PLOT TO ROB THREE BANKS IN CENTRAL PA. FRUSTRATED

Centre Hall First National Under Guard by State Troopers During Period of Unrest.

more, terminating last Friday, from will serve the banquet, Tickets will be three to four State police were on the sold for one dollar, part of which will lookout in Centre Hall for bandits be used to defray expenses for the who planned to rob one or more dance, Casey's Rhythmaires from Lewbanks in Centra Pennsylvania.

A "hot tip" was passed on to State the music. police headquarters that a bank was clear whether Centre Hall or Mill Hall Mrs. Russell Walker, Carl Burkhold-'spotted' for robbery, but it was not was the marked town. Consequently a guard was placed at the bank in each town. At Centre Hall two police carrying rifles secreted themselves in a back room of the bank building. while two others were located in the Miller garage across the street.

While on several occasions suspic- AT ATHLETIC MEETING, ALTOONA He came to us a Holy Child ious actions were noticeable on the part of strangers coming in the bank on business, no attempt at robbery was made.

pleaded guilty to conspiracy to rob last Wednesday night. the Mill Hall bank in Clinton county.

vyweight fighter. The third suspect, James Andrews control. 27, pleaded not guilty, but Stewart The most significant legislation testified, "He is just as guilty as I passed at this meeting was to change

Mill Hall bank," All three were held in \$1000 bail. According to the story told by to effect until September 1941. State motor police and Scranton detectves, the plans of the trio leaked STATE GRANGE ADOPTS out December 1 when Thomas got drunk and talked "too much." Police and detectives were on their trail for

evidence. vember 12 when they broke into a week. home and stole two revolvers.

They planned to rob a bank at Laceyville, Wyoming county, but changed their minds when they learned a police sub-station was nearby. They were on their way to Mill Hall in an auto when police picked them up.

GRADE SCHOOLS PRESENT

The grade school Christmas ta, "Santa Changes His Mind," will be presented in the high school auditorium to-night (Thursday) at 8 o'clock under the direction of the grade school teachers and Donald Shope. The cantata depicts two modern families who learn to celebrate Christ-

mas in the old-fashioned way. Gleria Brooks has been cast as Miss Priscilla, because of the illness of Jean Bartholomew, originally cast in the part.

No admission will be charged, bu a silver offering will be collected.

HUNTERS URGE TO FILE

REPORTS ON GAME RECORDS Hunters who wish to co-operate with the State Game Commission and save themselves trouble and embarrassment or possibly even a \$2 pen- Hosterman, Kirkpatrick and Keener alty should send in their 1939 game-

kill report immediately. ers voluntarily returned their report stubs to the commission, but game officials anticipate an even higher percentage this year.

reports before mailing them, and to be at the home of Mrs. Chester Sypker sure to compare the number on the Wednesday evening of last week. report with the number on their li- program was in charge of Mrs. Kirkcense. If they are not exactly alike, Foreign Subject was discussed by the number on the report should be Mrs. Lovan Smith and the National correted to agree with the number on Subject was in charge of Miss Mary the license, The game-kill tabulation Delinda Potter. is based entirely on license numbers and unless the report is identical with ter, Mrs. J. A. Heckman, Miss Marthat on the license, the hunter might tha Boal, Mrs. George Benner, Mrs. not receive credit for having filed his Lovan Smith, Mrs. Spyker, Jane

Although game-kill reports may be filed on or before Jan. 15, commission officials urge that they be sent in im- with toys and clothing for a Colored mediately after deer season, Decem- School at Ridgway, S. C. ber 15, so that the tabulation of the After the program and packing of kill may be started without delay.

TO MY FRIENDS WHO EXPRESSED INTEREST IN MY RECOVERY OF HEALTH AND CONTRIBUT.

ture date at the Lewistown hospital. To at this time acknowledge each the sincere expressions of gratefulness

column is used. addition to the many expres s in printed, written and verbal felter is not responsible for any part shed before Christmas. form there were many subtantial con-tributions to my comfort and welfare

these paragraphs in particular and to law and will in all probability be tak- by the company in payment for milk hem of Judea. all mankind is a Merry Christmas and en to account. No action was taken delivered in November. a Happy New Year, together with by the Bradfords against any member prosperous seasons in the approaching out se 'sours 'dno.13 Possnoon out to year of 1940.

S. W. SMITH member put it, "It was only a deer."

ALUMNI ANNOUNCES DINNER DANCE FOR DECEMBER 28

The annual Alumni Christmas dinner dance will be held Thursday, December 28, at 6.30 o'clock in the high school building, according to the chairman, Paul Fetterolf.

The ladies of the Reformed church istown have been engaged to furnish

Other committee members are: Miss Bertha Sharer, Miss Margaret Ross. er, Harold Bradford, and Kenneth This happy season of the year Frank.

A business meeting of the alumn association will be held before the banquet at six o'clock.

LOCAL SCHOOL REPRESENTED

Two members of the local high school faculty, J. F. Wetzel and James Myers, accompanied with Cur-And then, on Saturday, the police tis Watts of Gregg Township and ended the cat-and-mouse game by ar- Leroy Freeby of Harris Township, atresting three men in Scranton on a tended the Pennsylvania Interschocharge of planning to rob threebanks. lastic Association meeting for District Arraigned before an alderman two 6 in the Penn Alto hotel at Altoona

Ira Gross of Southmont was elected They were Frank A. Stewart, 25, president of the district, and John and Lewis Thomas, 39, former hea- Gramley and Curtis Watts were elected to membership on the board of

am, and he originated the idea to rob the maximum age for athletic competition from twenty to nineteen GRANGE FAIR ASSOCIATION years. This, however, will not go in-

NUMEROUS RESOLUTIONS

The resolutions included one endorsing the work of the Dies committee investigating un-American activities. The Grange refused to take a stand on the changed date for Thanksgiving.

CANTATA IN HIGH SCHOOL the use and growth of marihuana. Urged a constitutional amendme equiring payment of taxes as a qual-

ification for voting. for cause, with a plea that more authority be given local school boards. Advocated an 'amendment to the Wagner labor relations act so that agriculture may benefit by exemptions. Expressed fear individual liberty might be diminished under centralized zovernment.

Favored graduated income tax.

FOR WEEK OF PRAYER SERVICES

The Penns Valley Ministerium met at the home of Rev. Keener on Monlay morning and completed the ar- hunting season. rangements for the Week of Prayer Members present were: Revs. Miller, of Pine Grove Mills will represent the Last year 98 per cent of the hunt- Lutheran denomination of Centre Hall in the Week of Prayer services.

Missionary Society Meets

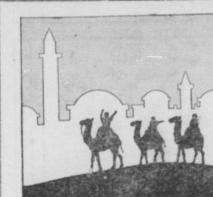
Hunters are asked to check their Presbyterian church was entertained the police, The

> Those present were Mrs. Harry Pot-Spyker, Glenwyn Goodhart, Grace Wible, Miss Mary Delinda Potter, Mrs. Clarence Blazer, and Mrs. Kirkpatrick. Two large boxes were packed and delicious refreshments served.

WE MADE A MISTAKE.

ED TO MY COMFORT WHILE and hereby make humble apology. time partially recovered and expect to carry if to camp. The article said a do so fully after the operation is clue led to the home of Fred Kline- MILK CHECKS TO COME completed at some undetermined fu- felter at Madisonburg, where the individual message received and give the roster of the group blamed for the the milk checks of Sheffield Farms, stealing contained the names of two payable on the 25th of each month I would wish to do, would take the Klinefelter boys, but neither one was in accordance with the Federal-State form of a real burden, therefore this Fred. The story is correct insofar as milk marketing order, would be dated Zipporah ("little bird")—the daugh-

that I will never be able to repay in the deer as having been killed by would be in the mail before then. Time: the date of ening Christian Era. wish to those referred to in him. For this he is responsible to the Nearly 10,000 checks will be signed Place: In the vicinity of



Our hearts should all be filled with

cheer, For unto us a Child is born So praise His name this Christmas morn.

So poor and humble, meek and mild; With not a place to lay His head,-A lowly manger was His bed.

The shepherds watching flocks by night Saw hosts of angels shining bright, Singing glory, peace on earth, good

While praises rang o'er Judea's hill.

an angel told them where to find, (And the the road was rough and wild) To Bethlehem they went that night

SPENDS \$5,000.00 TO

With visions of that glorious sight.

ENCLOSE FAIR GROUNDS A permanent improvement practic-The Pennsylvania State Grange ad- Association is the enclosing of their largest ever staged in the community. vocated payment by the State of dam- fair grounds at Centre Hall by an 8- The competition will indeed be a Miller. making any arrest until they obtained age done to farms by deer and bear foot Armco iron fence, manufactured close one and very difficult to judge at the closing session of its annual by the Page Steel and Wire company. The prize awards-now on display at the closing session of its annual by the rage tributed at the Reporter office, continue to gates at the main entrance remains attract many passers and to in-

ous to the main fair grounds.

sible hertofore owing to the "holes" to be found around the improvement.

CENTRE COUNTY HUNTER KILLED ON LAST DAY

LOCAL MINISTERIUM ARRANGES son when Noah Hahn, aged 43 years,

State police said Hahn was killed first sign of darkness. about 3 o'clock Friday afternoon--two hours before the deer season STATE COLLEGE MAN Rev. Fisher of the Lutheran church closed-in the Centre county hunting area at nearby Seven Mile Run.

heard a bullet whiz by, then turned and saw his father fall. The sons ran

Start Soon.

ng plant at Jersey Shore is expected brothers and sisters. to get under way in the very near future. An official of the Central Pennsylvania Soy Bean Co-operative, Inc., said additional machinery arrived on present time. Processing of about 50,000 bushels holiday season.

by the plant.

Alumni Nominations Slated

the boxes a social time was enjoyed Centre Hall-Potter alumni association the peoples of other countries now papers nominating independent candihas selected these nominees to be vot- engaged in destruction. ed upon at the business meeting before the banquet, Thursday, Decem- Christmas Play in Union Church at ber 28, at six o'clock: president, Eug-We admit we "done" him wrong, ene Burkholder and Bertha Sharer; vice-president, Ralph Arney and Don- The young men's and the young lad-Two weeks ago in a story about the ald Coldron; secretary, Elizabeth Bar- ies' classes of Emanuel's Union Suntealing of a deer killed by a member tholomew and Mrs. John Wert, Jr.; day school at Tusseyville will render of the Bradford party of Centre Hall, treasurer, Harold Bradford and Mrs. the Christmas play, "On the Road to primary election.

IN TIME FOR CHRISTMAS head and hide were found. Our in- L. A. Van Bomel, persident of Shefformant told us a "story." Truth is field Farms Co., Inc., announced that the theft occurred, and that the head and mailed in time to reach farm ter of Abdel-Helen Neff. and hide were found, but Fred Kline- homes throughout the New York milk-

Mr. Van Bomel said the checks

No paper next week.

Mrs. W. J. Hackenberg,

They found Him in a manger bed, In swaddling clothes, as angels said; And with His mother worshipped there

With haloes 'round their heads so fair, And soon the wise men saw a star

That brightly shone in heaven afar, Which led them on and on their way, 'Till it stood o'er where Jesus lay.

They brought Him gifts, these men of old. Of frankincense and myrrh and gold; And like the shepherds, too knelt down

And worshipped Him with hallowed crown. So laud His name and praises sing,

He came to earth great peace to bring; And when the story you've been told Just turn to Him-'twill ne'er grow

old.

CHRISTMAS LIGHTING DECORATORS BUSY: MANY PERSONS VIEW PRIZES

This year's Christmas Lighting and ally completed by the Grange Fair Decorating Contest promises to be the The fence encloses sixty of the seventy acres of the fair gounds. The These awards consist of: First prize, other ten acres is a field lying contigu- I. E. S. 6-way Floor 3-candle lamp; Several years ago the east side of lamp; third, I. E. S., end table win-just as a larger one could. For other valley commi example, an effectively lighted door-

or small, simple or elaborate. you eligible as a contestant. Simply of Ernest Wagner, Scoutmaster; the pounds, while the Reed deer OF THE DEER SEASON light up and your premises will at Rev. D. R. Keener, J. F. Wetzel, F. once be given every consideration. V. Goodhart, W W. Kerlin, and Dan-A Centre county hunter was killed Be sure to have your outdoor dis- iel Daup. in the closing hours of the buck sea- play lighting turned on during the a Snow Shoe coal miner, was struck apparently from a straw hullet thus apparently from a stray bullet, thus raising to 18 the number who lost the other of these evenings all distheir lives in Pennsylvania's 1939 plays that are in the contest. And be Orphans' Home at Loysville announcsure to turn on the lights with the ed bequests totaling \$17,300.

FOUND DEAD IN CAR

The miner had been hunting with Friday morning, Hugh F. Etters, POLITICAL CALENDAR wo sons. One of them told police he borough councilman-elect of State College, was found dead in his car park-The Missionary society of the local for aid and reported the shooting to ed a few minutes previous to the North Atherton street.

years of age and is survived by his petitions for the primary election. Women's Club which sponsored the Operations of the soy bean process- wife and two children, and several Other important dates are:

NO PAPER NEXT WEEK

Following its custom of long stand-Wednesday and is being set up at the ing, the Reporter will not be assued papers. next week, which is the Christmas

of Lycoming county and vicinity Our wish is that all may enjoy the grown soybeans is to be undertaken happiest of Christmases, and that the Year 1940 may find you and your loved ones enjoying the blessings of peace, and that somehow during the pittsburgh and Scranton, The nominating committee of the year the same blessings may come to

Tusseyville

Abdiel, Paul and Aba, shepherds of candidates nominated at the Spring though having reached the age of Wm. Dashem, Paul Lingle and William Rimmey.

Gaspar (Greek)-Lynn Breon. Melchoir (Hindu)-Robert Rimmey Balthasar (Egyptian) - John Wit-

Angel, bearer of "good tidings

great joy"-Lois Rimmey. Chorus (unseen) for singing carols. A youth from Centre Hall tagged would be dated December 22nd and Time: the date of the Nativity, op-

> Remember, it's Merry Christmas, and treasurers of political committees not Merry Xmas.

CHOIR OF FORTY VOICES SINGS IN BELLEFONTE MONDAY NIGHT

Centre Hall's program of Christmas music broadcast through the Bellefonte amplifying system, was given in the St. Johns Lutheran church Monday night, with approximately forts singers participating.

The program opened with Joy to the World, and Angels from the Rebersburg, Pa. Realms of Glory, by the chorus. Then Donald Shope, baritone and director of the choir, sang Birthday of a King. The second choral goup included Lay. This was followed by a duet, membership drive. The Coventry Carol, by Mrs. J. F. Wetzel and Mrs. William Campbell. Mrs. D. R. Keener, accompanist,

> gan solo just before a brief talk by the Rev. Ivan Miller. A request number, an organ solo by Mrs. Keener, The Old Refrain, fol- urday.

played Beautiful Rosemary as an or

lowed. sung by the full chorus with Mrs. Strohmeler in Centre Hall. Campbell as soloist in the former

WEEK OF PRAYER SERVICES

number.

The Community Week of Prayer services will be held in the Methodist hurch in Centre Hall, January 1 to 5, 1940. The general theme this year is "Abundant Living Today." Each minister will preach on the general theme on Sunday in his own church and on the following schedule and Lewistown City hospital, called on S. theme during the week:

Monday-"Alive to Church"-Rev. well pleased with his condition. W. K. Hosterman. Tuesday-"Alive to Self"-Rev. J.

M. Kirkpatrick. Wednesday-"Alive to Man"-Rev. D. R. Keener. Thursday-"Alive to Our Times"

Robert Hamilton, in Syracuse, N. Y. Rev. Fisher. Friday-"Alive to God"-Rev. I. L.

The public is invited.

BOY SCOUT COMMITTEES PLAN

COUNCIL FOR PENNS VALLEY For the purpose of organizing Boy Scout Council in Penns Valley second prize, I. E. S. Junior floor the local committee from Centre Hall and Millheim met with Kenwood the rectangular plot of ground was lamp. Their retail value totals \$51.00. Woody, Scout Executive of the Juni-Other resolutions adopted:

Advocated an increase in the amount, now two cents an acre, the State pays to districts for State-owned land in those districts.

Several years ago the east side of lamp, their retail value totals \$51.00. He fair retail value totals \$51.00. Every person desiring to enter the land on the grave of he suggested councily to late husband. Mr. Stahl, and also the suggested councily will have an opportunity to late husband. Mr. Stahl, and also the suggested council the rectangular plot of ground was lamp. Their retail value totals \$51.00. Every person desiring to enter the late husband. Mr. Stahl, and also the suggested council to friends and relatives. Urged "strong measures" to control ance of a 100 per cent collection of the basis of beauty, rather than on courage the organization of Scout admission fees during fair week, which elaborateness. A small display may troops in Spring Mills, Rebersburg and

An executive inward extension at the top which way, tree, hedge fence or porch may from members present included: the hibiting dismissal of teachers except defies any attempt at climbing over. win out over a decorating job that Rev. O. E. Feeman, president; the defies any attempt at climbing over. win out over a decorating job that The association is said to have exist of so quickly and well done. Full pended practically \$5,000.00 on the consideration will be given to every the Rev. Ivan Miller, organization of Friday, Bob Wetzel of town and Howdisplay that is entered, whether large troops; J. F. Wetzel. commissioner; and John Duck, publicity.

\$17,300 IN BEQUESTS FOR TRESSLER ORPHANS' HOME

Officials of the Tressler Lutheran These were made under the wills of Mrs. Harriet Lederer, Baltimore, \$15,-000; George Ebner, Harrisburg, \$300; and Gertrude I. Motter, York, \$2,000.

The 1940 election calendar was announced this week by the State Bureau of Election in Harrisburg. The finding of his body near his office on political season opens officially on added to the Red Cross, the Rev. J. February 3, which is the first day for M. Kirkpatrick and the Clover Club. Soybean Flant at Jersey Shore to He had not been ill. He was 48 circulation of candidates' nominating

> Feb. 22-Last day an elector may move from one election district to anat the primary election. Mar. 4-Last day to file nomination

Mar. 9-Last day to withdraw nomections to nominating petitions. fore the primary election.

Apr. 3-Last day to file nomination at once.

Apr 23-Primary election. Polls will. ta 8 p. m. Primary election.

Sept. 2-Last day for withdrawal station agent at Centre Hall, al-

watching their flocks by night-John primaries or by nomination papers. three score years and ten, plus five Sept. 4—Last day an elector may more, found delight in his favorite move from one election district to another in order to be eligible to vote past time, deer hunting, which he Sept. 16-Last day to file substitut- recently closed season. Mr. Bradford is at the general election.

> didates nominated at the primary deer slaying. election. ourgh and Scranton. Oct 21-Last day to change enroll-

Scranton. Nov. 5-General election. Polls open ontinuously from 7 a. m to 8 p.m. Dec. 5-Last day for candidates

o file expense accounts. Dec. 6-First day to register after the general election.

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS

Jack Kirkpatrick spent the week end with his friend, John Henry, of Martha.

The Clover Club at its last meeting The Babe in the Bethlehem Manger made a contribution to the hospital

Jean Bartholomew has been in bed for the past week with a head infection, but is improving nicely. Perry R. Decker of Spring Mills, R.

D., who does a general hauling business, was a Reporter caller on Sat-

M. T. Duck, the Spring Mills paint-The program closed with O Holy er, is doing exterior and interior Night, and O Come All Ye Faithful, painting on the home of Mrs. Celesta

The condition of Mrs. Richard Brooks has improved considerably since her admission to the Centre County hospital, last week. George Alfred Crawford is helping out in the rush incident to the

Christmas mailing in the local post office Dr. Cassidy, chief surgeon at the W. Smith, last Thursday, and was

Mrs. Mary Neff and daughters, Mrs. Samuel Grove and Mrs. E. W. Miller, visited over the week-end with another daughter of Mrs. Neff,

Ray D. Gilliland, an employe in the State Revenue Department, Harrisburg, stopped off at the Jacobs home, Saturday for dinner, and then proceeded to State College, his former home.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Slack of Centre Hall, Warren and Miss Lizzle Slack of Potters Mills attended the funeral of their cousin, Urah S. Zeigler, at Reedsville, on Monday. Mrs. Claude K. Stahl of Lancaster

came to Centre Hall on Friday to place a wreath on the grave of her late husband, Mr. Stahl, and also to Earl White, Master of Progress Grange. Centre Hall, Mrs. White, and Mr. and Mrs. Louis Biddle Gap grange, were among those who

attended the State Grange sessions at Chambersburg, last week. ard Reed of Potter township, each killed a buck in the Seven Mountains. There is nothing required to make The local Scout committee consists Bob's was a 10-point and weighed 155 WAS

much smaller in size. Private James Lyons, formerly of the Lewistown sub-station of the Pennsylvania Motor Police, was transferred last week to the Rockview barracks. Private Lyons replaces Pvt. Joseph Jordan, who has been transfer-

red to the Hollidaysburg barracks. To F. P. Geary goes the credit for the first outdoor Christmas lighting. The middle of last week he decorated the two very symmetrical pine trees to the front of his home with colored lights, which were not placed indis-FOR 1940 ANNOUNCED criminately, but to best advantage. This display is exceedingly pretty.

Two additional members have been Mrs. F. V. Goodhart, president of the man of the committee, wish to use this means of thanking the public for other in order to be eligible to vote its generosity ag well as the committee for efficient and prompt soliciting.

The local First National Bank has inaugurated a new Christmas Savings Club which is most modern. You can ination petitions. Last day to file ob- save 25 cents, 50 cents or \$1.00 a week, as you prefer, and at Christmas Mar. 23-Last day to register be- time receive your check in a sizeable amount which will aid greatly in Mar. 25-Last day to change party meeting those extra expenses which enrollment except in the cities of are bound to occur at this season. Ask about the plan at the local bank

Mrs. Anna A. King, widow of Geo. C. King of Spring Mills, closed her home in that place and has gone to be open continuously from 7 a. m. live with her brother, George R. Apr. 29-First day to register after Krape, in Johnstown, for a time at least, when she will care for him dur-May 13-Last day to contest the ing his recovery from an injury susnomination of any candidate at the tained when run down by an automobile on October 17. Mr. Krape this May 23-Last day for candidates week is leaving the hospital for the

W. Frank Bradford, former railroad ed nomination certificates to fill va- one of the original Bradford party. cancies caused by withdrawal of can- which has a distinguished record in

A vote taken by the congregation enrolment except in cities of Pitts- of the local Lutheran church, Sunday tend a call to Rev. Dr. Jacob Diehl ment in the cities of Pittsburgh and Lutheran charge, resulted in a negative ballot. Two of the five congregations comprising the charge will vote next Sunday. The Rev. Mr. Diehl has been supplying the charge for the past several months. He is a learned gentleman and delivers intelligent, forceful and easily understood sermons,

