

# SEEK P. W. A. AID FOR SCHOOL

## BOARD LIMITS DISTRICT'S SHARE OF COST TO \$62,000

### Authorize Architect Prepare Working Drawings and Apply for Project; Agriculture Department to Added To High School Curriculum

Maintaining the swift pace established some months ago when the proposed addition of a new wing to the High School building was first suggested, the Belleville School Board at a meeting Monday night authorized Hunter & Caldwell, Altoona architects, to prepare working drawings and to proceed at once with preparations for securing PWA aid to construct the building. The Board, reversing a previous decision, also unanimously decided to accept the State Department of Agriculture's offer of funds for the immediate addition of a Department of Vocational Agriculture to the High School curriculum. Decision to apply to the Public Works Administration instead of to the Works Progress Administration for aid in financing the building was made upon the advice of the architect, Mr. Hunter, who based his recommendations upon a number of factors. Under the new PWA program which is just about to be launched, he said, the government will provide 45 per cent of the total cost of construction, furniture, equipment, architect's fees and other expenses. Predicting an extreme shortage of labor in this vicinity during the coming months because of the building program at Penn State, Mr. Hunter also declared that the proposed set-up of the new PWA program, which may eliminate the provision that relief labor must be given the first chance at employment, would be to the school board's advantage. He claimed the probable shortage of labor might result in delay or denial of approval of a WPA project by authorities at Washington. Preliminary estimates on the cost of the building and furniture, Mr. Hunter continued, total \$122,000, of which Belleville's share, under a PWA program, would be \$67,000. The Board, with \$55,000 to be made available through the issuance of bonds, and with other money available during the coming year, authorized the architects in drawing the program, to have the school district (Continued on Page 7)

## Logan Firemen Eat Roast Pig

### Charles E. Dorworth Presides as Toastmaster at Event Inspired by 'Baldy' Irvin

Eighty-two members and guests of the Logan Fire Company, Belleville, assembled at the Logan house Tuesday evening after the Flag Day parade, to participate in a roast pig dinner made possible through the generosity of Archie "Baldy" Irvin, of Coleville, who donated the pig for the feast. A committee in charge of the affair, with the help of the City Bakery, which roasted the pig, and Alex Stergias, who prepared the salad, mash-

## 381 Pupils Pass High School Exam

### 7 Milesburg Pupils Among 20 Highest Grades; One Room Pupils in Honor List

Certificates are being mailed out this week to 381 non-resident pupils in Centre County who passed high school entrance examinations conducted in six communities on April 30. It was announced yesterday by F. Glenn Rogers, County Superintendent of Schools. All pupils living in districts where there are no high schools are required to take the examination before they may enter any high school. In the list of 20 pupils making the highest grades in the examination, the Milesburg schools, as has been the case for the past number (Continued on page 3—Second Sec.)

## MERCHANTS ASKED TO CHECK MERCANTILE APPRAISEMENT

Appearing currently in the Centre Democrat is the Mercantile Appraisal of Centre County, as compiled by Herbert H. Stover, of Smulton. The appearance of the name of an individual or firm on the list indicates the establishment has been appraised for mercantile tax. The purpose of the advertisement is to enable all merchants in the county to check the list and determine whether any business place in their knowledge is evading the tax. Unless the list is so used, the purpose of the advertisement is lost. A request is made of all persons that the Department of Revenue at Harrisburg be immediately notified of any person or firm engaged in business whose name does not appear on the Mercantile Appraisal list.

## FLOWER MART WILL BE OPEN ALL DAY SATURDAY

Get ready for the flower mart Saturday morning, June 18, at the Liberty and Historical property, corner Allegheny and Howard Streets. Interrupt your thirteenth day of marketing for Sunday, come to the mart and rest while you eat a hot dog and drink a refreshingly cool "pop." Then too you'll want flowers for the Sunday dinner center piece—we'll have them—just loads of pretty posies out and potted. Let the kiddies have a big ride on the ponies, in the care of capable aides. Business will get under way in the morning and continue until late in the evening.

## Daughter of Former Belleville Minister Wed by Telephone

A seven-minute telephone conversation Friday between York, Pa., and Greenville, Texas, made Miss Malura T. Weaver, daughter of a former Belleville resident minister, the bride of M. D. Thomas, of Greenville. The ceremony occurred in a hotel at Greenville, the bridegroom's mother witnessed it from an extension, while the bride's father, Dr. A. F. Weaver, of York, officiated from the Evangelical parsonage in York, more than 2,000 miles away. Mrs. Weaver, mother of the bride, was also a witness, listening in on an extension on the second floor of the parsonage. Dr. Weaver was pastor during the years 1912-13 of the Evangelical church in Belleville. The daughter who just became a bride, has achieved a national reputation as a short story writer.

## NATIONAL NEGRO LEAGUE GAME SCHEDULED HERE

Local baseball fans will have an opportunity to witness another National Negro League baseball game, Wednesday, June 22, when the Homestead Grays will meet the Baltimore Giants on the Community Athletic Field, East Bishop street, Belleville. The game will begin at 4:30 o'clock. The Homestead Grays played in a regular league game here election day, and hundreds of fans who saw the game were well pleased with the exhibition. Homecoming at Fillmore Church August 20 and 21 have been chosen as the dates for the fifth annual Homecoming of the Fillmore Methodist church. Tentative plans call for a picnic on Saturday afternoon, served by one of the church organizations, and a festival that evening. Church services will be held Sunday morning and evening. Further plans and the names of speakers will be announced as they become available. Everybody is invited to attend the festivities.

## WELCOME TO OUR CITY

Belleville's hands of hospitality and welcome are extended to the twelve hundred or more Philadelphia excursionists who expect to stop off here on Sunday for a brief sight-seeing visit. Perhaps among the number will be former residents, to whom the pleasure of getting back will be immeasurable. Others will see our historic little city for the first time. We hope that each and every one will find much of delight and interest in the scenic sights and historic marks that fill this immediate vicinity. Their stay here will be brief, all too brief to fully appreciate the delightful surroundings of Belleville. Centre county abounds with natural scenic beauty that is rarely surpassed. It is not possible that our visitors can understand or see all our advantages in the short time they will be here. Our fondest wish is that they will imbibe enough of our scenic splendors to induce them to come back again and again.

## Feted!



MRS. DAISY B. HENDERSON

## Belleville Woman Signally Honored

Belleville shares with pride the honors bestowed upon one of its prominent members of Order of the Eastern Star, Mrs. Daisy B. Henderson, at the opening of the forty-fourth annual session of the Grand Chapter held in Jaffa Mosque, Altoona, Monday night. In recognition of the high esteem held for Mrs. Henderson, the Worthy Grand Matron of the Pennsylvania chapter, the setting and program were based on the daisy motif, a curtain of blue cellophane with huge white daisies forming the background for the impressive ceremony. (Continued on page six)

## Hit by Boom, Worker Dies of Injuries

### Walter Johnson, 38, Pine Grove Mills, Succumbs at Hospital Here

## FUNERAL TODAY FOR FATHER OF 8 CHILDREN

### Fellow Workman on Penn State Campus Narrowly Escapes Instant Death

Struck by the falling boom of a clam shovel on the Pennsylvania State College campus Friday morning, Walter Johnson, aged 38, of Pine Grove Mills, father of eight children, died of his injuries at 9:25 o'clock Tuesday morning in the Centre County Hospital.

Although his death was attributed to internal injuries, extreme shock resulting from a badly mangled left arm and a laceration of the head are believed to have been contributing factors. James Petter, of Greensburg, foreman, who was struck a glancing blow by the heavy boom, was not seriously injured and was discharged from the hospital after undergoing treatment. H. G. Quill, superintendent on the job who suffered a sprained ankle while inspecting the (Continued on page six)

## Tusseyville Man Has Peanut Taken Out of Throat

After losing 20 pounds of weight and being greatly weakened by a peanut which lodged in his gut Memorial Day, Robert Horner, aged 23, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wilkie Horner, of near Tusseyville, returned home early this week from the Geisinger Hospital, Danville, where the obstruction was removed Saturday. Horner was eating a mixture of popcorn and peanuts on Memorial Day when the peanut lodged in his throat, and for the following 12 days he was unable to swallow either food or water. Referred to the Geisinger Hospital by Dr. E. H. Adams, chief of staff of the Centre County Hospital, an examination with special instruments at that institution revealed the nut was lodged in a narrow passage in the gullet, completely closing the passage to the stomach. After the obstruction was removed, he swallowed water easily, but remained at the hospital over the weekend to regain strength and to undergo observation. He will return to the hospital each week for treatment with special instruments to stretch the gullet to its normal size.

## State College Scene of Fires

### Pearce Home and Bakery Buildings Damaged; Alpha Fireman Injured

A member of the Alpha Fire Company was injured and considerable damage resulted from two fires at State College, last Thursday. Howard Parsons, fireman, was severely bruised by bricks from a falling chimney while fighting flames which destroyed the third floor of the Russell C. Pearce home about 9 o'clock in the morning, and 14 hours later several storage buildings in the rear of the Electric Bakery were destroyed by fire. The origin of the blaze at the Pearce home, 220 S. Allen Street, is undetermined, but it is believed a (Continued on Page 6)

## Local Troopers To Go To Camp

### Will Leave at Midnight Friday For 2 Weeks' Stay at Indiantown Gap

Officers and members of Machine Gun Troop, 103rd Cavalry, Belleville, will leave by rail at midnight Friday of this week for their annual two weeks' encampment at Indiantown Gap. The troop train is scheduled to leave from the Belleville passenger station at 12:01 a. m. and traveling over the Lewisburg and Tyrone Branch, will stop at Lewisburg, Northumberland and Sunbury for the troops of those cities, who will be in camp at the same time. The 28 horses of the local Troop preceded the Guardsmen to camp (Continued on page three)

## Injuries Fatal To Aged Woman

Dean English, of Woodland, R. D. driver of a truck which struck and fatally injured Miss Sarah Hockman, aged 73, of Millbrook, last Thursday afternoon was exonerated of contributory negligence by a Coroner's Jury impelled by Dr. W. R. Henton, of Philadelphia. Miss Hockman, struck while crossing the highway near her home about 3 o'clock Tuesday afternoon of last week, died at 11:55 o'clock Wednesday night in the Centre County Hospital, Belleville. She (Continued on page four)

## REBERSBURG MAN HURT WHEN STRUCK BY HEAVY POST

Raymond C. Houck, Rebersburg, was admitted to the Lock Haven Hospital Tuesday morning at 8:30 o'clock suffering indeterminate head injuries sustained earlier in the morning while he was installing a heavy gatepost in concrete at his home. The post fell over in some manner, striking him. X-ray photographs were taken to determine the extent of his injuries.

## HONOR STUDENTS AT B. H. S.



DONALD KINGSLEY MISS LORRAINE YATES

## Announce Names of Honor Pupils in Grades

Awarding of diplomas to the 124 members of the graduating class of the Belleville High School, distribution of prizes to students who attained outstanding success in various departments of school work, and a splendid commencement address by Dr. G. Morris Smith, president of Susquehanna University at Selinsgrove, featured the 55th annual commencement exercises held at the Plaza theatre Thursday night of last week. The theatre was crowded to capacity for the program. In addition to the list of prizes announced last week, two other awards were given out at the exercises. One was a prize of \$2.50 given by the Belleville Daughters of the American Revolution, and known as the D. A. R. Pilgrimage award. The winner was Miss Lorraine Yates. The other award, a certificate of merit for the sophomore (Continued on page six)

## To Sell Stock of Mingle Store

### Brown's Boot Shops, Inc., to Clear Shelves For Shoes of Special Make

Sale of the present stock of shoes at the former Mingle Shoe store in the Brockerhoff building will begin Saturday morning, and will continue until the stock has been depleted. It was announced yesterday by R. L. Brown, acting manager of the store. The 60-year-old business was sold Friday to Brown's Boot Shops, Inc. (Continued on page three)

## Snow Shoe High Teachers Marry

### Miss Ruth E. Shope Becomes Bride of Norman P. Harris at Church Yesterday

At a nicely appointed ceremony performed at 11 o'clock yesterday morning at the Methodist Episcopal church, Snow Shoe, Miss Ruth Ellnor Shope, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank L. Shope, of Snow Shoe, became the bride of Norman P. Harris, of Snow Shoe, son of Mr. and Mrs. Willis E. Harris, of Galeton. Both bride and bridegroom are (Continued on page six)

## 2 Anglers Meet Luck on Streams

Two more Belleville anglers covered themselves with fishing laurels by landing large trout at about the same time Saturday night on different parts of Spring Creek. The girl's name was given as Anna Russo, alias Jean Randall. She is reported to have left Rochester with Peanuts Richardson when the Lawrence Shows left Rochester. There is no charge against Richardson. Leroy Rider, aged about 22, of Belleville, caught a 25-inch trout weighing 6 pounds while angling just below the iron bridge at the upper part of the old Fair grounds, north of Belleville. He caught the monster on a minnow about 7:30 p. m. and having no landing net, was forced to wade into the stream to get his trophy to shore. Charles Mensch, editor of the (Continued on page four)

## NAME CAPTAINS OF DRIVE FOR CENTRE COUNTY HOSPITAL

The annual membership campaign of the Centre County Hospital not included in the Belleville and State College Welfare campaigns, is now in full swing. In nearly all boroughs and townships captains have been named and they have appointed helpers who are working for a successful drive. Contributions are being solicited from private individuals, business places, lodges, granges, churches and Sunday schools. A contribution of one dollar or more entitles the contributor to a yearly membership in the Centre County Hospital Corporation. In desperation, many persons must and do turn to this hospital for aid. Among them are families struggling valiantly to maintain independence on incomes too meagre for ordinary day-to-day living, lacking resources to stand the strain of sudden disaster; a needed operation or medical care. Even families on Government relief must look to the hospital for the aid relief checks do not cover. In good times or bad, through depression or prosperity, these are problems the hospital must meet and they can only be met by the liberal support of all. Certain townships each year call upon the hospital for fine service, but during our membership drive contribute little or nothing for the upkeep of the institution. (Continued on page two)

## JOHN M. KEICHLINE, 91, SUCCUMBS TO ILLNESS

### Classified Ads Undo Damage of Heavy Windstorm

On the face of it there doesn't seem to be much connection between last Tuesday afternoon's violent windstorm in Belleville and the Classified Advertising Department of The Centre Democrat. But there is a connection. While the wind here was blowing off tree limbs and hurling great clouds of dust and dirt through the air, Robert E. Knupp, of Harrisburg, a salesman, was blowing his way through the wind on High Street. He left his hat long enough to button his coat, and in that instant a sudden blast heaved the hat high into the air. Of course the salesman pursued the brand new Pan-

## Scores Awarded Prizes at Picnic

Scores of prizes were awarded contestants in a long list of events held yesterday as a feature of the 13th annual picnic of the State College Kiwanis Club and farmers of Centre county, at the Grange Park, Centre Hill. Attendance at the event reached new heights with between 2000 and 2500 persons taking part in yesterday's festivities. The weather was ideal, and there were no mishaps to mar the occasion. The Farmers defeated the Kiwanis Club at baseball, but late last night scorekeepers hadn't been able to total all the runs turned in for the winning team. Following is a partial list of (Continued on page three)

## Arrest Suspect In Robbery at Martha

With the arrest early this week of a suspect in Couderport, the solution of a ten-month-old Centre County robbery were believed last night to be near at hand. The suspect was brought to the Centre County jail last night by two officers, Kimbeck and Shubertberger, sent to Couderport by Corporal S. S. Molenkofer, of the Rockview barracks State Motor Police. Early Sunday morning August 15, 1937 three men in a stolen car held up Walter Spackman, of Port Matilda, and Lee Stoner, of State College, attendants at a filling station at Martha Furnace owned by Clyde Johnson, of State College, and made off with about \$50. The car in (Continued on page three)

## Mystery Shrouds Disappearance of Entire Circus Troup

The tail of a white mouse, a few drops of blood, tiny footprints on glass, and strange marks upon the surface of a cardboard sign are the only clues authorities have in the most bizarre mystery to occur in Belleville in many years. To top off the weird chain of events, the unlucky number "13" happens prominently in the fore. The mystery was discovered early yesterday morning when Harry C. Yeager, well known Belleville shoe merchant, opened his store for the day. Since Monday, a feature of the shoe display in the windows of (Continued on page three)

## Plan Reception For Travelers

### High School Band to Greet, Mayor Harris to Welcome Excursion Passengers

The Chamber of Commerce committee named to greet passengers aboard the two excursion trains from Philadelphia scheduled for a 38-minute stop-over in Belleville early Sunday afternoon, yesterday indicated that nothing has been left undone to make the most use of the short time allotted. The trains, known as "Off the Beaten Path" excursions, will enter Belleville from opposite directions, one traveling over the L. & T. (Continued on page seven)

## TO THE LOCAL POWERS-THAT-BE

You may have noticed, as tourists and neighboring visitors to our town are doing, that something is wrong with the manner of handling automobile traffic in Belleville, especially at night, and more particularly on Wednesday and Saturday nights.

The confusion and uncertainty existing at several street intersections is dangerous to both motorist and pedestrian. The most outstanding hazard needing attention is the intersection of High and Spring streets. At this point, cars entering the intersection from four directions usually have to jockey for a getaway. Pedestrians who are compelled to cross the streets have either to wait an unreasonable length of time or run the risk of being injured.

This is only one of several street hazards to which motorists and pedestrians are subjected on a busy night in Belleville. It is not only confusing to those who come to Belleville to shop, but is a source of slowing up traffic. As proof of this assertion, one motorist declared that it required twenty minutes to drive down High street on a recent Saturday evening. Again, a woman tourist mentioned within our hearing that it was less difficult to drive through city traffic than over the streets of Belleville.

Doesn't all of this prove that several traffic lights should be installed in Belleville, at least for part-time service? We believe the friendly gesture with which we welcome folks to our town should be incorporated with a full measure of consideration for their comfort and safety.