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BUILDING BURNS AT COLLEGE

Chemistry Annex Totally Destroyed

Structure Housed Historic 'Bull Pen'; Loss Includes Valuable Equipment, Records, and Laboratory Reports

LOGAN PUMPER MAKES RECORD RUN ANSWERING CALL FOR AID

Destruction Adds to Acute Shortage of Classrooms; Building and Contents Covered by Insurance; Exploding Tanks Add to Fury of Blaze, Yesterday

Penn State's gloomy "Bull Pen," to see flames in the corridor. H. M. otherwise known as the Chemistry Sullivan, an assistant in physics, Annex, one of the poorest buildings noticed smoke in his basement office, on the college campus, is no more. | and he turned in an alarm.

The large concrete block and The Alpha Pire Company immediframe structure which since early ately pesponded, and found the in the present century has provided blaze in the Annex was beyond conclassrooms and laboratory space for trol. Firemen affectively prevented students. was destroyed shortly the spread of flames to the nearby after noon yesterday in one of the shingle roof of the physics buillidng. most disastrous fires in the central At intervals during the height of part of the county in many months. the blaze, tanks containing hydrogen

The giant amphitheatre in the and oxygen under high pressure excentral part of the building, in which ploded, shattering the concrete block several generations of students sat sidewalk and showering the area through lectures, and which gave with flaming debris. the building its colorful name, was reduced to ashes with the rest of the alarm system signaled a fire in the building as flames ate their way Locust Lane section, and one of the rapidly through the aged and tin- Alpha Fire Company's trucks was der-dry yellow pine interior.

Most of the loss in yesterday's fire to be false, however, and the truck cannot be measured in figures, for returned to the campus. During while the building was originally this period, it was feared that the erected only for temporary use, and second fire might prove to be a disdid not represent a heavy invest- astrous one, and the Boalsburg and ment, it housed records and equip- Bellefonte Fire Departments were ment of incalculable value.

In it were some of the country's finest laboratory setups, including a high-pressure laboratory conducted The Logan squad left Bellefonte by R. B. Dow; Dr. Wheeler P. Davey's X-Ray equipment, and J. H. scene at 1.01 o'clock, making the Simon's physical chemistry labora- run from Bellefonte to tate College In addition many graduate in 16 minutes. The way was clearompletiong of experiments necessary for their degrees, saw months his son, James C. Bower, escorted and in some cases years of study the pumper on its record run.

and work go up in flames. The building itself is insured un- department found their services der a "blanket" policy carried by were not necessary, but they stood the College. Authorities claimed by until all danger had passed. the loss of the building will be most | Among the property and equip keenly felt not because of its actual ment destroyed were: the sophoworth, but because of the acute more physics laboratory and all the shortage of classrooms and labora- equipment; preparation rooms;

tory facilities at the college. The blaze was discovered shortly chemical glass, and \$5,000 worth of after 12 o'clock yesterday almost laboratory glassware; the chemical simultaneously by two persons in museum of Dean Pond, collected the building at the time. Benjamin over a period of 50 years and of in-Weaver, a lecturer's assistant, was estimable value; and extensive files seated in an office when he heard with which Dr. Davey kept in touch an explosion and ran into a hallway

HOLIDAY SEASON

MARKS JOYOUS

Elderly Centre County Cou-

At Family Gatherings

son, Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Lee

Among Honored Couples

versary of their wedding day.

Alfred Robert Lee, son of

Form Partnership



JUDGE M. WARD FLEMING



WILLIAM T. LITKE, ESQ.

John J. Bower, who accompanied by Arriving at the College, the local

class rooms; storage space for

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Judge of Centre County, and to vation to the bench ten years ago, Judge M. Ward Fleming, who will Judge Fleming had a wide and successful law practice in Philipsburg.

bers of the Centre County bar, beland Hotel, and every member of the came widely known throughout the Gladys Baylett, ten-year-old daughcounty through his association with ter of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Baylett of Senator Thompson in the practice of East Logan Street. After a stub Both members of the new firm for each of the 87 awards had been are well founded in the laws of the drawn, an auxiliary set of stubs was with W. Harrison Walker, of land, and their partnership should drawn to go into effect in case winprove to be a most successful one.

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

Monday brought a major milestone in the life of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Robert Lee, of Boalsburg, marking as it did the fiftleth anniand Mary Lee, was born in Colyer, tre Hall. Roy Jamison, and for Phil-Potter township, January 30, 1865. ipsburg, Roy Rowles. Mrs. Lee was Miss Sara Elizabeth

Smeltzer, daughter of John and Hannah Smeltzer, and was born at Potters Mills, Potter township, Feb- be held at Hecla Park on Friday ruary 17, 1869. They were married evening, January 28. Committee December 27, 1887, at Potters Mills members will be named by the vari-Rev. J. M. King, Evangelical

Ivan Walker to Become County Judge, Monday

Centre County to bestow upon one stenographer.
of their fellow citizens.

It is expect

The ceremony will be held in the Court Room at 12 o'clock noon, Monday, January 2. in the presence of members of the County Bar Association and the public. At the same time, District Attorney Elect Musser W. Gettig will receive his oath of office.

It is expected that some major changes will be embodied in the changes will be embodied in the changes of the country Bar Association and Parole offices, and in the office of Costs Clerk, but the Judge-Elect has given no indication as to the nature of the changes at this time.

Monday's ceremony will public.

A highlight of the ceremony will public.

JUDGE-ELECT and JUDGE GUESTS OF COUNTY BAR

During the fire the college fire

sent to the scene. The alarm proved

asked for aid. The Boalsburg pump-

er, and the Logan's Buffalo pumper

at 12:45 o'clock and reached the

were sent to the scene.

The Centre County Bar Association last night tendered a testimonial dinner to Judge-Elect Ivan Walkretire from the Bench when Mr. Walker is inducted into office.

ples Observe Wedding Dates The dinner was held at the Mark-Centre County Bar, w'h the exception of one, was present. No formal addresses were made, the meeting ALL HAVE BEEN WEDDED being in the nature of a get-togeth-FIFTY YEARS OR MORE er. Bellefonte, acting as master of cer-Mr. and Mrs. George Steven-

NAMED CHAIRMEN OF

Announcement was made yesterday of the appoinment of chairmen of committees for the Centre County celebration of the President's birthday. The chairmen are: for Bellefonte Cecil A. Walker; for Cen-

The Bellefonte celebration will be in the form of a dance, which will ous chairmen within the next week

A fitting program of ceremonies be the announcement by Judge is being prepared for the induction Elect Walker of his appointments to of Judge-Elect Ivan Walker, of Bellefonte, into the highest office Costs Clerk. Juvenile Office, court within the province of the people of crier, tipstaves, and the Judge's

It is expected that some major





Judge Fleming and William T. Litke Will Have Offices in Decker Building

firm, beginning January 4, for on that date Judge M. Ward Fleming. Bellefonte, retiring president Judge of the courts of Centre County and William T. Litke former law partner of Senator Edward Jackson Thompson, at Philipsburg, will open offices in the Decker garage building at the corner of High and Spring Streets, in rooms now occupied by the State Highway Department of-

ANNIVERSARIES al dinner to Judge-Elect Ivan Walk- The new firm will be known as eve in the Plaze theatre, with a winning coupons are requested to er. who on Monday will become Fleming & Litke. Before his ele-Mr. Litke, one of the newer mem-

ROCKVIEW HEAD ADDRESSES CLUB

Dr. J. W. Claudy Discusses Phases in Life of Average Criminal

Dr. J. W. Claudy spoke before the uary 4, all stores and business places members of the Beliefonte Kiwanis in Beliefonte will resume the half-Club at the meeting Tuesday on holiday every Wednesday afternoon "The Rehabilitation of the Crimin- This notice is authorized by the Real." During the past six months, the tail Division, Chamber of Comspeaker stated, there has been an merce, Bellefonte. ncrease in crime among young men of from 24 to 27 years of age. This RELD FOR COURT ON CHARGES. is a rather foreboding situation because their age is such that they ought to have a constructive view of life and should be looking seriously to a life of usefulness in society.

Over against this, as an encourag- Thursday night. He pleaded guilty ing feature, is the fact that the to the charge before Squire F. S. glamour of crime, the feeling that it Hile of Pleasant Gap on Friday. is a life of adventure and romance are being dissipated. Four or five sisted Officer M. L. Kauffman, who ors and stockholders, They present-had gone to South Allen street to ed their argument after three cred-

PROVE WPA PROJECT FOR control of that vicinity. He was the Federal court to act in the matfinally subdued by the officer's ter.

Willard Case, until several weeks APPROVE WPA PROJECT FOR

of a State College physician. Congressman Gingery has been notified that the President has ap-

AS 1938 BEGINS

In a few days the year, 1937, will end and we will enter upon a New Year, known under our present calendar as 1938.

We naturally look upon the first day of a New Year as an event of importance, because of the feeling that we are turning a new page in our existence. The emotion, of course, is largely psychological; nevertheless it is well that we possess this common tendency to be able to look ahead, to take stock of the past and plan wisely for the future.

Naturally, we think there moves in every being, a wish for improvement. If wishes sufficed we would be better by far than we are, but it is necessary that we do much more than wish for advances. We must resolutely point our personal course toward the desired goal and, with determination, fight to make our wishes come true.

Frankly, we think Centre County is a pretty good place in which to live. We think it has as good a set of people as will be found anywhere. But there is no doubt a desire among us for progressive improvement, and the beginning of a New Year, therefore, gives us a time to stop and reflect, to think and plan, and an occasion to make a start along a desired course.

So, as we stand by, about ready for the New Year, the Centre Democrat extends greetings and good wishes to its readers, with the hope that every one of them will be able, a year from this day, to look back and recognize distinct advances in personal development. Surely this is one activity of men and women that finds us without envy and one effort that carries with it the hearty good wishes of all our loyal

Labor Board to Conduct Hearing Here January 20

In an interview by telephone yes- was learned that the proceedings terday afternoon with Robert H. are expected to last "three or four Kleeb, of Pittsburgh, regional atter- cays." ney for the Nat'l Layor Relations If plans for the hearing mature. Board. The Centre Democrat was next month's court action will be informed that the Board plans to second one of its hind held in in the Court Bellefonte since the est

Scores Claim Awards

Division of the Beliefonte Chamber \$25; five \$10; six 5, and twenty

filed by the NLRB against an Osce- fair labor practices its complaint, which is expected to this case. Mr. Kleeb became widely be done in the near future, he said. known throughout the Bellefonte

Bellefonte is to have a new law the Labor Relations Board at the capacity as he expects to act in the hearing, and from other sources it forthcoming hearing.

Coupon stubs from all participat-

ners on the first list do not claim

their awards. The second list will

Late yesterday afternoon a total

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

Owing to Saturday being a holi-

day all retail stores in Bellefonte

will be closed all day. Food stores

in Bellefonte will remain open Fri-

day night so that purchases for the

two-day holiday can be made dur-

Beginning with Wednesday, Jan-

OF RESISTING OFFICER

Boyd Johnson of Port Matilda is

under \$225 bail on charges of resist-

ing an officer in State College last

go into effect January 16.

ing the evening

were drawn out, one by one, by them

vising the drawing.

House, Bellefonte, beginning Thurs- of the National Labor Relations Board. According to Mr. Kleeb, the hear- Last June the NLRB conducted a ng will be held on complaints to be lengthy hearing on charges of unola Mills concern, but he declined against the Titan Metal Manufacto further identify the industry or turing Company. Beliefonte. To reveal the nature of the complaint, date only the preliminary report of until the Board has formally filed the Board has been handed down in Mr. Kleeb stated that he expects area at the Titan hearing where he to be assigned to act as counsel for represented the Board in the same

won awards in the \$600 cash prize

sion of the Bellefonte Chamber of

Commerce, the addresses are Belle-

\$100 Award: Miss Pearl Miller, N.

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Company Contends Reorgan-

ization Under Bankruptcy

Laws Would be Harmful

fonte, unless otherwise shown:

FILE BRIEFS IN

Allegheny Street.

bankruptcy act.

Highway Department to Complete Important Stretch Drawing for the \$600 in cash of 50 of the 87 awards had been awards given away by the Retail claimed. Unclaimed are a \$50; two East of Jacksonville

Construction of the "Missing of Commerce was held Christmas three \$2, awards. Persons having ink" on the Jacksonville road will eve in the Plaze theatre, with a winning coupons are requested to gin as soon as the weather permits next spring, it became known here merce offices on the second floor of sterday when the State Highway the Logan Hose House. East Howard epartment advertised for bids for ing stores were mixed together in a Street, where Karl E Kusse, secre-

> The "Missing Link" consists of a ection nearly three miles in length beginning a short distance east of Jacksonville and extending eastwardly across the Centre-Clinton fund sponsored by the Retail Diviunty line. The Bellefonte and inton county ends of the road were built several years ago, and the unfinished portion has been a hazard

> > The completion of the link will give motorists a shorter and improved road between Bellefonte the Lock Haven area. Bids for the 13.791 linear feet of road will be reorived by the State Highway De-partment until 10 o'clock a. m.,

The unfinished portion will be of the same type of construction as the was sold to Charles E. Freeman of sections which have been completed Philipsburg for \$45,500. namely of native stone base with a bituminous surface. It will be 14 plans so far as the future of the feet in width, in conformity with the building is concerned, portion already completed.

Federal Judge Albert L. Watson, of Scranton, Tuesday received briefs from counsel for the Chemical Lime company of Bellefonte, and for College, was driving between Potters hree creditors of the corporation Mills and State College, Tuesday sking to have it reorganized un- morning, a large doe ran out on the der section 77-B of the Federal highway in front of his car, and was struck and instantly killed by the machine. When efforts to con-The filing of the briefs was ordered by Judge Watson last Wednes- tact game officers failed, the State Motor Police in Bellefonte were noday morning after a hearing in which the company contended that reorganization under 77-B would be tified. Lt. Harry Edie and Patrolman G. L. Finkbeiner went to the scene and brought the carcass to best business blocks originally cost Bellefonte. Later it was given to charity. The accident happened about midway between State College investigate several complaints from itors of the company had petitioned and Potters Mills.

College Twp. Fire Protect's Meeting and a barber shop. Offices comprise the taxpayers of College Township are asked to meet in the Lemont School House, Friday evening.

State State, four builer store fooms and Worth townships, and Philipsburg borough.

Friday, 9:30 a. m. to 12 noon. at State College, for Half Moon, Patmont School House, Friday evening. ago president of the Chemical Lime Truck Driver Breaks Arm proved the following project in Centre county:

An allotment in the sum of \$4.676.60 to improve the school grounds in Coburn, by excavating, filling, grading, cleaning and sloping drainage ditch; transplanting trees; and gedich; transplanting trees; and gedich; transplanting trees; and gedich; transplanting trees; and gedich; transplanting incidental and appurtners of the State Highway as a manufacture of the state Highway of the deed in court that the concern has assets substantially greater than indebted as an auditorium.

Company, appeared on the wines stand to testify as to the company's financial status.

Dec. 31, to discuss arrangements for protection against fire on buildings and other property, during the year substantially greater than indebted accident happened at Snow Shoe, where the performing incidental and appurtners and college borough.

The Bellefonte office will serve the substantially greater than indebted and comformed by the college Boro Dec. 31, to discuss arrangements for protection against fire on buildings and other property, during the year substantially greater than indebted and comformed by the college Boro Dec. 31, to discuss arrangements for protection against fire on buildings and other property, during the year that the concern has assets substantially greater than indebted and comformed by the college Boro Dec. 31, to discuss arrangements for protection against fire on buildings and other property, during the year than the concern has assets substantially greater than indebted in court that the concern has assets with the concern has assets the township after Jan. 3rd. Under terms of the sale, the purchase paid \$5.000 down, the balance and other property, during the year than college Boro Dec. 31, to discuss arrangements for Under terms of the sale, the purchase paid \$5.000 down, the balance and other property during the year than college Boro Dec. 31, to discuss arrangements for Under terms of the sale, the purchase paid \$5.000 down, the balance and oth Company, appeared on the witness stand to testify as to the company's

REGRETS DELAY IN RESTORING BENNER HOME

Col. Shoemaker, in Daily Col- 410 KIDDIES GET TOYS umn, Scores 'Red Tape' Official Confusion'

PAINTS COLORFUL VIEW OF HISTORIC PROPERTY

Predicts Complete Destruction of Mansion Unless Action is Soon Taken

"Centre County and Central its grandest historic shrine—the Benner homestead-go to sticks for respective schools. the sake of red tape, bureaucracy and official confusion," writes Col. Henry W. Shoemaker, State Archivist and historian, in his daily column "This Morning's Comment," in the Altoona Tribune.

The article, one of the most interesting yet published in connection with the proposed restoration of the old mansion along Spring Creek, (Continued on page alx)

SPEEDERS FACE

State Will Enforce 90-Day Permit Suspension Beginning Friday Night

Strategy of Pennsylvania's campaign for highway safety was revised this week from a program of public education to one of severe Gov. George H. Earle that all driv- for next spring's planting. ers convicted of violating the 50censes for 90 days.

Terming his drastic move able," Governor Earle set Friday midnight as the effective date for his suspension order.

"Few persons realize the honor of mounting automobile casualty lists in the state and nation." Earle said 'During the past year approximate ly 2.700 persons have been killed (Continued on page four)

NEW ROAD WILL SUPPLY 'LINK'

large piece of canvas and the stubs tary of the Chamber, will redeem

to motorists for the past two years when construction ceased.

lanuary 14.

While David Nearhood of State

Port Matilda Man Is Killed by Car

The collection and repairing of toys for needy children by a number of agencies for distribution by the Y. M. C. A. reached a new high mark last week when a total of 410 names were listed, and each one

received some gifts. The Junior Red Cross of the Bishop and Spring Street schools contributed a goodly number of toys. while a large number were delivered to the Y, and repaired there under the direction of Ralph Meyers. Mr. Pennsylvania can ill afford to let Hayes and Mr. Menold of the public schools directed the work in their almost instantly killed about 12:45

> An exceptionally fine lot of toys were made and presented by the Eagle Valley highway girls of the Senior Tri-Hi-Y Club west of Port Matilda. under the leadershipp of Mrs. E. S. gee, Mrs. Maloy and Mrs. Heinelecting, sorting and packing the toys. Contributions were received from the following: A. L. Francis, cash donation; A. & P. Store, Guy Baughman, Mgr., 50 lbs. candy; A. & P. Store, Grover Corman Mgr., 25 lbs. candy.

POTATO GROWERS TO

Charles H. Campbell, president of the Centre County Potato Growers' Association, announces that the annual meeting of the organization will be held in the Court House at Bellefonte on Tuesday of next week, January 4 at 1:30 p. m.

Potato growers from all parts of Centre county will be interested in BURGESS HARRIS enforcement of the motor laws as consist largely of a discussion on sethe announcement went out from curing disease free seed potatoes

According to president Campbell. mile speed limit will lose their li- potato growers in Centre county during the past year have been ony justified, but wholly unavoid- had infection of late blight which in many cases has rendered the crop

There are many problems rising relative to production of quality potatoes, Mr. O. D. Burke, Plant Pathologist of the Pennsylvania State with any information available.

HOWARD WOMAN FETED ON 70TH ANNIVERSARY

Mrs. George Harter, of Howard, was guest of honor at a party held at her home, December 19, in honor of her 70th birthday. She received many useful gifts. Dinner was served at 12:30.

Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Harter, daughter Kathleen, Mr. and Mrs. Hoy Harter and family, of State College; Mr. and Mrs. Harry Smeltzer and daughter Sara, of Lock Haven; Mr. and Mrs. Willard Harter and son Charles, of Jacksonville; Mr. and Mrs. Allen er to the Centre County Hospital Harter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Armstrong and family, of Zion; Mr. and Mrs. Glen Walizer, daughter Mary Kathryn and son Glen, Jr., of Bellefonte; Mrs. John Weber, Mrs. Alice Holter, and Mrs. Sancta Dorman, of Howard.

FREEMAN BUYS BANK BUILDING

Business Block in Philipsburg Brings \$45,500 at Public Sale Last Week

Moshannon National Bank building Mr. Freeman did not disclose

The sale was conducted by Thompson and Baird attorneys for the receiver, James Kerr. Senator E. J. Thompson was in charge. The sale of the building was a step

in the process of liquidating the assets of the Moshannon National bank, closed on October 9, 1931. Under the receivership the bank has paid dividends of 72 per cent and it is expected that more dividends

\$115,000. It is a three-story building on a tract of land 120 feet by 90 Howard borough. On the first floor are the anking rooms, now occupied by the m. at Philipsburg, for Rush, Taylor tate store, four other store rooms and Worth townships, and Philips

S. S. Osman, Well Known Fu-FROM LOCAL AGENCIES | neral Director, Struck While Walking Along Road

IN BURNHAM FATALITY

Ice on Roads Creates Hazard for Holiday Traffic; Many Accidents Reported

Samuel Stevens Osman, prominent resident of Port Matilda, was o'clock Sunday afternoon when he was struck by a ear along the Bald Eagle Valley highway about a mile

The driver of the car, Ernest H Maloy and Miss Roissina. Mrs. Ma- Englehart, of Johnstown, principal of the Muncy schools, was exoneratman worked for nearly four days se- ed of all blame and criminal negligence in connection with the accident by a Coroner's jury which met under the direction of Coroner W. Heaton, of Philipsburg, in the Osman funeral home, Port Matilda, Sunday afternoon.

Death was attributed to a fractured skull, although Mr. Osman also suffered fractures of both legs, and cuts and bruises over the entire HOLD ANNUAL MEETING body. Death occurred a few minutes after the accident.

Mrs. Osman, testifying before the Coroner's jury stated that her husband decided to go for a walk after eating his dinner, intending to return shortly as he had planned to visit friends in Philipsburg during (Continued on page seven)

Town Official Injured After **Issuing Warning to Prevent** Such Accidents

Fate played an ironic prank on Hardman P. Harris, Burgess of Bellefonte, last week.

Several hours after he had re-College, will be present to assist leased a statement to the press asking motorists to travel "as slow as five miles per hour' through the business district to avoid striking pedestrians, Mayor Harris stepped rom the curb on North Allegheny Street, and was struck by a passing car. He was not seriously injured.

The driver of the car, Ira Vieh-

dorfer, of Snow Shoe, who was trav-

eling at a slow rate of speed, claimed he was blinded by the lights of an approaching car and did not see the pedestrian in time to stop Viehdorfer stopped his car within a few feet from where he had struck the Mayor, and assisted Chief of Police Harry Dukeman in taking him to a physician's office and lat-Surgeons at the hospital found

Mr. Harris to be suffering from a laceration of the lin, a laceration on the head, and shock. Upon their advice, the injured man remained in the hospital until yesterday when he had entirely recovered from the effects of shock. The accident happened in front of the Lintz store, opposite the State Motor Police headquarters on North Allegheny

EMPLOYMENT, COMPEN-SATION OFFICE TO OPEN

and employment office will be opened in the former postoffice building, North Spring Street, Bellefonte. Monday, January 2, it was announced yesterday by Albert Mingle, of Coburn, senior interviewer, who will be in charge of the

The office will be open regularly after Monday for registration for employment and for making applications for unemployment compen-

Mr. Mingle also announced the following weekly schedule, through which residents of various sections of the county may secure the services of the office without coming to The schedule is as follows: Every

Tuesday from 8:30 to 11:30 a. m. at Millheim. (rooms to be chosen later), for Gregg, Miles, Haines, Penn townships and Millheim borough. Every Tuesday at Howard from :30 to 3:30 p. m., for Liberty, Ourkin and Marion townships, and