PHILIPSBURG HOTEL ROBBED

ARMED COLORED MAIN HOLDS UP CLERK, ESCAPES WITH CASH

Night Clerk at Hotel Philips is Victim of Early Morning Visit of Bandit

SECURES ABOUT \$125 FROM CASH DRAWERS

Police Inclined to Believe Local Parties May Be Implicated in Robbery

An unknown colored bandit, armed with an automatic revolver held up the night clerk of the Hotel Philips, Philipsburg, about 3 o'clock yesterday morning, escaping with about

Late last night Philipsburg Bor-ough Police and State Motor Police uncovered a lead which they believe may indicate that some Philipsburg resident aided either directly or indirectly in the robbery. They base this belief upon a story told them by a woman living near the Hotel, who claims she heard two men and a woman planning the robbery in a car parked at the curb in front of her home. She was so badly frightened by what she had heard, it is reported, she could not muster courage to go downstairs to telephone

The night clerk, Graydon Antheny, aged 21, of Philipsburg, was alone in the lobby at the time of the robbery. He was reading a story of Al Capone's life when he noticed a stranger enter the side door and go to the men's room in the basement. A few moments later he returned and huffled over to the desk. In reply to Anthony's "Good morning," the visitor pulled an automatic

Escape Death In Truck Crash

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Shoemaker Truck Demolished When Convoy Runs Wild as Driver Sleeps

Two State College men narrowbout 3 o'clock Friday morning when the truck they were riding. owned by Shoemaker Brothers, State College, was struck near Coatesville by a convoy truck whose driver had gone to sleep. The driver of the convoy was burned to death and both vehicles were destroyed by

The State College men were Orvis M. Poorman, driver, and Rustell Corl, helper. Both were taken to the Coatesville Hospital where Poorman, severely burned about the (Continued on page seven)

TWO GIRLS CHARGED WITH LOOTING PARKED CARS

Two Philipsburg girls were placed under arrest early Sunday morning by Philipsburg borough police meers and state motor police on largeny charges. The girls, Mildred Herr, aged 20,

and Midge Smeal, aged 17, were said to have removed articles from parked cars. At a hearing before Justice of

the Peace J. Mac Pearce Monday sternoon, the girls pleaded guilty to the larceny charges and each was placed under \$300 bail. Failing to post bonds, they were brought to the county jail here. Both girls were dressed in boy-

tsh attire. One wore breeches and One girl was charged with the

a stolen jacket

STATE COLLEGE WOMAN INJURED IN COLLISION

Frances Decker, of State College, a bruised knee about 4:30 o'clock last Wednesday afternoon when a truck operated by Paul Ream, of Bellefonte, and a car driven George Decker, collided at the intersection of East College avenue and Pugh street, State College. Penn State Laundry, pulled from ing in Bellefonte during the Christ-behind another vehicle to make a mas season. He especially urges left turn. The Decker car was going drivers to proceed slowly through east on College avenue. Total dam- the business section to avoid strikage was estimated at \$20.

ELKS TO HOLD CHARITY

High street on Friday evening. De-cember 16. The dance will be open to members and guests of the lodge, to the full extent of the law. and the old "Has Beens" orchestra

will provide music. Admission to the dance will consist of donations of foodstuffs, clothing or cash—the amounts to be all stores in the Retail Division of December 15 to ascertain whether determined by the individual. All the Bellefonte Chamber of Com-items collected will be used by the merce, except food stores will re-Elks in preparing Christmas baskets main open evenings until Christ-for distribution among needy famil-mas. Food stores will remain open

Careless Pack e Mailing Invites Disappointments

The Bellefonte postoffice as well s the thousands of other mail-receiving and distributing stations throughout the country is about to First Fatal Hunting Accident enter the bustest period of the year -the Christmas holidays. From now until after New Year's every employe from postmaster to special delivery men will be taxed to the utmost to handle the extra work

entailed by Christmas mailing. Speed is essential in handling the immense amount of packages and mail that will pass through the postoffice, not only as a necessary requirement but as an accommodation to patrons. The efficient handling of mail often depends upon the sender, and if the few suggestions herewith given are followed, we feel (Continued on page seven)

N. B. Long Family In Motor Crash

Escape Serious Injury as Car is Demolished; Altoona Driver Arrested

Although their car was practically demolished when it overturned twice after being forced off the road at Bellemead, near Altoona, Sunday afternoon, Mr. and Mrs. Newell B. Long and daughter, Joan, West Linn street, Bellefonte, es-

caped with minor injuries. Mr. Long, president of the First National Bank, Bellefonte, and his family were on their way home from a trip to Bedford about 5:45 o'clock when a car driven by A. R. Mateer, of 2005 Pine avenue, Altoona, who police say was driving on the wrong side of the road. forced the Long car from the high-

Mr. Long, in an effort to escape being struck, tried to get on the berm but a wheel was ditched, y escaped being burned to death throwing the car out of control, the dustry will be the dominant theme numerous sprains and bruises. None Hotel, Bellefonte. of the injured are believed to be of a serious nature.

> State Motor Police Private William Howells has filed a traffic violation charge against Mateer, holding that he was driving on the wrong side of the road at the time of the ac-

> After their car was wrecked, the Long family was brought to Bellefonte by Tyrone friends.

Prisoner Escapes, 2 Others Caught

Rockview Inmate, Victim of Asthma, Amazes Prison Officials

The apprehension last week of two Rockview fugitives in western states was somewhat offset Tuesday morning when Thomas Lycett, aged 32 years, serving from 21/2 to 6 COURT GRANTS HEARING nigh shoes and the other long years at the local prison for larslacks. Both wore open neck shirts ceny in Washington county, walked from the institution and made good his escape.

The other was charged with having although bloodhounds tracked him county convict, has been granted a southwest of the main buildings, Lycett, described as a chronic ing at December 15. sufferer from asthma, amazed prison officials by his escape, for orcinarily a five-minute walk made rected to serve the remainder of R. D. suffered a face laceration and him extremely short of breath. Be- the maximum of his original sen-(Continued on Page 6)

NOTICE BY BURGESS

Burgess Hardman P. Harris issues an appeal to all motorists to Ream, driving a truck for the use extraordinary care while driving pedestrians.

motorists not to strike Christmas bond issue to finance the project. BALL ON DECEMBER 16 trees along the curbs. Several trees have been damaged in this manner The annual charity ball sponsored and it is hoped that more care will by the Bellefonte Elks Club will be be exercised in the future, he said. d at the Elks home on West He also warned that any persons

STORES TO REMAIN OPEN.

Beginning Saturday, December 10 tion on the bonds until 7 p. m. fes in this locality on Christmas from Wednesday December 21 to morning. Saturday December 24, inclusive.

Coroner To **Probe Death** Of Hunter

Inquest Scheduled at Woodward Monday Morning; Victim Died Tuesday

STRUCK BY BULLET AS HE FIRED AT DEER

of Season Claims Victor G. Frank, Sunbury

Centre County Coroner Dr. W. R. Heaton, of Philipsburg, last night The Centre Democrat that he will conduct an inquest Monday morning at the Woodward Hotel Woodward, into the first fatal accident of the 1938 hunting season in Centre county, in which Victor G. Frank, 44, of Sunbury, lost his

Frank died at the Mary M. Packer Hospital, Sunbury, at 3 o'clock Tuesday morning from the effects of a gunshot wound received Saturday afternoon while hunting deer in the Buffalo Run Valley section in the southeast part of Haines township, along the Centre-Union county

As the man was leaving the woods preparatory to closing the 1938 deer season he suddenly slumped and at about the same time, as his brothers rushed to his aid, a bullet whizzed past their heads so close that they were stunned by the shot, it is re-

Frank had sighted a deer and had raised his gun and Tired just as he was struck from the other direction. Apparently another hunter had (Continued on Page 6)

'Save Industry' Theme of Dinner

Speaker at C. of C. Meeting Here Monday to Discuss Ills | hours under adverse conditions. Affecting Business

Conservation of Pennsylvania Inmachine overturning twice. Damage of a businessmen's dinner sponsored to motor police. Joan Long. 13, was the local Chamber of Commerce, at unconscious for a short time after 6:30 o'clock on Monday evening, the crash, and her parents received December 12, in the Penn-Belle

S. S. Riddle, manager of the Industrial Relations Bureau of the According to reports from Altoona State Chamber will be the speaker, (Continued on page four)

> EXPLOSION DAMAGES COLLEGE SERVICE STATION

The roof and walls of the Luther Krebs service station on West Beaver avenue, State College, were damaged by an explosion about 8:15 o'clock Monday morning. No ne was injured in the blast.
Believed to have originated in

the heating plant, the explosion occurred while the station attendant was servicing a car outside. The roof at the rear of the structure was lifted several feet and one wall buckled. Other walls were damaged and several panes of glass broken. A small quantity of waste which caught fire was quickly extinguished by persons attracted to the scene. Damage from fire was neg-

TO ROCKVIEW FUGITIVE

Claiming that he was sentenced illegally by the Centre County Court theft of a camera, jacket, and a umber of left-footed sample shoes. the missing man had been found, 1931, James A. Rose, Allegheny to the edge of the prison grounds habeas corpus hearing. Judge Ivan Walker fixed the date for the hear-

Council for Ross claims that he was sentenced illegally when ditence of 6 to 12 years in addition to another term of the same length for the escape charges.

BORO AUTHORITY BONDS ARE TENTATIVELY SOLD

At a special meeting in the Logan

House last night, the Bellefonte Borough Authority, organization setup by Council to construct, operate ng pedestrians.

In parking cars the Burgess asks plant here, opened bids on a \$70,000 Because it was the first issue of its kind in Pennsylvania only one bid was submitted, and that repre-sented a joint bid by three broker-age firms. It called for an interest ders: Burr & Co., Inc., of Philadelof Pittsburgh, and Glover and Mac-

Any crazy man can get in the

TWO WEEKS TO GO!

It is just about two weeks before Christmas Day and wise shoppers are already beginning to make their purchases for the

It would be useless to expect our neighboring friends to accept the Centre Democrat's advice as a shopping guide, entirely. It is the privilege of everyone to buy where they choose. But we do urge, at no expense to anyone, that a tour of the Bellefonte stores be made, before your thoughts turn elsewhere.

Bellefonte merchants this year have gone to unusual effort to stock up with anything and everything to make Christmas shopping a pleasure. From our survey of displayed stocks on counters and shelves, we are convinced that whatever is the newest and best in Christmas gifts can be bought in Bellefonte and at prices that seem ridiculously low this year.

The importance of starting your shopping now, should not be overlooked. The early shoppers secure several advantages which cannot be obtained by last-minute buyers. For example, clerks have ample time in which to wait on customers and to show them the attention that often results in more satisfactory purchases. Moreover, before stocks of merchandise are pawed over and selected from, the chances of securing the perfect gift is alluring to an experienced shopper.

Aside from the benefits to be secured by the buyer, it might be well to call attention to the clerk's side of holiday shopping. Early buyers tend to prevent the last-minute rush that overwhelms stores and clerks and makes buying a nuisance to all concerned in the last day or so of the Christmas season.

Take our advice, Shop early and get what you want, Whether you buy or not, be sure to come to Bellefonte and see how beautifully our streets have been decorated with lighted Christmas trees -all for your pleasure and approval.

And remember, if you find it convenient to make your purchases in Bellefonte you will share in the free distribution of six hundred dollars in cash.

\$40,000 FIRE 9 CASES FOR

Contents of Building Housing Docket Cleared by Action of Philipsburg Ledger Company is Destroyed

ly before 1 o'clock Tuesday morning completely ruined the Odd Fellows annex at the rear of Front street in Philipsburg as firemen three ghours under adverse conditions.

900, was confined to the annex, the Philipsburg Ledger company, and found true bills. Last Thursday at several borough lodges. Adjacent buildings were slightly damaged. The origin of the fire has not been determined, it seemingly havto the Bellefonte car, an Oldsmobile by the Pennsylvania State Chamber been determined, it seemingly hav-sedan, was placed at \$780, according of Commerce in cooperation with ing started under a rear stairway. on Tuesday. W. Kennard, who conducts a jewelry store in the same section

of the town, detected the small of smoke as he was leaving his shop. Tracing it as coming from the alley (Continued on page seven)

Couple Are Wed **Forty-Four Years**

Mr. and Mrs. I. O. Barner, Mill Hall, Celebrate

Event at Home Mr. and Mrs. I. O. Barner quietly

celebrated 44 years of happily maried life at their home in Mill Hall, Mr. Barner and his wife, the for-

mer Kathryn Detwiler of Aaronsburg, were married in the Aarons- and William Thompson, ber 4, 1894, by the Rev. F. W. truck, James Mostyn, Blanchard Brown, taking their residence in street. Osceola Mills, was taken to Clinton county where they have the Philipsburg State Hospital for spent the greater part of their mar-treatment where he is suffering ried life.

Mr. Barner, who has divided his working days between farming and the carpenter trade, was born in Bald Eagle township at the site of the old covered bridge in the same house now occupied by George Ketner at the Homestead Dairy. (Continued on Page 6)

JOHN G. LOVE MAY RENT DR. P. M. CORMAN OFFICES

According to reports yesterday John G. Love, prominent Bellefonte attorney, is contemplating leasing the first floor offices in the building on East High street new occupied by Dr. Paul M. Corman. Mr. Love's

Allegheny street, which he recently When the Corman family vacates the apartment over Dr. Corman's SAWMILL EMPLOYE HAS present offices to move into the Richard home, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Driver, of West High street,

take possession of the apartment. Twin Children Die

born several weeks ago to Mr. and more, where he is employed.

Mrs. John Wells, tenants on the Mills was in charge of a

Grand Jury and Special Session of Court

The imposing list of cases origin-

The Grand Jury considered 15 bills of indictment, of special court the list for trial was reduced to nine cases, seven of which are scheduled to be heard Monday. December 12, and the remaining two

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Hitch-Hikers and **Driver In Accident**

Osceola Mills Man in Hospital With Broken Collar Bone: Youths Escape Injury

Two youthful Houtzdale hitchhikers were shaken up and an Osceola Mills resident badly injured when a truck left the highway Sunday night near Houtzdale and rolled over two times.

The two youths, Thomas Adams burg were married in the Aarons- and William Thompson, were morning by Philipsburg borough burg Reformed church on Decem- shaken up while the driver of the police and state motor police. (Continued on page six)

TEACHER WINS SECOND

PRIZE IN PHOTO CONTEST

John S. Dubbs, of North Thomas street, instructor in the Bellefonte Officer Clarence Gustafson before Mr. and Mrs. Barner have two High school who hobbies his spare sons, Frank, of Clintondale, and time in amateur photography, yes-Bruce, of Elmira, N. Y.; two daugh-terday was notified that he had the Western Auto Supply store of won second prize, a 6-foot Westingat \$193.50, for his entry in a photo bail was set at \$300. He admitted contest conducted throughout east- drinking several quarts of whisky ern states by the Westinghouse on Saturday night before Company.

Dubbs took the prize-winning photo at the DeHaas Electric store, local Westinghouse dealers, using Westinghouse equipment as subject material and with Miss Janet Forsabout December 15 into the former girl looking admiringly into one of under Civil Service regulations.

Michael A. Mills, aged 50, of near Bellefante, is recovering at his home from injuries received last Wedfrom injuries received last Wed-nesday in an accident at the W R. Bellefonte P. O. S. of A. Lodge for

few days. The girl passed away Sat- against the man, fracturing a leg. initiation and all members and urday and the boy died Tuesday. He was brought to the Centre prospective candidates are request-Surviving are the parents and a County Hospital where he under- ed to be present. Refreshments will -Price reduction women's shoes-by the Shope company for the past Mills, Aaronsburg, Woodward, Le-eager's.

7 Appeal To Pardon Board For Clemency

6 Pleas From County Filed by Rockview Fugitives; Board Meets Next Week

THROUGH USE OF FORCE

THREE ESCAPED PRISON

Williamsport Man Sentenced Here in May For Forgery Wants Lighter Term

Among the many cases to be when it meets in Harrisburg Deal applications for commutation of sentences are from former Rockview fugitives, several of whom escaped by force, while the seventh has been filed by a Williamsport man sentenced on a bad check charge by Judge Ivan Walker here last May

With 235 pleas for clemency to consider the Pardon Board faces the lragest docket in its history.

Outstanding among the Rockview ugitives who are seeking lesser entences are one who locked a guard and three inmates in a combustion chamber and fled in a car stolen from the prison garage; one who with three accomplices stole a car from the prison garage, cut a hole through the wire stockade and fled; and one who with a companion stole revolvers and money rom the Rockview barracks of the State Police, took a police car and drove to California.

of Wisconsin, was convicted in Al-(Continued on page seven)

Service Station Damaged by Fire

Gasoline Pumps Only Equipment at Rattlesnake Inn Saved From Flames

Fire which was discovered at an early hour Monday morning burned the Rattlesnake Inn service station at One Mile Run, despite ef-Monday's list as prepared by Dis- forts of Philipsburg firemen to rict Attorney Musser W. Gettig, is save it. The fire was first seen by a coal miner, shortly before 6 o'clock as he was going to work down the road leading to Black Moshannon. He notified the owner of the tation, George Summers, One Mile Run, who in turn sent in an alarm

station. The booster pump was soon er from a distance, (Continued on Page 6)

PHILIPSBURG MAN HELD ON THREE FORGERY COUNTS Ted Troy of Philipsburg, arrested on three charges of passing forged

shecks, was committed to the county jail here Tuesday in default of Troy was arrested early Sunday

Charges were placed against him by proprietors of Hockman's store Frank's Clover Farm store, Philipsburg. Both charges were for passing worthless \$5 checks.

He pleaded guilty before Justice of the Peace J. Mac Pearce Monday afternoon and bail was set at \$300 for each of the two charges. Later Troy was taken by Night 'Squire E. R. Hancock where he passing a worthless \$5 check. Troy electric refrigerator valued pleaded guilty to this charge and the checks, it is reported.

> MISS MARIE DOLL IS APPOINTED TO POSITION

Miss Marie Doll, of East Bishop offices are at present located on the burg, ten-year-old daughter of Mr. street, on Saturday received an ap-second floor of the Temple Court and Mrs. Robert Forsburg, of East pointment as Junior Interviewer in Dr. Corman is expected to move man interest." The photo shows the Service, receiving the appointment Allegheny street, which he recently the refrigerator is being shipped the State Employment offices in the consively repaired and remodeled.

When the formed. Mrs. E. H. Richard home on North the new Westinghouse refrigerators. Miss Doll has been employed in past year, while official appointments to the various positions were LEG FRACTURED BY LOG pending. She will continue to be employed in the same offices.

Twin children, a boy and a girl, Shope Lumber Co. mill near Fill- a county initiation to be held Satmore, where he is employed.

Mills was in charge of a team Bellefonte. James R. Hughes will be Edward R. Owens farm in Buffale of horses dragging a log when the the speaker. The degree team from Run Valley, died during the past chain broke and the log rolled Mill Hall will have charge of the went treatment until early this be served. Camps included in the week. The man has been employed initiation are Centre Hall. Spring

BOROUGH SCHOOL BUILDING PLANS MAY BE ABANDONED

FORMER SHERIFF BOOB RECOVERING FROM ILLNESS

Following an operation at the Lewistown Hospital last Thursday morning for a sinus infection, former Sheriff John M. Boob, of Mill- ERROR IN ADVERTISING heim, was in critical condition for several days and on Saturday morning underwent a blood transfusion Since then his condition has showed marked improvement and his

omplete recovery is anticipated. Former Sheriff Boob has been suffering from sinus trouble for more than a year, having undergone hospital treatment on previous occasions. For some time he has heard by the State Pardon Board been Deputy Internal Revenue Collector in the Centre county area. cember 13, 14 and 15, are seven Widely known throughout the counfrom Centre county. Bix of the lo- ty he has a large number of friends who wish for his speedy recovery.

Artist Plays At **Kiwanis Meeting**

Coach Bob Higgins, of Penn State, Presents Movies of Grid Games

Members of the Bellefonte Kiwanis Club had the pleasure at Tuesday's meeting of hearing a program by a talented concert pi-Mrs. Marguerite Musser Weidman, of Lititz. Mrs. Weidman were discovered by Musser W. Getof Hublersburg, with whom she is the School Board, when he premaking a brief visit.

The program was also brightened advertising the bonds for sale. by the presence of Coach Bob Higgins, of Penn State. With Elton B The seven Centre county cases Tait, operating the motion picture are as follows: George Bogenshutz, machine, three reels of the Bucknell and Maryland football games were shown. Coach Higgins spoke as the pictures were being shown, (Continued on page four)

> MAYOR BUYS FIRST TICKET FOR NEW YEAR'S EVE BALL

Mayor Hardman P. Harris Tuesday night launched the ticket sales campaign for the military ball to be held New Year's Eve in the new

good-will of his office on the event, access to the many regulations in which will be one of the highlights force in the borough. of the Christmas social season. Fea-

Townsend Meeting. the Philipsburg fire department. A Townsend meeting will be held to look up laws in the present cum-Lack of water handicapped the ing, December 10 at 7:30 o'clock. firemen in their fight to save the The public is invited to hear a speak-

MAILING LIST CORRECTED.

This week The Centre Democrat mailing list was corrected for the assumed his duties as the new civil month of November and up to and service appointee in charge of the including December 3rd. Examine Bellefonte office of the Pennsylvania your label now for errors. We would state employment service, 'uneminform us promptly if any mistakes sion. He replaces Albert E. Mingle, have occurred in giving credit.

request that they send us a remit-tance. Kindly give this considera-F. Bauder, Fleming, field accounttion now, and if you find you are in ant, and Ralph E. Beahm, Aaronsor part of the indebtedness at once.

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Board Sees Hopes Dissipated Through Error in Wording of Ballot

ALSO IS DRAWBACK

\$55,000 Bond Issue Unmarketable; PWA Grant Lost Through Delay

Hopes for the early construction of a proposed new \$122,000 addition to the Bellefonte High school were shattered this week when the local School Board learned that it would not be able to issue and market the \$55,000 bond issue approved by the voters at the primaries last May. Coming virtually on the eve of the date construction was to begin -Monday of this week-the anuncement came as a severe blow to the Board's plans for improving local school facilities. With the threatened collapse of the Thompson plan, under which system the local Board had planned the con-struction of another \$250,000 addition, the word this week came as an unusually heavy blow, and leaves the Board virtually in the position it was before either of the

buildings was proposed. Irregularities in the proceedings before and including the election s a niece of Rev. James B. Musser, tig, recently appointed attorney for pared the advance proceedings for

The chief flaw in the Board's

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Council Acts To Rearrange Laws

Authorize Systematic Recording and Indexing of All

Boro Ordinances At a regular meeting in the Loarmory of Troop B., Machine Gun gan House Monday night Belle-Squadron, Bellefonte, just east of fonte Borough Council authorized the borough solicitor to prepare a With the purchase of the first new and modern ordinance book, ticket the Mayor bestowed the completely indexed to provide ready

The move was made at the sugtures will include a grand march, gestion of Solicitor M. Ward Flemfloor show, favors and refresh- ing who declared that under the ments. Admission is \$1.50 a couple. present system most Councilmen do not know what ordinances are in force and what their previsions (Continued on Page 3-2nd Sec.)

BROWN NAMED HEAD

OF EMPLOYMENT OFFICE Ernest W. Brown, of DuBois has appreciate having any of our patrons ployment and compensation divi-

Coburn. To the others whom we haven't Other civil service appointments heard from, we wish to make urgent included Miss Marie Doll, Belle-

> -Price reduction women's shoes-Yeager's.

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.

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