SUBSCRIPTION-\$1.50 PER YEAR

2 DIE IN PHILIPSBURG TRAGEDY

Jealous Suitor Shoots Sweethearf and Self

Irene Johnson, 35-Year-Old Livorcee, Killed in Mother's Apartment By Walter Rolley-Victim's Life Had **Been Threatened Before**

Death struck twice in rapid succession at Philipsburg Saturday afternoon bringing horror and

With the statement: "I'll kill her," Walter Rolley, 40, of Chester Hill, fulfilled his threat when he shot and killed Irene Johnson, 35, his comely blonde sweetheart, in the Louis Finberg Apartments, Front Street, about 3:30 Saturday afternoon and then committed sui- the ghost.

from Rolley's body were evidences of the murder and suicide-two bullets for Irene Johnson and one for himself. Miss Johnson was shot in the stomach and the right forehead and one bullet, through the Write to Hickman Whittington right temple, spelled death for

The double tragedy was discovered by Robert Beasley, who roomed in the apartment rented by Allison, step-father Irene Johnson. Beasley finished his work at the Pioneer Tea Room and on returning to the apartment noticed Allison's dog was acting (Continued on page four)

RAILROAD GETS REFUND IN TAXES ALABAMAN INJURED ON

A Bellefonte firm got a tax refund in excess of \$500 from the Pederal government during the fis- never coasted before last Thursday cal year 1937, according to a re- night, and his first experience in

The list includes all tax refunds | Charlie arrived in Pleasant Gap ings. litigation before the voluntary on the part of the bur- the Southerner. eau resulting from errors made by taxpayers and discovered by the bureau's accountants.

firm to receive \$619.17 in income

232 Vacancies In **Cadet Pilot Corps**

Gingery Offers Aid to Local Men in Filing Applications For Army Posts

been informed by the War Depart- small concrete block building on ment that there are 232 vacancies North Potter Street, originally built to be filled for Cadet Pilots in the as a storage place for cement. U. S. Army Air Service.

Applicants must be single men betwen the ages of 21 and 26 with at least two years college educa-tion or pass an examination its equivalent. The physical examination is very rigid and the applicant must be in perfect condition.

Those accepted will be paid \$75 per month while in training, and following graduation will be assigned to active duty for two to five years in tactical units of the Air

to him at Room 1038, New House for the purpose being secured as Office Building, Washington D. C. needed.

Anybody Have a **Ghost They Want**

call on Hickman Whitting-

To Be Rid Of?

ton of Benton, Ill., to get rid of The 68-year-old farmer and coal Three empty shells and a .38 miner hasn't tried it yet, but he calibre Colt revolver lying two feet advertised in a Belleville, Ill., newsminer hasn't tried it yet, but he

> "Anyone having house that haunted or 'pested' so that no one can live in it, let me know. I will redeem it. It will cost you nothing. Benton, Ill."

Whittington said he had found a Biblical text that will drive out any ghost that ever mouned or rattled a chain. He will put it to a test as soon as he receives an answer to his advertisement.

He said he would enter the haunted house alone and sit there in darkness until the ghost arrived. Then he would recite the Biblical text, driving the ghost from the place at once.

1ST COASTING EXPEDITION

Charles Boch, of Alabama, had

United flying instruction from Pilot Hen-

He and Irvin Shoemaker were on Refunds under \$500 were not sled struck a tree, throwing both the violation with which the men The Bellefonte Central men some distance. The Alabaman were charged was a summary con-Railroad Company, of 12 North sustained severe lacerations and Spring Street, was the Bellefonte bruises about the face and head. while Shoemaker received injuries

about the chest and shoulder. Both victims were brought to the Centre County Hospital for xray examinations and treatment and both are reported to be recov-

County Purchases Storage Building

The Centre County Commissioners this week purchased from the Oingressman Don Gingery has Potter-Hoy Hardware estate the Several years ago the building was remodeled and has been in use since then as a dry cleaning establishment. The consideration involved in the transaction Was

\$1200. There are two rooms in the builda voting place for the West Ward ultra conservative and has of Bellefonte Borough. The rear room will be used to store the ballot boxes from the county's 64 election precincts. Under the new election code all ballot boxes must be Service with the pay of flying lieu- brought to the County seat and stored. Formerly persons in each Congressman Gingery will be election district were designated to riad to have applications sent to take care of election boxes between any young men of the 23rd Con- elections. In the past few years nal District who can qualify. West Ward voters had no regular if he will address a communication polling place, vacant store rooms

Photo, Slogan Contests Begun By Local C. of C.

ed by the publicity committee of the Chamber of Commerce expects the Bellefonte Chamber of Comto select nearly a score for use in Father and Son banquet has bemerce in connection with the dethe advertising folder, while other scriptive folder being prepared to photos may be reserved for future pacity of the "Y" to the limit.

A eash award of \$5.00 is being posed of Jesse H. Caum, chairman; offered for the best slogan submit-Dr. E. H. Adams, W. J. Emerick, ted for use on the folder as well Paul Hartsock and S. H. Poorman,

coming week have an opportunity taken in Centre County. From to share in cash prizes being offer- photos submitted in this contest,

The Publicity Committee, com-

Mayor Gives 'Shoot to Kill' Order In War Against Dogs

Mayor Hardman P. Harris yesterday announced that Bellefonte polwill be given this terse order tonight in a final effort to rid Bellefonte of its roving packs of dogs.

In an interview with newspapernen yesterday afternoon the Mayor declared that Council has passed laws to regulate dogs; that a dog pound was established and that a dog catcher was employed-but that all these measures have failed to keep dogs from running at large as they please, making the days and nights hideous with their barking growling and yaping, and turning expensive shrubbery and gardens into shambles with their depreda-

So, beginning tomorrow morning Borough police who find they are unable to catch dogs found running at large, are to be authorized to shoot the animals. The order is to affect licensed and unlicensed dogs alike, the Mayor said.

Judging from widespread complaints received at this office during the past several weeks, the Mayor order promises to be as popular with a majority of the town's citizens as it will be unpopular among the of-

Walker Files 1st Formal Opinion

Judge Covers Three Points in Ruling on Four Charged With Hunting Violations

The first formal opinion filed by Judge Ivan Walker was placed on record this week in the Prothonotary's office, in the matter of the Commonwealth vs. Howard Miller, Ray Miller, Theodore Tyson and Robert Robenolt.

The four men were charged with a violation of the game laws and port filed with Congress by the that popular sport landed him in were taken before Justice of the Peace Harry A. Rossman for hearefunds Charlie arrived in Pleasant Gap ings. Squire Rossman held them result last Thursday, to take a course in under \$500 ball each for court. Their attorney then filed a petition States Board of Tax Appeals, or in ry Noll. That evening he accepted for a writ of certiorari with the settlement of a claim filed with an invitation to go coasting—a Court of Quarter Sessions, in an the Internal Revenue Bureau, or novel form of entertainment for effort to have the higher court review the records of the case.

Judge Walker apparently found a sled speeding down the hill near the case in an addled legal condithe Ray Noll residence when the tion. In the first place, he ruled. viction matter, and should have (Continued on page four)

Wagner Speaks **On School Trends**

Former Superintendent of Local Schools Addresses Kiwanis Club at Luncheon

Public School System" was the subject of an address delivered before the members of the Bellefonte Kiwanis Club, at their meeting Tuesday, by Jonas Wagner, a forof Bellefonte and, for the past seventeen years, connected with the Department of Public Instruction jata Valley Council of Boy Scouts of the Commonwealth of Pennsyl-

ing. The front room will be used as stated, that education has been guests present. not been keeping pace with the day. (Continued on page four)

Father-Son Banquet at Y.M.C.A. Feb. 24

the annual Father and Son banquet to be held at the Y. M. C. A., on Thursday, Februar 21, during the week designated by the National Council of the "Y" as Father and Council for another term. Dick

retary L. C. Hineman. This year the committee is following a new plan in that only local talent will rector of Scouting. be used on the program, details of

which will be announced later. All persons interested are asked All persons interested are asked illustrated talk by Scouts who atto bear the date in mind and make tended the World Scout Jamboree ing.

Accident in Florida Former Prothonotary S. Claude

Herr, Mrs. Herr and their daugh-

Court Grants New Charter For Library

oration Are Estimated at About \$23,000

NEW UNIT OUTLINES FOUR CHIEF AMBITIONS

Sole Barrier Now Remaining is Transfer of Humes Property to New Holders

By authority of a decree signed Monday by Judge Ivan Walker a new corporation to be known "The Library and Historical Corporation of Bellefonte" sprang into being to take the place of the now non-existent Bellefonte Community Library Center Corporation.

The new corporation owes its being to the fact that the charter of the former corporation was believed to be faulty, and subject to unknown perils in the event the (Continued on page three)

Purnell Elected To Head Group

Bellefonte Sportsmen to Ask Game Commission For Larger Game Allocation

George I. Purnell was elected president of the Bellefonte Sportsmen's Asociation at a meeting of that organization in the Court House, Tuesday night. Mr. Purnell succeeds S. H. Poorman as head of the local group.

Other officers named to serve during 1938 were as follows: vicepresident, S. H. Poorman; secre-Robert Thompson. Lose and treasurer, legr's office, \$2,177.57; in the Proting of State of Sta espective positions.

men's association had established area; one near Yarnell, one near Mt. Eagle, and two on the outskirts of Bellefonte. Several dozen rabbits were liberated in the refuges. it was reported, and it is generally believed that within a few year each refuge will be the source of a steady supply of game for local

The Treasurer reported a balance in the treasury of \$103.64, and bills totaling less than \$20 were approved for payment.

Lengthy discussions of various roblems of interest to sportsmen led to the adoption of several recommendations and resolutions. The meeting went on record as being opposed to a proposed increase "Recent Developments In the in the fishing license fee. Sugges-(Continued on page five)

Wald Re-elected to **Head Scout Council**

The annual meeting of the Junwas held during the week-end at the Green Gables in Lewistown, with about 150 Scout leaders and

Among those from Bellefonte who attended the sesisons were Earl S. Orr, chairman of the District Court of Honor; George Kellerman, Dr. R. L. Stevens, Muncy District Chairman; Foster Augustine, commissioner; John Shoemaker and Reynolds Van Buskirk. Mrs. R. L. Stevens and Miss Mildred Wetzel attended a banquet held in

Walsh, of Milroy, was awarded the The committee in charge this degree of Eagle Scout, and Charles year consists of Horace J. Hart-Keller, of Bellefonte, was awarded ranft, chairman; E. E. Widdowson, a Bridge Builders' certificate in recognition of his five years of degree of Eagle Scout, and Charles

> Thomas J. Keane, National Director of Scouting, was the prinple speaker at the banquet, while Harold Stanton, of near Port Maa feature of the program was an tilda, died at the Philipsburg State in the Netherlands last year. Some

Girl Hit By Truck

Ruth Grove, of Spring Mills, the contents down over him. ted for use on the folder as well as in other advertising by the Chamber of Commerce. Pennsylvania's slogan is "Pennsylvania Has Everything." Centre County's slogan must be brief, easy to remember, and above all, must immediately arouse interest. A few mornents of thought on your part may bring the winning slogan.

A series of cash awards, consisting of a \$5.00 first prize; a \$3.00 second prize, and a \$2.00 third prize is being offered for the best photo
The Herr's Miss Elizabeth, narrowly escaped in arranging final caped in yier, Miss Elizabeth, narrowly escaped in a ranging final caped in yier, Miss Elizabeth, narrowly escaped in arranging final caped in yier, Miss Elizabeth, narrowly escaped in yier, and body bruises last weck when their car was struck by another machine on a curve near Lakes Wales, Pla.

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He was taken to the when, while

Audit Results In Refund of **County Fees**

Prothonotary's and Recorder's Offices

FEES OF REGISTER ARE NOT EXCESSIVE

of Half Fees Over \$3000 Limit Centre County is to get a refund of \$1.527.79 from two county of-

fices, it became known here yester-S. H. Hoy, appointed month by Judge Ivan early this Walker to audit the the Register of Wills, the Prothonotary, and the Recorder, filed his A state law provides that where

County officers receive in excess of \$3,000 annually, one half of the excess fees shall be returned to the According to Mr. Hoy's report,

Register John L. Wetzler did not clear \$3,000 last year, and consemently his office does not owe he county a refund. The office of Prothonotary Bond

C. White cleared \$5,985.86, or an excess of \$2,985.86 over the stipuated amount, As a result, half the excess, or \$1,492.93 is to be returned to the County coffers. Similarly the office of Recorder

Leamer R. Woodring showed a net profit of \$3,069.72 for 1937, or \$69.72 more than the official amount, likewise, will revert to the to more than \$1,500.

office, \$2.177.67; in the Prothono- tional organization. with other expenses Milford Cox, chairman of the the refund computations are made. game refuge committee, reported The complete report filed by Mr. that during 1937 the local sports- Hoy in the various offices appears under the legal advertisements in four game refuges in the Bellefonte this issue of The Centre Demo-

Lamb Club Wins Farm Show Honor

Countians Have Exhibited Grand Champion Lambs

Centre County 4-H Lamb Club exhibitors competed successfully at the State Farm Show last week by again winning the much coveted Grand Champion prize for the best pen of fat lambs in the Show.

Helen Homan, of State College,

R. D., had the honor of again

bringing home the Grand Champon ribbon to Centre County. Dan Stearns, of Lemont, showed first prize pen of Hampshire lambs and Arthur Hartle, of Bellefonte, the tenth prize pen of lambs in competition with thirteen pens from other counties in the State. In the Shropshire Show, there were 23 exhibitors with the following places coming to Centre Counthird, Robert Homan, State College, sixth; David Noll, Centre Hall, tenth; Beulah Peters, Stormstown, eleventh; Richard Luse, Centre Hall, fourteenth; Dean Ross, (Continued on page three)

Port Matilda Boy Scalded to Death

Upsets Pan of Dish Water Over Head and Chest; Dies at Philipsburg

Scalded about the head and chest by hot dish-water, David Stanton. 20-months-old son of Mr. and Mrs.

An older sister getting ready 400 feet of motion picture film wash the supper dishes, had partly taken during the Jamboree were filled the dishpan with bolling wash the supper dishes, had partly water from the tea kettle. While the dishpan was on the kitchen chair and reached the pan, pulling

January Thunder Storm Has Weather Sages in Quandary

Centre County's weather sages ad a new problem on their hands Assets of Non-Profit Corp. More Than \$1500 Due From Tuesday in trying to determine the significance of a severe electrical storm which visited most of the county early that morning.

Brilliant flashes of lightning, rolling peals of thunder, and wind and rain combined to make the freak January thunderstorm a severe one Bellefonte, State College Boalsburg, Lemont, Snow Shoe and State Law Requires Refund other communities in the county were visited by the storm, which HAZEL CLEARANCE SALE resulted in some damage to trees

and electric power lines. Lightning struck a tree on the and wind damaged several service o'clock tomorrow (Friday) morning Apple," for it is the first time that lines to private homes.

had most of the county's weather pearing on another page of this prophets in a quandry is whether issue. the storm presages warm weather or whether it means we really are self this year in reducing prices of The Big Apple country, so that to have some severe winter weath- for this annual er. Only time will bring the an- event, and every tiem has been vations of the fad will be reproswer, and by then the Groundhog pared down to clear the shelves duced. Hoy Houck and his Orcheswill have so confused the weather- for spring stock. Turn to the Hazel tra, of Bellefonte, who are rapidly men that no one will be able to advertisement now and make a winning state-wide recognition for say for sure whether lightning in list of the items you need. You'll their musical ability, will furnish January brings warm or cold be surprised at the savings possible music for this feature as well as

Arnold Receives Church Position

Local Pastor Named to Direct Anniversary Appeal in Central Pennsylvania

The Rev. C. E. Arnold, pastor of St. John's Eutheran church, Bellepermitted to retain. Half that fonte yesterday was selected by the Board of American Missions of County, bringing the total refund the United Lutheran church in America to direct the financial ac-Mr. Hoy's report shows the fol- tivities in Central Pennsylvania for jowing expenditures for salaries in the Anniversary Appeal celebrating the three offices; in the Register's the twentieth birthday of the na-

As finance director, he wil have is to strengthen materially the ex- for 1938 and passed a resolution isting membership of Lutheran churches throughout the United States and Canada. Additional objectives of the Anniversary Appeal are to inaugurate a concentrated (Continued on page four)

Name Jurors For **February Court**

Marks Fourth Year Centre Grand Jury Meets February 14: Criminal Court Opens Monday, February 28

> Jury Commissioners J. W. Condo of Spring Mills, and Merrill Pletcher Howard, assisted by Sheriff Harry V. Keeler, and Miss Virginia McCle lan, as clerk, this week drew Grand and Traverse Jurors to serve during the regular February term of court. The Grand Jury is scheduled to

Traverse Jury for Criminal Court will meet two weeks later, on Monday, February 28, while the Traverse Jury for Civil Court will convene Monday, March 7. In the following lists of jurers the name, occupation and place of resi-(Continued on page 3-2nd Sec.)

convene on Monday Pebruary 14

To Let Contract for

Representatives of various uni- meeting A. E. Zeigler, of the De- chine shop practice, as well as a form supply houses are scheduled partment of Animal Husbandry of more thorough health and physical to meet at the Bellefonte High the Pennsylvania State College, education program. School this Thursday afternoon to spoke most interestingly on the A Junior High School which submit bids for uniforms for the subject of "Meats." The next meet- "provides training for the transi-High School Band. Members of ing will be held at the home of tion period from childhood to adolthe band will be measured Thurs- Mrs. G. A. Robinson, with Mrs. esence" would be a most welcomed day night for uniforms, after the Hays W. Mattern as co-hostess. ontract has been let.

The uniforms will be of cadet style, with close fitting jackets. Go on "location" at the big movie They will be of bright red wool studies. Chat with your favorite whipcord, trimmed in white, and stars. Read the most interesting red Shako hats will be provided. movie-radio section in the South. The three drum majors, the only Eight-pages crammed with action it deserves. girls in the organization, will be photographs and articles. Every A social hour followed at which fitted with white whippoord uniforms, trimmed in red. The con- can. On sale at all newsstands. tract will call for 36 or 37 uniforms including those for the drum maj-ors. Funds for the uniforms were provided through the generosity of Bellefonte business men and others interested in seeing the local high school band properly uniformed.

Two Cars Collide

In a collision on the Snow Shoe mountain Saturday morning two cars were slightly damaged, but traveled a distance equal to nearly "ghost cars," in busses, and in emno one was injured. Donald C. three times around the World at ergencies in personal cars pressed cochrane, of DuBois, was travel- the equator in their regular duties into service. The amount of time cars were slightly damaged, ing down the mountain when his as guardians of Central Pennsyl- spent on patrol was 130,408 hours. machine was hit from the rear by vania Highways, it was revealed Dividing the number of miles a car driven by John Meyers. The Troop I assigned the duty of covered by the number of hours

'Big Apple' to Feature Birthday Ball, Friday

Ticket Sales for Celebration at Hecla Park Indicate Large Attendance; Other Communities Plan Programs For Coming Week

TO OPEN TOMORROW

John Clinger farm near Boalsburg Hazel & Co, store will begin at 9 opportunity to dance and will continue for two weeks, the popular new dance has been The question which so far has according to an advertisement ap-scheduled to feature a local ball.

The management has outdone it- who recently came from the heart

Club Endorses Sen. Thompson

Set Movement in Motion to Nominate Senator For Lieutenant Governor

The regular monthly meeting of the Centre-Clearfield County Democratic Club, one of the most active clubs of its kind in Harrisburg, was held Wednesday evening, January 19, at the American Legion Hall, New Cumberland, with approximately one hundred club members and guests in attendance. More popularly known as the Senator Jack Thompson Club, the body of Capitol Hill workers comprising the 34th Senatorial District apai aim of which adopted a comprehensive platform

(Continued on page 6-2nd Sec.) SPRING MILLS RESIDENT

LOSES TOOTH IN ACCIDENT Paul E. Brown, Spring Mills. R D. 1, received lacerations of the chin, lost a tooth and suffered an injury to his right knee in a motor accident at the Potters Mills intersection Tuesday night at about 7 o'clock. Brown was treated at

the Centre County hospital following the accident. Brown's car and a sedan operated by Joseph Lovinsky, of New York City, crashed head-on when vising principal of the Bellefonte one of the cars skidded on the icy Schools, who spoke before 109 pavement. The two machines were Bellefonte Women's Club members traveling in opposite directions, and their guests at the regular Damage to Lovinsky's car was meeting held Monday at the Presabout \$150 while damage to the byterian Chapel.

Brown coach was \$75. Mrs. G. Earl Hoffer Heads Mothers' Club

At the regular monthly meeting —to perfect the ability to create of the Bellefonte Mothers' Club, and develop individual interests." held at the home of Mrs. G. Earl However, the rather alarming Hoffer, on East High Street. last condition of inadequate accommoweek, with Mrs. R. C. Blaney as dation of the steadily increasing co-hostess.

"The Green Spotlight"

Many persons who attend Bellefonte's Birthday Ball for the President at Hecla Park Friday night The annual February sale of the of this week will have their first "The Big

> "The Big Apple" at Hecla tomorrow will be led by a local man merchandising all the latest variations and innofor the regular program of round

The informality suggested by the newest style in dancing is being carried out in all preparations for the Birthday Ball here, Cecil Walker, chairman of the local celebration, announced yesterday. Dancers may wear street clothes, semi-formal attire, or military dress and be equally well dressed for the occasion. The evening's program will begin with a grand march around Central Pennsylvania's most popu-

lar dancing pavilion. According to a preliminary survey yesterday, sale of tickets for the event is surpassing all expectations, and in accordance with that trend, preparations are being made to handle a capacity crowd. Tickets are on sale at \$1.50 per couple. Dancers are assured that every effort of the State Highway Department will be turned toward keeping the roads clear and safe

Stock Outlines **Needs of Schools**

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for travel in case of incl

Tells Women's Club Vocational, Shop, and Health Training Should be Improved

The needs of the Bellefonte Pub-

lic Schools are many. Thus implied E. K. Stock, super-

Mr. Stock vividiy outlined the history of education as to program

and advancement. The purpose of school days is to "Place in cold storage, knowledge which shall be used in future life

the following officers enrollment, deserves attention. were elected for the ensuing year: While the system of education president, Mrs. G. Earle Hoffer; provides for two types of vocational vice president, Mrs. Edward Mil- education, namely: Home Economler; second vice president, Mrs. Ar- ics and a Commercial Department, H. S. Band Uniforms urer, Mrs. Lynn Fromm. tail salesmanship training.

At the conclusion of the business tional agriculture, metal and machine shop practice, as well as a

change in the present school sys-

While the Bellefonte Public Schools have advanced with the modern requirements and needs of the pupils, we feel sure the public

will give the future the attention

Motor Police Girdle Globe 3 Times on Patrol Last Year

Members of Troop I of the Penn- miles on the familiar rough-rid sylvania Motor Police, with head- but speedy red motorcycles. The quarters in Bellefonte, last year traveled a distance equal to nearly "ghost cars," in busses, and in emand died at six o'clock Thursday morning.

The family resides near the foot of the mountain about three miles northeast of Port Matilda.

Dr. W. R. Heaton, of Philipsburg.

Centre county coroner, conducted machine was hit from the rear by a car driven by John Meyers. The policing all highways in the areas spent on patrol, it is found that patroled out of the Coudersport, when Cochran was forced to stop suddenly to avoid striking a third car which made an illegal pass in field, Milton Philipsburg. Pleasant Gap and Williamsport substations.

Centre county coroner, conducted the duty of policing all highways in the areas spent on patrol, it is found that patroled out of the Coudersport, the average speed maintained on all patrols was 11 miles per hour. This of course appears at first Gap and Williamsport substations, glance to be low, but it includes the time officers spent in making amassed a total of 1,471,099 miles -Try the Democrat classified ads Officers covered 424,383 of those

made in State cars, by railroad, in the time officers spent in making investigations, in stopping and di-