

CHANGE OFFICES AT COURT HOUSE

School Office Goes to Business Block

New Vault to be Built for Re-located County Treasurer's Quarters

COMMISSIONERS TO TAKE EXTRA SPACE

Acute Shortage of Vault Facilities Given as Reason for Change

Major changes in the set-up of county offices at the Court House were announced yesterday by the Centre County Commissioners.

Within the next few days the offices of Centre County Superintendent of Schools F. Glenn Rogers will be moved from the right rear section of the Court House to the first floor room in the Heverly building.

A new brick vault will be erected in the rooms vacated by the County Superintendent, and the Treasurer's office will be moved into part of the quarters, the other portion, a small room which has been the private office of Superintendent Rogers, being reserved for the use of the County Auditor.

The present Treasurer's office and vault will be used by the Commissioners for storing valuable records for which there is no longer any available space in the Commissioners' quarters.

The Commissioners said that the vault space in the Register and Recorder's office is rapidly being filled to capacity and that before many more years elapse, additional storage space will have to be provided for those offices.

A spokesman for the Commissioners reported that the Centre County Bar Association recently called attention to the need for

4-Year-Old Girl Struck By Car

Ruth Igen, Spring Mills, R. D., Painfully Injured at Centre Hall

Ruth Igen, 4-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lester Igen, Spring Mills, R. D., was injured on the highway in front of the C. W. Boozer home in Centre Hall late Saturday afternoon.

The child was crossing the road from the sale of the household goods and home of the late John Dashem when she was struck by a car driven by Mrs. D. W. Arndt, of Lock Haven.

She was taken to the Centre County Hospital by Harold E. Bradford, of Centre Hall. Her injuries included fractures of both collar bones and a head laceration, but her condition is generally improved and she may be taken home in a few days.

The car went only half its length and none of the wheels struck the child, it was reported by police.

Moshannon Miner Has Leg Blown Off In Explosion; Ramey Miner Suffocated

Logan Guneot, Seriously Injured, Is Victim of Second Accident as Car is Wrecked While Conveying Him to Hospital

Tragedy struck twice in the Phillipsburg coal mine area, killing one man and seriously injuring another.

Edward Proseberg, 42, Ramey, was suffocated in a slate fall at the Jordan and Mund mine at Ramey, and Logan Guneot, 28, Moshannon, was literally blown apart in a dynamite blast at the Cherry Run Coal Mining Company, near Moshannon, Friday.

Guneot is a patient at the Phillipsburg State Hospital. A premature explosion blew Guneot's left leg off the body and nearly tore the other leg off. Enroute to the Phillipsburg hospital he was in another accident and thrown clear of the car.

Following his arrival at the hospital in the Snow Shoe ambulance sometime after 1 o'clock Saturday morning, the amputation of his left leg was completed and he was administered two blood transfusions and placed under an oxygen tent.

Physicians reported his condition as "very, very serious." He is conscious. Guneot was said to have been working at the mine Friday night

Pleasant Gap Man Found Along Road

Found lying in a ditch at the side of the highway in Pleasant Gap about 6:30 o'clock Saturday evening, W. W. Kerstetter, 79, well known retired Pleasant Gap carpenter was removed to his home where yesterday he was reported to be recovering nicely.

Mr. Kerstetter said he was walking from his home in Pleasant Gap when he fell on the road and rolled into the ditch. He was discovered by Forrest Benford and Ray Noll.

Eight Join Drum Corps

Eight new recruits were taken into the State College American Legion and Auxiliary Drum and Bugle Corps last week. The new members, ranging in age from 10 to 18 years, are: Jennie Intorre, Joan Mitchell, Mary Lee Ulmer, Barbara Ulmer, Alexander Rupp, David Dawson, William Ishler and Richard Livingston.

Lime Workers Hold Election

82 Whiterock Employees Vote For Union; 92 Ballots Against

According to an unofficial tabulation of the vote held at Whiterock Quarries, Friday, to determine whether employees wanted the United Cement, Lime and Gypsum Workers' International Union as their sole bargaining agent, 92 workers voted against the union and 82 voted for the organization.

Four of the votes cast were challenged, and three by the Union. In addition, there were seven absentee votes by employees now in the U. S. Army. These votes will be received by mail and will be tabulated by the National Labor Relations Board in Pittsburgh.

Friday's vote was the second held on the same question at Whiterock in recent months. An election held August 6 was declared void by the NLRB on a contention by the Whiterock company that the secrecy of the ballot had been impaired.

The ballots were counted immediately after the polls closed at 6 p. m., in the presence of representatives of the NLRB, the Union and the company. Polls were located in the company Hall at Pleasant Gap and voting was in progress from 12 o'clock noon until 6 p. m.

BOY SCOUTS TO HEAR TALK ON HEALTH, SAFETY

A mass meeting for Nittany, Muncy and Karcowintha districts Boy Scouts will be held in the Spring street school gymnasium at 7:30 o'clock Friday night, December 12.

William E. Lawrence, assistant director of health and safety, will be present to speak and demonstrate emergency service training and health and safety in scouting.

Two Watchmen at Spring Mills Plant Receive Adjustment in Wages

Two watchmen formerly employed at the William F. Groce Silk Mills at Spring Mills, have received \$460.00, as overtime compensation due them under the Fair Labor Standards Act, it was announced Thursday by Frank J. G. Dorsey, regional director for the wage and hour division, U. S. Department of Labor.

State President Visits Elks Lodge

Wilbur G. Warner, of Lehighton, president of the Pennsylvania Elks Association, paid an official visit to the Belleville lodge Monday night.

After a delicious turkey dinner prepared and served by the club steward Cyril Moerschbacher, the official meeting was held, and Mr. Warner was the principal speaker.

Entertainment during the dinner was furnished by the Little German Band of Lock Haven. After the business session a social hour was held in the club rooms.

The annual Elks memorial service will be held at the lodge home, West High street, on Sunday, December 7. The Elks octette will furnish music for the occasion.

VFW Annual Banquet To be Held Dec. 6th

The annual banquet of Jackson-Crisman-Saylor Post, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Belleville, will be held at the Brockerhoff Hotel at 6:30 o'clock Saturday evening, December 6, it was announced yesterday by the committee in charge, James J. Leitzell, Ray Allen and David Mumper.

Congressman James E. VanZandt is scheduled to be the principal speaker.

County Natives Killed As Fast Train Hits Car

Crew of Train Traveling 70 Miles an Hour Unaware of Crash

BODIES ARE HURLED NEARLY 200 FEET

Victims, Mr. and Mrs. William Meyer, Formerly of Wolf's Store

Mr. and Mrs. William Meyer, former residents of Wolf's Store, met instant death at 7 p. m. Friday, November 14, when their car was struck at Big Rock, Ill., by a Burlington streamlined train which was traveling at 70 miles an hour.

The Meyers live about twelve miles from Big Rock, and had gone there for the purpose of consulting a physician who was treating Mrs. Meyer for a broken collar-bone and dislocated shoulder blade, which she had suffered October 4, when she was hit by an automobile as she stepped from her car.

Enroute to the doctor's office they had left their youngest daughter, June, with a married sister at Sugar Grove, which saved her life. The accident was not discovered until the train reached Aurora, Ill., when the trainmen made the discovery and telephoned the operator at Big Rock. Upon investigation, the body of Mr. Meyer was found 160 feet from the track, and Mrs. Meyer's body had been hurled 180 feet. Their 1940 Buick car was completely demolished.

Two sons-in-law were called to identify the bodies, which were so badly mangled that no other members of the family could see them. Mr. Meyer was born and spent his early life in Sugar Valley, and is survived by two sisters, Mrs. Allen Brungart of Rebersburg, and Mrs. Annie Delcamp of Mifflintown.

Mrs. Meyer was the former Susan Weaver, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Weaver, of Wolf's Store, and is survived by three brothers, Calvin J. Jr., of Rebersburg; Ammon, of Monticomb, and Orrie, of Wolf's Store. The deceased were both 57 years of age, and are survived by three married daughters, a son and daughter at home; also three grandsons.

Funeral services were held in the Congregational church at Big Rock on Monday afternoon, with interment at Kaneville. It was one of the largest funerals ever held in that section, the procession of cars estimated at three miles, which bore witness to the high regard the community held them in, and the deep sympathy of all for the bereaved families.

Allow Overtime To Mill Workers

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J. W. Emmerich, Republican, won the office of Union township road supervisor over Leroy Hall, Democrat. Each candidate had 80 votes.

Car Wrecked When Tire Blows Out

Three Centre county persons were injured in the Phillipsburg area Saturday when their automobile blew a tire and overturned. Injured were: Mary Wade, 39, Phillipsburg, broken left arm; Mrs. Sara Conti, 40, Hawk Run, burst burns of the forehead, and Jack Conti, 5, same address, burst burns of the mouth. Driver of the car was listed at Altoona hospital, where they were treated, as Hershel Wade, Jr.

Cars Meet Near Zion

Damage totaling about \$50 resulted at 10:50 p. m. Sunday when cars operated by George McAuley of Lock Haven and W. T. Fulton, of Stubenville, Ohio, collided on Route 220, four miles east of Zion. No one was injured. The accident happened when the cars sidestepped while traveling in opposite directions.

Shoots Bear

Bob Olmstead, of State College, shot a young bear while hunting with a large group in Sullivan county, Wednesday of last week. Others in the party were Bill Conwell, Charles Gearhart, Harry Kaufman, John Ruef, L. C. Madison, Marvin Fry, and Ed Bayard.

Coit Struck By Truck

A four-year-old colt, owned by Mrs. Charles Fox of Salona, was hit by a truck recently and injured so badly that it had to be killed. The colt with the other stock was crossing the road to go to the stream for water when the accident happened.

License Suspended

The Liquor Control Board at Harrisburg Saturday announced suspension for 30 days beginning November 26 of the taproom license held by C. C. Alexander, the All-American Rathskeller, 108 S. Pugh street, State College.

Let Us Give Fervent Thanks!

NEVER before have we Americans been able to recall with more profound gratitude the origin of - and the reason for - our observance of Thanksgiving.

This Thanksgiving Day, 1941, is an occasion for us to rededicate ourselves to all those ideals which the Pilgrim forefathers came to these shores in search of, and made our most precious heritage.

How fortunate we are, to be able to observe this Thanksgiving in our snug homes, with those we love. This simple joy is something worth safeguarding at any price.

Today, once again, we give thanks for the way of life that is American - the free and democratic way.

Industry May Santa To Visit Here, Friday

May Establish Soy Bean Processing Plant in Gamble Property

Sunday afternoon a committee from the Chamber of Commerce and a group from Belleville Borough Council met at the Gamble Mill, West Lamb street, with Benjamin Gurks, of Rochester, N. Y., and John Sloan, of Lock Haven, who are interested in the mill as the site of a soy bean processing plant.

Although the men reached no definite decision, Sunday, they indicated that they would have their engineers survey the plant and make an estimate of the cost of installing necessary machinery before taking any further steps.

It is reported that the new factory, if it becomes a reality, could employ up to 60 persons without additional building facilities. The plant would process soy beans into flour, meals, and many of the other by-products of that kind of bean.

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Hear Argument In Hoy Houck Trial

Argument in the case of Hoy K. Houck of Belleville, seeking a new trial on charges of assault and battery and aggravated assault and judgment, was heard Monday afternoon at a special session of argument court in Lock Haven.

Samuel H. Jubliler of Altoona, counsel for Houck, and District Attorney Burrill L. Haag, who is prosecuting charges against Houck, argued the case. Houck was convicted last month by jury of the two charges.

The court's decision is expected to be filed in the near future.

Bellefonte Man Buys Picturesque Old Mill

Roy T. Bloomquist, of East Bishop street, has purchased the old Bailey estate mill at Centre Mills, and according to reports will use the picturesque property for a summer home.

The mill is located along Penn's Creek about two miles west of Smulton.

Two Fugitives From Prison Are Sentenced

Pair Begins Time For Break Within 5 Days After Escape

CAUGHT BY GUARDS AT PORT MATILDA

Surrender Without Resistance; One is Convicted Murderer

The system now in use at Rockview prison for apprehending escaped prisoners clicked with machine-like precision during the weekend, and two men who left the institution early Thursday morning walked into a trap at the Port Matilda passenger station, Saturday night.

The same tempo set in apprehending the fugitives was maintained by the local courts and by Tuesday of this week—just five days after the break—the two were on their way to the Western Penitentiary at Pittsburgh to begin their double sentences.

The men are John Kelly, 23, of Fredericktown, Washington county, who was serving 7 1/2 to 15 years for second degree murder, and 2 1/2 to 5 years on another charge, and John Tracy of Farrell, Mercer county, serving 2 to 4 years for robbery.

They were working with a crew of about 35 men on the construction of a barn near the Bellefonte-State College highway about 9:30 o'clock shortly before their absence was noticed by one of the guards. Prison guards, motor police and bloodhounds began an immediate search, but the task was hampered by rain.

During the next two days prison officials ran down a number of "tips" as to the whereabouts of the two men, but all proved false.

About 8 o'clock Saturday night prison guards Frank Parker and John Stutz of Pleasant Gap, were standing behind the passenger station at Port Matilda, along the Bald Eagle branch. The two fugitives appeared, walking along the tracks toward Tyrone. As they came under the light of a nearby street lamp, the two officers stepped out, guns in hand. The prisoners surrendered without resistance.

Both men had been warmly dressed for their outdoor work at the prison, and in their possession were found a number of apples, a coffee

illness fatal to John Hartwick

Retired Bellefonte Postal Employee Succumbs in Hospital

John M. Hartwick, of State College, well known retired Bellefonte postal employee, died about 10 o'clock Tuesday morning, November 25, 1941 at the Palley Hospital, Sewickely, where he had been undergoing treatment for the past eight weeks for an illness which began with a stroke.

Mr. Hartwick, for 31 years a rural carrier out of the local postoffice, was retired about eight years ago. He was a member of the State College I. O. O. F., the Bellefonte Encampment, and was an elder of the Bellefonte Reformed church.

Deceased was a son of Henry B. Deceased was a son of Henry B. and Margaret Neidigh and was born in State College 72 years ago last November 4. He is survived by his wife, who is a patient in the same hospital in which he died; three sons and a daughter, J. Millard, of Bellefonte; H. Leroy and Harold C. of Baden, and Mrs. Glenn Sutherland, of Leetsdale, and one brother, Newton N. Hartwick, of State College.

Funeral arrangements had not been made late Tuesday morning but services are expected to be held in State College.

Centre Hall Woman Injured In Accident

Mrs. Sadie Weaver, 74, of Colver, suffered a fractured neck cap, facial lacerations and numerous other bruises Monday afternoon when the 1923 Nash car in which she was riding, driven by Mrs. Foster Ripka, failed to make the turn at the Harry Goodover store in Colver.

The car plunged through a field and upset in the nearby creek. Mrs. Ripka was uninjured.

Mrs. Weaver is being treated for her injuries at the Centre County Hospital.

Bold Hunter Gets His Bear In Lycoming County With Bare Hands In Bitter Fight

Harrisburg Man Engages In Fierce Hand-to-Hand Struggle With Wounded Animal; Had Clothes Ripped From Back

The bear season came in with a rush last Wednesday for James Bretz of Camp Hill, Harrisburg, who furnishes one of the most thrilling hunting stories recorded in many years.

In a hand-to-hand struggle he downed a 375-pound male black bear, but only after his clothes were all ripped from his back and his 35 caliber rifle was broken and bent.

Bretz battled the bear with every available weapon, first expending all his twenty bullets, then clubbing the animal with his gun stock until that broke, then with rocks and tree limbs belaboring the animal until, at last, he straddled the forest giant and slashed its throat with a knife.

The action started shortly after Bretz became separated from his fellow hunters, D. Edward Ott, 205 North Twenty-fifth street, Camp Hill; J. W. Gossett, Jr., and Clark Gregor, both of Mechanicsburg, R. D. Searching the underbrush, Bretz spied the bear some distance away and opened fire.

Woman Dies in Fall At County Home

Local Minister, Brother, Officiate Father's Wedding

The Rev. C. Nevin Stamm, pastor of St. John's Reformed church, Bellefonte, and his brother, Rev. John F. Stamm, pastor of the Jersey Shore church, officiated Saturday evening at a wedding ceremony at the First Methodist church, Jersey Shore, in which their father, Philip F. Stamm, of Lewisburg, and Mrs. Olive M. Bell, also of Lewisburg, were united in marriage.

The church was decorated for the occasion and members of the two families and a small group of friends attended.

Mr. and Mrs. Stamm are at home on North Eighth street, Lewisburg.

Jury Returns 9 True Bills

Two Bills Found Not True As Jurors Near End of December Docket

Up until late Tuesday morning the Grand Jury for the December term of court had returned nine true bills; had found two bills not true, and were considering the remaining two bills on the criminal docket.

Disposition made of the various bills was:

True bills: Harry Adams, Youngstown, F. & B. Barton Potts, Morristale, assault; Franklin Miller and Joseph Chilton, Port Matilda, burglary; Joseph Chilton, Port Matilda, burglary; H. A. Orwig, Aaronsburg, violation of vehicle code; John S. Casler, Red Bank, N. J., violation of vehicle code; Kathryn Furl, Bellefonte, R. D., violation of liquor laws; Mrs. Eleanor Mayes, Phillipsburg, assault and battery. In addition the jury found a true bill against Glenn Gibboney, of Pennsylvania Furnace, on an F. & B. charge, but the case was settled.

Not true bills returned were: Blake Warman, Bellefonte, R. D., adultery; Burton Potts, Morristale, intent to ravish.

Two cases continued were: John Kantoski, Osceola Mills, F. & B. and David Lewis and Raymond Lewis, Phillipsburg, R. D., assault and battery.

A case in which Robert Pelton, of Phillipsburg, was charged with statutory rape, was settled.

Tuesday the jury was considering these two cases: Earl Hosenkamp and Harold Ream, both of Pleasant Gap, and both charged with fraudulent conversion.

Injuries Hand in Shredder

J. Basil Frank, aged 39, of near State College, suffered severe lacerations of the left hand last Thursday morning when the member was caught in a corset shredder. Frank was brought to the Centre County Hospital for treatment.

Married 51 Years

Mr. and Mrs. A. Winn Witmer, prominent residents of Buffalo Run Valley, last Thursday quietly observed their 51st wedding anniversary at their home.

Last year, on the occasion of their golden anniversary, the home was the scene of a large gathering of relatives and friends, and the day's program included a baptismal service conducted by the Rev. C. C. Shuey of Bellefonte and in which a number of Mr. and Mrs. Witmer's grandchildren and great-grandchildren were baptized.

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Chases Bruin

Bretz continued his pursuit until the bear, so weakened by loss of blood from the bullet wounds, stopped. That stop was just long enough for Bretz to straddle the bear and with a swipe of his hunting knife, slash its throat.

The battle between man and beast began about 11 a. m. The bear was dead at 2:30 p. m. And it wasn't until 9:30 Wednesday night that Bretz fellow hunters, falling to find him astride the bear after a search in the woods.

The four men dragged the bear to the cabin, a distance of four and a half miles, in the space of an hour and a half. There they ascertained that Bretz' shots had struck the bear in the jaw, the front paw, the right hind leg and had creased its back.

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LEFT BED DURING ABSENCE OF NURSE

Coroner Investigates, Finds Death Was Result of Accident

Leaping or falling from a second story window of the Centre County Home, corner of Wilson and Howard streets, Bellefonte, about 6:30 o'clock Friday morning, Mrs. Charles C. Bartges, 74, of Spring Mills, a patient at the institution, died eight hours later at the Centre County Hospital.

Mrs. Bartges suffered a fractured leg, a fractured nose and several lacerations of the face when she landed partly on a concrete curbing and partly on an iron grille over a basement window of the institution.

Centre County Coroner, Charles Sheekler, of Milesburg, conducted an investigation and ruled an inquest unnecessary. He certified that death had resulted from an accidental fall.

William Witmer, superintendent of the County Home, reported that Mrs. Bartges, who had been admitted to the home Monday of last week, had been much perturbed mentally during her stay there. She repeatedly asked for permission to go home and would not remain in bed, the official said.

Mrs. Bartges was under treatment in the infirmary, and was occupying the isolation ward, Friday morning. She had not slept much during the night and repeatedly left

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