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REMOVE HALF OF PARKING METERS

Council Yields to Complaints of Public

Every Other Meter to Be Taken Out; Two-Hour Machines Favored

WEBER'S SEAT IS DECLARED VACANT

West Penn Reports War Conditions Delay Revamping Street Lights

Yielding to pressure brought by scores of merchants and hundreds of citizens of Belleville and surrounding rural areas, Belleville Borough Council Monday night at a regular session sounded the death knell for approximately one-half of the 287 meters now in operation on High and Allegheny streets.

Without a dissenting vote being polled Council approved the following recommendations reached during joint conferences of the Fire and Police Committee of Council and a special committee from the Retail Division of the Belleville Chamber of Commerce:

1. That every other meter on High and Allegheny streets be removed.
2. That three of the six 12-minute meters in front of the Post Office be removed, and that two of this type of meter be installed in front of the State Liquor Store on North Spring street.

3. That strict enforcement of the two-hour free parking laws be maintained in the un-metered spaces.
The recommendation was approved upon motion by Councilman Paul Walker. Russell J. Lambert seconded the motion.

Councilman Walter Eberhart asked that the meters be removed the following day, but Council President W. W. Sieg explained that the work would be done as soon as men are available for the task. "They'll be taken out as soon as possible," Sieg commented.

The Council seat of John Weber, of the South Ward, was declared vacant by motion of Council, which has the position left vacant since the incumbent passes two or more regular sessions without reasonable excuse. Mr. Weber has been absent for at least four sessions and efforts to learn whether he intended to continue serving have brought no answer, it was reported. Mr. Weber some time ago left Belleville to accept a position in York.

The other Councilmen from the South Ward, Harold D. Cowher and R. J. Lambert, were asked to make a recommendation for the vacancy, but they reported that while they had a candidate in view they wished to consult the solicitor before announcing their recommendation. They indicated that they would be ready with suggestions by the next regular meeting, Monday, March 16.

Centre County Commissioner Harry V. Keeler, of Blanchard street, appeared in Council in behalf of the score or more of families residing within the borough who keeps hogs for butchering. Keeler said he's kept

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108 Sign to Make Model Airplanes

Scale Models to be Turned Out by Local School Boys; Assistants Needed

A total of 108 boys in the Belleville schools have volunteered to make a total of 108 model airplanes for use by the Army and Navy in training pilots. It was reported yesterday by Harry C. Menold, Model Aircraft Supervisor in the Belleville area.

The models will be made according to specifications furnished by the war department and an unusually high degree of accuracy is demanded. The models, fashioned of wood, range in size from 5 to 24 inches and are exact scale reproductions of planes currently used by the Army and Navy, the Dutch, English, Germans, Italians and Japanese. There are in all, about 50 different models listed for construction, and the Belleville group expects to turn out two of each type.

The finished planes must pass 3 inspections; one by Mr. Menold, another by Lynn Kraus, a civilian instructor, and a final inspection by government agents. Among other phases of training, the planes will be used in familiarizing pilots with the appearance of various kinds of planes, so that they know even at a distance the type, size and nationality of a plane. That is the reason for the high standards of accuracy, Mr. Menold explained.

Mr. Menold has issued an appeal for men to assist in conducting classes. It is proposed to have about 20 boys in each class, and hours will be arranged at the convenience of instructors insofar as possible. Interested persons are asked to get in touch immediately with Mr. Menold. Work is to begin as soon as schedules have been arranged.

Olewine Store Is Sold to Clusters

The John I. Olewine estate hardware store on West High street, Belleville, was sold last weekend to M. I. Claster & Son, proprietors of a chain of lumber, building supplies, and hardware stores in Central Pennsylvania.

W. M. Bottorf, who has been associated in the business since its purchase in 1902 by the late John I. Olewine from the Daniel Irvin Sons, and who has been proprietor since 1910 will continue to manage the business. Since the death of the late John I. Olewine in 1910, the store has been in possession of the estate, the heirs being Dr. Harris Olewine, of State College, and Mrs. Adeline Olewine Murray, of Belleville.

The new owners have announced that some additional lines of merchandise will be added to the stock and that the interior and exterior of the store will be remodeled and redecorated to some extent.

Claim Driver Was Negligent

Coroner's Jury Frees Railroad and Engine Crew of Blame in Fatality

A Coroner's jury probing the grade crossing accident near Dix Run, Tuesday of last week, in which Harry Cohen, 46-year-old Lock Haven junk dealer was killed, returned a verdict that the accident resulted from Cohen's negligence.

James R. Hughes, of Belleville, foreman of the Coroner's jury, declared that no evidence of carelessness on the part of the railroad, or of the fireman or engineer of the Lehigh Express which struck the truck, was produced.

Witnesses who were heard at the inquest, held Friday night in the court room, Belleville, by Deputy Coroner F. L. Baird, of Milesburg, in the absence of Coroner Charles Sheekler, were: Mrs. B. M. Naylor, who resides on a farm near the scene of the accident; Pvt. John M. Amick, of the Pleasant Gap Motor Police; Samuel Miller, of Altoona, fireman on the locomotive; and E. H. Woodring, of Tyrone, engineer.

Witnesses related that as the east-bound express was traveling at between 45 and 50 miles an hour along a straight stretch of road parallel with the highway near Dix Run, Cohen's truck, traveling in the same direction as the train turned right to cross the private crossing leading to the R. M. Naylor farmhouse. Just as the truck reached the crossing it was struck by the locomotive and carried nearly a half-mile on the pilot before the train was brought to a stop.

Cohen, brought to Belleville in the baggage car of the train, was pronounced dead on arrival at the Centre County Hospital.

At the inquest, Attorney Philip H. Johnston, of Belleville, represented the Pennsylvania Railroad, while Miss Helen Schaefer, of Belleville, took testimony in behalf of the railroad. Members of the jury in addition to Mr. Hughes were: M. E. Rumberger, W. H. Barney, Herbert Auman, Jr., Jack Mahus and Harold Wilson, all of Belleville.

To Collect Old License Plates

At a meeting of the directors of the Belleville Chamber of Commerce this week, the board voted to establish a collection center for old automobile license plates. The plates and other scrap metal are to be placed in the court in front of the Y. M. C. A. building, West High street, in a large bin to be provided for that purpose. At the close of the collection period the plates will be turned over to the Salvation Army, which will supervise transportation to steel plants where the metal will be converted for war use.

DEHAAS ELECTRIC STORE TO HANDLE FURNITURE

The DeHaas Electric Company, Belleville, which for nine years has been known as the Westinghouse Store, announces this week that it will enter the retail furniture business.

The change is being made because of inability to obtain some electrical appliances. Sales and service of Westinghouse products will continue as before. The store announces that some alterations will be made to the present rooms to provide additional display space, and that furniture of one better known manufacturer will be stocked. The opening date is to be announced next week.

For Victory: Buy Bonds.

Milesburg Boy Held for Using Slugs in Phone

Company Takes Action to Curb Widespread Cheating of Pay Stations

'SLUG' MILL MAY BE IN OPERATION HERE

Youth Posts \$300 Bail For Court at Hearing Before Squire Cowher

In a drive to stamp out a widespread use of slugs in public telephones in the Milesburg area, Bell Telephone Company detectives on Tuesday arrested Leland Lutz, 17, of Milesburg, on charges of using slugs in telephones.

The youth, arraigned before Justice of the Peace Harold D. Cowher, yesterday morning, pleaded guilty to the charge and posted \$300 bail for his appearance in court.

Telephone company officials report that for a number of months an unusually high percentage of slugs have been found in the coin boxes in public telephones in Milesburg, and warnings against the practice were broadcast through the community through merchants and public officials. Draconic action was taken only when the warnings went unheeded, a spokesman said.

The prosecutor in the case against Lutz is G. B. Alexander, company detective.

It is reported unofficially that there is some evidence that a wholesale "slug mill" for turning out slugs for use in telephones, parking meters, and other vending devices, is in operation in the Belleville area. The slugs most commonly found are thin circles of a dull gray metal, probably steel, which show evidence of having been punched out of a press of some kind.

Officials of the telephone company said yesterday that additional prosecutions will be brought if slugs continue to make their appearance in coin boxes.

I.O.O.F. Lodge In Annual Dinner

W. H. Wion Announces Purchase by Camp of \$3,400 of Defense Bonds

Members of Belleville Encampment, I. O. O. F., their wives and guests attended the lodge's annual banquet at the lodge hall on West High street, last Wednesday night.

Willis Wion, chairman of the banquet committee, presided as toastmaster. W. W. Lonsberger, of State College, president of the Centre County Post Grand's Association, was head of the committee in charge of entertainment.

The United Brethren Sunday school orchestra, Belleville, furnished music and played for group singing during the evening.

A highlight of the event was an announcement by Mr. Wion that the Encampment had purchased \$3,400

License of Coal Dealer in Jeopardy

John P. Kelley, Phillipsburg, has been called upon to present reasons why his license as a retail distributor of coal should not be revoked, it was learned today.

Kelley is one of more than 400 coal dealers against whom the bituminous coal division of the Department of Interior, Washington, D. C., has taken similar action.

The Phillipsburg man, and others named in the show cause order were cited because they failed to report inventories of coal purchased and sold to the bituminous coal division last fall. For this reason bituminous coal division officials doubt that they are bona-fide retailers and will move to revoke their license.

Defense Meeting for Gregg Twp. Citizens

A public defense meeting for all citizens of Gregg township will be held at 8 o'clock Tuesday night, March 10, in the school auditorium at Spring Mills, it was announced yesterday.

The principal speaker will be Dean A. B. Warnock, of State College, while the meeting will be in charge of Ralph Shook, district chairman of the local defense council. All citizens of the township are urged to be present.

Spring Township Gets Payment
State Treasurer G. Harold Wagner reports that payment of \$370.66 has been made to Spring Township School District for Vocational Education for Defense.

Defense Bonds Will Win War, Prevent Inflation and Ease Post-War Slump

What would be your answer to this question: "Why does the government want you to buy defense bonds and stamps?"

Some chances out of ten your reply would be: "To finance the war effort!" You'd be right, but only partly so. Actually there are three great purposes behind the bonds.

One is the one you guessed—to help finance the war. But of greater importance perhaps are the other two reasons: to prevent inflation, and to build up a backlog of savings to cushion the post-war slump.

The purposes of defense bonds and stamps were outlined by Karl W. Illigen, deputy state administrator of the Defense Savings Staff, Harrisburg, at a meeting of the Centre County Defense Savings Committee at the Penn Belle Hotel last Thursday night.

The nine county district leaders and the six prominent Centre countymen who complete the committee under the general chairmanship of Claude G. Aikens of State College, heard Mr. Illigen explain a program so far-reaching that it might well be termed the beginning of a new way of life for countless Americans.

If the accumulations of funds for the war effort was the only purpose, the speaker said, banks and corporations would gobble up the bonds as fast as they were issued. But the Series E Bonds (those ranging from \$25 denominations up) can be bought only by individuals. No bank or corporation is permitted to purchase them.

The government wants them to go to the average citizen because it wants to divert into useful and patriotic channels the money which in normal times would go to the purchase of cars, tires, refrigerators,

electrical appliances and other articles which are becoming scarce, the speaker pointed out.

The reason the government is interested in this "extra" money is because persons with extra funds will bid high prices for what they want. And when any considerable group of persons begin bidding on an article, the price begins to rise. That is inflation.

Carried to its logical conclusion, inflation lowers the value of the dollar. In extreme cases, such as in Germany after World War I, money can become worth less than the paper on which it is printed.

The third purpose of Defense Savings Bonds is readily understood. By buying bonds now when incomes are high, the average citizen will be building up a reserve which may come in good stead after the war when, it is believed, there will be a general lull while the nation is getting back into its peace-time stride.

Defense bonds are planned especially for the average citizen. He may set aside money regularly until he has enough for a bond, or he may buy Defense Savings Stamps in denominations as low as ten cents, until he has enough for a bond. The stamps are merely stepping stones to bonds.

The value of defense bonds is protected throughout their life by the Government. Every precaution has been taken to prevent their sale at cut-rate prices by holders hard-pressed for ready cash—as happened with Liberty Bonds of World War I. Defense Savings Bonds cannot be transferred, sold, or given to any other individual. They must be cashed in at a postoffice or other authorized government agency. Their redemption value at any time is stamped plainly upon the bonds and no matter when you redeem them,

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Many Finish Nursing Course

Classes in Various County Communities Honor Instructors

Members of a number of Red Cross home nursing course classes completed their studies during last week and this week in Belleville and surrounding towns.

Those enrolled in the two classes taught by Mrs. Edwin Harris, which finished in Belleville last Tuesday afternoon, are as follows: Miss Josephine Armstrong, Mrs. Clark Brewer, Mrs. Ernest Brown, Mrs. Wilmer Crossley, Mrs. Jesse Cautm, Mrs. Arthur Dale, Mrs. Harry Eckenroth, Mrs. Mary Heverly, Mrs. Charles Huppke, Mrs. Elwood Johnson, Mrs. Nancy Kerr, Mrs. Lester Meek, Mrs. Nathan Mull, Mrs. Anna McLaughlin, Mrs. Deborah Valentine, Mrs. John Widmann, Mrs. Cora Williams, Mrs. Paul Sheffer.

After the study for the afternoon was completed a tea was held by the class, at which the instructor and committee members as follows were guests: Mrs. George Thompson, Mrs. Dave Washburn, Mrs. Ralph Blaney, Mrs. Ivan Walker, and Mrs. J. B. Beezer. The class presented Mrs. Harris with a folding clock, in appreciation of her services.

The evening class, taught by Miss Theresa Fye, after completing its study period, served a luncheon in her honor and presented Miss Fye with a handbag. The committee members as guests were Mrs. J. B. Beezer and Mrs. Harold Kirk.

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Aged Man, Boy Plead Guilty in Court Here

Student is Sentenced For Forgery; 63-Year-Old Man, Drunken Driving

BOTH DEFENDANTS FIRST OFFENDERS

Court Scores New Jersey Resident For Failure to Obey Summons

Youth and age, both pleading guilty to criminal charges, were sentenced at a special session of court here Monday morning.

Both defendants, one aged 18 and the other aged about 70, were first offenders, and both showed evidence of better-than-average intelligence and opportunity.

Humiliation, a human characteristic often lacking in court proceedings, was present to a marked degree as the two well-dressed men, one beginning life and the other nearing its end, admitted their guilt and stood for sentence.

The defendants were Henry R. Taxdal, 18, a Penn State freshman, and James E. Castle, aged about 70, of Red Bank, N. J. Taxdal was charged with issuing and passing a forged check. Castle was charged with drunken driving in Boggs township on June 8, 1941.

Taxdal, according to the prosecutor, Officer Donald W. Hay, of the State College police, was charged with making and passing a \$5.00 check to which he had forged a fictitious name. The check was drawn on the First National Bank, State College, and was made payable to "cash." The officer said that although only one charge had been brought, Taxdal had issued and passed six checks, for a total of \$33, during February.

When Judge Ivan Walker asked the youth why he had passed the checks, Taxdal stammered: "I became lost. I couldn't help it." The court, observing that since this was the boy's first offense he is entitled to another chance, suspended sentence upon payment of the costs and making restitution of the bad checks. He was placed under probation for a year.

The prosecutor in the case against Castle was Pvt. Clyde E. Smith, of the Pleasant Gap Motor Police. Smith told the court that he arrested Castle in Milesburg after he noticed the man's car weaving along the road. Castle, the officer said, was in a disequilibrium condition and showed visible evidences of intoxication.

He was taken to the offices of Justice of the Peace Frank Baird in Milesburg, and later was removed to the county jail.

Castle, a tall, gray-haired man of distinguished appearance, told the court that he was "much ashamed" to be in court, and that it was a new and unpleasant experience to him. He declared that because of financial conditions he had not taken a drink for eight years prior to the day on which he was arrested.

Judge Walker told the man that the greatest criticism the Court had of his conduct was his failure to appear in court when he was summoned on previous occasions. "The bonding company brought you here today," Judge Walker reminded him.

Castle claimed that on one of the prior times he was to have appeared here, he was called for civilian defense duty in New York, where he said an air-raid warning had been sounded. On another occasion, he said, he failed to appear in court because he was trying to make arrangements to pay a fine. He apologized to the court for his "mistakes."

He said he was a salesman of attorneys' supplies. The court imposed a sentence of the costs, a fine of \$200, and ten days in the county jail.

Seniors to Fight Fires in Forests

County Sportsmen Announce Plan for Replacing Men Called to Service

Members of CCC camps and other forest fire fighting units taken into defense industry or into Army service will be replaced by senior students in Centre county, high school boys, according to an announcement made at a dinner meeting of the Centre County Sportsmen's Federation at Pleasant Gap last Thursday night.

According to the plan announced by Federation chairman Ralston Dear, of Pleasant Gap, senior boys will receive permission to leave school to fight forest fires in the spring and summer months. The Department of Forests and Waters will provide employees' and birth certificates for the boys free of charge and will pay them 40 cents an hour while engaged in fire-fighting work. To acquaint the boys with their

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Whiterock Employee Is Fatally Injured

Service Men May Cast Votes by Mail

Beginning March 30 and ending April 18, the Commissioners' office in Belleville will receive applications from men in the service who wish to cast their ballots in the primary election, May 19. It was announced yesterday, Ballots may be furnished service men only if they apply during the specified time.

In applying for an absentee ballot, men in the armed forces should give their name and home address, and the precinct where they are registered.

The Commissioners also remind voters who have moved recently that unless they have their addresses corrected on the voting lists they will not be entitled to vote at the primaries. April 18 is the last day for correcting addresses, but it is hoped that corrections will be made immediately since voting lists are now in the course of preparation.

Foot of Snow Covers County

Heaviest Storm of Season Causes Some Damage to Power Lines

The heaviest and most destructive snow storm of the entire winter struck Centre county late Monday night and were kept busy from then on in keeping lines open. Interruptions in power occurred at Belleville, State College, Milesburg, Millheim and in some Bald Eagle Valley towns.

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Farm Loan Unit Annual Meeting

Financial Reports, Talks on Farm Problems Are Features of Session

The Centre County National Farm Loan Association held its annual meeting last Thursday in the Pleasant Gap Grange Hall at 10 o'clock a. m., with a large number of its members present.

James J. Markle, of State College, was re-elected for another three-year term to serve on the board of directors. Other board members present were: George I. Fetters, of Centre Hall; Gilbert C. Wolfe, of Port Matilda; and Elery T. Parsons, of Pennsylvania Furnace. Ward C. Krape of Belleville, president of the board, was absent due to illness, and Robert L. Akers, secretary-treasurer, presided at the meeting.

Mr. Akers gave a report on the activities of the board during 1941 and the financial progress of the association, bringing out the fact that

Tire Board Offices Now In County Home

The offices of Centre County Tire Rationing Board No. 2, of which John Sommerville is chairman, were moved yesterday from the Belleville Council chambers on East Howard street, to the basement rooms in the Centre County Home, corner of Wilcox and Howard streets, formerly occupied by the WPA sewing project.

Mr. Sommerville indicated that a new schedule of business hours will be announced in the near future.

Discontinue Navy Recruiting Here

L. J. Mitchell, Navy recruiting officer from the Altoona headquarters, reports that he has discontinued his weekly trips to Belleville.

He added that the Navy is still accepting enlistments of men from 17 to 35 years old. Centre countymen wishing to enlist in the Navy are asked to report at the Altoona offices.

Curtin L. Dunkleberger, 46, Believed Struck By Power Shovel

DIES WHILE BEING TAKEN TO HOSPITAL

Fellow Employes Unable to Explain Mishap; Funeral Held Tuesday

Curtin L. Dunkleberger, 46, of Pleasant Gap, employe of Whiterock Quarries, was fatally injured about 3 o'clock Saturday afternoon when he is believed to have been pinned under the bucket of a power shovel which was being used to unload dinky cars at the quarries.

Dunkleberger, for many years employed by the company as a dinky operator, died en route to the Centre County Hospital. He had suffered crush injuries about the pelvic region and had fractures of both legs in addition to other injuries.

According to reports Dunkleberger and M. F. Tate, of Pleasant Gap, shovel operator, and Lee St. Clair, also of Pleasant Gap, were unloading a shipment of dinky cars from a standard railroad car. It is believed that he either slipped or was thrown into the path of the shovel while a car bed was being lowered onto the wheel assembly.

Neither of the man's fellow workmen saw the mishap, they told officials. Tate said he received the usual signal to lower the bucket from Dunkleberger. St. Clair, on the other side of the car, was unable to see what happened. The victim was brought to the hospital by Tate, St. Clair and John Myers, also of Pleasant Gap.

Dunkleberger lost part of one of his hands nearly 30 years ago when he was wounded by a shotgun.

Centre County Coroner Charles Sheekler, of Milesburg, after conducting an investigation into the fatality, said yesterday that he had not decided whether a formal inquest will be held.

The deceased, a son of Grant and Harriet Griffith, Dunkleberger, was born at Pleasant Gap on September 18, 1895. Surviving are his wife, the former Maude Lyons, and five children, namely: Grant and Clarence, of Pleasant Gap; and Pearl, Francis and Thelma, all at home.

Surviving brothers and sisters are: Mrs. Blair Rice and Mrs. Lee Sampson, both of Milesburg; Mrs. A. G. and W. I. Dunkleberger, Belleville; Mrs. L. A. Wolford, State College; Mrs. William Schreckengast, Dallas, Texas; Kyle Dunkleberger, residing in Illinois; and Mrs. Carl Dehn, of Rochester, N. Y.

Funeral services were held at the Dunkleberger home Tuesday afternoon, with the Rev. Ivan Miller, pastor of the Pleasant Gap Methodist church, officiating. Interment was made in the Pleasant Gap cemetery.

DRIVER SAVES TRUCK FROM DESTRUCTION BY FIRE

After his coal-laden truck trailer outfit crashed with another truck on Route 220 about a mile west of Unionville, early Friday afternoon, Lloyd E. Whitmoyer, of Muncy, R. D., saved his machine from destruction by fire by a quick and effective use of an extinguisher.

Whitmoyer's truck caught fire after it struck a truck-trailer loaded with brick and driven by Elwood Brown, of Castanea, when Brown pulled off the road in the belief he had a flat tire. While no one was injured in the accident, damage to Whitmoyer's truck was placed at \$150 and to Brown's machine, \$10.

Commissioners to Go to Washington
Centre County Commissioners Charles F. Hipple, Fred C. Mensch and Harry V. Keeler are planning to go to Washington, D. C., by rail, Sunday night, to attend a county officers' meeting early next week.

At the session it is expected to develop county needs in relation to national and local civilian defense.

There's No Fields of Clover, But Lots of Hitching Posts

Hitch Old Dobbin to the shay and drive to Belleville, boys!

There's hitching posts aplenty, and you can leave your horse in one of the free parking stalls for up to two hours, and it won't cost you a cent.

Because when Belleville takes out every other parking meter they're going to leave the posts stand, for the time being at least. And there never was a better hitchin' post than a parking meter stand with the meter removed.

There's even a little hole near the top where you can hook on the feed bag and let Dobbin dine while you're transacting business.