

TO BEGIN WORK ON NEW SCHOOL

158 In Senior Class; Exercises June 5th

Rev. G. E. Householder to Deliver Baccalaureate Sermon, Sunday

MANUAL TRAINING EXHIBIT TO OPEN

Love Auman, Anthony Boscaino Win Junior Oratorical Contest

Plans for the 58th Commencement of the Bellefonte High school released by the school authorities indicate the largest graduating class in the history of the school with 158 names on the senior list.

The first function of the senior class in its program of activities will be the Baccalaureate service which will be held in the Presbyterian church on Sunday evening, June 1, at 7 o'clock, with the Reverend G. E. Householder of the United Brethren church, preaching the Baccalaureate sermon.

Commencement exercises will be held in the Plaza theatre on Thursday, June 5, at 8 o'clock, at which time Dr. John W. Long, president of Williamsport Dickinson Junior College, will deliver the address.

The program is as follows: Music—Orchestra. Processional—Graduating Class. Invocation—Rev. H. C. Stenger. Introductory Remarks—O. F. Soltenberger, principal. Music—Violin Trio. Address—Dr. John W. Long. Music—Senior Chorus. Presentation of Diplomas—Earl K. Stock, supervising principal. Award of Prizes and Honors—Earl K. Stock. Alma Mater—Senior Chorus. Postlude—Orchestra.

Music for the occasion is to be furnished by the Alumni Orchestra under the direction of Mrs. Louis B. Schad. The senior chorus will be conducted by Mrs. Ernest Martin. (Continued on Page 4)

Carpenter Here Dies at Work

Heart Attack Fatal to Abram Bailey; Was Highway Construction Foreman

Abram Miller Bailey, of Bellefonte, native of Centre county, and for many years a well known local carpenter, died suddenly and unexpectedly about 1:30 o'clock Monday afternoon, May 26, 1941, while engaged in repairing a porch at the Charles Harrison home on West Howard street. Death resulted instantaneously from a heart attack.

Mr. Bailey had been under treatment for some time for a heart condition, but apparently was in his usual health. (Continued on page three)

Academy Alumni In Reunion Here

Vote Unanimously to Hold 1942 Event in Bellefonte; Nearly 150 Present

A spontaneous vote to hold the 1942 annual Bellefonte Academy Alumni reunion and dinner in Bellefonte was a highlight of an informal program at the second annual reunion held at the Brockerhoff Hotel Saturday night, when approximately 150 former students, professors, coaches, and friends of the Academy came here from all parts of the east to recall their student days in Bellefonte.

The motion to hold the event here next year was made as informally as the other features on the program. An enthusiastic alumnus broke in on a series of reminiscences to offer the motion, which was promptly seconded. The oral vote taken by Toastmaster John G. Love (Continued on Page 4)

Elks To Conduct Flag Day Service

The annual Flag Day services conducted by the Bellefonte Elks Lodge will be held on Saturday, June 14, at the Community Athletic Field. It was announced yesterday.

Control Forest Fire In Snow Shoe Area

A forest fire in the Snow Shoe area burned over about five miles of brush land early this week before it was put under control by crews which launched a backfire early Tuesday morning. The fire reached alarming proportions Monday afternoon when men from the Wolf Rock and Renovo OCC camps and a number of men from the Snow Shoe-Clarence area were called out. The flames had crossed Beech Creek and headed toward Wallace Run. After the blaze was under control, Tuesday, patrols were established in the area to prevent a fresh outbreak.

While there was some timber in the burned-over area, most of the growth consisted of brush about three or four feet high. A barn on the Kech farm was burned, but no other buildings were lost, according to reports.

2 Injured In Crossing Crash

William J. McMullin, of Millheim, and Miss Mary Siegal, of Spring Mills, Centre county state health nurse, were injured early last Thursday morning when their car struck a freight train on the grade crossing near the Kofman wrecking station at Wingate. Miss Siegal, suffering from a severe laceration of the right arm, a bad bruise of the forehead, and cuts about the face, was admitted to the Centre County Hospital, where yesterday she was reported to be recovering nicely.

Narrowly Escapes Serious Injury

Ford Henry, of Milesburg, employed by the Titan Metal Company here, narrowly escaped serious injury at the plant Thursday morning when a piece of hot metal lodged in his neck near the jugular vein. After receiving first aid treatment at the plant he was taken to the Centre County Hospital dispensary for further treatment.

Boalsburg Child Injured In Crash

A Boalsburg child was injured Thursday night when two cars collided on route 322 in Boalsburg. Damage to the cars totaled about \$50. The injured child was Raymond E. Musser, aged 9, son of George C. Musser. He suffered a slight concussion when his head went through the rear window of his father's sedan.

A car operated by William C. Greene of Tipton, struck the back of the Musser car as the two machines were traveling west, motor police reported. It was raining and visibility was poor, it was said.

Postpone Civil Court Until September Term

Because only one minor case was listed for trial, the May civil court has been postponed until September, in accordance with a court order by Judge Ivan Walker. Civil court was scheduled to have begun on Monday, but since only a single case was scheduled for trial, the court ruled that the amount involved would not warrant the expense attendant upon holding court. The case is a trespass action of Theodore D. Ishler vs. Nevin Struble.

Y. P. H. Meeting, Monday The meeting of the Centre County Young Patrons of Husbandry, which was to have been held Monday, May 26, will be held at 8 p. m. (DST) on Monday, June 2, at Ballersville, it was announced yesterday.

AUCTIONEER



James Gilliland, Jr. (above), of Oak Hall, is the newest recruit to the ranks of Centre County's auctioneers.

Gilliland is a son of Mr. and Mrs. James Gilliland, of Oak Hall, is 21 years old, and received his early education in the schools of Collier and Harris townships. He recently was graduated from the Col. Fred Rappert School of Auctioneering at Decatur, Indiana.

May 10, he made his debut as a Centre county auctioneer when he cried the Mrs. Ida McClellan sale at Linden Hall.

In addition to auctioneering, Gilliland also is a livestock dealer, being engaged in the purchase and sale of all kinds of farm stock.

Wheat Growers Vote Saturday

Centre county wheat growers will vote Saturday on the question of whether they want wheat marketing quotas to be effective for the 1941 crop. The referendum is being held throughout the nation on that date and will be conducted in Centre county by the State Agriculture Conservation Committee, a branch of the Department of Agriculture, with offices in the postoffice building here.

Approximately 350 farmers are eligible to vote in the referendum which will become effective only if it is approved by two-thirds of the eligible voters. In order to be permitted a vote a farmer must have wheat acreage exceeding 15 acres. (Continued on page seven)

Firemen To Hold Booster Days Here

At a recent meeting of the Firemen's Convention committee it was decided that both companies will sponsor a citizens' booster day here every Saturday, as a means of securing additional money for convention prizes. Plans have been completed and this Saturday will be the first of the booster days. Boys will be stationed throughout town with boxes trimmed in red and blue—the convention colors. Each person contributing to the fund will receive a suitable souvenir bearing the inscription "I Am a Booster for the 40th Central District Firemen's Convention, August 15 to 23."

Truck Plows Into House at Snow Shoe

After a collision with another truck at a stop light in Snow Shoe, Monday afternoon, a truck driven by James Hunter, of Williamsport, left the road, went over an embankment and rammed through the summer kitchen of the J. M. Gilliland home. Although no one was in the Gilliland house at the time, a caller left the room into a shambles. Hunter escaped with bruises of the neck and arms.

The other machine involved in the crash at the stop light was driven by William Metcalf, of Snow Shoe, who was uninjured. Damage to Hunter's truck was placed at \$450 and to the other machine, \$50, according to State Motor Police. Damage to the house was estimated at \$250.

School Ground-Breaking Ceremony Here Monday

Following the action of the School Board at its special meeting Tuesday evening, at which time a decision was made to proceed with the construction of the long-awaited new high school building, plans were immediately started for observing the occasion with proper ground-breaking exercises.

Arrangements for the affair had previously been placed in the hands of the Building Committee, Ralph C. Blaney and J. Bosart DeHaas, working with the Supervising Principal and faculty. The time set for the ceremony is Monday afternoon, June 2, at 1:45. All high school and elementary pupils will parade to the site led by the High school band and accompanied by the American Legion Junior Band, and Pifer's Banjo Band.

The program will be in charge of Mr. Blaney, chairman of the committee, following an invocation by Rev. C. E. Arnold of St. John's Lutheran church. Brief remarks will be made by the Committee Chairman, Earl K. Stock, Supervising Principal, and O. F. Soltenberger, High School Principal.

A short address will be delivered by Judge Ivan Walker, following which the actual ground-breaking will take place with Horace J. Hartranft, president of the Board; Miss Mary Grace Hartsock, president of the Senior class, and James Thompson, president of the Student Senate as principal participants.

Members of the School Board and of the Bellefonte Building Corporation, will occupy seats of honor. The citizens of Bellefonte and surrounding communities are cordially invited and urged by the committee to be present for this affair which has finally materialized after several years of strenuous and discouraging effort on the part of the community toward securing a new and adequate school building.

In case of inclement weather the ceremony will be postponed until the same hour on Tuesday.

Funds Now Available; Contracts Approved

The Governor's office in Harrisburg last night reported that the Bellefonte school aid bill, which was scheduled to have been finally acted upon by the Senate and signed by the Governor yesterday afternoon, had not made its appearance on the Governor's desk. Since the School Board and Building Corporation's decision Tuesday night to go ahead with the \$460,000 school construction program, the bill has lost much of its importance. It had before it became known that financial arrangements could be completed regardless of the bill's fate in the Legislature. Its final passage, however, would be looked upon as a further approval of the Bellefonte school financial set-up.

Bellefonte's two-year battle to obtain a new high school building to replace the one destroyed by fire February 13, 1939, was won at a special joint meeting of the School Board and Bellefonte Building Corporation, Tuesday night, when tentative contracts, awarded two months ago were made final.

Ground for the structure, which is to cost a total of \$451,000, will be broken Monday with appropriate ceremonies. With only three days remaining of a 60-day period of grace granted by contractors when financial arrangements could not be completed the opening of bids, March 25, the School Board and Building Corporation, Tuesday had reached a point where inaction probably would have meant that new bids on the work would have had to be sought and awarded.

In addition to consuming many weeks more of valuable time, advertising for new bids probably would have resulted in an increase up to \$30,000 in the total cost of the building. (Continued on Page 4)

BCRR Request Granted by ICC

Permission to abandon its Fairbrook Branch between State College and Tower Station, near Tyngsboro, was granted by the Bellefonte Central Railroad Company this week by the Interstate Commerce Commission. The Company made application in March for permission to abandon the line. Heavy rails salvaged from the road will be used in rebuilding the present road between Bellefonte and State College, officials of the railroad announced. Work on relaying (Continued on page three)

Milk Producers Elect Officers

400 Attend Session at Spring Mills; Harry A. Corman Named President Wednesday evening of last week members of the Eastern Cooperative Milk Producers of Penn's Valley and their families, met at the gymnasium in Spring Mills for their annual get-together and for election of officers for the coming year. The interest taken by the producers (Continued on page seven)

Fire Destroys Barn Near Potters Mills

Fire, believed to have been started by children playing with matches, destroyed a barn on the Mrs. Mary McCool farm near the Red Mill west of Potters Mills, late Monday afternoon. Flames enveloped all parts of the small structure, containing baled hay, before Centre Hall firemen reached the scene. Firemen extinguished fire in trees across the road. The farm is tenanted by Paul Brown.

Only One Civil War Veteran In Centre County

Cyrus M. Walker, 98, of State College, Last Surviving "Boy in Blue"

PREDICTS U. S. WILL ENTER WAR ON AXIS

Aged Warrior Escaped Enemy Bullets; Had Horse Killed in Battle

As Centre County approaches Memorial Day, 1941, only one of the hundreds of Centre County boys who answered Lincoln's call for volunteers during the Civil War, survives.

He is Cyrus Meyer Walker, 98, of State College. Mr. Walker went to war at the age of 18 years. He fought in many of the war's major conflicts; because injured to the sound of bullets whizzing past his head, and during a fierce battle had his horse shot from under him. But he came through the war unscathed.

In recent years taps have sounded for scores of Civil War veterans until today Mr. Walker is the only one remaining in the county. A descendant of one of the County's early pioneer families, his ancestors were among the first settlers of lower Nittany Valley. Walker township was named in their honor.

Mr. Walker is a son of the late Philip and Judith Meyer Walker and was born near Lamar, Clinton (Continued on page seven)

102 Examined For Army Duty

77 Centre County Men Pass Rigid Physical Tests, Monday

In preparation for calls between June 10 and 20 under the Selective Service Act, 102 Centre county men went to Williamsport, Monday, to undergo rigorous U. S. Army physical examinations. Of the total, 77 passed the tests.

Following the day's trip to Williamsport, the county contingent returned home, to settle their civilian affairs in readiness for calls to service next month. Local Board No. 2, Bellefonte, sent 57 men, of whom five were found fit for limited service only, while nine others were rejected. Local Board No. 1, State College, sent 45 men, of whom four were rejected. (Continued on page six)

Lightning Hits Bellefonte Man

Escapes Serious Injury As Bolt Enters National Gypsum Co. Building

Joseph Herman, of East Curtin Street, of Bellefonte, employe of the National Gypsum Company, narrowly escaped serious injury or death during a severe thunder storm last Thursday afternoon which brought an end to a period of unusually warm weather in the county. Lightning caused other damage in the County.

Herman, Bayard Magee, superintendent of the National Gypsum Company here, and other employes including James Kelley, Martin Ardery, Lloyd Sampel, Clarence Cherrity, David Bathurst, Robert Cressley and Samuel Zerby were holding a safety meeting in a small office building at Plant No. 3 in Buffalo Run Valley, when lightning entered the building. The bolt burned out wiring and fuses in the building, scorched the wooden flooring and struck Herman, who was rendered semi-conscious for a short time. He also was (Continued on page seven)

Woman's Democratic Club Rally, June 2nd

The State College Woman's Democratic Club will hold a county-wide rally at the Gleason Farm, in Patton township, along the Buffalo Run Valley Road, at 8 p. m. (DST) Monday, June 2. Guest speakers will include Henry A. Brockerhoff, of Bellefonte; Altony William W. Litke, Bellefonte, and Carson Meris, head of the Farm Security Bureau at Penn State College. Games, refreshments and a social hour will follow the meeting. The public is cordially invited.

May Develop New Lime Industry Here

New Sunoco Dealer



KENNETH G. HAINES, Centre county's representative in the General Assembly and for the past seven years a member of the faculty of the State College High school, Monday tendered his resignation from the teaching post to become operator of the new Sun Oil Company super-service station, on the site of the former Brandt Hotel, corner of Allegheny and Bishop streets, Bellefonte.

Haines, for four years head coach of the State College High school football team, has been on leave of absence from his school duties since last fall. He will continue in his post as Assemblyman. A graduate of Penn State in the class of 1928, Haines taught for a (Continued on page three)

Thomasville Concern Buys 157 Acres in Buffalo Run Valley

ADJOINS PROPERTY OF GYPSUM COMPANY

Final Action Depends on Results of Exploration Now Under Way

The Thomasville Stone and Lime Company, with headquarters in Thomasville, Pa., last week purchased from Mr. and Mrs. Howard Watson, a 157 acre tract of land in Buffalo Run Valley west of the holdings of the National Gypsum Company, with the expectation of opening a lime industry here.

H. D. Brigstocke, vice president of the Thomasville concern, and who at one time was connected with the former Chemical Lime Company of Bellefonte, confirmed the purchase of the tract, but indicated that no plans for development have been made since exploration of the property has not been completed.

The Thomasville industry has been in the lime and limestone business at Thomasville for more than 35 years. Officers of the company, in addition to Mr. Brigstocke, are: D. List Warner, president and treasurer; E. E. Cooke, vice president and general manager, and C. H. Trone, assistant treasurer.

The tract involved is located, roughly, between the Valley View road and the right-of-way of the Bellefonte Central Railroad. The same vein of limestone in which the National Gypsum Company is now working is believed to underlie the property. The consideration involved in the real estate transaction was \$11,300, according to records at the County Recorder's office.

Memorial Concert By Legion Band

Annual Event to be Held Sunday; Acrobatic Baton Twirler to be Featured

The annual Memorial Day concert of the State Champion American Legion Junior Band of Bellefonte will be presented Sunday at 4 p. m. at the Community Athletic Field.

A varied program has been arranged by the Director, Olin F. Butt, and will include marches, novelty numbers, sacred selections, and a medley of World War songs. The program is arranged with the thought of demonstrating to the public the advances made by this organization in the past year. A feature of this year's concert will be an exhibition of acrobatic baton twirling by Edna Anderson, of the class of 1934 of Pennsylvania State College. Mr. Anderson is the first freshman drum major ever to be selected for the Blue Band. He (Continued on page seven)

Car Tears Off Porch of Beech Creek Home

The porch at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harold C. Carter, who live across the street from the Beech Creek school, was completely torn off Monday shortly after noon by a car which left the road, narrowly missed a tree and Beech Creek school children returning to their classes, before smashing the porch. As a result of the crash, John Packer, Orviston, was arrested by the State Motor Police and will face charges before Justice of the Peace George F. Hess at a hearing. Neither Packer nor his brother, W. H. Packer, who was with him, were injured.

Circus Coming To Bellefonte

The circus is coming! Monday, June 2, is the date, Mills Bros. combined 3-ring show is the circus and Hughes Athletic Field East Bishop Street, Bellefonte, is the place. The circus is being brought to Bellefonte by the Central District Firemen's Convention. The firemen will receive a 50 per cent share of the advance sale of tickets. The admission will be 25 cents for children and 50 cents for adults. Through special arrangements made by the firemen, school students may purchase tickets from their teacher (Continued on page three)

Charley Baney, Horse and Wagon, Enjoy Holiday

Charles Baney, Bellefonte street caretaker, and his horse and wagon had a vacation Friday afternoon. The wagon, on which most of the debris on Bellefonte's streets eventually takes a ride, spent the afternoon in the stable, resting as only a wagon can rest. Charlie motored the horse, bareback, and galloped proudly over the same streets he and the horse spend most of their time keeping clean. It was Charlie's first horseback ride in 80 years. The horse, which usually droops sleepily while "at work," held its head high, stepped lightly, and pranced sideways like a cavalry steed. It was a great outing.