

HUGE KILL ANTLERLESS DEER

CENTRE COUNTY SPORTSMEN THROG WOODS THIS WEEK

Bellefonte Hunters Secure Share With Little Difficulty First Day

NO ACCIDENTS OCCUR IN THIS TERRITORY

Season Opened Monday Morning and Will Last Until Saturday

Opening of the antlerless deer season on Monday brought out a great army of hunters, who invaded every section of wooded territory where deer were to be found.

The deer kill this season will probably equal, if not exceed, the doe season of three years ago.

Centre County Kill is Heavy Reports from every section of Centre county bear out the assumption that the doe population has been pretty thoroughly cleaned out.

Many Bellefonte sportsmen were successful in bagging a deer the first day, among whom are: John (Crabby) Gordon and his son, Fred Gordon, each one; Collins Shoemaker, Thomas O'Bryan, Mack Hall, of Milesburg; Win Hill and party, two; James E. Beadley, Leroy Grubb, John Dean, Ralph Meyer, Edward Meyer, Terzil Lucas, Fred Gordon (not the Fred Gordon previously mentioned); Robert Thompson.

Wins Appointment



Howard High school graduate, who received a real Thanksgiving present last week when he received notification from Washington, D. C., of his appointment to a governmental position at Baltimore, Md.

GENERAL JOHN PATTON WAS COUNTY'S FIRST IRONMASTER

Much has been written recently concerning the removal of Gen. John Patton's remains from its original resting place in Centre county to Huntingdon county.

In connection with the life of General Patton, the following brief biography written by Henry S. Linn of Bellefonte will be found an interesting addition to the facts that have already been published.

Accident Victim



EVAN R. LUCAS Meets Tragic Fate

Wingate Man Meets Death On Highway

Evan R. Lucas, 61, Struck by Car of Bellefonte Resident

DIED AFTER BEING TAKEN TO HOSPITAL

Victim Escaped Similar Fate Month Previous by Narrow Margin

Struck by a car during a blinding snowstorm late in the afternoon of Thanksgiving Day, Evan R. Lucas, aged 61, well known resident of Wingate and former Pennsylvania Railroad employe, received injuries which resulted in his death at the Centre County Hospital six hours later.

The driver of the car, Leroy Resides, of East High Street, Bellefonte, was exonerated of contributory negligence in the accident; by a Coroner's Jury which conducted an inquest at the Hospital, Friday morning, under the direction of Dr. W. R. Heaton, of Phillipsburg, Centre County Coroner.

Minister Reviews Germany's Status

Lock Haven Clergyman Addresses Kiwanis on 'Religious Situation'

In speaking on "The Religious Situation in Germany" before the members of the Bellefonte Kiwanis Club at the meeting Tuesday noon, the Rev. Harold Ditzler, pastor of the Reformed church of Lock Haven, pointed out that there must be an understanding of two underlying elements—the financial and the philosophy of National Socialism before we can come to an understanding of the situation.

For some months after the close of the World War, he stated, thousands of people died in Germany of starvation. These came the utter (Continued on Page 6)

Audience Thrilled By Talk On Drug

Noted Detective Describes Evil Effects From Smoking Marijuana Plant

An audience of nearly three hundred persons listened with rapt attention to the address of Capt. Joseph M. Schmucker, chief of detectives of Williamsport, who spoke in the Court House last Tuesday evening on the subject of "Marijuana and its demoralizing effects."

Prior to Capt. Schmucker's address the Methodist girls' acappella choir under the direction of Mrs. Philip Wilm, rendered several splendid numbers, and the Bjalme sisters, (Continued on Page 7)

Escaped Prisoner Reported Captured

According to United Press reports, George Trainor, Rockview inmate who walked away from the prison last June, was captured by police in Denver, Colo. Officials at the Rockview Penitentiary are awaiting word from Denver.

Trainor was sent up from Allegheny county on a charge of burglary and was serving a sentence of 5 to 20 years. He was working as a teamster and after he had tied his team to a tree, he left the prison grounds.

GEN. PATTON CASE SETTLED

Grand Jury Disposes of Bills in Two-Day Session; Guilty Pleas Made

At a special session of court on Monday morning, charges of removing the body of General Patton from its grave in College township, placed against Paul Haag and Edward Harpster, of the Huntingdon V. P. Post, were dropped following an agreement reached between the prosecutor and former Judge James C. Furst, representing the prosecutor. The Huntingdon Post is reported to have agreed to pay all costs in the case. The prosecutor is said to have withdrawn the equity proceedings in Huntingdon county and the criminal charges in Centre county.

Leonard Witt and Warren Fisher, two youths arrested November 10, for breaking into the Samuel Shallock cabin near Runville, were (Continued on page seven)

Committees to Be Elected In County

1939 Farm Program Will Choose Leaders at Scheduled Community Meetings

At a series of community meetings scheduled throughout the county, Centre county farmers will elect community committeemen for the 1939 Agricultural Conservation Program.

At the same time delegates will be elected to select the County Agricultural Conservation Committee for 1939 according to an announcement by W. F. Rishel, chairman of the 1938 county committee.

Also, at these meetings the main points of next year's program will be discussed, both from its national aspect and its local application. Every farmer who signs a register indicating that he is entitled to share in the 1939 proceeds of a farm in his community and that he intends to do so, (Continued on page four)

Military Ball To Be Held New Year's Eve

A military ball will feature the New Year social activities in Bellefonte, the event to be sponsored by Troop B, of the 103rd Machine Gun Squadron. It will be held in the new annex, east of town, on Saturday evening, December 31st, and will be a semi-formal affair. Preparations are being made to make it one of the outstanding social events of the season. Admission will be \$1.50 per couple. The grand march will take place at 10 o'clock. Among the entertainment features will be a floor show. Guests will receive favors. Refreshments will be served.

Beginning Monday, December 12, all Bellefonte merchants will keep their stores open evenings until Christmas. This will not only be an accommodation to local citizens but to out-of-town shoppers as well.

Santa Claus Visits Bellefonte



Here's a picture of Santa Claus, red suit, white beard and everything, as he arrived by airplane last Friday afternoon to pay the kiddies of Bellefonte a visit, and to remind them that on Saturday evening, December 24th, he'll be here again with bagsful of presents to hang on trees and fill stockings. Following his arrival at the airport Old Santa was met by a team and sleigh, and headed by Mayor Harris and Leroy Plumb, president of the Chamber of Commerce, a tour was made of the town. Several thousand enthusiastic kiddies with their equally interested dads and mothers, lined the streets to get a glimpse of the Merry Old Man of the North Pole and share in the distribution of popcorn balls he handed out.

Scout Conference To Be Held Here

Postponed Meeting of Junior Officers in High School Building, Saturday

The Boy Scout Junior Officers Training Conference, originally scheduled to be held in Bellefonte on Saturday, November 26th, had to be cancelled at the last minute due to the key roads following the snowstorm on Thanksgiving. Council officials and Scout officers, serving as faculty for the conference made a final check up on Friday evening and decided to postpone the conference.

The conference will be held at the Bellefonte High school on Saturday, December 3rd. The program will be as originally planned for. The theme of the conference this year is "Service." (Continued on page 2—Second Sec.)

Elks Lodge to Hold Memorial Services

Impressive Ceremony For Deceased Members Will Be Open to the Public

The general public is invited to attend the annual memorial services held by Bellefonte Lodge No. 1094, B. P. O. E., Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock in the lodge rooms on High street.

The order of exercises will be led by Exalted Ruler Leslie Shultz, and will consist of eulogies to the memory of departed members, ritual work by the lodge, instrumental music and singing.

This year an instrumental quartette will replace that of voices. The instrumentalists will consist of Elaine Shaffer and Franklin Cree, flutes; William Bickford, clarinet; Earl Lentz, bass clarinet. The music will be directed by Perry Aikens. The following selections will be rendered: "Ave Verum," "Medley of Sacred Songs," and "Old Refrain." The memorial address will be delivered by Rev. Edward H. Jones, pastor of the Presbyterian church of State College. (Continued on page four)

Organize Rotary In Bellefonte

Service Club is Formed With 16 Charter Members; Judge Fleming Elected Pres.

Sixteen representative citizens of Bellefonte met at the Brockerhoff Hotel, Tuesday evening and organized a Rotary Club.

Sponsoring the new organization were the following well known citizens of State College and members of the Rotary Club of that town. They were R. J. Kennard, president of the State College club, Dr. J. F. Shigley, C. G. Aikens, R. W. Grant, A. R. Warnock, M. W. White and W. E. Clark.

The charter members of the Bellefonte service club are: M. Ward Fleming, Henry A. Brockerhoff, (Continued on Page 6)

Bellefonte Will Feature Carol Singing

Woman's Club Sponsors Entire Week of Christmas-tide Music and Song

CAROLERS TO MEET ON PUBLIC LIBRARY PORCH

Various Organizations of Town To Take Part in Pleasing Yuletide Affair

Sponsored by the Woman's Club an entire week of community carol singing will usher in the Christmas holiday season in Bellefonte.

To work out the affair to a success, various organizations of the town will conduct their own program each evening during the week of December 18 to 24 inclusive. The singing will take place from the porch of the public library building on Allegheny street, which will be appropriately trimmed in Christmas regalia. To add further color to the holiday atmosphere a community tree will be erected on the library grounds and adorned with lights.

The program for the week of song, and the organizations taking part, has been announced as follows: Monday evening—The combined church choirs; Earl Campbell, directing. Tuesday evening—The Kiwanis Club; Cecil Walker leading. Wednesday evening—The Woman's Club; Miss Lenore Morgan leading. Thursday evening—The Boy and (Continued on Page Eight)

Old Age Payments Slightly Higher

Pennsylvania Claimants Paid 9% Above National Average

Payments to Pennsylvania claimants for benefits under the Old-Age Insurance provisions of the Social Security Act averaged more than nine percent higher than the national average during October, it was revealed this week by J. K. Jemison, Manager of the Social Security Board's Williamsport Office, at 397 Post Office Building.

At the same time, Mr. Jemison revealed that 664 claims had been certified for payment prior to November 1st in the service area of the Williamsport Office, which consists of Centre, Clinton, Lycoming, Montour, (Continued on page 2—Second Sec.)

Bellefonte Loses Title To State Hi

Relinquish County Football Crown Captured Last Year From Little Lions

A crowd estimated at nearly 2,000 fans braved the frigid weather that prevailed last Saturday to witness State College High school team wrest the county scholastic football honors from Bellefonte.

Playing on the State High field for the first time in the 14-year history of the rivalry, the eleven struggled over a course that could not be freed entirely from ice and snow. This handicap could not be overcome by the Bellefonte team, which failed repeatedly in its attacks. At the end of the game the score stood 18-0 in favor of State. (Continued on Page 6)

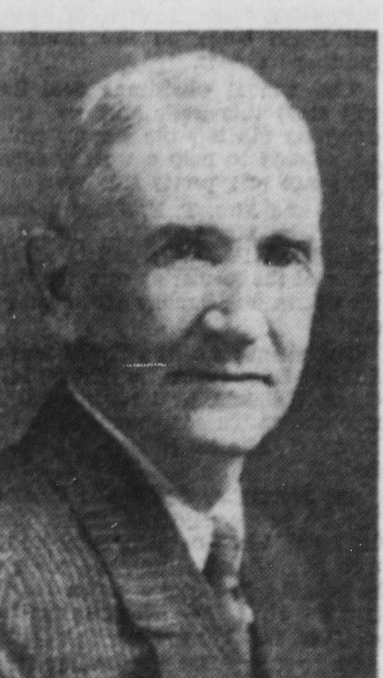
Emblazoned Trees Give Bellefonte Real X-Mas Spirit

Bellefonte is rapidly taking on the yuletide spirit as workmen are busy installing Christmas trees in front of each business place on the main streets. The trees, about 120 in number, are being furnished by Cyrus Shope, who hopes to have every one in place by Saturday evening. Each tree will be trimmed with colored lights, and when completed and the entire shower of light turned on, will present a very pretty spectacle.

This year the community decorations at the Diamond consists of three trees instead of one as was the former custom, a change that is much more desirable. The Kiwanis Club of Bellefonte is responsible for the purchase and erection of the trees, while the Electric Supply Company furnishes the decorations.

COMMENDED The Centre Democrat is in receipt of the following tribute to its time-honored custom of refusing objectionable advertising: "Dear Sirs: At the November meeting of the Bellefonte W. C. T. U. a resolution was adopted, commending your paper for its policy of not printing liquor advertisements." "Sincerely, MRS. L. C. HEINEMAN, Secretary pro tem. MRS. JOHN MAYS, President."

IMPOSING MILITARY RITES OBSERVED FOR MAJ. CURTIN



MAJOR H. L. CURTIN Death Ends Military Career

Full Honors Accorded Prominent County Citizen Who Passed Away Friday

FUNERAL SERVICES IN EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Large Concourse of Friends Attend Obsequies of Life-Long Citizen-Soldier

The inspiring solemnity of full military honors were accorded Major Hugh Laird Curtin on Monday afternoon as the last mark of respect for the prominent citizen-soldier whose death occurred at the Centre County Hospital Friday morning.

Private services were conducted at his late home at Curtin at 2 o'clock for members of the family and other relatives. An hour later the military service was held at St. John's Episcopal church with the rector, the Rev. Samuel H. Sayre, officiating.

The Legion color guard led the march to the cemetery, followed by the Machine Gun Troop, 103rd Cavalry, the clergy and the caisson bearing the casket. Honorary pallbearers, members of the troops under Major Curtin's command, sent to Texas in 1916 and to Camp Hancock, Ga., during the World War, walked on each side of the caisson, while the active pallbearers followed the body.

Major Curtin's horse, decorated in the manner usual for cavalry officers' funeral rites and led by a (Continued on page eight)

Boys Sentenced In Clinton County

Donald Irwin and James Bumbarger Enter Pleas to Theft of Bicycles

Two Centre county boys received suspended sentences in the Clinton county court last week after pleading guilty to the theft of bicycles. Donald Irwin, of Wingate, and James Bumbarger, also of Centre county, appeared before Judge M. C. Rhone at Lock Haven, and admitted their guilt.

In giving the young men a suspended sentence the court stated that at 17 years the boys were old enough to know better and that one more such offense would land them in the reformatory or the penitentiary. The suspended sentence carried (Continued on page 2—Second Sec.)

Local Committee Most Important

Success of Farm Program Depends on Selection of Good Leaders

In connection with the farmers' meetings scheduled to be held throughout the county to elect community committeemen for the 1939 Agricultural Conservation Program, the Centre County Agricultural Conservation Committee which is operating the program for 1938, emphasizes the importance of these meetings and the selection of the local and county committeemen.

These committeemen who are to be selected will be part of more than 85,000 community and county committeemen throughout the country. Of these about 9,000 are county committeemen. They represent about four million farmers who take part in the program. The committee pointed out that the success of the program depends, in a large measure, on the farmers (Continued on Page 6)

Robert Hood, 63, Victim of Stroke

Bellefonte Business Man Dies After Exertion Results In Illness



ROBERT M. HOOD

Expressions of regret greeted the announcement on Friday that "Bob" Hood, well known and popular proprietor of the Hood Billiard Parlor, had died that afternoon at 5:28 o'clock at his home on High street, from the effects of a stroke suffered earlier in the day. He was aged 63 years. Although he had been in failing (Continued on page six)

Hey! You Puzzled Christmas Shoppers! Take the advice of one who knows, and send a year's subscription to that relative or friend whom you have been wondering what to buy as a gift. The cost is so small and the effort so easy, you will be surprised how effectually it will relieve your mind of that gift problem. Now is the time to arrange for your subscription gift. Here's all you need to do: Cut out this blank, fill in the blank spaces with the proper information for mailing, and send or bring it to this office with one dollar and a half—the price of a year's subscription. We will begin sending the paper with the first issue in the new year. In addition we will mail a yuletide card to the recipient bearing your name and greeting, in time to reach him or her by Christmas Day. Use this form when ordering your gift: THE CENTRE DEMOCRAT, BELLEFONTE, PA. Enclosed you will find \$1.50 for which enter my subscription Christmas gift for one year to the following address: Send to: Street: City and State: Sent by: Address: