

## HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT SUED

### BOGGS TOWNSHIP COUPLE SEEKS \$10,000 DAMAGES

Woman Claims Permanent Disability Through Fall Into Unprotected Road-Post Hole; J. E. Kragle, H. H. Baughart Named As Co-Defendants

A suit for \$10,000 damages in which the Pennsylvania Department of Highways, J. E. Kragle, of Philipsburg, and Harvey H. Baughart, of Boggs township, are named as defendants, was instituted yesterday by Julia Watson and her husband, John M. Watson, of Boggs township, as the result of injuries allegedly sustained by Mrs. Watson on July 9, 1936.

According to the complaint filed in the Prothonotary's offices, Mrs. Watson and several other women were walking along the highway about one-half mile west of Yarnell at 7:30 p. m. July 9, 1936. When an automobile approached the group, they stepped off the road onto the berm, and Mrs. Watson, the complaint sets forth, fell into a hole, 3 feet deep and about 2 feet from the macadamized part of the road. The hole, it is claimed, was hidden from view by high grass and there were no guard rails or warning signs or lights to warn pedestrians of the danger. The hole was one of a series dug along the road preliminary to setting up guard posts in place.

Mrs. Watson, it is stated, had a (Continued on page six)

### John Decker To Seek Re-Election

John W. Decker, of Spring Mills, Centre County's representative in the General Assembly, will be a candidate to succeed himself in that office. It became known yesterday, when petitions for his candidacy were circulated throughout the county.

Mr. Decker so far is unopposed for the Democratic nomination to that important office. He is now completing the last year of his second term as a state legislator and during his four years at Harrisburg has proved to be an able and (Continued on page six)

### County Native Takes Own Life

Olin Jamison, 60, of Mifflinburg, Dies on Porch of Home; Funeral Yesterday

A victim of illness for several years, and further depressed by a heart attack following some motor trouble he experienced earlier in the evening, Olin Jamison, aged about 60, of Mifflinburg, a native of Centre County, late Sunday night shot himself to death on the porch of his home, according to members of the family.

Mr. and Mrs. Jamison were returning from a visit with neighbors late Sunday night when their car became mired in the mud of a lane, relatives report. It was necessary to secure a team of horses to pull the car from the mud, and because of the worry and excitement occasioned by the incident, Mr. Jamison suffered a heart attack shortly after arriving home, they said.

Telling his wife and son to go to bed, Mr. Jamison followed them a (Continued on page six)

### Whiterock Employee Admitted to Hospital

John Benzle, aged 43, of Pleasant Gap, an employee of Whiterock Quarries, was admitted to the Centre County Hospital early Tuesday morning, suffering from injuries about the face and head.

According to reports, Benzle was injured when a charge of dynamite exploded prematurely. Particles of stone are said to have entered his eyes, although it is believed that the slight will not be impaired. Last night Benzle was still under treatment at the institution.

### Prepare Schedule For Registration

Registrars to Sit in Various Districts During April; Present Staff Adequate

The Centre County Commissioners, who also serve as the County Registration Commission, yesterday announced a county schedule for registration of voters, and for making necessary corrections in the present registration lists.

No additional employees will be needed to complete the county registration, the Commissioners stated. The present clerical staff of the Commission, regularly employed in the Court House, will be sufficient to handle the work listed on the county schedule.

Duties which the registrars are authorized to handle are: personal applications for registration; applications for changes of party enrollment; and notices of removal of electors from one district to another. (Continued on page six)

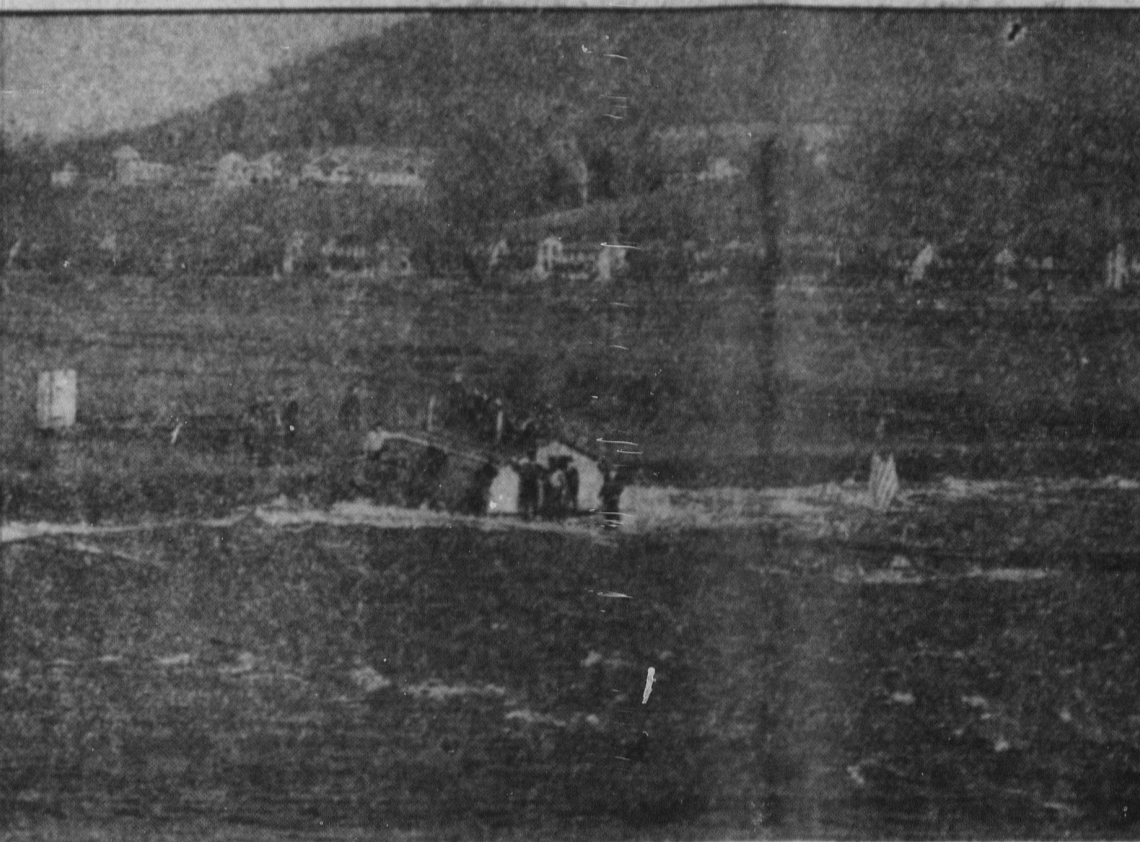
### Centre County Could Muster 2,800 Soldiers If Country Went to War

Approximately 2,800 Centre County men would be called to the colors in the event European or Asiatic aggression should force this country to mobilize its full man power for war.

This estimate is based on facts and figures secured piecemeal from the war department, the census bureau, and third corps area headquarters. Centre County has approximately 8,100 men of draft age.

About 400 of them can be expected to be found physically disqualified for service, on the basis of experience with the World War draft. On the same basis about 2,800 of them will be exempted because of dependents. An estimated 320 are already serving in the armed forces of the United States.

### Death Rode This Raft Down the Susquehanna River



View of the 114-foot raft as it cleared what was supposed to have been its greatest obstacle on the 200-mile journey—the dam at the eastern limits of Lock Haven.

### Mrs. Beach Heads Library Group

Corporation Plans to Establish Branch Libraries Throughout Centre Co.

After two years of litigation and effort to establish a library in conformity with the will of the late Ann Elmira Humes, a formal series of meetings was held by the incorporators of the "Library and Historical Corporation" at the home of Mrs. Robert Beach in Bellefonte last Wednesday, when an organization was effected, by-laws adopted for the new corporation and directors named for the ensuing year.

On Tuesday, the first meeting of the Board of Directors was held at the Library building at which the following officers were elected: president, Elizabeth B. Beach; vice-president, F. Glenn Rogers; secretary, Caroline Walte; treasurer, John S. Sommerville. The president was authorized to name an Executive Committee of seven and a Finance Committee of three.

Following is a list of Directors: Claude Aikens, Boalsburg; A. L. Bowersox, State College; Henry Broeckerhoff, Bellefonte; Elizabeth (Continued on page six)

### Motorcyclists Are Injured in Collision

Harry Eisenhauer, aged 7, and Edward Shugert, aged 2, both of Millheim, are patients at the Lewis-town hospital where they are undergoing treatment for injuries received about 5:30 o'clock Monday afternoon near Lewistown when a motorcycle they were riding was struck by a car.

Eisenhauer is reported to have severe lacerations of the arm, while Shugert's chief injury is a compound fracture of the leg between the ankle and knee. Both also suffered from shock and bruises. Until recently Shugert resided on East Howard Street, Bellefonte.

### Candidate Jones and Party to Visit County

Charles Alvin Jones, Democratic candidate for Governor of Pennsylvania, and his party, are expected to visit Centre County on Thursday, March 31.

Coming here from Lewistown, the Jones party will go first to State College, expecting to arrive there about 2 p. m. At 3 p. m. they will arrive at the Democratic Headquarters on West High Street, Bellefonte, where all committeemen and committeewomen of the county are invited to meet the group.

At 4 p. m. the party will stop at the crossroads at Port Matilda before continuing their trip west to Tyrone.

### IMPORTANT!

The near approach of the annual moving season makes it necessary that we call attention to all subscribers who contemplate changing their address within the next few weeks, to notify us promptly of the fact. If you intend to change your place of residence between now and April 1st, don't fail to notify us NOW, so that we will be able to make the necessary change on our mailing list in ample time. If you wait until after you have moved, it will result in disappointment at not receiving your paper on time. And please note this: When ordering your address changed, always give the OLD ADDRESS as well as the NEW. If our patrons kindly observe these few simple requests, they will experience no delay in receiving their copy of the Centre Democrat.

### Mother, Newborn Baby, Rescued

Neighbors Carry Family to Safety When Fire Razes WPA Worker's Home

The home of a WPA workman's family, consisting of seven children, one of whom was only a few hours old, was completely destroyed by fire of unknown origin Tuesday. The house was located at Glen Stump, railroad station just north of Runville.

The family rendered homeless by the blaze was that of Samuel Halderman, who was at work when the fire was discovered. A child had been born to Mrs. Halderman Tuesday morning, and when the alarm of fire was sounded through the community neighbors rushed in and removed the mother and infant to a place of safety. The other six children also were taken from the (Continued on page six)

### PHILIPSBURG MAN NAMED TO HEAD ASSISTANCE BOARD

Leon Mirbach, of Philipsburg, was named executive director of the Centre County Public Assistance Board at a meeting in their offices in Temple Court building here last night. He succeeds Mrs. Ebon Bower, of Bellefonte, who had been serving in a temporary capacity.

Mirbach has been connected with the Public Assistance Board for some time as a junior supervisor. He is a graduate of the Pennsylvania State College, and was formerly engaged in the newspaper business at Philipsburg. His appointment becomes effective immediately.

Mirbach was selected from a group of three qualified applicants.

### "THE LAST RAFT"

(Written for The Centre Democrat by G. W. Stover, Williamsport, Pa.)

Coincident with modern times  
We seek to emulate  
The valiant deeds of our forebears  
And their achievements great.  
And acting on this impulse  
We build a miniature craft  
To sail uncharted waters,  
And call it our last raft.  
A gesture laudable indeed,  
But every now and then  
The river courses change, the same  
As do the lives of men.  
And merry were the passengers  
That on its plank deck stood,  
Who placed their entire trust upon  
So frail a thing as wood.  
Sure, they had braced every dam,  
Each night had made the shore,  
Experienced pilots at the helm,  
Could they have asked for more?  
The many hazards safely passed  
Had nullified their fear,  
Aboard that man-made fragile craft  
The path ahead seemed clear.  
When lo! Those human pilots who  
So many times before  
Had braced all the hazards and  
Each night had made the shore:  
Saw loom ahead a barrier great,  
Whose steep and rocky slope  
Could but a pilot's courage test,  
Or dash his fondest hope.  
Thus history of the future  
With its achievement great  
Will show us once again that Man's  
Not master of his fate.  
For we are earthbound mortals all,  
And oftentimes fail to see  
The truth and beauty of a hymn  
Like JESUS SAVIOUR PILOT ME.

### Ill-Fated Log Craft Resumes Journey Down Susquehanna;

Search for Missing Continues

### 1 KILLED; SIX FEARED DEAD

Huge Raft Rams Into Bridge Near Muncy—Boats Rescue Survivors

BULLETIN:

Officials at Muncy last night reported that a charge of dynamite set off in the river about 2 p. m. yesterday afternoon, about 300 yards below the bridge, caused a body to come to the surface. Before boats could reach the spot the body, believed to have been that of Harry C. Connor, of Burnside, Clearfield County, chief pilot of the raft, again sank beneath the water. The search was continuing unabated last night.

The historic voyage of Pennsylvania's "last raft" ended in tragedy at noon Sunday when the 112-foot craft went out of control in the swift-flowing currents of the Susquehanna River and crashed into two piers of the Reading Railroad bridge, south of Muncy.

The accident claimed a toll of seven lives, with six of the bodies remaining to be recovered from the muddy waters of the river. Five persons admitted to the Muncy Valley Hospital, suffering from shock, exposure and slight injuries, are recovering satisfactorily. (Continued on page four)

### Council Orders New Ordinances

Solicitor to Prepare Parking and Peddling Laws; Budget, WPA Project Approved

Unanimous decisions to have parking and peddling ordinances drawn and submitted for approval, adoption of the budget for 1938, and approval of a supplementary WPA project for the completion of the extension to East Curtin and East Lamb streets featured a regular meeting of Bellefonte Borough Council at the Logan House, Monday night.

The new parking ordinance is expected to embody the principal features of the parking laws placed in effect more than a year ago when the two-hour parking limit in the business districts was adopted. The proposed peddling ordinance is expected to closely follow the one now in effect at State College.

The adoption of a peddling ordinance was suggested in a letter from former Judge M. Ward Fleming, Borough Solicitor, who outlined difficulties experienced under present laws in determining who shall, and who shall not be permitted to solicit business in Bellefonte. (Continued on page six)

### Annual Report of Health Nurse

Comprehensive Survey of Work Accomplished in County During Year

The following is a complete and comprehensive report of Jean Noll Harris, State Health Nurse, showing the work accomplished in caring for and maintaining health standards in Centre County:

TUBERCULOSIS:  
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Number of new patients ..... 27  
Number of old patients ..... 94  
(Above actual T. B. Cases) ..... 21  
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Number visits made by patients ..... 325  
Patients sent to Sanatorium ..... 17  
Number mantoux tested ..... 159  
Homes visited ..... 355  
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### FORMER PINE GLEN MAN KILLED IN MINE CAVE-IN

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### Aged Raftsmen Dies Without Viewing The "Last Raft"

Capt. Jacob C. Scheid, 91-year-old veteran canal boatsman and riverman, of Lock Haven, read closely the progress of Pennsylvania's raft-run—scheduled to be the last.

The aged riverman had hoped to see the raft. He piloted quite a few in his time and rode hundreds of them. He used to run the boat "The Captain C. Scheid" between Lock Haven and Harve de Grace, Maryland. That was before the era of modern rail and motor transportation.

The 112-foot log raft, modeled after those of Scheid's time, arrived in Lock Haven on Friday. When the crowd gathered along the river banks to see it, the one man most interested, perhaps, wasn't among them.

Capt. Scheid died at his home in Lock Haven on Thursday, where he had made his home for more than four score of years.

### Weiser Garage Banned by Court

Supreme Court Upholds Original Decision in Former Andrews Property Case

In an opinion filed Tuesday the Pennsylvania State Supreme Court at Philadelphia, upheld the decision of former Judge M. Ward Fleming, of Centre County, denying E. E. Weiser the right to erect a public garage upon the former G. Murray Andrews property at the corner of Allegheny and Howard Streets.

Judge Fleming ruled that the former Andrews property is located in a residential section of town and that a public garage at that point would be a nuisance in itself, no matter how well it might be conducted. Since that decision, filed on July 1, 1937, Mr. Weiser has (Continued on page seven)

### "Bad" Tate in Jail

"Bud" Tate of Bellefonte, was committed to the Centre County jail Monday in default of \$500 bail after being arraigned before Justice of the Peace Harold D. Cowher on charges of malicious mischief. The charges were preferred by Mrs. Tate, who resides at Coleville, Pa.

Mr. Tate was arrested by Sheriff Harry V. Kreiser and Borough Officer Donald Johnson.

### Howard to Vote On Bond Issue

\$11,500.00 Would Refinance Floating Debt, Assure Water System Completion

At the primary election, May 17, citizens of Howard borough will vote upon a proposal to increase the bonded indebtedness of the borough in the amount of \$11,500, it became known here yesterday.

Musser W. Gettig, Bellefonte attorney who is solicitor for Howard borough, declared that the purpose of the proposed bond issue would be to retire an outstanding indebtedness and to provide funds for the completion of the Howard water system.

Gettig stated that \$6,000 of the fund would be used to retire notes outstanding against the borough. (Continued on page six)

### Cooking School Opens Next Week; 50 Dishes To Be Prepared On Stage

This year, believe it or not, Mrs. Dorothy Bathgate will actually prepare 50 different dishes at the Centre Democrat Cooking School. There will be 50 answers to that everyday query, "What shall we eat?" And every woman in the audience will have a chance to try these dishes at home, for there will be a printed program of recipes each day.

Classes start next Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock in the Presbyterian chapel. We'd suggest that you arrive early to be sure of a good seat, although with a clever mirror arrangement, Mrs. Bathgate is able to display each delicious finished product, so that it can easily be seen anywhere in the auditorium. Classes also will be held Thursday and Friday afternoons, with different programs each day.

All the recipes given by Mrs. Bathgate have been carefully checked in her testing kitchen where she uses the same type of electric equipment that is in her cooking school kitchen. Ingredients, time and temperature, have been checked again and again for the easiest, simplest methods and the most perfect results.

### JURY DECLINES TO FIX BLAME

Witness Tells of Dispute Over Selection Of Course Under Bridge

While a coroner's jury Tuesday afternoon was listening to testimony on the crash of the "last raft," a new pilot was steering the ill-starred craft calmly down the Susquehanna River on another leg of its 200-mile cruise to the State Capital.

The jury, after hearing conflicting testimony as to the cause of the crash which resulted in the loss of probably seven lives, declined to fix responsibility for the accident.

Ed Sutherland, 79-year-old raftsmen who was manning the stern oar of the unwieldy craft when it crashed into a pier of the Reading Company railroad bridge, told the jury that "there were too many pilots" on board.

TRYING FOR DIFFERENT SPAN  
"I think they were all trying for a span of their own," he declared. "I never heard of a raft where there was more than one pilot."

Other aboard the raft at the time said that the "raft" had been forced into the bridge pier by the swift current, but Sutherland stuck to his story that the current was "runnin' gentle like—just about right." (Continued on page four)

### Arrest Is Upheld In Court Ruling

N. R. Stiver Adjudged Guilty of Reckless Driving; To Appear in Court, Monday

In a decree filed yesterday by Judge Ivan Walker in the case of the Commonwealth vs. N. R. Stiver, who was charged with reckless driving when arraigned before Justice of the Peace R. C. English, of near Port Matilda, waived a hearing and posted bond for court.

When the matter came up for argument in court counsel for Mr. Stiver asked that the charge be dismissed on grounds that the in- (Continued on page six)

### Auditor's Son Has Two Sinus Operations

Robert H. Corman, aged 21, son of Centre County Auditor Harry A. Corman and Mrs. Corman, of Spring Mills, is reported to be recovering nicely from two sinus operations he underwent Friday and Saturday at the offices of Dr. W. T. Hunt on North Spring street, Bellefonte.

Mr. Corman, a member of the Junior class in the Agricultural Education Department at the Pennsylvania State College, became ill about three weeks ago and the condition became acute last week, necessitating surgical treatment.

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Mr. Fye spent his boyhood at Pine Glen, Centre County, and was a brother of Mrs. Priscilla Fye and the late Mrs. Jesse Benton, of that community. A number of Pine Glen residents attended the funeral at Cursensville, Sunday afternoon.

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