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Schools to Lose Five Instructors

Bellefonte Board Considers Five Resignations at Monday's Meeting. Three Are Faculty Members of Long Standing.

The resignation of five teachers, three of them members of the local faculty for many years, and naming successors for their posts, featured a meeting of the Bellefonte School Board, Monday night. The board fixed Wednesday, September 6, as the opening date of the borough schools.

Missing in France

At the board session a discussion resulted over the wisdom of permitting teachers of many years' standing to leave the school system rather than grant salary increases. But other members contended that to grant increases to one or two teachers would establish a precedent and the board to similar requests from the other teachers. Even a few such salary increases, it was pointed out, would necessitate an increase in the school tax millage.

To succeed Miss Demmy as physical education teacher, the board elected Mrs. Eloise Rockwell Engle, of Odessa, N. Y. Mrs. Engle is a graduate of Penn State, taught one year at Montour Falls, N. Y., and for the past three years has been a graduate assistant at Penn State, where she has obtained her master's degree. Her husband is serving in the Navy.

Mrs. Roy M. Bresler, of Spruce Creek, was named science and mathematics teacher in the junior high school to succeed Mrs. Watson. She is a graduate of the Indiana State Teachers' College, class of 1937, and attended Duke University summer school in 1939. Since 1937 she has been teaching at Warriors Mark.

Forrest Benford, now a member of the faculty, was tentatively selected to be transferred to the chemistry and physics vacancy caused by Mr. Ward's resignation. There are several applicants for the position of school nurse, but there are no applicants on file.

When Grover Rote, of Lock Haven, R. D., last week examined his purchase at a public sale he felt sure he had struck the "jack pot."

Mr. Rote had helped Henry Potter of Beech Creek, R. D., in a sale of personal property on Saturday, and had made some purchases. When he went to bring these home Mr. Potter pointed out a writing desk that hadn't been sold and said Mr. Rote could have it for 50 cents. The deal was made.

When the Rotes returned home with the new purchase they opened the desk to find in it a change bag filled with \$854.38, proceeds from the sale which Mr. Potter had placed in the desk that hadn't been sold and said Mr. Rote could have it for 50 cents. The deal was made.

Mr. and Mrs. Potter are planning to move to Clearfield county and sold their farm and personal effects at the sale.

Local Draft Board No. 2, of Bellefonte, yesterday received notification to call 19 men from this area for pre-induction examination on Thursday, September 7.

The group will be sent to Harrisburg for examination.

Prisoners at County Jail Complete Redecorating of Galaida's Bastille

Inmates serving time at the Centre County Jail in recent weeks have been devoting their time to a number of worthwhile improvements about the place, under the supervision of Sheriff John "Jerry" Galaida.

STATE COLLEGE AIRMAN KILLED OVER FRANCE

Tech. Sgt. Joseph F. Sills Was Radio Operator on B-24 Bomber

PREVIOUSLY LISTED MISSING IN ACTION

Some of the Members of Crew Observed Bail- ing Out of Plane

Technical Sergeant Joseph F. Sills, 21, of State College, radio operator on a B-24 bomber, was killed in action over France on June 23, according to a telegram received from the War Department by his wife last Thursday morning.

Sgt. Sills, who had previously been reported missing in action, is son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Sills. Mr. Sills is steward at the American Legion home in State College. Sgt. Sills' wife is the former Miss Dorothy Homan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Homan of State College, R. D. Before entering service he worked in the stereotyping and press department of the Centre Daily Times at State College.

The telegram received by Mrs. Sills contained the following message: "A report received from the German government through the International Red Cross states that your husband, Tech. Sgt. Joseph F. Sills, who was previously reported missing in action, was killed in action over France on June 23."

A letter received by Mrs. Sills last Wednesday from the major adjutant, chief of notification branch of personnel affairs, Washington, D. C., stated that "during a mission over Middelburg on Walcheren Island, Belgium, your husband's plane sustained damage from enemy anti-aircraft fire about 8:30 p. m. on June 23. Subsequently two parachutes were seen to open from the disabled craft. The crew members of an accompanying plane were unable to furnish any other details."

It is assumed that Sgt. Sills was one of the members of his crew who did not escape when the plane crashed.

Sgt. Sills entered the service in January, 1943. He received his basic training at Miami Beach, Fla., and then was assigned to gunnery school at Fort Myers, Fla. He later went to radio school in South Dakota and was then stationed at camps in Salt Lake City, and Kearns, Utah, and in Colorado and Massachusetts before going overseas in April of this year.

In 1941 Sgt. Sills was graduated from the Warriors Mark High School following which he moved to State College with his parents. He was employed as a truck driver for Robert Koch and later worked at the Atherton street service station before going with the Centre Daily Times.

In addition to his parents and wife, he is survived by his 11-month-old son, Kenneth Homan Sills. Mrs. Sills and her son are now residing with her parents.

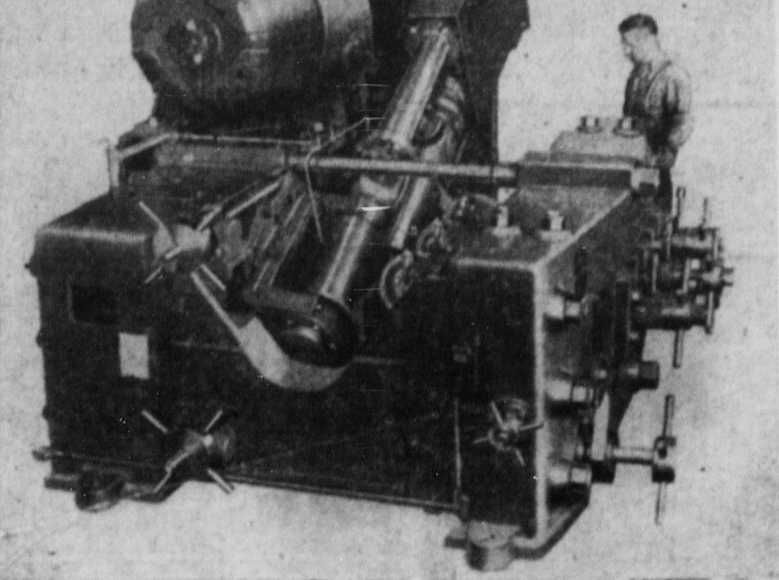
Missionaries to Speak In County, Sunday

Rev. and Mrs. Charles Hess, missionaries on furlough from Africa, under the Africa Inland Mission Board, who will speak in the Advent church near Millsburg, on Sunday morning at 10:45. August 20. In the evening of that day they will speak at the Pleasant View Union chapel at the Christian Endeavor service at 8:30, and at the preaching service at 7:30. At the latter service Rev. Hess will show slides on the screen of their work on the Dark Continent.

Bellefonte Honor Roll Up to Date

The Bellefonte Honor Roll in front of the Court House was brought up to date during the past week with the addition of the names of a number of men who have entered the service in recent weeks. It was reported yesterday by Mrs. Mary Harvey Scott, chamber secretary. While it is now believed that the list is complete and accurate, chamber officials ask the public to check on names to be sure all who should be on the roll are there. The recent thefts of names from the board and other tampering with the roll create a possibility that some names may be missing, and the public is asked to report to the Chamber of Commerce offices at once any omissions or errors. Corrections may be mailed to the offices, or given by telephone, dial 2917.

Product of Local Industry



One of the massive shape-straightener machines being manufactured by the Sutton Engineering Company of Bellefonte for the Titan Metal Company's new plant now under course of construction. Three of the above machines of like or similar type will be put in use at the Titan plant at a cost of approximately \$46,000.

PLAYS, RALLIES ON FAIR PROGRAM

Grange Officials Report Heavy Demand For Tents

Plays by Grange dramatic groups, political rallies, a puppet show and an acrobatic troupe are part of the entertainment program being planned for the annual Grange Encampment and Fair at Centre Hall, it was announced yesterday. The fair program begins August 25 and will conclude August 31.

The Republican party will conduct a rally on the Grange Park Saturday evening, August 26, and the Democratic rally will be held Wednesday, August 30. Saturday's entertainment will include a singing and acrobatic troupe which will appear on the bandstand, and a puppet show in the auditorium.

FIND MAN DEAD NEAR CLARENCE

Body of George High, 60, Found in Cabin; Coroner Investigated

George High, 60, of Lock Haven, foreman at the J. H. France Refractories Company mines near Clarence, was found dead at 9:30 p. m. Tuesday at the cabin he occupied alone near the Beech Creek mines about six miles east of Clarence.

County Tops War Loan Goal by 8%

Final official results of the Fifth War Loan campaign in Pennsylvania reported by Federal Reserve Banks of Philadelphia and Cleveland, reveal that Centre county topped its over-all goal by 8 per cent. Centre's total goal was \$2,238,000 and \$2,418,000 was subscribed, the official tabulation shows. The county's E bond goal of \$895,000 was topped by 12 per cent when \$1,093,000 in these bonds were purchased. Sales of all types of bonds to individuals was \$1,637,000, besting the quota of \$1,593,000 by three per cent.

Spring Mills Band To Hold Festival

The annual festival sponsored by the Spring Mills Band will be held at the athletic field, Spring Mills, on Saturday, August 19. Refreshments will be on sale and a wide variety of entertainment will be provided.

TWO INURED IN CRASH NEAR CENTRE HALL

Larue Horner, 18, And Herbert Phillips, 25, Suffer Lacerations

COUPE LEAVES ROAD AND STRIKES POLE

Car Only Slightly Damaged; One Man in Hospital

Larue Horner, 18, of Centre Hall, is a patient in the Centre County Hospital receiving treatment for injuries suffered in an automobile accident at 2:30 a. m. yesterday about five miles east of Centre Hall. The young man suffered a laceration of the head and possible other injuries. An X-ray examination was to be made.

Herbert Phillips, 25, also of Centre Hall, driver of the car, was treated at the hospital for a laceration of the forehead and later returned to his home.

The accident happened when the Ford coupe, going toward Centre Hall left the road and struck a pole. Two fenders of the car were damaged and a bumper broken. Damage amounted to \$30.

Find 24-Inch Snake in Bed of 11-Year-Old Girl

One of the season's most hair-raising snake stories comes from Lock Haven, where an 11-year-old girl discovered that she had slept in the same bed with a 24-inch snake.

Youth Injured In Accident at Barn

Dropping 14 feet when a barn staircase broke loose from its fastenings, James Houck, 19, son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Houck, of near the fish hatchery at Pleasant Gap, suffered back injuries which are expected to keep him confined to bed for six weeks or two months.

Grange Official Injured In Fall

John B. Wert, 67, of Centre Hall, treasurer of the Grange Fair Association, suffered painful injuries last Thursday afternoon in a fall from a ladder while he was engaged in trimming trees preparatory to installing electrical wires in Grange Park.

Bellefonte Soldier Prisoner of Germans

Pfc. John W. Simco, 35, son of Andrew Simco, of Bellefonte, R. D. 3, who was reported missing June 9, in France, is now a prisoner of war of the German government, it was learned in a telegram from the War Department received Tuesday afternoon by his father.

Candidates for Grid Team to Meet Monday

Gray Purrey, newly elected coach of the Bellefonte High School football team, said yesterday that all candidates for the team are asked to report to the BHS dressing room at 8 p. m. on Monday, August 21. Regular practice sessions will be held on Monday, August 28, Purrey said.

Fire Razes Barn Near Millheim

Heavy Loss Results From Destruction of Building and Contents on Ellis Rearick Farm. Partially Covered by Insurance.

A large barn containing most of the season's crops, and a number of surrounding outbuildings on the Ellis Rearick farm—one-half mile west of Millheim, were destroyed by fire of undetermined origin, Saturday night, entailing a heavy loss only partially covered by insurance.

The fire was discovered by an employee of the Titan Metal Company who was passing along the highway between Spring Mills and Millheim when he noticed flames at the barn, which is situated some distance off the highway.

He drove immediately to Millheim where he gave the alarm, and the Millheim Fire Company responded. Meanwhile, Mr. Rearick, who with his family had gone to Millheim for the evening, learned of the fire while in that community, and when informed that the site of the blaze was near his home, drove there to find it was his property.

When firemen reached the scene the barn was ablaze throughout and firemen devoted their efforts to saving nearby structures.

Lost in the blaze were a registered Holstein bull, 50 chickens in a building adjoining the barn, the milk house with its equipment including a milker and milk cooler; pump house, implement shed, hog pen and turkey house. One chicken house escaped the flames. The wooden doors of two concrete silos were burned off but the empty silos were otherwise damaged. Two corn cribs were saved through the efforts of firemen.

All the dairy cattle were in pasture at the time, and the hogs were in the orchard, otherwise all livestock might have been lost.

When Mr. Rearick arrived on the scene he ran to the implement shed, already ablaze, and managed to drive the tractor to safety. He also was able to get a cultivator from the shed before the heat became too intense.

Lost in the barn fire were 45 loads of hay, 17 loads of wheat and 2 loads of oats. In the implement shed were a brand new tractor, drill, harrow, wagon and a number of other implements.

The time of the origin of the fire was set at approximately 9:15, since an electric clock had stopped at 9:30 when fire apparently interrupted.

URGES HARVESTING OF MILK WEED

Milkweed floss has become an important part of the war production program, according to information received this week by County Agent R. C. Blaney. This weed produces a floss which has been found to be a substitute for Java kapok in life-jackets, life-belts and similar equipment. The goal in the campaign being organized by the War Food Administration is to collect a million- and-a-half pounds of milkweed floss.

The pods should be picked when the seeds turn brown, and pickers are urged to avoid picking too early as the floss from immature pods does not have the desired buoyancy and is worthless for life-saving equipment.

It is important that the pods be well dried. According to information received, the pods should be packed in porous bags such as those used for onions. These could then be hung in the open air with the bottom of the bag at least 12 inches from the ground. Mr. Blaney states that these bags can be hung on fences or some convenient drying place. This should be done within 24 hours after the pods are picked in order to avoid spoilage. Rain or snow will not hurt them during the drying period. It is estimated that it will take from 2 to 6 weeks to sufficiently dry the pods, depending upon the weather, so that they may be taken indoors for storage.

4-H Club groups and all other rural youth organizations are urged to encourage their membership to contact farm people and ask them to leave their milkweed stand for harvesting for this purpose in order that Centre county may make its contribution to this especially important war effort.

Per Capita Cost of Centre County Government Was \$4.15 Last Year

The cost of operating the county government last year, according to figures based on the County Auditor's report, was approximately \$4.15 for every man, woman and child in the county. Of this amount, approximately \$1.22 represented the cost of caring for indigent persons in the county home and elsewhere. The total expenses of the county last year were \$218,309.01, and that amount \$64,001.69 was expended on care of the poor, including debt service on the county home, all expenses of the home, and outside appropriations for care of indigent persons. The population of the county, according to the 1940 census, was 52,606 persons.

One of the most interesting highlights of the auditor's report is the revelation that the county has a present borrowing capacity of \$552,168.63. This figure is based on the total value of the county, which is shown as \$22,071,186.00. The two per cent debt limit on that assessment is \$441,413.72, and net assets of the county at present are \$90,754.91, making a total borrowing capacity of \$552,168.63, the report reveals.

Memorial Services



Memorial services will be held at 4 o'clock Sunday afternoon, August 20, at the Baptist church in Millsburg for Sgt. Sprankle, who was killed in action in France on July 9 according to word received August 1 by his mother, Mrs. Elizabeth MacDonald, of Millsburg.

The services will be in charge of Dr. W. E. Watkins, pastor of the Methodist church of State College, with Rev. Hews W. Phillips, pastor of the Millsburg Baptist church, assisting. Friends of the deceased and of the family are invited to attend. Sgt. Sprankle, who is believed to have participated in the original invasion of France, was serving in the infantry. He was aged 21 years, and survived in addition to his mother, include his grandfather, Thomas C. Sprankle, of Stone Run, and the following uncles and aunts, Mrs. Grover Merriman, Moore Run; Mrs. Joseph Green, Mrs. Blaine Smith and James Sprankle, all of State College; Mrs. Fred Summers, of Millsburg; and Clarence Sprankle, of Linesville.

Citizens Reminded of Postal Regulations

The Post Office Department requests all citizens to observe more carefully Post Office Department rules governing mailing of Christmas packages to men and women overseas.

The Department advises: "The Christmas mailing period for both Army and Navy overseas forces begins September 15 and ends October 15. After that date no gift parcels will be accepted without presentation of a written request from the man or woman in service.

"Mark it plainly Christmas Parcel." "Address both the parcel and wrapper fully, in case the wrapper becomes damaged, to make sure the parcel reaches its destination.

Y Bowling Alleys To Be Re-opened

The Y. M. C. A. announces the re-opening of its bowling alley after being closed for painting and repairs. The public is cordially invited to inspect the improvements.

A meeting for the purpose of organizing the 1944-45 bowling league will be held at the "Y" Monday, August 21, at 7:30 in the evening. Anyone interested in bowling on a league team is invited to be present.

If you have any idea that you are important try to get at the bottom of your hallucination.