'ABDUCTORS' PLEAD GUILTY

4 SENTENCED FOR TAKING HOWARD GIRL MARYLAND

Defendants in Two Paternity Car Sing Every Cases, Found Guilty; May Seek New Trials

COLLEGE MAN GETS \$300 FINE, 3 MONTHS IN JAIL

Howard Man Freed by Jury on Charge of Drunken Driving

court closed Tuesday afternoon when a docket of nine cases was cleared in two days through five jury trials and four pleas of guilty.

the defendants were found not costs were placed on the county.

In an unexpected move, four Howard men charged with the "abduction" of a 14-year-old Gravel Point school girl, last October, waived a trial by jury and entered pleas of guilty to formal charges of "enticing a female child."

that area was charged with taking room this morning. the girl to Carrol county, Md., reputedly so Mann could marry her, sentenced when he was directed to was sentenced to serve three months | serve the maximum of his original in the county jail and to pay the 6 to 12 year term in addition to costs of prosecution. His three com-(Continued on page three)

House At Gap

Fire Damages

haht Next Week

The community carol sing sponsored by the Bellefonte Woman's Club will be held every evening the week befor Christmas at the Li-

The sing will be held at 8 o'clock each night with the following groups leading the singing the different evenings:

Monday, The Church Choirs, under the direction of Earl Campbell; Tuesday, The Kiwanis Club, under the direction of Cecil Walker; Wednesday. The Woman's Club, under the direction of Miss Lenore Morgan; Thursday, The Girl and Boy Scouts, under the direction of Mrs. Two of the defendants against William Sieg; Friday, The High whom juries returned verdicts of School Glee Club, under the direcguilty are to seek new trials, it is tion of Miss Lenore Morgan; and understood. Both are paternity Saturday, The High School Band, cases. In three other jury trials, under the direction of Harold Wion. The committee in charge of the directed to pay the costs. In the ry Auvinen, chairman; Miss Ellen Austin Lucas, recently had the misacquittal verdict the Hassinger, Mrs. John Widmann, fortune of wrecking their car, when the church. Mrs. Cecil Walker, Mrs. Harry Mey- it upset after being forced off the er and Mrs. Philip Wion.

HABEAS CORPUS HEARING

Earl Mann, 24, of near Howard, in 1931, is scheduled to be held be- Lucas sustained a fracture of the who with three other men from fore Judge Ivan Walker in the court

Ross contends he was illegally back injury. another 6 to 12 year term for escaping from Rockview.

Probe Sale Of Illegal Drinks

T. E. Jodon Family Suffer Treasury Department Warns
From Smoke and Gas in Merchants to Stop Sales to

Merchants to Stop Sales to

Central City. Lewis E. Davidson. Early Morning Blaze

Damage estimated at approximately \$1,000 resulted from a fire of undetermined origin in the home of parations to members of the local a short time after he had been seen Mr. and Mrs. Thomas E. Jodon, at "Rub-Alcohol Squad," this week about his usual duties at his home. Pleasant Gap, early Saturday morn- when a representative of the United Members of the household in their investigating conditions here an- day drove the Boggs township school

bedrooms at the time the blaze was considerably from the effects of ly enforced.

smoke and from gas escaping from The investigation was launched smoke, and from gas escaping from fought their way down the stairway to leave the burning home.

Most of the damage was caused by fire, although smoke and water also took their toll. The living room, (Continued on Page 7-2nd Sec.)

Brother of Centre County Man Drowns

Word was received last week from drowning at that place of Earl E. from the safe in the office.

Love, a former Lock Haven resi- Mr. Beezer believes the burglars were forced against the bits, and had not been recovered.

'Rub Alcohol Squad

discovered about 6:45 a. m., suffered erning such violations will be strict-

an electric refrigerator, as they he said, after the Treasury Department had received complaints that some Bellefonte merchants have been selling preparations such as Jamaica Ginger, lilac, Vanilla, rub-(Continued on Page 6-2nd Sec.)

Burglars Break Into Beezer Garage Here

Portland, Me., of the accidental and about \$5 in change was taken stumbled and fell.

dent, and brother of LeRoy B. Love, got into the building through a the middle finger of the left hand of Mt. Eagle. No details of the fa- window which was not securely fas- was severed. The index finger of tality were given except that it oc- tened. Going to the inside office the same hand was lacerated. The curred at the Portland water front door, they apparently opened it with man was brought to the offices of and that the body up to that time a skeleton key. Inside the office the a Bellefonte physician where the burglars pried open an inner door injuries were treated, and yesterday Mr. Love and his wife left Lock of the safe and removed the money Mr. Smith was reported to be re-Haven about two and a half years from a cash box. The main doors covering nicely at his home. He is ago to take up residence in Port- of the safe were not locked, it is a brother of Lewis Smith, Bellefonte land. He is survived by his wife, two reported. The burglary has been re- contractor, by whom he is employchildren, his parents and several ported to Borough Police who are ed. conducting an investigation.

Collapse of State Authority Plan **Ruins \$2,230,295.90 County Program**

A \$2,230,295,90 building program in New wing to the Philipsburg High Centre County calling for the erection of a number of schools and a New grade school building for Harriding hall for Troop L. Bellefonte, ris township, Boalsburg; total cost has been abandoned through the \$29,700. failure to finance the State Authority's ambitious \$150,000,000 supplementary construction program to at Centre Hall; total cost, respective-provide 704 new schools and 135 ly, \$63,163,40 and \$85,529.50.

Maj. R. Douglar Andrews, regional ough; total cost \$153,016. PWA director is quoted as saying: I don't see how it would be human- ship; total cost \$50,977.75. ly possible for many of these 839 projects to go through now. The State tilda for borough and Worth town-Authority has never shown us that it ship pupils; total cost \$158,047.29. has the ability to finance its 55 per cent share of the cost. Practically all of our money has been allocated. There is very, very little left for this pending program.

ground was to be broken on all of the projects by December 31. rector of the Authority, said flatly \$213,157.82. the pragram is "dead."

In Centre County, the death of the ng buildings:

riding hall; total cost \$65,000.

gyrnnasium for the Bellefonte High cies which were supposed to finance School; total cost \$244,778.42, College, total cost, \$693,060.

Two new school building projects for Centre Hall and Potter township,

An entire new high and grade school building in Snow Shoe bor-Grade school for Snow Shoe town-

Additional facilities at Port Ma-

Addition to the grade and high school facilities for Walker township at Hublersburg; total cost \$135,000. Addition to the East Penn's Valley High School, near Millheim; total PWA regulations provided that cost \$80,362.50. Three projects in Rush township

Col. A. S. Janeway, executive dia partial consolidation; total cost Charles McClain, of Mingoville; a day a specialist from Baltimore was son who has been named Harold sent to the Academy for a consul-County Superintendent of Schools

In Centre County, the death of the ally in preparing the plans for most creek; a son, who has been named tion can be corrected, members and program sounds taps for the follow- of the school propects, declared that Thomas Edward, to Mr. and Mrs. friends of the family are greatly under current developments he could Machine Gun Troop, Bellefonte, see no hope for the realization of any home of the Centre County projects. He An 11-room addition and double declared that since none of the agenthe work have any funds to carry New High School building at State out their part of the program, the the homes of the victims have been sister, Mrs. Ray C. Melroy, of Pleas-college, total cost, \$693,060.



REV. WILLIAM E. DOWNES

Relatives of Howard Woman Are Injured priesthood

Returning to their home in Aloona after spending the day with

TO BE HELD HERE TODAY the home of the former's son-in- of the judges of the Diocesan Matri- whose home the man was found; monial Court and is otherwise active Jesse Lycett, the prisoner's brother; A habeas corpus hearing in the when they met with the accident, trict. matter of James A. Ross, who es- Both were compelled to seek medicaped from Rockview penitentiary cal aid at the Altoona hospital. Mr. right ankle and a deep gash on his face, while Mrs. Lucas suffered a

L. E. Davidson Dies Suddenly

Heart Attack Fatal to Prominent Wingate Merchant; **Funeral Monday**

prominent resident of Wingate, died lmost instantly about 9:40 o'clock War was declared upon Bellefonte Friday morning. His lifeless body merchants who sell alcoholic pre- was found by his daughter, Pauline, Mr. Davidson had been in failing States Treasury Department after health for the past year, but each nounced that the Federal laws gov- bus to Central City-a duty he had (Continued on Page 6)

Loses Part of Finger In Mishap Near Home

Jacob Smith, well known carpen ter, was painfully injured Sunday morning in a fall at his home in Bush Addition, near Bellefonte. Mr. Smith had gone into the shop near his home to get some drill bits to loan to friends employed in opening a grave in the New Union The George A. Beezer garage on cemetery, near Unionville, and was North Water street was broken into returning to the home carrying the sometime early Tuesday morning sharp bits in his left hand when he

Ag. Extension

Speakers Discuss Farm Problems at Annual Meeting Held Here

ed for the coming year were: presi-dent, J. Foster Musser, of State Col-plant, lege; vice-president, Harry Confer, Howard; secretary, William Campbell, Spring Mills; treasurer, W. C.

Smeltzer, Bellefonte. Reports of the past year's work were made by the Extension Agents, student at the United States Naval R. C. Blaney, agriculture, and Helen Academy at Annapolis, Md., last Butler, home economics. In ad- night was reported to be seriously

New Arrivals in County

Chicken Pox at Snow Shoe

Rector Nears 35th Year In Priesthood

Rev. Father Wm. E. Downes 6 to Observe Anniversary Next Wednesday

HAS SERVED LOCAL PARISH SINCE 1917

rimonial Court; Holds Other Church Offices

Wednesday, December 21, will in the career of the Rev. Pather Wil- ficials of the institution by escapliam E. Downes, rector of St. John's ing to the mountains

on July 1 of this year reached his fore Judge Ivan Walker this morn-21st year of service in the Bellefonte ing on charges of escaping from guilty, but in two instances were carol sing is as follows: Mrs. Hen- relatives in Howard, Mr. and Mrs. Parish, has attained outstanding the institution prominence in the Altoona Diocese of Six persons charged with aiding

> He is one of the few irremovable tice are being held for court Mr. and Mrs. Lucas had visited of the Diocesan School Board, is one The six are: Isaac Whiteman, at Harold Betz, and were nearly home in the work of the church in the dis- Ethel Ullom, 28, the fugitive's girl

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Jury Reports On **Hunter's Death**

Sunbury Man Was Killed By a Party Unknown

the antieriess deer season, a jury under the direction of Coroner W. R. Heaton decided that Victor Frank. 44, of Sunbury, was killed by a stray bullet fired from the Committee members yesterday reported that ticket sales are exceeding the process. was fatally wounded just as he was preparing to leave the woods in the southeast part of Haines township on the last day of the deer season. A striking coincidence was brought out at the inquest when it was shown another Sunbury hunter, not a member of the party with which Frank was hunting, had been hunting on the other side of the crest of the hill where Frank was fatally

Sewage Plant **Bonds Are Sold**

Money to be Turned Over to Borough Upon Release of Final Legal Opinion

Former Judge M. Ward Fleming. terday was notified that the three firms which last Wednesday night tentatively purchased a \$70,000 bond issue by Bellefonte Borough for the

construction of a sewage disposal plant, have sold the bonds. The Borough Authority, in behalf of the Borough, is to receive the money as soon as an independent bonding firm has prepared a final legal opinion upon the procedure fol-lowed in setting up the Authority and preparing the bond issue. This is expected to be merely a matter of routine.

Elects Officers
The three firms which purchased the bonds are: Burr & Co., Inc., Philadelphia: Moore, Leonard and Lynch, Pittsburgh, and Glover & MacGregor, also of Pittsburgh. They tersdale, Keating township, in the submitted a joint bid calling for an interest rate of 4 per cent.

A special meeting of Bellefonte Council was held late Monday af-The twenty-first annual meeting termoon, when the Borough Authorof the Centre County Agricultural ity, ghost organization of Council, Extension Association was held in officially leased to Council the sew-the Court House at Bellefonte on age disposal plant. This was a tech-Friday of last week. Officers elect- nical proceeding to empower Coun-

NAVAL ACADEMY STUDENT REPORTED SERIOUSLY ILL

difion to these reports, the following ill at the Academy Hospital, where (Continued on Page 8-2nd Sec.) he underwent an operation for appendicitis about ten days ago. Several days after the operation he is A daughter was born at the Lock reported to have suffered an obcalling for new buildings to effect Haven Hospital to Mr. and Mrs. struction of the bowels, and Tues-Jerrold, to Mr. and Mrs. Harold tation in his case. While there are F. Glenn Rogers, who aided materi- Heverly, at their home in Beech hopes that the cause of the obstruc-Thomas Edward, to Mr. and Mrs. friends of the family are greatly Herbert Gray, of Orviston, at their concerned over the young man's Mrs. Noll, who has been with her

son since he became a patient at Two cases of chicken pox were re-ported at Snow Shoe yesterday, and olis Tuesday by Mr. Noll and his

Fugitive Is Arrested At Girl's Home

Persons Held For Sheltering Asthmatic Rockview

WILL BE RE-SENTENCED IN COURT TODAY

Is Member of Diocesan Mat- Officers Suspect Prisoner May Have Been Assisted in Escape

Thomas Lycett, 32, asthmatic mark another important milestone Rockview prisoner who amazed of-Catholic church, Bellefonte, for on morning of last week, and who was that day he will observe the 35th. recaptured at the home of his girl anniversary of his entrance into the friend near Washington, Pa., Sunday night, is lodged in the Centre The well known local pastor, who county jail awaiting appearance be-

and sheltering a fugitive from juspastors in the Diocese; is secretary Washington under \$500 bond each. friend, and Clarence Sediker, Del-Father Downes was born in Tyrone bert Tenney and Hilda Williams (Continued on Page 6-2nd Sec.)

Predict Large Crowd at Ball

and Refreshments Scheduled For New Year's Eve Event

Meeting at Woodward, Monday, With a dance featuring a floor to investigate the cause of Centre show and refreshments, the new county's only hunting fatality of armory of Machine Gun Troop,

ported that ticket sales are exceeding all expectations for the semiformal military ball, and that "practically everyone" will be there. The evening's program will begin omptly at 10 o'clock when Judge and Mrs. Ivan Walker and Captain vice follows: and Mrs. Herbert M. Beezer will

and the festivities are scheduled to Wayne Bryan. continue until 2 a. m. Plenty of parking space is available at the BITTMOT'S

it the Johnston drug store, the American Legion Home, and Montgomery's store, are priced at \$1.50 couple, which includes admission to the dance and floor show, and entitles the holder to favors and refreshments.

Last night it was announced that number of out-of-town guests including high ranking military officers, are expected to be present to welcome in the new year.

Clinton County Man Dies In Fire

Frank Burfield Burned to Death as Family Makes Escape

Frank H. Burfield, 65, was burned

o death about 5 o'clock Tuesday morning in a fire which destroyed his home at Birch Island, near Pot western end of Clinton county. Burfield, his son, aged 26, the atter's wife and two small children esided in a three-room bungalow. ohn awoke nearly smothered by moke, to find the roof of the dwell-

through a window. As he left the ent.

After a sumptuous roast turkey dinner, C. E. Martin, manager, prether who was sleeping in another bed and reported that the elderly man answered, "Come and get me." When he returned to the room, John said he could not find his (Continued on Page 6)

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ELMER L. BOWES

Completes Forty Years of Service

Bellefonte Man Has Splendid Record of Employment With Penna, R. R.

ployment with one company means would be called. exactly two things: Loyalty on the part of the employe, and a full measure of appreciation by the employer. Elmer L. Bowes, well known railroad man of East Bishop street, Bellefonte, has the distinction of completing forty years service with the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, after having traveled the rugged ladder of experience from the lowest ing to the top. For the past thirtyone years he has been one of th Coroner's Inquest Reveals Dance, Floor Show, Favors company's trusted engineers. With no thought of retiring until compelled to relinquish his job through

Christmas Music at

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Special Christmas music will be terian church on Sunday evening, talk was very interesting. At the December 18, at 7:30 o'clock, it was close of the meeting luncheon was announced yesterday. The Junior served. choir of the church will give a program of Christmas music at the Camps were: Bellefonte, No. 887, morning service at 10:45 p. m.

"Lo. How a Rose," by Praeporlead a grand march through the lous; "The Sleep of the Child Jesspacious and brilliantly decorated sus," by Gevaret, women's voices; anthem, "The Christmas Heralds," Charles Bayler, Sunbury, hunting of Bellefonte, and a floor show will nette Isabella, and "When the sists of the following members: (Continued on page four)

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(Continued on page four) Music for dancing will be pro- by C. Whitney Coombs, choir. Car-

Drive Last Rivet On Steel Structure

State College Building Program Progressing Rapidly

The last rivet for the steel work for the superstructures of State College's College Expansion Program was completed Friday, Public Works Administration Engineer C. E. Strauseer announced this week. Construction of the \$5,000,000,00 building program has been made ossible by a Public Works Administration outright grant of more than \$1,000,000.00, the remainder of the cost being met by the Commonwealth.

While this last rivet was being driven, every emfloyee on the entire project laid down his tools and listened to the pneumatic hammers' last (Continued on Page 8-2nd Sec.)

Gas Co. Employees **Guests at Dinner**

The annual dinner and get-together of the employes of the Cenwas held at the Brockerhoff Hotel, He awakened his wife and each Bellefonte, Monday evening, with arried a child from the building 19 persons, including guests, pres-

> sided over a brief speaking program during which he introduced two outof-town guests: H. S. Weeks, of the Martin Stove Company, Philadel-phia, and Paul Knight, of the John Wood Manufacturing Company, also (Continued on page six)

FOUND NEAR FILLMORE A 1935 Graham pick-up truck

owned by Hagan Motor Company, Bellefonte, stolen from its parking It will therefore be neces- space beside the garage on North pondents, and persons submit- merning, was found about 8:30 o'ting news to get their copy in along a rural road near Fillmore, clock Monday morning in a ditch Patton township. Aside from being Your co-operation will be mired in the mud, the truck was

State Motor Police from the vestigating the theft.

WINNERS OF \$600 IN CASH TO BE DRAWN DECEMBER 29

Damage Suit to Open In Federal Court

Samuel J. McMullin, of Millheim chief clerk to the Centre County Commissioners, is defendant in one of several civil cases listed for trial at the December civil term of the United States Court, Middle District of Pennsylvania, which convened Monday afternoon in the Williamsport Post Office Building Judge Albert L. Watson, of Scranton, and Judge Albert W. Johnson of Lewisburg, will preside over the

McMullin is defendant in a sait in which Eileen P. Polete, widow of the late Harold J. Polete, who formerly lived in Brooklyn, but is now resident of Clovus, Mexico, seeks amages of \$25,535.

The statement of claims set forth that Mr. Polete was fatally injured in an automobile accident December 4, 1937 on the highway between of the sales promotion committee State College and Boalsburg. He of the Chamber, who have charge died several hours after the head- of arrangements. One hundred six on crash, in the Centre County Hospital, Bellefonte. Yesterday Mc- to \$2 will be drawn, and the num-Forty years of continuous em- Mullin had no notice when his case bers posted in a conspicuous place

Lodge Initiates Ten Candidates

P. O. S. of A. Camps of County Hold Ceremony in Bellefonte

A class of 10 candidates from the P. O. S. of A. Camps of Centre county were initiated into mem bership of the P. O. S. of A. by the Mill Hall degree team last Satur fay night.

The P. O. S. of A., Camp 887, of Presbyterian Church Bellefonte, were the house to itiation Prof. James R. Hughes ad-Special Christmas music will be dressed the meeting, talking on the presented in the Bellefonte Presby- European situation of today. His

Those present from the different 27: Centre Hall, No. 889, 13: Le-The program for the evening ser- mont, No. 888, 4; Spring Mills, No. wildlife and natural resources, Hall, No. 337, 20; Beech Creek, No.

Board Plans To Remodel School

Failure of Building Program Makes Change Mandatory; May Revive Patrol

With proposed plans for a new

PWA building and a new Thompson Plan building at a standstill through financial difficulties, the Bellefonte School Board at a regular meeting Monday night turned school building, in an effort make changes demanded by the State to remove fire hazards. keynote of the meeting the Board Pittsburgh, who is owner of an ad-(Continued on page six)

Selection to be Made at Plaza Theatre by Chamber of Commerce Committee

106 PRIZES, FROM \$50 TO \$2, ARE OFFERED

Local Stores Participate in Holiday Distribution of Gifts

Winners in the \$600 cash fund being offered by Bellefonte merchants to patrons of local stores, will be drawn at the Plaza theatre at 10:30 o'clock Thursday night, December 29, it was announced yesterday by Chamber of Comme officials, sponsors of the gift fund. The drawing will be made on the stage of the theatre by members awards, ranging in value from \$50

for ready reference. At the same time, the committee will draw a full set of duplicate numbers, to be used in the event the winners in the first group are not claimed. The first list will be effective all during January, to give all ticket holders full opportunity to check their numbers. The secand list, if needed, will become effective on February 1. Members of the sales promotion

(Continued on Page 6) Asks Aid For State's Industry

committee are: Walter Cohen,

C. of C. Official Scores High Tax on Industry; County Group Elects Officers

Declaring that if Pennsylvania gives the same consideration to the conservation of its industries as it does to the conservation of its 891, 3; Woodward, No. 357, 4; Mill S. Riddle, manager of the industrial relations bureau of the State Cham-385, 1; Lock Haven, No. 161, 1; Car- ber of Commerce, principal speaker at a dinner of the Centre-Clear-The Mill Hall degree team is well field County Councils of the Chamknown throughout the state for ber of Commerce at the Penntheir splendid work. The team con- Belle Hotel, Monday night, declared that this state can regain its position as the leading industrial state

in the Union. Speaking at length upon the many faults of government to which the State Chamber of Commerce attributes the decline of Pennsylvania as an industrial state, Mr. Riddle expressed the hope that future legislatures will seek to remove the taxes which he claims are draining industry of its lifeblood, and which he declared have been the cause of the State's industrial decline. Fifty-eight business men, indus-(Continued on Page 7-2nd Sec.)

A new high in the price of Centre county farms was established its attention to the present high on December 10th when the Daniel Harnster Est. farm, east of Stormstown, was sold for \$6000. The farm contains 120 acres and was With safety for pupils as the bought by Miss Juliet G. Gray, of joining farm.

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