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**State Police Say:**  
Driving on the wrong side of the road is an act of discourtesy. By his actions a road hog takes half of the space out of the middle. DON'T BE A DISCOURTEOUS DRIVER.

# The Centre Democrat

**Big Change:**  
Eminent athletes around town will now give up watching wrestling matches and go outdoors to be baseball spectators.

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## Moves Made In Tax Equalization

### State College Assessor to Make Plans For Meeting of County Assessors; Bellefonte Council, School Board Map Moves.

That concrete maneuvers to equalize property assessments on a county-wide basis may be made soon seemed to be indicated in actions taken by elected officials this week. C. Otis Cromer, State College assessor, has accepted the task of assembling the some 40 assessors in the county for a meeting and setting up standard assessing procedures. Mr. Cromer indicated he would meet with the Centre County Commissioners, who act as the assessment board, to determine a meeting date.

The action is a result of tax assessment meeting held in the court room last Wednesday for which T. Ellwood Sones, county superintendent of schools, acted as chairman. The 75 persons present at that session agreed that assessments are unequal and some county-wide move should be made toward equalization.

In statistics prepared by the State and released last July the wide discrepancies in assessment in Centre county were shown. They varied from 42.8 per cent of the market value in Curtin township to 15.8 per cent in Walker township. The county average was placed at 22.31 per cent of the market value.

Some action toward equalization has already been taken in Centre Hall borough and over half the county's 25 townships, Mr. Sones said.

**Bellefonte Plans Equalization**

One method toward reaching equalization was set up at joint meetings of the Bellefonte Borough Council and the Bellefonte school board.

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## TEACHERS GIVEN \$150 TEMPORARY SALARY BOOST

### Bellefonte School Board Approves Formal Request at Session

Teachers and other employees of the Bellefonte school district were granted a temporary salary increase in the amount of \$150 to cover the 1950-51 school year at a meeting of the School Board Monday night. The action will affect 81 employees, including 71 teachers.

The grant was made in response to a request made by the Bellefonte branch of the Pennsylvania State Education Association. Mrs. Lenore Martin, committee chairman, made the request in a letter which she read to school directors. John S. Dubbs, president of the Bellefonte branch, aided in explanation of the request.

The representatives pointed out that the median salary for a teacher in the Bellefonte district is \$2500. "College Night" is an opportunity for interested parents and students from Grades 9 through 12 to meet and talk with college representatives.

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## J. Thomas Mitchell Writes of Bellefonte Life in The 60's

By J. Thomas Mitchell

A dozen letters written between the years 1861 and 1871 give an interesting picture of the Bellefonte of those days as well as an insight into conditions at Centre Furnace and the Farmers' High School.

These letters were written to and by Frank S. Wilson, the youngest son of Col. Samuel Hunter Wilson a veteran of the War of 1812. Samuel was the son of William Wilson, who captured the flag of the British Grenadiers at the battle of Monmouth. The children of Samuel, who died in 1841, were Philip Benner Wilson, William P. Wilson and Mary B. Wilson in addition to Frank S.

During the early years of the Civil War, Miss Mary Wilson was visiting the Cameron family in Washington when Simon Cameron was Secretary of War in Lincoln's Cabinet. The first letter from Frank to his sister merely thanks her for a Christmas present of sweetmeats and speaks of a coming trip by him to Philadelphia.

The next letter of January 1862 is full of names of the townfolk and their visitors. A Miss Sanderson, of Williamsport, is the subject of the devotion of many of the young men of the town. She, later became one of the judges of the county. He describes a sleighing party with her and two young ladies who for many years were known about the town as "the Benner girls," to the Curtin home at the "Forge". These

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## Four Persons Charged As A Result Of Stine Retrial

### Two Defendants Charged With Perjury by District Attorney; State College Woman Held For Court on Embracery Charge.

Charges have been placed against four persons in connection with the criminal case of the Commonwealth vs. Harold C. Stine, District Attorney E. L. Willard reported yesterday Stine was acquitted in a retrial during February term of Criminal Court on a charge of maintaining gambling devices.

Charges have been filed against Raymond Dewey Dixon, Port Matilda, perjury. Port Matilda, perjury. Mrs. Harriet E. Booher, State College, embracery (attempting to influence jurymen).

William T. Snyder, Port Matilda, perjury and setting up and establishing gambling devices.

Luther Williams, Port Matilda, setting up and establishing gambling devices.

Dixon was held for court at a hearing before Squire William H. Brown in Bellefonte Wednesday morning. Cpl. Donald Harris of the Rockview State Police, and Mr. Willard were the prosecutors. Transcripts of court records were submitted to show apparent discrepancies in testimony in the two Stine trials. Testimony in question dealt with ownership and use of keys to slot machines. His bail of \$1000 was to have been posted last night.

Mrs. Booher posted \$500 bail after she was held for court in a hearing before Squire Brown Wednesday afternoon. According to testimony she had contacted two jurymen, Mrs. Evelyn Watkins, of Millbrook and George Roman, of State College, on Feb. 24 and 25, respectively. The Stine case went to trial during the week of Feb. 26.

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## 2 STUDENTS TO VISIT CAPITOL

### Y. M. C. A. to Send Girls to Event Scheduled at Harrisburg

Two Bellefonte high school girls, members of the Tri-H-Y, will attend a session modeled after the United Nations at the Penn Harris Hotel in Harrisburg tomorrow and Saturday.

The YMCA board said at its meeting Monday night that Marilyn McKinley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roy McKinley, and Nancy Taylor, all of Coleville, will represent the Bellefonte "Y."

The girls will take the part of the countries of India and Yehem, and will appear in the dress of the people of those countries. They will be accompanied by Miss Barbara Beatty, advisor to the Tri-H-Y Club.

The board's Boiler Committee received bids on the installation of a new boiler and will study the matter further.

Plans were considered for renovating the dressing room next to the swimming pool.

It was announced that the Young Adult Club will renovate the board room on the second floor. The club will paint the room and lay a new floor.

Chester Narvel, general secretary, said that there will be emphasis on swimming, climaxed by the learn-to-swim classes in the spring. David Dean, whose service is provided by the Recreation Council, is the instructor.

## HOSPITAL JOB IS PROGRESSING

### All Trades Now Working in Constructing Addition to Facilities

Good progress is now being made on construction of the Centre County Hospital, officials reported this week. George W. White, superintendent of Moyer Bros. contractors, said all trades are now at work.

These include the general contractors, electricians, plumbers, steamfitters, ventilating contractors, bricklayers and steel workers. With work started on the setting of steel, the job takes on a new appearance. The orange sticks rise in the air from most parts of the first floor. Some of them are already erected to the height of three floors.

However, some of the larger pieces had not been received at this time and workers must scatter their efforts rather than complete each unit separately.

Bricklayers started laying up the casing on the outside walls Monday. Soon this group will be placing the walls for supporting the steel when the work progresses to that point.

## SCHOOL PAPER WINS 2ND PLACE

### BHS 'Red And White News' Competes in National Contest

Competing with publications of other schools in a nationwide contest sponsored by the Columbia Scholastic Press Association, "Red and White," the newspaper put out by the students of Bellefonte High School, took second place in New York City, Friday.

The announcement of winners among the 1,300 papers, representing schools in nearly every part of the United States, marked a highlight of the three-day convention of the association.

"Red and White" was entered in the class for printed newspapers of senior high schools with from 500 to 750 pupils.

Consideration was given by the judges to such matters as makeup, typography, news content and features.

Nearly 3,500 student journalists met on the Columbia campus for the convention, which concluded with a luncheon at the Waldorf Astoria Saturday. Ambassador Ernest Gross, first deputy of the American Union delegation, was the principal speaker.

## COLLEGE NIGHT AT HIGH SCHOOL

### Gave Students Opportunity to Meet and Talk With College Representatives

The Bellefonte High School held its annual "College Night" on Tuesday evening, Mar. 13, at the high school. About 250 students and parents attended the function.

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## EUB PLANS PALM SUNDAY SERVICE

### Trinity Group Plans Presentation of Music

Palm Sunday will be a day of special observance at Trinity Evangelical United Brethren Church, Willowbank Street.

At 9:30 a.m. a class of young people will be confirmed and received into church membership. The Junior, Young People's and Senior Chorus will sing anthems of praise and rejoicing under the direction of Mr. Floyd Schlegel.

At 2 p.m. a Baptismal Service will be held when little children, young people and adults will receive the sacred rite of the church.

At 7:30 p.m. a service of Easter music, instrumental and choral, will be given. Following is the program:

Organ Prelude, by Mr. Richard Bonnell, organist.

Processional Hymn, "Crown Him With Many Crowns."

The Invocation, by the pastor, the Rev. Harry A. Klingeman.

Antiphon, "Christ, We Do All Adore Thee," by the Senior Choir.

Antiphon, "There Is A Green Hill Far Away," "Hosanna," by the Senior Choir.

"Andante"—Handel, "Poeme"—Fisher, by String Trio composed of Mrs. Louis Schaefer, violinist, Mr. Thomas Garbrick, cellist, Mr. Thomas Garbrick, pianist.

Antiphon, "As It Began To Dawn," "I Walked Today Where Jesus Walked," by Young People's Choir.

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## CRASH VICTIM IS KNOWN HERE

### Daughter-in-Law of Milesburg Couple Injured in Fatal Accident

The daughter-in-law of a Milesburg couple was injured as the result of an automobile accident in Claysburg in which a mother and her year-old son were killed Thursday.

Mrs. Clair Bechdel, 24, daughter-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. H. I. Bechdel of Milesburg, is in fair condition in the Nason Hospital at Roaring Spring.

State Police said the accident occurred at 12:50 p.m. Thursday. Mrs. Bechdel was holding her son, Harry Clair, 3 months, and was waiting for a bus. Beside her was Mrs. Virginia Hornick, 27, and Joseph Ray Hornick, 1 year. A car driven by Elmer J. August, 27, of East Freedom, failed to negotiate a curve and struck the women. August told police he dozed off.

Mrs. Hornick died about an hour after the accident and her son was dead on arrival at the hospital.

Mrs. Bechdel suffered severe cuts of the mouth. Her son was apparently uninjured. The child was thrown several feet onto a grassy plot by the impact.

Clair Bechdel, formerly of Milesburg, is employed by General Refrigerators at Claysburg.

## LEGION TO MARK ANNIVERSARY

### State Commander to Be Present at Fourth Annual Dinner

The 32d anniversary of the American Legion will be marked with the 4th Annual Past Commanders Banquet and post meeting at the Brooks-Doll-Ebeling Post 33, Bellefonte, Monday night.

Joseph McCracken, state commander, will be a special guest. Eddie Sulkowski, boxing coach at Penn State, will also be present. Aaron D. Letzell will act as toastmaster.

Twenty-four of the 29 living past commanders are expected to be present for the dinner to be held at 6 p.m. The regular meeting will follow at 8 p.m., at which time State Commander McCracken will speak.

Following the post meeting, Mr. Sulkowski will show pictures of the Penn State-Aurora boxing meet for this season. Refreshments will be served all members at the close of the meeting.

Other guests at the dinner will be Commander Willis Gessinger and other officers of the post.

## KRAUSS NAMED ROTARY HEAD

### Replaces E. L. Plumb, Sr. To Take Office in July

Nathan H. Krauss, of West Linn Street, was named president of the Bellefonte Rotary Club at a meeting of the Board of Directors Monday night. He will take office in July and succeeds E. L. Plumb, Sr.

Others named were Earl Orr, vice president; John S. Dubbs, secretary and William Brachbill, treasurer. Directors of the club are Leroy Evey, Milton Hoover, A. A. Kohlbecker, Mr. Plumb, Charles Schaefer and Edward Wortman.

## ST. JOHN'S BEGINS HOLY WEEK HERE

### To Distribute Palms at 10 o'clock Mass Palm Sunday

Holy Week services will begin in St. John's Catholic Church, Bellefonte, with the distribution of palms at the 10 a.m. mass next Sunday, the Rt. Rev. William E. Downes, pastor, announced.

The following schedule will be observed:

Wednesday—Confessions, 7 to 9 p.m.

Holy Thursday—7 a.m., Holy Sacrifice of the Mass; Procession to Repository, Adoration of Blessed Sacrament, all day. Holy Hour in Honor of the Blessed Sacrament, 7 to 9 p.m.

Good Friday—12 noon, Mass of the Presanctified, followed by Veneration of the Relic of the True Cross; Three Hours' Agony, noon to 3 p.m.

Holy Saturday—7:30 a.m., Blessing of Easter Fire; Blessing of Holy Water; Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, Confessions, 10 to 11 a.m.; 3 to 5 p.m.; 7 to 9 p.m.

Easter Sunday—8 a.m., Low Mass and High Mass, 10 a.m.

**Fire At Billiard Parlor**

Undine firemen answered an alarm at 4:50 p.m. Wednesday at Birdie's Billiard Parlor on E. High Street. The fire was confined to partitions. About \$50 damage resulted.

## Pine Grove Mills Plans Fire Company

Preliminary plans for a fire company for Pine Grove Mills and the surrounding communities were made by a group of 65 residents of the area at a meeting held last week.

G. H. Everts was elected chairman and after discussion, a vote showed unanimous support in favor of the formation of a fire company.

John Madore, owner of the Pine Grove Mills Water Company, explained how he would be able to help by installing fire plugs and increasing the amount of water available. He also spoke on organization.

A committee of seven men with Mr. Everts as chairman, was selected to obtain all information available and report at the next meeting Friday, Mar. 30.

Others serving with Mr. Everts are George Lauck, James Lorde-man, Samuel Reed, Robert Koch, Wilbur Diehl and H. L. Harpster.

## Inter-School Matmen To Wrestle Friday

An Inter-School wrestling meet will be held in the Bellefonte High School gymnasium at 8 p.m. Friday, members of the "B" club, sponsors, said yesterday.

There will be about 13 bouts with Glenn Smith as referee. Admission will be 25 cents for students and 50 cents for adults.

## Two Are Sentenced In Special Session

Two persons were sentenced in a special session of court here Monday morning by Judge Ivan Walker.

Mrs. Miriam Schaeffer, 25, Spring Mills, pleaded guilty to a charge of establishing a gambling place. She was ordered to pay costs of prosecution and a fine of \$50. State Police said she set up punch boards in her restaurant.

Duane Miller of Drifting, was ordered to serve 24 days in the county jail and pay costs on a charge of failure to stop at the scene of an accident. Miller had entered a guilty plea at an earlier session.

## 4-H Leaders Meet With Rotary Clubs

The 4-H Club leaders of Centre county met in a joint dinner meeting with the Bellefonte Rotary Club Monday evening.

The program consisted of a short talk by E. A. Mintnier, assistant State 4-H Club Leader from State College, the showing of a sound movie "County Fair." Mahlon Robb, Bellefonte, represented the County Bankers Association and discussed the interest the bankers had in 4-H Club work. In that they usually contribute funds to some of the 4-H activities on a county and State level.

After the dinner meeting, the local leaders met and planned the work for the coming year. Meetings were scheduled for the following times and places:

Spring Mills at the Gregg township school, Monday, March 19, at (Continued on Page Two)

## County Hospital Nurses' Alumnae Association Meets

The March meeting of the Centre County Hospital Nurses' Alumnae Association was held on Monday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Lambert of South Spring Street, with the following nurses in attendance: Elizabeth Corman, Irene Barger, Hazel McCoy, Mabel Fennin, Grace Tressler, Mary Scandrol, and Helen Lambert.

President Gracy Tressler presided. Mrs. Fennin presented a membership report which showed that no membership had been lost during the past year. Two members, Miss Catherine Centre, of Altoona, and Miss Thelma Lesh, of Philadelphia, became brides recently.

A communication was received announcing the sudden death of Mr. Strong, husband of the former Margaret McFarland.

Plans were discussed for a reunion banquet for all graduates of the Centre County Hospital Nursing School, to be held early in June. Arrangements were made for several members at the District No. 5 Nurses' Meeting to be held in Philadelphia, Mar. 31.

At the conclusion of business, a social hour was enjoyed and delicious refreshments were served by the hostess, Mrs. Lambert.

## Girl Scouts Mark Anniversary Of Founding

The Founding of the Girl Scouts was observed in Bellefonte this week with the Juliette Low Tea held Saturday afternoon, and a baked ham supper, Monday. Both events were held in the Little House.

Slides, taken of the 1950 camping season at Camp Barre were shown by Mrs. Thomas Mensch.

At ceremonies Monday, Mrs. Elmer Decker, commissioner, invited Mrs. Alan Katz, Mrs. Harold O'Brien and Mrs. Fred Fisher, council members; and these leaders, Miss Sue Armstrong and Mrs. Elaine Dunleavy.

Mrs. Elmer Hauer was presented with a Thanks Badge in appreciation of her work with the Girl Scouts.

The Bellefonte Girl Scouts will have a scrap drive, Saturday, Apr. 7. It was reported, Scrap to be collected includes, iron, clothing and rubber.

## Auxiliary To Hospital Gets Board's Thanks

The regular meeting of the Bellefonte Auxiliary to the Centre County Hospital was held Monday afternoon in the Board Room of the hospital. Sixteen members and Miss Eleanor Brown, administrator, were present.

Invocation was given by Mrs. Elmer Decker.

Mrs. Nelson McGeary, of State College, member of the Board of Trustees of the hospital, was present and expressed the appreciation of the Board for the work accomplished by members of the Auxiliary.

Board members were invited to a "Tea" to be given by Mrs. McGeary and Mrs. Leonard Doggett at the home of Mrs. McGeary, on Wednesday.

Mrs. William Schwartz reported on the radio program, "A Young Service," now being heard over WMAJ at 1:45 p.m. Sundays.

The Retail Division of the Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring an advertisement in local newspapers in behalf of the current membership drive of the Auxiliary.

More helpers are needed for the (Continued on Page Eight)

## VFW Auxiliary Lists Candidates

Nominations of auxiliary officers, delegates and alternates to the district encampment were held at a meeting of the Auxiliary to the Jackson-Crisman-Saylor Post No. 1600, Veterans of Foreign Wars, at a meeting at the post home Tuesday night. Election of officers will take place at 8 p.m. Tuesday, Mar. 27.

Alma Chandler, president, was in charge of the meeting with 38 in attendance.

Americanism chairman Sue Blackford reported essays for 1951 entitled "Freedom's Open Door" will be received Mar. 30. A report was received on the National President's dinner held in Pottsville. Mrs. Evelyn Watkins acted as escort to National President Mrs. Sue Big at that time.

The auxiliary voted the following: purchase of two \$100 U. S. Savings Bonds; \$50 donation to the Parochial School Building Fund; \$20 for a party at the Danville State Hospital; \$5 for a gift for National Senior Vice-Commander Frank Hilton's baby.

## Glassware From the 1870-80 Period Displayed at Library

Glassware from the 1870-80 period now occupies the display case at the Centre County Library. The more than dozen examples on display are the property of Miss Blanche Underwood, of N. Spring Street.

It was explained that there are many pieces of such glassware about the country, but Miss Underwood's 55 pieces make probably one on the most complete collections in one pattern. All items on display are of the Fish Scale pattern. The name is derived from the roughened surfaces which decorate the vessels.

Displayed are: a cake plate on a stand, butter dish, celery vase, compote, creamer, goblet, jelly dish, large mug, round plate, bread plate, sauce dish, spoonholder, sugar bowl, tumbler, and a child's milk mug. All are flawless.

The items are supplemented by two books from the library collection on glass ware. Of special interest at the time are the chapters on the fish scale pattern and the illustrations. One authority says the price is "not overwhelming." Market price for one of the smaller jelly dishes is currently about \$3.75.

Handles on some of the mugs and pitchers are another source of identification. These have sets of three rings formed in the glass at regular intervals.

## Philipsburg Soldier Wounded in Korea

The 20th Centre County casualty in the Korean fighting has been reported by the Defense Department.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Simler, Sr., 525 Ninth Street, Philipsburg, have received word that their son, Cpl. Ernest A. Simler, Jr., has been wounded. He is the fifth boy from the Philipsburg area reported on the casualty lists.

## Journalism Student Writes of Community's Appearance

(Ed. Note: Sometimes you're so close to the forest you can't see the trees. The Centre Democrat has commissioned Frank Hedrick, a journalism student at Penn State, to evaluate Bellefonte. His notations follow.)

Bragging and exaggerating, of course, can be overcome, but when a town has the assets—both natural and man-made—that Bellefonte has a little talking should be done.

The cross-section of business, pleasure, industry, amusement, culture, and natural phenomena found in Bellefonte places Bellefonte on a plane with some of America's larger and more progressive cities, and justifiably gives Bellefonte citizens the right to talk.

In an age when children are faced with more than the usual demands, when they must get the most out of their youth in order to face the world crises which will exist for years to come, it should give Bellefonte parents a sense of pride to think that their children are offered more than the average opportunities, that their children can grow in a well-stocked democratic community.

Look at Bellefonte through the eyes of a traveler—a newcomer to the town.

The impression received from the square will be a lasting one with the Bellefonte Trust on one corner, the First National Bank on another, and the entrance past the statue and through the arches to the county seat court house.

The impressive white Grecian court house, built originally in 1805, is symbolic of American beliefs and the law and order that guide us. The columned porch addition in 1835, the reconstruction in 1855, and the east addition and improvements completed in 1910 are also an indication of Bellefonte's progress.

That business is well represented can be seen by the diversity of stores and the representation of the latest goods in Bellefonte's business district.

Modern services can be seen in Bellefonte—the Bell Telephone Co., the gray-stone post office built in 1933, the new hospital that has been begun, the Gas Works, automobile services, the YMCA, and the newspapers.

Every visitor will be impressed by the homes in Bellefonte.

On North Allegheny street the Linn home, built about 1907, which housed many distinguished Pennsylvanians shows the old colonial-type architecture.

The Sommerville residence, corner (Continued on Page Eight)

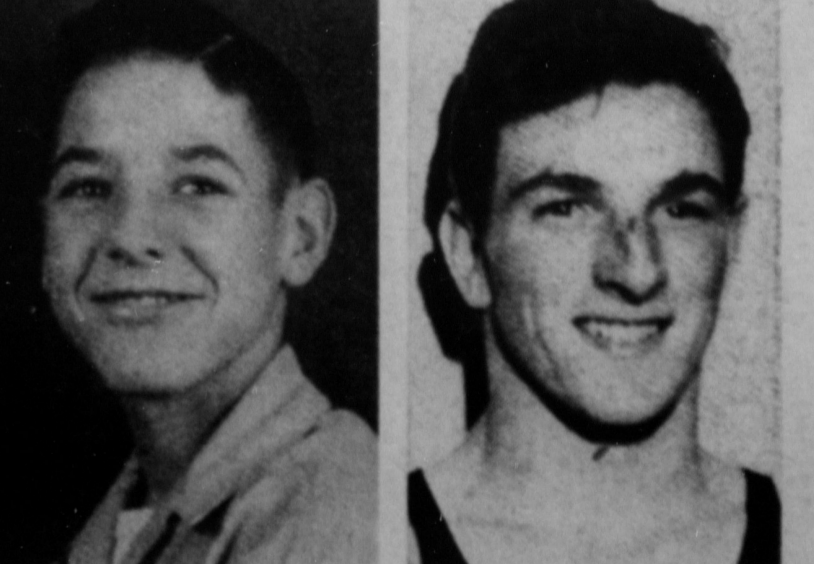
## John L. Tiley To Return To Active Duty

Ordered to return to active service with the U. S. Navy on Apr. 3, John L. Tiley has been granted a military leave from his duties as secretary to the Chambersburg Chamber of Commerce. The leave becomes effective Mar. 29.

They went to Chambersburg as Chamber of Commerce secretary on Dec. 1, 1950. He had previously served as secretary to the Bellefonte Chamber of Commerce.

He will return to naval duty as a hospitalman third class. He served with the Navy for 32 months during World War II.

## Wrestlers Win State Titles



Dave Adams of Pleasant Gap, Bellefonte 120 pound wrestler, and Andy Lentovsky of Waddle, State College High's 154 pound representative, were judged best in the State in their respective weight classes at the State Tournament held in the Cambria County War Memorial Arena at Johnstown Saturday. Adams defeated Dick Groff of Haverford, 8-0, in the semi-finals and pinned John Barna of Waynesburg in 2:17 of the second period in the finals.

Lentovsky stopped Shamokin's Dick Haddock in the afternoon bouts and then gained a fall over Cannonsburg's Joe Solomon in 2:11 of the second period in the evening encounter.

Tom Musser, Bellefonte 127-pounder, was decisively 6-3 by Ken Faust of Shamokin in the finals Saturday night.