MANY TRAGEDIES MARKED

EARLY AIR MAIL HISTORY

RECORD CLASS TO GRADUATE

COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES FOR B.H.S. SENIORS, JUNE 9

More Than 120 to Receive Diplomas; President of Susquehanna University Will Be Speaker; Junior Contest Scheduled for Monday, June 6th

The largest class ever to be grad- The commencement program will uated from the Bellefonte High include musical numbers by the Car Leaves State Collegemencement exercises to be held in high so ol students. the Plaza theater on Thursday eve- The ning. June 9, it was announced yes- given i he Presbyterian church, terday by Earl K. Stock, supervis- Sunday and June 5, but the ing principal of the Bellefonte pub- speaker into been chosen at this

chosen as commencement speakers the English Department. participated in the junior declama- work done during the year in the tory contests last year.

school will receive diplomas at com- members of the class and other calaureate sermon will be

time. The senior class consists of 52 boys and 72 girls, a total of 124 high sch members. While all of these may not meet requirements for graduation.

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their activities in school will be held either Tuesday or Wedaffairs and their experience and nesday, June 7 or 8. Plans also are ability in public speaking. Both being made for an exhibition of

DeMolay Dance, State Motorcade Visits County Banquet, May 28

Dr. J. W. Claudy to be Speak- Writers, Motor Club Officials er at Dinner; Houck's Orchestra to Play for Dance

was announced that the speaker 1,500 miles through Penns W. Claudy, superintendent of Rock-Harrison Walker, D.D.G.M., F. A.

M., as toastmaster. (Continued on page six)

Junior Rifle Club Granted a Charter

The Sons of Brooks-Doll Post No. 33, Junior Rifle Club, of Beliefonte, has been granted a charter by the National Rifle Association, the national governing body of the sport of rifle shooting, according to an announcement made at the headquarters of the association in Washington, D. C. The club has a charter membership of twenty-one.

The officers are John B. Derstine, instructor; Major H. Laird Curtin. president; Roy Jones, vice-president; Aaron D. Leitzell, secretary; ecutive officer.

This club is one of 3,000 active rifle and pistol shooting clubs affiliated with the National Rifle As-

Meeting Postponed

Because three members were absent, a regular meeting of the Bellefonte School Board which was to have been held Monday night was postponed until a later date.

contestants are Jack Cole, Glenn

The commencement speaker will Peters, William Johnson and Theobe Dr. G. Morris Smith, president dore Lindquist, with Robert Chees-of Susquehanna University. Student man as alternate. Lindquist is a speakers will be Donald Kingsley resident of Pleasant Gap. The conand Lorraine Yates, members of testants are being directed and the graduating class, who were supervised by Miss Mary Forbes, of because of their high scholastic Promotion exercises in the grades

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See Bellefonte's Trout; Fishermen's Paradise

sary banquet and dance at the new and motor club officials representing early last week returned true bills Brockerhoff Hotel, Bellefonte, on half the nation, visited Bellefonte appeared before Judge Ivan Walker Saturday, May 28. at 6 p. m., of and the Fishermen's Paradise here and entered pleas of guilty. Hear-Penn-Centre Chapter, Order of De Sunday afternoon on the start of a ings also were held on appeals from Molay are nearing completion. It state-wide tour that will carry them decisions by Justices of the Peace for the banquet would be Dr. John | The ten-day tour will end May 18. view penitentiary, with Hon. W. Grayhound busses, the motorcode, Lester Addison Kent, who was ar-Hoy Houck and orchestra have and were met on South Water Street College merchant last February been selected to furnish the music near the falls by a Chamber of The warrant charged Kent with for the semi-formal dance which Commerce committee composed of forgery, and was served by State Dr. Richards Hoffman, Ralph C. in the case. Blaney, Hugh M. Quigley, Charles Mensch, Jack Yeager, Paul Hart- as reported in court was an imposock, Burgess Hardman P. Harris, Karl E. Kusse and P. M. Dubbs. (Continued on page six)

Bee Owners Invited To Demonstration

An outdoor bee demonstration will be given at the home of A. R. Houser Rockview. Friday afternoon May 20, beginning at 2 o'clock. All persons interested in bee culture will profit by attending this demonstration which will be given un-Samuel D. Rhinesmith, treasurer, der the direction of E. J. Anderson, and Captain Herbert M. Beezer, ex- State College expert, and County Agent R. C. Blaney.

Mr. Houser was recently selected

To Stage Play at Milesburg The W. W. W. Girl's Class of the Presbyterian Sunday Church School The only members present at Milesburg, will present a play "Ann's Monday's meeting ware George A Blonde" in the Firemen's Hall. Hazel president, James R. Hughes Milesburg, Thursday and Friday and Bossart DeHaas, After minutes evening, May 12 and 13, at 8 p. m. of the previous meeting were read Admission 25 cents. An afternoon and approved, the session was ad- performance will be given on Thursjourned to meet later at the call day for children only at 4 p. m Admission 10 cents.

Local Man Was Manager of Airport **During Establishment of Air Mail**

M. J. Kelley, a veritable treasure house of information about the early days of the air mail in the Bellefonte area, resigned as manager of the Bellefonte Western Union offices effective January 1, 1919, to accept a position at the Bellefonte airport, then located on the Beaver field, just east of town. On December 20, 1919, he was appointed manager of the field, retaining that position until about five years later when the air mail passed from government control

into the hands of private airlines. Mr. Kelley was the only person from Bellefonte to serve as manager of the Bellefonte field as long as air mail was under government for names, dates and interesting incidents of the early days of avia-

Possessing a remarkable memory tion. Mr. Kelley furnished The Centre Democrat with some of the photographs and much of the material upon which 'this review of air mail is based,



Man Dies In Year's First **Fatal Crash**

Eugene R. Brooks, 34, State College Postal Employe, Succumbs in Hospital

TWO STUDENTS ESCAPE WITH SLIGHT INJURIES

Boalsburg Road, Hurtles Over Bank and Overturns

Eugene R. Brooks, aged 34. State College postal employe, lost his life early Tuesday morning in the first motor accident in Centre

county in 1938. Brooks died at the Centre County Hospital here at 7:08 o'clock Tuesday morning as the result of a fracture at the base of the skull compound fracture of the right arm between elbow and shoulder several internal injuries, and profound shock. Two Penn State students in the same car escaped without serious injury

The accident happened shortly after i o'clock Tuesday morning when the machine, driven by Brooks, who was on his way from (Continued on page six

Clear Docket at Special Court

Forger With Long Criminal Record Draws Prison Term: Many Others Sentenced

The docket for the regular May term of court was reduced to a considerable extent last Thursday morning when a number of defend-Newspapermen, travel counselors ants against whom the Grand Jury

The first man to appear before Traveling in four streamlined the court with a plea of guilty was carrying about 120 persons, arrived rested April 30 in Jersey Shore upon here about 3:30 Sunday afternoon, a warrant sworn out by a State the following persons: J. H. Caum. College chief of police Martin L. Dr. E. H. Adams. W. J. Emerick. Kauffman, who was the prosecutor

Kent's previous criminal record ing one and included the following previous tiffs with the law: February 1916, arrested in Buffalo, N. Y. for bad checks; in 1927, served from (Continued on Page 6)

1939 Wheat Crop May Be Insured

Centre County Growers to Bellefonte Chamber of Commerce, will exhibit in Bellefonte on Satur-Benefit by Insurance Feature of Farm Act

from Pennsylvania by the Univer- well as growers in every other counsity of Louisiana to make tests of ty in the country may now assure queen bees bred in the South. The themselves of from one-half to test bees are expected to arrive three-fourths of their average crop from Baton Rouge, La, in time for every year. This will be made availthe demonstration, and should able through the all-risk insurance prove an interesting feature at the feature of the new Farm Act. according to the third of a series of bi-weekly radio broadcasts sponsored by the State Agricultural Conservation Committee, over station

WHP, Harrisburg The broadcasts are designed to acquaint the public with the var- ticket. (Continued on Page 6)

MARINE BAND TO PLAY AT COMMUNITY SPORTS PARK

Contracts were signed this week for the appearance of the United munity Athletic Field, Bellefonte on Saturday evening. September 24, D. A. Holter, director of the Howard Band, reports. In the event of rain the concert will be held at the Pavilion at Hecla Park. Admission to the concert will be 50 cents. The Marine Band will play an afternoon engagement in State Conlege, but the time and place have not definitely been established. The band is being brought to Centre County through the efforts of the

LOCAL COURT OVERRULED IN INVOLVED CIVIL CASE

Howard Band.

In a decision handed down this week the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania reversed a decision of former Judge M. Ward Fleming in the case of Charlotte Kepler vs. Millie Kepler of Pine Grove Mills. The action by the high court means that the case will probably have to go on trial in the Centre county Courts. against Millie to declare invalid a House steps, and was crowned the local Girl Scout Council and governmental agency. Judge Ivan mortgage which Millie and her husband had given to the Federal Land Miss Dorothy Stevens nued on page six)

Sister and Brother **Elected Presidents** of School Classes

JAMES B. CRAIG. Jr. (Top)

EMMY LOU CRAIG

B. Craig Jr., daughter and son of

lety editor of the Red and White

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Expected Soon; Pamphlets

Neat and Attractive

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To Speak Here

Highway Chief

the Bellefonte High school.

Bellefonte sister and brother,

For Homes New Schedule Applies to All County Towns Having Fire Protection

Reduce Rates

On Insurance

AFFECTS BUILDINGS AND HOUSEHOLD GOODS

General Cut Calls For 5-Cent Drop in All Classes For 3-Year Policies

A saving of thousands of dollars annually in insurance premiums in Centre county is expected to result from a general re-rating of private residences and their contents, in all towns in the county where reeognized fire departments are maintained.

The reduced rates became effective as of May 9, and all new or renewed policies written on or after that day are subject to the new schedule. Towns affected by the ruling of the Middle Department Rating Association, better known as the Underwriters' Association, are: Bellefonte, State College, Philips-Gap. Howard, Unionville and partner and employe in the cloth Milesburg. (Continued on page seven)

Ruling May Aid **Prison Fugitives**

Decision May Reduce Terms ed at the home a short time late: of Some Who Escaped Rockstated that death had occurred view Before June 1937

Some Rockview inmates who es- Bullock was widely known and held caped from that institution and in high regard throughout the Bellewho were re-sentenced on escape Conte area. He was a leading memcharges before June 25, 1937, may ber of St. John's Episcopal church benefit by an opinion handed down was secretary of the church vestry. Miss Emmy Lou Crain and James tris week by the Supreme Court of was a lay reader in that congrega-The opinion was tion, and sang in the church choir.

Mr. and Mrs. James B. Craig, of written by Judge Maxey. West Curtin street, last week were The Supreme Court ruling was president of the Pennsylvania Retail made in the case of John A. Mcand senior classes, respectively, of Ginnis, who on March 30, 1931 in Biair county was sentenced to serve Emmy Lou was vice president of three terms of from one to two the sophomore class last year; is a years each, to run consecutively. In member of the glee club, and is soc- 1932 he escaped from Rockview penitentiary, was apprehended and (Continued on page aix)

Receive Number Circus to Exhibit of C. of C. Folders Here Saturday

Remainder of 20,000 Order Downie Brothers Show Will Appear on Witmer Field: Elephants Featured

Teacher, doctor, nurse and psy-Twenty-one views of Centre county scenes, a large map of the coun-chirist of pachyderms, more comand a brief outline of some of monly known as elegiants, is the the many outdoor recreations to be duties of Clements Taylor, who has found in this locality are found in charge of the four elephant herds the descriptive folder issued by the with the Downie Bros. Circus which A limited number of the folders day, May 14, giving an afternoon were delivered by the printers last and night performance on the Cirweek-end, and most of them were cus showgrounds.

given to members of the motorcade Taylor, young in years, but aged touring Pennsylvania when they by experience in the school of Centre county wheat growers, as stopped here Sunday. The remain- handling, training and supervision in the care of elephanis, is a graduste, who came from the ranks of (Continued on Page 5-2nd Sec.)

Chest About Full

State Secretary of Highways Roy A. Brownmiller will be the principal Don't forget the Treasure Hunt speaker at a Democratic meeting to that is to be staged by the merbe held at 7 o'clock Saturday night, chants who are members of the re-May 14, in the Court House here tail division of the Bellefonte in the interests of the Earle-Jones Chamber of Commerce, Mark a ring around Monday. May 23, on your Mr. Brownmiller, a native of calendar and be sure to visit Belle-Schuylkill county, has been active fonte's stores on that day and join the Democratic party for the in the "hunt", the first event of its past thirty years. In 1909 he was kind ever sponsored by a group of elected to the general assembly merchants in this community. after having served three terms as Watch for complete details in next county commissioner in Schuylkill week's issue. Meanwhile merchants Prior to the recent death are busily engaged in stocking the States Marine Band at the Com- of Warren Van Dyke. Mr. Brown- treasure chest with valuables of all miller had been assistant Secretary kinds. of Highways. Upon the death of his

Read the classified ads and profit.

Hundreds Witness Presentation of May Day Fete by Girl Scouts

nessed by hundreds of persons, arranged program. young and old alike, from Bellefonte and vicinity, the affair was bitious outdoor entertainments ever ough, township or other municipal one of the most complete and col- undertaken in Bellefonte, and the employe is permitted under the law

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tival got underway shortly after 2 ing and staging the celebration. Queen of the May by her Prince, all others who in any way helped Walker expects to make appoint-Miss Dorothy Stevens. Songs dedicated to the Queen and was.

with the best high school bands in Ideal weather prevailed Saturday to the advent of May were interafternon for the presentation of the spersed with special drills by Girl Girl Scouts' May Day fete on the Scouts and Brownies. Folk song spacious front lawn of Centre and dances by groups in colorful COURT TO FILL VACANCIES county's historic Court House. Wit- costumes added much to the well ON COUNTY ELECTION BOARDS The fete was one of the most am-

orful of its kind ever held in this precision with which the program to serve on election boards in Pennnoved was a splendid tribute to the sylvania, a number of Centre coun-Preceded by a brief concert by Git1 Scout organization, their lead- ty election boards members are subthe Bellefonte Banjo Band, the fes- ers and those in charge of arrang- mitting their resignations and are asking the Court to name persons o'clock, when Miss Winifred Flem- Girl Scout leaders, under whom to take their places at the primary ing, surrounded by her Court of the pageant was staged, wish to election next week Charlotte Kepler, mother-in-law Hohor, was escorted to the flower-thank the Fire Companies, the High Millie Kepler, brought suit bedecked throne on the Court School Band, Pifer's Band, Band bedeeked throne on the Court School Band, Pifer's Banjo Band, and others who are paid by any

John M. Bullock, **Prominent Merchant**

JOHN M. BULLOCK

ing firm of Montgomery & Company

in Bellefonte, passed away in his

sleep at his home on East Curtin

Street, early Monday morning after

o'clock, and a physician who arriv-

Association.

Lime Plant Wins

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plants in the country which oper-

ated throughout the year 1937 with-

to an employe, the Bell plant of

ly highest ranking in the third

yearly accident prevention contest

among quarrying companies en-

gaged in the manufacture of lime

The contest is conducted by the

bureau of mines in co-operation

with the National Lime Associa-

without a single lost-time accident.

Lime plants in 17 States were en-

Because it worked the largest

Leader With Uniform

new and attractive uniform through

the foresight and generosity of the

Heretofore Mr. Wion in public

pearances of the band has wern

his I. O. O. F. band uniform, whose

omber blue was somewhat out of

Realizing the necesity for a dif-

ferent color scheme for Mr. Wion,

the Elks authorized tailor G. W.

Heffelfinger to secure another uni-

form, and the new creation is an

epic of cream and gold, which gives

the leader the prominence he de-

From standpoints of appearance

and musical ability the Bellefonte

High Schol Band now is on a par

Because no Federal, State, bor-

The ban includes WPA workers

Monday, May 16.

keeping with the brilliant colors of

the B. H. S. band uniforms.

tered in the contest for 1937.

Elks Provide Band

the bureau reported.

one in the contest.

warded a certificate of honor

the bureau announced today

and

a six years' illness with asthm

heart trouble, and complications.

within an hour or so.

Succumbs to Illness

Under a will drawn in 1929 the late E. E. Weiser, Bellefonte automobile dealer who died suddenly at the Centre County Hospital Wednesday morning of last week, names the First National Bank of State College as his executor.

WEISER LEFT WILL

MADE YEAR 1929

The Weiser service station on the Andrews property at the corner of Allegheny and Howard streets subject of much litigation in the past two years, is not open for business and most of the stock of cars and refrigerators has been removed. Final disposition of the business and bullding will not be decided until the financial condition of the estate has been thoroughly studied.

DRIVES 200 MILES TO

two hundred miles in order to be tury ago is covered swiftly in an hour among the first to sign the wages or so in modern transport ships. and hours petition to discharge the transcontinental fourney in the early Rules Committee and bring the bill history of the United States was John Montgomery Bullock aged to the floor of the House for debate fraught with many dangers, and at burg. Millhelm, Centre Hall, Pleas- 73 years, for more than 50 years a and a vote sometime this month,

1222 Anglers at **Paradise Opening**

Members of the family found Mr. Trout Rush for Lures, But Bullock dead in bed about 7:30 Catch is Light; Attendance Records Shattered

More than twice as many anglers A member of the Beliefonte Kias ever before crowded into Fisherwanis Club, and the B. P. O. E. Mr. men's Paradise in any one day. jam-packed the wire-enclosed, milelong stretch of Spring Creek south annual opening of the State's fam-

For a number of years he was fishermen were issued identification serve 10 days in the county jail. badges, the scene at the Paradise No Accident Award and serious sport of angling.

Because of the tremendous jam cents. anglers at the gates by 6 o'clock One of the six lime producing that morning, officials opened the FINED \$25 FOR PEDDLING portals and began registering anglers. Fishing did not begin until 8 out an accident causing disability o'clock, and with the sounding of a (Continued on page seven)

the American Lime and Stone Company, at Bellefonte, has been a-Milk Producers the United States Bureau of Mines, Are Entertained The six honor plants shared joint-

Local Dairymen Guests of Sheffield Company at Get-Together in Court House

More than 400 farmers and their The Bellefonte plant operated families from the Bellefonte area 397,493 man-hours during the year, crowded the Court House here to capacity. Tuesday night, at a social and educatoinal meeting held by the Sheffield Farms company for producers who send milk to the Bellefonte plant.

number of man-hours, among the with perfect records, the Belle- dresses and instructive and enter- president judge of the courts of fonte plant was ranked number taining motion pictures was follow- Mifflin County, will preside over the ed by a social hour during which regular May Civil Court, which will coffee, home-made cake, ice cream convene here Monday, May 23. and pasteurized milk were served. (Continued on Page 6)

Plan Memorial Day Program

Twenty-five fraternal, civic and listed for trial. Harold Wion, organizer and di-rector of the Bellefonte High school vited to participate in the Memorial other organizations have been in-Band, has been provided with a Day parade to be held in Bellefonte under the auspices of the American Rockview Penitentiary, died Tues-Legion, the Veterans of Foreign day afternoon at the prison infirm-Wars and the Chamber of Com- ary from lobar pneumonia followmerce. Final arrangements for the ing a ten-day illness. Merall, 42. observance of the day locally will married, was born in South Carobe made Tuesday. May 17. when lina. He was a veteran of the World representatives of the various War. The body was shipped to reigroups are scheduled to meet.

National Air Mail Week Recalls Pioneer Days of Now Thriving Industry

BURNING OF HANGARS WAS SERIOUS SETBACK

Pilots Became Martyrs to Cause: Three Killed in Mishaps in One Month's Time

During the coming observance of National Air Mail week Centre Countians may well take credit for a share in the almost unbelievable progress made by that infant industry during the last decades, for many of the most colorful pages in air mail history were written within the con-

fines of the county. Since the days of the pony expres AID WAGE-HOUR BILL transportation has been gradually improved until a journey which re-Congressman Don Gingery drove quired weeks of hard riding a cenbest could not be accomplished without many delays and much inconvenience. Now modern multi-motored airliners, guided by light and radio beacons, and equipped with instruments, enabling a pilot to fly accurately to his destination through clouds, fog or in darkness span the

continent in less than a day's time. Time was when a pilot crawled into an olive drab biplane—a relic of the World War-and with the twelve (Continued on page four)

COLORED PANHANDLER GETS TEN DAYS IN JAIL

James Brown, colored, of Pittsof Bellefonte. Tuesday, for the fifth burgh, was arrested Friday aftermoon by Bellefonte borough police officer Donald Johnson, and after With last year's record day of a hearing before Justice of the 586 registered anglers shattered be- Peace Harold D. Cowher on charges yound all expectations when 1222 of panhandling was sentenced to

Brown, who comes to this comwith the start of fishing Tuesday munity at frequent intervals, was morning resembled the starting of soliciting money from door to door, a pie-eating contest or peanut and used abusive language when a scramble, rather than the leisurely well known local business man refused his demands for 15 or 20

IN BORO WITHOUT PERMIT

Arrested last Thursday afternoon by Chief of Police Harry Dukeman of Bellefonte, Henry Miller and Joe Schoolman, both of Pittsburgh, were fined \$25 each and costs by Burgess Hardman P. Harris, on charges of selling goods in the borough without a permit.

The men at first indicated that they would not pay the fine, but after an hour or two in the county tail paid the amount and were released from custody. The goods they were selling is reported to have been of inferior quality.

Judge Utley Will Preside Over Court

According to an announcement by Judge Ivan Walker, of Bellefonte, A program of interesting ad- Judge W. W. Uttley, of Lewistown. Judge Uttley has been invited to Centre County owing to the fact that

Judge Walker was interested as an attorney in a number of the cases

Rockview Inmate Dies Prince Merall colored inmate at

atives in Philadelphia yesterday

WPA Aid Offers Great Saving To Town In New School Project

Editor's Note: This is the third and final of a series of articles dealing with the Bellefonte Public Schools with particular reference to the proposed bond issue,

In preceding articles the general building needs of the High school and the effects of the on-resident pupil on the local situation were set forth. This article proposes to discuss some outstanding financial considerations of public interest at this

the near future, if ever, Bellefonte has not obtained its

share of federal funds for needed public improvements in comparison with that received by other communities. As long as such assistance is available and a public need exists it seems to be only a matter of good business for the community to take advantage of the proffered assistance while it can be obtained

Experience has shown that those communities which know what they want and have plans prepared covering their wants are in a strategic position to obtain aid when it beomes available

The Bellefonte School Board has Let it first be pointed out that if taken steps to be in such a position. the people of Bellefonte decide that To this end architects were emthey want their school building fa- ployed to survey the needs of the cilities enlarged, now is the oppor- school district and determine what tune time for such a program. Fed- is needed. To this end preliminary eral aid for school building is both building plans have been made. To available and liberal to an extent this end approval of a bond issue that is not likely to occur again in is asked so that the Bellefonte tax-

payers may obtain for \$55,000,00 a (Continued on Faze 6)