

LOCAL TROOPERS LEAVE FOR CAMP

Vanguard Begins 1150-Mile Journey

Remainder of Unit to Follow by Rail, Saturday

WILL BE IN CAMP AT SHELBY, MISS.

21-Car Train Will Carry 577 Soldiers From This Area

With the departure of an advance motor caravan of Battery B, 190th Field Artillery, Bellefonte, Pa., Monday night, the remainder of the local Battery began preparations to leave by rail for the same camp this Saturday afternoon.

The advance contingent of 35 men departed at 7 p. m. Monday night for the 1150 mile journey westward, taking with them 17 vehicles in the Battery, after spending the night in the Frankstown Armory, Altoona, the local convoy was joined by Altoona headquarters unit with 20 men and officers, and 10 vehicles; DuBois Battery of the Second Battalion with 20 men and 10 vehicles, and 14 men of the medical corps stationed in Altoona, for the trip to Mississippi.

The combined caravan stopped at Roanoke, Va., Tuesday night; Chattanooga, Tenn., last night, and is scheduled to arrive at Meridian, Miss., Thursday night. Arrival at Camp Shelby is scheduled at 10 o'clock tomorrow morning. In the group which left Monday night were the following officers and members of Battery B: Capt. Frederick L. Shope, Sgt. Guy Symonds, Corp. Ralph Schenck, Corp. Roy Dunkleberger, Privates Albert Knisely, Harry Shaffer, Lynn Blazek. (Continued on page three)

1st National Installs Night Depository

A night depository now being installed in the First National Bank building, Bellefonte, will be ready for use on February 1, bank officials announced yesterday.

The night depository, consisting of a basement vault with an opening on the street, will enable patrons of the bank to deposit money after banking hours. The feature is especially desirable since local banks recently adopted 2 p. m. instead of 3 p. m. as their closing hour.

Persons wishing to avail themselves of the service obtain a special bag and key from the bank.

Troopers Express Thanks For Gifts

Officers and members of Battery B, 190th Field Artillery, of Bellefonte, take this means of expressing their thanks to Bellefonte organizations and business men for their gifts of toilet articles, cigarettes and other items in recent weeks.

Some members of the Battery departed Monday for Camp Shelby. The remaining members will leave this Saturday, gifts contributing to the welfare and comfort of the troopers are deeply appreciated.

Dinner, Dance For Marching Unit

The annual banquet of the Undine Fire Company Marching unit will be held at the Penn Belle Hotel on Thursday evening, February 6, it was announced yesterday. Members of the unit, their wives and friends, will attend.

Harry Beck, chairman of the banquet committee, declared that a brief speaking program will be held after the dinner, while the evening will conclude with a dance at the hotel.

Symmonds Promoted To First Lieutenant

Lt. Harry Symmonds, of Reynolds avenue, Bellefonte, has been commissioned a first lieutenant, according to an announcement by Captain Frederick L. Shope, of Battery B, 190th Field Artillery.

Lt. Symmonds recently took examination at Altoona for the promotion in rank. Other officers of the battery are Lt. George Curtin and Lt. William Cox.

Rebersburg Native Promoted

Eugene T. Bierly, a native of Rebersburg, and during the past six years employed by the Woolworth Stores, was last week promoted to manager and placed in charge of their Ambridge store in the Pittsburgh district. He spent last Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Bierly enroute from the Philadelphia Chestnut street store to the above named place.

County Physicians Called To Service

Two State College physicians left during the week for United States defense service, having been called for training duty.

Dr. Herbert R. Glenn has gone to Quantico, Va., for service with the United States Navy. He will be gone for an indefinite time.

Dr. E. W. Challen left yesterday for service in the United States Army, being assigned to Camp Shelby, Mississippi, where Battery B, 190th Field Artillery, Bellefonte, will be training.

Four Bellefonte physicians, all reserve officers, are subject to the call to the colors. They are: Dr. Richards Hoffman, Dr. Harold B. Harris, Dr. Paul M. Corman and Dr. Joseph A. Parrish.

Slayer Enters Prison Today

Garfield Gardner To Be Taken to Pittsburgh to Begin Life Term

Sheriff Edward R. Miller announced that he will take Garfield Gardner, 60-year-old Edinboro miner, to the Western penitentiary at Pittsburgh today to begin his life term for the slaying of his neighbor, Mrs. Jane Miller, aged 40.

Gardner, sentenced last Wednesday afternoon by Judge Ivan Walkert after a hearing in which the court fixed the degree of guilt at first degree murder, is reported to be calmly facing the prospect of spending the remainder of his life in prison.

Sheriff Miller declared that owing to the hazardous condition of roads in the western part of the State, he will drive to Altoona, and there he and Gardner will board a west-bound train for Pittsburgh. The train leaves Altoona at 10:15 a. m.

Sunday Gardner's sister and several nieces and nephews visited him at the jail. His elderly wife is reported to have been unable to come here because of illness.

Gardner entered a plea of guilty last week to firing the shot last August 31 which resulted in the death of Mrs. Miller at the Philadelphia State Hospital.

Rebekah Lodge Is 35 Years Old

Ten Charter Members to Receive 35-Year Jewels at Banquet

Members and their friends of the Crystal Springs Rebekah Lodge No. 25, Bellefonte, will celebrate their 35th anniversary at a banquet which is to be held at the Penn Belle Hotel, Friday evening, January 31.

The Rebekah lodge was instituted January 30, 1906, making it 35 years old this month. Charter members belonging to this lodge to receive 35-year jewels at the banquet are: Mrs. Elizabeth Hazel, Mrs. Roxie Smith, Mrs. Harry Badger, Mrs. Cora Williams, Mrs. Anna Showers, Mrs. Anna Leitze, Mrs. Mollie Hoy, Mrs. Edward Young, Mrs. Lela Cole, and Ida Kochler.

Members belonging to the order for 25 years and who will receive 25-year jewels are: Mrs. Jesse Garbrick, Mrs. Eva Alters, and Mrs. Meriam Garbrick.

Approximately 150 members and friends, including members of Philadelphia and Port Matilda Rebekah lodges, will attend the banquet.

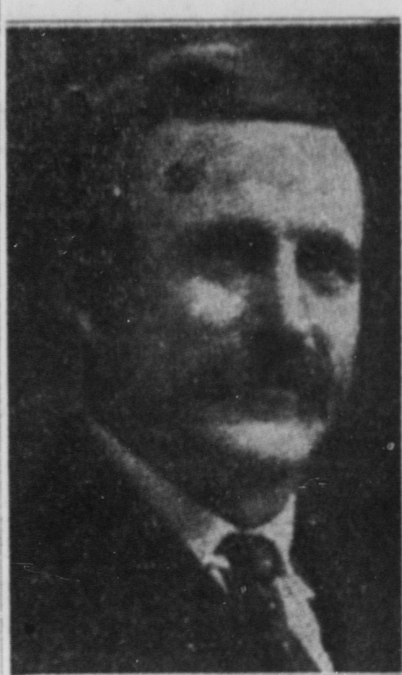
Owners Responsible For Snow Removal

Borough police have been issued strict orders to check all sidewalks after every fall of snow. For every sidewalk which has not been cleaned, the property owners will be notified and given a limited time in which to remove all ice and snow.

Upon failure to do so, borough workmen have been instructed to clean the sidewalks and the charges are to be billed to the owner. These charges are not based on actual cost due to the fact that the borough must neglect other work to clean them. These charges amount to 50 cents per hour per man, for in addition to wages, other costs enter into this, such as depreciation on tools, the use of calcium chloride, the fire gun, and in some cases the use of a truck.

It is an expensive proposition for any property-owner to neglect to clean his walks. Police also wish to remind the public to be careful not to block a fire hydrant with snow.

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JOHN S. SEARLY

Former County Official Dies

John Searly Only Man to Upset Third-Term Tradition Here

John S. Searly, three times Centre County Commissioner and former member of the Centre County Public Assistance Board, died suddenly and unexpectedly at his home in Bush Addition, near Bellefonte, at 6:20 o'clock Saturday night, January 25, 1941, death being attributed to a heart attack.

Although he had not been in good health for some time, Mr. Searly had worked daily as a supervisor of construction at the Pleasant Gap Fish Hatchery, and was in his usual health until about 3:30 o'clock Saturday afternoon when he suffered a heart attack. Medical aid was summoned, but he failed to respond to treatment. On Christmas Day Mr. Searly observed his 69th birthday.

In 1932 Mr. Searly, completing two four-year terms in the County Commissioners' office, broke all county precedents when against the advice of party leaders and

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County Digs Out Of Heavy Snow

Absence of Wind Prevents Major Tie-up From More Than 12-inch Fall

Centre county yesterday returned to a semblance of normal after a week of storms which left most of the county buried under more than a foot of snow.

Beginning last Wednesday and continuing intermittently during most of the time since, layer upon layer of snow was piled up. Temperatures were low enough to prevent the snow from melting, but did not fall far below the freezing point.

Absence of wind all week prevented what might have been a major (Continued on page seven)

Girl Injured In Coasting Accident

Martha Peters, 15, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Peters of Bush Addition who lives with her brother, Mahlon Peters on East High Street, Bellefonte, suffered a severe laceration of the left ankle in a coasting accident Tuesday night.

The girl, who was coasting down Academy Hill with a group of other girls, ran her sled into a pole to avoid a car. Her companions took her to the Centre County Hospital. She was admitted at 11 p. m. and was discharged yesterday afternoon.

COUNTY C. E. UNION TO HOLD CONFERENCE

The Centre County Christian Endeavor Union will hold its Fifth Annual officers' conference at the State College Evangelical Church, Saturday afternoon February 1, beginning at 2 o'clock. There will be conferences for all society officers, led by State, District and County leaders.

There will be recreation following the conference periods, followed by a fellowship banquet. The evening session, beginning at 7:30, will be a "District Rally, Christian Endeavor from seven counties are expected to be present and take a part in the service. The main speaker will be Arch McQuilkin, a State leader. Other leaders will be Lester Case, another State leader; "Ernie" Leitze, the District President, and other District officers.

New Daughter For Nolls

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Noll of Milesburg, became the parents of a daughter, born Monday evening at Lock Haven Private Hospital.

Landmark 136 Yrs. Old, Being Removed

Plank by plank and stone by stone of historic old Brant Hotel building, since 1806 a landmark in Bellefonte, is being removed to make way for a modern service station.

The demolition of the 136-year-old structure at the corner of Allegheny and Curtin streets is in charge of Meyer Brothers, general contractors, of Altoona.

The ancient building, long sagging and twisted from the settling of its foundations, has been in use almost continuously since its erection. Originally designed as a residence, its first occupant was Robert Valentine, prominent ironmaster, who remained there until about 1869 when he built the mansion at the corner of Allegheny and Curtin streets now owned and occupied by Mrs. B. O. Harvey.

Incidentally, Charles McCafferty was the contractor in charge of the construction of the Valentine (Harvey) residence on Curtin street, and it is reported that the building cost \$40,000—a magnificent sum for a house in those days—or these days, for that matter. When the Valentine industry suffered financial reverses, the mansion reputedly was sold for \$5,000.

When the Brant Hotel building was constructed just after the turn of the past century, there were few buildings in that section of town. The original Bellefonte Academy buildings and the present residence

of Martin Cooney were erected at about the same academy buildings are gone, but the Cooney house stands as a solid and substantial tribute to the workmanship of the builders of that time. Mr. Cooney purchased the home about 1915 and since then has remodeled the interior.

Butts conducted the Brant House for some years, and the next owner was Ed Brown, who removed the terrace and retaining wall which originally surrounded the Bishop and Allegheny street sides. He excavated the cellar and installed a bar in a basement room.

Henry Yeager was the next proprietor of the establishment, and after he retired the hotel management changed hands, a number of times. During the years after the World War Mrs. Mary Waddle operated the hotel and about 1921 W. W. Ricket opened a pool room in the basement room. Four years later Mr. Ricket bought the hotel, which he operated until about five years ago. He was succeeded as proprietor by William T. Heine, and later by David Love, who conducted the establishment up until several weeks ago when the wrecking crew began operations.

The hotel is reported to have been named the Brant House by one of its early owners, Henry Yeager. No one seems to know where the (Continued on page six)

30 Boys Taken Into CCC Camp

14 on List for Placement in April Quota; Enrollees Now at Coburn

Centre county filled its quota of 30 boys for CCC Camp at the quarterly enrollment held on January 21. Forty-four boys applied and were eligible for induction into the corps. The boys were transported from Bellefonte to Poe Valley Camp No. 63, Coburn, for physical examinations and formal entry into the corps.

Thomas C. Williams, executive director, and Milton W. Ebers, county supervisor, were in charge of the enrollment for the Centre County Department of Public Assistance. Lieutenant Lee Fox, commanding officer of the Poe Valley camp, issued the oath of enrollment and accepted the boys into CCC following the physical examination.

Dr. Henry Thissel, Millheim, was in charge of the examinations. Five boys were rejected because (Continued on page 6)

To Hold Tests For Annapolis

Additional Appointment To Academy Given Each Member of Congress

Representative James E. Vandant said yesterday that February 21 is the date tentatively set by the Civil Service Commission on which to conduct an examination for Annapolis appointments.

Under a pending bill, which is expected to become a law by the end of the week, each member of Congress is given an additional appointment to the Naval Academy for entrance this coming July.

Representative Van Zandt said he would follow his usual custom of submitting all applicants to a competitive examination.

He will name the four highest ranking boys as principal and alternate nominees, he said. Only one qualification he will expect from those taking the examination, he said, will be bona fide residence in his district.

Troopers Receive VFW Farewell Gift

Jackson - Crissman - Saylor Post, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Bellefonte, Monday presented to each officer and member of Battery B, 190th field artillery, Bellefonte, a toilet set consisting of a large Turkish towel, a cake of soap and a washcloth.

The gift, presented by Commander J. J. Leitze, at the noon lunch hour of Battery members at the Cox Restaurant, West High street, was in the nature of a farewell token to the ninety officers and men from the V. F. W. Post.

Centre Hall Townsend Meeting A Townsend meeting will be held in the I. O. O. F. Hall at Centre Hall on Friday evening, January 31. The meeting is scheduled to open at 7:30 o'clock and the public is invited to attend.

County Jail Is Unfit For Federal Use

74 Per Cent of Nation's Local Jails Fail to Pass Inspection

NOT ELIGIBLE FOR FEDERAL PRISONERS

11 Factors Taken Into Consideration in Rating Prisons

Centre county jail rates among the 74 per cent of all local jails in the country which are considered unfit for use in housing Federal prisoners, even in cases of emergency, the United States Bureau of Prisons reported today.

As of January 1, the Centre county jail was one of 277 jails throughout the country, out of 3117 inspected by prison bureau officials, which were condemned for any use by United States marshals.

Jails approved by the prison bureau are offered yearly contracts with the government under which they take prisoners awaiting Federal court action, or serving short Federal sentences. The government pays a flat per diem rate as 'board' for each such prisoner assigned.

Eleven factors are used by the prison bureau as a basis for rating jails as to suitability for incarceration of Federal prisoners. These factors are: (1) administration, (2) buildings and equipment, (3) cleanliness, (4) conditions of employment and industry, (5) discipline, (6) education and recreation afforded prisoners, (7) food, (8) medical service, (9) personal hygiene practices, (10) personnel, and (11) religious instruction provided.

Centre county jail was rated as (Continued on page eight)

Minister Dies At Port Matilda

Rev. John C. Young, 84, Was Pastor in County Churches During Active Life

Rev. John Campbell Young, retired Methodist minister, died at his home in Port Matilda at 12:10 o'clock Monday morning, January 27, 1941, after a several months' illness.

The Rev. Mr. Young, pastor of the Methodist churches at Pine Grove Mills, State College, Port Matilda, and Pleasant Gap at various times during his 45 years in the ministry, retired from active life last April.

He was a son of Nelson and Lavinia Campbell Young and was born at Bells Landing, Clearfield county, on February 19, 1856, making his age at time of death 84 years, 11 months and 8 days. He was (Continued on page six)

Sandy Ridge Tot Dies After Burns

Succumbs to Pneumonia in Hospital Four Weeks After Accident

Severe body burns she received New Year's day when she pulled a pan of boiling water on herself, weakened two-year-old Virginia Corrigan, of Sandy Ridge, so much that she died of pneumonia Sunday evening at the Phillipsburg Hospital.

The girl, who was badly burned at the home of her parents on January 1 had been a patient at the hospital since that time. She developed pneumonia recently.

She was born in Sandy Ridge on June 29, 1939. She was a daughter of Lee and Thelma Vaughn Corrigan.

Surviving her are her parents and the following sisters and brothers: Anna, Mary, James, Russell, Dorothy, Gary, Samuel, and Violet.

Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the home of the parents, The Rev. Light pastor of the West Decatur United Brethren church, officiated at the services.

Clearfield Civil Court Postponed

Judge W. Wallace Smith, of Clearfield, has revealed that since only four civil cases remained to be heard, the court will postpone the cases probably until May. All civil court witnesses will be advised they need not appear for court in February.

Fire at Woodcrest

Members of the Alpha Fire Company, State College, were called to the Morris Whitehill home in Woodcrest about 12:30 o'clock Monday morning to extinguish a slight fire. Damage was negligible.

Birthday Parties Scheduled Tonight

Name Rector For Episcopal Church

Rev. Robert H. Thomas, 3rd, of Waynesboro, has accepted a call to become rector of St. John's Episcopal church in Bellefonte, according to an announcement this week by members of the church vestry. The appointment becomes effective the week of February 24.

The Rev. Mr. Thomas, 49, is now in charge of churches at Waynesboro and Gettysburg. He was stationed in Virginia for six years before entering the ministry. He was engaged in the newspaper business. The Rev. Mr. Thomas, Mrs. Thomas and their 15-year-old son will occupy the rectory on West Lamb street.

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Theatre Labor Ruling Upheld

Board Holds Firm on Order Against Owners of Plaza, State Theatres

A Pennsylvania Labor Relations Board order last year against Howard J. Thompson and Elizabeth B. Thompson, of Curwensville, owners of the Plaza and State theatres, Bellefonte, was made final by a decree filed last Wednesday by the Board after its consideration of exceptions filed to the original decree.

The Thompsons, charged with unfair labor practices in the dismissal of projection machine operator Clifford Miller, of Bellefonte, supposedly for union activities, are directed to cease and desist from such practices and to take the affirmative action of offering Miller full (Continued on page seven)

Light Expert Is Kiwanis Speaker

New Fluorescent Lighting is Particularly Adapted to Some Uses

An interesting address on "Fluorescent Lighting" was given before the members of the Bellefonte Kiwanis Club at the regular meeting Tuesday in the Penn Belle Hotel. The speaker was A. L. Rozelle, an illumination engineer for the West Penn Power Company and a member of the local club.

Fluorescent lighting, he stated, is only about three years old in usage. It was brought out of the laboratory before it had been fully developed and all objectionable features had been corrected, because of the demand for something of the future (Continued on page 8)

Pays \$24 Weekly To Get His Centre Democrat on Time

A Bellefonte resident, vacationing in sunny Florida, is having his weekly copy of The Centre Democrat sent to him by airmail—even if the extra postage is 24 cents a week.

The reader is Edward R. Owens, of Holmes avenue, who went south two weeks ago to escape the rigors of winter. He left instructions for us to try airmail the first week, and if the arrangement was satisfactory, he'd give us further instructions.

So, last Thursday his paper was dispatched as directed, being postmarked at the Bellefonte postoffice at 3:30 p. m.

Tuesday we received a letter from Mr. Owens from St. Petersburg, Florida. He said, in part: "I received The Centre Democrat at 1:30 p. m. Friday (22 hours after leaving Bellefonte). Enclosed find \$1.00 to continue sending it airmail."

Mr. Owens closes his note with the oft-quoted remark: "It's 80 in the shade today." His hand to realize there's only 23 hours between summer comfort and a foot of two of snow.

Howard M. Miles Is Ill At Unionville

Howard M. Miles, of near Unionville, former Centre county commissioner, is undergoing treatment at the Forrest M. Lucas home in Unionville for a heart attack suffered Saturday, January 18.

Yesterday members of the Lucas family reported that Mr. Miles is now showing steady improvement and is able to sit up in bed for a few hours each day. The former county official is widely known and is held in high regard throughout this area.

SKIDS OFF ROAD INTO DITCH

Evelyn Henry, aged 10, suffered a severe bruise on the forehead Sunday afternoon when a car operated by her brother, Harold Henry, of Spruce Creek, skidded into a culvert and came to rest in a ditch on route 322 two miles east of Boalsburg.

The accident happened when Henry applied his brakes to avoid a collision with a skidding car traveling in the opposite direction. Another 10-year-old girl in the car was uninjured. Damage to the machine was estimated at \$25.