALSER WEBER

Injured in Head-on Crash

Borough Home and Goods to Be Sold

Sale of the Bellefonte Borough Home at public auction, originally scheduled for last Saturday, was postponed until Saturday of this week, July 6, when the personal property at the home also will be disposed of.

The sale will begin at 12:30 o'clock sharp at the home on South Potter street. The personal property includes a number of real antiques, some of them said to be more than a hundred years old. Maves & Stover, auctioneers, will be in charge of the sale.

Health Officer May Be Chosen

Discussions upon the selection of a Borough Health Officer to replace Dr. S. M. Nissley, resigned, and upon current traffic problems occupied the attention of Bellefonte Council during most of a regular session at the Logan House, Monday night.

The matter of a selection of a successor to Dr. Nissley was brought to the floor by Councilman H. A. Brockert, who declared that since Dr. Nissley, who is serving as health officer until a permanent appointment is made, is now a resident of State College, there is no reason to keep some Bellefonte resident from the post.

Various other Councilmen suggested that present borough employees could fill the position, or that a board of health, consisting of Council members and laymen, could be appointed to do the work without salary. As a result the matter (Continued on page six)

AGRONOMISTS TO MEET AT STATE COLLEGE

Members of the Northeastern Section of the American Society of Agronomy will meet at the Pennsylvania State College, July 11 and 12.

The program will include inspection of the experiments of the Regional Laboratory for Pasture Research and of the department of agronomy at the College.

STORES OPEN WEDNESDAY

Because of the July Fourth holiday, all stores in Bellefonte, including food stores, will remain open this Wednesday afternoon and until 8 p. m.

All stores will be closed Thursday, July 4, Chamber of Commerce officials report.

Trucker Sells Shoulder For Ham; Short Weights on Meat, Potatoes

You may think you're getting a bargain when some trucker from a distance sells you fruits, meats or furniture at unusually low prices. But chances are you're not.

A Bellefonte man, the Rev. C. C. Shuey, of East Bishop Street, who learned that he'd been "taken for a ride" by a trucker, last week took matters into his own hands and got results.

It happened that Mrs. Shuey last Thursday afternoon purchased a half bushel of Jersey potatoes from an out-of-the-county trucker, paying 75 cents. She also purchased what was sold to be a "country cured ham," at 25 cents a pound. The ham, the trucker said, weighed 8 pounds, 3 ounces, but he gave it to her for \$2.

When Mrs. Shuey and her daughter checked over their purchases after the trucker had left, they found that instead of 30 pounds of potatoes they had received 22 pounds. The ham, they declared, wasn't ham but shoulder, which sells "practically anywhere" for around 14 cents a pound.

The "ham" didn't weigh 8 pounds, 3 ounces. It tipped the scales at around 7 pounds, and it wasn't a country cured ham. It apparently had been an ordinary packing house cured shoulder from which the original wrappings had been removed.

Outside of that the purchases were satisfactory, the Shueys report.

When the Rev. Mr. Shuey, who was a grocer here for many years, arrived home he was rightfully indignant over the trucker's sales. He got in his car and toured through half the town before he came upon the man plying his wares on East Street. He registered a strong complaint and the trucker agreed to return to the Shuey home and make good.

He gave the family 8 pounds of potatoes to make up on the shortage in the half bushel. He offered to give a large ham in place of the shoulder he had sold, but by that time Mrs. Shuey was thoroughly indignant. She handed him the shoulder, demanded and got the \$2 she had paid for it.

Balsler Weber, of Howard, Suffers Fractured Arm, Other Injuries

3 CARS IN CRASH; TOTAL DAMAGE \$700

Weber Sedan Hurdled Against Shed on Farm Near Mill Hall

Three persons, one of them a former Centre County official, were sent to the Lock Haven Hospital early Friday afternoon with painful injuries suffered in a three-car accident on Route 64, a mile and a half west of Mill Hall, at the Spotts-Hanna farm.

The accident occurred when a car operated by John M. Miller, Howard, R. D., attempted to pass a truck driven by Harold Hendricks, of Blanchard, both west-bound, and collided with another car going east, operated by Edward W. Gailinger, of Howard, in which the owner, Balsler Weber, of Howard, former Centre County commissioner, was a passenger.

According to a report by State Motor Police, Miller's car skidded into the truck in passing before colliding head-on with the Weber automobile. The impact threw the Weber machine against a tobacco shed, resulting in damage of \$25 to the building. Damages estimated at \$500 were listed for the Miller vehicle, while it was estimated \$200 would be required to repair the Weber car. Only slight damage, estimated at \$1, was done to the truck.

Mr. Weber was the most severely injured. He received a fracture of the left arm and nose, lacerations below the left eye and at the nose, contusions of the face and brush burns of the body.

Mrs. Beatrice Desenberg, 50 Bellefonte avenue, a passenger in the Miller car, had lacerations of the face and body and brush burns. Miss Blanche Young, of Beech Creek, another passenger in the Miller automobile, suffered a fractured right arm and brush burns and abrasions of the chest, face and legs.

The injured were taken to the hospital by T. M. Kunes and daughter, Miss Jean Kunes, of Blanchard, who passed the scene soon after the crash.

Cars operated by Jasper Bierly, of Salona, and P. L. Winner, Sr., of Lock Haven, were damaged at 7 o'clock Saturday morning, when they collided at the intersection of Main and Grove streets, Lock Haven. Bierly was driving east on Main while Winner was traveling south on Grove. Damages were \$25 to the Bierly car and \$5 to the Winner machine. There were no injuries.

Hand Burned By Matches
William Reed, aged 38, of Altoona, was treated in the Altoona Hospital dispensary the other evening for burns of the left hand suffered when a paper book of matches caught fire as he lit a cigarette. Mr. Reed is formerly of Philipsburg, the son of Mrs. Margaret Reed. He is getting along nicely.

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