

GRAND HUNTER SHOT BY FRIEND

Wound Fatal to Spring Mills Man

Victim, Lloyd Ripka, 30, Dies Instantly; Inquest, Scheduled

CORONER, POLICE CONDUCT PROBES

Coroner Indicates Shooting Accidental; Autopsy is Performed

A Spring Mills resident was instantly killed by a bullet from the gun of his best friend, early Tuesday evening, when the friend mistook him for a groundhog.

The victim, Lloyd Ripka, 30, of Spring Mills, was in a prone position at the edge of a hay field waiting for a groundhog to appear when his friend, Earl Ripka, 37, who resides on the farm near Beaver Dam where the fatality happened, came over a rise of ground, saw a movement in the hay, and fired, sending a 22-caliber long-rifle bullet into the crown of Ripka's head.

Neither Ripka nor Rider, both hunting groundhogs, knew the other was in the vicinity, it was said.

Centre County Coroner Charles Shecker, of Milesburg, said last night that an inquest will not be held until next week.

The coroner's office is conducting an investigation into the cause of the shooting, which was reported by the inquest at the F. V. Goodhart Funeral Home, Centre Hall, tonight, having been changed.

An autopsy performed at the Goodhart establishment yesterday morning by Dr. W. J. Schwartz, of Bellefonte, under Coroner Shecker's direction, revealed that the bullet caused multiple fractures of the victim's skull, and that the bullet itself shattered into many pieces.

The coroner said that his investigation revealed no facts inconsistent with the story related by Rider. At the request of the coroner, (Continued on page six)

Business Men's Picnic, July 23rd

Free Rides, Dog Show, Baseball, Band Concert and Dance Scheduled

The annual Business Men's picnic to be held at Hecla Park on Wednesday, July 23, should provide an afternoon and evening of interesting entertainment for all, according to the program released by the committee this week.

Various bands and marching units of the town, and fire companies and other organizations of this and neighboring towns are invited to take part in a street parade in Bellefonte the night before the picnic.

Free rides for the kiddies, a dog show, a baseball game between two (Continued on page eight)

Change Schedule For Air Mail

Postmaster George R. Meek yesterday announced that effective July 14, the schedule of local air mail service will undergo a change, the arrival time for the east and west flights being somewhat later than under the present schedule.

Under the new schedule the eastward flight will leave Pittsburgh at 10:45 a. m. and will reach Bellefonte at 12:30 p. m., arriving at Williamsport at 12:36 p. m. The westward flight will leave Williamsport at 4:09 p. m., will arrive in Bellefonte at 4:36, and will reach Pittsburgh at 6 p. m.

Mr. Meek said mail for the east flight should be in the local post-office not later than 11:30 a. m., and for the west flight not later than 4 p. m.

Nearly 1000 Tons of Cement To Be Used In School; Other Notes

This week the following items were news on the Bellefonte High School construction job:

Contractor Earl Cump has estimated that 35 railroad cars of cement will be necessary in the construction of the new high school building. Each car carries 600 bags of cement, making the total to be used 21,000 bags.

Since each bag contains approximately 95 pounds, the total figure is 1,995,000 pounds, or 977.5 tons—which is a lot of cement in anyone's language. Yesterday, workmen were starting on the second carload, and only the footings for the western half of the building have been poured.

Excavation work on the boiler room site bogged down Monday afternoon and remained at a standstill all day Tuesday because the 37-ton power shovel became mired in rain-soaked clay. After a day spent in working shoulers and planks under the caterpillar tracks of the shovel, the machine finally

Council Seeks 3 New Concrete Streets In '42

Request Highway Department Pave Allegheny, High, Water Sts.

GALAIDA IS NAMED TO BOROUGH POLICE

Committee Chosen To Check Lime-Dust Elimination Program

A possibility that Allegheny, High and Water streets may be paved with concrete next summer was evidenced at a regular meeting of Bellefonte Council, Monday night, when Council, assured that a request may receive favorable action, petitioned the State Highway Department for the extensive street program.

The paving program was suggested by Councilman W. J. Emerick who reported that he had received assurance that a request made immediately may be scheduled for construction by the Department next summer.

Council's request will call for the paving of Allegheny street from Howard to Bishop, High street, from the Diamond to Water street, and Water street from Logan's Branch, near the Phoenix Mill property, to the borough line near the old Pike quarries. If the program is approved it is understood that the entire cost of construction would be met by the State.

Mr. Galaida was the sole applicant for the vacancy on the police force caused by the resignation of Mr. Eyer. Eyer's formal resignation, effective as of July 1, was accepted unanimously. Galaida spent four years as a member of the Pennsylvania State Police; was employed three years as Coal and Iron Police (Continued on page eight)

Four Held In Theft of Calf

"Tip" Received by Chief Dukeman Solves Mystery of Missing Beef

Information obtained by Chief of Police Dukeman, of Bellefonte, resulted in the early solution of a calf-stealing episode which had repercussions in Coleville and Salona during the weekend.

The calf was stolen from Calvin Brachbill, of Coleville, whose search for the missing beef was unsuccessful until the sounds of a bawling calf in the woods near Salona resulted in the solution of the case, and the arrest of four youths who are being held for court.

State Police at Rockview sub-station, who made the arrest on information furnished by Chief Dukeman, said the calf was taken on July 1, and that the boys made several attempts to sell the animal in the Salona region. Unsuccessful in their attempts to turn the beef into money, the boys tied the animal in a woods where its bawling attracted the attention of a nearby farmer.

Chief Dukeman received a "tip" (Continued on page three)

Throng Witnesses Fireworks Display

Despite skies which were just beginning to clear after two days of steady rain, the Chamber of Commerce July Fourth fireworks display held last Friday evening at the Community Athletic Field was attended by what is believed to have been a record throng for the annual event.

The Chamber's wide selection of set pieces and aerial numbers was augmented by a number of pieces donated by Leslie Thomas, proprietor of the Thomas confectionery, West High street. The pieces contributed by Mr. Thomas, including a number of skyrockets, were held-over stock from the time when fireworks were available to the general public. They added considerably to the program.

The Legion Junior Band played a concert prior to the display.

Losses End of Finger A. C. Williams, prominent resident of Martha Furnace, suffered the loss of the end of one finger one day last week when his son, falling to see his father's hand in the way, closed the hood of a truck

was dragged to solid ground, but not until two giant trucks, loaded to capacity with earth to keep their wheels from spinning, had been hooked to the shovel to aid its own power plant in pulling out of the mire. The shovel, fitted with a bucket which removes a cubic yard-and-a-half at one "bite" is twelve years old, and, like a Model T Ford, requires considerable nursing and numerous small repair jobs to keep it in action. Its operator has the reputation of being one of the most careful loaders many of the truckers working on the job have ever seen. But that doesn't mean he can't do everything but write his name with the ancient pile of iron and steel.

Contractor Earl Cump's men speak most highly of him. He allows no cursing or rough talk on a job while he's around; instructs his men to do good work even if it takes a little more time, they claim. He's been (Continued on page six)

July 21 Last Day To File Petitions

Candidates and prospective candidates are notified that Monday, July 21, is the last day for filing petitions to have names placed on the ballots for the primary election. Every person who expects to have his name appear on the primary ballot must file a petition. It is pointed out.

The first day that petitions could be signed, legally, was June 21.

Man Without Hands Earns Livelihood Driving Truck

being excavated from the site of the new Bellefonte High School building. He owns his own truck and drives it himself, and although he has no hands, seems to have no difficulty keeping up with the other truckers on the job.

Wettstein has only a small portion of the upper right arm, and his left arm is severed just below the elbow, but he has attained remarkable skill in the use of his shortened arms.

For some years he tilled the small farm which he shares with his mother, Pauline Wettstein. During the worst of the depression he earned a livelihood for himself and his family by growing vegetables which he disposed of at Bellefonte's curb market. He was always among the first farmers to arrive at market and his produce was of excellent quality.

Wettstein has not permitted the loss of his arms to cause him to lose his independence, or to curtail his activities. He plays an occasional game of pool, has quite a reputation as an accurate marksman, and can use pen or pencil in writing. For pocket billiards he uses a cue to which rubber straps are attached. He slips the straps over his arm, and proceeds to call his shots. His gun is held with a similar arrangement of straps. In writing, he gets the pencil or pen between his arms and scrawls off a legible note. Wettstein, a cigarette smoker, (Continued on page 8)

Hospital Site Steeple Here Viewing Today

Bellefonte Site Among 8 Being Considered; Decision Expected Soon

The Bellefonte site for the proposed new Veterans Hospital for Central Pennsylvania, one of eight sites which survived a preliminary elimination in which more than 100 other sites fell by the wayside, is to undergo its last and final inspection today, according to word received from the Veterans Bureau in Washington.

All of the eight sites are scheduled for final inspection this week before the Veterans Bureau makes its final selection.

Yesterday the sites at Chambersburg and Bedford were visited. Today, in addition to Bellefonte, the inspecting group will visit sites at Loretto and Lewistown. Tomorrow sites at Carlisle, Reading and the Statesbury estate at Philadelphia will be viewed.

The group from the Veterans Bureau making the final survey (Continued on page eight)

Local Tourists Have Car Robbed

While visiting in Washington last week, Mr. and Mrs. Francis Rhine, their daughter Glenda, and R. Zane Carey of East Lamb street, had their baggage stolen from their car. The loss included all their extra clothing, Mr. Rhine's electric razor, an expensive camera, and other articles.

The party had gone to Washington last Thursday with the intention of spending a few days there before going to Virginia. While in the National Capital on Saturday they parked their car on a prominent street near the Smithsonian Institute, securely locked it as they supposed, and went into the building.

A half hour later they discovered upon their return to the car, that it had been rifled of everything it contained, access having been gained through a defective ventilator window.

Mr. and Mrs. Rhine immediately made their loss known to the police, who have promised an investigation. They returned to their home in Bellefonte Sunday morning.

Wanderer Locked Up at State College

A barefooted man clad only in a red jersey and who apparently was suffering from mental derangement, picked up by State College Borough police early yesterday morning, has been tentatively identified as Joseph William Hughes, 36, of 243 Market street, Wilkes-Barre.

The man was locked up after he walked into the home of Mrs. W. C. Tomlinson, at 611 South Push street and asked her to take him some place in her car. He carried honorable discharge papers from Battery E, 109th Field Artillery, Pennsylvania National Guard.

Local Men Escape Drowning While On Angling Trip

Two prominent Bellefonte businessmen, on a fishing trip to the wilds of the Susquehanna River at Wyalusing early last week, had a narrow escape from drowning.

The men are David K. Hughes and Al Mayer, who were accompanied on the outing by William Moxey, who holds a diploma in ornithology from one of the country's leading correspondence schools, held out well at the cars until he and Hughes were about one-half mile from shore. Then he had trouble getting his breath and complained of blisters on his hands. Big-hearted Hughes, who has a trouble telling the difference between an or and a baseball bat, generously volunteered to take a turn.

The two baitmen decided the (Continued on page eight)

USO Campaign Opens; Legion Is In Charge

Seek \$1600 to Provide Recreation Facilities for Soldiers and Sailors

HOUSE-TO-HOUSE CANVASS PLANNED

Stress Importance of Many Small Contributions

Brooks-Doll Post American Legion, Bellefonte, has assumed responsibility for conducting a drive for funds for the United Service Organizations in Bellefonte and vicinity, and has set \$1,600 as the goal to be attained in an intensive campaign this weekend and next week.

The Rev. Robert H. Thomas, 3rd, rector of St. John's Episcopal church, Bellefonte, and a member of Brooks-Doll Post, has been named chairman of the drive.

Adopting a slogan, "Would you give less than enough to buy one or two packages of cigarettes?" the committee has its hopes for the success of the campaign upon large numbers of small contributions, rather than comparatively few large donations.

USO is the abbreviated title of United Service Organizations throughout the country which have banded together to provide men in the Army, Navy, Air Corps and other branches of the Service with adequate and wholesome recreational facilities for use during their spare time. The government will furnish the necessary buildings and the USO has undertaken to provide a staff and equipment, such as games, books, magazines, papers, stationery and other items. The move has the hearty endorsement of President Roosevelt and other high government officials.

None of the money collected here during the campaign will be used for campaign expenses. The solicitors are other connected with the (Continued on page eight)

Logan Carnival Here Next Week

Annual Event to be Held on W. Howard Street; Proceeds For Convention Fund

Preparations are being made by the members of the Logan Fire Company of Bellefonte to entertain the largest crowd in recent years at the annual carnival which will be held July 17, 18 and 19, on West Howard street.

Permit has been granted by Borough Council to close off this portion of Howard street each of these evenings, although all stands will be so arranged that modified traffic can use the street until 5 p. m. each day.

Invitations have been sent to 35 fire companies and bands for a street parade to move at 7:30 p. m. Thursday evening, July 17, or Friday evening, July 18, in case of rain Thursday evening.

Band concerts, free entertainment and plenty of amusements will be in store for all who attend. Special ground prizes will be given each evening. This carnival is strictly for the benefit of the Logan Fire Company which is making every effort to raise sufficient funds to assume its share of the heavy expense necessary to hold the District Firemen's Convention here the week of August 18th.

Injured Workman Saves Plant Record

Although he suffered painful crush injuries of the two middle fingers of the right hand, yesterday afternoon, Charles Newman, 22, of Milesburg, insisted on returning to work at the Titan Metal Plant in order to prevent marring the plant's 162-day record without a lost time accident.

Newman, employed in the melting room of the plant, was injured when a 700-pound ingot fell on his hand. He was taken to the Centre County Hospital for treatment, and upon being discharged from the institution returned to work.

"I'd hate to see that 162-day record spoiled," he explained.

Fractured Ankle W. H. Hoy, State College pharmacist, suffered a fracture of the left ankle Tuesday night when he stepped from his automobile while on a business trip to College Heights.

Bellefonte to Get New Barrel Factory

Industry to Go Into Production Within Next Few Weeks

ANNUAL CAPACITY 125,000 BARRELS

Plant Located in McCoy Building; Five-Year Lease is Taken

Bellefonte's newest industry is scheduled to begin production in the John McCoy building at the McCoy dam just north of town, formerly the home of the Titan Metal Company, within the next week or two.

The building, under a five-year lease by the International Coopers Company of Niagara Falls, is now being repaired and fitted with machinery in preparation for the opening of a factory which will employ six or eight men immediately and which may employ a substantially larger number in the future.

Last night it was reported that the plant would have an annual capacity of 125,000 barrels. About 60,000 would be demanded for local needs, leaving about 65,000 available for shipment to other points.

The plant will make wooden and steel barrels, similar to the ones used in quantities by the American Lime and Stone Company, White-rock Quarries, the National Gypsum Company and the Titan Metal Company. Production will be sufficient to supply all local needs, with a surplus for shipment to other points.

Decision to locate the plant here was made, according to reports, when the American Lime and Stone Company discontinued operation of its barrel plant at Sunnyside. The American Lime barrel plant is being dismantled and the machinery is being moved by Edward Kolman and a crew from the Kolman & Co. trucking service. Some of the machinery is being installed at the McCoy plant, while others is being taken to Canada, it is reported.

The McCoy building provides approximately 5000 square feet of floor space.

College Man Held for Court

Victims of Molesting Fail to Identify J. D. Hall as Assailant

James D. Hall, of Woodcrest, near State College, was lodged in the Centre County jail at Bellefonte Monday morning to await trial on charges of assault and battery with intent to kill following a hearing before Squire Eugene Lederer at State College.

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Mr. Robinson's hand was made up of 13 spades, Doubled, redoubled, and vulnerable, he and his partner, Mrs. A. Leopold, of Philadelphia, garnered some 2300 points. Their opponents were Mrs. Robinson and Mrs. Schow.

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Grant Time Extension For Pilots' Course

Karl E. Kusse, of Bellefonte, Civil Aeronautics Co-ordinator for Centre county, yesterday announced that the C. A. A. has granted an extension of time for receiving applications for the non-college pilots' training course to be given in Bellefonte. Applications originally were scheduled to have closed July 1.

Kusse said that it is possible that any man who is accepted for the course, will be granted draft deferment at least until they have completed the course.

The course is open to any men between the ages of 18 and 26 who are United States citizens, and applications are being received from the entire Central Pennsylvania area. Necessary forms may be secured from Mr. Kusse at the Chamber of Commerce offices, YMCA building, Bellefonte.

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Q. Why should I buy Defense Bonds?

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