

MR. MILLER SUSPECT DENIED FREEDOM

Habeas Corpus Plea Is Denied by Court

Defense Unsuccessful in Forcing New Evidence From Commonwealth

SUSPECT IS CALM DURING HEARING

Confessed Slayer of Faye Gates Appears Unmoved by Testimony

With arms folded calmly on the table in front of him and with no visible sign of emotion, Richard Millinder, 22-year-old Mt. Eagle youth, Monday morning in the Court room here, heard witnesses describe the ghastly wounds which the Commonwealth contends he inflicted on his 24-year-old neighbor, Faye Gates, after she resisted his advances on the "Spook Hollow" detour on the morning of May 5.

Millinder's calm continued at the conclusion of the hearing when Judge Ivan Walker denied the writ of habeas corpus sought by the defendant's attorney, Lewis Orvis Harvey, in an effort to secure the accused slayer's release under bond. During the half-hour hearing was in progress, Millinder's sole evidence of feeling came when Charles J. Hanna, ace detective for the Pennsylvania Motor Police, told of the youth's confession to the crime. The defendant's head drooped briefly and his fingers moved. (Continued on page seven)

Officers of Nittany Club Are Re-Elected

Officers of the Nittany Country Club were re-elected for another term at the annual organization meeting held at the club last Thursday night. The officers are: W. W. Sieg, president; Russell P. Beezer, vice president; and Hugh M. Quigley, secretary and treasurer.

Two changes in the board of directors resulted from the resignations of two members, Frank Hennehan and Ralph C. Blaney. Elected in their places were Ebon B. Bower and Mahlon K. Robb. Other members of the board retained for another term were W. H. Brouse, James B. Crank, John Curtin, Sr., S. Ward Gramley, A. Frank Hockman, and John G. Love.

Approval was given at the meeting for the construction of locker and shower rooms for women members as soon as possible. The new facilities will be housed in an addition to be built to the present men's locker room.

Painter Falls 25 Feet From Roof of House

Samuel McGinley, of North Thomas street, employed by the A. L. McGinley painting and papering establishment, escaped serious injury when he fell 25 feet from a house roof, Saturday morning.

McGinley was helping to paint the James B. Craig home on West Curtin street and was working on the roof when a rope supporting him broke and he dropped from the edge of the roof to a flower bed beside the house. The soft earth is believed to have broken his fall to some extent, and no fractured bones resulted.

The workman was rendered unconscious and was taken home where a physician was unable to find any injuries, aside from severe bruises, minor lacerations and a shock. Yesterday McGinley was reported to be recovering rapidly at the family home.

Lime Worker Injured In Fall from Platform

William Calvin Brachbill, aged 38, of Coleville, suffered a painful injury about 11 o'clock Friday morning while working in the mine of the American Lime and Stone Company, Bellefonte. The accident was the first which resulted in lost time, since last December.

According to reports Brachbill was drilling from a platform when the drill bit broke, knocking a prop from the platform. The driller fell about 12 feet, landing on the boards. He was taken to the Centre County Hospital in an ambulance.

According to reports from the institution he is suffering from a back injury which is not believed to be of a serious nature.

Mishap on Mountain

A car driven by Paul Sobian, Paintsville, O., was damaged in an accident on the Centre Hill Mountain near Pleasant Gap, Sunday afternoon, when it hit stones at the side of the road on a sharp curve. Damage to the machine was about \$5. No one was injured.

Gets State Appointment

Mrs. Wallace J. Ward, of the First National apartments, North Allegheny Street, Bellefonte, has been appointed to the board of trustees of the State institution for women at Muncy.

Highway Worker Hurt In Fall From Truck

Allen Yarnell, aged 51, of Nittany, son of Mrs. Emma Yarnell, of that community, an employee of the State Highway Department, suffered painful injuries Saturday morning in an accident near the Nittany Inn, at Nittany.

Mr. Yarnell was standing on a truck loaded with stone as stone was being distributed over the road. The machine, moving slowly, is believed to have given a lurch which threw Yarnell to the ground. He suffered a fracture of the collarbone and minor injuries to the right shoulder and about the head. He received treatment in the offices of a Bellefonte physician and is now reported to be resting comfortably at his home.

Parade Here Friday Night

Many Organizations to Take Part in Opening of Logan's Carnival

The annual two-day carnival of the Logan Fire Company, Bellefonte, will open tomorrow (Friday) night with a parade in which 7 musical organizations, 25 marching units and fire companies from many near-by towns and cities will appear.

The parade is scheduled to move promptly at 7 p. m., and will disband at the high school commons where the festival will be held.

Logan officials report that organizations from State College, Boalsburg, Centre Hill, Pleasant Gap, Lewistown, Howard, Milesburg, Tyrone, Lock Haven and other communities have signified their intention of taking part in the parade.

The Logans are particularly anxious to have a successful carnival this year in order to build up a fund toward promotion of Bellefonte as the place for the 1941 convention of the Central Pennsylvania District Firemen's Association.

On the carnival grounds there will be a wide variety of entertainment and amusement, and music will be provided both evenings.

Pays Penalty For Officer's Death

Philadelphia Slayer Spent Last Hours on Earth Sleeping in Cell

After sleeping away his last hours, George Howell, 21-year-old Philadelphia Negro, calmly went to his death in the electric chair early Monday for slaying Charles J. Westdahl, 31, Pennsylvania railroad detective.

The Negro appeared totally unconcerned as he walked into the death chamber with the prison chaplain. He didn't say a word while being strapped into the chair but leaned back and closed his eyes just before putting on the death mask.

Executioner Frank L. Wilson threw the switch at 12:31 a. m. (E.S.T.) and the slayer was pronounced dead. (Continued on page 6—2nd section)

Bellefonte Men Injured In Crash

Two Bellefonte men were injured and the car they were driving was practically demolished in an accident near Mill Hill about 11:15 o'clock Tuesday night.

The men, Robert E. Smith, of North Water street, and Clyde Corman, of East Lamb street, were on their way to Bellefonte when the car, owned by Smith, failed to make a sharp curve near the axe factory dam at Mill Hill, and ran off the road, striking a light pole with sufficient force to break off the pole near the base.

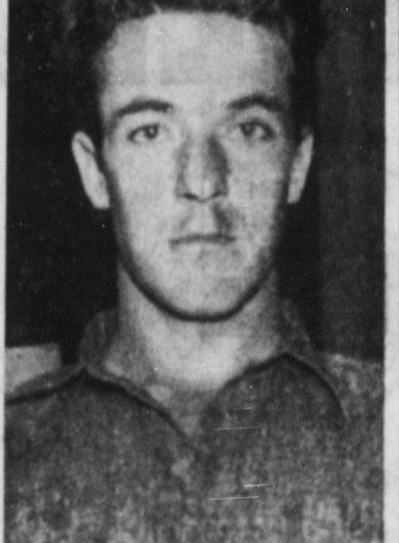
Smith escaped with lacerations and bruises about the side, while Corman is reported to have suffered a severe laceration of the head, a laceration of one ear, and bruises. He received treatment at the offices of a nearby physician.

Tom Mix at Millheim

Tom Mix and his company of Western Players will arrive in Millheim today (Thursday) for their personal appearance at the Municipal Theatre that night. This will be Tom's first personal appearance in Centre county and he will give two complete stage shows. Tom has a special trailer that carries his horse Tony II. He also has a pair of rubber horse shoes made special for Tony II so that he may take his horse onto any stage without danger of the horse falling.

LOSES PLEA

Who must remain in custody of Sheriff Miller until called for trial in September.



RICHARD MILLINDER

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Escapes Death In Motor Crash

Local Youth, Thrown From Car, Sees Machine About to Run Over Him Back Away

A Bellefonte youth thrown out of a car in an accident last Thursday near Waverly, N. Y., was saved from serious injury or death under the wheels of his own machine when the force of the impact threw the machine into reverse and it backed away just before striking him.

The youth is Robert Hoffer, who with his aunt, Miss Roxanna Mingle, also of Bellefonte, were on their way to Luzerne, N. Y., for a visit with Hoffer's younger brother, James, who is employed in a girls' camp.

According to reports a car ahead of the Mingle machine halted to discharge a hitch-hiker and in starting up the driver attempted to make a left turn in front of the Mingle sedan. In the resulting crash the door of the Bellefonte car flew open and Hoffer was thrown from the driver's seat to the road. (Continued on page eight)

Troop Will Undergo 3-Week Encampment

Battery E, 166th Field Artillery, Bellefonte, will leave Saturday, August 10, for Pine Camp, N. Y., along the St. Lawrence River, to join 100,000 guardsmen from all parts of the country in mass maneuvers.

The three week's camp in New York will replace the annual two weeks' training at Indian's Camp, Captain Herbert M. Beezer, commanding officer of Battery E said.

The Bellefonte Guard unit spent the weekend on a bivouac at Camp Ritchie, Maryland. Included in the party were 70 men and officers, nine trucks, four of them new ones received last week, two station wagons, and a motorcycle.

Typographical Union Holds Annual Outing

Members of the International Typographical Union No. 989, including employees of the Centre Democrat and Keystone Gazette in Bellefonte and the Centre Daily Times and Nittany Printing and Publishing Company in State College, held their third annual picnic at Elk Haven, near Port Matilda, Saturday.

Horseshoe and quoit pitching, soft ball, and other games featured the afternoon's entertainment. A picnic supper was served on the grounds.

Among members and guests present were: James P. Aikens, A. J. Zimmerman, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Rieder and children, Paula and Tommy, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Warfield, Mr. and Mrs. Hayes Griffin, Margaret Ehrenfeld, Mrs. Phyllis Dipper. (Continued on page eight)

HAS ANYONE SEEN 'BOOTS'?

Boots, the mascot of the Centre County Library staff, has disappeared. Boots is a black and buff tiger cat, with white feet and white breast, four months old, and has done good work in keeping the mice out of the work room. She disappeared on Friday night and has not returned. It will be greatly appreciated if anyone who has seen Boots since Friday will report it to the Library.

GEORGE P. CURTIN GETS LIEUTENANT'S COMMISSION

George P. Curtin, son of Mrs. H. Laird Curtin, of Curtin, last week received a second lieutenant's commission. It was announced by Adjutant General Edward Martin.

Curtin, who had been a sergeant in Battery E, 166th Field Artillery, National Guard, Bellefonte, has been assigned to that unit and will take the post made vacant by the transfer of second lieutenant Victor Emel to the Waynesboro National Guard unit. Lt. Emel is employed at White Hill Refractory, L. A. Curtin is employed by the Bell Telephone Company.

Bellefonte Woman To Address Historical Pilgrimage To County

Miss Mary Linn, of Bellefonte, member of the Northumberland County Historical Society, has been selected to make the main address of the day upon the occasion of the annual pilgrimage of the Historical Society to Centre county, next Thursday. Miss Linn will address the group upon their arrival at Old Fort. She will speak of General James Potter and his fort.

The pilgrimage, conducted by the officers and committee headed by Charles F. Snyder, chairman, will start from Lewisburg Thursday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock.

A drive will be made through the grounds of Bucknell University where Dr. Lewis E. Theiss will speak briefly of Lewisburg and its college. Continuing to Dreibach church, a short address will be made on U. S. Senator Samuel Maclay,

whose State monument there marks his grave. Following a motor tour through the grounds of the Laurelton State Village, the pilgrimage will continue to Millheim and thence to Penn's Cave, where it will pause to hear Hon. Henry W. Shoemaker tell the legend of Penn's Cave.

From Centre Hall the group will journey to Old Fort to hear Miss Linn's address, afterward going to Aaronsburg and the Lower Fort, where Chairman Snyder will tell its story.

The last stop will be made at Hairy John's Park where supper will be eaten, and Col. Shoemaker will tell the story of rustic John Voneida. Others are expected to add a word of this oft-quoted character.

Launch Drive For Convention For Firemen in Bringing to Firemen in Bringing 1941 Event Here

More than one hundred representatives of various municipal, civic, and fraternal organizations in Bellefonte and surrounding towns, meeting at the Urdine House here Monday night, gave their unqualified approval to plans to have the Central District Firemen's Convention in Bellefonte in 1941.

All of the representatives at the meeting, in addition to giving their approval to the proposal to have the three-day event here, expressed a belief that the groups they represented would aid financially if necessary to bring the convention here.

Selection of the 1941 convention site will be made at the 1940 convention (Continued on page four)

NYA Conference Studies Defense

Two-Day Session Devoted to Planning Non-Combatant Activities For Youth

Centre county will be represented at the conference of National Youth Administration leaders from Pennsylvania to be held this Thursday, and Friday at Harrisburg, by W. I. Scott, of Bellefonte, local NYA Supervisor.

The two-day meeting will be devoted to planning the operation of the NYA work program for the 1940-1941 fiscal year and to outlining plans for further cooperation with local state school groups for training young people in relation to the national defense program.

According to word received here from Walter S. Cowing, State NYA Administrator in Harrisburg, the conference will study the means and here. (Continued on page eight)

Man Suffers Head Injury At Milesburg

George Smith, aged 61, of Milesburg, returned to his home Tuesday night from the Centre County Hospital where he had been under treatment since July 8 for a fracture of the skull and concussion of the brain.

According to reports Mr. Smith suffered the injury during an altercation at Milesburg, on Saturday, July 6. He received a blow on the head, and is reported to have been unconscious for five days, his condition being regarded as quite serious for a time.

He showed marked improvement during the weekend and upon leaving the hospital was believed to be well on his way to recovery, although he will remain under treatment at home for some time.

Two-Year-Old Child Injured By Wringer

Agnes, 22-months-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Swann, of Pike street, Bellefonte, suffered painful injuries yesterday morning when one of her arms was caught in the wringer of an electric washing machine at her home.

The accident happened while her mother was outside hanging up clothes. Hearing screams from the house, Mrs. Swann rushed in to find her daughter's arm had been drawn into the shoulder, and that the action of the rolls against her arm had produced severe abrasions.

The little girl was taken to the Centre County Hospital dispensary where an X-ray examination revealed that no bones had been broken although the entire arm is severely bruised and covered with "brush burns." She was permitted to return home after receiving treatment.

Authorize Pay Deductions For School Taxes

Board Directs Collector to 'Take Any Steps Necessary' to Get Funds

GRACE CORMAN IS CHOSEN AS TEACHER

Tax Drive Prompted by Failure of Over 1400 Citizens to Pay Per Capita

Authorization of drastic measures to collect some 1400 unpaid per capita school tax accounts in Bellefonte and election of Miss Grace Corman as teacher of English in the high school, were highlights of a special meeting of the Bellefonte School Board at the Academy building, Tuesday night. Tax collections are to be achieved through pay check deductions, if necessary.

Decision to enforce collection of the personal school taxes was reached by the board after a study of reports submitted by Tax Collector O. A. Kline for the past four years. Mr. Kline's accounts showed that more than 1400 Bellefonte citizens have failed to pay their per capita assessments of \$4 each—\$4.20 with the 5 per cent penalty now added—and that the school district stood to lose approximately \$6,000 through (Continued on page four)

Water Department Turns in \$2000 to Sinking Fund; Approve Sale of Home

A number of routine business matters, including the reduction of the bonded indebtedness of the borough in the amount of \$2,000 through receipts of the Water Department, occupied the attention of Bellefonte Council at a regular meeting Monday night.

The debt reduction was recommended by Councilman W. W. Sieg, chairman of the Water committee, who suggested that the \$2,000 be added to the sinking fund.

Council received a letter from the School Board giving the borough permission to widen the curve at the southwest corner of the intersection of Allegheny and Linn streets, at borough expense. The (Continued on page eight)

Work On Route 64 Progressing

Main Street of Howard Borough Torn Up During Operation

The pouring of concrete on the new section of State Highway Route 64 between Mt. Eagle and Howard, is reported to be progressing rapidly. The new construction is about four miles in length. The main street of Howard borough is now torn up the entire length of the borough, the concrete ending at the eastern limit of the borough.

The old underpass at Mt. Eagle has not been widened, work on it being held up pending adjustment of construction costs between the railroad company, Commissioners of Centre county and the Public Utility Commission, representing the State in the latter's proportionate share.

This apparently will defer permanent construction of a small section at the eastern entrance of the underpass, where temporary use of the old macadam will be made, including some new macadam surface to connect up with the new concrete highway.

A survey between Howard and Beech Creek for the construction of the remaining unimproved section of Route 64 has been in progress for several weeks. Last week soundings were started for the location of a new bridge across Bald Eagle creek above the dam in the creek.

Has Leg Fractured By Road Machine

Leroy Shaffer, aged 23, of Lebanon, was admitted to the Centre County Hospital about 11 o'clock Monday morning for treatment of a double fracture of the left leg.

According to reports the man was watching a bull-dozer in operation on the road construction job near Mt. Eagle when his foot was caught in the caterpillar track of the huge machine. Bystanders reported that had the machine continued in operation a moment longer Shaffer would have lost his leg.

At the hospital the breaks were located at the ankle and midway between the ankle and knee.

Two Persons May Seek \$5,000 Reward

Although no official information is available in regard to probable claimants for the \$5,000 reward offered by the Centre County Commissioners for the arrest and conviction of the slayer of Faye Gates, of Mt. Eagle, reports have it that at least two persons are contemplating such claims.

J. L. Tressel, of East Bishop street, Bellefonte, some time ago announced that he would seek the reward. He bases his hopes upon the claim that he furnished police with information which led to the arrest of (Continued on page eight)

Fair Committee to Meet

A meeting of the Grange Fair Committee will be held at Grange Park, Centre Hall, on Saturday, July 20, at 2:30 p. m.

Heirs To Receive Civil War Fortune

Council's Victory Over Mosquitos Is Dimmed By Lime

Decision Reverses Lower Court's Ruling on Mrs. A. Wilson Norris' Will

A number of Centre county families are affected by a recent ruling of the Appellate Court of Kentucky in regard to the settlement of the estate of William Miller, former Bellefonte resident, who died in 1862.

The estate, of the portion of it affecting local families, is unofficially appraised at from \$15,000 to "much more than that," and the history of the case comprises a rather full insight into the family trees of those involved.

William Miller, founder of the fortune which has just been ruled upon by the Kentucky court, came to Bellefonte as a young man, with his mother and other members of the family. He lived with the Valentine and Thomas men, ironmasters, near the black barn between Bellefonte and Pleasant Gap.

In the course of time Valentine and Thomas sent young Miller to Pittsburgh to establish a sales agency for Centre county iron. Later, feeling that headquarters would function better at Louisville, Kentucky, Miller went there and amassed a considerable fortune. Upon his death in 1862, he left half of his estate to his wife, Martha, and the other half to his daughter, Martha, who later married A. Wilson Norris, elected Auditor General of Pennsylvania in 1866.

The daughter's half of the estate was left in trust and in the event she died without children, the estate was to be divided equally among the children of her husband, A. Wilson Norris, who died in 1866.

College Youth Held In Thefts

Pleads Guilty to Larceny of Gasoline From Distributing Plant

A series of robberies at State College was believed cleared Tuesday night when James Arthur Rote, 24, of State College, pleaded guilty to a larceny charge at a hearing before Squire Harold D. Cowher, of Bellefonte. Rote was lodged in the Centre County jail in default of \$200 bail.

Officer Harold Hand took Rote into custody early Tuesday morning when the officer found a number of cans and a siphon hose in the man's car, parked on South Frazier Street, State College.

Rote pleaded guilty to the theft of gasoline at the G. D. Krummer distributing plant in College Township. Because the case was out of the borough officer's jurisdiction, Chief of Police John R. Juba, presided over the larceny charges as a deputy sheriff.

Rote, on two years' probation for larceny of articles several years ago, had been under observation for some time. Officer Juba recovered from Rote's car an auto, scope reported stolen from W. D. Wrobe of 122 S. Sparks Street, State College, on December 17, 1939.

Tenant Purchase Program Active

32 Counties in State Now Eligible For Farm Loans

The Farm Tenant Purchase Program will operate in 32 Pennsylvania counties during the next fiscal year, which began July 1, it is announced by Oakley S. Havens, Supervisor of the Farm Security Administration, U. S. Department of Agriculture.

Mr. Havens has received word from Washington that Henry A. Wallace, Secretary of Agriculture, has designated 11 counties for the introduction of this program, and has approved its continuance in 21 other counties.

The Tenant Purchase Program will be introduced this year in Bedford. (Continued on page seven)

Fire Causes \$250 Loss In College Apartment

Sparks from a cigarette were assigned as a possible cause of a fire which resulted in \$250 damage to the apartment occupied by Major and Mrs. Donovan P. Yeuell in the Orlando apartment building, State College, about 3:30 o'clock Monday morning.

The blaze in a large dormitory in the apartment was discovered by Maj. Gilman K. Crockett, a guest of the Yeuells, who was awakened by the crackle of flames. He and D. P. Yeuell, Jr., after an unsuccessful effort to carry the massive piece from the room, obtained a fire hose in a hallway and quenched the flames, which by that time had set fire to several doors near the entrance.

The loss included an oriental rug and several small pieces of furniture, while the apartment was somewhat damaged by smoke and water. A call to the Alpha Fire Company was cancelled when the flames were got under control.

KOZY CAVE REPORTED SOLD TO SID BERNSTEIN

According to reports which could not be verified yesterday, Sid Bernstein of Bellefonte, has purchased Kory Cave Tavern along the Bald Eagle Valley Highway, a short distance east of Milesburg. Reports are that the structure is to be remodeled by Mr. Bernstein, who recently closed out his men's wear store on South Allegheny street, Bellefonte.

Last Tuesday C. G. Cowher of Marsh Creek, found a carrier pigeon in a field near his home, which apparently dropped from exhaustion. He took the pigeon to his home and gave it food and water, but it died Wednesday. It had a band on its leg bearing the following number: MOCA 55-11892.

—Women's Summer Gloves from 15c pair, white and colors, at The Kats Store during their July Clearance Sale.