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30-INCH SNOWFALL SETS RECORD

Heavy Damage from Year's Worst Storm

Trees, Buildings Collapse Under Staggering Weight of Wet Snow

COUNTY GETS BRUNT OF FREAK STORM

Traffic at Virtual Standstill Until Plows Clear Main Roads

A wet-heavy snow which began falling late Saturday night and which continued steadily and relentlessly for nearly 24 hours, piled up a staggering blanket of over 30 inches of snow over Centre county, to capture all storm honors for the winter and to upset even old-timers' ideas of deep snows.

According to local sages who have made a study of weather over a period of more than 60 years, they never saw a storm to equal the one which escorted March off the 1942 calendar.

Fortunately there was a total absence of wind, and the snow piled itself upon every object on which it fell. Telephone lines, power lines, tree limbs were festooned with deep piles of heavy snow. So calm was the air that snow falling on small surfaces such as the tops of clothes poles, piled up many inches in depth before dropping off of its own weight.

Traffic was at a virtual standstill on all but the main highways. Cars, with and without chains, were entirely unable to cope with the unprecedented snow.

Property damage from the storm was considerable. Hundreds of limbs were torn from trees because of the great weight they bore. Shrubbery and ornamental trees in some cases were borne to the ground by the great load.

Service crews of the Bell Telephone Company and the West Penn Power Company saw almost 24 hours of service during the storm, but one West Penn lineman commented cheerfully that "the damage isn't nearly as great as you would imagine in a storm like this."

Highway employees worked almost constantly from early Saturday night through Sunday, with a crew of 150 men, 22 plows, 32 clinder trucks, and 2 road graders being used throughout.

Red Cross to Hold Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of Bellefonte Chapter, American Red Cross, will be held at 8 o'clock Tuesday evening, April 21, at the Court House, Bellefonte.

At the session a board of ten directors will be named. At the conclusion of the general business session, the newly-elected board will meet to elect officers.

Soldier Reported Killed, Is Alive

The War Department released for local publication a list of 13 soldiers who were previously reported killed in action in Hawaii but were subsequently found to be alive.

Lecturer Tours Dutch Country For Cooking School Inspiration

Your true epicure would rather have one dish perfectly prepared and nicely served, than a full-course dinner that's indifferently cooked and slapped together, anyhow. But when you come upon a whole table, groaning under its load of good things—that's a gastronomic paradise.

Such cooking still exists in that section of Pennsylvania, known as the "Dutch Country" where thrifty housewives turn the produce of their well kept farms into nourishing and hearty meals. Such cooking is still found in small hotels that serve meals "country style."

Lecturer Dorothy Bathgate discovered one of these hotels when she visited the Pennsylvania Dutch section this past summer in her search for recipes and ideas for her home-making school programs. "Believe it or not," she says, "at one small hotel I counted twenty-nine different foods on the table when we sat down. And they told us they usually served about thirty-six things, counting deserts. When we arrived and asked if they were serving the friendly, apron-clad hostess said to 'come right in, we're just dishing up the tables.' And did they dish them up! The twenty-nine items I mentioned included chicken and chicken pot-pie, a long list of vegetables and the

Demonstrations Given By Nursing Classes

A large and appreciative audience gathered at the Milesburg school-house last Friday evening to witness a demonstration given by the two classes in Red Cross home nursing, which finished their studies a week previous.

The first exhibit was a demonstration in the care of infants by five young ladies of Miss Bertha Rimmey's class.

The next number on the program was the continuation of the study of Paedonym Bilz family, by the class taught by Mrs. Gray V. Tressler of Bellefonte, with its various ailments and contagious diseases, which brought hearty applause from the audience.

Much credit is due the Milesburg borough council for its excellent cooperation with the Milesburg Women's Club in granting the use of the council room for the nursing classes.

Truck-Trailer Is Damaged

Huge Machine Overturned at Milesburg Crossing; Trains Delayed

A tractor-trailer outfit loaded with nine tons of steel skidded at the Weaver crossing at Milesburg late Tuesday night and upset partially across the Bald Eagle branch of the Pennsylvania Railroad, delaying five trains on that road until a crew from the West Penn Power Company dragged the big vehicle clear of the tracks.

Although the trailer turned over on its side, it was not greatly damaged. The truck, which remained on its wheels, was badly damaged, however, for the coupling to the trailer held fast, resulting in the frame and undercarriage of the truck being badly twisted and torn.

Driver of the machine owned by the Schrieber Trucking Company, Pittsburgh, was Scott Nicholson, who told D. A. Yarnell, Bellefonte agent of the Pennsylvania Railroad who investigated the accident, that when he applied his brakes to slow down for the curve at the crossing the trailer wheels apparently locked and the trailer skidded sideways before overturning. The accident

Former Postal Clerk Sent to Penitentiary

Miles D. Aurand, former State College postal clerk, last Thursday was sentenced to two years in federal penitentiary at Lewisburg for violation of probation after pleading guilty to charges of the time he was in the mails. Sentence was passed by Federal Judge Albert W. Johnson in Scranton.

Aurand was arrested about two years ago while employed at the State College post office, and was placed on probation. Since then he had been in Pennsylvania Dutch colors and designs. Here in Pennsylvania we have a whole field of what we might call 'native art' that has hardly been touched and which has a definite charm.

SEAMAN VISITS MOTHER AT HOME IN UNIONVILLE

Clair J. Flick, master mechanic, who has served almost 12 years in the United States Navy, was a recent visitor at the home of his mother, Mrs. Mary Flick, near Unionville.

Flick, who at various times has served aboard the USS Texas, USS Downes, USS Dixie, and the USS Fanning, recently returned from foreign waters and visited his home in Centre county during a leave of absence. While here he was joined by a shipmate, A. Anderson, of Hartford, Conn., and the two made the trip back together to the West Coast to rejoin their ship, their immediate destination being San Francisco.

Will Observe Holiday

Because of the holiday tomorrow, Good Friday, the Bellefonte Banks and the offices of the Department of Public Assistance here will be closed all day, it was announced yesterday.

Three Held In Stealing of Tires In County

Police Claim Trio Has Been Operating in Several Counties

COMMITTED TO JAIL FOR COURT ACTION

Is First Case Locally Since Rationing Went Into Effect

Two brothers and their cousin, all formerly residents of near Spring Mills, are lodged in the county jail here as the first persons to be arrested in the county for tire thefts since the tire rationing system went into operation.

The three are: Fern A. Auman, 29, and his brother, Nevin F. Auman, 17, who for a short time have been residing at Catawissa, Columbia county, and their cousin, Clarence E. Auman, 28, of Spring Mills, R. D. They were committed to jail after a hearing before Justice of the Peace Harold D. Cowher, of East Bishop street, Bellefonte, last Thursday afternoon.

State Police officers John Eisenhooth, E. B. Barney and S. R. Richardson, all of Rockville, arrested the trio from near Potters Mills where Nevin allegedly stole a tire, tube and wheel from the Chester D. Knupp garage, to Columbia county, and in the course of their investigation learned that tires also were stolen at Lock Haven, near Lewistown and near Laurelton.

Nevin is charged with burglary in connection with the actual theft of the spare tire and wheel from the Knupp garage on March 8. One of the rear wheels of the machine had been seized with the apparatus to attempt to take a second tire, but it is believed the thieves were frightened away.

Fern Auman is charged with receiving stolen goods, officials reporting that he took the tire and wheel to Foster Noll, operator of a junk yard near Spring Mills. Noll is charged with the receipt of the stolen wheel, but not the tire, it is reported.

Clarence Auman is charged with receiving stolen goods.

Sampsel Home Damaged by Fire

Loss About \$3000 in Blaze at Pleasant Gap; Most of Furniture Saved

Fire broke out here originated from a spark or from a defective flue badly damaged the Lloyd Sampsel home at Pleasant Gap shortly before noon last Thursday. Most of the loss, estimated at about \$3,000, is covered by insurance.

The blaze was discovered by Mrs. Eugene Sampsel who lives with her husband at her father-in-law's home. She was alone at the time, and only prompt work of neighbors and firemen from Pleasant Gap and from the Logan and Undine Companies, Bellefonte, resulted in virtually all the household effects being carried to safety. Some furniture stored in the attic was lost.

According to reports the fire apparently started either on the roof or in the attic, spreading rapidly. The entire roof of the structure was destroyed by fire and worked down through partitions, made it necessary for firemen to open a number of holes in the sides of the building to check the flames. Plaster throughout the home was damaged by water.

So intense was the heat that the home of Clair Tressler, just west of the Sampsel home, was scorched and several small holes were burned in the roof. Firemen kept a stream playing on the structure much of the time to keep it from igniting.

Sutton Workers In 100 Per Cent Group In Payroll Allotment Plan

Employees of another Bellefonte industry—the Sutton Engineering Company—have signed one hundred per cent for the payroll allotment plan of purchasing defense bonds and stamps, according to a report received yesterday by S. W. Engel Smith, chairman of the Bellefonte defense savings committee.

The Universal Match Corp. employees were the first to completely adopt the plan whereby a portion of each pay check is turned over to the plant management for the purchase of bonds which then become the individual employee's property.

Mr. Smith announced yesterday that the allotments authorized by Sutton employees will total approximately \$7,000 a year, and the total purchases authorized by Universal Match Corp. workers will be approximately \$15,000 a year.

Next highest among local industries is the American Lime and Stone Company, 92.6 per cent of whose employees have signed for regular allotments. When the goal of 100 per cent is reached—possibly by this weekend—it is expected that the total annual sales of stamps and bonds to American Lime workers will be about \$25,000.

The Titan Metal Company committee reports rapid progress in obtaining signatures, and yesterday 94 per cent of all employees had authorized payroll allotments. If every worker in that company's two plants sign, they will account for an estimated \$60,000 worth of bonds and stamps a year.

The committees of the National Gypsum Company and Whiterock Quarries got off to a late start, but are making steady headway, it is claimed. Yesterday about 33 per cent of Whiterock workers had authorized allotments; from their pay checks, while 25 per cent of National Gypsum Company workers had agreed to the plan.

Utilities Workers Active

John Popson, chairman of the utilities committee in the Bellefonte district, submits a most encouraging report of activities in that group.

Paced by the Bell Telephone Company employees, nearly every organization in the utilities group has plans under way for the payroll allotment plan.

The 44 employees of the Bell Telephone Company, with Miss Harriet Showers as chairman, and with Miss Sue Armstrong in charge of the inside traffic force, and Jake Wilson in charge of maintenance, have signed up 98 per cent on the payroll allotment plan, Popson reports.

In addition, Miss Showers recently sponsored a "Buy-a-Bomber" movement among the employees with the result that \$50 was secured and turned over to the Philadelphia "Buy-a-Bomber" fund.

To get the payroll plan under way among the 22 employees of the Kofman Rigging and Hauling Company, Edward Kofman contributed \$1 toward the first defense bond for each of the employees. The Kofman committee consists of the following persons: Walter Rorabaugh, chairman; Edward Kofman and Miss Evelyn Fink.

Other utility groups and their (Continued on Page Seven)

Stamp Plan to Be Used Here For Relief Food

Commissioners Deposit \$5500 With State as Working Capital

SYSTEM REPLACES TRUCK DISTRIBUTION

Relief Families Will Get 50% More Food; Merchants Will Benefit

The Centre County Commissioners at a meeting Tuesday indicated that this county will participate in the food stamp plan being set up throughout the state for the distribution of surplus commodities to persons on relief.

The new plan will replace the present system whereby surplus foodstuffs are doled out to relief recipients at regular intervals from trucks.

Instead, eligible persons will be given stamps with which they can purchase certain designated foods at their local grocers.

Two groups will benefit under the plan, it is claimed. Relief recipients can purchase 50 per cent more of certain commodities, while the handling of such foods through regular wholesale and retail merchants will substantially increase their volume of business.

The Commissioners' participation in the plan consists in the depositing of \$5500 by the county in the State Surplus Commodity Surplus Stamp Fund, as a working fund. The county fund is guaranteed by the State and can be claimed by the county at any time. It is never spent, in the sense that it is lost or has to be replaced by the county. It is merely a deposit, the Commissioners explained.

Under the Stamp Plan each relief family may purchase each week up to one dollar's worth of stamps for each member of the family. The stamps are purchased by mail from the Pittsburgh headquarters, with the funds being sent by money order.

In mailing the stamps, the Pittsburgh headquarters will include 50 per cent more stamps than are paid for. Hence, four dollars would purchase \$6.00 worth of stamps.

Scouts Complete Nursing Classes

Two Girl Scout classes in home nursing held closing exercises Monday evening in the Girl Scout Little House at the rear of the Elks Home, Bellefonte, at which time teachers received tokens of recognition from the members of their classes as well as from the Girl Scout Council. Refreshments were served.

Following are the pupils who completed the course under the instruction of Miss Pauline Houck, assisted by Miss Lucille O'Neal: Jean Blaney, Helen Bernard, Pearl Jean Binns, Josephine Bonafato, Grace Brooks, Marjorie Brown, Shirley Brown, Mary Edith Daly, Joan Davidson, Dorothy Gordon, Phyllis Gross, Betty Lou Herman, Beverly Hines, Betty Holter, Beverly Kline, Lois Love, Ruth Lyon, Jean Louise Mabius, Mine McGroarty, Virginia (Continued on Page Six)

Unionville Couple Wedded Fifty Years

Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Hoover, well known residents of Unionville, on Sunday quietly celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.

Among members of the family present for the day were: Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Edgington, of Philadelphia; Mrs. Mildred Holt, of Colver; Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Logue and Samuel, Faye, Betty and Edith, all of Dix Run; Mrs. Morris Holden, of Havre De Grace, Md.; Mrs. Frances Phillips and children, Frances and Thomas, of Philadelphia.

To Test Pleasant Gap Raid Alarm

A test of an air-raid whistle at Pleasant Gap will be made sometime after 8 p. m. on Friday, April 3, it was announced yesterday.

All persons living on the outskirts of the town who hear the whistle are asked to call Frank Irvin, of Pleasant Gap, so that information as to the range and effectiveness of the alarm may be tabulated.

A public defense meeting will be held in Logan Grange Hall, Pleasant Gap, on Tuesday, April 7 at 7:30 p. m., under the sponsorship of the Pleasant Gap air raid warden service. An illustrated talk on air raid precautions and practices will be given.

Rush Township Tax Collector Jailed Here

Sunrise Service On Centre Hall Mountain

SENT TO JAIL IN DEFAULT OF BAIL

Police Claim Bonding Co. Settled \$8,146 Claim Against Defendant

An Easter Sunrise service will be held on the Centre Hall Mountain, along the Green Valley road, on Easter morning at 7:15. It is sponsored by the Central Branch of the Centre County Christian Endeavor Union.

The service will be called to order by a trumpet solo rendered by Donald Hile, of Pleasant Gap. The devotions will be in charge of the Milesburg Presbyterian Christian Endeavor Society. "Words of Thought," by Rev. Harry Stenger, pastor of the Bellefonte Methodist church. A special musical number will be rendered by the young people of the Advent church. A number of Easter hymns will be sung by the entire group.

The young people of the Christian Endeavor of the South Branch, will be the special guests at the service. All young peoples' groups of the Central Branch are especially requested to be present. The place of the service can be easily reached by turning off the Pleasant Gap to Centre Hall highway on the left side after hitting macadam on the Centre Hall Mountain, marked "To Greens Valley." Look for other signs to direct you to the exact spot. In case of wet weather, the service will be held in the Pleasant Gap Lutheran church.

School Clinic To Open Soon

To Examine All Children Who Will Enter School First Time Next Fall

The pre-school clinic sponsored by the Bellefonte Parent-Teachers' Association expects soon to begin examination of children who next fall will enter Bellefonte schools for the first time. It was announced yesterday by Mrs. J. Millard Hartwick, president of the sponsoring group.

The clinic will be held in the Spring street (Armory) school building and will be in charge of Dr. J. C. Rogers, school medical inspector. The work is to begin in May.

The purpose of the clinic is to determine whether children about to enter school next fall have any ailments or defects which could be corrected before they enter school. No treatments will be given at the clinic and parents will be advised merely if treatment is necessary or advisable. The clinical examinations will be made entirely at the expense of the school district.

While the clinic is in operation (Continued on Page Seven)

Miss Houck Resigns From Hospital Staff

Miss Pauline Houck has resigned as floor supervisor at the Centre County Hospital, it was announced yesterday.

Miss Houck, who held the position for the past four and one-half years, left Tuesday for her home in Springfield, Ohio. She expects to assume duties at another hospital after spending some time at her home.

Miss Houck's position will be taken by Miss Mattie Watts, night superintendent for the past five years, it was announced by Mrs. Nellie S. Geary, hospital superintendent. Miss Bernice Harshbarger of Nittany, a nurse at the hospital for more than seven years, will assume Mrs. Watts' former duties.

Air-Raid Wardens Complete Instruction

A class of sixty-two air raid wardens completed the Red Cross First Aid course on Wednesday evening, March 25.

There were some who wished further instruction in artificial respiration and at the request of Carl Hayes, the instructor, all agreed to hold an extra meeting.

The meeting was devoted to further training in practical problems and a test to some members on artificial respiration.

The class showed its appreciation for the fine work of instruction given by Mr. Hayes by presenting him with a valuable gold Parker wrist watch.

Install Eastern Star Officers

Mrs. Priscilla Poorman Becomes Worthy Matron at Impressive Ceremony

Installation ceremonies for newly-elected officers of the Bellefonte Chapter Order of the Eastern Star, were held in the I. O. O. F. rooms last Wednesday night with Mrs. Pearl B. Callahan, of Clearfield, district deputy grand matron, as the installing officer.

The room was beautifully decorated and many visitors from nearby chapters were present for the ceremonies. After the installation a social hour was held and refreshments served.

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