

GARDNER IS INDICTED FOR MURDER

Grand Jury Returns True Bill in Slaying

Trial Continued Until February at Request of Defense Attorney

INDICTMENTS FOUND IN 4 OTHER CASES Jury Ignores One Bill; Three Actions on Docket Are Not-Prossed

A Centre County Grand Jury on Monday indicted yesterday that Gardner, 60-year-old Osceola Mills miner, for murder in the death of his neighbor, Mrs. Jane Miller, 40, mother of eight children. Mrs. Miller died on October 25 at the Phillipsburg State Hospital, 55 days after she was shot through the back.

District Attorney Musser W. Gettling announced yesterday that Gardner will not go on trial at the December court, a continuance of the case until February having been granted at the request of Gardner's attorney, James C. Furst, of Bellefonte.

Mrs. Miller received the fatal wound late August 31, while she and other members of her family were in the kitchen of their home. Gardner entered the kitchen, became angered when Mrs. Miller ordered him to leave and allegedly produced a gun which he fired at the woman.

Of nine bills acted upon Monday, the Grand Jury found 5 true bills, 1 not true bill, and three actions were not prossed.

True bills returned were: Harold Ream, Pleasant Gap, hit (Continued on page seven)

Collection of Old Toys Now Under Way

The Junior Section of the Bellefonte Women's Club, currently engaged in collecting old toys for rejuvenation for distribution among the children of needy families, in Bellefonte and vicinity, appeals to the public to collect old toys immediately so that workers have time to repair them and repaint them.

Last year the Junior Section distributed some 400 toys in this area, and it is hoped to increase the number this year.

A workroom has been established in a vacant room in the Bush Arcade building, West High Street. Persons may take toys to the room, or call Mrs. Brooke Titus, telephone 42-R, or Mrs. O. T. Lambert, telephone 744-J, and they will arrange to call for the toys.

The Junior Section toy service is separate from the one being conducted in the Y. M. C. A.

Milesburg Home Has Slight Fire Damage

Fire of undetermined origin destroyed clothing, a dresser and other articles in a bedroom of the Herbert Hoekberry home at Central City about 11 o'clock Saturday night. Damage was confined to one room. The building is owned by Mrs. Willis Flack.

The Milesburg Fire Company and the Logan Company of Bellefonte were called to the scene and their effective work prevented the spread of the flames. The fire was discovered ten minutes after the family had returned home.

Tyrone Man Hurt

John Houchak, 31, of Tyrone, suffered a broken ankle when struck by a car in Tyrone borough Saturday night, at Third street and Washington avenue. Driver of the car was John Fisher, Tyrone R. D. 3, police revealed. Houchak was taken to Phillipsburg State hospital.

Axe Mann Couple Wedded 50 Years

The observance of the fiftieth anniversary of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel N. Ray, of Axemann, Monday, marked the last of a series of most unusual anniversaries. The series was marriage on November 25, 1890, in the parsonage of the United Brethren church at Coleville, with the pastor, the Rev. Mr. Emlinizer, officiating.

Immediately after the ceremony, Mr. and Mrs. Ray went to housekeeping at Roopshill, remaining there for 15 years before they purchased their present comfortable home in Axemann, where they have resided continuously for 35 years.

Mr. Ray, a remarkably well preserved man, was 70 years old last October 17, but looks at least 20 years younger. At the time of his marriage he was employed at the Old Nittany Furnace here, and was earning \$2.20 a day for 12 hours work. Unskilled labor at the plant received a wage of \$1.10 for 12 hours.

After the furnace closed he engaged in the plumbing trade and the same time was employed in the Schad, Caldwell and Tate shops. About nine years ago he developed a heart condition which necessitated his retirement from active life.

Mrs. Ray, who became 70 last June 23, also has been treated lightly by the passage of time. In addition to taking care of her well ordered house she hobbies her spare moments in the cultivation of flowers and plants, odd cactus plants being her favorites. Mr. Ray's hobby is petting. He keeps chickens, dogs, (Continued on page seven)

Gets 300 Pound Bear



William Leathers, of Mt. Eagle, had an experience he will not soon forget last Thursday while hunting bear with a party of about 30 friends in the mountains near Renovo. The bear, however, turned out well and he came home with a fine black bear which weighed about 300 pounds hog-dressed.

Mt. Eagle Man Kills Big Bear

Wounded Animal Charges at Hunter; Dies 11 Paces From Nimrod's Feet

Leathers was participating in a drive and was standing alone on a hillside when he saw the bear approaching. He fired and struck the beast which became angered and started toward him. Leathers fired again and again, but the bear continued his menacing advance.

The hunter was becoming fearful for his own safety, and he rapidly fired the fourth shot at the bear. It either missed or had no effect, for the animal ignored the shot. With only three shells left in his seven-shot rifle, Leathers fired once again, and the bear dropped in its tracks—just 11 steps from where the hunter was standing.

The bear seemed to be in excellent condition. It was fat and its fur was sleek and heavy.

Court Sentences Escaped Prisoner

Escape, Capture, Penalty Occur in 3 Days; Others Enter Pleas of Guilty

In a swift-moving series of events during the weekend, a Rockview inmate escaped, was captured, and was sentenced to serve from 1 1/2 to 3 years additional time for less than 10 hours of liberty.

The prisoner, John C. Christner, left Rockview about 4 o'clock Saturday afternoon after breaking into a car owned by Paul Musser, a guard, and taking a 38-caliber revolver. He unwittingly walked up to two guards parked along route 322, three miles north of State College about 1:30 o'clock Sunday morning, and surrendered without a struggle.

Appearing before Judge I. V. Walker at a session of court Monday morning after the December Grand Jury had retired to begin its deliberations, Christner entered a plea of guilty and heard his original sentence doubled. Justice continued to move swiftly, for within an hour after sentence had been passed the (Continued on page 7)

BEAUTY SALON TO OPEN HERE ON DECEMBER 5

Mrs. Russell Beezer, of Bellefonte, announces the opening of the Rudemar Beauty Salon at 10 West Bishop Street, Bellefonte, on Thursday, December 5.

All branches of beauty culture will be featured at the new salon, and all the latest models in the profession will be employed, including the introduction to the Bellefonte area of Winifred Fayant's corrective cosmetics.

Visitors to the salon the opening day will receive souvenir gifts.

TWO INJURED IN CRASH EAST OF MILESBURG

One man was treated at the Centre County Hospital and another was injured slightly when a car and a truck crashed on Route 64, about four miles east of Milesburg, Sunday morning. Total damage to the two machines was approximately \$250.

Joseph Loach, 64, Tioga, suffered injuries to his right knee and right arm and to his chest, and underwent treatment at the hospital. Harold H. Heck, Tioga, received an injury to one of his wrists.

The two men were passengers in a car operated by Bruce E. Caywood of Tioga, when the car and truck driven by Harry Leathers of near Mt. Eagle, collided. The Leathers truck was entering the highway from a side road at the time of the crash. Damage to the sedan was about \$200 and damage to the truck was estimated to be \$150.

Rev. Lambert Posts Bail

The Rev. Allen Clay Lambert, Blair county pastor who refused to register for selective service training, Saturday posted \$500 bond for federal court.

First Air Mail Pickup Will Bear Local Seal

Special air mail cachets have been issued by the Post Office Department to commemorate the inauguration of air mail pick-up service at 9 intermediate cities and towns in Pennsylvania which are on the new Air Pick-up route between Pittsburgh and Williamsport, Pa. where operations will begin on Monday, December 2.

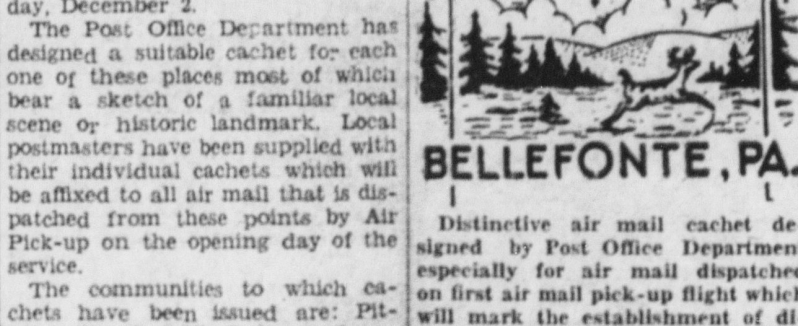
The Post Office Department has designed a suitable cachet for each one of these places most of which bear a sketch of a familiar local scene or historic landmark. Local postmasters have been supplied with their individual cachets which will be affixed to all air mail that is dispatched from these points by Air Pick-up on the opening day of the service.

The communities to which cachets have been issued are: Pilegrim, Vandergriff, Indiana, Punksunaway, Phillipsburg, State College, Bellefonte, Lock Haven and Jersey Shore.

Cachets were not authorized for Clearfield, DuBois and Williamsport because these towns previously had regular air mail service.

A notice about the cachets has been sent by the Post Office Department to thousands of philatelists throughout the world, and air mail for dispatch on the inaugural flights has been accumulating rapidly at all of the Post Offices along the new route where they have been authorized.

The air mail covers bearing the cachets will be a permanent souvenir of the first regular air mail flight from the town where they are dispatched. These cachets are highly prized by stamp collectors for their historic value. In addition to the philatelists, local civic and trade organizations, schools, and individuals in many places are planning to send out first-flight letters to advertise the establishment of direct air mail service in their communities, as well as to have a memento of the event.



Distinctive air mail cachet designed by Post Office Department especially for air mail dispatched on first air mail pick-up flight will mark the establishment of direct air mail service to and from this community.

Beginning December 1, Bellefonte's three banks will operate on a new schedule calling for banking hours from 9 a. m. to 2 p. m., instead of the present schedule of 9 a. m. to 3 p. m.

Announcement of the change, approved by the Board of Directors of the First National, Bellefonte Trust Company and Farmers' National Banks, was made yesterday. Some indication of the move was given last week at a Centre County Bankers Association meeting when the shortening of banking hours was discussed at length.

Under the new schedule the local banks will be open from 9 to 2 each day except Saturday when the hours will remain the same as at present, from 9 a. m. until 12 o'clock noon.

In announcing the change bank officials declared that the change (Continued on page seven)

B'nai B'rith In Santa to Visit Town, Friday

Streets Lined With Evergreen Trees in Preparation For Holidays

Bellefonte is rapidly donning its traditional holiday trimmings in preparation for the annual pre-Christmas visit of Santa Claus to this community.

Santa is to arrive on the train which will arrive here at 3:51 o'clock Friday afternoon, November 29. En route here he will make appearances from the rear platform of the train at Stone in Howard and Milesburg.

At Bellefonte he will be met at the station by the American Legion and Auxiliary Junior Band and a reception committee from the Chamber of Commerce. Led by the band the procession will travel through Bellefonte's evergreen-lined streets to the Diamond where a brief program will be given. Santa is expected to distribute treats to the kiddies.

In the past few days, under the (Continued on page 5)

Game and Dance On Thanksgiving

Everyone But Postal Employees to Observe Holiday, This Thursday

Pennsylvania will celebrate Thanksgiving, November 28, as Thanksgiving, in compliance with a proclamation by Governor Arthur James.

Schools and business places in Bellefonte, including banks and Court House offices, will be closed. The post office, which observed the national holiday last Thursday, will be open as usual this Thursday.

Highlights of the day will include the annual football classic between Bellefonte High and State College High at State College, Thursday afternoon. The Johnston Motor Bus line will run special buses between Bellefonte and State College for the game. Buses will leave from the Diamond beginning at 1 p. m. The last bus leaving at 1:30 p. m. Any one wishing transportation by bus must purchase tickets at the White Brothers' Drug Store not later than (Continued on page 7)

East Centre County Band Closes Season

The East Centre County Band will suspend all rehearsals during December. The band wishes to thank all those who have contributed to its success this year and previous years. New instruments that have been added this fall are 1 flute, 6 B-flat clarinets, 3 slide trombones, and 2 saxophones.

This makes six successful years for this organization. Starting with 15 members it has grown to its strongest personnel at the present time and has carried an average of 44 players per job during 1940. Membership at present is 119. The band sustained 2 prize losses in 1940, three in 1939, one in 1938, and was unbeaten in 1935, 36 and 37. Ninety-four prizes were won in the six years in (Continued on page eight)

Local Banks To Operate on New Schedule

One Hour is Cut From Daily Banking Hours; Will Close at 2 p. m.

ATTRIBUTE CHANGE TO WAGE-HOUR LAWS

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Pneumonia Fatal To Gilbert Noll

Local Painter and Paperhanger Dies After Brief Illness; Masonic Funeral Held

Gilbert Fulton Noll, for many years a well known Bellefonte painter and paperhanger, died at 12:45 o'clock last Thursday morning, November 21, 1940, of pneumonia and complications.

He had been about his business here until the previous Friday when he became ill, his condition growing worse steadily until his death.

Mr. Noll, a son of James Noll and Lillie Fulton Noll Seibert, was born in Milesburg on July 8, 1902, making his age at time of death 38 years, 4 months and 12 days. Survivors include his mother, Mrs. James D. Seibert, of Pine Street, Bellefonte; his wife, the former Martha Reese, and three children: Madeline, James and Gilbert, Jr., all at home, and Jessma Jane, of Lansdowne.

Other survivors include a brother and sister: Irvin Noll, of Lansdowne, and Mrs. Henry T. Gruber, of Cranford, N. J.

Mr. Noll was a member of the Bellefonte Lodge I. O. O. F. and Bellefonte Lodge No. 268, P. and A. M. He also was a member of the Williamsport Consistory and the Jaffa Shrine, Altoona.

A scarlet fever quarantine at the Noll home was lifted the day of Mr. Noll's death, the youngest son having suffered an attack of that disease.

Funeral services were held Saturday afternoon at the family home in Pleasant Gap, with Rev. Ivan Miller officiating. Interment was made in the Trevelyan cemetery, Milesburg, where members of the Bellefonte Masonic Lodge were in charge of services.

Mr. Noll was widely known throughout the Bellefonte area, where he had been in business for many years. For some time he had been painting and paper-hanging shop has been located in the Y. M. C. A. building on West High Street, Bellefonte.

Many Attend Poultry Week

Several hundred persons attended the recent 20th annual Poultry Week and the annual convention of the Pennsylvania State Poultry Association at the Pennsylvania State College. In addition to faculty members, several men of national reputation spoke at the sessions to poultrymen of 39 Pennsylvania counties and adjoining states.

Transfer Commander

Col. A. R. Emery, commander for the past two years of Penn State's 2500 man R. O. T. C. unit, was ordered to Washington last week for conferences preliminary to assignment as commander of a new infantry replacement center at Macdon, Ga. With his departure, Col. Edward A. Ardery became acting commander of the Penn State unit.

Former Blair County Sheriff Dies

William H. Orr, prominent Blair County Republican leader and former sheriff of that county, died Saturday night at his home in Altoona after being confined to his home for the past two years by illness. He was aged 69 years.

Draftees Leave For Year of Training

County's Quota of Four is Filled Entirely by Volunteers

OTHER VOLUNTEERS ON WAITING LIST

Youths Depart Wednesday For Altoona to be Assigned to Camps

Nearly 40 draftees for military training were assigned to Camps for the year of military training. All four of the youths are volunteers, and several other volunteers are on the waiting list for the next call.

The two volunteers from Local Board No. 1, State College, are Allen Melville Green, of 225 S. Burrows Street, State College, and Richard William Hoffman, of the Nittany Lion Inn, State College.

The two from Local Board No. 2, Bellefonte, are Cyril Drapcho, of Clearmont, and William J. Krone, of Bellefonte. Both are employees of the J. H. France Refractories at Clearmont.

The four youths left on the noon bus, Wednesday, for Altoona, where they will receive instructions as to the camps in which they will be stationed during the coming year.

Joseph Philip Marcelonis, of Bellefonte, R. D. 3 and Lex Norwood Curry, of the Nittany Lion Inn, State College, have enrolled as volunteers in Local Board No. 1, George Skasko, of Clearmont, has passed the physical examinations and is listed as a volunteer in Local Board No. 2.

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Service To Be Held For Elks

Public Invited to Meeting, Sunday, in Memory of Departed Members

Services in memory of nearly 150 members of the Bellefonte Elks Lodge who have passed away since the founding of the organization, will be held in the Plaza theatre, Bellefonte, at 2:30 o'clock Sunday afternoon, December 1. The public is invited to attend the services.

Beginning with a procession by the Bellefonte High School band, the program will include a prayer by the chaplain of the Lodge; selections by chorus of eight male voices; and eulogies by lodge officers.

The memorial address will be given by the Rev. C. Nevin Stamm, pastor of St. John's Reformed church. The band will play at intervals and closing ceremonies by officers will include the singing of "Auld Lang Syne" by officers and (Continued on page seven)

Fire at Garage

Both Bellefonte Fire Companies were called to the Decker garage, corner of High and Spring Streets, about 12:30 o'clock last Thursday afternoon when fire was discovered in a tar barrel on the second floor of the garage. The blaze, believed to have been caused by a spark from a welding outfit, was extinguished by workmen before the firemen arrived. There was no damage.

Toyland Open Friday

The Wolf Furniture Co., Bellefonte, Pa. announces that after the Santa Claus parade, Friday, November 29, the store will remain open until 9 p. m. to give youngsters here for the parade an opportunity to visit Toyland at the Wolf Store, which is more complete this year than ever before.

Celebrate Golden Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. A. Winn Witmer, well known residents of Buffalo Run Valley, were guests of honor at a 50th wedding anniversary celebration held at their home five miles west of Bellefonte, Wednesday, last week.

The honored couple for the past 50 or more years have lived in the home they now occupy, and both of them enjoy excellent health. Mr. Witmer, for 18 years school director and a former road supervisor of Benner township, was 71 years of age last June, while Mrs. Witmer's 72nd birthday occurred during the same month.

The elderly couple are the parents of 11 children, eight of whom are living. In addition, they took into their home two small girls who were reared as their own children.

Mr. Witmer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Witmer, of Buffalo Run Valley, and Miss Harriet Ellen Roan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Roan, of Coleville, were married on November 20, 1890, in the parsonage of the Presbyterian church at Milesburg, with the Rev. Mr. Wright, then pastor of the church, officiating.

The newlyweds went to housekeeping in the tenant house on Mr. Witmer's father's farm in Buffalo Run Valley, and remained there some years before moving to a farm in College township. More than 30 years ago they returned to Buffalo Run Valley where they have since resided.

Highlights of the anniversary celebration included a turkey dinner at noon, with friends, grandchildren and a few close friends of the family as guests.

During an open house later in the day scores of friends and neighbors (Continued on Page 4)



MR. AND MRS. A. WINN WITMER