

PREDICTS MORE ROCKVIEW ESCAPES

Convict Tells Court 37 Are Scheduled

Officials Admitting Grapevine Rumor, Comment: "We're Ready!"

7 ESCAPE IN WEEK; ALL ARE CAPTURED

One Admits Presence of 'Lawyer' in Prison Population

Thirty-seven inmates of Rockview penitentiary will escape from that institution within a week or so, according to a statement made to Judge Ivan Walker here Monday morning by Leland Stanford Stimmler, one of a group of five Rockview inmates who fled from the prison January 1.

The statement, together with charges that prisoners are mistreated and ill-used were made by the five as they appeared before Judge Walker at a special session of court to enter pleas of guilty to leaving the prison.

Deputy Warden C. C. Rhoads, commenting to newspapermen after the court session, declared that prison officials learned last week through the prison "grapevine" that Stimmler planned to escape, and added significantly, "We're ready for them."

Some indication that Stimmler may have been voicing more than a threat may be drawn from the fact that a total of seven have escaped since the beginning of the new year.

Howard Woman Enters Damage Suit

Legal action was instituted this week by Mrs. Ray Allison, of Howard, to recover damages totaling \$548.05 from Ervin L. Eckert, of Windsor, R. D. 1, and Earl W. Grinnin, of Red Lion, R. D. 1, resulting from a motor accident on the Howard-Jacksonville road on June 14, 1940.

According to the statement of claim, the Allison car, driven by Mr. Allison, was proceeding from Jacksonville to Howard while a Diamond T. truck, owned by Eckert and driven by Grinnin, was traveling in the opposite direction.

Impersonated G-Man; Gets 15 Days in Jail

Ralph Kerstetter, of Penn Township, entering a plea of guilty to impersonating a game protector when arraigned before Judge Ivan Walker at special court here Monday morning, was sentenced to pay the costs and undergo imprisonment in the county jail for 15 days.

Governor Certifies New County Rating

Centre County Recorder Leman Woodring this week received from Governor Arthur H. James notification that this county, because of the findings of the 1940 census, is now a sixth instead of a seventh class county.

Move Offices of State Health Nurse

The offices of State Nurse Miss Mary Sigel were moved the first of the year from the Court House into rooms on the second floor of the White building on West High Street, Bellefonte.

To Be Ordained



REV. C. C. SHUEY

At ordination services to be held Sunday at the Advent church, near Yarnell, C. C. Shuey, of East Blush Street, Bellefonte, who has been pastor of the church for more than 16 years, will be ordained. The public is invited to attend the service, which will begin at 3 p. m.

Firemen Here Name Officers

Bellefonte's two fire companies held their annual organization meetings Tuesday night, with Charles Schaeffer, being named president of the Logans, and Charles Saxton being chosen head of the Undine company.

Local Teachers Hold Meeting

1941 Committees Named; Teacher Writes Article for State Journal

The regular monthly meeting of the Bellefonte Teachers Association was held Monday afternoon at the Academy building. The newly elected president, John S. Dubbs, presided.

Orvis Reed Heads County Labor Group

At the annual organization meeting of the Centre County Central Labor Union, held Saturday night, Orvis W. Reed was elected president.

Man's Death Attributed To Heart Attack

State College Plumber's Body Found Near Branch School

NO EVIDENCE OF VIOLENCE FOUND

Police and Coroner Conduct Investigation; Body Not Claimed

Investigation of the death of William J. Smith, 56, plumber, employed at the Pennsylvania State College, whose lifeless body was found near the Old Branch school, near State College, Tuesday morning, resulted in a decision by State Motor Police at Rockview sub-station, and Centre County Coroner Charles Checkler, of Milesburg, that the man had met death through natural causes.

Decision was made after State Motor Police crime experts from Harrisburg and officers at the local sub-station had completed a thorough investigation, and after Dr. W. H. Schwartz, of Bellefonte, had performed an autopsy at the request of Coroner Checkler.

BHS Senior Wins Vocational Prize

Donald Biddle to Receive Trip to Baltimore in Record-Keeping Contest

Donald Biddle, a senior in the Bellefonte High school, won first prize in a farm account record project sponsored by the Hollidaysburg Production Credit Association.

Air-Express Service Opens

Packages Picked Up by Speeding Planes, Dropped at Destination

With little fanfare and with only a small group of spectators present, the Railway Express Agency on Monday morning inaugurated a daily air cargo service over the 205-mile pick-up route of All-American Aviation, Inc., between Pittsburgh and Williamsport.

CCC Member Held On Assault Charge

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Philipsburg Youth Accepted by R.A.F.

William G. Knapper Jr., 24, son of Mr. and Mrs. William G. Knapper, of South Centre Drive, Philipsburg, left last Thursday morning for Ottawa, Ontario, Canada, to become a flight officer of the Royal Air Force. He will be stationed at Ottawa.

William is the youngest of W. G. Knapper's three sons. He is married and has one child a year old. He is a graduate of the Philipsburg High School, and on April 19, 1936, was graduated from the Spartan School of Aeronautics, Tulsa, Okla.

Upon leaving Tulsa he purchased a Spartan plane at Oklahoma City, and flew from there to Kylesburg, where he opened a school and operated a flying service. At that time he had 200 hours of flying time. In 1933 he was employed as an instructor at Olean, N. Y., and later in Carthage, Mo.

Bell Official Retires



JOHN T. HARRIS

After more than 42 years employment with the Bell Telephone Company of Pennsylvania, John T. Harris, Bellefonte native and brother of Mayor Hardman P. Harris, will retire from active service, effective March 1, 1941, according to an announcement which Harris has held the position of vice president in charge of operations, Frank J. Chesterman of Pittsburgh will succeed Mr. Harris as vice president.

Sutton Employee Burned About Hands

Bliss Meyer, of Milesburg, an employee of the Sutton Engineering Co. was painfully but not seriously burned about the hands while at work in the plant Saturday.

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WILLIAM G. KNAPPER, JR.

Knapper is a nephew of Mr. and Mrs. George A. Kelley, of The Forge near Bellefonte. Mr. Knapper being a sister of Mr. Kelley.

Woman Struck by Night Prowler

Three New Incidents of Molestation Reported During Week

Bellefonte's phantom purse-snatcher, window-rapper, and molester of women struck three more times during the week in a series of incidents which police believe may be attributed partly to hysteria.

Undines To Hold Birthday Ball

The Undine Fire Company, Bellefonte, is the first organization in Centre County to announce plans for a Birthday Ball for the President.

C. of C. Also Offers Fund for Arrest of Street Assailant

The posting by Bellefonte Borough Council of a \$50 reward for the arrest and conviction of the person who has been molesting women on Bellefonte streets increased to a total of \$75 the price now on the head of the phantom purse snatcher.

Watchman Again Is Reorganized

The Watchman, successor to The Democratic Watchman, which has changed hands several times in the past year, again was reorganized last week.

Legion Plans Farewell For Troopers Here

Buffet Luncheon and Dance to be Held Tuesday for Battery B

OFFICERS, MEMBERS, GUESTS TO ATTEND

Band Concert Wednesday; Troop Roster is Released

Battery B, 190th Field Artillery, Bellefonte's National Guard unit, will be guests of the Legion at the Legion home on East Howard Street, at a buffet luncheon and dance. The date for the party has been fixed for Tuesday night, January 14.

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Injured Worker Gets Insurance

Court Upholds Grant of \$2,127.30 to Titan Metal Employee

The insurance carrier for the Titan Metal Company, Bellefonte, is directed to pay \$2,127.30 to Paul Krumrine, of State College, as compensation for injuries received at the plant on February 9, 1937, according to an opinion filed by Judge Ivan Walker last week.

State Liquor Store Robbed

46 Cases of Whiskey, Valued at \$800 Taken at Snow Shoe

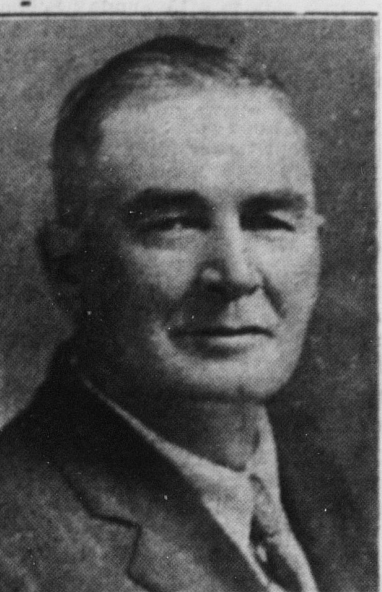
Forty-six cases of whiskey valued at \$800 were stolen from the State Liquor Store at Snow Shoe during the New Year's Day holiday, it was learned when the store opened last Thursday.

Council Posts Reward of \$50

The robbery is the second to occur at the Snow Shoe store. On the night of the robbery, the store was closed at 1 p. m. last Thursday.

3 Killed; 5 Injured In Crash at Tipton

Farmer Succumbs



CHARLES H. LEE

Charles Henry Lee, prominent farmer of Nittany Valley and twice candidate for the office of Centre County Treasurer, died suddenly about 3 o'clock Saturday afternoon, January 4, 1941, in the kitchen of his home a short distance east of Hublersburg, just after returning from a visit with a neighbor.

Although Mr. Lee had not been in good health for about a year, his condition was not regarded as being serious and his death came as a great shock to his many friends throughout the county.

Mr. Lee was a son of the late Jeremiah and Emma Yearick Lee and was born in Jacksonsville on February 16, 1876, making his age at time of death 64 years, 10 months and 18 days. He received his education in the schools of Walker township and during his school days spent the summer vacations helping his father on the farm. Mr. Lee turned to farming as a vocation and became a successful tiller of the soil.

County Debt Cut by \$35,000.00 in 1940

During the year just ended the Centre County Commissioners reduced the bonded indebtedness of the county by a total of \$35,000.

Over \$2000 Damage In Fraternity Fire

A big fire damaged the Alpha Sigma Phi fraternity house, State College, to the extent of more than \$2000 Sunday morning.

First Aid Instructor

The two weeks' course in first aid, sponsored by the Bellefonte Chapter of the Red Cross, started Monday night, January 8, and meets nightly by except Saturday and Sunday in the home economics room in the Academy building in Bellefonte.

Bellefonte Man, Seriously Injured, Blamed For Accident

BOTTLE OF LIQUOR IS FOUND IN CAR

Mother And Son, Instantly Killed, Have Relatives in Bellefonte

Three persons were killed and five more, one of them a Bellefonte man, were injured in a four-car crash on Route 220, two miles northeast of Bellefonte, early last Thursday in Blair County's worst motor accident in recent years.

Harold E. Pendleton, 46-year-old Negro, of Burrows Street, Bellefonte, and a cook in the Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity in State College, is suffering from a possible skull fracture, scalp lacerations, and lacerations of the left knee and right hand, in the Altoona hospital. His condition is reported to be somewhat improved.

Pendleton and his wife worked in the Dr. Joseph M. Brockerhoff home in Bellefonte for 15 years until several months ago when he took his present position in State College.

The dead are: John O. Orban, about 70, Altoona; Mrs. Dorothy Geringer, about 35, Tyrone; her son, Carl, about 16. Mrs. Geringer and her son died instantly; Orban died on the way to the hospital.

Altoona hospital attendants listed the other injured as: Andrew Ro- (Continued on Page 6)

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Although the course is offered primarily to train instructors in accident care and emergency first aid, it is open to all persons who may be interested. A nominal charge of 75 cents will cover the cost of books of instruction and other supplies. It is expected that interested persons from towns in the vicinity will attend.

The instructor, Robert G. Zubrod, is field representative for the American Red Cross and comes from the national headquarters in Washington to give instruction in first aid, life saving, and accident prevention.