

PURSE-SNATCHER RENEWS ATTACKS

Local Girl Thrown to Ground, Robbed

Night Attacks on Women Here Resumed After Two-Month Lapse

VICTIM'S SCREAMS FRIGHTEEN PROWLER

Ellen Hassinger Suffers Head and Ankle Injury; Brief-Case Stolen

After a two months' layoff, Belleville's phantom purse-snatcher renewed his activities here Tuesday night with a brazen street attack on Miss Ellen Hassinger, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Hassinger, of East Curtin Street, Belleville.

Miss Hassinger, on her way home about 10:45 o'clock Tuesday night, was thrown to the ground and robbed of a brief case by a mysterious assailant, who apparently laid in wait behind a tree for his victim to pass. Her screams frightened the man, who ran to his parked car and escaped. The attack happened on East Curtin Street, at the alley between the Mrs. Sim Baum and Lewis R. Lenhart homes.

Miss Hassinger suffered a severe bruise at the back of her head when she struck the pavement in falling. One ankle also was painfully bruised where the attacker stepped upon it during the scuffle.

Miss Hassinger, a student at Penn State and who is employed part-time in a State College business office, returned to Belleville on the last bus, Tuesday night, and went to the Diamond restaurant for a cup of coffee while awaiting her mother, who had arranged to meet her at the restaurant and accompany her home. Mrs. Hassinger had canceled her plans to come down town and went to bed, and when she failed to appear at the restaurant at the appointed time. (Continued on page six)

Rent Same House For Half Century

Mr. and Mrs. William Boyer to Observe 50th Anniversary Saturday, March 1

Mr. and Mrs. William Boyer, of Belleville, who on Saturday, March 1, will quietly celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary, might well lay claim to another record, for they will round out fifty years of life together in the same rented house on Blanchard street.

William Boyer and Carrie Struble, married in Pleasant Gap, March 1, 1891 by the Rev. Mr. Sarvis, immediately went to housekeeping in the house on Blanchard street which had just been built by the late Jerry Donovan. The couple liked the house and remained there. When Mr. Donovan passed away, it became the property of his son, Frank Donovan, and the Boyers have continued on as tenants.

Mr. Boyer, a retired baker who for 16 years was employed in the City Bakery here, is now 75 years old, and no celebration is planned for (Continued on page six)

STATE COLLEGE GIRL NAMED CAMP HOSTESS

Miss Ruth Linn, of State College, was one of 25 persons chosen from a group of 2500 applicants for the position of junior hostess in charge of entertainment at Camp Aberdeen Army training post in Maryland.

Miss Linn, blonde secretary to Football Coach Robert A. Higgins, at Penn State, had few expectations when she applied as a matter of interest.

Miss Linn, now working on her master's degree in personnel guidance, is a 1939 graduate of the college and is particularly delighted in being sent to Maryland, for she once attended a spring session at Maryland University and has visited Camp Aberdeen itself.

She lives with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene H. Garbrick, 250 South Alberton street, State College, where they have resided for the past 13 years. She hasn't accepted the appointment yet, but if she does she will be the first Army hostess to be sent from Centre county, in fact, one of the few from Pennsylvania.

To Dedicate Flag At Wingate Church

A new American flag, 4 by 6 feet in size, will be dedicated with appropriate ceremonies at the Wingate Evangelical church at 2 o'clock Sunday afternoon, March 2, it was announced yesterday.

Exploding Furnace Damages Home

Explosion of the water boiler in the furnace of the hot water heating system of the John Popson home on East Bishop street about 10 o'clock Monday morning badly damaged the furnace and caused other damage in the building. No one was injured.

Members of the Undine Fire Company, who answered a still alarm, reported that the entire back end of the furnace blew out in the explosion. Investigation revealed that the water jacket had become filled with lime deposits which shut off circulation of water in the boiler. Confined in the boiler, water turned into steam and built up pressure causing the blast.

In addition to damage to the furnace, beaverboard walls in the dining room over the furnace were ripped down by the effects of concussion and escaping water caused some loss. The electric water heater near the furnace was not damaged.

Harry Clavenstein is manager of the estate of which the house is a part.

PRR Improves Valley Branch

Revamp Road to Handle Heavy Traffic of Long, Fast Freights

The Pennsylvania Railroad is now engaged in additions and improvements on the Big Eagle Branch, single-track line between Lock Haven and Tyrone, over which traffic has increased greatly in recent months. Much of the increase in traffic is attributed to the national defense program.

Residents along the valley report that many trains consisting of 80 to 90 loaded cars, traveling at speeds from 50 to 60 miles an hour, travel the route daily. Some of them report a "tremendous" increase in the number and size of trains.

A railroad maintenance crew has been stationed in Milesburg for the past two weeks while regular maintenance work, in addition to some new construction, is under way. The passing siding between Milesburg and Wingate has been lengthened to accommodate longer trains. A new standpipe for storage of water for locomotives is being built at Wingate, and the valley railroad telephone line is being overhauled and renewed.

At Julian a new and long passing siding is being built, and an automatic block station is being reestablished there to take care of the siding.

County Census Totals Released

Population of All Boroughs and Townships in 1940 Count Revealed

Complete and official 1940 census figures for Centre county's townships and boroughs were announced yesterday by the director of the Bureau of Commerce.

The figures reveal the largest County township to be Rush with a population of 4,077. Spring township is close with 4,053. Smallest township in the county is Burnside with 344.

Figures for borough populations as released at an earlier date revealed State College borough to be (Continued on page seven)

CLARENCE WOMEN ARE INJURED IN AUTO MISHAP

Mrs. Bertha Friedman and Mrs. Nellie Soltis, both of Clarence, were injured slightly Saturday morning when the Friedman car and a car operated by Steve Sapp, of Arcadia, Indiana county, crashed in Clarence. Mrs. Friedman received bruises about both knees and Mrs. Soltis a laceration of the left knee.

Hunter Given Two Years In Fatal Mishap

Pittsburgh Man Also Must Pay \$500 to Family of Victim

MAY NOT HUNT OR TRAP FOR 10 YEARS

Brief Session of Criminal Court Ends Monday; 2 Plead Guilty

Found guilty by a jury on a charge of killing a human in mistake for game, Ralph Lee Woodring, aged 56, Pittsburgh railroad employe, on Tuesday was sentenced by Judge Ivan Walker to serve two years in the county jail, pay a sum of \$500 to the family of his victim, and surrender his right to hunt or trap anywhere in Pennsylvania for the next ten years.

Woodring's trial concluded the regular February criminal court during which three cases were tried and two guilty verdicts returned by juries.

William Noonan, 18, of St. Paul street, Belleville, was found guilty of the larceny of a \$5 bill from Fred Fisher, Belleville, last October, and was sentenced to pay the costs and serve 60 days in the county jail. Noonan is a parole violator from the State Industrial School at Huntingdon and may be returned to that institution.

Russell Dixon, 18, and Charles Litten, 20, of West Decatur, charged with the robbery of cigarettes, candy and chewing gum valued at \$5 from the John H. Goss service station in Phillipsburg last June, were found guilty by a jury. Costs are to be paid by the county.

The fatal hunting accident which resulted in sentence for Woodring happened in a woods near Port Matilda during the deer season last December. Woodring fired the shot which resulted in instant death to his friend and hunting companion. (Continued on page eight)

20 Fire Police Sworn-In Here

Fire Department Moves to Halt Chasing of Fire Engines, Other Evils

During the past week the Belleville Fire Department designated a group of men from each company to serve in the dual capacity of fire police and borough special police, and Mayor Harris has given the oath to most of them.

These men will not only serve as police in time of fire but also will serve during any emergency which may arise, such as the recent wave of purse-snatching, or to assist the regular police in coping with heavy traffic conditions, or in controlling large crowds.

One of the prime reasons for this reorganization is to eliminate the dangerous but popular outdoor sport of chasing fire engines. This practice has reached such proportions that, in many instances, it has hampered the maneuvering of fire engines, and consequently delayed their arrival at fires, thereby jeopardizing, perhaps, a life, or an unnecessary additional fire loss. It is their firm determination to stop this practice.

Every motorist's attention is called to the fact that the Pennsylvania State Vehicle Code states: (Section 1015A) "Upon approach of any policeman..." (Continued on page 6)

WOMAN DROWNS AT MONTGOMERY

The body of Mrs. Benjamin Shelly, 53, prominent resident of Montgomery, Lycoming county, was found in the river near that town early Tuesday afternoon, following a search by firemen and residents of the borough. Mrs. Shelly had been in ill health, following a nervous breakdown, and in the morning wandered away from home. Searchers found footprints leading toward the river and later found the body.

Mrs. Shelly had been prominent in civic interest, and for several years was librarian at Montgomery. Survivors include her husband and two daughters, Mrs. Michael Guido, wife of the coach of the Montgomery Clinton schools, and Miss Dorothy Shelly, a member of the school faculty.

Phillipsburg Girl Honored Miss Frances Dunkle, of Phillipsburg, a student at Wilson College, Chambersburg, has been cited for academic achievement during the first semester of the current college year. Miss Dunkle is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Dunkle and prepared for college in the Phillipsburg High school.

Battery B. Members Receive Promotions

Officers and members of Battery B, 190th Field Artillery, Belleville, now in training at Camp Shelby, Miss., were showered with promotions during the weekend, according to an announcement from the camp.

Following the assignment recently of Capt. Frederick L. Shope, commander of the troop to the regimental staff of the 166th Field Artillery as adjutant, First Lieut. Harry C. Symmonds, executive officer of the battery, assumed command of the troop.

At the same time, Second Lieut. George P. Curtin was advanced to the position of executive officer, vacated by Lieut. Symmonds.

Fifty-seven other promotions were made among the 85 enlisted men of the troop, as follows:

Advanced to the position of Sergeant: Corporals Roy K. Dunkle, Charles L. Sheekler, Leslie E. Shultz, Earl W. Smith and James K. Wilson, and Private First Class Samuel A. Solt.

Advanced to Corporals: Privates First Class Paul H. Fanning, John F. Kusse, Kenneth F. Miller and Privates William B. Beckwith, Mark E. Fisher, Russell N. Gandy, David H. Keller, John Lyons, Nelson N. McClure, Edgar J. Miller, Ralph S. Schenck and Joseph A. Shuey.

To Private First Class, third class specialist: William E. Bloom, George N. Emerick, Albert E. Kniely, and Robert J. Pletcher.

To Private First Class, fifth class specialist: Earnest J. Emel, Edward R. Greene, Donald M. Goodhart, Samuel L. Irvin, Steve A. Kutches, Max H. Lose, John F. Murphy, Jay S. Schlegel and Frank C. Yeager.

To Private First Class, no specialist ratings: Kenneth E. Baney, Vincent R. Baney, Dean H. Benner, Lynn E. Blazer, Harry D. Boal, Charles W. Chandler, Donald L. Conifer, James L. Conifer, Lester J. Conifer, Lewis B. Fetters, Russell L. Gages, James E. Hoffer, James P. Holt, Donald L. King, Harry A. Long, Donald R. McCormick, Gerald L. Mamm, Charles T. Reed, Robert B. Shaffer, and Charles P. Sherry.

As the result of recent promotions Battery B now has a strength of one first lieutenant, two second lieutenants, one first sergeant, one staff sergeant, 10 sergeants, 14 corporals, 41 first class privates, and 18 privates.

Brick-Making Co. Industry 17 Enrolled In CCC Camps

Kiwanis Club Hears Interesting Talk by Head of Port Matilda Plant

Centre county has the most modern silica brick plant in the United States, according to a statement by Benjamin F. Nicodemus, superintendent of the plant located at Port Matilda, in an address before the members of the Belleville Kiwanis Club at the meeting Tuesday in the Penn Hotel.

The acceptance officer in charge of the enrollment was Lt. Lee Fox, of the Poe Valley Camp, while Thomas C. Williams, executive director of the Centre County Board of Assistance, and Milford W. Eitner, assistant to Mr. Williams, also took part in the work. Dr. Henry N. Thissell, of Millheim, was the examining physician.

The enrollment, Tuesday, was the first of four additional enrollments to be held each year the month after the regular quarterly enrollment. (Continued on page 4)

Seven Volunteer For March Quota

Local Board No. 2 Needs Only Three Men For Next Call to Army

When the next draft call, March 15, is made, Local Draft Board No. 2, Belleville will be required to furnish ten men, it was reported yesterday.

But the call will not mean much in this district, for already there are 7 volunteers for the quota of ten.

The volunteers are: Stephen Nagray, Clarence. Bernard Wheeland, Belleville. James Thomas, Belleville. Robert Crawshaw, Jr., Phillipsburg. Louis Carpeneto, Belleville. Arthur W. Hill, Belleville. Russell Walton, Belleville. Local Draft Board No. 1, of State (Continued on page 6)

Council Scans Ordinance For Parking Meters

Bill Passes First Reading; Faces Changes at Later Sessions

VIOLATIONS ENTAIL FINES OF \$1 TO \$50

Bill Provides 18 Minutes Time For 1 Cent; 1 1/2 Hours For Nickel

An ordinance calling for the installation and operation of parking meters in the business district of Belleville passed its first reading by a unanimous vote at an adjourned meeting of Borough Council in the Logan House, Monday night.

Discussion during the session indicated that some provisions of the ordinance may be revised before the bill undergoes its second and third readings on its way to become law.

Under the ordinance as now drawn, Belleville parking meter users would get gospel measure for their pennies and nickels, for the ordinance calls for 18 minutes of parking for a cent; 36 minutes for two cents; one-hour-and-a-half for a nickel and three hours for two nickels. In most towns, it was reported by parking meter salesmen, the usual rate is 12 minutes for a cent and one hour for five cents.

Metered parking would be in force from 9 a. m. to 8 p. m. daily except Sundays and holidays, when parking would be free. On Saturdays the meters would be in effect from 9 a. m. to 9 p. m.

Penalties for violation would consist of a fine of from \$1 to \$50, the costs of prosecution, or 10 days in jail.

The streets along which it is contemplated to erect meters are as follows: Allegheny, from Howard to Bishop Springs, from High to Cherry Alley; Howard, from Allegheny to the east extremity of the post office; High, from Allegheny to Dunlap street; and on the north side of the north branch of East High street. (Continued on page eight)

Robert Klines Wed 50 Years

Prominent Couple Spent Most of Married Life in Belleville

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Kline, well known residents of Bishop street, Belleville, yesterday quietly observed their golden wedding anniversary.

The anniversary took the family by "surprise" and as a result Mr. and Mrs. Kline spent the day in much the same manner as they spent most of the other days of their unusually active lives. No celebration was held yesterday, but there were indications of a family gathering during the weekend.

Mr. Kline, former Belleville Borough Councilman, former chief of the Undine Fire Company, former borough fire marshal, and one of the oldest members of the Undine Fire Company, has been employed for the past 46 years in the lime industry in Belleville. After 25 (Continued on page eight)

Legion Social Club Guests At Dinner

The annual dinner given to social members of Brooks-Doll Post American Legion, Belleville, by the Post, was held at the Legion Home, East Howard street, last Thursday night, with about 150 persons present. The dinner was served by the Women's Auxiliary of the Post.

Speakers and officers introduced by Toastmaster Edward Blanchard were: Alex Stergiadis, commander of the post; James Gray, president of the club; Malcolm Wetzel and Linn McGintie, directors, and William Lambert, Captain Herbert Beizer and Leonard Glenn, members of the house committee.

Other introductions were: Burgess Hardman P. Harris, William Doll and Harry A. Garrett, the latter of whom is one of the founders of the club. Entertainment included musical selections by Irvin Martin, with George Sheekler as pianist, and a program by The Three Stooges, of State College.

TOWNSEND MEETING AT COURT HOUSE, FRIDAY

A Townsend meeting will be held in the Court House, Belleville, Friday evening, February 28, at 7:30 o'clock. The Pine Grove Mills Male Chorus will provide music.

Injunction Granted In College Bus Case

E. M. Smith Garage Damaged by Fire

Fire discovered at 2:50 o'clock last Thursday morning damaged the east side of the E. M. Smith garage at 1000 West College avenue, State College, and threatened the apartment of P. E. Holobaugh and family, above the garage.

High winds and low temperatures hindered Alpha Fire Company members in battling the blaze, but all traces of fire were extinguished in less than an hour.

The fire is believed to have originated in the wiring system in the basement, and followed wall spaces up to the floor and porch on the second story. The Holobaugh family aided in controlling the fire by pouring on water from above until the fire company arrived.

Damage was confined principally to a rest-room in the garage and a second-story floor and porch.

Will Discuss Sale of Bonds

\$400,000 School Issue May Go at 3% Interest Rate; Meeting Friday

A possibility that the Belleville Building Corporation, organization effected to finance the construction of Belleville's proposed new high school building, may obtain less than the anticipated four per cent on its new school bonding companies may become a certainty at a meeting of the corporation in the Belleville Trust Company building tomorrow afternoon when brokerage houses and other purchasers will be present to discuss the issue.

When the corporation began consideration of a bond issue to finance the new school, bonding companies showed a noticeable coolness toward the bonds, and expectations were that most of the issue would have to be sold locally.

In recent weeks, however, brokerage houses have been showing marked interest in the issue, and many have expressed a desire to be permitted to bid for the bonds. It is reported. The financial set-up for constructing the new school is new, although it incorporates various features of other systems.

The corporation has not decided definitely as to how the bonds will be disposed of, but a spokesman for the organization yesterday declared that the corporation seeks primarily to obtain as advantageous a sale as possible for the bonds in order to save the school district unnecessary expense. It was stated that it may be possible to sell the bonds at a three per cent interest rate. If a three per cent instead of a four per cent rate is obtained, the saving to the corporation—and to the school district—will be the difference between (Continued on page seven)

Gryctko-Saunders Nuptials, Monday

Technician at Hospital Becomes Bride at Ceremony in St. John's Church

Miss Anne Marie Saunders, of Belleville, became the bride of Benjamin J. Gryctko, son of Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin J. Gryctko, of the Brockerhoff Hotel, Belleville, at a ceremony performed at 9 o'clock Monday morning in St. John's Catholic church here, with the Rev. Father William E. Downes, rector of the church, officiating. Roses in gold vases adorned the altar.

Miss Marjorie Saunders, of New Cumberland, sister of the bride, was bridesmaid, while Franklin Gryctko, of Belleville, was the brother's best man. After the ceremony a wedding breakfast was served at the Brockerhoff Hotel, which (Continued on page eight)

2 1/2-Month Old Boy Suffocates In Crib

Gerald Lee Smith, aged 2 1/2 months, son of Mr. and Mrs. Cyrus Smith, of Pike street, Belleville, was found dead in his crib about 8 o'clock Tuesday morning, death being attributed by Centre County Coroner Charles Sheekler of Milesburg, to suffocation.

According to reports, the infant had been fed about 11 p. m. Monday, and when the mother believed he was sleeping too long the next morning she went to the crib and found him lifeless. The child was face down and his face was in a pillow which smothered him. It is believed that death occurred about 3 a. m. Tuesday. (Continued on page eight)

State College Boro Officials Named Defendants in Action

HEARING SET FOR MONDAY MORNING

Plaintiffs Score Ordinance Banning Buses From College Avenue

A dispute raging in State College for the past few weeks took a new turn yesterday when Judge Ivan Walker granted a temporary injunction against the enforcement of an ordinance abolishing a bus stop on Co-Op Corner and prohibiting buses from stopping anywhere on College avenue to load or unload passengers and baggage.

The temporary injunction was issued upon a plea filed by J. C. Harper, Frank L. Holmes and E. J. Kennard, who are described as residents and real estate owners in State College. The defendants are: Eugene Wilbur F. Leitzeil, and State College Councilmen Russell E. Clark, J. W. Hensley, R. L. Porter, H. L. Stuart, Leonard A. Doggett, Russell W. Adamitz, and Earl Houtz.

Judge Walker fixed Monday morning, March 3 at 10 o'clock as the date for a hearing in the matter in the Court House, Belleville. At that time the court will determine whether the injunction is to be continued until final hearing.

The difficulty arose on February 20, when an amendment to a previous ordinance was passed by Council. The amendment abolished a 55-foot bus stop in front of the State College Hotel on Co-Op corner, and ruled that no buses could stop anywhere on College avenue.

Pennsylvania Greyhound Lines. (Continued on page eight)

Catholic Church Nets \$1,100 At Bazaar

Almost \$1,100 was realized at the three-day pre- Lenten bazaar held by members of St. John's Catholic church, Belleville, last Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights in the school hall on East Bishop street. Large crowds were present each night.

Rev. A. L. Chervenak, assistant pastor of the church, was general chairman for the bazaar at which the following were awarded prizes: Robert Riglin, Anthony Riglin, Mrs. Agnes Guiver, Miss Louise Luckawich, Mrs. Joseph Kane, Miss Catherine Harrie, Rev. William E. Downes, Mrs. Donald Everett, James Kane, Mrs. Charles Evock, A. C. Harrie, Mrs. Nora Ebbing, Mrs. Helen Kuvas, and Mrs. Pauline Torshell.

Charles Vogt, Patricia Long, Mrs. Gertrude Rita, Elizabeth Ann Gramham, Betty Sullivan, Philippina Hagg, Billy and Isabel Morningred, all of Tyrone, and a unit of the American Legion Junior Band of Belleville, furnished entertainment on Friday night.

The following were chairmen of various committees in charge of the bazaar: Martin Miller, Andrew Knapic, Frank Rackocki, Mrs. John Garis, Mrs. Albert Mayer, Mrs. Christopher Beizer, Miss Adelina Anderson, Miss Louise Carpeneto, Mrs. Harrie, Rev. William E. Downes, Mrs. Agnes Shields and Mary Ellen Cunningham.

Boal Nominated For Post In Nicaragua

Pierre de L. Boal, native of Boalsburg and son of the late Col. Theodore Davis Boal, of Boalsburg, was nominated Friday by President Roosevelt to the post of Minister to Nicaragua. Mr. Boal now is counselor of the Embassy at Mexico City.

Mr. Boal has been in the U. S. Embassy service since the end of the World War in 1918, serving in Rumania, Peru, Canada, in the State Department at Washington, and in his present office in Mexico.

Before the United States entered the World War, Boal was an aviator with the Lafayette Escadrille, and when this country entered the conflict, he transferred into the U. S. Air Corps, attaining the rank of Captain.

Mr. Boal visited his former home at Boalsburg last November. His daughter is now a student at Bryn Mawr.

Want Vets Hospital in East Announcement was made at the annual Legion banquet in Williamsport Monday night that the State American Legion is committed to the placing of the proposed Veterans' Hospital in Eastern Pennsylvania. Three State conventions, it was reported, had passed resolutions favoring the eastern section of the State. Centre county has been a strong contender for the institution.