

State Police Say: Wise drivers have right habits. Education and training, good driving practices is important to our continuing crop of new drivers. SCHOOLS TEACH SAFETY

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The Rains Came: Many would-be gardeners are thankful for the week's rains. Not because it helps gardens grow, but because it provides an excuse to go fishing.

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15 Enter Guilty Pleas At Court

Large Group With Many Youths Prompts Judge to Express Alarm; Charges of Burglary Cause Many Arrests.

Fifteen persons entered pleas of guilty and were sentenced at court yesterday in what was one of the largest groups before the court for some time.

CONCERT DRIVE IS UNDERWAY

Memberships Available From Solicitors Named by Chairman

Memberships are now available for the 1951-52 season of the Bellefonte Community Concerts Association and the campaign will close Saturday, prospective members are reminded. The Board of Directors will meet at campaign headquarters in the Chamber of Commerce office at the YMCA at 7:30 p.m. Thursday.

Campaign workers were asked to make a report to headquarters before that time. The campaign began Monday night at a dinner in the Lutheran Church here. President Andrew Chaslas said an effort would be made to present an interesting program. Lawrence McClure, Jr., is chairman of the Campaign committee and Mrs. L. H. Bull is Membership chairman.

These workers were announced: Bellefonte—Mrs. Jacob Friedman, Miss Ruth Dietrich, Mrs. John S. Dubbs, Miss Peggy Yates, Mrs. Fred Mallory, Mrs. Ray Cleveland, Miss Rhea Gushwhite, Mrs. M. L. Caster, Miss Dolores Martin, Velma Stover, Mrs. Ernest Martin, Mrs. Paul Beaver, Mrs. Paul M. Corman, Mrs. A. L. Rozelle, Miss Betty Hollabaugh, Mrs. Orvis Harvey, Mrs. Lynn Krape, Mrs. Philip Wion, Mrs. Glenn Long, Mrs. John Widmann, Mrs. Musser W. Gettig, Mrs. Frank Grycko.

Is Candidate



Malcolm H. Hall, well known Boggs Township resident, announced his intention to seek the Republican nomination for the office of Recorder of Deeds.

Old Issue of Centre Democrat From 1846 Reveals Undeveloped Area of County Seat

In 1824 S. T. Shugert purchased the plant since John Bigler desired to leave for the West while William Egler remained here for a period and then moved to Clearfield County.

ADDITIONAL DATA LISTED ON PIPELINE

Pittsburgh Firm Makes Public Statement; Oil Leases Taken

Additional information including the route of the gas pipeline now being considered for construction through this area was released this week by the contracting firm.

The Manufacturers Light & Heat Co., a public utility engaged in the production, transmission and distribution of natural gas in the States of West Virginia, Ohio and Pennsylvania, is now engaged in making a survey of a pipeline route beginning at a point near Canonsburg, Pa., to a point south and east of Renovo, for the purpose of transporting natural gas developed in Clinton, Clearfield and Centre counties to the general Pittsburgh area.

This pipe line will consist of 144 miles of 16-inch pipe, 10 miles of 21-inch pipe, and 18 miles of 24-inch pipe. Approximately 30 miles of the 16-inch pipe now has been shipped from the mills. Various pipe line contractors will be taken over the proposed pipe line route in the very near future, in order that they may submit bids for the construction of this line at the earliest possible date.

PUSH WORK ON HOSPITAL WALLS

Completion of Building's Shell Will Speed Project, Contractor Says

Workmen at the Centre County Hospital have set their number one job as the structure's walls and long to have the brick work completed to the second floor by the middle of next week.

When this is accomplished, it will be possible to lay beams which hold the steel floor joists. Setting the joists in place will allow workmen to begin pouring concrete for the second floor. G. W. White, superintendent for the general contractor, explained.

The foot-thick wall reached the desired height in some spots this week and lintels for the windows are already in place there. An elevator for use by construction workers and suppliers was expected to be received and set in place this week. Work has not yet started on the building's own elevator, however.

3 Cars Involved In Accident

Cars operated by Dorothy Buffington and Genevieve Yearick, both of State College, were involved in an accident in State College on Saturday, borough police reported Tuesday.

Another vehicle owned by Manuel Kramer was also hit. Damage was set at \$215. Police said the operator of the Yearick car would be charged with reckless driving.

Undines Called To Flue Fires

The Undine Fire Company of Bellefonte answered two still alarms because of flue fires Monday and Tuesday.

Agreement To Proposed School Jointure Advanced

Partial accord was achieved on many points of the proposed article of agreement toward the formation of a Bellefonte Area Joint School District at a meeting in the Bellefonte high school on Monday night. Representatives were present from all seven participating districts and several, including Benner township, had 100 per cent attendance.

Sings In Chorus



Miss Freda Ann Beck, of Howard RD 2, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Beck, and granddaughter of Clara Beck, has been selected to be a member of the 1951 Pennsylvania Future Homemakers Association Chorus.

CHURCH COUNCIL PRAISES ACTION

Bellefonte Group Favors Move Made Against Gambling In County

The executive committee of the Bellefonte Council of Churches met Sunday afternoon in the Presbyterian chapel.

Plans for the Daily Vacation Bible school to be held the two weeks immediately following the close of the public schools, were reported progressing.

Mrs. Benford announced the Fellowship Day luncheon and "Workshop of the Council of Church Women" will be held Friday, May 4, in the Lutheran church. On May 30 in the Grace Evangelical United Brethren church, a book review will be given by Mrs. Frank Hench.

Welfare Fund Here Still Lacks \$113.05 Of Goal

The Bellefonte Community Welfare Fund is within \$113.05 of its 1950-51 goal of \$21,890.99, officials report.

Anyone wishing to make a pledge to the Fund at this time can do so. Any donation would be greatly appreciated, he indicated.

Cleanup Week's Effectiveness Hurt By Rain

Inclement weather hindered the full effectiveness of the cleanup week in Bellefonte last week and Burgess Hugh M. Quigley has asked residents and agencies to continue their efforts.

The borough, particularly the Street Department, lost several days due to rain. The Burgess, Council, and the Board of Health had pointed in the move. Mr. Quigley said the cooperation of the townspeople is necessary to insure the program's success.

FEDERAL FUNDS TO ARRIVE FOR NEW HOSPITAL

Plans For Collection of Pledges Are Outlined at Board Meeting

Expected receipt of the first payment of government funds for the new Centre County Hospital and a summary of action taken to collect overdue pledges were reported at the meeting of the hospital board of trustees Monday night.

Chairman John G. Love told the group a payment of \$152,058.72 was due from the Federal government's share of completing the basement. Another allocation cannot be expected until the building is under roof.

The attorney for the Building Fund will meet with the Legal committee to discuss past due pledge accounts and advise action. Suits for collection will not begin without the consent of the Legal committee. Attorney Eugene Lederer has been given authority to issue temporary receipts for pledges paid him. The official receipt will be mailed later.

Treasurer Paul M. Dubbs reported \$153,537.95 due on the pledges. Payments have been made for completed work to four of the five contractors. The elevator contractor has not begun his work. To date a total of \$248,156.64 has been paid.

The Finance committee formally reported an additional building contribution of \$400 received from the Nittany Canning Company. This committee will study bond holdings of the fund and recommend action.

Reports of the patients' letters were classified as 25 good, 30 satisfactory, and 13 complaints. Complaints were referred to respective committees. One letter from an ex-convict was referred to the Board of Prisoners.

LOCAL COUPLE WED 50 YEARS

Mr. and Mrs. Willis Grove, of Reynolds Avenue, Hold Open House

Mr. and Mrs. Willis A. Grove, of Reynolds Avenue, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with an open house at their home yesterday. Friends were received in both afternoon and evening.

Willis A. Grove, son of William and Annie Zettle Grove, of Lemont, and Susan Gill, daughter of Isaac and Mary Ann Gill, of Pleasant Gap, were married Apr. 18, 1901, in Centre Hall. The Rev. J. W. Shultz, pastor of the Centre Hall Evangelical Church, performed the ceremony.

The Groves have one daughter, Mrs. Herman Hazel, of Bellefonte, and one grandchild.

Mr. Grove retired a number of years ago after working 38 years at the Universal Match Corp. here.

Rossman To Head Milesburg Lions Club For Year

Harry A. Rossman was elected president of the Milesburg Lions Club at a meeting of the group last Thursday night. He succeeds Russell Stover.

Others named were: Robert Hoover, first vice president; Darrell Emmerich, second vice president; Miles Holt, secretary; Earl Cartwright, Jr., treasurer; Earl Cartwright, Sr., Tail twister.

Council Schedules Sidewalk Check

C. A. Eder of State College Named New Borough Engineer at Monday's Session; Seeks Bids on Used Street Sweeper.

A sidewalk improvement program, discussion of the proposed budget for 1951, passage of a resolution to pave the way for completing plans and construction of Water street, as well as a decision to purchase a street sweeper, highlighted a meeting of Bellefonte Borough Council Monday night.

Council plans to make a survey of sidewalks throughout the town and make a list of those needing repair or replacement and also a list of properties where no sidewalks exist at present. An appeal will be made to the property owners concerned to cooperate in this program. Council will announce additional details concerning the program next week.

In discussing preliminary budget figures it was pointed out that Council plans to retire the remaining \$17,700 in floating indebtedness during the coming year. The finance committee and other committee chairmen will meet soon to prepare a tentative budget.

BORO OFFICIALS ATTEND DINNER

Quarterly Meeting Held Here Thursday Night; 80 Attend

About 80 officials of boroughs in Centre and Clearfield counties attended the quarterly meeting held in the social rooms of the Bellefonte Methodist Church, Thursday night. Nevin R. Smith, Bellefonte council president, presided at the business session. Burgess Hugh M. Quigley was toastmaster at the dinner program.

R. Paul Campbell, solicitor for State College borough, spoke on proposed legislation and its effect on borough government. Edward K. Hilsbman, State College Burgess, also discussed legislation.

Paul M. Dubbs, executive secretary of Bellefonte borough, told the group of a course for borough officers now being taught in Bellefonte.

C. Ross Butler, chief fish culturist for the state, explained the raising and distribution of fish by the hatcheries.

The Rev. Donald H. G. Miller, pastor of the church, was in charge of devotions.

Those introduced were: Miss Hazel Johnson, Bellefonte water department secretary; Mrs. Myra Budinger, Snow Shoe council secretary; Musser W. Gettig, Bellefonte borough solicitor; Philip Saylor, water and street department superintendent; Arthur A. (Continued on Page Eight)

Bellefonte VFW Supports Loyalty Oath Provision

The Jackson-Crisman-Saylor post of Veterans of Foreign Wars of Bellefonte at a meeting Thursday night passed a resolution in support of the loyalty oath bill now before the legislature at Harrisburg.

Officers said the resolution will be sent to Representative P. A. Frost in Harrisburg. He will be urged to support the bill when it comes up for vote before the House of Representatives.

The Bellefonte VFW resolution was prompted "by the continued revelations of evidence regarding Communist infiltration into colleges throughout the nation," officers of the post stated.

Commander Edgar Kustanbauer, Jr., said that members of the Bellefonte post feel that the loyalty oath is one more step toward providing for the security of the Commonwealth.

PTA TO HEAR FRANK HENCH

Recreation Director Will Speak at Tuesday's Program

Frank Hench, Bellefonte recreation director will speak at the meeting of the Bellefonte Parent-Teacher Association at the high school cafeteria at 7:45 p.m. Tuesday.

Mr. Hench will speak briefly on recreational work and will display photographs of past activities and material used for recreation projects.

He will also show a twenty-minute film entitled "Leaders for Leisure."

James Biddle, president will preside at the business session at which officers for the coming year will be elected. Bellefonte chessman will be in charge of devotions. The Hospitality committee will serve refreshments.

Armstrong Will Ask Recorder Nomination

Walter C. Armstrong, well known Bellefonte resident, this week announces his candidacy for the office of Recorder of Deeds of Centre County, on the Republican ticket.

Having served as Deputy Recorder for 16 years under two former recorders, he feels that with his experience in that capacity he is well qualified to be of service to the taxpayers of Centre County. If nominated and elected, he will devote his undivided attention to the office and will endeavor to give efficient and faithful administration by keeping the records up to date, as he had done while serving as Deputy Recorder.

Titan Union Buys Company Stock

Local Union No. 19981, American Federation of Labor, of the Titan Metal Mfg. Company of Bellefonte, announced recently it had purchased 200 shares of Titan stock. The shares are valued at more than \$2,000.

In making the announcement, the president of the local, Gilbert Holt, said.

"The brass workers, knowing the quality of the products they make feel certain their money is well invested and that such action will build up cooperation and harmony between employer and employee."

Skidmore, 41, Wins Commutation From Life Sentence Imposed 15 Years Ago

George Clark Skidmore, 41, a former Bellefonte Academy student, and now almost a legendary figure of the Black Moshannon area, on Monday won his long fight for freedom from a life sentence in Western Penitentiary.

On recommendation of the State pardon board, the governor ordered commutation of the sentence, making the prisoner eligible for parole. He was charged in the shooting of a service station attendant near Pittsburgh, Sept. 20, 1936. He was arrested in March, 1936, pleaded guilty and began his life sentence in April, 1936.

The events in the six intervening years will be recalled by most Centre County residents.

Hospital Auxiliary Votes Contribution

The Bellefonte Auxiliary to the Centre County Hospital voted to contribute toward the purchase of a refrigerator for use of the blood bank at its meeting, Apr. 9. Twelve members and Miss Eleanor M. Brown, administrator, were present.

Plans were made for the annual meeting of the Bellefonte group. The meeting will be held in the Court House at 8 p.m. Wednesday, May 9. Officers to be elected include, second vice president, secretary, and two members at large.

Appointed to Post Victor E. Moore, regional director of the Office of Price Stabilization for Pennsylvania and Delaware, has announced that W. W. Siegel of the Titan Metal Mfg. Company, Bellefonte, is serving as a member of the national OPS Brass Mill Scrap Industry Advisory committee.

Three Held On Forged Checks

Three men were arraigned before Squire William H. Brown, Bellefonte, this week on charges of cashing a forged check in Centre Hall.

They are John W. Pearcey, 34, of Thurmont, Md.; Kenneth A. Smegh, 32, Carlisle; and Ernest L. Brown, 36, Newville Rd., Cumberland County.

Police said that Smegh wrote the check and that Pearcey cashed it. Pearcey was held as an accessory before and after the fact.

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