

FORMER LOCAL GIRL IS ATTACKED

In Serious Condition From Skull Fracture

Miss Dorothy Peters, 15, Lock Haven, Waylaid on Main Street

SUFFERS CUTS AND BRUISES OF HEAD

Father Formerly Conducting Peters Auto Wrecking Service Near Here

The condition of Miss Dorothy Peters, 15, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Peters, of Lock Haven, former well known residents of the Bellefonte area, who was brutally attacked on a Lock Haven street late Monday night, late yesterday was reported to be "very serious."

The girl, suffering from a fractured skull and cuts and bruises about the head and face, remains in a semi-conscious condition at the Lock Haven Hospital. She has been unable to give a coherent account of the attack.

The victim is well known in the Bellefonte, Pleasant Gap, and Millbrook areas. For a number of years her father conducted an auto wrecking plant near the fish hatchery between Bellefonte and Pleasant Gap, and the family resided in a home near the car plot.

Later they lived in Millbrook, where Mr. Peters was engaged in (Continued on page six)

Alpha Firemen Plan Celebration

Many Attractions Scheduled For Annual 3-Day July 4th Carnival

The Alpha Fire Company has promised State College its biggest Fourth of July celebration in years with release of a three-day program of activities.

The program will open Thursday evening, July 3, on the South Allen street midway, continue all day Friday, the Fourth of July, and close Saturday night. Ordinarily, the celebration ends on the Fourth but with July 5 a Saturday, the celebration will be continued an extra day.

As usual, the Fourth is the big day. This year, activities will start with the Soapbox Derby for boys 8 to 12 years of age, inclusive. Rules stipulate that the racers must be built by the boys and must not cost (Continued on page three)

Milesburg Grocer Gets Bogus Check

V. O. High, Milesburg grocer, was victimized by a bogus check passer who left a series of worthless checks in central Pennsylvania during May and early in June.

Mr. High cashed a check for \$55 on June 8, Rockview State Police report. Like similar checks passed in Greensburg, Lewistown and Mt. Union, the check bore the name of the Mellon National Bank as the depository, and the Standard Oil Company as the payee. The check was made payable to John Walters and was signed J. W. Mills.

The main cashing of the checks is described as between 35 and 40 years old, is 5 feet, 11 inches tall, weighs about 185 pounds. His complexion is dark and he has dark hair. His victims for the most part have been grocers, from whom he purchases a number of articles.

Charged With Theft of Railroad Material

Charged with the larceny of material belonging to the Bellefonte Central Railroad Co., Frederick Peters, of near Tyrone, was placed under bail for court at a hearing before Squire E. J. Ross, of near Warriors Mark, last Thursday night.

Peters is charged with stealing a quantity of tie plates and other material piled along the right-of-way while the Fairbrook Branch is being dismantled. Company officials reported that prosecutions will be instituted against all persons trespassing on the property while the work is in progress.

Investigate Robbery of Service Station

Rockview state police are investigating a robbery at the Kenneth Miller service station, near the Titan Metal Co. plant, Bellefonte. The station was broken into last Thursday night between 10:30 and 11:30 o'clock. Entrance was gained by removing a window. Cigarettes, tobacco and candy valued at about \$3 were stolen. The theft was discovered by persons living nearby, police said.

Truck-Trailer Upsets On Coleville Road

A large truck-trailer outfit owned by the Ward Trucking Company, Altoona, and loaded with about six tons of groceries, ran off the road and upset near Coleville about 10 o'clock Friday morning.

The wrecking truck from Kofman & Co., Bellefonte, with five men under the direction of Edward Kofman, righted the truck early the same afternoon after unloading its cargo. Total damage was estimated at about \$300.

According to reports the truck had made a stop at the National Gypsum Company plant in Buffalo Run Valley and was headed toward Bellefonte when the driver, in attempting to avoid a tree which overhangs the road, lost control of the machine.

W. Blain Port Seriously Hurt

Local Tailor and Wife In Hospital; Car Overturns Near Elk Haven

W. Blain Port, 49, of East Howard street, well known Bellefonte tailor, remained in critical condition at the Centre County Hospital here yesterday as the result of internal injuries received about 1:40 o'clock Sunday morning when the car in which he was a passenger overturned near Elk Haven, west of Port Matilda.

Mrs. Port, also in the hospital, is suffering from bruises and a possible pelvic injury. Her condition is not serious.

J. H. Fulton, 61, of State College, and Mrs. B. Hassinger, 35, of Spring Street, Bellefonte, both also passengers in the car, received scalp lacerations. The driver of the car, James McDyer, 46, of East College Avenue, State College, were not injured.

The group was enroute home from attending the Western Pennsylvania Moose Convention at Tyrone when, according to police, McDyer became excited after being forced off the highway by blinding lights of oncoming traffic. The car, which overturned, was damaged to the extent of about \$200.

Mr. Port was brought to the hospital in an ambulance from Tyrone, while Mrs. Port was brought to the institution by Patsy Torsell, of Bellefonte, who passed the accident scene.

Joe Venuti to Play At Hecla, July 4th



Joe Venuti, who is appearing with his orchestra at Hecla Park on Friday, July 4, is known as the hottest fiddle player in the world. Since the early days when he played with Paul Whiteman, Venuti is the violinist musicians talk about when they have a "Bull session."

When Roger Wolf Kahn assembled his famous orchestra he picked the top notch musician on every instrument and modeled them into what might be termed "the all star orchestra." Such well-known stars as Frank Trumbauer, Miff Mole, Red Nichols and Bix Beiderbecke (Continued on Page 4)

Meyer Named Head of College Democrats

State College Democrats met on Monday night and elected Marlon B. Meyer chairman of the party and Mrs. E. M. Grove, secretary. L. D. Fye announced his candidacy for tax collector at the meeting. A committee appointed to select candidates to run for the positions of Burgess, councilman, and school director is made up of William Litke, Mrs. E. M. Grove, William M. Garner, John N. Krumrine, Dr. A. A. Donahue, and A. L. Bowersox.

Festival Queen



MARY GRACE HARTSOCK Mary Grace Hartsock, 17, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul W. Hartsock, of East Bishop street, was crowned queen of Wellsboro's fourth annual Inlustrate Laurel Festival at Wellsboro last Thursday night.

Thirty-four other young women from Pennsylvania and New York vied for the title of Queen at the Laurel Ball in the Penn Wells Hotel. Miss Lorraine Wyian, of Endicott, N. Y., was runnerup. Miss Hartsock's escort was Richard Valentine, son of Mrs. S. E. Valentine, of North Allegheny street, Bellefonte.

The coronation of the Queen took place on the stage of the Arcadia theatre, closing event in a 14-hour program of entertainment that drew thousands to Wellsboro and to Pennsylvania's Grand Canyon at nearby Harrison State Park.

Miss Hartsock received a cash prize of \$100 and a silver cup. The \$100, she said, will go toward her education at Penn State College, which she expects to enter this fall. She will major in chemistry. (Continued on page eight)

Kiwanians Hear Talk On 'Courts'

Bellefonte Club Listens to Interesting Address by Roy Wilkinson, Jr.

The Various Courts of Pennsylvania was the subject of an interesting discussion before the Kiwanis Club at Tuesday's meeting. The speaker was Roy Wilkinson, Jr., who is engaged now in the practice of law in Bellefonte after serving a year as clerk to Judge Stern, of the Superior Court.

Law, Mr. Wilkinson stated, is the regulation of the conduct of individuals in relation to others. Courts have been originated, therefore, to settle disputes. There are two kinds of courts in the broad analysis, the criminal, which deals with the relations of the individual to the state. (Continued on page three)

Draft Registration Tuesday, July 1st

Tuesday, July 1, is the date for all men in the United States who have become 21 years old since last October 1, to register under the Selective Service Act.

The Registration places for persons in the area served by Centre County Local Board No. 2, with headquarters in Bellefonte, will be at the Bellefonte and Philipsburg post-offices.

In the event any person within the age classification is unable to appear July 1 to register, he should get in touch with his local board immediately and special arrangements will be made for registration. The penalty for failure to register is severe.

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Former Bellefonte Youth Aboard Ill-Fated Submarine

Among the crew of 33 men aboard the obsolete U. S. Navy submarine O-9 which plunged to the bottom of the sea off Portsmouth, N. H., during a test dive last Friday, and which was given up as lost when its hull was found resting in 440 feet of water, was Chester Lee Miller, 24, son of a former well known Bellefonte woman.

Miller, widely known in Bellefonte where he spent his youth, and where he visited in December and again in April this year, had a number of relatives in the Bellefonte-Milesburg area.

His mother was the former Elizabeth McMullin, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Oscar McMullin. She was united in marriage with Lee Miller, who for some years was telegraph operator in Bellefonte. When their son, Lee, was aged about 5 years, Mr. Miller died, and Mrs. Miller subsequently married R. C. Trostle, of Harrisburg, a railroad fireman. The Trostles live in Harrisburg.

Miller joined the Navy four years ago over the protests of his mother who had to sign his papers because he was under age. He was stationed at Hawaii on the U. S. S. Pensacola, from which he transferred to submarine duty last Christmas.

His mother and step-father first heard the news of the submarine sinking through the radio and later received verification from the Navy.

Board Chooses Morton Smith Three Teachers Will Retire

Three new teachers were elected for the Bellefonte schools' special meeting of the school board Monday night.

Miss Jean Elizabeth Kunes, of Blanchard, was named first grade teacher. Mrs. Margaret Cooney Williams, of Bellefonte, was chosen as teacher in the elementary grades, and Miss Sarah Beatrice Masteller of Pottsville, was elected to a berth in the commercial department.

Miss Kunes was educated in the Blanchard schools; graduated from the Lock Haven High school in the class of 1934, and from Lock Haven State Teachers' College in 1939. She was interested in the Y. W. C. A., dramatics, nature study and music at the teachers' college, and was a member of Sigma Sigma Sigma sorority. For the past three years she has been teaching the first and (Continued on Page 7)

Local Firemen Win Awards In Parades

The Undine Fire Company, Bellefonte, won first prize for the best-appearing equipment in the Diamond Jubilee Celebration parade at Emporium, Friday. The company, which was accompanied by the Bellefonte Banjo Band, received a prize of \$20. The Undine's equipment was rated by judges at 100 per cent, according to reports.

In the Volunteer Firemen's parade at Tyrone, held in connection with the Moose convention in that city last week, Bellefonte's two fire companies captured major honors.

The Logan Fire Company was awarded the prize for the best-appearing company and the Undines won the award for the largest company in line and also for the best-appearing truck. All awards were for \$10.

The American Legion Band, Bellefonte, led the Undines at the head of the parade, while the Logans were accompanied by the Bellefonte High School Band.

Gregg Carnival To Be Held July 4 & 5

Plans have been completed for the fourth annual Gregg Township Civic Club carnival to be held at Spring Mills, Friday and Saturday, July 4 and 5.

The 73-piece Spring Mills Band will be present each evening while two troupes of radio entertainers have been booked as added attractions. The Tyrone Sisters, of radio station WRAC will be present Friday night, and on Saturday the Royal Entertainers, of station WKOK, Sunbury, are scheduled to appear.

Refreshments of all kinds will be available on the grounds and a number of gifts are to be distributed among the crowd each night, the carnival committee announced.

Child Gets Corn In Nose

Louise Kerttner, aged 7, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Guy W. Kerttner, of Coburn, was brought to the Centre County Hospital, Friday, for removal of a grain of corn from each of her nostrils. The kernels were inhaled while she was playing in corn, it was reported.

Bills Outline Procedure for Birth Records

Expect Early Enactment of Law to Aid in Establishing Facts of Births

WOULD ELIMINATE PRESENT CONFUSION

Orphans' Courts Would Pass on Merits of Petitions; Fee Fixed \$2.50

Either one of two bills of almost identical nature now wending their way through the State Legislature in Harrisburg, will, if passed, create a fixed and legal procedure for recording the births of those persons whose births are not now in public records, or whose records are incorrect or inaccurate.

The two bills are House Bill No. 1542, and Senate Bill No. 9. Legislators claim there is little difference between the two.

The advent of social security, old age pensions, and the national defense program have made birth records almost a prime necessity to every citizen. Older persons often find it practically impossible to establish with certainty the facts of their births.

Prior to 1893 no public birth records were kept. From 1893 to 1906 the Orphans' Courts of the various counties kept birth records. Since 1906 the Bureau of Vital Statistics at Harrisburg has been in charge of the work.

Under either of the two new bills proposed, a person whose birth is not in the public records, or whose record is incomplete or inaccurate, may have the information entered, or corrected on the records only through petition to the Orphans' Court of the county in which he was born.

If the court is satisfied with the truth and accuracy of the information set forth in the petition the record of the birth of the petitioner (Continued on page six)

Find Child Lost Near Altoona

Parties of searchers hunting through the heavy underbrush and along the streams of Brush Mountain, Blair county, yesterday, found three-year-old Betty Jean Bosler, of West View, near Pittsburgh, who disappeared Tuesday. According to reports the little girl was safe and unharmed.

A blood-hound from Rockview Penitentiary, was taken to the scene by a prison guard in the hope of picking up the trail of the child if she had wandered off into the dense woods.

A pair of overalls worn recently (Continued on Page 7)

College Girls Report 'Mysterious Hand'

Three State College High school girls were frightened about 11:20 o'clock Friday night when "a mysterious white hand" reached out from a hedge as they passed, according to reports.

The girls are said to have reported that the hand clawed out at them. They fled from the scene.

Boalsburg Chef Held On Charge of Sodomy

Russell L. Campbell, of State College, employed as a chef at Boalsburg, was lodged in the Centre county jail, Thursday, on a sodomy charge. The prosecutor, Pvt. Paul T. Ruda, of the State Police at Rockview.

Arraigned before Justice of the Peace Harold D. Cowher at his office on East Bishop street, Thursday afternoon, Campbell pleaded innocent and was remanded without bail to the county jail to await action of court.

College Drum Corps Wins In Tyrone Moose Parade

Another first prize went to the State College American Legion and Auxiliary Junior Drum and Bugle Corps, at the largest parade in the history of the Western Pennsylvania Association of the Loyal Order of Moose at the association's fifth annual convention in Tyrone on Saturday afternoon.

Hundreds Witness Opening of Road

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A motion calling upon the tax collector to use all legal processes available to collect the outstanding per capita taxes was unanimously approved by the board. This action makes it mandatory for the tax collector to "crack down" on collections, and directs him to use distress warrants or wage attachments, if necessary.

For some years many persons regarded per capita taxes as being a tax which they could pay, or ignore, as they chose, it being the general belief that collections could not be enforced.

Car Passenger Injured

Ruth Benson, of the State College Hotel, suffered a deep laceration of the forehead Friday when the car in which she was riding struck a bump near Lemont, throwing her against the roof. She was brought to the Centre County Hospital where the wound was sutured.