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To Stand Trial on Burglary Charge

Curwensville Merchant, Now Serving Time, Slated for Trial on Jewelry Theft at State College; Will be Represented by Noted Criminal Lawyer

A case of considerable interest in Centre and Clearfield counties is first on the list for trial when the May criminal court opens here Monday morning.

MINER KILLED BY FALL OF 'BONEY'

Daniel Cartwright, 55, Loses Life on First Day at New Job

Daniel Cartwright, 55, of Point Lookout, was killed about 11:30 o'clock Monday night in an accident at the Bigelow Run mine, near the Osceola Mills roundhouse.

Cartwright suffered a crushed skull and was killed instantly when a small section of "boney" fell from the roof of the mine and crushed his head against the cutting machine.

Cartwright, a coal miner with 30 years experience in mining, had just started to work at the Bigelow Run mine, operated by the Milsons, on Monday afternoon. He started at 2:30 o'clock in the afternoon and was working his first shift when the accident occurred.

Dan Retter, who was working with him, reported the fall and summoned help. Miners removed him from the mine and he was rushed to the Philipsburg State Hospital in the Hope Fire Company ambulance where he was pronounced dead upon arrival.

Although he wore a hard hat, it was crushed some in the accident. The fall of "boney" was reported to be only about six inches thick but it was heavy enough to push his head against the machine he was cutting coal with.

Cartwright's death was the first fatality ever to occur in the Bigelow Run mine.

The deceased, who lived at Point Lookout, is survived by his widow, his mother and a daughter.

Centre County Coroner Charles Sheekler of Milesburg, and a State Mine Inspector from Roaring Springs, visited the mine Tuesday to conduct an investigation. At the conclusion of their probe they ruled Cartwright's death an accident.

Hospital Alumnae In Regular Session

At a regular meeting of the Centre County Hospital Nurses Alumnae Association held Monday night at the home of Mrs. David Washburn, on East Curtin street, Mrs. Grace Tressler, president of the organization, was elected delegate to the State Nurses' convention to be held in Harrisburg in the fall. Mrs. Wilbur Badger was named as alternate.

The group completed tentative plans for a picnic to be held during the summer. Miss Mary Swartz, secretary, and Mrs. Tressler, president, were chosen to attend the War Nurses' Council and Secretarial Institute to be held in Altoona on Saturday, May 22.

Members were present from Madisonburg, Pleasant Gap and Bellefonte, and after the business session a social hour was enjoyed, with Miss Jane Keller and Mrs. Washburn serving as co-hostesses.

Red Cross Receives National Honor

Lewis Orvis Harvey, chairman of the Bellefonte Chapter, Red Cross, yesterday reported the Chapter had been awarded a certificate of honor for its exceptional record in the recent Red Cross War Fund Drive.

In the drive, the local Chapter's quota was \$9,260. Receipts to date are \$10,405.20. Mr. Harvey said of more than \$1200 in excess of the quota. The certificate is signed by Norman H. Davis, national Red Cross chairman.

Pleasant Gap Honor Roll To Be Dedicated Sunday Afternoon

A dedication service for the Pleasant Gap Honor Roll will be held Sunday, May 16, at 5:30 p. m., at the grade school building. The American Legion of Bellefonte will present two American Flags to the community to be displayed at the school grounds.

The program for the occasion is as follows: "Army Air Corps", played by American Legion Band. Invocation, by Rev. D. A. Downin. Presentation of Flags, by American Legion. "Star-Spangled Banner", by band.

Acceptance of Flags, by a Spring Township School Director. "America the Beautiful", by Tit-

MISSING MAN FOUND TO BE WAR PRISONER

German Short Wave Reveals Fate of Lt. Edgar A. Spicher

REPORTED MISSING IN TUNISIA APRIL 3

Child Born to Wife Day After Broadcast Lives Only Short Time

According to short-wave German broadcasts heard here Saturday night, Lt. Edgar A. Spicher, son of Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Spicher, of Pleasant Gap, and husband of the former Mary Louise Johnson, of Bellefonte, reported missing in action on the Tunisian front since April 3, is a German prisoner and is "all right."

First word the Spichers and the prisoner's wife received of the broadcast came from Rev. O. R. Williams, of Orangeville, near Bloomsburg, who upon hearing Lt. Spicher speak about 9:50 p. m. Saturday during the German program, called his sister, Mrs. C. K. Stitzer, at Pleasant Gap, who resides only a few doors from Lt. Spicher's parents.

Mr. Stitzer went immediately to the Spicher home to report the news, while Lt. Spicher's wife, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Johnson, of West Howard street, was also called. Within a short time other persons who had heard the broadcast got in touch with the Spicher and Johnson families, among them being Rev. E. P. Pester Piper, of Milesburg, a man important stations he has covered in

Col. John Bodle Returns to States

Colonel John E. Bodle, veteran Army pilot and husband of Mrs. Elizabeth Bodle, of 2156 Colony Road, Charlotte, has arrived at the William Northern Army Air Field, Tullahoma, Tenn., from the southwest Pacific theatre of operations to assume command of a large Air Force Reconnaissance Corps, it was announced today by the Base Commander.

Veteran of the early fighting on New Guinea Island and active throughout the southwest Pacific during the first months of the war, the Colonel's arrival here is expected to see the teaching of latest methods in aerial combat operations. Commissioned in the Army Air Corps on January 22, 1927, Col. Bodle has watched the Army air service grow into the world's most powerful striking force. Among the more important stations he has covered in

'Paradise' Dinner To Be Held Tonight

The annual fishermen's dinner sponsored by the Bellefonte Kiwanis Club preparatory to the opening of "Fishermen's Paradise" near Bellefonte, will be held at the Penn Belle Hotel this Thursday night. The program begins at 6:30 p. m.

A lake trout dinner will be served, and the Titan Male chorus will be present to entertain. Members of the State Fish Commission, fish and game wardens from all parts of the county, and followers of Isaac Walton from near and far are expected to be present.

The year the Kiwanis Club and Rotary Club are jointly sponsoring the dinner, "Fishermen's Paradise" will open on Friday, May 14.

SNOW SHOE TO HONOR SOLDIERS

Honor Roll for Service Men to Be Dedicated on Memorial Day

Service men and women of Snow Shoe, Clarence, and vicinity will be honored at the dedication of an honor roll at Snow Shoe the afternoon of Memorial Day. The Snow Shoe Fire Company is sponsoring the roll, on which the names of more than 400 men and women of that area now serving with the armed forces will be displayed.

The plaque is being erected in front of the fire house in Snow Shoe where the dedication and a flag-raising ceremony will be held. The Brooks-Doll Post American Legion, Bellefonte, will be in charge of the program.

The communities will spend more than \$1,000 in erecting the plaque which is made by a commercial company and has some unusual features. Contributions have been received from all organizations in the Snow Shoe-Clarence district and in Pine Glen and Moshannon, which is in

5 New Members Join Local VFW Auxiliary

Five new members were initiated into the Auxiliary to Post 1600 Veterans of Foreign Wars, Bellefonte, at a meeting in the Post home on South Spring street, Monday night. The floor work with color bearers was particularly impressive.

Mrs. Lena Garis, Auxiliary president, presided at the session and plans were made for the annual poppy sale. The Auxiliary will cooperate with the Post in observance of Memorial Day.

At the conclusion of the business meeting a social hour was held.

BARN AT CENTRAL CITY IS DESTROYED BY FIRE

A barn owned by Norman Shawley at Central City, Milesburg, was destroyed by fire early Friday morning.

The Milesburg Fire Company, called to the scene, succeeded in saving two cows from the structure and kept the blaze from spreading to nearby buildings.

Man's Death Being Probed by Police

Autopsy Shows Don David Thomas, 34, of Woodland, Died from 'Terrific' Blow; May Have Been Hit by Car or Train

Police today are investigating the death under strange circumstances, of Don David Thomas, 34, of Woodland, who died in the Philipsburg State Hospital at 4 o'clock Saturday afternoon of injuries suffered in an undetermined manner.

The young man's death was caused by a crushed chest and broken back, according to a statement yesterday morning by Centre County Coroner Charles Sheekler of Milesburg, at whose direction an autopsy was performed Tuesday night at the Flegal Funeral Home in Morrisdale by Dr. Joseph A. Parrish, of Bellefonte.

"The man suffered a terrific blow," Coroner Sheekler said, expressing the belief he might have been struck by a train or by an automobile.

Thomas was found in an unconscious condition along the railroad tracks at West Decatur about 6:30 o'clock Saturday morning, by members of a northbound train. He was rushed to the Philipsburg State Hospital in the Hope Fire Company ambulance, but died about nine hours

later without regaining consciousness. When the Coroner was notified of the death Saturday night, he was informed that the man had been struck or had fallen from the train, and accordingly he released the body to an undertaker. Sunday, Coroner Sheekler went to Philipsburg to conduct an investigation and learned the man had not been run over or struck by the train, and that no one, apparently, knew how he had been injured.

The official got in touch with members of the train crew on Monday, and all of them expressed the belief the man was not struck by a train, and they were certain he had not been hit by the train they were riding when they came upon his body. Residents of the area were not sure, the Coroner said, whether any other trains had passed over the line since the previous day.

As a result of the conflicting stories, Sheekler, after funeral services (Continued on page four)

FREE SCRAP MOVIE HERE SATURDAY

10 Pounds of Scrap Required for Tickets; 5 Collection Points

The County Salvage and Waste committee yesterday announced another of a series of free motion picture in an effort to round up available scrap materials in Bellefonte and vicinity.

The movie, to be at the Plaza Theatre, Bellefonte, on Saturday morning, May 15, beginning at 9:45 o'clock, will be open to any youngster presenting a ticket showing he has contributed at least 10 pounds of scrap metal, rubber, rags, or processed tin cans, at any of several collection depots.

The collection in Bellefonte will be made on the Diamond on Saturday morning, immediately before the movie. Each youngster bringing the required amount of material will be given a ticket to the movie. Collections also will be held in Milesburg, Central City, Howard, Pleasant Gap and Unionville, and tickets will be distributed in those towns.

In addition, every person entering the theatre will receive a ticket, entitling him or her to a free ice cream cone at any Bellefonte store. (Continued on page six)

SIX SENTENCED FOR GAS COUPON VIOLATIONS

Six Central Pennsylvania men charged with violation of the OPA gasoline rationing regulations entered pleas of guilty to the charges before Judge Albert Johnson in Federal Court in Harrisburg last Thursday.

William and Merrill Harnish, of Snow Shoe, and Carl Jackson, of Bellefonte, charged with unlawful possession of "B" gasoline ration coupons, were fined \$10 each.

Carl Bossler, of Altoona, and Harry Bathurst, of Bellefonte, charged with unlawful possession of coupon and conspiracy to defraud the U. S. government, were placed on probation. Nelson Wise, of Altoona, charged with conspiracy to defraud the U. S. government was fined \$100 and sentenced to 60 days in jail.

The men were arrested after an investigation conducted by members of the State Police sub-station at Rockview, and OPA agents, last October.

Woman's Club Plans Year's Final Event

A buffet supper at the Penn Belle Hotel on Monday evening, May 24, will be the concluding event in the program of the Bellefonte Woman's Club until next fall, it was announced yesterday.

Mrs. Harriet Nesbit, of the speech interpretation class at Penn State College, will present a group of resident pupils in an hour's program of entertainment, including readings and recitations.

A trio consisting of Mrs. Louis Schad and Francis Davis, violinists, and Einar Nilson, pianist, will be heard in a group of selections.

The supper is scheduled to be served at 7:30 p. m. and reservations may be made until May 18 by calling Mrs. Charles M. Thompson, dial 3235. Tickets will be 65 cents each.

Poppy Sales Begin Saturday, May 22

Volunteer workers from Junior Auxiliary Brooks Doll Unit, No. 33, and Sons of Legion will be on the streets all day Saturday selling poppies.

Buying and wearing a poppy is each individual's way of honoring them who have sacrificed their lives in the nation's service.

BOARD FIXES CLOSING DATES FOR SCHOOLS

BHS to Close June 22, Commencement Same Night

TEACHERS WANT ACTION ON SALARIES

Board Turns Down Request for \$300 Bonus This Year

Bellefonte High School commencement exercises—the first to be held in the new school building—will be held Tuesday evening, June 22, it was announced at a meeting of the School Board, Monday night. High School classes will end commencement day, while the closing date of the grade schools, has been set for Friday, June 4.

Commencement exercises will follow the same pattern as they have in past years, with a speaker, special music, and awarding of diplomas and prizes as highlights. The board turned down a suggestion for an all-student program on the grounds there isn't sufficient time for preparation. The type of diplomas to be awarded had not been decided at this time, but the education committee of the board has been instructed to decide whether the time-honored large diplomas, or whether a new style folding diploma, will be issued.

A ground-swell of unrest among Bellefonte's 54 school teachers again made itself manifest at the meeting when a committee, representing the Teachers' Association, appeared at the session to ask whether any action had been taken on the association's recent plea for a general salary increase.

Chairman of the committee was Miss Mary Fletcher, while other members present were Miss Annette Decker and J. S. Dubbs. In response to questions Board President Hartman said that it was impossible for the board to grant a bonus of \$300 to each teacher for the current year, 1942-43, because of lack of funds. He said that the teachers' plea for an increase during the 1943-44 school year would be considered in preparation of the new budget, which now is under consideration. "We'll do the best we can," President Hartman promised the committee.

The teachers have asked for a total increase of \$300 each in salary during the coming year. Part of the \$300 will be provided through legislation passed in Harrisburg last

West Penn Head Here To Retire

Announcement has been made by P. H. Powers, vice president of the West Penn Power Company, that Walter T. McCormick, district manager of the Bellefonte district, will retire from active duty May 31.

Mr. McCormick has given 31 years of good and faithful service to West Penn, the last fourteen years being spent in the Bellefonte office.

He went with the company as solicitor in the New Business Department at Waynesburg in March 1912, and in October 1913 was made district manager of the Commercial Department in the same community. With the exception of two months in the Purchasing Department, and over three years in the financial Department in Pittsburgh, his company service was in the Green county capital until April 1929, on which date he was transferred to Bellefonte as district manager, which position he holds until his retirement.

WELFARE FUND AT HALF-WAY MARK

Only \$8,714 of Goal of \$17,000 Pledged to Date

The Bellefonte Community Welfare Fund campaign which began April 29 has reached little more than half its goal of \$17,000, it was reported yesterday by officials.

The total yesterday was \$8,714, and the minimum goal of the campaign is \$17,000, officials said.

Unless the goal is reached all twelve of the participating agencies will suffer serious curtailment of their activities during the coming year.

The campaign so far has been "spotty" with incomplete returns from large sections of the campaign area. Team captains urge their solicitors to complete their lists as quickly as possible and to file reports at the earliest possible moment.

The public is urged to remember that the 12 local institutions sharing in the fund are depending greatly upon the current campaign for their future existence. Failure to (Continued on page four)

Bellefonte Youth Is Honored by Air Corps

Cpl. William H. Fetzer, of Bellefonte, is one of more than 100 officers and men of the "Bully Beef Express" who proudly wear new medals for service in the South Pacific. Cpl. Fetzer, a radio operator, was awarded a Distinguished Flying Cross and an Air Medal by order of General MacArthur for his part in the Papan campaign in New Guinea.

His parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Fetzer of West High street, have received official notice of his citation.

The decorated men are pilots, copilots, or radio men who flew unarmored transports over the Owen Stanley Mountains to carry anything and everything from a native to a jeep, to American and Australian soldiers who wrested Buna and Sandananda from the Japanese.

Cpl. Fetzer enlisted in the Air Forces on January 30, 1942, and was stationed at Keeler Field, Miss., and in San Francisco, Calif., before being sent overseas. After receiving training in Australia following his arrival there on March 30, 1942, he was sent to New Guinea over two months ago.

Olde Tyme Bakery Gets Safety Award

The Olde-Tyme Bakery, Bellefonte, has received from the State Department of Labor and Industry two certificates of honor awarded because the industry had operated throughout the years 1941 and 1942 with a perfect record for safety.

In the two years the bakery did not have a single lost-time accident.

High Wind Causes Damage at Zion

Barns Are Unroofed, Trees Blown Down In "Flash" Storm; Roy Yarnell Is Felled by Lightning Near His Home

A brief but violent thunderstorm, which swept over the central part of Centre county early Saturday afternoon caused considerable destruction in the Zion area, according to reports from that section.

The storm, which struck Bellefonte about 2:30 and traveled rapidly down Nittany Valley, was accompanied by a most violent wind which was the cause of most of the damage reported. There was some lightning and a short heavy shower.

The storm apparently reached its greatest intensity shortly after it passed over Bellefonte, for at the Homer Decker farm, just west of Zion, tenanted by Roy Yarnell, the damage was severe.

Mr. Yarnell was walking around one corner of the barn when he reports, "something hit the corner of the barn." Yarnell was hurled to the ground, stunned, and remained there several minutes before he realized what had happened.

He found that a severe gust of wind had ripped seven squares off the barn roof, including galvanized roofing and the rafters to which it was attached, and hurling the entire

EAGLE PATROL IS CONTEST WINNER

Scores 388 Out of Possible 405 Points; 3 Patrols Win Insignias

Eagle Patrol of Troop No. 34, Bellefonte, was winner of the first aid meet held by the Muncy District of Boy Scouts of America in the Spring street gymnasium in Bellefonte last Thursday night, receiving 388 out of a possible 405 points to win over teams from Bellefonte and Pleasant Gap.

The winning patrol was awarded the large silver cup which will remain in its possession until next year's meet. Members of the group were also presented with first aid kits given by Gene MacGregor, district health and safety chairman, who was in charge of the event.

Second place went to the Eagle Patrol of Troop No. 35 of Bellefonte; third place was won by the Beaver Patrol of Troop No. 66, Pleasant Gap, and fourth place was awarded to the Hawk Patrol of Troop No. 35, Bellefonte. Scores for second, third, and fourth places were 370, 358, 334 respectively.

Because they received scores of 85 per cent or better, patrols in the first three places were given standard first aid insignias.

Judges for the meet were Lorin Elder, Ray Baker, Clark Preise, and Fred Weber, all of State College. The (Continued on page four)

Higher Pay For Jurors Not Due Until Sept. 1st

Jurors summoned for the May term of criminal and civil courts in Centre county will not benefit by the increase in pay as authorized by the legislature at the recent session. The act, increasing the pay of jurors from \$3 to \$4 a day does not go into effect until Sept. 1, 1943.

The authority for this statement is found in the act of assembly of May 28, 1937, which provides: "All laws hereafter enacted finally at a regular session of the legislature, except laws making appropriations, shall be in full force and effect from and after the first day of September next following their final enactment, unless a different date is specified in the law itself."

PLEASANT GAP CIVILIAN DEFENSE GROUP TO MEET

A regular meeting of the Pleasant Gap Civilian Defense Council will be held at 7:30 o'clock Tuesday evening, May 18, in the grade school building at Pleasant Gap.

Officials of the Council yesterday reported that net proceeds of the rummage sale held April 28 for the benefit of the defense fund, totaled \$41.15. Mrs. Hugh Smith was in charge of the sale.

Sets Limit of 25 Pounds of Sugar Per Person For Home Canning

The Office of Price Administration has fixed a top limit of 25 pounds of sugar per person for home canning and freezing of this year's fruit crop.

Except for the specific maximum, sugar for home canning will be allocated on substantially the same basis as last year—one pound of sugar for each quart for eight pounds of the finished product.

With the 25-pound limit, any family may apply for sugar to put up jams, jellies, and preserves at the rate of five pounds per person.

Beginning May 13, ration boards throughout the country will begin receiving applications under the new regulation. No special form is required, unless it is planned to sell the home product, and applications may be made in person, or by mail.

Each applicant must furnish a copy of war ration book No. 1 for each person for whom home-canning sugar is sought, the total number of quarts or pounds to be used for making jams and jellies.

Home canners may make gifts of both fruits and vegetables, but no person may give away more than 50 quarts. Any gifts in excess of that amount and all sales can be made only by the collection of blue stamps at the rate of 3 points per quart.