

PARALYSIS CASE AT STATE COLLEGE

10,000 See Huge Convention Parade

\$1600 AWARDED IN PRIZES; 16 BANDS IN COLORFUL PARADE

Smethport Firemen Win Lion's Share of Prize Money

STATE DRUM CORPS TAKES HIGH HONORS

2500 Jam Stands For Drum And Bugle Corps Competition

Bellefonte's volunteer firemen made history last week. They were hosts to one of the largest and most successful conventions ever held in Bellefonte...

Thursday, the big day of the 49th Annual Central District Firemen's Association Convention found firemen and their friends from the 12-county area pouring into town...

They jammed the town's gaily decorated streets; taxed stores, business places and restaurants to capacity, and for a day turned this normally quiet community into a teeming city.

Sixteen bands and 10 drum and bugle corps supplied music for the colorful ten-division parade which required nearly an hour and a half to pass the judges stand atop the marquee of the Penn State Hotel...

Howard Youth Killed By Car

Death of Carl E. Pletcher, 8, Accidental, States Coroner.

Struck by a car in front of his home just west of Howard, last Thursday morning, Carl Edward Pletcher, aged 8, son of Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Pletcher, of Howard, died at 4 o'clock last night in the Centre County Hospital.

Death was attributed to a fractured skull, a fracture of the left leg, and other injuries. The driver of the car was George P. Harrison, of Milesburg, who stopped immediately and brought the lad to the hospital.

According to Centre County Coroner Charles Sheekler, of Milesburg, who investigated the accident, Harrison was driving east on the highway and a team drawing a land...

Seven Girls Hurt As Car Hits Pole

Seven girls, members of a group camping in Diamond Valley, were injured about 6 o'clock last Thursday afternoon when their car left the Brush Valley road a short distance east of Centre Hall, and crashed into a power pole.

The accident happened as the girls were returning from a visit to Penn's Cave. In striking the power pole, the car moved the pole several feet and broke a cross arm, allowing a power line carrying 22,000 volts to fall on a fence just beside the wrecked car.

Three of the injured girls were admitted to the Centre County Hospital. They were: Gretchen Alpi, (Continued on Page Seven)

Democratic Women To Convene Here

A regional conference of District No. 8 Democratic Women, is to be held at the Court House on Saturday, September 13, according to an announcement yesterday.

Delegates from the four-county district, including Elk, Jefferson, Clearfield and Centre counties are expected to attend. Men and women leaders of prominence in the Democratic party in the state and nation are to be among the speakers and the program will include a tour of the county in the afternoon and a banquet in the evening.

Bellefonte Firemen Will Clear Substantial Fund From Convention

ALL BILLS, PRIZES ARE ORDERED PAID

Week's Proceeds Will Far Exceed Expectations of Committee

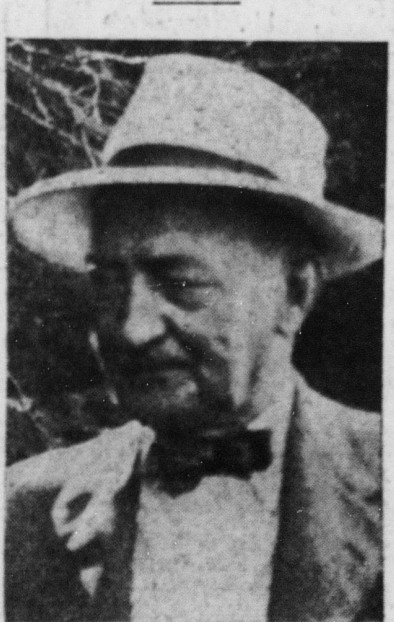
In addition to being a successful event in other ways, the 49th annual convention of the Central District Firemen's Association here last week far exceeded expectations, from a financial standpoint, it became known last night.

At the first official meeting of the convention committee since the week's activities came to a close, it was revealed that after all bills, including parade and drum corps competition prizes, have been paid, the committee will have a substantial fund in the treasury.

A complete and detailed report of convention receipts and expenditures is expected to be released within the next few weeks, after all bills are in and incidental expenses (Continued on Page Seven)

Illness Fatal To H. P. Schaeffer

Prominent Hardware Merchant Succumbs at Hospital; Funeral This Morning



Harvey P. Schaeffer, 73, of East High street, for more than half a century engaged in the hardware business in Bellefonte, died at 12:06 o'clock Monday afternoon, August 25, 1941, at the Centre County Hospital.

Death came as the result of a complication of diseases following a long illness. He had been a patient at the hospital for 63 days.

Mr. Schaeffer was a son of John and Rachel Brungart Schaeffer and was born in Zion on March 3, 1868. As a young man he assisted his father on the farm near Zion, and later spent several years farming in Illinois.

About fifty years ago he returned to Centre county and began his career in the hardware business as a clerk in the H. A. McKee Brothers hardware store which was located on South Allegheny street. In subsequent years he was employed at the same store. (Continued on Page Six)

Widmann & Teah to Change Store Location

Announcement was made yesterday that Widmann & Teah, Inc., for some years located in the Brockerhoff Hotel block, South Allegheny street, has moved into the corner room of the same block in the quarters vacated some time ago by the A. & P. store.

Negotiations closed yesterday are reported to include the construction of a new and modern front for the store, redecorating of the interior, all new fixtures and a new soda fountain.

Plans for the store are said to call for the most modern and up-to-date cut-rate drug store in Central Pennsylvania. Owing to the great amount of work necessary in making the change, several months are expected to elapse before the store is moved into the new location.

Here Comes the Largest Company in Firemen's Parade



The Centre Hall Fire Company, with 56 uniformed members in line in the parade which climaxed the 49th annual Central District Firemen's Association Convention here last Thursday. The outfit, shown crossing the Diamond, recently won similar honors at Milroy and Howard.

Schools Open On Wednesday

Pupils Instructed to Report at 9 a. m. (DST); Outline Rules

The Bellefonte Public Schools will open on Wednesday, September 3, it was announced yesterday by officials. All high school pupils who have registered should report at 9 a. m. (DST), Wednesday, at which time pupils will be given their daily schedules.

Any pupils planning to attend high school who have not yet registered should do so before the opening of school. Otherwise, they will be registered Wednesday afternoon and should not attend the morning session.

All elementary pupils should report at 9 o'clock on opening day. Beginners should report to the first grade teachers at the Bishop street and Allegheny street buildings for (Continued on Page Six)

Today is 'Grange Day' at Picnic

Heavy Rains Fail to Dampen Enthusiasm at 68th Annual Fair

An inch or two of brown dust churned up in Grange Park, Centre Hall, by the feet of thousands of visitors and campers, Sunday, was turned into a sea of liquid mud Sunday night when a downpour of rain accompanying an electrical storm soaked the park.

Undaunted, hardy Patrons of Husbandry in camp at the 68th annual fair, spent hours hauling and spreading sawdust and cinders over the ground to dry up the worst puddles. Then came Monday night, with a repetition of severe and prolonged rain. Cars were bogged in mud, and the midway, where sawdust or cinders weren't thick, was reduced to a slippery layer of mud which made walking hazardous and (Continued on Page Six)

Coleville Woman Wins Car Given Away Here

The new Mercury sedan given away as a feature of the 49th annual Central District Firemen's Convention in Bellefonte last week was awarded Saturday night to Mrs. Joseph Rigin, of Coleville.

There are seven children in the Rigin family, and Mr. Rigin is employed by the American Lime and Stone Company. Reports yesterday were that Mrs. Rigin expects to sell the car and use the money toward the purchase of a home.

Prisoner Has Brief Liberty

Escapes in Officer's Car, Friday, Caught Saturday; Sentenced Monday

Friday afternoon John Mars, of West Winfield, Pa., was an inmate of Rockview Penitentiary, where his minimum time on a 1 1/2 to 3 year sentence from Butler county would have expired September 29.

Today Mars is a prisoner at the Western Penitentiary at Pittsburgh where he is serving 1 1/2 years remaining of his original sentence plus an additional term of from 3 1/2 to 7 years.

The change of prison location and the extra sentence came as the result of a desperate break for liberty. Mars made last Friday afternoon.

About 4 o'clock the prisoner was near the plot reserved for the parking of Rockview Welfare officials' cars. The man, whose application for parole September 29 had been turned down because he couldn't satisfy parole officials that he was assured a home and steady work if released, was seen to walk over to the Buick sedan owned by Paul N. (Continued on Page Six)

Central Labor Union To Picnic at Hecla

A free dance and floor show will be highlights of the annual picnic of the Central Labor Union at Hecla Park on Labor Day, September 1, it was announced by the committee yesterday.

The round dance will be held in the pavilion from 9 to 11 p. m. and the floor show will begin at 8 p. m. (All time is Eastern Standard Time.)

In the afternoon there will be a baseball game at 1:30, and a program of speaking at 4 p. m. A basket lunch will be in order at 5:30 p. m. The public is cordially invited to attend the outing.

Mrs. Harvey Again Wins Golf Title

Defeating Miss Mary Rankin, 5 to 3, Mrs. Lewis Orris Harvey, of Bellefonte, for the fourth time became women's golf champion at the Nittany Country Club in a tournament held during the weekend.

In the nine-hole division Mrs. William H. Brouse won over Mrs. Mary Scott, 4 and 3. Miss Gergette Purnell defeated Miss Charlotte Walker, 1 up, in the beaten eighth of the 18-hole play, while Mrs. Ray Noll was winner of the beaten eighth in the 9-hole bracket. Mrs. Noll defeated Mrs. Newell B. Long, 2 up.

Blacksmith Is Crash Victim

John W. Mills, 64, Milesburg, Suffers Broken Neck as Car Upsets

John W. Mills, aged 64, well known Milesburg blacksmith, was instantly killed about 2:30 o'clock Monday afternoon when the car in which he was a passenger left a narrow road near Curtin and overturned. Death was attributed to a broken neck.

Mills was riding with his brother-in-law Jesse Confer, aged about 65, and the two were enroute to Confer's home at Fairview when the accident happened. Confer escaped with minor injuries.

According to reports from State Motor Police at Pleasant Gap substation, and Centre County Coroner Charles Sheekler, of Milesburg, who investigated the fatality, Confer was driving along the Curtin-Howard "back" road about 1 1/2 miles north of Curtin when he turned off the narrow road to avoid a large mud puddle.

One of the front wheels of the car struck soft earth at the side of the road and kept leading the machine further and further off the road despite the efforts of the driver to swerve back. Mr. Confer said the car traveled about 30 feet in this fashion to a point where it rolled over a 30-foot embankment.

The sedan made one and a half turns and came to rest on its left side. Confer crawled out of the car with only a few minor bruises and scratches. Mills was dead, his neck (Continued on page three—Second Section)

James W. Swabb Dies at Hospital

Linden Hall Native Held Various County Offices; Funeral Friday

James Wilson Swabb, 79, of Linden Hall, prominent Centre county Democrat and at various times holder of county offices, died Tuesday morning, August 26, 1941, in the Centre County Hospital of a complication of diseases incident to advanced age.

In 1935 Mr. Swabb was elected Deputy Register of the county for three years, and in 1938 was elected to a six-year term as County Auditor. He also served as Justice of the Peace of Linden Hall for three six-year terms, resigning in 1923 when he was elected to the board of County Commissioners.

He was a member of the Free and Accepted Masons, Centre Hall, and of the Williamsport Consistory. A son of George and Mary Ann (Continued on Page Six)

Home Is Struck By Lightning

Mr. and Mrs. John Lambert, Jr., Stunned; 3 Others Are Affected

A bolt of lightning or possibly several flashes at the same time during a severe electrical storm here about 3 o'clock Monday morning struck a South Allegheny street home, a large oak tree near the Quaker cemetery, and affected at least five persons in the vicinity.

Greatest effect of the flash was felt at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Lambert, Jr., on South Allegheny street, where the bolt damaged the fireplace chimney, twisted another chimney out of line and then entered the building after tearing some shingles off the roof.

Passing through a window the lightning blasted a screen to shreds, shattered a blind and its roller, moved the facing of the window about one inch and set fire to a curtain, passing within several feet of Mrs. Lambert's head before striking and severing a lamp cord.

Mr. and Mrs. Lambert declared that the bedroom was filled with brilliant light and both of them (Continued on Page Seven)

Jury Returns 8 True Bills

District Attorney Lists Six Cases For Trial; Court Opens Sept. 8

Six cases are listed for trial at the regular September criminal court which is scheduled to open here on Monday, September 8, it was announced yesterday by District Attorney Musser W. Gettig.

Preparation of the list followed action of the Grand Jury early this week. Indictments were returned in eight cases, but two of them involved fugitives from Rockview penitentiary who have not been apprehended at this time.

According to the court schedule, four cases will be tried on Monday, September 8, and the remaining two on the following day. Monday's list follows:

Alex Bell, Glassport, Allegheny county, shooting at and wounding a human in mistake for game. James H. Krause, Osceola Mills, rape. Russell L. Campbell, State College, sodomy. Theodore Flick, Pottsville, sodomy. (Continued on Page Seven)

Banjo Band Clears \$150. The Bellefonte Banjo Band last Thursday cleared \$150 at the Y. M. C. A. where more than 500 diners were served to convention visitors. (Continued on Page Seven)

7-YEAR-OLD GIRL IS FIRST TO CONTRACT DISEASE IN COUNTY

Woman In Convention Crowd Is Injured

An elderly State College woman was painfully injured last Wednesday night when she fell on the Diamond in Bellefonte after being jostled by a large crowd which had assembled for a band concert in conjunction with the firemen's convention program.

The victim is Mrs. Margaret Bottorf, 71, of 130 West Nittany avenue, State College, who suffered an injury of the right leg and fracture of the right wrist. The accident happened on the sidewalk in front of the Bellefonte Trust Company building.

Mrs. Bottorf was taken to the Centre County Hospital in the emergency truck of the Undine Fire Company. She is the mother of Mrs. Edward Markley, of East Howard street, Bellefonte, who was with her at the time of the accident. Mrs. Bottorf also is the mother of John Bottorf, of South Allegheny street, and Mrs. Ruth Broschart, of State College.

Titan Employees To Get Back Pay

Back pay totalling \$134,940, will be distributed by the Titan Metal Manufacturing Co., Bellefonte, to 111 employees fired during the strike in 1937, it was announced in Pittsburgh, Monday.

The amount of money to be paid was arrived at Saturday in a conference of attorneys for the National Labor Board, representatives of the company, and Federal Labor Union No. 19981 A. F. L.

Back payments will be spread over a two-year period to prevent possible insolvency from a lump sum payment.

After winning a labor board election, the union obtained a contract with the company and all strikers who asked for reinstatement have been returned to their jobs.

To Open New Store



The closing of the A. & P. Market on West High street, Bellefonte, Saturday, August 30, will result in the opening of an independent food store in the same location late next week, it was announced yesterday by Grover Corman, manager of the A. & P. store.

Corman reported that he has completed arrangements for opening the establishment as the Corner Food Market next Thursday, with the same staff of clerks and assistants. The store will handle a complete line of groceries, meats, produce, seafoods, frozen foods and feeds. It will be operated on a cash basis, but a delivery system will be added.

The store opened in 1929 as an A. & P. grocery. In 1935 it was expanded into a market and has been conducted as such since that time. (Continued on Page Seven)

Parade To Open Milesburg Festival

An attractive list of prizes is being offered by the Milesburg Fire Company in a parade, Friday night, which will be the opening feature of the company's annual two-day festival. The festival will be held on the Milesburg school grounds.

The parade is scheduled to move promptly at 7:30 p. m. (DST), with the following organizations and bands in line: Undine Fire Company and Logan Fire Company, Bellefonte; Milroy Fire Company, Pleasant Gap Fire Company, Howard Fire Company, Centre Hall Fire Company, Pleasant Gap Band, Hobo Band from Milroy, and others.

Prizes will be awarded as follows: \$10 to largest uniformed company in line; \$10 to best appearing company. (Continued on Page Seven)

Mary E. Mason Stricken Ill Sunday; 2 Other Children in Family

RESIDENCE PLACED UNDER QUARANTINE

Health Officials Predict Increase of Malady in State Next Month

Centre County's first case of infantile paralysis was reported at State College, yesterday.

Victim of the disease is Mary Esther Mason, aged 7, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David D. Mason, of 711 Sunset Road, State College. The little girl became ill Sunday night and paralysis developed in the right arm and hand yesterday morning, members of the family said.

Temporary splints were applied to the arm to prevent crippling until regular splints used for that purpose have been brought here from Elizabethtown, a messenger having been sent to that city yesterday for them.

Mrs. Mason reported yesterday that the family has no inkling of where or how the girl may have contracted the disease. She hasn't been out of State College since June; the home is located on the outskirts of the town, and the girl seldom is taken in the downtown area. Her father, employed in the defense activities of Penn State College, travels considerably, but hasn't been in the area where infection is prevalent. (Continued on Page Six)

Man Dies After Car Overturns

Motorist, Apparently Unhurt in Mishap, Succumbs at Hospital Here

Leon Lamb, aged 61, of Penn Yan, N. Y., died suddenly and unexpectedly at the Centre County Hospital here at 2:30 o'clock Friday afternoon four hours after he apparently escaped serious injury when his car turned over several times and landed on its wheels near the Fishing Creek school house, east of Bellefonte.

Lamb, representative of an air-conditioning firm, was enroute to New York State, and was seen slumped over the wheel of his car about 10:30 that morning by Paxton (Continued on page three—Second Section)

Two Couples To Be Married Here

Emerick-Rightnow and Gillen-Day Weddings Scheduled Saturday

Two well known Bellefonte couples, popular members of the town's younger set, will be united in marriage here Saturday and will leave together late that night for a two weeks' wedding trip to Canada.

Miss Mary Katherine Rightnow, daughter of Mrs. Emma Rightnow, of East High street, Bellefonte, will become the bride of Paul R. Emerick, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Emerick, of West Linn street, and Miss Mary Elizabeth Daye, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Daye, of Madisonburg, will become the bride of John Andrew Gillen, son of Mrs. Ida Gillen, of Bellefonte. The Emerick-Rightnow wedding will be held at the home of the bride's mother on East High street. (Continued on Page Seven)

Service Station Here Is Entered, Robbed

For the third time in two years thieves Friday night entered and robbed the Love Lane service station on East Bishop street, opposite the Undine Fire Hall. Loot taken was valued at \$30.

Paul Howard, manager of the station, discovered the theft when he reported for work about 7 o'clock Saturday morning. A window in a narrow space between the office building and the building housing the washing and greasing racks had been broken.

A check revealed that a table radio, several boxes of clears and (Continued on page four—Second Section)

Fine Hall Man Injured. J. D. Neidigh, 68, of Pine Hall fell down stairs on Saturday, and suffered severe bruises and torn ligaments of his back and neck. Mr. Neidigh had been seriously ill in July. (Continued on Page Seven)