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REPORT MORE RABIES AT COLLEGE

Mad Dog Attacks Lad; Inflicts Wounds

Another Rabid Dog Shot By Officer; Fear New Outbreak

RIGID QUARANTINE MAY BE ENFORCED

Stray Dogs Also Reported Attacking Livestock in County

Danger of a serious rabies epidemic in the State College area still exists despite efforts by authorities for a number of months to stamp out the dread disease, according to a statement made yesterday by George Peters, of Phillipsburg, district law enforcement officer for this district.

During the past week two State College dogs have been found to be infected with rabies, Mr. Peters said. One of them attacked and fatally bit a boy, while another animal was shot when it showed signs of madness. The State laboratory at Harrisburg reported both animals to be suffering from rabies.

The danger of widespread infection among other animals with the ever-present danger that humans may contract the often-fatal disease, has led health authorities to consider seriously the quarantining of the State College area, unless dog owners show full co-operation in keeping dogs at home and under control at all times, Mr. Peters said.

The child who was bitten, a young son of Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Stewart, of State College, went outdoors one morning and began playing with a neighbor's dog as was his custom.

The animal turned on the boy and bit him on the shoulder, hip, arm, twice on the legs before it was dragged away. The dog was penned up and died several days later, death being caused by rabies.

Mr. Peters said that there is no way of telling whether or not the dogs last week bit other dogs, and there is also the possibility that the dogs nipped humans, exposing them to the danger of infection. The Stewart child and his mother are taking treatment, Mrs. Peters said.

Cows, sheep and other animals are susceptible to the disease if bitten by an infected animal.

Because of the seriousness of the (Continued from page four)

Red Cross Ships Wearing Apparel

1114 Items Completed in Bellefonte District Since Last May

Mrs. W. J. Emerick, chairman of sewing for the Bellefonte Chapter of the American Red Cross, releases a report of articles shipped October 7, which were completed since May of this year by the women of Bellefonte, Snow Shoe, Milesburg, Pleasant Gap and Howard.

The shipment included these items: 85 pair socks; 25 sweaters and 1 man's sweater; 1 scarf; 2 shawls; 6 knitted suits; 16 beanies; 36 bed packets; 22 nightgowns; 46 pajamas; 35 rompers; 8 afghans; 10 baby quilts made from scrap patches; 40 toddlers packs, each consisting of 1 snow suit, 2 pairs rompers, 2 nightgowns, 2 shirts, 10 diapers, 1 beany, 1 sweater, and 1 pair mittens.

A total of 1114 articles were made for this consignment which is regarded as a fine showing for the Bellefonte Chapter.

Howard Lad Saves Sister From Drowning

A four-year-old Howard lad is given credit with saving the life of his two-year-old sister, Saturday morning when she fell into a vat of water in the milk house at their home, according to reports from the family.

The children are Larrie and Kaye Confer, son and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow W. Confer, of Howard.

While playing in the milk house the children attempted to get a drink of water from a spigot over a milk cooling vat in which there was four feet of water. The little girl slipped and fell head first into the vat.

Her brother, showing great presence of mind, attempted to grasp his sister's hand to pull her out, but was unsuccessful. So he grabbed her by the shoulders. His screams were heard by his mother and Marie Catherman who were busy in the house and when they ran to the milk house they found the little girl in a semi-conscious condition. She revived quickly under artificial respiration administered by her mother and the only ill effects she suffered from the experience was a slight cold.

Student Held In Molesting of Girl

Charged with indecent assault upon a nine-year-old College township girl, Bernard Hochman, 20, of New York City, is being held at the County Jail here under \$500 bail for his appearance at Court.

Hochman, taking a special course in radio at Penn State College under the sponsorship of the U. S. Signal Corps, was walking near Houersville Sunday afternoon when he met two girls, one 13, and the other 9, walking towards him. He struck up a conversation with the girls and made improper advances to the younger one. The older girl began running away and about the same time a farmer residing nearby, witnessing the incident, ran out and collared Hochman, holding him until the arrival of State Police from the Rockview Barracks. The girl was not harmed.

When arranged before Justice of the Peace Harold D. Cowher Monday morning, the defendant entered a plea of guilty and was remanded to jail to await appearance in court.

Board Finishes October Quota

List 70 Men to Go to Altoona October 19 For Examinations

Local Draft Board No. 2, Bellefonte, yesterday listed the names of 70 selectees who are to report to Altoona on Monday, October 19, for final examination for Army duty.

Last week the Board released the names of 217 others who were included in the October call from this district. Draft officials have not been informed as to the number of Selectees this area is to provide in the November call.

Officials said that persons eligible for call may enlist up until the day their induction notices are mailed out to them. After that time boards cannot supply releases permitting them to enlist, it was explained.

The 70 men called upon to report for final examination October 19 are as follows:

Paul Vozniak, Cleveland, O.
Clarence W. Young, Bellefonte
Edward C. Chambers, Clarence
Clair L. Moore, Port Matilda
Lynn A. Cole, Phillipsburg
Andy Billy, Clarence
Mike Maleyk, Osceola Mills
Louis R. O'Neill, Phillipsburg
Steve Hajzak, Osceola Mills
John P. Danko, Phillipsburg
Paul R. McGuire, Phillipsburg
Joseph J. Kopschik, Phillipsburg
Gerald C. Parke, Phillipsburg
Robert H. Dinges, Bellefonte
Dean F. Moyer, Centre Hall

Parachutes to Safety Over Georgia Swamp

Pvt. Budd E. Baumgardner, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles L. Baumgardner, of Pleasant Gap, with the U. S. Air Corps at Waycross, Ga., parachuted to safety over dismal Okefenokee Swamp in Georgia week before last when his motor failed during a flight from his camp with his commanding officer. The officer also landed safely by parachute.

The plane was badly damaged when it plunged into the swamp. Pvt. Baumgardner, home on a furlough last week, treated the matter as a routine occurrence.

The 19-year-old private enlisted in the Air Corps December 15, 1941, and received his preliminary training at Kessler Field, Mo. In May he was sent to California to go overseas, but because of a six weeks' illness he remained in a California hospital. Upon his recovery he was sent to Kentucky, then to Savannah, Georgia, and more recently to Waycross.

C. of C. Here Elects Five New Directors

Five new directors of the Bellefonte Chamber of Commerce elected in a ballot conducted by mail during the weekend are as follows: The Farmers' National Bank, Kline Hardware, Earl K. Stock, Malcolm L. Wetzel and The Centre Democrat.

Stationed at Rockview
Pvt. Joseph E. Tierney, of McConnellsburg, during the weekend was transferred to Rockview sub-station State Motor Police. He had been stationed at McConnellsburg for the past four years.

State Police Sub-Station Swept by Fire

Building Badly Damaged; Valuable Police Records Carried to Safety

OFFICERS' PERSONAL LOSS ABOUT \$1000

Prison Detail Moves Into Former Physician's House—May Not Rebuild

Damage estimated at several thousand dollars resulted early Sunday morning when the frame building housing the State Police sub-station on Rockview penitentiary lands was swept by a fire believed to have originated from a defective fuse.

Although records which police described as being "invaluable" were saved, clothing and equipment valued at about \$1,000, owned by the seven men stationed at the sub-station, were lost. There was no insurance on this part of the damage.

Work of the Logan and Undine Fire Companies of Bellefonte and the Pleasant Gap Fire Department is credited with having saved the valuable police records in the sub-station as well as nearby buildings.

Firemen, three police officers in the building at the time, several inmates employed about the premises, and guards, succeeded in removing everything from the first and second floors before intense heat made it impossible to carry on further salvage work. Water from the only (Continued on page five)

To Test Air Raid Alarms, Saturday

A test of the Bellefonte air raid alarm system will be held at 12:05 o'clock noon on Saturday, October 10, it was announced yesterday by Aaron D. Leitzell, commander of protective units in the county Civilian Defense organization.

The four air whistles located in various parts of town, and possibly other warning devices will be sounded during the test, Leitzell said.

Mr. Leitzell also announced the appointment of Frank Irvin, Pleasant Gap, as Civil Defense chairman in that community.

Annual C of C Dinner to Be Held October 14

The annual dinner of the Bellefonte Chamber of Commerce will be held at the Penn Belle Hotel at 6:30 o'clock Wednesday evening, October 14.

Dr. Kenneth Hood, of State College, will be the speaker. Tickets will be \$1.25 and reservations are now being received at the Chamber offices in the Y. M. C. A. building. All members of the organization are urged to attend the annual affair.

September Bond Sales Top Quota

Sales in Bellefonte More Than Double During Theatre Campaign

Bellefonte theatres turned in a highly creditable job of sponsoring the sale of War Bonds and Stamps during September, according to figures released yesterday by Fred Fisher, manager of the local theatres.

The total bonds sold in Bellefonte during the month was \$35,717 as (Continued on page four)

Four Typewriters Needed for CD Office

Henry A. Brockerhoff, chairman of the Centre County Council of Defense, yesterday declared that four typewriters are needed at the county defense headquarters in the Little Arcade building, West High street.

Any persons having typewriters to loan to the office are requested to telephone Miss Mary Baum at either 733 or 314. The machines would be in use for the duration of the war. Mr. Brockerhoff said, and would be returned to the owners after that time.

News Scarce Item In Newspaper Published Here 127 Years Ago

Ever hear of the "American Patriot," newspaper published in Bellefonte in the early part of the 19th century?

A 127-year-old copy of the paper was brought to this office for our inspection by Mrs. Osborne T. Lambert, of North Wilson street, who obtained it from a Lock Haven resident.

One of the most remarkable features of the ancient newspaper is its fine state of preservation. Practically the only signs of age are innumerable little wrinkles in the paper, and frayed edges.

The newspaper was published weekly (every Saturday) by Alexander Hamilton, in Bellefonte "next door south of the Bank," and the date of the issue at hand was September 30, 1815.

As was the general newspaper custom in those days, not a line of local news is to be found anywhere in the four-page edition. There are long articles about the war in Europe; about the visit of Joseph Bonaparte to Lancaster, other matters of national-wide interest, and finally advertisements.

In the advertisements are to be found the usual shreds of local news, Richard Carey offered the usual reward of five dollars for the return of a runaway William Shaw, who ran away. These men announced themselves

School Fair Is Slated Oct. 21

Plans Announced For 3rd Annual Walker Township Event

The annual Walker Township School Community Fair will be held on Wednesday, October 21, in the high school building, Hubersburg. This will be the third consecutive Walker Township School Community Fair.

The fair will be organized and conducted much the same as in previous years. All exhibits will fall within two main classifications—school exhibits and general exhibits. The school exhibits will be carried out by the various elementary schools and will compete for substantial cash prizes awarded on the basis of quality and number of exhibits in proportion to enrollment. The pupils in each school will compete and exhibits will be awarded blue, red and white silk ribbons according to merit. In previous years the elementary schools made a fine contribution to the success of the fair—it is hoped they will be equally successful this year.

The general exhibit is open to any person in the general exhibit regardless of his or her connection with the schools. The general exhibit (Continued on page four)

Offer \$25 Reward to Halt Meter Damage

Bellefonte Council again calls attention to a \$25 reward offered by the borough for the arrest and conviction of any person damaging or defacing parking meters in town.

Chief of damage is to the glass windows over the indicators. The belief is that the glasses are broken by those demonstrating the power of their grip. Such persons are supposed to place the heel of the hand against the glass on one side of the meter, and the tips of the fingers against the glass on the other side. A heavy squeeze does the trick, it is believed.

Anyone caught in the act will have a tough time squeezing out of a heavy fine, borough officials promise.

CARS SLIGHTLY DAMAGED IN COLLISION AT COLLEGE

A sedan driven by Earl F. Brown, a student at Penn State, skidded sideways into the path of a car belonging to R. Stanley Brooks of Centre Hall, on the corner of Shortridge road and College avenue, State College, Sunday morning.

Although both cars were traveling slowly, the roads were slippery and Brown's car slid out of control when he tried to stop at the stop sign on Shortridge road. The car he was driving was damaged to the extent of \$10, while damage to the Brooks machine was placed at \$30.

Youth Admits Thefts; Is Sent To Camp Hill

Pleads Guilty at Special Session; Denies Owning 15 Suits

DRUNKEN DRIVERS APPEAR IN COURT

Bellefonte Youth Goes to State School on Morals Charge

Norman W. Meyers, 23, of Allentown, Penn State student, was sentenced to serve an indeterminate term in the State Industrial School at Camp Hill when he pleaded guilty to burglary charges at a special session of court here Monday morning.

Meyers, specifically charged with the theft of clothing and other articles valued at \$28.00 from Robert Morgan and Stuart H. Burns, students, from their room at the Phi Gamma annex in State College on September 23, also was implicated in a long series of other thefts, according to statements made in court by the prosecutors, State College Police Chief John R. Juba, and Pvt. J. L. Eisenhuth, of the State Police at Rockview sub-station.

Chief Juba said that Meyers when arrested had three tires in the rear of his car which he had attempted to sell to a student. The tires had been stolen from an Allentown garage, it was reported. He was wearing a wrist watch which bore the name of another Penn State student. He had eight or ten pairs of slacks and 15 suits of clothes, and in his effects were found an "8" gasoline ration book and a portable typewriter and set of golf clubs, each valued at about \$50 and a portable radio valued at about \$40. Police said they believed all the items had been stolen.

Meyers, questioned at length by Judge Ivan Walker, admitted stealing the tires from Morgan, and Burns and declared that the reason he did so was because he didn't like Morgan. He admitted stealing the tires in Allentown. He declared he found the wrist watch on a locker room floor, and that he should have returned it to its owner, but neglected doing so. He denied owning 15 suits, but said that the nine suits and the slacks in his possession were purchased by him in New York and Philadelphia. He said he has made arrangements to join the Navy.

Under questioning the defendant (Continued on page four)

Martha Couple Wed 60 Years

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Williams, of Martha Furnace, on Sunday, September 27, celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary.

The celebration was held at the farm home of their son, M. G. Williams, with whom they make their home. Mr. Williams is 85 and his wife is 79.

The elderly couple was united in marriage on September 24, 1882, at Reading, by the Rev. John Burk, Baptist minister of Bald Eagle Baptist church. Mr. Williams taught school in Bald Eagle Valley for a period of 40 years, having received his education in the common schools and at the Spring Mills Academy under Dr. Wolf. He also studied at Rebersburg under Prof. Gramley and in Lumber City under Prof. Moore.

Mr. Williams recalls when his father and two brothers left home to fight in the Civil War and he now enjoys the society of gray-headed men and women who went to school to him in their youth. (Continued on page four)

A & P Super Markets Try Coffee 'Rationing'

Because the shortage of coffee shows indications of being a more or less permanent thing for the duration of the war a system is being adopted in A & P Super Markets which, it is hoped, will result in a more equitable distribution of coffee among patrons.

Each week's supply of coffee received at Super Markets is to be divided into equal piles representing each of the weeks.

Half of each day's supply will be put on sale in the morning and the other half in the afternoon. When each day's supply is exhausted no more coffee will be put on sale until the following day. In this manner it is hoped that everyone will get an opportunity to buy coffee, A & P officials explain.

Advance Sale of Christmas Seals
For those who wish to get Christmas Seals to use on Christmas packages and Christmas mail being sent to our soldiers, sailors and Marines in other lands, the sale has been advanced. The postal authorities urge early mailing of Christmas mail for those in our armed forces, so, by calling the chairman of the Bellefonte Tuberculosis Committee, phone 2643, your seals will be sent to you at once, or you can get them at Jack Wilkinson's Stationery store, 19 East High street. The regular Christmas Seal sale will open officially on Nov. 23.

Rebekahs Install
Mrs. Phoebe Breen, district deputy of the Southern District of the Rebekah lodge, is currently holding installation ceremonies in Centre county. The remainder of her itinerary follows: October 8 (tonight), State College; October 12, Rebersburg; October 13, Spring Mills; October 18, Millheim. All Rebekahs and Brothers of Rebekahs are welcome to attend these installations which begin at 8 p. m.

Is Scrap Pile A Rummage Counter? What Do You Think?

Here's what might be called a sermon from a scrap pile.

It is dedicated to all of us, including this writer, who have cast curious eyes on some item we have seen in the war scrap pile being accumulated on the Diamond.

It is especially dedicated to the Bellefonte resident who for \$1 bought a dinner bell which was on the pile. There was nothing dishonest or shady about the deal. The \$1 went into the defense fund—where money obtained from the sale of the bell for scrap would have gone.

For many years it had been in the possession of a farm family living near Bellefonte. It was a kind of family heirloom. When the plea was made recently for scrap for war purposes (Continued on page four)

List Program For Institute

More Than 400 Teachers to Attend Sessions Here Next Week

The program for the annual Centre County Teachers' Institute to be held at the Court House here on Thursday and Friday, October 9 and 10, was announced yesterday by County Superintendent of Schools F. Glenn Rogers.

More than 400 grade and high school teachers in the county are expected to attend the two-day session, and all the county's public schools will be closed during the Institute.

Principal speakers at the session will be Dorothy Fuldheim, lecturer and commentator who was a popular speaker at the institute here last year; Don Bate, author, traveler and commentator, and Dr. Carroll D. Champlin, professor of education at Penn State College.

The complete program is as follows:
Thursday, October 15
10:00-10:15—Devotional Exercises—Rev. A. G. Herr, Baptist church. (Continued on page five)

Smallest Baby Is 'Doing Nicely' Here

The smallest baby ever to be born at the Centre County Hospital here is reported to be getting along nicely at that institution.

The infant, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Crust, of Willowbank, Bellefonte, weighed only 1 pound, 15 and three-fourths ounces at birth. She lost nearly two ounces during her first week of life, but now weighs nearly two pounds.

The little girl was born September 24 and has spent her entire life so far in an incubator at the hospital nursery. She is fed every two hours, day and night, food being administered through a tube. Attendants declare she appears to be in the best of health. Mrs. Crust was discharged from the hospital, Monday, leaving the infant there for further treatment. The Crusts have another daughter, aged four years.

Logans Name Charles Jodon as Secretary

At a regular meeting of the Logan Fire Company, Tuesday night, members elected Charles Jodon as company secretary to succeed Collins Shoemaker, resigned.

The company also voted to purchase a new radio for the club room. The Logan's new ambulance will be ready for use in about one week, members of the committee said.

Rules for the use of the Logan House and its facilities by non-members and outside organizations are to be drawn up and presented for approval in the near future.

James J. Leitzell Enlists In Air Corps
James J. Leitzell, mayor of Milesburg and commander of Jackson-Crisman-Saylor Post, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Bellefonte, has enlisted in the U. S. Army Air Corps and expects to leave Wednesday of next week for New Mexico to begin training.

May Centralize All Boro Offices Here

Building at Big Spring Also May House Council Chambers

CONSIDERING FULL-TIME SECRETARY

Council Instructs Committees to Make Recommendations in Matter

Centralization of all borough offices, including Council chambers, in the Water Department building at the Big Spring on South Water street, loomed as a possibility Monday night when Council instructed the Fire and Police committee and the Water committee to prepare definite recommendations for consideration.

Information brought out during a discussion of the suggested change showed that the borough, being also the county seat, is not required by law to maintain a borough lock-up since prisoners of the borough can be lodged in the county jail.

Abandonment of the borough lock-up, now located in the building at the Big Spring, would free considerable space which could be converted into office rooms, it was pointed out.

Under the proposed new arrangement the borough would employ a full-time secretary—which has been considered a necessity for some time. The present borough offices, in the Council chamber in the Logan House, East Howard street, would be moved to the Water Department building, while the present Council chambers would be abandoned in favor of new quarters on the unused second floor of the building at the Big Spring. These plans are indefinite, but indicate the trend of thought expressed by Councilmen.

If the proposal is carried out, parking facilities at the Big Spring might be provided through removing a portion of the wall and fence in front of the building and converting the space so obtained to a parking area. Other Councilmen expressed the belief that nearby property may be available for parking space. Lack of parking space is a (Continued on page five)

Court of Honor Held By Scouts

Impressive Mother-Father Ceremony For Eagle Scout Presentations

Awarding of the Eagle Scout rank to two Bellefonte Scouts featured a special Court of Honor held last Thursday night in the Court House, Bellefonte. A number of other Scouts in the Muncy District also received awards and promotions at the ceremonies.

The two who received Scouting's highest awards, the Eagle rank, were Donald R. Ammerman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Ammerman, and Leonard Levine, son of Mr. and Mrs. Morris Levine, both of Bellefonte. The presentation was made by Theodore J. Gates, of State College, president of the Juniata Valley Council.

In presenting the Eagle awards the impressive father-mother ceremony was used. The award was presented to the father of the honored Scout who in turn presented it to his son. The son then presented a small replica of the award to his mother.

The Bellefonte High School Band headed a parade which marched from the Spring street school to the Court House for the Court of Honor, and the band also took part in the program.

Carl H. Hall, Jr., of Bellefonte, district commissioner, was in charge of the opening ceremony which included the massing of colors, salute to the flag and group singing of the "Star Spangled Banner."

Clyde M. Stewart, of Bellefonte, district chairman, gave the address of welcome to Scouts and guests and presented awards for the collection of scrap rubber as follows: \$3 first prize to troop sponsored by the Catholic church, and \$2.50 second prize to troop sponsored by Logan Fire Company.

Mr. Hall was in charge of the (Continued on page five—Second Section)

Plans for County C. E. Convention

At a meeting held on Tuesday evening at the Methodist parsonage, Bellefonte, by officers of the Centre County Christian Endeavor Union, the final plans for the 50th annual convention of the county union were made.

County Home Guard To Meet Here Tonight

The Centre County Home Guard unit will meet at the American Legion Home, East Howard street, at 7:30 p. m. this Thursday night, it was announced yesterday by Captain Herbert S. Miller, of Bellefonte, commanding officer of the group.

To date 48 men have signed up for service in the unit, and arrangements are under way whereby the Milesburg band may serve at the Home Guard band. If plans mature the local unit will be the first in the State to have its own band, Capt. Miller said.

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