

WEST PENN ANNUITIES RATES CUT

Nearly All Classes of Patrons Benefit

95% of Residential Customers Will Have Small Reductions RURAL AND STREET LIGHT RATES LOWER Industrial and Commercial Patrons Also Affected by New Schedule

The Pennsylvania Public Utilities Commission has ordered changes in West Penn's rate schedules which bring about an annual saving to customers of over \$1,500,000, assuming the same use as in 1940. Consumption for 1941 is up, so that the savings this year will be even greater than that estimate.

A summary of the reduction in type of service and date effective, follows: Industrial customers (factories, mines, etc.) \$691,000, June 17; commercial and small power, church and school, stores, offices, shops, etc.) \$570,000, April 22; residential and rural, \$227,000, March 22; street lighting, \$14,000, May 1.

It is interesting to observe that this rate adjustment downward comes at a time when the general price level appears to be rising, and in the face of increasing tax costs.

Under the new rates industrial customers benefit from lower costs and also from simplified rates. Many (Continued on page seven)

Nick Lalli and Lamb Are Starred in Spring Frolic

Spring was in the air yesterday. And during the noon hour a small lamb which a friend had given Nick Lalli, well known Bellefonte shoemaker, for his Easter dinner, grew restless in the Lalli garage on East High street.

When Nick opened the garage to show the little lamb to a small girl in the neighborhood, the lamb ran out of the door, over to the large lawn at the rear of the Court House, and gambled around as all lambs do in the springtime.

Mr. Lalli became excited—as practically anyone seeing a fine dinner horse would do. He ran after the (Continued on page eight)

5 Drawn For Year of Army Service

The next quota from Local Draft Board No. 2, Bellefonte, which will leave April 16 for a year's Selective Service training in the U. S. Army, was announced at the headquarters in Bellefonte yesterday.

The four men are Fred Featon, Phillipsburg; Edman R. Faust, Jr., Pottsville; Lewis L. Lucas, Howard, and Paul B. Gallo, Phillipsburg.

Charles T. Durkin, of Monument, who will leave with the April 16 quota, will replace one of the selectees who was rejected from the group which left Monday. Durkin is a volunteer.

Board No. 2 is to furnish 8 men for the April 24th quota.

'Easter' Subject of Kiwanis Talk

Rev. R. H. Thomas sketches history of important religious holiday

The Rev. Robert Thomas, rector of St. John's Episcopal church, gave an interesting address on "Easter" before the Kiwanis Club at Tuesday's meeting.

In his address he traced the gradual development of the re-statement among the Jewish people that life is unending, and that death, rather than ending all, simply ushers us into new conditions of life.

The resurrection of Christ is one of the best attested facts of ancient history, the speaker stated; the disciples were sure that he had risen (Continued on page seven)

Treasurer Brockerhoff Entertains Officials

Henry A. Brockerhoff, of Bellefonte, State Treasurer of the Democratic party, entertained a number of prominent Pennsylvanians at his home at the corner of Spring and Bishop streets during the weekend. Guests included: R. H. Bailey, secretary to U. S. Senator Joseph F. Gurney; Meredith Meyers, of Lewis-ton, chairman of the Democratic State Committee; Paul C. Lewis, secretary of the Democratic State Committee; Walter L. Miller, resident secretary of the Democratic State Committee; and Harry Turrell, of Susquehanna county, Assistant Secretary of Agriculture in Governor Earle's cabinet.

Dr. Frank K. White, of Phillipsburg, State Democratic committee-man, and some other prominent Democrats were callers Sunday afternoon.

5 Fugitives Re-Sentenced

Given Shorter Terms in Accordance With Ruling of Superior Court

Five inmates of the Western penitentiary, Pittsburgh, serving sentences for escaping from Rockview had their sentences reduced at a special session of court here Monday morning.

Four other similar cases are expected to be disposed of here next week according to records in the office of Prothonotary Bond White.

In all the cases the defendants were sentenced under a former State law which fixed the penalty for escaping from Rockview at the original sentence of the fugitive.

The courts interpreted this as meaning that if a man, serving three two-to-four year terms, escaped from Rockview, his penalty would be the total of all the terms, or 6 to 12 years.

Several inmates appealed this (Continued on page 6)

23 Types of Birds Seen Since January

All the pupils in grade 4-2 Spring street school, taught by Mary Underwood, are members of the Junior Audubon Society. The dues are ten cents for each pupil receives six leaflets for bird study, six pictures to color, and a button badge which this year is in the form of a robin. Since January 1, 1941, twenty-three different birds have been identified by the pupils.

The following boys made bird houses: Arthur Schreffler, Charles Martin, Richard Thompson, Robert Dunn, Richard Wion, William Locke, Theodore Musser, Clarence Hockenberry, and William Hassinger.

A feeding place was made by Ray Floray. All are greatly interested and bird walks have been planned for April and May.

Presents New Radio To Men at Co. Home

Men guests at the Centre County Home are overjoyed with a brand new cabinet radio presented to them during the past week.

Since the opening of the home, one of the greatest disappointments to the men has been the fact that the radio in their recreation room was unsatisfactory. Appeals to the public resulted in another used machine being given them, but it wasn't much better. Hence the new radio is most deeply appreciated, and some of the guests asked us to thank the donor.

The donor, however, prefers not to have his name mentioned, but he can rest assured that if they ever establish a Hall of Fame at the County Home, his name will be at the top.

Bee Demonstration To Be Held April 18

Centre county beekeepers are invited to a field day and demonstration to be held at the A. R. Houser farm at Perry on Friday afternoon, April 18, beginning at 2 o'clock. E. J. Anderson, of State College, bee specialist for Pennsylvania, will be in charge of the demonstration.

The program will include demonstrations of general spring management of bees and hives; the introduction of package bees to a hive, and the introduction of new queens. Beekeepers, as well as others interested in the care of bees, are invited to attend.

Paradise Opening Indications yesterday were that Fishermen's Paradise, along Spring Creek southwest of Bellefonte, will be opened to fishermen on Friday, May 9, although the date has not been set definitely by the Fish Commission.

To Address Rally



DR. CHARLES ST. JOHN TO ADDRESS RALLY HERE

A youth rally will be held by the Centre County C. E. Union on Thursday April 17 in the Bellefonte Presbyterian church at 7:30 p. m. The speaker Dr. Charles St. John, of the New York Bowers Mission, is well known the country over for his public appearances, newspaper articles and radio talks. The public is invited to attend.

WIDMANN & TEAH MANAGER TRANSFERRED TO KANE STORE

Robert Walker, of the Plaza apartments, West High street, a registered pharmacist, who is expected to arrive here during the weekend.

The local store will be managed by Frank Sloan, who for some time has been assistant manager at Bellefonte. He will be assisted by a Mr. Boylan, of Lock Haven, a registered pharmacist, who is expected to arrive here during the weekend.

Couple Wed Half Century

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Beezer, well known residents of Bellefonte, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary at a family dinner held Sunday at the home of their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Pike, of Bush Addition, with whom they have resided for the past 18 years.

Alfred Beezer and Miss Mary Thal, daughter of Mathias and Catherine Thal of Roopburg, were married on April 7, 1891 at St. John's Catholic church, Bellefonte, with the Rev. Father McArdle, officiating.

The couple went to housekeeping at Roopburg and lived there until 18 years ago when they went to live with Mr. and Mrs. Pike. Mrs. Beezer will be 73 years of age on her next birthday, and her husband is nearing his 79th anniversary. Both enjoy fair health.

Mr. Beezer was a son of John and (Continued on page 7)

Easter Cantata Scheduled Here

Combined Choirs of Bellefonte Lutheran Church to Give Program Sunday Afternoon

The Easter Cantata, "King of Glory," will be sung by the combined choirs of St. John's Lutheran church on Easter Sunday evening at 8:00 o'clock. The cantata is divided into two parts, the Prologue, and the Resurrection.

Part I—Prologue Organ Prelude 1. Chorus, "This is the Day," 2. Soprano solo, "O Lord, Thou Art My God," 3. Chorus, "Sing Unto the Lord a New Song," Duet, tenor and baritone, "I Shall Not Die, But Live," 4. "Who is the King of Glory?" 5. Men's Chorus, b. Women's Chorus, c. Mixed Chorus. Offertory

Part II—The Resurrection Organ Prelude 5. Women's Chorus, "In the End of the Sabbath," a. bass solo, "Be-

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Banks Closed Friday

Tomorrow is Good Friday and all banks in Bellefonte will be closed, it was announced yesterday.

Easter Egg Contest To Be Held Sunday

An Easter egg hunt for all children of Bellefonte and vicinity will be held Sunday afternoon at the Bellefonte Community Athletic field, East Bishop street, it was announced yesterday by the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars posts and their auxiliaries, sponsors of the event.

Plans are to make the egg hunt an annual feature of the Easter season in Bellefonte. The move originally was suggested by the Chamber of Commerce and was turned over to the service clubs for completion.

All children in this area, from one year up, are invited to participate in the hunt. The program will begin promptly at 3 p. m.

Music will be furnished by the Junior American Legion Band, and preparations and decorations are in charge of the Legion and V. F. W. auxiliaries.

The egg hunt committee named Mrs. W. W. Hampton, president of the V. F. W. Auxiliary; Mrs. Ruth Casper, president of the Legion Auxiliary; Alex Stergiakis and Samuel D. Rhinesmith, of the Legion, and W.

Hampton and James Leitell, of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. Yesterday committee members indicated that special provisions would be made to keep the very small youngsters apart from older children, to prevent accidents which might result otherwise.

TUESDAY MORNING ALARMS KEEP FIREMEN ON JUMP

Two fires occurring between 9:30 and 10 o'clock Tuesday morning gave Bellefonte firemen a busy hour, but damage was slight.

The Undines were called to the home of William Young at Coleville, when sparks from the chimney set fire to the roof. A small hole burned in the roof was patched temporarily by firemen before they left the scene.

A short time after the Undines went to Coleville, the Logan Fire Company was called to East Lamb street when the flue of the Joseph Barnes home caught fire. Firemen stood by until the fire burned itself out with no damage.

To Abandon BCCR Branch

State College-Stover Road Will Be Torn Up If ICC Grants Approval

The Bellefonte Central Railroad Company this week applied to the Interstate Commerce Commission for permission to abandon the Fairbrook branch, between State College and Stover Station, near Tyrone.

If the plea is granted the 27.77-mile line will be torn up and the heavy rail will be used to rebuild the Bellefonte Central's present line between Bellefonte and State College. Work on the revamping of the road will begin immediately if favorable word is received from Washington.

The Fairbrook branch was purchased by the Bellefonte Central from the Pennsylvania Railroad in 1929. The line then extended from Fairbrook to Stover and was in a state of disrepair. The road was rebuilt and a six-mile link was constructed between State College and Fairbrook. The line was put into operation on October 1, 1930.

Operations over the Fairbrook branch were discontinued on February 1, 1933 when the road exercised a voluntary embargo pending litigation then before the Interstate Commerce Commission. In 1939 the I. C. C. rendered a decision unfavorable to the Bellefonte Central and since that time the company has been unsuccessful in its efforts to find other means by which the road could be operated on a profitable basis.

For this reason, officials set no alternative but to abandon the branch.

Meningitis Victims Are Recovering

Two local persons undergoing treatment for cerebral meningitis, at the Centre County Hospital, yesterday were reported to be recovering nicely, according to hospital attaches.

The victims are Mrs. Cora Lyons, 20, of North Spring street, Bellefonte, and her sister-in-law, Mrs. Jack Wilmer, of Coleville. Mrs. Wilmer was admitted to the hospital March 28 and Mrs. Lyons, who is reported to have been caring for the other woman, was admitted to the hospital last Thursday. Both were in quite serious condition for several days.

B. H. S. Alumni To Meet Tuesday Night

An important meeting of the Bellefonte High School Alumni Association will be held at the Spring street school at 7:30 o'clock Tuesday evening, April 15.

At the session a nominating committee will be named to choose candidates for Association offices for the coming year, and other important matters are to be discussed, a large turnout of members is hoped for.

Surveying Change of Road A corps of surveyors, from the Clearfield Office of the State Highway Department have been at work running a new line on the proposed relocation of Route 64, between Beech Creek and Howard, which will place the new highway in front of the house and barns on the James Neece farm instead of at the rear of these buildings. The change follows a protest made by Mr. Neece and will reduce damage to his farm, a mile above Blanchard.

Boro To Pay For Lights at Airport Here

Clear Way For Speedy Transfer of Field to Boro Control

COUNCIL RETAINS 15-MILL TAX RATE

Committee Asked to Submit Recommendations on Parking Meters

Two more moves to speed the transfer of the local airport from Government control to the control of Bellefonte Borough were taken at a regular meeting of Council, Monday night, when Council underwrote the cost of power for field markers and a beacon light at the field, and authorized Council president Thomas Beaver and secretary Marie Doll to sign the necessary leases.

The borough agrees to meet lighting costs of the field as a gesture of encouragement to Pilot Henry Noll, head of the New-Way Flying School, who is to sub-lease the field from the borough and who is to meet virtually all the other costs of maintaining and operating the airport. Councilmen also expressed the view that the airport, which is expected to bring considerable new business to Bellefonte, will be a definite asset to the town, and that the expense is well justified.

Although Noll estimated the cost of lighting the field at from \$25 to \$35 a month, Council fixed a limit of \$50, to take care of any new light installations which may be required. The cost of electricity for light and power in the hangars and repair shops will not be included in the borough's monthly bill. A separate meter is provided for the hangars, and a third meter is provided for the Government radio station and weather bureau.

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To Buy Dishes For Battery B

Committee Named To Solicit Funds; Only Unit Without Tableware

A ten-man committee has been named for the purpose of collecting and forwarding funds to Battery B, 190th Field Artillery, Bellefonte, at Camp Shelby, Mississippi, for the purchase of dishes to replace mess kits now in use at the battery mess hall. It was announced yesterday.

Battery B is reported to be the only organization at Camp Shelby which has to dine out of mess kits. All other units have dishes and tableware supplied by individuals, clubs, organizations or other groups in their home towns, it is reported.

To correct the condition, the Bellefonte Chamber of Commerce instituted a move to raise funds for dishes for the local organization. (Continued on page 4)

Couple Observes Silver Wedding

Mock Ceremony Held With Same Minister, Same Attendants, And at Same Place

An unusual silver wedding anniversary was celebrated at the LaRoe Reese home near Port Matilda Sunday afternoon when the ceremony 25 years ago which united Mr. and Mrs. Reese as man and wife, was performed with all members of the original "cast" participating.

The mock ceremony was performed in the same house as the original wedding, and in which the Reese's have lived ever since their marriage. The pastor, the Rev. J. C. Moses, of Altoona, formerly pastor of the United Brethren church at Port Matilda, and the attendants, Elmer Stine, of Phillipsburg, and the former Miriam Gates, now Mrs. Elmer Stine, all acted in the same capacities they did at the wedding on April 6, 1891.

The chief difference in the two (Continued on page 6)

Weight Limit Placed On Road Near Howard

The Department of Highways has placed restrictions of five tons on a section of road in Centre County to prevent further damage to the highway due to thawing. The road on which the restrictions have been placed, is Route 150 from Route 14028 to Route 64 in Howard, 2.69 miles.

The section involved is the road from Howard over the ridge to the Jacksonville road, and is used in trucking limestone from quarries in the Jacksonville area to the shipping point at Howard.

WESTERN AUTO STORE HOLDS FIRST ANNIVERSARY SALE

The first anniversary sale at the Western Auto Store, South Allegheny street, will open today, according to an announcement by Paul Leffler, owner-manager of the business.

Auto accessories and supplies of all kinds; garden tools, and a full line of fishing tackle are included in sweeping price reductions in celebration of the completion of the store's first year of business in Bellefonte. Consult the Western Auto Store advertisement in this issue for further details.

Boro To Pay Gets 4 to 8 Years For Philipsburg Robbery

Sentence Man For Attack On Wife

William Davis, of State College, charged with aggravated assault and battery, entered a plea of guilty before Judge Ivan Walker at a special session of Court, Monday, and was sentenced to pay the costs of prosecution and undergo imprisonment in the county jail for 4 days.

According to Mrs. Davis, who was prosecutor in the case, Davis struck her repeatedly last February 20 when he allegedly found her coming from a student's room at State College. Both of her eyes were blackened. Mrs. Davis attempted to withdraw the charges shortly after a hearing before a Justice of the Peace, and in court, Monday, she expressed the desire that her husband be released.

Mr. Davis claimed he "lost his head" when he saw his wife coming from a student's room and admitted striking her.

He had been in jail since the day of the attack, and the sentence provided for his immediate release from custody upon payment of the costs.

Draw Jurors For May Court

Grand Jury to Meet May 5; Criminal Court Opens May 19

The Centre County Jury Commissioners during the weekend drew the names of 24 grand jurors and 100 traverse jurors to serve at the regular May Term of court.

The Grand Jury is scheduled to meet on Monday, May 5. Criminal Court will open on Monday, May 19, and Civil Court is scheduled to open on Monday, May 26.

Following are the jurors chosen.

ORAND JURORS (Meet Monday, May 5) Breon, Mrs. Edith h. k., Centre Hall; Burd, Milford, lab. Bellefonte; R. D. Carney, John T. firm; Port Matilda, R. D. 3 Cori, Arthur B. mech. State College; Curtin, Jno. Sr. salesman, Bellefonte; Fletcher, Mabel W. bk. State College; Frost, Preston A. ins. agt.; Gardner, Forrest E. frm. Blanchard; Getzel, W. R. mch. State College; High, Francis, mch. Milesburg (Continued on page eight)

Noll Inspects Army Airplane

May Purchase \$10,000 Training Ship For Use at Local Airport

A brand new Fairchild Army training plane fresh from the factory at Hagerstown, Md., was brought to the Bellefonte airport Monday morning by Dick Henschen, chief test pilot for the Fairchild factory, for the inspection of Henry Noll, Pleasant Gap aviator who plans to purchase one of the \$10,000 machines for his training course at the airport.

The machine, a two-seater, dual control, low wing monoplane, with a blue body and yellow wings, has been approved as a training plane by the United States Army, which has ordered 1,000 of the machines. Of the order, 400 planes have been delivered. The Royal Air Force of Canada also plans to purchase a number of the ships for training purposes.

The training plane, powered by a Ranger 6 cylinder, in-line motor, has a top speed of 136 miles an hour, a cruising speed of 120 miles an hour, and its 45-gallon capacity gasoline tanks give it a cruising range of about 500 miles. Pilot Hansen flew here from Hagerstown in 45 minutes.

The front section of the fuselage of the training ship is covered with metal, while the rear half is covered with fabric. Wings are surfaced with plywood, to save metal for combat planes. The plywood is less than one-eighth of an inch in (Continued on page 4)

19 Countians Go To Southern Camp

Transferred From New Cumberland to Center at Spar-tansburg, S. C.

Nineteen members of Centre County's March 27 draft contingent were sent last week to the infantry replacement center at Camp Croft, Spartansburg, S. C. They arrived there at the sorting center on March 28.

The group which was transferred consisted of the following: From the Bellefonte Draft Board, No. 2—Enno J. Drapcho, Clarence, Robert E. Miller, Bellefonte; Willard Clair Hoover, Pine Glen; Sidney Williamson, Phillipsburg; Frederick Gordon, Bellefonte; Carl G. Kellerman, Bellefonte; James L. Haines, Howard; Maxwell R. McClain, Min-

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Pleas Guilty to Hold-up of Hotel Clerk, December 7, 1938

HINT OTHERS MAY HAVE TAKEN PART

Colored Youth Arrested As He Finishes Sentence in Washington, D. C.

Nathaniel Payne, 25, colored, yesterday was sentenced to serve from 4 to 8 years in the Western penitentiary for armed robbery at the Hotel Phillips, Phillipsburg, early on the morning of December 7, 1939.

Sentence was passed by Judge Ivan Walker at a special session of court, after the youth entered a plea of guilty to the charge.

In a statement to the court, Pvt. James H. Griffith, of the Rockview sub-station State Police, prosecutor in the case, said that Payne had made a complete confession to the crime and that he had implicated two accomplices.

In his own behalf, Payne, who was brought here on a detainer from Washington, D. C., where he has just completed a sentence for purse-snatching, said that he "learned his lesson," and that he now knows "right from wrong."

While being taken back to the jail, Payne declared that he's been scolded over the robbery ever since the night it occurred, adding that he's committed his last crime of any kind.

About 3 a. m. on the morning of (Continued on page eight)

Mary Gehret Bride Of Jack Wilkinson

Announcement has been made by Mrs. Ruth Gehret, of East Bishop Street, of the marriage of her daughter, Mary Kathleen, to John Edward Wilkinson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Wilkinson, of North Spring Street. The wedding occurred in Christ Episcopal church, Denton, Md., on March 8, with the Rev. Mr. White, pastor, officiating. Attendants on the couple were Mrs. Robert Foster, of Denton, and Robert Wilkinson, of Harrisburg, sister and brother of the bridegroom. The ceremony was followed by a reception at the Foster home. The bride wore a heavy blue spring suit with white and navy blue accessories, and a corsage of tallman roses. Mrs. Wilkinson was graduated from the Bellefonte High School in the class of 1937 and since then has been employed in the offices of the National Gypsum Company here. Mr. Wilkinson, graduate of the Bellefonte High School, class of 1935 is owner and manager of the Wilkinson stationery store, West High Street. Mr. and Mrs. Wilkinson will live in Bellefonte.

Easter Dance To Be Held Monday

Proceeds Will Go to Support of Dental Clinic in Belle-fonte Schools

Plans have been completed for the Easter dance to be held by the Junior Section of the Bellefonte Woman's Club for the benefit of the dental clinic being held in local schools. The dance will be held at the Penn Belle Hotel from 9 to 1 o'clock Easter Monday, April 14, with George Shekier's orchestra providing music. Tickets will be one dollar a couple.

Proceeds from the dance will go directly toward buying supplies and materials for dental care for children from underprivileged families in Bellefonte schools. Miss Edna Kilpatrick, dental hygienist in the schools, recommends children for treatment at the clinic, and it is hoped to give pupils in the Catholic schools the same services.

Since all supplies and materials must be furnished by the sponsoring group, Women's Club officials point out that liberal patronage at the dance will enable many more children to receive needed dental care.

Spring Mills Girl Injured In Fall

Alyse L. Yarnell, 12-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William I. Yarnell, of Spring Mills, R. D., was admitted to the Centre County Hospital Sunday evening for treatment of a severe laceration of the upper part of the right leg.

The girl was injured when she fell from a haymow Sunday afternoon. The injury is not of a serious nature.

Flood Gauge At Milesburg Seen As Necessity For Control Program

Spring is well on the way, and the danger of disastrous floods has passed, but persons living in the flood areas know that there will be other springs, and future floods.

One organization particularly interested in floods in local schools, the West Branch River Record Bureau, with headquarters in Lock Haven, this group was formed several years ago in an effort to control floods insofar as possible, and to minimize the loss when floods occur.

To this end the organization also has been interested in various counties having streams draining into the Susquehanna River to erect flood gauges, so that in times of high water the exact amount of flood in any specified area can be sent downstream as a warning to other cities and towns.

In compliance with the request, a flood gauge was erected at the iron bridge near the Hartle farm along Spring Creek, southwest of Bellefonte.

A similar gauge was to be erected at the bridge over Bald Eagle Creek near the Wetzel store at Milesburg, but this gauge never was built. The Milesburg gauge is far more important to residents of lower Bald Eagle Valley and Lock Haven than is the Spring Creek gauge, for at Milesburg, Spring Creek and Bald Eagle creek merge. (Continued on page 4)

Limeworker Suffers Injuries of Finger

John Casho, of Bellefonte, R. D. 1, employed as a fireman at the National Gypsum Company lime plant in Buffalo Run Valley, underwent treatment at the Centre County Hospital Saturday, for injuries suffered at the plant.

Casho received lacerations of the middle finger of the right hand when he caught it between a knocking bar and a door of a kiln.