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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 reveals.

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 people's volunteer committee will take 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 Fire Company, State College, will be held on South Allen street, where a midway is being prepared. Hummel Fishbowl will have charge of an amateur hour contest which will begin at 11 a. m. on the Fourth.

The Lemont 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 Moshannon Bank (Continued on page five)

Seek Man Who Fled 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, 1940.

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 Skytop, Saturday night, 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.

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 on Monday began his duties as Agricultural Counsel 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. (Continued on page eight)

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 under way.

A leisure 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. R. Dale; recording secretary, Hilda Corman; treasurer, Jared Emlinger; and historian, Jean Dale.

Those in attendance were as follows: J. H. M. Stover and daughter Sara, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Houtz and children, Mrs. Roy Wirtz, Mr. and Mrs. Grant Coble, Dorothy Coble, Charles Coble, Bury and Andrew Brockley, Rev. and Mrs. Homer E. Gaunt and children, Ruth Tressler and daughter Helen, Mr. and Mrs. John White, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene White, Dale and Elwood, met at an intercession.

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CAR AN LUCK 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

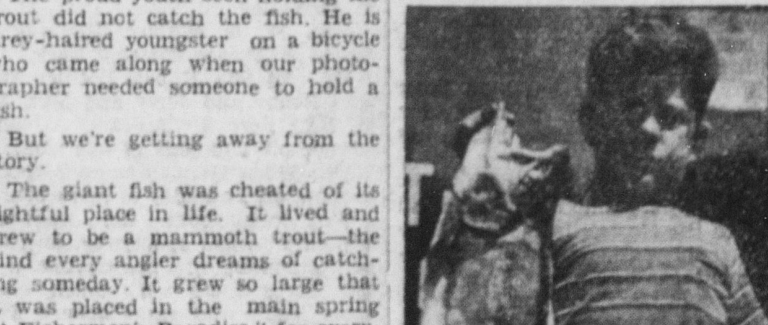
Homer Senior aged 27, of Yarnell, who was seriously injured on June 13 when his car was struck by a brickyard crossing in Milesburg by a passenger train, is reported to be recovering slowly at the Centre County hospital where he has been undergoing treatment since the accident.

Senior suffered a fractured vertebra 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.

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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 trout was caught by 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.

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 there was a flash of lightning over 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.

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: "Grandpa. Died June 29, when struck by lightning."

Airmail Pickup Name Mattern Uncertain Here Succeeds Charles Cook as Treasurer; Stock Given Purchasing Power

At a special meeting of the Bellefonte School Board last Thursday night Hays W. Mattern, Jr., cashier of the Farmers' National Bank, was elected treasurer of the school district, and the Supervising Principal was again given authority to make minor purchases for the schools.

Present at the meeting were Board president Franklin B. Schad, and members, Horace J. Hartranft, Bossart J. DeHaas and R. C. Biancy.

The election of Mr. Mattern as treasurer removed Charles F. Cook from that office for the first time in thirty consecutive years. In making the change, the board authorized the drawing up of a resolution expressing gratitude to Mr. Cook for his long and faithful service in behalf of the district.

Election of a new treasurer came after a lengthy discussion, during which it was contended that with the treasurer's office looming as a highly important and arduous post in the next few years, it would be an imposition to ask Mr. Cook, who is in his eighties, to assume such responsibilities. The accounting and bookkeeping which will be entailed in the proposed building program will be an involved and trying process, board members contended.

The vote was 3 to 1 in favor of Mr. Mattern. Mr. Hartranft casting a dissenting ballot as a mark of tribute to Mr. Cook. The treasurer's office will be held July 10.

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Decision to Be Announced Later By Civil Aeronautics Authority

Officials of the Civil Aeronautics Authority are weighing facts to determine whether to provide air mail pickup service in Bellefonte, Lock Haven and State College. The Centre Democrat was informed yesterday.

Under a law adopted by the Congress just prior to the Republican Convention recess, CAA was granted jurisdiction to act upon the petition of All American Aviation, Inc., for certification of convenience to operate the service on a number of routes, one of which will include Bellefonte, Lock Haven and State College.

Following Congressional authorization giving CAA jurisdiction oral arguments have been heard. At CAA it was stated no official prediction could be made as to when a decision will be reached, but it was unofficially stated it probably will not be before the middle of July.

Robert J. Bartoe, CAA examiner, in a report filed May 21, recommended that CAA had no power to issue a certificate of public convenience and necessity authorizing the transportation of mail by air, when such transportation would require the use of patented pick-up and delivery equipment.

He also recommended that the public convenience and necessity do not require the transportation of persons and property only over the proposed routes.

Miss Farrar Is Honored at Dinner

Bellefonte Woman Cited as 'Most Valuable Sales Person in Thrift Organization'

H. R. Hickox of the Thrift Investment Corporation gave a testimonial dinner to a few of his friends and some stock-holders in the dining-room of the Penn Belle Hotel last Thursday night, to Miss Helen I. Farrar, who has so successfully placed stock for the Centre County Thrift, Philipsburg Thrift, Williamsport Thrift and the Thrift Investment Corporation. Mr. Hickox announced there was no stock sale in any of the first three mentioned companies—all that were on a dividend paying basis from 6 per cent to 10 per cent.

He gave a brief history of the Morris Plan banks, which pioneered industrial banking in the United States. He explained that Arthur Morris gave all credit of the founding of the Morris Plan banks to his mother who insisted that he follow this line of business instead of following his father's advice who wanted him to become a merchant of a banker.

Fifteen years ago, Mr. Hickox explained, Thrift Investment Corporation founded the first industrial bank in Western Pennsylvania, in 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 by the parent company.

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List Contributors To Fireworks Fund

The following organizations and individuals have contributed to the Chamber of Commerce fund for the Fourth of July fireworks display here Thursday night, July 4, at 6:30 o'clock:

Dr. J. M. Brockerhoff, White Rock Quarries, Colonel Fred Reynolds, F. O. F., No. 153, American Lime & Stone Co., Sutton Engineering Co., Bellefonte Trust Company, Logan Fire Company, V. F. W., Max Herr, First National Bank, Elder Club, Penn Belle Hotel, Loyal Order of Moose, C. C. Brown, Bellefonte Central R. R. Employees, E. M. Cartwright, Glenn Zong, J. A. Boumsiey, C. C. Bryan, G. E. McClellan, Elizabeth Barnhart;

West Penn Power Co., Commercial Department Employees, Court House Employees, Bond C. White, Virginia Miller, Geraldine Bilger, Fred Miller, John L. Wetzel, Mueser, Galt, Edward R. Miller, Lewis R. Lenhart, Russel Beezer, Verna Charters, R. R. Hartscock, H. M. Hesterman, Lerner Woodring, Swiguel E. Smith, Walter Armstrong, Glen Rogers, Helen Gier, Arthur Sleep, Judge Ivan Walker, Mary L. Hartig, Harry Keeler, Chas. F. Hibby, F. C. Mensch;

Post Office Employees, M. Smith, F. Smith, A. J. Saylor, H. Meese, J. M. Hartwick, T. R. Cowen, Postmaster George R. Meek, W. C. Rowe, R. L. Toner, C. W. Cosman, J. M. Walle, R. S. Rider, F. J. Altner, F. Schlegel, J. Harry Garbrick, Carl Delrich, W. W. Gherty, Samuel Barnhart, Federal Match Company, John McCoy, Titan Metal Manufacturing Company, L. C. Heineman, and Fred Wittmer.

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, Miss Edna Luse; grand chaplain, Mrs. Lillian Miles, and grand guides, Mrs. Grace Bilger and Mrs. Bessie Haselinger. 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 Benschopf 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 diseases. He had been ailing for several years.

Mr. Steel was a charter member of the State College American Legion, Nitsany Post No. 245, and a former post 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 the (Continued on page four)

Milesburg Man Is Injured In Crash

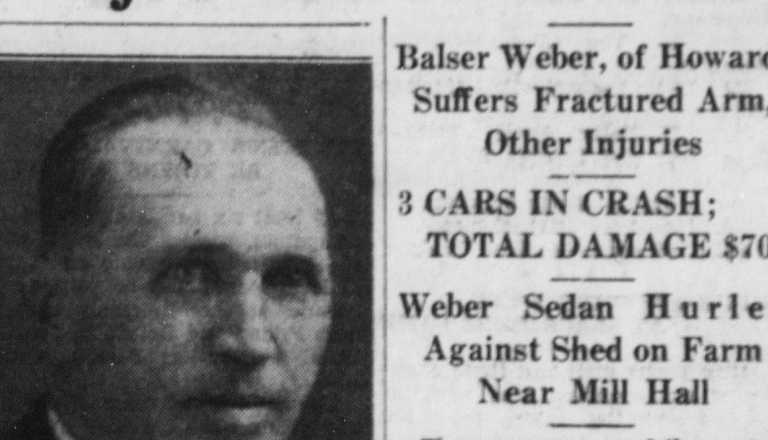
Carl Judon, of Milesburg, an employee of the Lock Haven Silk Mill, suffered a laceration of the right side of the head and bruise to the knees and chin shortly before 1 o'clock last Wednesday noon when his light roadster, which he was backing onto the road in Mill Hall, was struck by another car traveling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

Judon, 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 Hall 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 big 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

Borghome 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. Mays & Stover, auctioneers, will be in charge of the sale.

Health Officer May Be Chosen

Council Considers Successor to Dr. Nissley; Discuss Traffic Problems

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. Brockerhoff, 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)

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 32 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 reported.

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 playing his wares on Linn 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 first time Mrs. Shuey was thoroughly indignant. She handed him the shoulder, demanded and got the \$2 she had paid for it.

Hand Burned By Matches

William Reed, aged 36, 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 cigaret. Mr. Reed is formerly of Philipsburg, the son of Mrs. Margaret Reed. He is getting along nicely.

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