

# COUNTY FACES RABIES QUARANTINE

## Authorities Ask For Control of All Dogs

Two Bitten by Infected Dog at Coleville; Seven at College

State College Man Wins Wolf Contest

QUARANTINE SEEN AS PROBABILITY  
Officials Alarmed As Disease Shows Signs of Spreading

With mild outbreaks of rabies, commonly known as hydrophobia, reported officially in State College and in the Coleville area, State officials yesterday broadcast an appeal to all dog owners and officers of the law to cooperate in keeping dogs in Centre county either penned up or on a leash until danger of further spread of the epidemic has passed.

Unless the request for rigid control is heeded, it was indicated yesterday, a dog quarantine may be imposed upon all or part of the county to check the disease. A quarantine would compel owners to keep their pets penned up, for a specified period of time. Dogs found running at large would be destroyed on sight and the owners penalized.

State Dog Law Enforcement officer George Peters, of Philipsburg, who for several days had been working in the Lycoming and Clinton county areas of his district arrived here yesterday morning to investigate conditions in State College and Coleville.

Meanwhile, local physicians declared emphatically there is no reason for panic, provided certain facts are remembered. Some pointers stressed by physicians were:

1. A human being must be bitten by an infected dog in order to contract the infection.

2. All persons bitten by dogs which are found to be suffering from rabies, should immediately begin the Pasteur treatment—only known remedy for the disease. The treatment consists of a series of about 14 injections of serum, given by any physician over a period of a week or more.

3. Don't kill a dog suspected of having rabies. Suspected dogs should be kept in a cage.

Presbyterian Choir Plans Easter Music

The choir of the Bellefonte Presbyterian church will present an evening of Easter music, featuring the cantata "Immortality," by R. M. Stull on Easter night at 7:30 o'clock in the Presbyterian church. The public is cordially invited. The director is Mrs. Ernest Martin, and organist, Mrs. Musser W. Gettiss. Both senior and junior choirs will participate.

Mud Ends "Joy Ride" In Stolen Automobile

A thief or thieves who took a car owned by Jesse Jordan, of Shingleton, for a "joy ride" Friday, ended up one of the county's mud-bogged rural roads.

## Banker Dies

Universal Match Employees 100% Back of Bond Buying Program

Every industrial employees' group which reaches full membership in the payroll deduction plan will receive as a gift from the Bellefonte Elks Club a suitable inscribed silk flag for display in the plant, Mr. Smith announced yesterday.

John E. Dewey, Bellefonte, Sentenced for Failure to Report to Work Camp

CLAIMS JEHOVAH WITNESS MINISTER

Quotes From Bible in Defense of Actions; Ministerial Rating Doubtful

John Edgar Dewey, of Bellefonte, a Jehovah Witness, and self-proclaimed minister charged with violation of the Selective Service Act, was found guilty in Federal Court at Scranton last Wednesday afternoon and was sentenced to two-and-a-half years in the Federal penitentiary by Federal Judge Albert T. Watson.

Specifically charged with failure to report for assignment to a camp for conscientious objectors, Dewey pleaded not guilty and waived a jury trial when arraigned before Judge Watson. Assistant United States District Attorney Joseph P. Brennan presented the government's case. The government's chief witness was John F. Smith, Jr., of Bellefonte, chief clerk of draft board No. 2 of Centre county, who testified on Dewey's failure to report as directed.

When asked by Judge Watson for his reasons in refusing to report to a work camp, Dewey replied "My conscience." The jurist then wanted to know of the defendant if he was afraid to work and Dewey said "No." The defendant carried a Bible and quoted from it at length on several occasions, emphasizing a passage which read "No servant can serve two masters."

When he continually alluded to himself as a minister, Judge Watson stated that he was not a minister of the Gospel, to which the Jehovah Witness replied, "Yes I am—before Almighty God."

When found guilty of the charges preferred against him he again quoted from his Bible and asked of the jurist: "Can you or the district attorney serve two different governments?" He then further maintained that "I must serve Almighty God rather than man."

## Banker Dies

James K. Barnhart, well known and highly respected retired banker of Bellefonte, died at his home on West Linn street at 6:50 o'clock Tuesday night, March 24, as the result of a heart condition. Mr. Barnhart would have observed his 32nd birthday on June 28.

Mr. Barnhart had been in failing health since December 1940 when he was struck by a car while crossing Allegheny street at the Episcopal church. In the accident he suffered a fractured hip, and spent many months in the Centre County Hospital. In recent weeks he had recovered to some extent and was able to take short walks with the aid of crutches. Death was attributed to a heart attack suffered during the week-end.

Mr. Barnhart was a son of Philip W. and Rebecca Leathers Barnhart and was born at Curtin on June 28, 1860. He received his early education in the Howard township schools, and upon graduation from the old Spring Mills Academy, near Penn Hall he taught for several years before entering the Eastman Business College at Poughkeepsie, N. Y.

Completing his education, Mr. Barnhart on September 1, 1884 came to Bellefonte where he accepted a position as

Beacon Keeper Is Found Dead

Howard Reiser, Former Resident of Bellefonte, Fires Bullet Through Head

Howard Reiser, 42, until recently operator of the Civil Aeronautics Authority beacon at Round Top, near Woodward, died last Wednesday night after shooting himself about 6:45 o'clock in his small cabin in the Seven Mile Narrows about two-and-a-half miles east of Hairy John's Park, on Route 45, not far from Hartleton.

He is reported to have shot himself through the head with a .38-caliber revolver. The man who suffered from a nervous ailment, lived alone in Hartley township, Union county, but had recently completed construction of the small one-room cabin where the shooting took place. Reports are that he went to the nearby Myrtle Spence service station about 6:30 p. m. and there left an envelope, opened later, which contained his will and other valuable papers. He then returned to his shack and was discovered later by

Rev. Robert H. Thomas Resigns as Rector

Howard J. Thompson Seeks Senate Chair

Howard J. Thompson, well known resident of Curwensville, is the first Democrat in this district to announce as a candidate for the office of State Senator. Mr. Thompson's formal announcement appears in this issue of The Centre Democrat.

TYRONE MAN OPENS NEW MARKET HERE

Clinton Hale of Tyrone, on Saturday opened a livestock, poultry and meat market in the former Beezer slaughter house on the "back road" to Roopsburg, under the trade name of "Hale's Home Dressed Meats."

## To Conduct School To Address Lodge

Mrs. Frieda Clinger, of the Bellefonte Chapter of the Women of the Moose, announces that on Wednesday, April 18, at 8 p. m., Mrs. Frieda Clinger of Lewisport, will honor the Chapter with an official visit as the Grand Regent of the "College of Regents" of the Women of the Moose.

Mrs. Dorothy Bathgate, homemaker of Bellefonte who prides herself on being up-to-date in the minutiae of housekeeping will welcome the return of Mrs. Dorothy Bathgate and her Homemaking School for the Centre Democrat.

Mrs. Bathgate, home economist, lecturer—and housewife in her own right when she has any free time from her cooking classes—is a favorite here. Her classes will be wide-variety—highlighting the subjects that are uppermost in the minds of homemakers these days—nutrition, economy and time saving.

The kitchen has been redecorated in quaint Pennsylvania Dutch style and is full of clever suggestions for that kitchen you are going to do "someday." There will be three classes, April 15, 16, and 17, from 2 to 4 p. m. in the Y. M. C. A.

Firemen Shovel Coal to Fight Fire

Bellefonte firemen, called to the Plaza theatre building about 7:15 o'clock Friday night, put out a "fire" by heaving coal into the hopper of the automatic stoker.

Jail Population Reaches New Low

Centre County Sheriff Edward R. Miller gloomily surveyed his domain at the jail yesterday and toyed with an idea of joining the army, or something.

Democratic Dinner To Be Held April 16

The annual dinner of the Centre County Democratic organization will be held in the gymnasium of the Gregg Township Vocational School, Spring Mills, on Thursday evening, April 16.

## Home Nursing Classes Feted

Instructors Presented With Gifts at Closing Day Exercises

The Red Cross home nursing classes of Pleasant Gap held closing day activities last Thursday at the Methodist church at that place with an all-day get-together and sewing for the Red Cross.

At noon a delicious luncheon was served by the classes to their friends. The instructors of the two classes were Mrs. Roy Leasure, whose class finished its course two weeks ago, and a list of those in the class appeared in these columns at that time, and the second class to finish the past week was that of Mrs. Beatrice Noll Smith, instructor.

Other comprising the latter group were: Mrs. Adeline J. Benford, Mrs. M. E. Donovan, Mrs. Jacob Dubler, Mrs. Lillian E. Poes, Mrs. Rose Lair, Mrs. Kathryn M. Lego, Mrs. Elsie

Tire Board Office On New Schedule

The offices of Centre County Tire Rationing Board No. 2, Bellefonte, of which John S. Sommerville is chairman, are now open 5 1/2 days a week. It was announced yesterday by Mr. Sommerville. The offices are located in the basement of the County Home, corner of Howard and Wilson streets.

Cluster's New Hardware To Open on Saturday

The grand opening of Cluster's new hardware store on West High street, formerly the Olewine Hardware, will be held on Saturday, March 28.

Hospital To Get \$2,496 From State

State Treasurer G. Harold Wagner announced that checks would be mailed today to State-aided institutions, for the quarter ending November 30, 1941.

## Boalsburg Cyclist Aged 8, Killed by Car

John H. Mark Dies Shortly After Admission to County Hospital

INQUEST SCHEDULED FOR FRIDAY NIGHT

Driver, Penn State Co-ed, Swerves Off Road to Avert Accident

An 8-year-old Boalsburg boy struck by a car while riding a bicycle near his home Sunday afternoon, died at the Centre County Hospital here at 6 p. m. that day, less than one-half hour after he had been admitted to the institution.

Two Local Boys Injured by Trucks

Within ten minutes' time Friday afternoon, two Bellefonte children both injured by trucks, were admitted to the Centre County Hospital. One of the children, Jay L. Schlegel, aged 2, son of Mr. and Mrs. Irwin S. Schlegel, of Fifth avenue, was discharged from the hospital the following day, while the other, George Grubb, aged 3, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Grubb, of East Howard street, remains under treatment.

Titan Employee Suffers Burns

Showered With Molten Metal When Wet Material Is Thrown Into Furnace

An explosion resulting when he threw wet metal into an electric furnace at the Titan Metal Company plant early Friday morning resulted in painful burns about the body of William Stover, 28, of Bellefonte, R. D. 3.

Wins Debate Honors

James B. Craig, Jr., competing with students from three other schools in an extemporaneous discussion contest at inter-American affairs at Sparks Hall, State College, Saturday, James B. Craig, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. James B. Craig, of West Curtin street, Bellefonte, a Penn State student, was awarded a gold pin as first honor.

Local Sportsmen To Meet, Friday

Election of officers will be a highlight of a meeting of Bellefonte sportsmen at the Walker cabin along Spring Creek this Friday evening, March 27.

Schreffler To Manage Bellefonte Motor Sales

Announcement was made yesterday of the appointment of Gerald R. Schreffler, as manager of the Bellefonte Motor Sales garage, formerly the Hughes garage, on North Water street. The change became effective as of March 15.

## Old-Fashioned Sale At State College

Red Cross Fund Is \$2,976 Under Quota

The Bellefonte quota of \$7500 to the Red Cross War Relief drive is \$2,976 short of that goal, it was announced yesterday.

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Declared Dividend

The board of directors of the Thrift Investment Corporation in Pittsburgh has declared the twenty-fourth consecutive quarterly dividend of fifteen cents per share on the six per cent cumulative preferred stock, payable March 31, on stock of record as of March 25, 1942.

## William Boal Ends Own Life

Son Discovers Lifeless Body in Barn; Reason For Act Unknown

William T. Boal, 74-year-old Houserville resident, ended his life Sunday afternoon by sending a charge from a 12-gauge shotgun through his heart. Centre County Coroner Charles Sheekler, of Millersburg, who pronounced the death a suicide, said members of the family could give no reason for the act.

2 Trucks, Car Lost In Fire

Howard Garage Destroyed in Blaze Early Yesterday

Two slightly used GMC dump trucks, a brand new 1942 Mercury sedan and a quantity of garage tools in a private garage at the rear of the Ray Allison home, along the main street in Howard, were destroyed in a fire which leveled the building about 4:45 o'clock yesterday morning.

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