

COLLEGE WOMAN VICTIM OF ATTACK

Unknown Assailant Inflicts Head Wounds

State Police Head Arrives to Take Charge of Investigation

VICTIM BROUGHT TO COUNTY HOSPITAL

Mrs. Ernest J. Teichert Struck Down Near Home Late Tuesday

While the victim of Centre county's latest attack by an unknown assailant underwent observation and treatment at the Centre County Hospital here yesterday afternoon, the Pennsylvania State Police organization's ace "murder squad" under the personal direction of Col. Lynn G. Adams, launched an intensive manhunt in the State College area.

The victim, Mrs. Bonna Teichert, 31, wife of Ernest J. Teichert, Penn State extension supervisor in the mineral industries department, is reported to be suffering from a laceration of the forehead and possible head and jaw injuries. X-ray examinations had not been completed late yesterday. Her condition is described as being "good."

Mrs. Teichert was returning alone to her home at 238 East Irvine avenue, State College, about 11 o'clock Tuesday night when she saw her 4-year-old daughter's tricycle on the sidewalk. She dragged the toy down the driveway at the side of the home, and had nearly reached the garage when a man appeared "from nowhere" and struck her on the head with some object.

Mrs. Teichert lapsed into unconsciousness. (Continued on page three)

Record Group Enters U. S. Army

63 Men From Centre County Inducted; Next Group to Leave Late in June

Following the induction of 63 men, Monday, the largest county contingent since Selective Service began, both Centre county draft boards are well on their way toward preparations for the next mass examination at Williamsport.

Officials reported that the embarkation by bus of 62 selectees to New Cumberland at one to Ft. Meade, Md., where they will receive uniforms and begin their year's training went off "without a hitch" early Monday.

Order numbers of the July quota may possibly be lower than in yesterday's, particularly for the State College board, because of the influx of previously-deferred students. Local Board No. 1 already has 27 men classified and ready for Army examinations.

In addition, 40 more registrants underwent primary check-ups by State College physicians and 21 were examined by the Millheim physician this afternoon. Nine others registered at State College are being (Continued on page 6)

Milesburg Firemen's Carnival This Week

The Milesburg Fire Company will hold a festival on the Milesburg school grounds on Friday and Saturday, June 13 and 14.

The featured entertainment Friday night will be the Hoosier Corn Huskers' radio entertainers from station WRAC, Williamsport. Saturday a Little German Band from Lehigh Valley will entertain.

Attractive prizes, including a 32-piece dinner set, will be awarded an entertainment and refreshments of all kinds will be on sale.

Proceeds of the carnival will go toward the indebtedness the fire company incurred in the purchase of a new pumper.

Eyebrow Transformed Into Place of Beauty In 'Friendship Garden'

Transformation of a drab and rock-strewn gully into a terraced garden which is partly formal, and partly wild-fashioned garden, is a minor miracle which will be open to the inspection of Bellefonte people in the near future.

Rockview Fugitive Gets 5 to 10 Years

Louis Fisher, 20, who escaped from Rockview penitentiary last April 10, and who was apprehended in Texarkana, Arkansas, May 26 when he failed to register for the draft, was sentenced to serve 5 to 10 years in the Western penitentiary when he pleaded guilty to the escape charge Monday morning before Judge Ivan Walker.

Fisher had nothing to say before sentence was pronounced.

According to Deputy Warden C. C. Rhoads, of Rockview, Fisher and William Hollenbaugh, 18, escaped about 6:45 a. m., May 26 by scaling the prison stockade. Hollenbaugh is still at large.

At the time of his bid for freedom Fisher was serving 5 to 10 years on a charge of malicious injury to railroads and carrying concealed weapons, having been sentenced in Fayette county.

Boy Drowns In Whipple Dam

Alpha Firemen Recover Body of CCC Member After 3-Hour Search

Alfred Joseph Figarella, 18, son of Anthony Figarella, of Williamsburg, R. D. 2, Blair County, and a member of the Owl's Gap CCC camp, was drowned in Whipple's Dam about 8 o'clock Sunday night when he fell from a raft.

His body was recovered shortly after midnight by three members of the Alpha Fire Company, State College, after a three-hour search with grappling hooks.

Figarella, who could not swim, had been with a raft with a number of fellow members of CCC camp 8-69. (Continued on page 4)

Plan Fireworks Display on Fourth

Philip Saylor Heads Committee for Annual Event at Community Athletic Field

The Bellefonte Chamber of Commerce again will sponsor a community fireworks display here on July 4, according to an announcement made this week.

The event is scheduled to be held on the Community athletic field at 9 p. m. (DST) on the Fourth. The Bellefonte Junior Legion Band will play an hour's concert, beginning at 8 p. m. Last year more than 5000 persons gathered at the field to witness the display—the only one held in (Continued on page three)

Brewer Coal Company Buys Coal Land Tract

The J. O. Brewer Coal Company of Bellefonte, has purchased a tract of coal property, consisting of two veins, the "C" and "B" veins from the Claude Flood estate, near Karthaus.

The "C" vein is 36 inches in height and the "B" vein is 37 inches. The tract involved in the purchase is about 128 acres in extent.

The Brewer company has let the contract for the opening and operation of the mine to Jacob Hazzard and Blanchard Fye. Operations have begun and a shaft has been sunk.

Future Farmers to Meet Future Farmers' Week will be held at the Pennsylvania State College, June 19 to 18. It will include statewide judging contests.

June 18 New Date for NLRB Hearing

The National Labor Relations Board hearing in the Whitlock Quarries case, scheduled to have been held in the Bellefonte court room today, June 12, has been postponed until Wednesday, June 18, it was reported yesterday.

Inmate Ends Life In Cell At Rockview

Was Scheduled to Be Given Freedom on September 9

CAPTAIN OF GUARDS DISCOVERS TRAGEDY

Leaves Three Notes; No Reason Assigned for Suicide

A Rockview prison inmate whose minimum term would have expired the following day, was found dead in his cell in the main cellblock of the prison early Sunday evening.

The victim was Ray Grist, 28, of Scottsdale, who was serving 1 1/2 to 3 years on a larceny charge. His minimum term would have expired Monday, and he had recently been informed that he would be released from prison on good behavior, September 9, this year.

Discovery of Grist's lifeless body was made by A. E. May, captain of the guards, while on patrol of the main cell block about 7:30 o'clock Sunday night. The body was still limp, indicating that death had occurred only a short time before. The man apparently had looped a rawhide belt around his neck, and fastened the other end about one of the top bars of the cell door.

Dr. J. W. Claudy, superintendent of the prison, said he was at a loss to account for the suicide. He said he had seen Grist in the prison yard that morning, had spoken to him in passing, and that he appeared normal in every respect. He had been employed as a laborer both inside and outside the stockade, and had never given any trouble, officials said.

In Grist's cell block were found three notes: one addressed to his mother; another addressed to a Dr. Cole, who is believed to have been (Continued on page eight)

Lime Worker Victim of Gas

Overcome by Fumes Following Dynamite Blast; Undergoes Treatment

Overcome by fumes following a dynamite shot in the mine of the National Gypsum Company, in Buffalo Run Valley near Bellefonte, Tuesday afternoon, Richard Davis, aged about 25, of Central City, was brought to the Centre County Hospital.

The man, discharged from the institution about noon yesterday, responded readily to treatment and is reported to show no ill effects from his experience.

Davis, employed in the development of a new pocket at the mine, entered the pocket after a charge of dynamite had been set off, allowing the usual time for the mine ventilation system to carry off the fumes from the blast.

It is believed that because of its location, the fumes hung in the pit longer than is usually the case. Davis, upon lapsing into unconsciousness, was immediately taken to the surface by fellow employees and at the hospital was placed in an oxygen tent for a time.

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NLRB attorney Robert Kleeb of Pittsburgh, who represented union interests during the Titan Metal Company hearing some time ago, is expected to act as attorney for Whitlock workers.

COUNTY ATTORNEYS TO OBSERVE HALF-HOLIDAYS

The Centre County Bar Association, at a dinner and meeting at the Nittany Country Club, Friday night, voted to close all county law offices Wednesday and Saturday afternoons from now until the September term of court, it was reported yesterday by former Judge James C. Furst, president of the county association.

Gifford Wright, former president of the Pennsylvania State Bar Association, was the principal speaker at the dinner.

Two Bellefonte Students Graduate From Dickinson

Franklin K. Stevens and Delbert M. Francis



FRANKLIN K. STEVENS

Two students from Bellefonte are members of the class which was graduated from Dickinson College, Carlisle, on Monday, June 9.

They are: Franklin K. Stevens, son of Dr. R. L. Stevens, and Mrs. Stevens, East Curtin street, and Delbert M. Francis, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Francis, East Bishop street.

Francis was a member of the 1940 Microcosm staff, the college yearbook, as well as varsity swimming manager. Both are members of Phi Kappa Sigma social fraternity. (Continued on page eight)

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Banjo Band to Visit Niagara To Dedicate Youth Center

65-Piece Organization to Take Part in National Contests; Leave July 8

The train leaving Lock Haven at 2:47 a. m. July 8 will have aboard the 65-piece Bellefonte Banjo Band, accompanied by 20 parents of members, enroute to Niagara Falls.

During the three-day stay there the band will compete with 50 or 60 other fretted instrument groups for national honors. Other features of the trip will include a visit to Canada, viewing the falls at night, a grand ball and children's party at the Hotel Niagara, parade through the streets of Niagara Falls and participation in the Mutual Broadcasting Company broadcast in which over 1000 players will take part, playing the specially written march, "Voice of Niagara." The band also will have breakfast at the Shredded Wheat Company plant.

V. H. Pifer, director of the band, visited Niagara Falls last week making plans for the trip. He reports that members are working hard in the hope of winning a cup in their first national contest.

Expenses of the trip, as in the Wildwood, N. J., and New York World's Fair trips, four and two years ago, respectively, will be borne by the band treasury.

Democratic Women To Meet, Tuesday

The regular monthly meeting of the Women's Democratic Club of Centre county will be held Tuesday evening, June 17, at the home of the vice chairman, Miss Maud Miller, Pennsylvania Furnace.

The guest speaker of the evening will be the Honorable Ruth Oring, lecturer of Lancaster. Other prominent speakers will be present. Cars will leave the headquarters at West Bishop street, Bellefonte, at 7 o'clock p. m. (DST).

SHERMAN LOWERY IS INJURED IN ACCIDENT

Sherman Lowery, 45, of Purdue Mountain, north of Cobville, is in the Centre County Hospital receiving treatment for injuries suffered in a motor accident. He was admitted to the hospital about 6 p. m. last Thursday after an accident to a car said to have been operated by LeRoy Fritz of Purdue Mountain.

Lowery suffered lacerations of the chest, laceration of the abdomen, and cuts of the right ankle and one of his fingers. His condition is not regarded as serious.

TWO COWS DIE AS RESULT OF MOTOR ACCIDENT

H. Kenneth Sauters of State College escaped with minor bruises about 5 o'clock Friday night when his car struck three cows about two miles east of Boalsburg.

One cow was killed outright, one had to be destroyed, and one was badly hurt. The car was damaged to an estimated extent of \$350. The cows, belonging to G. Rufus Snarer, were being driven across the road at a cattle-crossing when they were struck. Value of the cows was estimated at \$100 each.

Be sure to attend the bid Auction Sale at Claster's, Water Street, Bellefonte, Pa., Saturday June 14th, at 1:30 P. M. Doors, Windows, screens, roofing, etc., will be sold. Sale rain or shine.

Crash Victim Is Recovering From Injuries

Benford Injuries Listed as Fracture of Two Vertebrae, Thumb

FUNERAL SERVICES FOR WIFE AND SON

Scores of Floral Tributes; Nearly 800 Visit Funeral Home

After a grim battle of nearly a week against injuries which for a time threatened to prove fatal, William J. Benford, well known resident of Bellefonte who was injured in an accident last Wednesday in which his wife and son were killed, yesterday was reported to be showing gradual improvement.

Mr. Benford, a patient in the Harrisburg Hospital, is suffering from two broken vertebrae, one in the neck and the other in the back, and from a fracture of one thumb. It has been definitely determined that he was not injured internally, and prospects are bright for his recovery.

The patient, unconscious much of the time, and irrational at other times for the first five days after the crash near Harrisburg, is now rational, members of the family reported yesterday.

Meanwhile, Saturday afternoon, funeral services were held at the Bellefonte United Brethren church for Mrs. Benford and son, William, who died instantly when the family car collided head-on with a truck-trailer while the Benfords were enroute to Harrisburg on a business mission. The church was taxed to capacity to accommodate the large throng of relatives, friends, and acquaintances who went to pay their last respects.

The services were in charge of the family minister, the Rev. G. E. Householder, pastor of the Bellefonte United Brethren church, and the sermon was delivered by the Rev. E. G. Sawyer, of Mount Pleasant, who is a close personal friend of Mr. Benford and who was the (Continued on page seven)

Suggests New School Policy

May Ask Resignation of Married Teachers; Action is Deferred

The Bellefonte school board may act soon to request married women teachers to resign, it was indicated at a regular board meeting Monday night when motions to that effect were offered by board member Franklin B. Schadt.

Schadt presented two motions, but action on both of them was deferred until a later meeting.

One motion is to the effect that all married women teachers whose husbands earn more than \$100 monthly be asked to resign. The other provides that no married women be allowed to act as substitute teachers unless their husbands earn less than \$100 a month, or unless all single teachers on the substitute list are unable to serve for any reason.

The motions, apparently coming (Continued on page eight)

23 to Apply For U. S. Citizenship

Naturalization Court Scheduled Here Monday; Others to be Examined

The following 23 persons will appear in Naturalization Court before Judge Ivan Walker, on Monday, June 16, at 9 a. m. (EST) for final hearing on petitions for naturalization:

- Angelo Catalano, Bellefonte, R. D.; Edna May Gullett, Sybil E. Lidgeman, Hans Hermann Neuberger, Helen B. Robinson, all of State College; Alfred Ernest Goehring, Elizabeth Mary Harris, Harry Forbes, Aiga Krebs, all of Philadelphia; Pawel Peter Ceplich, George A. Kulon, Katarzyna Vozniak, George Pincak, John E. Panick, all of Clarence; Peter Marzko, Della Unick, Basil Tomka, William Kautels, Frank Yonika, Anastasya Wasylko, Jan Swincinski, Mary Olenoski, all of Osceola Mills, and Franz Krakuska, of Munson.

In addition to the above named persons, the Naturalization Examiner has notified other persons who have petitions pending to appear for examination, and whatever further action the Examiner deems necessary.

June 24th Date Set for Highway Opening

Few Welfare Pledges; Officials Alarmed

Officials of the Bellefonte Community Welfare Fund are seriously concerned over the deficiency of pledges in the current campaign for funds to support Bellefonte's eleven charities during the coming year.

The drive is approximately \$5,000 short of the minimum goal, only \$14,000 of the needed \$19,000 being subscribed to date.

Officials yesterday declared bluntly that unless more funds are forthcoming soon, it will be necessary to return to the former troublesome and annoying method of conducting individual campaigns for each of the institutions.

Persons who have been misled by solicitors are asked to send their contributions or pledges directly to the fund offices in the Y. M. C. A. building. Those who have already submitted pledges are asked to consider increasing their contributions this year.

Camp Owners Discuss Ouster

W. P. Sieg Heads Committee to Represent 'Campers' on Tract

Fifteen owners of cottages on a 13,000-acre tract of land along Fishing Creek met at the Titan Metal Camp "Hateleavesett" Sunday night to discuss the proposed taking over of the lands by the State Game Commission.

The State is seeking the tract, now owned by the Pittsburgh Coal Company, presumably for use as a State Game preserve. In that event, it is believed, most if not all privately owned cottages would have to be moved from the site.

A highlight of the meeting, Sunday, was the naming of a three-man (Continued on page 6)

Parochial School Holds Graduation

19 Receive Diplomas for Completing Grade Work; Prizes Are Awarded

Commencement exercises for 19 students of St. John's Parochial school, Bellefonte, were held Friday night in St. John's church, East Bishop street, Rt. Rev. Monsignor William E. Downes, pastor of the church, awarded diplomas and prizes as follows:

Ten dollars given by Knights of Columbus, to the senior boy and girl with highest average, Richard Kelleher, Agnes Rackoski; \$5 by Mrs. J. C. Rogers to senior boy and girl for second highest average, John DeLallo, Grace Scibilia; \$2 by Catholic Daughters of America for highest conduct mark during the year, Mary Augusta Shoemaker. Also \$8 awarded by Catholic Daughters of America for catechism to a member of each grade: first grade, Mary Emily Damm; second, Dolores Boscano; third, Louise (Continued on page three)

Gas Company Adds to Boiler Equipment

A new 105-horsepower steam boiler has been delivered to the plant of the Central Pennsylvania Gas Company and is now being installed. Two similar boilers were a part of the original plant equipment.

All of the gas manufactured at Axemann is pumped to Bellefonte, State College and Centre Hall. As the cooking load increases periods of maximum "send out" are definitely established. One such period occurs at 11:30 a. m. and another at 4:30 in the afternoon.

It is to handle this demand for power that the new boiler is being installed.

Centre County Shows Increase in Production and Employment

The report of productive industries in Centre county, released by the Department of Internal Affairs, shows a decided gain in employment, wages paid and production during 1940 over the previous year.

The seventy-eight business establishments in the county reported 4,077 persons employed, a gain of 585 over 1939. Of this total employment, 3,712 were wage earners and 365 salaried employees. 3,641 were of the white race, 6 colored and 63 foreigners. It is interesting to note that in 1939 there were 225 foreigners employed.

\$10 Cash Prize Offered for Best Name Suggested by Public

NAME CONTEST TO CLOSE ON JUNE 21

Bellefonte, College Commerce Groups Plan Ceremonies

In anticipation of the formal opening of the new Bellefonte-State College highway which has been set for Tuesday, June 24, the Chambers of Commerce of Bellefonte and State College this week announced plans for an opening ceremony.

A highlight of the highway opening will be a contest, in which the public will be given an opportunity of selecting an appropriate name for the road. Each of the two Chambers of Commerce has posted an award of \$5, making a total prize of \$10 for the person who chooses the winning name.

Entries must be signed and sent to the Chamber of Commerce, Bellefonte, or the Commerce Club, State College. The contest is now open, and will close at midnight, Saturday, June 21. The suggestions will be judged by a committee composed of the mayors of Bellefonte and State College and two members each from the Commerce Chambers of the two towns, with an official of Rockview penitentiary serving as the seventh member of the judicial committee.

Any person may send as many (Continued on page seven)

Flag Day Speaker



WILBUR G. WARNER

The carnival being sponsored here this weekend by the Bellefonte Fire department, for the benefit of the convention fund, will reach its climax Saturday when firemen from all parts of Central Pennsylvania will gather here to participate in Flag Day ceremonies sponsored by the Bellefonte Elks Club.

The Flag Day speaker will be Wilbur G. Warner, of Lehighton Lodge, Lehighton, vice president of the Pennsylvania Elks Association.

The carnival opened at the high school playgrounds, North Spring street, last night following a parade of local firemen and visiting companies from the nearby area. "The Great Diplo," aerial acrobat, originally scheduled as a free attraction (Continued on page 4)

Marsh Creek Youth Held In Car Theft

Floyd Ward, 16, of Marsh Creek, north of Howard, was committed to the Centre county jail Monday afternoon on charges of larceny of an automobile, after a hearing before Squire Harold D. Cowher, of East Bishop street, Bellefonte. He pleaded guilty to the charge and was placed under \$500 bail for his appearance at court.

Ward is charged with stealing a car belonging to Raymond Rogers on June 5 and keeping it for three days. The car was recovered by Rogers' brother, Irvin Rogers.