

Two Zion Farms Damaged by Wind

Loss Estimated at \$3,000 As Gale Unroofs Buildings, Uproots Trees, Shatters Window Panes, Debris Scattered Over Area.

Buildings on two Nittany Valley farms were damaged to the extent of about \$3000 or more Tuesday night in a violent wind and lightning storm which swept over Centre county.

Shortly before 9 p. m., the storm passed eastward and the wind apparently reached its highest peak of fury about one-half mile west of Zion. For a distance of several hundred yards wind blew with unprecedented velocity for two or three minutes, and on the Harry Rocky and Joel Royer farms, which adjoin each other along the road between Zion and Pleasant Gap, heavy damage resulted.

PRISONER SEEKS LEGAL FREEDOM

Man Who Has Appealed to Highest Court of Land Appears Here

The Centre county court last Friday heard a habeas corpus hearing which in a large measure was a "one-man" show.

The defendant in the case served as his attorney and prepared his own petition. Four years and eight months of the time he has spent in the Western Penitentiary at Pittsburgh on an auto larceny charge, has been devoted largely to his own efforts to have the sentence set aside.

The defendant is Robert Lee Montgomery, aged about 45, colored, who appeared in court here in natty attire, far removed from the drab clothing of prisoners.

Mr. Montgomery's legal documents lack some of the neat legal phraseology of the average paper prepared by a qualified attorney, and his petitions, they say, fail to give a concise picture of his case, but anyhow they've been good enough to get him into the highest legal circles.

So far, the man's pleas for release from imprisonment have not met with great response from the various courts. In fact, he's been turned down consistently.

What the Centre county court will decide is still a matter of conjecture, for no ruling has been filed to date. But maybe it isn't so important, anyhow. The man's term will expire in September.

Bellefonte Man's Car Reported Stolen

A 1937 Pontiac sedan owned by Theodore Ripka, 3 Ridge street, was reported stolen from its parking place in front of the home some time Tuesday night. Chief of Police Harry Dukeman said yesterday.

The car, painted black and bearing license 1E838, is believed to have been taken between 10:30 p. m. Tuesday and 3 a. m. yesterday. No trace of the machine has been found.

14 Sheath Knives Sent To Marines

S. H. Poorman, South Water street garage man, who is conducting a collection point for sheath knives for service men, yesterday mailed 14 knives to members of the Fourth Marine Raider Battalion on the West Coast.

Twenty-three members of the battalion have asked for knives and Mr. Poorman hopes enough are contributed during the coming week to fill the remainder of the requests.

Screen Placed Across Falls To Protect Ducklings

The newest and most ambitious "aid for the ducks" yet installed for the protection of the town's ducks on South Water street, was erected last week when a fine wire screen was stretched on cables across the entire falls to keep young ducks from being carried over the falls.

The bottom of the screen dips below the water line and the top is about a foot above the water, effectively blocking surface traffic on the water.

The screen is a substantial piece of work. But observers point out that there aren't any young ducks to wash over the falls. There were 17 of them earlier in the spring, but all of them have died.

Several new hatches of ducklings are expected in the near future and it is believed the screen will serve to keep them in the island area. The screen was erected by West Penn Power Company employes.

ORGANIZATIONS MAY RE-OPEN HUGHES POOL

Local Swimming Resort May Be Due For Come-back This Year

TENTATIVE PLANS REPORTED READY Final Action Depends on Securing of Lease on Pool Tract

A possibility that Bellefonte may enjoy the summer sport of swimming regardless of present or future gasoline restrictions, was voiced this week in unofficial reports that local organizations are considering the restoration of the former Bellefonte Academy swimming pool on East Bishop street.

While plans are still in a formative state, much interest in the proposal has been heard from local devotees of the sport, who point out that the pool would offer adequate and safe facilities within easy walking distance of any part of Bellefonte.

According to the reports heard on the street, the sponsors are considering extensive repairs to the pool itself, which has long been in disuse, and also the erection of suitable bath houses and other accommodations. Whether the flood lighting system for night swimming would be restored is a matter of conjecture.

It is understood that before any definite action can be taken it will be necessary to secure a lease on the property from the Pittsburgh bank which owns the former Academy holdings.

During the hey-day of the Academy the Hughes pool was a favorite swimming place for hundreds of local citizens, for it was maintained for the use of the public as well as for Academy students and personnel.

Father Chervenak Enters U. S. Navy

Rev. A. J. Chervenak, assistant pastor of St. John's Catholic church, Bellefonte, who recently enlisted in the U. S. Navy as a lieutenant (jg) reported for duty in Pittsburgh early this week.

A native of Portage, Father Chervenak was graduated from the Parochial schools there and also from the Portage High School. He studied for the priesthood at St. Francis College and Seminary at Loretto, and was ordained by the Most Rt. Rev. Richard T. Gilfoyle, Bishop of Altoona, on May 26, 1938.

His first assignment was to St. Thomas' church, Bedford, and eight months later he was sent to Bellefonte as assistant to Rt. Rev. William E. Downes, pastor of the local church for the past 26 years.

Romance Brings Big Plane Down Here

Romance arrived in Bellefonte on the substantial wings of a "Billy Mitchell" bomber, Saturday evening.

The big ship, of the same type which crashed in the middle of his famous raid on Tokyo, was on a routine training flight out of Middletown Airport, when it came down at the Bellefonte Airport about 7:50 p. m. Saturday.

Snow Shoe Soldier Wounded in Action

Pvt. Marvin Fanning, 18, of Snow Shoe, was wounded in action with the U. S. forces in North Africa on April 29, according to a message from the War Department received last week by his father, Thomas Fanning, of Snow Shoe. No details were given in the message, which added that reports of the wounded soldier's condition would be given every 15 days.

Pvt. Fanning, who will be 19 this month, entered the service about a year ago. His father is a brother of James Fanning, of South Water street, Bellefonte.

Voters Cautioned to Check Registration

The County Commissioners yesterday reported that the names of approximately 5,000 Centre county voters had been stricken from the voting lists because such persons failed to vote during the past two years.

As a result, those whose names have been taken from the lists will be unable to vote this year unless they re-register immediately. Some of the persons involved have registered, but thousands of others face disappointment this fall unless they again qualify as voters.

Howard Nursery To Be Continued

Civilian Workers to Replace Conscientious Objectors in Operation of Project; Applications for Jobs Now Being Received.

Although the last of the conscientious objectors who had been stationed at the Howard Nursery for the past year, left the camp Monday to work on farms throughout the state, the nursery will continue in operation. It was announced yesterday by V. C. Miles, manager of the nursery. The camp is to be operated with civilian labor, and Mr. Miles yesterday issued a plea for applicants for nursery jobs. He suggested that any unemployed men, or high school boys might find helpful outdoor employment at the project.

The nursery is operated by the Federal Government for the Soil Conservation Service of the Department of Agriculture, and the basic wage rate is 45 cents an hour. The schedule calls for eight hours a day, six days a week, and it is believed that overtime wage arrangements will be made.

Mr. Miles explained that the nursery is playing an important role in the war effort, since trees and other vegetation developed there are important for use in army camps and in camouflage work.

"We expect to continue planting new stock and to proceed with our maintenance schedule," Mr. Miles declared, adding that the only possible drawback would be a scarcity of labor.

Although the nursery officially was closed as a conscientious objectors camp on April 30, a "skeleton" force of 25 men was retained to carry on the nursery program until Monday. The top number of conscientious objectors at the nursery at any time was about 50 men. It was reported.

Mr. Miles declared that a minimum of from 25 to 30 civilian workers will be needed to continue full operation of the nursery project. Applicants are asked to get in touch with Mr. Miles at the nursery site, on the back road between Curtin and Mt. Eagle.

B. H. S. CHORUS TO PRESENT CONCERT

169 Voices in Full Chorus; Special Numbers by Mixed Ensemble

The annual concert of the Bellefonte Senior High School Chorus will be held in the high school auditorium on Tuesday evening, June 8, beginning at 8 o'clock. It was announced yesterday.

The concert, open to the public, will be conducted with Mrs. Lenore Morgan Martin as director, and accompanists will be Mary Gherty, Rosalie Miller, Charles Guyer, Carmen Hess, Thomas Davis and Mildred Hockman.

The full chorus of 169 members of the senior, junior and sophomore classes will be heard in part of the program, while a special trained mixed ensemble of 41 voices also will have a prominent part in the evening's performance.

The full program follows: America My Own, Cain Stoutharted Men, Romberg Cornfield Melodies, (Negro Folk Song) Chorus, (Continued on Page Eight)

'Lost' Child Found Under Covers in Bed

Scores of children and grown-ups, the Chief of Police and others conducted a two-hour search last Wednesday afternoon for a three-year-old ward youngster who "disappeared" from his home during his mother's absence. The search ended with the discovery of the child in bed—with the covers pulled over his head.

Early Wednesday afternoon Mrs. Samuel Broome, of South Thomas street, went down town, leaving her young son, Lee, in charge of an older brother. During her absence Lee disappeared. Since he was playing out doors, it was assumed that he had wandered away, and searches were about to call firemen and Boy Scouts to aid in the search when the youngster was discovered in bed.

It is believed the child became frightened when he heard searches calling his name, and hid under the covers.

Officers Named by Local Canteen Corps

The final meeting of the Bellefonte Canteen Corps was held Tuesday when officers for the ensuing year were elected.

Mrs. Mary Child was nominated as chairman, but due to the nature of her private work, she was compelled to decline the nomination. Mrs. Emma Crossley was then nominated and accepted the honor. Serving with Mrs. Crossley will be four assistants, Mrs. Anna Gulewite, Mrs. Eva Henderson, Mrs. Edna Johnson and Mrs. Elizabeth Dunlap.

STATE LIBRARY MEETING HERE IS POSTPONED

County Unit's Financial Condition Improves; Gifts Received

UNEARTH RELICS IN SCRAP HUNT Service of Library to Continue Despite Wartime Handicaps

The state conference of county librarians which was to have been held in the Centre County Library, Bellefonte, on Friday, has been postponed due to the new gasoline restrictions. The conference was called for the purpose of discussing wartime problems in county libraries.

The financial condition of the Centre County Library is showing some improvement, but is still far from its goal of \$1 per year for each resident of the county. The County Commissioners grant an additional \$500 for 1943 which automatically increased the state grant. Bellefonte Borough Council recently made provision in its 1943 budget for an appropriation of \$250 toward the maintenance of the library.

The following gifts of money have been received since January 1: State College Business Women's Club, \$5; Eastern Star, Centre Chapter, \$2.50; Bellefonte Garden Club, \$5; Margaret Warner, \$5; Nittany Valley Fellowship, \$5; State College Women's Club, Art Section, \$3; Bellefonte Woman's Club, \$5; American Legion Club, \$20; American Lime and Stone Co., \$50; Lemont Woman's Club, \$5; State College Veterans of Foreign Wars, Auxiliary, \$5; Elks Lodge, \$15; George Valentine, \$10; Pleasant Gap Women's Club, \$10; voluntary contribution.

The tentative program includes a parade through the central part of town, with all organizations in the community invited to participate. The parade will move promptly at 6:30 p. m.

A history of the flag will be presented by John G. Love, who will preside as master of ceremonies. Musical numbers by Bellefonte organizations and a program by the Titan Male Chorus are scheduled.

The impressive Elks Flag Day ceremony will be in charge of lodge officers. Boy Scouts will assist Mr. Love in presenting the tableau depicting the growth and development of the flag, and special music will be provided for this feature of the ceremony.

In case of inclement weather the exercises will be held indoors. A public address system will be installed for the outdoor ceremonies.

The committee in charge of arrangements consists of Clark N. Aikie, chairman, T. D. Rush, exalted ruler, George Shecker, John G. Love, Cecil A. Walker, Malcolm W. Yeager, Herbert M. Becker, and J. H. Yeager.

MAN KNOWN HERE DIES IN CRASH

Sgt. William Thomas, 27, Killed When Plane Falls on Training Flight

Sgt. William Thomas, 27, nephew of Edward Whitaker, of West Linn street, Bellefonte, was killed last weekend while on a routine flight from an air base in California where he was stationed.

Sgt. Thomas was a son of John and Maude Whitaker Thomas who lived at Reynolds avenue, Bellefonte, when Mr. Thomas was employed as a steel worker. Sgt. Thomas, who was born in Pittsburgh shortly after his parents left Bellefonte, was a grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Whitaker, also of Pittsburgh, who were in Bellefonte recently visiting their cousin, Ray Lyons, of East Howard street, when they received word of his death.

They returned at once to their home. Sgt. Thomas was well known in Bellefonte where he visited relatives several times each year. His parents, one brother, Harold, and his grandparents, survive.

Dr. Coleman Gets Transfer to College

Dr. Ernest H. Coleman, State College physician who accepted a lieutenant (sg) commission in the Navy Medical Corps last November, has received orders to report for duty with the Naval Training Unit which will open at Penn State College on July 1.

Dr. Coleman, who practiced in State College from 1927 until 1942, was first stationed at Bainbridge, Md., then with the Naval Office Procurement office in Pittsburgh. His family had remained in State College.

College Man Is Fatally Injured

Oscar M. Bowersox, 74, Dies Three Days After Being Struck by Automobile. Funeral to be Held Today.

Injuries suffered about 10 p. m. Friday when he was struck by a car in State College, proved fatal to Oscar M. Bowersox, aged 74, of 137 South Atherton street, State College. Mr. Bowersox died at the Centre County Hospital here at 10 p. m. Monday.

Driver of the car was Clyde Borden, of Reynoldsville. Mr. Bowersox was crossing the street diagonally from the southeast to the northwest corner of Beaver avenue and Atherton street, and the Borden machine was traveling north on Atherton street, police said.

The pedestrian is believed not to have seen the car and is reported to have walked into the side of the moving vehicle. He was brought to the hospital in the State College Community Ambulance, and died without regaining consciousness.

The deceased was a son of Franklin and Mariah Ocker Bowersox and was born in Millertown on February 7, 1869. On May 26, 1896 he was married to the former Lennie B. Ewing, who survives with one daughter, Mrs. Helen Atchley, of Knoxville, Tenn., and the following brothers and sisters: Elmer, of Ft. Worth, Tex.; Edgar, of Lansdowne; Mrs. Katie Har-

Lee V. Alexander of Lewisport, office manager of the U. S. Employment service of the War Manpower Commission, announced yesterday the appointment of the Labor-Management War Manpower Committee which will act as its advisory board in meeting manpower problems of this area.

Appointed to the committee are the following labor representatives: John McKnight, Burnham, C. I. O., and Orvis Reed, Bellefonte, A. F. of L.

Management representatives are: Everett Smalley, personal director, American Viscose Corporation, Lewisport, and Ray Yoder Compensation Supervisor, Standard Steel Works Company, Burnham.

In addition to advising the USES Manager on all matters of WMC policy within the area, the War Manpower Committee will serve as an advisory board in working for full co-operation of the community, labor and management in support of WMC policies.

The committee will have the responsibility of informing labor and management concerning the WMC program and policies and of working for full support.

Calling on all citizens in the area for teamwork, Mr. Alexander pointed out that the members of the new committee are giving freely of their time and energy to solve problems for the good of all, and asked the full support of the community.

Man AWOL Returns To Military Control

Pvt. Forrest M. Flick, of Bellefonte, who was reported absent without leave from Camp Adair, Oregon, on March 1, 1943, returned to military control on May 24 at Vancouver Barracks, Vancouver, Washington. It is reported.

Philipsburg Girl in Africa

Word has been received that Lieut. Billis Marshall, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Marshall of Philipsburg, has arrived safely somewhere in North Africa, and has taken up her duties with the Army Nurses Corps.

Moves to Aaronsburg

A. E. Mingle, well known Coburn insurance agent, last week moved into the home of the late H. S. Winckleblech, in Aaronsburg, where he is continuing in the insurance business.

Rain Storms Not Due to Bombing Declares Expert

Do the shells from cannon or heavy bombings on the battlefronts overseas cause the frequent rainstorms we are having over here? "No," says L. A. Hawkins, question-and-answer authority of the General Electric Science Forum. Recently Mr. Hawkins, executive engineer of the G-E research laboratory, was asked if "bad weather" is caused by the cannonading and other heavy explosions of war.

Mr. Hawkins gives the Centre Democrat the following conclusion: "Terrific as the forces let loose in a heavy barrage or bombing raid may seem to us, they are utterly puny and ineffective compared with the forces which control the weather. It has been well said that we shall be able to control the weather only when we are able to stop a mass of air of 190,000,000,000 tons from going on its way."

Perhaps the idea that battles caused rains originated with the fact an army commanding into the position during good weather while the roads are good, so that by the time a battle begins a rain period would be due.

"And people who believe a rain-storm can be made during a dry spell by firing cannon into the clouds may as well forget that that theory, too," Mr. Hawkins concludes.

Dr. Coleman, who practiced in State College from 1927 until 1942, was first stationed at Bainbridge, Md., then with the Naval Office Procurement office in Pittsburgh. His family had remained in State College.

No plans have been made about reopening his private practice in State College, according to Dr. Coleman, who stated that his duties at the Naval Training Unit probably will prevent him from doing outside work.

A demonstration meeting has been arranged for Friday, June 4, at 4:00 p. m., on the farm of James Evans, Spring Mills, located on the Georges Valley road. Frank T. Murphy, Extension Forester at State College, will be present to demonstrate methods of felling, peeling, care of tools, and other problems relative to the preparation of paper wood.

This demonstration is planned particularly for those who have not had experience in the preparation of paper wood. All interested parties are invited to attend.

Thomas E. Jodon, well known Pleasant Gap livestock dealer, Tuesday departed for Minnesota to purchase a carload of western horses which will be sold at public sale to be held at the George Loth sales barn near Pleasant Gap on Monday, June 21. Further announcements regarding the sale will follow.

Six cars in a fast east-bound Pennsylvania railroad freight train were derailed at 1:05 o'clock last Wednesday afternoon near the lower known as Tyrone Forge. Nobody was injured but the main line tracks were all tied up for four hours. The main line was cleared at 5 o'clock. A brake rigging under one of the cars dropped and the pile-up followed.

Two 10,000 to 12,000 gallon tank cars with contents headed for the east, went over the embankment into a nearby pond and most, if not all, of the precious contents were reported to have spilled into the pond. The other four cars figuring in the derailment were tossed about sufficiently to block all main line tracks. They were damaged to some extent.

Named to Draft Board Edwin H. Dale, of State College, R. D., has been appointed to Centre County Local Draft Board No. 1, of State College, to succeed George J. Bohn, of Lemont, according to an announcement by Lt. Col. George H. Hafer, acting director of the State Selective Service System.