

BANKS TO DEAL OUT \$111,550

CHRISTMAS SAVINGS FUNDS IN COUNTY REACH NEW PEAK

Most Institutions Report
Gains; Bellefonte Total
Shows Slight Loss

PAYMENTS TO BE MADE
EARLY IN DECEMBER

Philipsburg Bank Leads With
Distribution of \$54,000; 9-
Year Record Broken

Centre county banks are preparing to distribute a total of approximately \$111,550 within the next few weeks to some 2,415 depositors in Christmas Savings Funds. It was revealed yesterday by officials of the nine institutions featuring Christmas accounts.

Most payments will be made by check the first week in December, while all funds will be paid out at least a week or two before the holiday season.

The total distribution to be made this year is greater by a considerable amount than has been the case for at least eight years.

Totals for previous years, all exclusive of the First National Bank of Philipsburg, were:

1930	\$53,927
1931	55,600
1932	49,550
1933	40,460
1934	38,700
1935	36,300
1936	39,075
1937	50,650
1938	57,550 (exclusive of Philipsburg)

Funds in Bellefonte banks showed a slight decrease over last year, the totals being: 1937, \$26,500, and 1938, \$26,000. In State College the total increased from about \$20,000 to about \$27,000. The First National bank of Philipsburg increased its accounts nearly \$8,000 this year. If all accounts in the Philipsburg bank had been paid to date in full, the (Continued on page five)

Monster Kills 2-Pound Bear With Single Shot

The 1938 big game season will be a red letter one for the Rev. A. G. Herr, of East Bishop street, Bellefonte, for many years to come. For on Tuesday, the second day of the bear season, the Rev. Mr. Herr while hunting with three companions in the mountainous wilds near Sinnemahoning, brought down with a single shot a fine black bear, weighing about 250 pounds. The minister, with Lewis Gill, of Julian, and George Stiver and Lee Stiver, of Port Matilda, went into the mountains early Tuesday morning. About 10:30 o'clock while the pastor was standing alone on top of a ridge, he saw the bear walking in the mountain toward him. He fired, and the bear fell, mortally wounded. The huge animal rolled down the mountain for about 300 yards until it came to rest—dead. The hunters had some difficulty in carrying the heavy bear to the car. Arriving in Bellefonte about 3 o'clock that afternoon with the bear tied along the running board and fender, the kill was the center of large crowds of interested spectators wherever the machine stopped.

COURT HOLDS FATE OF BODY

Remains of General Patton
Repose Temporarily in
Huntingdon Cemetery

The bones of General John Patton, Revolutionary War soldier, taken from the crude grave in a family burial plot near Boalsburg some weeks ago, are now at rest in a modern casket in a grave beside the body of his second wife in Riverview cemetery, Huntingdon. But the ceremonial interment of the warrior's remains by Standing Stone Post, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Huntingdon, on Armistice Day, has not brought to an end the legal controversy which began when the V. F. W. took the body from its original grave allegedly without permission. Still pending against Paul Haas, formerly of Bellefonte, Commander of the Post, and Edward Harpster, one of the originators of the plan to (Continued on page four)

SON WOUNDED BY GUN IN HANDS OF FATHER

A hunting accident near Jacksonville resulted in painful but not serious injuries to Charles Harter on election day when a gun in the hands of his father, William Harter, of Jacksonville, accidentally discharged. Father and son were hunting rabbits at the time of the accident. The elder man immediately rushed his son to the offices of Dr. Painter, at Mill Hill, where the many small shot which had penetrated the skin were removed. None of the pellets struck vital spots, and the following morning the boy had recovered sufficiently to resume his work on a highway maintenance crew.

Sportsmen's Meeting

The Port Matilda Sportsman's Association will entertain the Centre County Federation of Sportsman Clubs Thursday, November 17, at 6:30 p. m. at the McPeely Brick Co. Club House, Port Matilda. Dinner will be served by the Missionary Society of the Presbyterian church.

Pass Driver's Tests at Lock Haven

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Roaring down from the North Pole in an airplane to pay a pre-Christmas visit to Bellefonte, Santa Claus in person is scheduled to be entertained here briefly on Friday afternoon, November 25. Arrangements being made by a committee from the Bellefonte Chamber of Commerce indicate that Santa will arrive here by air about 2:30 o'clock in the afternoon. The plane will circle over Bellefonte, while Mr. Claus waves greetings to his friends, young and old, and when the plane lands at the Thomas Beaver field just east of town it will be met by a reception committee, bands, floats, marchers, and other units welcoming the distinguished visitor. The car bearing Santa Claus will lead a parade into Bellefonte and (Continued on page five)

Lemont Man Meets Death On Highway

John N. Hall Instantly Killed
When Struck By Passing
Automobile

VICTIM SAID TO HAVE
WALKED IN PATH OF CAR

Coroner's Jury Absolves Driver
of Blame For Distressing
Accident

John N. Mong, of Pleasant Gap, Friday was absolved of blame by a coroner's jury in the death of John N. Hall, aged 60, of Lemont, who was instantly killed about 5:45 p. m. last Thursday when he was struck by Mong's sedan on the Bellefonte-Pleasant Gap highway a short distance north of Pleasant Gap. Hall, walking toward Pleasant Gap, was struck by the Mong machine, traveling in the same direction, and was thrown to the side of the road (Continued on Page 7)

Cars Meet At Pleasant Gap

Sunday afternoon when machines driven by Reta E. Haagen, Bellefonte, R. D. 3, and Charles Page, of Oak Hill, collided at the intersection at Pleasant Gap, no one was injured and total damage was about \$20.

Blustery Weather Had an Adverse Effect on the Opening of the Bear Hunting Season in Centre County

Few kills have been reported by local hunters, but some have had outstanding success. Among them are the Rev. A. G. Herr, of Bellefonte, whose tale of success is told elsewhere in this issue, and the Dutrow party of Centre Hall, which came home with a fine bear after a hunt near Eddy Lick along the Renovo Road.

College Youth Killed In Fall

Plunges Three Stories Down
Elevator Shaft at New
Building on Campus

Losing his footing on the third floor of the new Liberal Arts building under construction on the Penn State Campus, George A. Rudy, aged 18, of State College, plunged to almost instant death down an elevator shaft early yesterday afternoon.

5 Left Homeless In Philipsburg Fire

Two-Story House, Occupied
by Two Families, is Badly
Damaged, Monday

Five persons were left homeless on Monday morning when fire destroyed the Farnley Glover residence in South Philipsburg. The approximate loss is placed at \$2000.

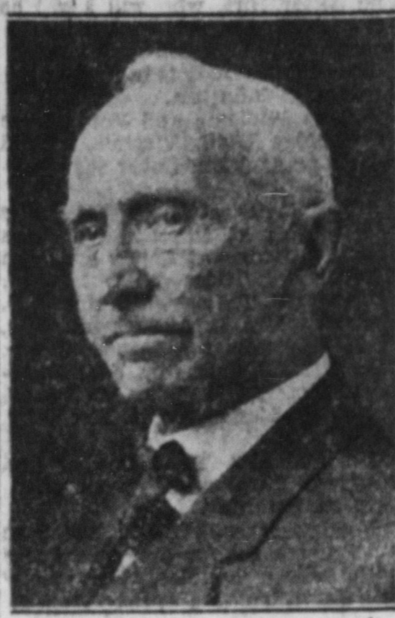
To Extend Route 53 Markers

The State Highway Department is to extend the marking of route 53 from Wingate to that route's intersection with route 220 on East Bishop street, Bellefonte. In checking over 53, the Department also found that additional markers are needed at Oseola Mills, and such signs are to be placed in the near future.

Woman Burned to Death

A full account of the death of Mrs. Minnie Johnson, 57, of Lock Haven, who was burned to death at her Lock Haven home, will be found on the first page of the second section. Mrs. Johnson was the widow of the late W. Harry Johnson, of Bellefonte, who died a suicide about four years ago while living on East Bishop Street, Bellefonte.

COUNTY MOURNS



THE LATE J. T. McCORMICK whose death November 8th was recorded last week in these columns. The last rites for this prominent nonagenarian citizen were held in the State College Lutheran church Thursday afternoon of last week.

Board Completes Official Count

Final Tally of Election in
County Proves Accuracy of
Newspaper Tabulation

Official tabulation of the vote cast in Centre county at the general election last Tuesday was completed Tuesday noon and the official totals show only minor variations from the newspaper tabulation published last week.

The count was made by a board consisting of the following persons: Mrs. Edith Bunkle, Hazel Johnson and George Carpeneto, all of Bellefonte; L. D. Fye, of State College, and Samuel J. McMullin, of Millheim, chief clerk to the County (Continued on Page 6)

To Present Play November 29th

Rehearsals for "Bing! Bang!
Boom!" Indicate Outstanding
Home-Talent Show

Rehearsals for the musical comedy "Bing! Bang! Boom!" to be presented at the State Theatre on Tuesday, November 29, under the sponsorship of the Bellefonte Chamber of Commerce, are moving swiftly toward an unusually fine home-talent production. Under the experienced hand of Mrs. Alberta Krader, choruses, soloists and the principal characters are being groomed for their parts in the two-act play.

10 CIVIL CASES LISTED FOR TRIAL

Ten civil cases are listed for trial here during the regular December term of court, it became known yesterday when the docket was prepared for printing.

Civil Court will convene on Monday, December 19, and according to the prepared schedule, is expected to be in session for at least three days. Cases listed for the week are as follows:

TO BE CALLED MONDAY

Annie Zelesnik vs. The School District of Spring township, ejectment, not guilty.

NAME NEW OPERATING ROOM SUPERVISOR AT HOSPITAL

Miss Ruth Bathurst, of Altoona, Tuesday of this week became operating room supervisor at the Centre County Hospital, succeeding Miss Mabel Helman, resigned.

Armistice Day Observed Here

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Public Ceremony and Legion Banquet Highlights of Day's Program

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Art Windows Dedicated At Gap Church

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Lutheran Edifice

NINE MEMORIALS TO
HONOR PARISHIONERS

Program of Seventieth Anniversary Replete With Homecoming Atmosphere

Nine memorial art windows in St. Mark's Lutheran church, Pleasant Gap, were dedicated at impressive ceremonies held Sunday morning in connection with the 70th anniversary of the founding of the church.

During the program the Rev. W. J. Wagner, of State College, for 15 years pastor of St. Mark's, and who was in charge of the service, was pleasantly surprised when he learned that one of the memorial windows was dedicated to him. The window was provided by funds contributed by the Busy Bee Sunday school class, and by the now disbanded Sunshine class.

Other windows were dedicated to Mr. and Mrs. Albert Smeltzer, Mr. and Mrs. Harry E. Garbrick, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Swartz, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Swartz, Mr. and Mrs. William Bilger, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Noll, Mr. (Continued on Page 7)

TO PASS ON 31 INDICTMENTS

District Attorney Announces
List For Coming Session
of Grand Jury

Twenty-one bills of indictment are scheduled to be presented to the Grand Jury for the regular December term of court when that body meets during the week of November 28. It was announced yesterday by District Attorney Musser W. Gettig.

The list shows 18 bills for consideration Monday; 6 for presentation on Tuesday, and the remaining 7 for Wednesday.

An echo of the ceremonial reburial of the bones of General John Patton at Huntingdon on Armistice Day, appears on the District Attorney's docket.

YOUTH HELD IN THEFT OF MONEY FROM STORE

William Noonan, aged 17, of St. Paul street, Bellefonte, was lodged in the county jail in default of \$500 bond Monday morning after a hearing before Justice of the Peace Harold D. Cowher, West Bishop street. Noonan was found missing from the Haines shoe store on North Allegheny street.

Chief of Police Harry Dukeman, the prosecutor in the case, said Noonan had been seen loitering about the Haines store Saturday and when \$12 in cash was found missing from a drawer, suspicion pointed to him. Noonan arrested Noonan Sunday, and under questioning the boy admitted the theft and led the officer to a barrel on the Korman & Co. property near the railroad station, where \$500 of stolen money was found. Noonan gave no accounting for the remainder of the money, police said. Although the boy has no police record, local authorities have received some complaints in regard to his activities.

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Two Men Slightly Injured

Two men were slightly injured about 4 o'clock Saturday afternoon when their truck and another truck operated by C. L. Irvin, of Pennsylvania Furnace, collided on West College avenue, near Patterson street. The men, Charles Boal, driver, and Rodney Tressler, a passenger, suffered minor lacerations and bruises. Total damage to the machines was estimated at \$75, according to State College Police Chief Martin L. Kaufman, who investigated the mishap.

Girls Go On Candy Spree

A spending spree on candy bars by three young Renovo girls led to the discovery by Chief of Police M. A. Sciaranza that the money had been taken from a pocketbook which Mrs. P. J. Long had left in a baby carriage. With the promise that the money will be returned, no action was taken.

Stores To Remain Open

Because of the Thanksgiving holiday next Thursday, most Bellefonte stores and business places will remain open next Wednesday night until 9 o'clock.

Drops 20 Feet From Window Of Hospital

John W. Smith, Local Newspaperman; Seriously Injured;
May Have Skull Fracture

HAD UNDERGONE MAJOR
OPERATION, MONDAY

Victim is World War Veteran,
Member of Legion, and
Borough Auditor

Distraught after a serious operation he underwent on Monday, John W. Smith, of Pike street, Bellefonte, local editor of the Keystone Gazette, yesterday fell from a window in the men's ward at the Centre County Hospital, dropping about 20 feet to the concrete steps leading to the main entrance to the institution.

Smith suffered a possible skull fracture, a fractured wrist and severe lacerations of the head and one leg, in addition to reopening the incision made during the operation. His condition last night was reported to be serious.

Mr. Smith, a World War veteran, member of the Brooks-Doll Post American Legion, prominent member of the Logan Fire Company, and Bellefonte Borough auditor, entered the hospital Sunday and on the following morning underwent an operation for a hernia suffered while at work some months ago.

About 10:30 o'clock yesterday morning while nurses were temporarily absent from the ward, Smith is reported to have left his bed and crossed the room to a window. Opening the window he fell through the screen to the sidewalk below.

Nurses summoned by fellow-patients when Smith left his bed, arrived in the room a moment after the man had disappeared. They found him in an unconscious condition on the concrete steps leading to the main entrance.

After undergoing treatment in the operating room, the injured man was returned to the ward.

Rebersburg Pastor Unhurt In Crash

Escapes Injury When Car
Hits Another Vehicle Parked
on Highway

Rev. Arthur J. Miller, pastor of the Reformed church at Rebersburg, escaped injury Monday afternoon when his car figured in a collision along route 36, near Cavalry cemetery, in the vicinity of Altoona.

According to the State Motor Patrolman who investigated the accident, the Rev. Mr. Miller, in crossing a slight rise in the highway, came suddenly upon two cars which had been stopped because of road repairs.

The Centre county minister's machine was wrecked to the extent of \$200 when it crashed into one driven by William H. Edwards, of Altoona, which in turn hit another car operated by Joseph Knepper, of the same place.

Total damages was placed at approximately \$275, according to motor police.

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NEGOTIATE FOR SALE OF EAGLE SILK MILL HERE

IMPORTANT!
Owing to the fact that next Thursday is Thanksgiving Day, The Centre Democrat will go to press Tuesday noon.

This early edition is planned in order to give the readers an opportunity to arrange their shopping from the advertising columns. By getting the paper into the homes on Tuesday and early Wednesday, housewives will find it a convenient guide for the Thanksgiving holiday buying, which must be done on that day as all stores will be closed on Thursday.

Advertisers, correspondents and others submitting copy for next week's issue are urged to bear this change in mind and to have their copy in this office not later than early Tuesday morning. Otherwise, disappointment will result.

We kindly ask the co-operation of all patrons in making this early edition a possibility.

TO OPEN NEW SCHOOL BIDS

School Board Hears Reports;
Names Substitute For High
School Vacancy

Bids on the revised plans for the proposed PWA wing to the Bellefonte High school are to be opened at a special meeting of the school board in the Supervising Principal's office at the high school, at 7:30 o'clock tonight.

When bids on the original plans were opened November 14, it was found that the lowest set of estimates was \$31,206 in excess of the budgeted maximum of \$96,150 set aside by the board for the work. To overcome the difference, the Board in revising the plans, excluded a (Continued on page four)

The public is cordially invited to be present at the Court House at 7:30 o'clock Tuesday evening, November 22, when Captain Joseph M. Schmucker, chief of detectives of the City of Williamsport, will speak on the dangers of the demoralizing drug, marijuana.

Captain Schmucker recently waged a spectacular and effective campaign against the drug traffic in Williamsport, and will bring to Bellefonte a wealth of experience in safeguarding children and the community against this fast-growing evil. His appearance here is sponsored by the Centre County Hospital Nurses Alumnae Association. Admission is free and the public is invited.

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Forest Land Burned

Approximately 13 acres of forest land in the vicinity of Renovo were damaged by a forest fire Sunday, Crews under the supervision of Warden Harold Zerbe and Perry Geta extinguished the flames.

Owner of Bellefonte Theatres
Offers R. F. C. \$25,000
For Property

WOULD CONVERT PLANT
INTO HOSIERY MILL

C. of C. Acting as Go-Between
—Proposed Industry Would
Employ 150 at Start

Attempts to re-open the C. K. Eagle Silk Mill in Bellefonte are being made by the Bellefonte Chamber of Commerce, the chairman of the Chamber's industrial committee announced yesterday.

The C. K. Eagle Co. closed the Bellefonte plant in 1936 after going into bankruptcy and throwing 150 people out of work. The Reconstruction Finance Corporation, holder of a substantial mortgage against the local property, now controls the selling of the plant.

Howard J. Thompson, of Curwensville, owner of the two Bellefonte theatres, has made an offer to open a full-fashioned hosiery mill employing 150 persons at the start, providing financial arrangements can be made with the R. F. C. Mr. Thompson has offered \$25,000 cash for the plant, including the machinery or \$35,000 on a five-year mortgage lease plan. The present machinery cannot be used for the proposed hosiery mill and its value to Mr. Thompson is of bank value only, it is reported.

The R. F. C. at first set the sale price for the local property at \$60,000 and later agreed to consider \$45,000. Negotiations to bring the two parties, Mr. Thompson and the R. F. C. together will be continued by the Bellefonte Chamber of Commerce.

Should Mr. Thompson take over the mill the initial installation will be three units of full-fashioned hosiery machinery. These units will be the most modern of women's stocking machinery, making the entire stocking in one operation without any seams. The machinery, it is understood, cost approximately \$15,000 each and the process is closely guarded by manufacturers.

Mr. Thompson has stated that in the event he takes over the silk mill property here the total payroll may eventually be increased to 300 persons. At its peak production periods the C. K. Eagle Company employed as many as 250 at its plant here.

Labor Leaders Discuss Policies

Confer With Commissioners
and Contractor in Regard
to County Poor Home

At a conference held yesterday afternoon in the offices of the Centre County Commissioners, steps were taken by representatives of various labor unions, the commissioners, the local unemployment office and the Berwick Lumber and Supply Company, general contractors, to determine labor policies to be followed in the construction of the Centre County Poor Home.

F. T. St. Clair, representing the general contractors, told the group that his company will deal individually with the various unions, but not collectively with them. He de- (Continued on page five)

DE MOLAY TO HOLD THANKSGIVING DANCE

Penn-Centre Chapter Order of DeMolay, Bellefonte, will hold its annual Thanksgiving dance at the Penn Belle Hotel on Friday night, November 25. It will be a semi-formal dance to which all Masons, members of DeMolay and alumni are invited.

A floor show will be a feature of the evening. Music will be furnished by the Keystonians orchestra, dancing from 9:00 to 1:00. Admission will be \$1.50 per couple, refreshments included.

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WED 64 YEARS



MR. AND MRS. WM. F. PETERS

Well known Millsburg residents who on Tuesday, November 22, will observe their 64th wedding anniversary. Both natives of upper Bald Eagle Valley, Mr. and Mrs. Peters are widely known and held in high regard. Mr. Peters will be 87 years old in February, and his wife is one year his junior.

Hunts Without a License

State Game Protector Dave Dahlgren, Philipsburg, arrested John Fern, Fallen Timber, R. D. Saturday at noon on charges of hunting in that territory without a license. Fern acknowledged his guilt when seized and the payment of fine was made at the scene of the arrest.

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