

MAN KILLED AS DEER SEASON OPENS

Three are Wounded During First Day

John Bosak, 49, Clarence Miner, Fatally Shot Through Abdomen

NEIGHBOR HELD PENDING PROBE

Two Other Victims in Serious Condition at Philipsburg

A Coroner's jury at Clarence last night returned a verdict that John Bosak died after being shot by Andy Matella in mistake for a deer.

Witnesses testified that Matella was only 63 feet from his victim (by actual measurement) when he fired the shot, it was reported.

Matella testified he shot at a deer, thought he missed, then when he saw the man become frightened and fled. Earlier reports that the men with Bosak shouted before the shot was fired were not substantiated at the inquest last night.

Last night, as a Coroner's Jury met at Clarence to conduct an inquest into the first hunting fatality of the 1941 deer season, three other victims of hunting accidents in the first three days of the season were described as being in "fair" condition.

Centre County Coroner Charles Shecker, of Milesburg, last night was directing the investigation into the death of John Bosak, 49, Clarence miner, who was fatally shot while hunting about six miles north of his home, Monday afternoon.

Bosak was struck in the abdomen by a pumpkin ball from a 16-gauge shotgun about 3 o'clock and died in a fellow hunter's arms about a half hour later.

Bosak's neighbor, Andy Matella, 23, who allegedly fired the fatal shot, was being held by Centre County Sheriff Edward R. Miller pending the outcome of the investigation.

Two deer hunters accidentally shot (Continued on Page 7-Col. 4)

Measles in Bellefonte

According to a report by W. W. Bickett, Centre County Health Officer, there are 15 cases of measles in the borough.

Two large Urns Stolen from Front of Local Home

Two large pottery urns, weighing several hundred pounds each, were stolen sometime Friday night from the front porch of the stone house on North Spring street owned by E. E. Widdowson and occupied by the Frank Rosenhoyer family.

The urns, valued at more than \$25, were placed at each side of the front door and were half filled with sand to make them firm.

Since it required two men to lift each urn, and since there were no evidences that the sand was emptied out on the site, it is believed that two or more persons were responsible.

Local Game Warden Predicts Medium Kill in County

DEER IN EXCELLENT CONDITION, REPORT

Most Hunting Camps Are Open; Several Nimrods Arrested

Despite reports throughout the state that the 1941 deer kill will be the lightest in five years, Game Warden Thomas Mosier, of Bellefonte last night claimed the kill in Centre county will be about average.

Mosier said that from preliminary surveys, he has no reasons to believe the kill will be much lighter than usual, although in some sections a few deer are being taken, he admitted.

Mosier outlined the activities of the first three days of the season in this county as follows: kill, medium; violations, few; condition of deer, excellent. Most hunting camps are occupied, he declared.

The season is notable, mostly, for the fine condition in which the deer appear to be. From all sides come reports that deer are large, well fed and apparently in unusually healthy condition.

The racks of horns are finer than usual. The woods are full of food for deer, and wildlife is assured of an "easy" winter as far as food is concerned.

Warden Mosier reported that several arrests have been made when (Continued on Page 7-Col. 2)

Six Burned In Kiln 'Blast'

One of Victims in Hospital After Mishap at National Gypsum Plant

Sudden burning of accumulated gases in the new rotary kiln at the National Gypsum Company's plant in Buffalo Run Valley, while the kiln was being tested late Friday afternoon, resulted in six men being painfully burned, one of them seriously enough to require hospital treatment.

Norman Stebel, 24, of Luckey, Ohio suffered second-degree burns of the face, hands, and side when the tongue of flame came through the fire door and enveloped the men on the firing floor.

Stebel is a patient at the Centre County Hospital where he is reported to be recovering nicely.

Five others, Bayard Magee, Bellefonte, superintendent of the plant; Frederick Rieder, Coleville; Lee Samspeil, Pleasant Gap; Lester Meek, Bellefonte, and Ed Beyhl, of the Traylor Engineering and Manufacturing Company, Allentown, were less seriously burned and received treatment from a physician.

Pulverized coal was being used to fire the kiln when the explosion-like ignition occurred, officials said. Such blasts are common when a kiln is being heated, but this one was more severe than usual and consequently the men on the firing floor were not prepared for it, it was explained.

The kiln was not damaged by the blast, which was somewhat similar in nature to a "backfire" of gases in an ordinary household furnace.

Educator Dies



ARTHUR H. SLOOP

Arthur H. Sloop, deputy Centre County Prothonotary, former supervising principal of the Bellefonte schools and instructor at the Bellefonte Academy, died at 8 o'clock Wednesday night, November 28, 1941, at the Centre County Hospital.

Death came as the result of a three years illness with a heart condition. He had been a patient in the hospital for less than a week. Mr. Sloop, prominent in Masonic circles, was 60.

Mr. Sloop came to Bellefonte in 1905 as instructor at the Bellefonte Academy, remaining on the teaching staff of that school until 1919 when he was named supervising (Continued on page four—Second Section)

Mensch Named To Fish Board

Well Known Local Editor is Appointed to Succeed Harry E. Weber

Announcement was made in Harrisburg yesterday of the appointment of Charles A. Mensch, editor of the Keystone Gazette, Bellefonte, well known local sportsman, as a member of the Pennsylvania Board of Fish Commissioners.

Mr. Mensch was named to succeed Harry E. Weber, of Philipsburg, whose term expired May 29. The appointment is effective until the end of the next session of the State Senate when Mr. Mensch's nomination for a six-year term will come up for confirmation.

The office carries no salary but traveling expenses incurred on board business.

Mr. Mensch long has been one of Bellefonte's most enthusiastic anglers and is an expert dry-fly fisherman. He is a native of Centre county, is a graduate of the Bellefonte High School and was graduated from Penn State in 1930. Since then he has been associated with his brother, Thomas Mensch, in the publication of the Keystone Gazette.

Mr. Mensch's appointment to the Fish Commission has sentimental as well as practical significance. His uncle, the late Thomas H. Harter, former publisher of the Gazette, was a member of the Fish Commission from 1921 until the time of his death in 1933.

DAMAGE \$150 AS CARS CRASH NEAR SNOW SHOE

Damage totaled \$150 but no one was injured in a motor accident on the road between Snow Shoe and Clarence, Tuesday.

A car driven by Robert Oswalt, 22, of Clarence, proceeding south on the road, stopped to pick up a hitch-hiker. It is reported a machine driven by Chalmers Yohn, 17, of Snow Shoe, which was following the Oswalt car, was unable to stop and struck the rear of the car ahead.

Boro Operates Within Limits 1941 Budget

Brokerhoff Recharges Demand For Surcharge of Councilmen

MAY PUT TEETH IN SNOW REMOVAL LAW

Table Thomas' Resignation; Council Okays Purchase of Snow Plow

All departments of the borough as well as the water department are operating within their budget limits as the end of the fiscal year draws close, it was revealed in reports at a regular meeting of Bellefonte Borough Council, Monday night.

A highlight of the session was the repetition of a demand by Councilman Henry A. Brokerhoff that the borough auditors surcharge members of Council for the cost of constructing Snowplow street.

Brokerhoff reaffirmed his stand that Council never took any action to rescind a resolution passed some time ago in which Council set forth that when private property was benefited through construction of streets, etc., property owners should be assessed a portion of such construction on a foot frontage basis. He added that to the best of his knowledge, Council never took any (Continued on Page Six)

B.H.S. Alumni to Hold Dinner Dance

The Bellefonte High School Alumni Association will hold a holiday dinner dance at the Penn Belle Hotel on Tuesday evening, December 30, it was announced yesterday by Miss Kathryn Coble, president of the Association.

The evening's festivities will begin at 7 o'clock with the serving of dinner. Afterwards an orchestra will be on hand for dancing and cards will be in play.

Reservations for the dinner dance must be made at the hotel, or with Miss Coble or Frank McGovern, not later than December 24. Tickets at \$1.25 a person will include both dinner and dancing. The affair will be for B. H. S. alumni and their guests only.

M. Harold Betz Dies at Home

Was President of Howard Borough Council; Prominent Business Man

M. Harold Betz, well known Howard business man and president of the Howard Borough Council, died at 9:55 o'clock Tuesday night, November 25, 1941, at his home in Howard after a several months illness with a complication of diseases.

Betz, son of the late Edwin Betz, for many years a prominent Jacksonville implement dealer, was aged 40 years.

Mr. Harold Betz was a son of Mervin E. and Alice Harter Betz and was born at Jacksonville on June 22, 1901. He is survived by his mother, living in Jacksonville; his wife, the former Ruth Lucas; two children.

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Elks Memorial Service, Sunday

Dr. Carroll Champlin, of the Education Department, Penn State College, who gave the address at Armistice Day services here, will be the speaker at the annual Memorial services to be held by the Bellefonte Elks Lodge at the Elks Home, West High street, at 2:30 p. m. Sunday, December 7.

Physician Succumbs



DR. WALTER J. KURTZ

Dr. Walter J. Kurtz, one of the few remaining "country physicians" in Centre county, and who had practiced medicine in the Howard area for forty years, died at 12:15 o'clock Tuesday morning, December 2, 1941, at his home in Howard. He was 65.

Dr. Kurtz had been in failing health for several years, but his condition did not become serious until about two months ago. He had continued to practice his profession in the Howard area until a year ago.

The elderly and kindly-disposed physician was well and widely known throughout Bald Eagle Valley. During his four decades of practice in Howard he had established an unblemished reputation. (Continued on Page Two)

Stores to Remain Open at Night

Officials of the Retail Division of the Bellefonte Chamber of Commerce yesterday expressed the hope that merchants would have the 125 evergreen trees now lining the curbs of the business district trimmed with lights in time to have them lighted by 5 p. m. this Saturday.

A large tree will be erected on the Diamond, Friday, but whether it will be trimmed with the 300 lights which customarily are used for that purpose depends upon whether power will be available for lighting the bulbs.

Many Bellefonte stores and business places are expected to remain open every evening, beginning Tuesday night, December 9, and continuing until Christmas. Food stores will be open only from December 22 to 24.

Cyrus Shope, of Howard, who furnished and erected the trees in Bellefonte, has been given the contract for furnishing similar trees at State College and expects to have the work completed there by tonight. Trees at the college will not be trimmed or lighted, it is reported.

Change System For Fire Alarms

After December 13 Dial 'O' to Report Fires; No 'Silent' Alarms

After Saturday, December 13, when the dial telephone system goes into operation in the Bellefonte area, the public will continue to report fires as usual to the telephone operators, it was announced yesterday by Jesse H. Caum, manager of the Bell Telephone Company offices in this area. To report a fire, simply dial "O" and give the operator your name and the location of the fire.

The operators will do nothing except to throw a switch which will (Continued on Page Seven)

Injured While Butchering

Etvak, Greek, 30, of Northumberland, underwent treatment at the Centre County Hospital here last Thursday for injuries received while assisting with a butchering near Yarnell. One of his fingers had been amputated. Treatment was given at the dispensary.

Court Seeks More Data In Houck Request

Petition for New Trial and Stay of Judgment to Be Decided Soon

COUNSEL ALLEGES EVIDENCE SCANT

Jurisdiction of Alderman Issue in Contested Verdict at Lock Haven

The decision of the Clinton county court on the appeal of Hoy K. Houck for a new trial and arrest of judgment in his conviction of assault and battery and aggravated assault and battery will await the filing of briefs within the next week and study of the present briefs and records of the case by Judge Henry Hippie. Argument on the motions was heard by Judge Hippie last week.

Houck, convicted last month on the two charges, developing from an attack on Miss Ruth Andrews, 19-year-old Salona girl employed in Lock Haven, was apprehended by the police immediately after the incident September 4. He remains in the Clinton county jail.

Samuel H. Jubeliler of Altoona, an chief of defense counsel, argued that there was not sufficient evidence to sustain a conviction of aggravated assault and battery, and charged that the original information leading to Houck's arrest was not legally drawn up because the (Continued on Page Six)

Only 5 Cases On Trial List

Grand Jury Recommends Minor Repairs, Alterations to Buildings

Only five cases are listed for trial at the regular December criminal court which is scheduled to get underway here Monday morning, and yesterday there were indications that one or more of the five might be settled out of court before going to trial.

The Grand Jury last week returned ten true bills, but since then five of the cases have been disposed of through court action without jury trial.

The five cases on the docket are as follows: Harry Adams, Johnstown, F. & B. Franklin Miller, Port Matilda, burglary.

Mill Hall Boy Hit-Run Victim

Carl Shearer, 14, Killed While Walking Along Highway Near Home

Carl Shearer, 14, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest R. Shearer, Mill Hall, R. D., was instantly killed by a hit-and-run motorist while walking along the highway near his home about 7:15 p. m. Monday. Three other boys walking single file in back of him escaped injury.

Despite an immediate search no trace of the hit-run car was found and Corp. Neil Gallagher, of the State Motor Police at Lock Haven, reported later that there are few clues.

Carl, along with his brother Richard, 11, and David Gilmore, 13, and Richard Miller, 13, the latter two of Mackeville, was walking along (Continued on Page Two)

Banks Again Cut Interest on Savings

Bellefonte's three banks—the First National, Trust Company, and Farmers' National—this week announced that beginning January 1, 1942, the interest paid on savings accounts and certificates of deposit, will be reduced from 1 1/2 to 1 per cent.

The banks, in an announcement, state that the reduction is necessary because of the continued marked decline in money rates. Time was when 3 per cent interest was paid on savings accounts, but the rate has been reduced steadily in the past eight or ten years to its present level.

Guilty Pleas Heard At Special Court

Erv. Bennett Takes Chunk Out of House To Raid Bee Hive

Woman Fined \$200 And Costs For Liquor Law Violations

DRUNKEN DRIVER IS FINED \$100, 30 DAYS

Port Matilda Man Pleads Nolo Contendere to Burglary Counts

Several pleas of guilty and other matters were disposed of by Judge Ivan Walker at a special session of Centre county court here Tuesday morning.

Burton Potts, 26, of Morrisdale, entering a plea of guilty to assault and battery on Ellen Robbins, 17, a neighbor, received a suspended sentence and was placed under probation for two years upon payment of the costs and \$50 for the use of the county.

According to Miss Robbins, who was prosecutor in the case, Potts, on September 20 had taken her and her father to town in his truck. Later Potts met the girl and told her to get in the truck so they could drive around to where her father was waiting. Instead, the girl said, he drove out of town, pulled off the road and attempted to attack her. She broke away, got in the truck and started to drive away. Potts jumped on the truck and they rode back to town without further incident.

Potts said he made some advances to the girl but when she refused he permitted her to drive back into town. The girl was not harmed and Potts never before had been in difficulty with the law, it was reported. (Continued on Page Six)

School Board Is Reorganized

Hartranft is President; Complete Plans For Stock Hearing

Horace J. Hartranft was re-elected president of the Bellefonte School Board at the annual organization meeting of that group in the offices of the Supervising Principal at the Academy building, Monday night.

R. C. Blaney was named vice-president and Muser W. Gettig was named as the board's solicitor for another year. The treasurer's office will not be vacant until May, and the board secretary's four-year term will not expire for several years.

Mrs. J. Millard Hartzwick, elected to the board last Monday, received the oath of office from William H. Brouse, who acted as temporary chairman during the organization. (Continued on Page Three)

Thrift Corp. Manager Called for Army Duty

Walter H. Adams, of East Curtin street, Bellefonte, a reserve lieutenant in the U. S. Army, has been called for a year of service and will report at Ft. Eustis, Virginia, tomorrow.

He passes the physical examination. Lt. Adams expects to be assigned to the Coast Artillery. His post as manager of the Centre County Thrift Corporation in Bellefonte and State College will be taken by Donald Kilinger, of Bellefonte, who has been assistant manager of the business for some time.

Westinghouse means a lot when you think of anything electrical for Christmas. DeHaas Electric Company, Bellefonte, Pa.

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