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The Centre Democrat

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Show of Shows:
It won't be televised—it will be necessary to go down to the high school gym to see the Hobby Fair. It's scheduled Friday and Saturday nights.

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Falling Rock Kills Operator At Plant

Joseph Rackoski, 22, of Bellefonte, Dies of Injuries Received in Fall of Rock at New Lime Development.

Joseph Rackoski, 22, of W. Curtin street, Bellefonte, died Tuesday night of injuries received when he was struck on the head by a falling rock. He was an equipment operator employed by the Standard Lime and Stone Company at its new development on the Airport Road.

The accident occurred about 6:20 p. m. He was taken to the Centre County Hospital in the Logan Fire Company ambulance and was pronounced dead on arrival there.

Standard officials said he was operating a taxicab on the mine approach. While working underground a quantity of dirt and stone fell and Rackoski was hit on the head by a stone that weighed approximately 100 pounds.

Mrs. Charles Sheckler, Centre county coroner, expected to complete her investigation yesterday and indicated no inquest would be held.

Co-workers who viewed the accident were Dale Rider and Charles Johnsonbaugh, both of Bellefonte. R. D. Company officials said a third bulldozer operator was working in the immediate vicinity at the time of the accident.

John A. Rackoski was born in Bellefonte Feb. 18, 1929, a son of Anthony and Ann Kohut Rackoski. His father and his wife, the former Margaret Panik, survive with these

brothers and sisters: Frank, Miss Mary, John, and Mrs. Earl Confer, all of Bellefonte, and Mrs. Donald Pettigill of State College.

He was a member of St. John's Catholic church of Bellefonte, and the O. C. M.

Funeral services will be held at the church at 10 a. m. Friday with the Rev. Gilbert Fremont officiating. Burial will be made in the church cemetery. The rosary will be recited at 8 p. m. Thursday. Friends may call at the home from Thursday noon.

FARM DAMAGED BY LIGHTNING

Electrical Storm Hit Sunday; Hail Stones Reported in County

The Undine firemen of Bellefonte answered an alarm to the Walter Lucas farm home below Hecla Park about 4:30 p. m. Sunday, when a cold bolt of lightning struck the home during the storm which passed over Centre County.

Considerable damage resulted as electric wiring in the house and a switch box were torn loose. Mrs. Frank Ingram, mother of Mrs. Lucas, was knocked to the ground while in the turkey pen about 100 feet from the house. She was stunned and dazed for several minutes.

The works and box of a valuable electric clock were burned. Firemen remained on the scene for about an hour to make sure no fire was burning between the walls.

Lightning struck an incubator house at the Shope Poultry Farm near Zion, knocking out fans and heating units for an hour. There was no fire nor an estimate of the damage.

In parts of Centre County the storms were accompanied by very little rain.

Heavy rains, however, were reported in the mountains. At Tusseyville and vicinity, hail stones "up to two inches in diameter" were reported with the ground remaining white for about an hour. At Whipples Dam the thunder showers interrupted picnic and swimming parties and the hail stones were said to be an inch in diameter.

When these stones are placed, work on the roof will begin. Roof work may possibly begin this week with the scheduled arrival of the roof slabs.

These slabs will be two inches thick and made of a gypsum-like concrete. The slabs will be coated and waterproofed and a layer of light concrete will be poured on top. Tar will follow and then gravel. The roof will have a 20-year guarantee, it was explained. The building wall will extend only eight inches above the roof. Brickwork on the penthouse started this week.

Meanwhile bricklayers and other trades, caught up on interior work with room partitions started on the second floor. The chimney continues to rise through the floors and work has been started on sealing in the elevator shaft. All window sashes have been placed up to the second floor and work has been started on the third.

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START ROOFING ON NEW HOSPITAL

Exterior Brickwork in Last Stages; Coping Stones Are Placed

Exterior brick work on the new Centre County Hospital is in its last stages and workmen this week were engaged in placing the coping stones on the very top of the walls.

The coping is Indiana limestone, matching the window sills.

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Jack H. Yeager On Annual Opera Trip

Jack H. Yeager, of Bellefonte, left Tuesday for White Plains, N. Y. where he will appear with members of the Matinee Opera Company of New York in opera excerpts.

He will take the leading role in two acts of the opera, "Faust", which will be presented Monday.

This is Mr. Yeager's sixth appearance with the group which is directed by Caroline Beeson Fry.

20th Reunion For BHS Class Of '31 At Hate-to-leave-it

An enjoyable evening commemorating events and incidents of school days of 20 years ago was spent at the Titan Metals' "Camp-Hate-to-Leave-it" on May 19 by the Bellefonte High School class of 1931.

A program providing fun for all, renewing old acquaintances, and recalling many happenings and classroom pranks was planned by the committee, and all present seemed to enjoy the entire evening of events.

The affair was started with a very appetizing chicken and waffle dinner served by the camp's able staff. Immediately following the dinner the program, with Luther Kane acting as toastmaster, was put into action. First Mrs. Lenore Martine was called upon to lead the group in singing the "Alma Mater" of the school in 1931.

Rev. Carolus Says Mobile Canteens Reactivated

The Rev. H. C. Carolus, chairman of the local Red Cross chapter, recently announced that Red Cross clubmobile units are being reactivated. He said 28 mobile canteens, similar to those that carried snacks, songs, and smiles to millions of American servicemen in World War II, are being readied for duty with the troops in Korea, at the request of the Department of Defense.

The Red Cross, he went on to say, has been operating a large club and two small mobile canteen combinations in the Pusan area since last November. Military authorities said the request for extension of the service resulted from demands by combat troops. Mobile units were favored over permanent installations because of the fluid state of the war.

General Matthew B. Ridgeway, supreme commander in the Far East, voiced the approval of soldiers in the field for the new clubmobiles.

"The comforts of the front-line soldiers are few, his deprivations many, and I know I express his feeling that the sight of a clubmobile will always be welcome as its cheering service greatly appreciated," General Ridgeway said.

By mid-June, the Rev. Carolus stated, 60 clubmobile units will join the 20 club workers already in Korea to staff the rolling canteens which will operate at airfields and with

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HENCH REVIEWS THOMPSON PLOT PLAYGROUND

Borough Urged to Establish Park Commission for Supervision of Play Areas

At Council meeting Monday night Frank Hench, Bellefonte Recreation Director, showed preliminary plans on the future disposition of the playground area recently turned over to the Borough by Mrs. George B. Thompson. The plans were drawn up by Mr. Hench and Donald Latshaw, a graduate student in recreation at Penn State. Mr. Hench related that the total long range improvement program would reach in the vicinity of \$100,000. For the present, Mr. Hench stated, the borough must think of keeping the area in neat trim and he suggested that the borough engineer establish grade lines for future reference. He also suggested that the borough purchase a mower with a sickle attachment to keep the grass on the playground cut. Since the borough has accumulated a fair amount of playground land, it was suggested that Borough Council establish a Park Commission for the legal supervision of the areas. It would operate jointly with the School Board Council decreed that Borough Solicitor, Musser W. Gettling, look into the feasibility of such a setup.

Borough Health Officer, Sam Bricker, reported on a present intolerable situation at a residence over on North Thomas street where sewage is seeping out the front

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Hobby Fair, Recreation Carnival Set This Week

Indications are that the Bellefonte Hobby Fair to be held in conjunction with the Bellefonte Recreation Carnival Friday and Saturday nights will have a varied representation.

The hobby show will be held in the high school gymnasium from 7:30 to 9 p. m. The Carnival will be held on the high school commons by Monday, 84 entries had been registered for the exhibit at the Fair. These entries were made by both individuals and groups. Items in the displays ranged from one to 65. Frank Hench, community recreation director, reports.

Entrants are asked to take the exhibits to the gym Thursday as the committee would like to place as many as possible Thursday afternoon and evening. The Spring Street entrance is to be used.

Admission to the Fair will be free but those attending will have opportunity to contribute to the Community Recreation Program.

On the commons, there will be refreshments, rides for children, food sales, hand concerts, movies, old fashioned cake walks, and a special area for dancing to the music of the American Legion Junior Orchestra.

Recreation directors believe this is the first time a show of this nature has been available in Bellefonte. Awards of first, second and third place ribbons will be made in two divisions of each of the 11 classifications. These classifications include: Natural History, Antiques, Stamps and Covers, Scrapbooks, Coins, Miscellany, Crafts, Needle art, Models, Art, Photography.

Leaves Pastorate

The Rev. John A. Fassett will leave the pastorate at the Milesburg Baptist Church to become pastor of the Emporium congregation. His final sermon at Milesburg will be given Sunday, June 10, making it six years to the day that he arrived in Milesburg.

The Fassetts and their five children will move to the Cameron County community Wednesday.

In addition to his pastorate he has been active in associated religious activities. He is serving as co-dean of the Vacation Bible School in Milesburg as part of his duties on the Christian Education committee of the Bellefonte and Vicinity Council of Churches. He is a charter member and served as

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State College Woman Authors Post Article

A State College girl is the author of a current Saturday Evening Post article which adds a tragic postscript to the graduation exercises "hat took place two years ago this week at the U. S. Military Academy at West Point.

Eleanor S. Hardaway, the former Eleanor Seisman, daughter of a late professor of history at Penn State, tells in the June 9 issue of the magazine the story of herself and 13 other young American girls, the wives of West Point graduates, class of '49, who have been widowed in their early twenties as a result of the Korean war.

Mrs. Hardaway's story, "We Are the Widows of West Point '49", retraces 14 brief marriages and tells of the efforts the young widows are making to adjust themselves in their bereavement.

Mrs. Hardaway's personal story, with the other 13 tells of her first meeting with her husband, Lt. Tom Hardaway, the son of Brig. Gen. Robert M. Hardaway, MC, USA, retired, and Mrs. Hardaway, her marriage in State College, June 17, 1947, and her life with Lt. Hardaway before his death in September, 1950.

A photograph of Mrs. Hardaway is one of six which accompany the Post article. The remainder show three of the young widows and three of the deceased Army men mentioned in the story.

Besides the married members of the West Point class of 1949 who lost their lives in Korea, Mrs. Hardaway points out that 26 members of the class have been killed in action in Korea, including 5 Air Force graduates.

State Police Checking Series Of Burglaries

State Police of Rockview barracks are investigating a series of burglaries, all of which took place late Sunday night or early Monday morning.

Business places burglarized were: Brooks Dairy at Pleasant View; Houser's coal yard at Prossertown; the Dan Grove used car lot at Axemann, and the Antes garage at State College.

It was the second burglary this year for both the Brooks and Antes establishments.

Judge Henry Hipple Files Opinion Here

Judge Henry Hipple, of the 25th Judicial District, Special Presiding in Centre County, on Thursday, filed an opinion in the estate of George E. Keen, late of Millheim, deceased, in which he dismissed the exceptions which were filed to the Auditor's Report.

The effect was to bar the claim of Maude S. Keen in the estate of George E. Keen.

Bartley Is Named Tipstaff For Court

Charles Bartley, of E. Howard Street, has been appointed tipstaff for court, it was announced yesterday.

He replaces Jacob Hoy of Thomas Street, who resigned. Mr. Hoy said the condition of his eyes made the move necessary.

Seeks Nomination

Homer R. Boone of Rebersburg has announced his candidacy for the office of Sheriff of Centre County on the Democratic ticket. His statement follows:

Mr. Boone was born Apr. 19, 1919, and received his education in the public schools of Miles Township, and graduated from the Miles Township High School.

Married Aug. 12, 1938, to Mildred Gephart, also of Rebersburg, he is the father of three children. He belongs to the following organizations: St. Peter's Reformed Church of Rebersburg, Miles Township Fire Company, Loyal Order of Moose, and the National Automobile Racing Association. He is well-known as a boxer, having won the State Championship AAU in Boxing in 1947.

Mr. Boone served in the U. S. Air Corps for two years. He also was Town Collector for Miles Township recently. He is not only a Boxer and a Racer, but is well-known to a host of friends throughout the county as a first baseman in the Centre County Baseball League. He has boxed, hit and raced to high honors in the past, and now seeks one more goal, the Sheriff's office of Centre County, and if elected promises to perform the duties of that office, without fear or partiality regardless of race, color or creed.

KIWANIS TOLD OF BLOOD PROGRAM

Bellefonte will be participating in the national blood program of the American Red Cross by the end of this summer, it was announced by Rev. Harry C. Carolus, local Red Cross chairman, at a meeting of the Bellefonte Kiwanis Club at the Penn Belle Tuesday.

Mr. Carolus made the announcement in introducing Carl Hile, of Johnstown, blood program field representative of the Red Cross, who was guest speaker at the session.

Mr. Hile explained that the blood program, launched as a result of new techniques developed during World War II, is designed to provide hospitals with an unending source of blood without forcing relatives and friends of patients to seek their own donors, oftentimes on

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Grange Fair Plans For Entertainment Near Completion

G. M. Fry, program chairman for the Grange Fair, to be held the last week in August, announces that plans for most of the entertainment are complete.

In addition to the plays to be presented during the week by the Grange Players groups of the county, the Fair committee has arranged for evening movies during the opening week of the camp that is part of the annual Fair. On Saturday the Phillipsburg Accordion Band will be the featured number on the program.

During the entire week two acts, The Karollis and the Fearless Flyers, will perform twice daily. The Karollis, a man and woman team, will do a number of head and hand balancing routines, along with acrobatic stunts. This team performs a platform mounted 60 feet in the air.

Band concerts, baseball and softball games will complete the entertainment program. Members of the Fair committee in charge of all phases of exhibits have been at work for some weeks planning to house and care for increased shows in their departments. More space is being provided for hogs and sheep, while in the Horticulture Building preparation goes on for the larger Flower Show expected this year.

At a meeting Monday night Ralph G. Homan, of Centre Hall, was named secretary of concessions. This fills the vacancy caused by the death of V. A. Auman, of Centre Hall.

Two Injured In Auto Accidents

A Titusville woman and an Air Force student at Penn State were injured in two highway accidents this week.

Mrs. Jennie Swanson, 72, received fractures of both legs and a head laceration when she was struck by a car operated by Loren E. Greene, a Bigger. She was struck near the intersection of Old Boalsburg Road and Route 322 in State College at 8:15 p. m. Monday, and was taken to the Centre County Hospital by a passing motorist.

Two cars were involved in another accident on the Benner Pike hill, just outside Bellefonte at 12:30 p. m. Tuesday.

A car operated by David Heller, of Harrisburg, attached to the Air Force clerical school at Penn State, was going toward Bellefonte when it hit an embankment wall, rolled over and came to rest on its wheels on the opposite side of the highway, facing State College. The driver told police a tire blew out.

Meanwhile, another driver stopped to see if Heller had been injured. The lights from his car blinded Roy H. Cook, of Milesburg, and his car hit the car which had rolled over.

The damage to Cook's car was set at \$300. Police said Heller's car was a total loss.

The Air Force student received face and body bruises.

Entered Guilty Plea On Driving Charge

Charles Van Troba, of Michigan, pleaded guilty to charges of drunken driving at a special session of Centre court Monday.

He was sentenced to spend ten days in jail and pay a \$100 fine.

Arguments On Dam Are Heard

Decision to Be Made By Army Engineers on Proposed Flood Control Dam Near Blanchard; Howard Delegation Attends.

Arguments for and against flood control dams proposed for construction in Central Pennsylvania were expressed by delegations from Centre and other counties in Gravelly Point, Pa., Monday afternoon. Over 100 residents of this area attended with almost half of them from the Howard and Blanchard vicinity.

The Army Board of Engineers for Rivers and Harbors heard the testimony. Their decision will be forwarded to the chief of Army engineers. The five dams would cost \$255,000,000.

This would include a flood control dam near Blanchard, a flood control and hydroelectric dam near Keating in Clearfield county, and three other flood control dams in the Susquehanna River project.

Those who opposed the Blanchard dam included: George Demuthorne, of State College, engineer retained by residents of the Howard area. He said almost 4,000 acres would be submerged when the dam was full. Centre County Commissioners O. P. McCord and Harry Keeler. They reported that land used by the government would be tax free and throw a greater load of taxes on residents of the county.

Those who opposed the dual purpose dam at Keating included: Frank Whitwell of the Central Pennsylvania Coal Producers Association who said hydroelectric power generated there would be a setback for the coal and railroad industry.

Robert T. Laing, executive director of the association, who claimed 275,000 tons of coal would be displaced annually should power be generated at the Keating dam. (Continued on Page Eight)

Driver Held On Charge Of Manslaughter

George A. Weber, of Philadelphia, a Penn State student, was held for court on manslaughter charges after a hearing in State College last week. He was the driver of a car in which Donald MacIntyre, of Chester, another student, was killed on the Port Matilda mountain May 13.

At an inquest held in the borough building at State College, details of the mishap were heard by a coroner's jury. The inquest was conducted by Deputy Coroner John Weber.

The automobile left the road and turned over an estimated six times. Officers of the Pleasant Gap subdivision of the State Police filed the information at the hearing before Justice of the Peace Guy G. Mills, of State College.

Weber was released on \$1,000 bail. The driver was hospitalized for a week after the crash. Others injured were Edward T. Smith, of Pittsburgh, and Casimir Borowy, of Erie.

Damage Set At \$1100 in 2 Accidents

One person was injured and approximately \$1,100 damage resulted in two highway accidents on Route 322 Sunday.

Mrs. Lottie Wilson, 76, of Clearfield, suffered a bruised hide and a fractured rib when the car driven by her husband, Dr. Ward Wilson, was struck head-on by a car operated by Jack Riley, of Lewisston. State Police said Riley will be charged with reckless driving.

The accident happened in the Seven Mountains at 2:40 p. m. and total damage was estimated at \$700. A sedan carrying six Air Force enlisted men, students at Penn State, skidded out of control and then off the highway between Boalsburg and State College.

None of the servicemen, returning from Philadelphia, were injured in the accident which occurred at 10:45 p. m.

Driver of the car was Pfc. Gordon P. Penn. Damage was set at \$40.

Parochial School Plans Graduation

Graduation exercises of St. John's Parochial School will be held in the St. John's Catholic Church on E. Bishop Street, 7:30 p. m. Friday.

Sixteen pupils will be presented diplomae by Msgr. William E. Downes, pastor. Pupils of each of the eight grades will be presented awards. The ceremonies will close with Benediction by the Rev. Gilbert C. Fremont, assistant pastor. The public is invited.

Marriage License Business Shows Sharp Increase in June

Possibility of a banner month for Dan Cupid in Centre County was forecast this week in a check of marriage license applications.

Register Harry R. Burd reported 16 applications issued in the first five days of June. At three-per-day the total for the month would reach 90.

Applications always show a sharp increase in June—the traditional wedding month. The record was set here in 1949 with 99 applications. June of 1950, however, saw only 52.

In a seldom seen ceremony, a State College couple were married in the Register's Office Monday afternoon. Squire William Brown, of Bellefonte, performed the ceremony for Rafael H. Brand and Shirley E. Ruttenberg, both Penn State students.

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