

Critically Injured In Auto Accident

John S. Bechdel, 20, of Howard, Suffers Skull Fracture, Serious Leg Fracture While Returning from Work at Paper Plant

John S. Bechdel, 20, of near Howard, was reported to be in critical condition yesterday at the Lock Haven Hospital as the result of injuries received early yesterday morning when his car crashed while he was on his way home from the Piper Aircraft plant in Lock Haven where he is employed.

FIVE CASES HEARD AT SPECIAL COURT

Floyd Warr, 18, of Curtin, Sentenced For Burglary of Cottage

Fledging guilty to the burglary of a Curtin home, Floyd W. Warr, 18, of Curtin, Monday morning at a special session of court presided over by Judge Ivan Walker, was sentenced to pay the costs, a fine of \$1, and serve 45 days in the county jail.

Also disposed of at the session Monday were another plea of guilty and several domestic relations cases.

Pvt. John Eisenhoth, of the Rockview sub-station State Motor Police, prosecutor in the Warr case, told the court that about 3:30 a. m. July 2, Warr entered the two-room cottage of Harry Thomas of Curtin, while Thomas slept in one of the rooms.

Finds Ring Lost In Garden 8 Years Ago

A lost ring that lay hidden for more than eight years in the soil of a garden patch was unearthed recently by Mrs. George Peters, who resides on the Alvin Way farm, two miles from Stormstown.

The ring is a gold class ring of the Tyrone High School and has inscribed on it the initials "E. M. C." and was discovered by Mrs. Peters while working in her garden.

Suffers Broken Arm In Fall from Truck

Mark Petteroff, 38, of Centre Hall, an employe of the O. W. Houts Lumber Company of State College, suffered a compound fracture of the elbow in a fall while at work Monday.

Petteroff was loading logs in a truck at a farm near Centre Hall Monday afternoon when he fell backward from the truck, striking his arm on a sharp stone as he hit the ground. After treatment at the office of a Centre Hall physician, the injured man was admitted to the Centre County Hospital at Bellefonte.

URGE HOUSEWIVES TO "SAVE A JAR FOR THE HOSPITAL"

The Women's Auxiliary of the Centre County Hospital is sponsoring a county-wide campaign to secure additional food for the hospital during the present emergency.

AIRPORT GUARD DIES SUDDENLY WHILE ON DUTY

Charles M. Thompson, 65, Succumbs to Heart Attack

Charles M. Thompson, 65, of Atherton street, State College, employed as captain of the guards at the Bellefonte airport, died suddenly Tuesday afternoon a short time after he was stricken with a heart attack while on duty at the airport.

Mr. Thompson, aged 65 years, was brought to the Centre County Hospital in the Widows' ambulance, but was pronounced dead on arrival.

Mr. Thompson, native of Lemont and brother of the late George B. Thompson of Bellefonte, for many years was engaged in the insurance business in State College. He was a son of John I. and Elizabeth O. Thompson and was born at Lemont on February 7, 1878.

Surviving are his wife, the former Martha Goodhart; three children, James G. of Huntingdon, Mrs. Ernest J. Kauffman, Bethlehem; Charles G. of Wilmington, Del.; and Robert H. of the Air Corps at Pueblo, Colo.

Funeral services at the Koch Funeral Home, State College, are tentatively scheduled to be held Friday morning, but may be delayed until the son in Colorado arrives home. Services are to be conducted by Rev. Edward H. Jones, of State College, and interment will be made in the Branch cemetery.

NAME GROUP TO CONTROL MEAT

M. H. Cubbon, State College, Heads Committee to Curb Black Markets

Appointment of M. H. Cubbon, of State College, as chairman of the Centre County War Food Committee which will undertake the management of the local meat situation was announced by W. F. Rishel, chairman of the County War Board.

The first duty of the committee will be to supervise the operation of the Food Distribution Order No. 27, under which all farm slaughterers, local slaughterers and butchers function.

Each class of slaughterer is granted a quota based on his 1941 kill and these quotas will be scrutinized by the meat committee to determine if revisions should be made.

County Fails In June Bond Quota

Centre county fell down on the purchase of War Bonds during June, Mrs. George B. Thompson, woman's chairman of the County War Savings Staff said yesterday.

The June quota for the county was \$178,110. Mrs. Thompson said, and sales were \$164,661.25, or \$13,448.75 less than the quota.

Police Investigate First Crash in Month

In the first accident investigated by Pleasant Gap State Police in nearly a month, two cars which crashed on Route 322, about two miles west of State College, at 11:30 p. m. Saturday, were damaged to the extent of about \$250, and one person was injured slightly.

Cars involved in the accident were operated by G. H. Rice of Fort Matilda, and Joseph Eytowski of Fort Elk county. The vehicles were traveling in opposite directions when they met in a head-on crash.

Chairs, Umbrellas Bought For Pool

Merchants Join in Providing Beach Facilities. Band Concert Scheduled for Sunday Afternoon; Attendance Steadily Growing

The reopening of the Hughes swimming pool on East Bishop street has proved to be one of the most popular local movements in Bellefonte in many a year.

Popularity of the pool is increasing by leaps and bounds as additional scores of local residents are finding relief from summer heat in the cool waters of the mammoth basin.

On Sunday a record crowd estimated at more than 800 persons, young and old, gathered at the pool. Some spent the time swimming and diving, others enjoyed the large sliding board loaned by Frank Hookman, owner of Hecla Park.

Chairs, umbrellas, the artificial beach and other facilities will be in place this weekend. It is hoped and as a kind of introductory attraction, the American Legion Junior Band will give a concert at the pool beginning at 4 o'clock Sunday afternoon.

LOGAN CARNIVAL TO OPEN FRIDAY

Two-Day Festivities to be Held on Howard Street This Weekend

The annual carnival of the Logan Fire Company will be held Friday and Saturday nights of this week on the section of East Howard street in the immediate vicinity of the fire house.

The carnival has been reduced from three days to two days this year, but the committee declares that it will make up in quality what it loses in time.

A wide variety of amusement and refreshment will be available at the booths to be set up on the street, as was the case last year, and in case of rain the carnival may be continued in the engine room of the hose house.

Music Friday night will be provided by the American Legion Junior Band, while Saturday night the Bellefonte High School Band will furnish music. The bands will hold short parades each night, marching to the carnival grounds.

Arthur Boob, chief of the Logan Company, is general chairman of the committee. Other members are Luther Fisher, G. Murray Decker, W. W. Wilmer and Collins Shoenak.

Local Church To Sponsor Carnival

The annual summer carnival sponsored by members of St. John's Catholic church, Bellefonte, will be held July 22, 23, and 24, on the grounds at the rear of the Undine fire house on East Bishop street.

The usual carnival attractions and games will be provided in addition to band music each night. Many valuable prizes will be awarded as well as ground prizes each evening.

BLUEJACKETS COMPLETE THEIR BASIC TRAINING

Two Centre county Bluejackets have just completed their basic training at the U. S. Naval Training Station, Sampson, N. Y.

They are: Paul A. Gettig, husband of Mrs. Paul Gettig, Milesburg, and Robert H. Corman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Orvis E. Corman, Millheim.

4 PENALIZED FOR VIOLATION OF GAS RULES

Local Ration Board Frees 3 Others; One Held Over For Investigation

Four persons were found guilty of violations of the pleasure driving ban at hearings held in the office of the Bellefonte War Price and Rationing Board, Friday night.

APPOINTED COACH AT GETTYSBURG

Melvin Dry, Assistant Coach at Lock Haven, Accepts New Post

Melvin Dry, of Bellefonte, who since graduation from the Lock Haven Teachers' College seven months ago has been assistant coach at the Lock Haven High School, has been named head coach at Gettysburg High School, it was announced yesterday.

SCOUT CAMPING SEASON OPENS

Troops at Height of Summer Activity; To Conduct Drive

Activities of Boy Scout troops during the past month and plans for the remaining summer months were discussed at a meeting of scouters of the Muncy District of the Boy Scouts of America held at the Wolf Furniture Company store in Bellefonte, Tuesday night.

Charles Dannenberg of Lewistown, scout executive for the Juniata Valley Council, gave a "farewell address" at the meeting attended by troop representatives from Bellefonte, Milesburg, and Pleasant Gap.

Horse Recovering From Snake's Bite

A horse bitten by a copperhead last Friday afternoon, today is recovering from the effects of the venom, according to reports.

First-aid administered by a bystander is credited with having much to do with the animal's quick recovery from the bite.

Community Meeting at Spring Mills Friday

Rev. Daisy F. Eggleston, teacher, minister and lecturer, will speak at a Community meeting to be held in the Spring Mills Methodist church at 7:30 o'clock Friday evening, July 16.

PLEASANT GAP CIVILIAN DEFENSE GROUP TO MEET

A regular meeting of the Pleasant Gap Civilian Defense Council will be held in the school building at Pleasant Gap, Tuesday night, July 20, beginning at 8:30.

LIFE-SAVING CLASS

Friday night at 7:30 at the Hughes pool, Frank Hench, scout leader, will teach first aid and life saving to scouts. Boy Scouts have volunteered to act as life guards at the pool and instruction to be given Friday will aid them in their work.

Copperhead Bites Aged Howard Man

Prompt Medical Treatment Credited for Recovery; Victim Brought to County Hospital; Poison Causes Much Pain, Sickness

A 70-year-old Howard resident, bitten on the hand by a copperhead late Monday afternoon, probably owes his life today to prompt medical treatment.

The man, Howard Shenck, who resides south of Howard along the Jacksonville road, was mowing weeds along a fence near his home and was on his knees when the snake struck him, sinking its fangs between the index and second fingers of his right hand.

He became quite ill Monday night and suffered considerably from pain in his right arm, which was swollen to its entire length. But by Tuesday morning the illness had cleared and while he still had pain, his condition was such that he was able to return home later that day.

BOARD ELECTS SHOP TEACHER

New Instructor Will Have Charge of Woodworking Classes

John E. Copenhaver, 31, at present teaching in the Derry Township school, near Hershey, was elected shop teacher in the Bellefonte High School at a regular meeting of the school board, Monday night.

Mr. Copenhaver will teach woodworking, metal working and kindred subjects, the position being a new one in the school system. Heretofore woodworking has been taught by Harry C. Menold, who also teaches mechanical drawing.

The new teacher, whose home is near Reading, was graduated from Penn State in 1933 and has taught in the Exeter, Sunbury, and Derry township schools since then. He is married.

Mrs. W. Harter Vonada, board secretary, in reporting on the annual Alumni dance held in June, said the Association paid all expenses, including a \$50 scholarship and a number of prizes, and cleared about \$25 at the dance, which was the first social event of its kind held in the new High School gymnasium.

It was reported that the annual summer cleaning program is under way in the school buildings, and the grounds and buildings committee was authorized to have the exterior woodwork of the Spring street school repainted this summer.

Sandy Ridge Soldier Describes Many Interesting Phases of Life in Africa

The following letter was received by Mrs. Elizabeth Cowher of Sandy Ridge from her son, Staff Sergeant Paul Cowher, who is located "somewhere" in North Africa:

Somewhere Else in Africa. "Our trip to our new home was quite interesting so I made notes along the way so I wouldn't forget any of the things I wanted to tell you. We passed through many towns large and small. Most of the inhabitants were Arabs. We saw lots of wide, open spaces and although we were away from all towns, one could always see an Arab. Much of the land looked like Texas but we saw some mountains which reminded me so much of home—even to the "blunk" in my ears as we ascended or descended—whichever the case may be. One day we could look ahead and see the top of a snow-capped mountain. The road was very hot but all felt a little refreshed when we saw it. The highways were similar to that in Sandy Ridge. One day we drove on a cement highway for several miles. It sure was a treat. The first part of the trip I was not driving so I was able to see more. I drove for the Captain the latter part so I didn't get to look at the country so much.

"The flowers along the road were very beautiful. Of course, most of them were new to me. A purple, ball-shaped flower of the thistle family was very plentiful and beautiful. Another flower was similar to our phlox at home—large bunches of deep pink flowers. The wild carrot was larger than I have ever seen—as big as a dinner plate. Since the flower market in towns is such a big business, many people have acres of nasturtiums. They are sure gorgeous when a field is carpeted with them. Parsies are also grown in the same manner. All towns have their little parks full of flowers and shrubbery, geraniums, petunias and small flowers are always in bloom. Usually there are a few palm trees for shade.

"We saw many storks walking around in fields. They remind me of turkeys back home. The Egret compares to fields of white leghorns.

"To supply the great vino (wine) demand, there are countless numbers of vineyards. They keep the vines trimmed to a height of three or four feet and the rows and spacing are very precise. They are in rows, looking from almost any angle. Right next to us now is a vineyard with red grapes. They'd better move us before they ripen—or else!