

REPORT PROWLER IN PLEASANT GAP

Woman Claims She Was Molested Twice

Screams Frighten Man in First Encounter Early Last Week
INGENIOUS 'TRAP' FOUND AT DOOR
Story Confirmed in Part by Youth Who Saw Man in Driveway

BULLETIN: Late yesterday it was reliably reported that since the strange molestations reported at the Eby house have become known in Pleasant Gap, others have come forward with somewhat similar stories of the actions of a prowler in that vicinity in recent weeks.

There were rumored indications of definite developments in the matter in the near future.

A prowler—the first reported in Centre county since the arrest last September of Hoy K. Houck, of Bellefonte—is reported to have been active in Pleasant Gap two nights last week, and State Police at Rockview barracks are conducting an investigation.

The "victim" on both occasions was Mrs. Ruth M. Eby, widow of the late Harry G. Eby, who resides along the main highway in Pleasant Gap, just a short distance north of the Pleasant Gap sub-station State Motor Police.

According to the story related by Mrs. Eby, she was about to enter her home late Monday night when she saw a man walking quickly out of the driveway at the side of the house, and nearly bumped into her.

Mrs. Eby related that when she screamed the man fled across the road and went rapidly south along the highway. She saw him as being of medium height, of slight build, and wore a dark suit, with a white shirt and a dark tie.

Mrs. Eby said that while he was in her view he kept his hands up about his face, fumbling with his hat, so that she could not see his face.

Mrs. Eby said she believed at that time that the man might have been trying to get into the garage at the rear of the house to steal tires, but an investigation there revealed everything in order, and she was recently equipped with new locks.

The following night Mrs. Eby was alone at home and was reading in the living room when her attention was attracted by a scratching noise on a nearby window.

Looking up she saw a hand on the window, and immediately went to the door and looked it and about that time heard footsteps moving over the outside cellar door, immediately under the window at which the hand had appeared.

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Telephone Slug User Sentenced

Milesburg Youth Must Pay Costs, \$10 to County, Undergo Probation

Pleading guilty to using slugs in public telephones in Milesburg, Leonard Lutz, 17, of Milesburg, at a special session of court here Monday morning was given a suspended sentence, but was directed to pay the costs of prosecution, \$10 for the use of the county, and undergo probation for three months.

B. G. Alexander, employe of the Bell Telephone Company and prosecutor in the case, told the court that Lutz was arrested after the company had tried various "peaceful" methods of curbing a widespread use of slugs in telephones in the Milesburg area.

The arrest was made, he said, after Lutz was found to have deposited a slug of five-cent size in a telephone at the Reigel Restaurant, Milesburg, on March 3. The youth admitted having used slugs in telephones on previous occasions, Alexander told the court.

Lutz, who is a first offender, said he didn't realize that the use of slugs was a serious matter. Judge Ivan Walker, before passing sentence pointed out that the theft of services is just the same as the theft of cash. Use of slugs in telephones is theft of services of the telephone company, the court explained.

RECEIVE APPLICATIONS FOR AVIATION CADETS
Brooks-Doll Post American Legion at Bellefonte, is co-operating with the Aviation Cadet Examining Board in Harrisburg in securing candidates for the Aviation Cadets.

Grange Fair To Be Held Aug. 22-28

At a recent meeting, the committee for the Grange Encampment and Centre County Fair, effected its annual organization and made tentative plans for the 1942 Fair. The Fair is scheduled from August 22 to 28; camp, as has been customary, will open on the previous Wednesday. Officers and department superintendents of 1941, were re-elected for the ensuing year.

In view of general conditions, the Fair program will place emphasis on morale and recreation, insofar as practicable. Both civilian defense and agricultural activities will have their place in the program scheme. In all probability the presentation of Grange plays will be resumed.

Bellefonte Man Struck By Car

Peter Mendis, 77, Suffers Fractured Arm, Injuries About the Head

Peter Mendis, aged 77, of Detroit, Mich., and Bellefonte, was injured about 8 o'clock Saturday night when he was struck by a car on South Liberty street, in front of the Bellefonte Trust Company building.

Mendis, a patient at the Centre County Hospital, is receiving treatment for a fracture of the upper right arm, bruises and lacerations of the forehead and other injuries of a minor nature. His condition is reported as being satisfactory.

The car was driven by Paul E. Boone, of Bellefonte, R. D. Borough Police Officer John Galaida, who investigated the accident, said that the car was traveling south on Allegheny street, when Mendis stepped off the curb in front of the bank building and walked into the path of the machine.

Boone stopped immediately and helped the aged man from the road, Galaida reported. Mendis was taken to the Centre County hospital in the E. E. Wilder ambulance.

Mendis, whose family resides in Detroit, came to Bellefonte some months ago and has been making his home at the Hotel Tanney, formerly the Garman House on East High street.

23rd Anniversary of Legion Observed

Scores of Legionnaires and their guests on Sunday attended a ceremony held in the Legion Home, East Howard street, in honor of the 23rd anniversary of the founding of the American Legion.

Edward Miller, commander of the post, served as toastmaster, while the Legion Junior Band furnished music.

William H. Doll, father of one of the World War dead for whom Brooks-Doll Post was named, was introduced to the audience, while John G. Love of Bellefonte, was the principal speaker. Mrs. Leonard Glenn of Milesburg, president of the Legion Auxiliary, introduced the following Auxiliary officers, who were guests at the ceremony: Dr. Ruth Miller Stoeck, Mifflinburg, Auxiliary central vice-president; Mrs. Elda Housebeck, Hughesville, director of the central district, and Mrs. Anna Painter, also of Mifflinburg.

Lodge Entertains Bellefonte P. O. of A.

The P. O. S. of A. entertained the ladies of the P. O. of A. at a regular meeting.

James R. Hughes was master of ceremonies. The speaker of the evening was Arthur C. Dale, who spoke of present day conditions. Music was furnished by Zane Carey. Refreshments and entertainment followed the program. There was an excellent attendance.

First Aid Class Honors Instructor

Thirty-three men and women, members of a Red Cross first aid class taught by Fred Hayes at the Bellefonte Reformed church, celebrated the completion of their work last week with a social hour during which the instructor was presented with a gift. Refreshments were served.

Instructs Pilots



LT. HAROLD B. HARSHBARGER
Lt. Harold B. Harshbarger, former resident of Snydertown, has been named as a ground school instructor at the new Army Flying School near Enid, Oklahoma.

Nutrition Expert To Speak Here

Bellefonte P. T. A. Also to Hear Resume of Summer Roundup Plan

Miss Ina Padgett, associate professor of home economics at Penn State, and a member of the State Nutrition Association, will be the featured speaker at a regular monthly meeting of the Bellefonte Parent-Teachers Association to be held on Tuesday evening, March 24, beginning at 7:45 o'clock, it was announced yesterday.

Miss Padgett will speak on "Our Daily Diet in the Defense Program, or Food to Make Us Strong in War and Sturdy in Peace." The meeting will be held in the Sunday school room of the Reformed church.

Rebersburg Man Gets Promotion In Army

The promotion of Paul W. Bierly, of Rebersburg, to the grade of Corporal Technician was announced at headquarters of the Medical Field Service School, Carlisle Barracks, Carlisle, where Corporal Bierly is on duty in the Finance Department.

TO HOLD CARD PARTY FOR SOLDIERS' BENEFIT

On Monday, March 30 at 8 p. m. the officers of the Bellefonte Chapter 151, Women of the Moose, will hold a card party for the benefit of the boys in service at Camp Shelby, Miss. The admission price is one pack of cigarettes, an item which has been requested by these boys.

On Bomber Honor Roll

Sunday's Philadelphia Inquirer credited the employes of two Bellefonte business firms with contributions to the "Bomber-for-Uncle Sam" fund as follows: Employees, trimming department, Titan Metal Manufacturing Co., \$342. Telephone operators, business office employes and plant men of Bell Telephone Co., Bellefonte, \$50.

Service Officer at College

W. W. Hampton, of Bellefonte, Centre County Veterans Service Officer, will be at Fulton-Baudis-Koonen Post Veterans of Foreign Wars, State College, all day tomorrow (Friday) to interview veterans and their dependents.

Named to Fill Vacancy

Gov. Arthur H. James on Tuesday asked the Senate to confirm appointment of William J. Twigg, Belmont, as justice of the peace in College township, until the first Monday in January, 1944, to fill a vacancy.

Accident At Sawmill Fatal to F. A. Heaton

Is Whirled Around Shaft After Clothing Catches in Machinery

BELIEVE DEATH INSTANTANEOUS

Holt Mill Near Hublersburg Scene of Tragedy; Funeral Sunday

Frank A. Heaton, of Snydertown, was instantly killed last Thursday morning when he was caught in machinery while working at a sawmill at Hublersburg.

The accident happened when his clothing became entangled in the drive shaft of a machine supplying power for an elevator used to move sawdust.

Heaton was whirled around the drive shaft until a workman above was able to run to a control and turn off the power. The accident was discovered when the man saw the floor boards of the structure being knocked loose from the impact of Heaton's body.

All the victim's clothing, with the exception of his shoes, was torn off as he was whirled around by the machinery. His socks were missing.

Penn State Student Killed In Accident

Thrown into the door of a stock car in which he was riding when it was suddenly struck by a tank car near Pottsville, Herman W. Nolph, 24-year-old Penn State College agriculture student was instantly killed Sunday.

Nolph, whose home was in Heathville, near Brookville in Jefferson county, was taking a load of sheep to Nashville, Tenn., for William L. Henning, animal husbandry professor, when the accident occurred, apparently caused by an oil tank car being the stock car jumping the track.

The student had only recently transferred into the College four-year agriculture course from a two-year course. He had earned a large part of his school experience in experimental work for the College and lived in one of the College barns.

Pneumonia Is Fatal to Rockview Inmate

Funeral services were held yesterday at Erie for Pierson Whiteside of Erie, Rockview inmate, who died Saturday night, March 14, 1942, at the prison hospital. The body was shipped to Erie Tuesday from Bellefonte.

Whiteside, who died of complications following an attack of pneumonia suffered March 6, was 32. He was serving a two to four year sentence from Erie county, having been transferred to Rockview in March of last year.

The deceased was born at Ashville, N. C., a son of Berry and Frances Hayden Whiteside. His wife, Connie Mae, living in Erie, survives.

Local Man Suffers Head Injury In Fall

George A. Emel, 55, of West Beaver street, employe of the National Gypsum Company in Buffalo Run Valley, suffered an injury while at work Tuesday afternoon.

Mr. Emel was assisting with the raising of a large tank when he slipped and fell, his forehead striking a wall. He was taken to the Centre County Hospital Dispensary where a two-inch laceration in his forehead was closed.

2999 Countians Are Involved In Draft

A total of 2999 Centre County men over 20 years and under 45 years of age were affected by the new draft law, which was conducted in Washington, Tuesday.

From the numbers drawn from the historic fish bowl, men who registered in the February 16 registration learn the order in which they are to be summoned for service in the armed forces of the nation.

County Directors to Elect Superintendent

The Centre County School Directors' Association will meet in the Court House here on Tuesday, April 14, at 10:30 a. m., to elect a County Superintendent of Schools for the ensuing term of four years.

REPORTS ALASKA WARMER THAN BELLEFONTE



Leo Hartie, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Hartie, Bellefonte R. D. 1, sends us the above photograph from a naval air station at Alaska, with the following interesting comment.

"The wheels of national defense are really rolling here and one would never realize it was any part of Alaska, seeing how it is being built up. It's really great to be a part of such an air base. The weather here, contrary to public belief, is quite mild during the winter months; and I am told we have very nice summers. During this part of the year we have a great deal of rain, but it doesn't get near as cold as it does around Bellefonte. This is sure a beautiful country with its snow covered mountains and land of rolling topography. I am enclosing a post card of one of the scenes close by to where I am stationed.

"From the Land of the Midnight Sun I send best wishes and my regards to all of you."

Council Eases Ban On Pigs

Pigs won a battle for survival in Bellefonte at a regular meeting of Borough Council Monday night, but the terms on which residents of the borough may maintain hogs on their premises are to be clearly indicated, and violations will mean a fine of from \$5 to \$25 plus the removal of pig pens and pigs.

The laws of the borough have long prohibited the maintenance of pig pens and pigs in the borough confines, but up until recently the ordinances were not enforced. Recent complaints about the condition of some pig pens resulted in the matter being brought to Council's attention.

Borough solons in a discussion Monday night seemed to agree that during the war emergency the production of all types of food-stuffs should be encouraged. It is probable that this reason, alone, prevented action which would have banned hogs from the borough.

Final action consisted of a motion directing the secretary to notify each owner of hogs in the borough that the ordinances will be enforced if pens are not maintained.

Home Nursing Class Instructor Honored

The Bellefonte home nursing class taught by Mrs. Milton P. Walker, of Bellefonte, completed its work in the Bush Arcade class rooms Monday afternoon and at the conclusion of the session the class went to the home of one of the members, Mrs. Marjorie Miller, on East High street where tea was served.

During the social hour members of the class presented Mrs. Walker with a fine crystal vase as a token of appreciation for her work as instructor. Closing exercises will be held within the next few weeks.

The class roster follows: Mrs. Ida Kofman, Mrs. Benjamin Herr, Mrs. Helen Herman of Zion, Mrs. Richard Herman, Miss Laura Hoover, Mrs. Sarah Kaizer, Mrs. Charles Keller, Mrs. Erma Kane, Mrs. Rebecca McClellan, Mrs. Nell McGroarty, Mrs. Marjorie Miller, Mrs. Dorothy Ray, Mrs. Leola Robinson, Mrs. Hazel Shultz, Mrs. Mary Scott, Mrs. Eleanor Spicer, and Mrs. Robert Steele.

Titan Worker Is Injured by Machine

Miss Mary Sunday of West Bishop street, Bellefonte, suffered injuries of the right hand last Thursday while at work at the Titan Metal Company plant.

Miss Sunday suffered crush injuries of the index and middle fingers while operating a punching machine. She underwent treatment at the Centre County Hospital dispensary.

Machine Hits Parked Car

Damage totaling \$50 resulted to cars owned by John A. Mong, Bellefonte, R. D. 2, and P. R. Martz, Tusseyville, in a crash last night at 10 o'clock between Axemann and Pleasant Gap. Pleasant Gap Motor Police said the Martz car collided with the other vehicle as it was parked off the highway. No one was injured.

Prepare for '42 Trout Season

Preparations are nearing completion for the opening of the 1942 trout fishing season on Wednesday morning, April 15.

Streams are being stocked and the many other incidentals attendant upon the annual migration of anglers to the county streams are well under way.

Licenses are now on sale at the County Treasurer's offices in the Court House and in various sporting goods stores and other authorized business places throughout the county. Reports yesterday were to the effect that the demand so far has been unusually light. The resident license fee is \$1.00, and if ordered by mail an additional three cents must be included to cover postage.

Fishing the first day will become legal at 5 a. m., and no fishing whatever will be allowed from 5 p. m., April 14 to 5 a. m. April 15. This new regulation was adopted this year to eliminate night fishing which has been blamed for wholesale slaughter of trout the first day of the season.

Officials of the Pleasant Gap hatchery yesterday reported that the stream-stocking program throughout the county has been proceeding rapidly, and that streams will be well stocked for this season's fishermen.

Boy, 12, Killed By Automobile

George Musser Evey, 12, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Evey, of Logan boulevard, Altoona, and nephew of Mr. and Mrs. Hays W. Matern, Jr., of East Linn street, Bellefonte, was struck and killed Sunday afternoon by an automobile driven by John Allen Bigley, 37, of Altoona, on the Logan boulevard just east of the Laysen street car station.

According to witnesses, Evey, captain of the Baker school safety patrol, was walking southward, one foot on the curb and the other astraddle his bicycle, talking to some friends, when he was struck from behind by the car driven by Bigley.

The boy's body was thrown a considerable distance.

Junk Aluminum Here Sold for \$31.20

The pile of aluminum collected at the Bellefonte Y. M. C. A. last fall through the efforts of the Bellefonte Chamber of Commerce, was sold this week to Max Herr, Centre Hall junk dealer, for a total of \$31.20. It was reported by Karl E. Kusse, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce.

The heap of aluminum weighed 480 pounds and the price paid was 6 1/2 cents a pound. Before he can re-sell the aluminum Mr. Herr will be required to remove the steel balls and other foreign metals from the pieces.

The check received from Mr. Herr has been sent to the procurement officer of the U. S. Treasury at Harrisburg, and from there will be forwarded to Washington to be applied to the national defense fund.

Undines Hold Annual Dinner

More than 200 members and guests attended the 43rd annual St. Patrick's day banquet of the Undine Fire Company in the Knights of Columbus Hall, West High street, Tuesday night.

Highlights of the banquet included the presentation of gifts to two Undine members who on April 20, 1942, will complete fifty years as faithful members of that organization. The two "oldsters" are William Hill and John Keeler. The presentation was made by Harry Beck, secretary of the fire company and chairman of the banquet committee.

Toastmaster for the occasion was Councilman Harold D. Cowher, former president of the Central District Firemen's Association, who was introduced by Charles Saxton, president of the Undines.

Speeches for the most part struck (Continued on Page Four)

Cigarettes Stolen At Service Station

Chief of Police Harry Dukeman reported that the Spicher Service station, just south of Bellefonte near Wagner's Mill was broken into some time Friday night or Saturday morning by thieves who are believed to have taken only a carton of cigarettes.

The officer said that the building was not entered. The thief broke out a window pane, reached through the opening, managed to crawl out of danger before a second charge which he had lighted exploded, and descended a 35-foot ladder unaided before being removed to the Centre County Hospital.

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Indicted In Draft Law Violation

Donald Williams, colored, of Bellefonte, was among 37 men indicted by a federal grand jury last Wednesday at Scranton in U. S. Court, for violation of the Selective Service Act.

The violations for the most part dealt with failure on the part of defendants to keep their draft boards advised of their whereabouts and failing to complete their questionnaires, although there were some instances where the defendants had failed to report for physical examination.

District Leaders of U. S. Defense Savings Staff Name Committees

Answering the challenge "Bonds or Bondage," Centre county district leaders of the Defense Savings Staff this week announced rapid progress in organizing their committees for promoting the sale of defense savings bonds and stamps.

Three of the county's nine district leaders have completed their organizations, and the others are expected to be completed by the end of this week.

Prisoner Who Fled Rockview Is Recaptured

Brought Here From Folsom Prison; Escaped in September, 1932

SERVED 7 YEARS FOR HOLDUP IN WEST

Harry Harding, 53, Faces Additional 8 to 16 Years For Break

A prisoner who escaped from Rockview Penitentiary nearly 10 years ago today is in the county jail here awaiting sentencing for the bid he made for freedom in the fall of 1932, according to an announcement by C. C. Rhoads, deputy warden at Rockview.

The prisoner, Harry Harding, 53, was brought east from Folsom Prison, California, early this week by members of the Pennsylvania State Motor Police. The man has just completed serving a 7-year stretch at Folsom for a hold-up in which he and a companion participated not long after Harding escaped from Rockview.

Harding, serving an 8 to 16 year term at Rockview for a \$10,000 jewelry store robbery in Pittsburgh; William Meyer, 29, of Beaver county, and John Griffin, 27, of Fayette county, were employed on the night shift at the Rockview cannery, September 14, 1932. Shortly after midnight the guard discovered they had left their posts and a search of the grounds revealed they had escaped by cutting the old-fashioned wire stockade then around the main buildings.

Meyer and Griffin were captured about two weeks later, but officials here learned nothing of Harding's whereabouts until he was apprehended in California and his identity was revealed by fingerprints.

Shortly after the prison break a Centre county Grand Jury returned a true bill against Harding on an escape charge. He is expected to appear in court in the near future on the indictment, on which he faces an 8 to 16 year sentence, in addition to serving out the remainder of his original term.

Loses Eye In Powder Blast

John Kelley, 24, Milesburg, Victim of Accident at A. L. & S. Co. Plant

John Kelley, 24, of Milesburg, employe of the American Lime and Stone Company, lost his left eye as the result of a premature blast at the plant about 10 o'clock Saturday night. Kelley also suffered other injuries but they are not of a serious nature.

Although receiving the blast at close range, Kelley remained conscious, managed to crawl out of danger before a second charge which he had lighted exploded, and descended a 35-foot ladder unaided before being removed to the Centre County Hospital.

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Sportsmen to Meet

Bellefonte sportsmen will meet on Friday, March 17, at the Walliser cabin along Spring Creek. It was announced yesterday. Further information regarding the meeting will be released in the near future.

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The Bellefonte district, headed by Swengel Smith; the Snow Shoe district, with Clair Hall as chairman, and the Spring Mills area, with H. F. Erdley as leader, are organized fully for the campaign to carry out in every section of those districts an intensive campaign for the purchase of bonds and stamps.

Meanwhile the campaign is gathering strength in many other branches of civilian life. School savings accounts are being set aside for the time being and money which normally would go into such accounts is going into defense stamps.

Public sale auctioneers and ministers throughout the county are being asked to lend their support to the move, and many civic, fraternal and service organizations are devising ways of their own to promote interest in bonds and stamps.