

# OBITUARY

## MRS. JAMES BARTLEY

Mrs. Annie Bartley, wife of James Bartley, of Jersey Shore, died at the Williamsport Hospital at 1:30 o'clock Saturday afternoon, July 6, 1940, after a three-months' illness with a complication of diseases. She was a daughter of John and Bessie Boves and was born at Beech Creek on March 28, 1870, making her age at time of death 30 years, 3 months and 8 days. Surviving are her parents, her husband, two children, Elizabeth and John, both at home; and three brothers and sisters: Edwin Boves, of Howard, R. D.; Mrs. Iva Berry, of Lock Haven; Clayton Boves, of Herricksville; Leonard Boves, of Beech Creek, and Mrs. Mina Myers, of Avis. Funeral services were held on Tuesday morning at the Neff Funeral Home in Howard, with the Rev. M. S. Rogers, pastor of the Blanchard Church of Christ officiating. Interment was made in the Schenck cemetery at Howard.

## REV. JAMES A. PRATT

The Rev. James A. Pratt, for sixteen years field representative of

the Board of Missions of the Presbyterian church in the Eastern District, died Sunday, June 30, 1940, at his home, 58 East Tenth street, New York City. He was 59 years old. Born in Tyrone, and educated at Bellefonte Academy, Grove City College, and Princeton Theological Seminary. Mr. Pratt served as pastor at Jeffersonville, Pa., and Mechanicville, N. Y. Presbyterian churches. His wife, Mrs. Catharine Williamson Pratt, of New York; his sister, Mrs. Jefferson Hurt, of Unionville; and two brothers, Howard R. Pratt, of Baltimore, Md., and Frank Pratt, of Harrisburg, survive. Mr. Pratt spent his early days in the borough of Unionville and taught several terms of school in the grammar school of that borough prior to taking up the work in the ministry. Funeral services were conducted from the First Presbyterian church of New York City, 12th street and 5th avenue, Wednesday, July 3, at 2 p. m. Interment was made at Lehighton, Pa., Thursday, July 4.

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## Board Studies School Changes

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place automatically because the population of the borough topped the 5,000 mark in the nationwide census just completed, Mr. Rogers said.

No changes will take effect before July 1, 1941, the county school board continued. He pointed out that at that time the present board will appoint two new directors to serve until the next municipal election, 3rd class regulations calling for a seven-member board.

Bellefonte will continue to receive \$600 a year from the State for each teacher's salary, although it is expected that salary costs will show some slight increase through minimums and increments demanded of third class districts. Under the present rating, the minimum salary for elementary teachers is \$900 a year, and for high school teachers, \$1170 a year. There are no mandatory increases.

Under third-class rulings, the minimum for grade teachers is \$1,000 a year plus an increase of \$100 each year for four years. The minimum for high school teachers is \$1,200 a year plus a yearly increase of \$100 for four years. State College, which also will become a 3rd class school district, will receive \$350 a year instead of \$500 from the State for each teacher because of a different schedule now in effect in that district, Mr. Rogers said.

Bellefonte may have a District Superintendent of Schools if it desires, the county official declared. In such case the office of supervising principal would be abolished and the Bellefonte district would become a separate unit, distinct from the county unit and answer-

able only to the State. It would have its own teachers' institute, and the superintendent would not be under teacher tenure, being an elective officer the same as the County Superintendent. The salary of a superintendent in such a district is fixed at a minimum of \$3,500, and the system would be somewhat more expensive than if the present supervising principal set-up is retained, Mr. Rogers stated.

The board, disheartened by a letter from Harrisburg which said that there are no General State Auditor funds available for new school buildings, nevertheless voted to keep an appointment with the Superintendent of Public Instruction at Harrisburg, scheduled for yesterday morning. It was hoped that the State School head could suggest some method of financing the construction of a new high school building.

O. A. Kline, tax collector, appearing at the meeting at the request of the board to make a final report on the 1939 duplicate, revealed that more than 1400 taxpayers of Bellefonte borough have not paid their capita taxes. These taxes cannot be entered against the taxpayers, but it was reported that wages may be attached for the amount of personal tax due. The matter was referred to the finance committee, with instructions to make recommendations at the next meeting. It is probable that the committee will authorize the tax collector to attach the wages of those who are deemed able to pay the taxes without actual hardship.

Three bids were received and opened for 300 tons of coal to supply the needs of the schools during the coming winter. The bidders and their estimates were: J. O. Brewer, Bellefonte, \$2.25 a ton; Kofmans, Bellefonte, \$2.29 a ton, and Poliski Brothers, Osceola Mills, \$2.49 a ton.

The Brewer bid was unanimously accepted after a long discussion on the matter.

The board authorized its attorney Arthur C. Dale, to bring suit against the school directors of Walker and Burnside townships to collect tuition accounts due the local district. Although the total amount due is less than \$100 the board felt that to allow the items to go unpaid would be establishing an undesirable precedent.

The Logan Fire Company was granted permission to hold its summer carnival on the school commons at the corner of Lamb and Spring streets.

## Officers Doubt Lights Are Practical

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of sections of the cable.

Later in the week while borough employes were repairing a drain from one of the drinking fountains on the Diamond, workmen in a ditch came upon a pipe. Maps of the water and sewer systems failed to show the pipe, so the men figured it wasn't important. They got a hacksaw and cut through it. It carried a street light cable.

The man with the saw narrowly escaped being killed, for only a few moments before the current had been turned on for a test and 2300

volts passed through the cables.

By this time some officials of the West Penn Power Company, which maintains the street light system, were beginning to wish they had studied some quiet occupation like botany. But their troubles weren't over.

Tuesday afternoon of this week a State Highway Department crew placed four traffic signs near the corner of Allegheny and Linn streets. They mounded the signs on steel posts driven in the ground just inside the curb. Tuesday night when street light current was turned on it was learned that every one of the four posts had severed street light cables.

Harrassed West Penn officials made a temporary repair to furnish current to the lights on one side of Linn and Allegheny streets, and went home. Yesterday they again began the task of replacing cables.

And in case you're interested, they privately admitted to this writer that they don't care if all kinds of street signs are forever banned from the borough.

**Advent Church**  
C. C. Shuey, pastor. Roy Leathers, Supt. Sunday school, 9:30. Preaching at 11 o'clock. Christian Endeavor at 7:30. Nevin Watson, president. Everybody invited to all these services which are increasing in interest and attendance. We are very grateful to our people for their

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