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APPROVE 4 RELIEF PROJECTS

COUNTY ASSISTANCE BOARD SETS WORK-STARVE WAGES

Unskilled Labor to Get 40 Cents; Skilled Labor 65 Cents

BOROS, TOWNSHIPS SPONSOR PROJECTS

State Secretary Here to Aid in Mapping Future Course

At a meeting here Tuesday afternoon the Centre County Board of sons ordered to work in return for Mad Anthony Wayne, for the horse their weekly relief checks.

In opening his conference with It fell to the lot of E. E. Widdowthe Board, Secretary Russell, a member of Governor James' cabinet, declared that he considers the Cendeclared that he considers the Centre County Board one of the finest in the state. He commended the "bigh caliber" of its members, and indicated that he considers it one of the "key" boards in the state.

The County Board established the following wage rates to be in effect on all Pierson Act projects throughout the county: for unskilled labor, 40 cents an hour; for skilled labor, 65 cents an hour. Private industries in the county are paying up to 48 cents for unskilled

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J. S. Williams

Daughter's Home Here

tendent of the Harbison-Walker re- Referendums on the sale of both fractories at Monument for 32 years beer and liquor are scheduled to be died suddenly at the home of his held in Bellefonte and Philipsburg daughter, Mrs. S. H. Poorman, boroughs while beer votes only are South Water street, Bellefonte, at scheduled in State College borough 8:15 o'clock Sunday night. He was and Boggs township. stricken with a heart attack, it was The petitions filed by the tap-

He had attended worship service and Sunday school Sunday morning at the Church of Christ in Monument and had assisted with the Holy Communion service. In the afternoon with his family he enjoyed a picnic in the Seven Mountains. Soon after returning home, he complained of feeling ill and a Bellefonte physician was examining him at the home when he

He was born in New Millport, but (Continued on page seven)

HARRY TANNEY LEASES

GARMAN HOTEL PROPERTY of a year.

Mr. Tanney expects to take pos- He was 67 years old, having been session of the property as soon as born March 21, 1872. the various licenses are transferred A charter member of the Hunter in his name. He announced yester- Run Methodist church, which he day that he will make extensive al- helped to build. Mr. Bechdel had terations to the hotel property and served as trustee of the church and will redecorate it from top to bot-

Up until the first of this year the Garman Hotel had been conducted

146 at Weedring Reunion One hundred forty six members his aunt, Mrs. Katherine S. Lewis, and friends of the Woodring family East Bald Eagle street, and having attended the annual clan reunion threatened her later. He will be held at the Community Park, Port given a hearing before Alderman Matilda, on Sunday.

Hors &n Pre-Dawn Gallo, rouses The Sleepin ownsmen

Thoughts of Paul Revere, of the Headless Horseman of Sleepy Hollow, of Mad Anthony Wayne, flashed through the sleep-doped minds of residents of East Linn and East Curtin streets early Tuesday morning when their slumbers were disturbed by the rapid clop-clop of a galloping horse.

Those who peered groggily from Public Assistance conferred with bedroom windows to see what went Howard L. Russell, secretary of the on knew it wasn't Revere because Pennsylvania Department of Pub- there were no shouts about the lic Assistance; approved four pro- British. Those who saw the outjects under the new Pierson "work- lines of the horse in the inky blackor-starve" program, and establish- ness that precedes the dawn, swore ed the wage rates to be paid to per- it wasn't the Headless Horseman or

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TO BE HEARD

Arguments on Local Option Issue Scheduled This Morning

Arguments are scheduled to be The four projects approved by the heard at 10 o'clock this Thursday on the petitions of various Centre Dies Suddenly sale of beer and liquor at the comig primaries, September 12.

Petitions seeking to ban the ref-Superintendent of Monument erendums were filed as follows: Ben Brick Plant Succumbs at J. Gryctko and Harry Tanney Bellefonte borough; Carey C. Alexer. State College bor D. Plank, Philipsburg borough, and

J. Stewart Williams, 60, superin- A. A. Kohlbecker, Boggs township

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E. T. Bechdel, of Blanchard, Dies

Third Director of Beech Creek Bank to Pass Away in 3 Weeks

The third director of the Beech had resided at Monument since he Creek National Bank to die within the past three weeks was Edgar Thompson Bechdel, of Blanchard, who died Tuesday morning at 9:45 Clearfield, and Niagara Falls, N. Y. o'clock at his home after an illness

Descendant of a pioneer family Harry Tanney, for the past two of Bald Eagle Valley and one of years proprietor of a taproom on the best known citizens of Blanch-South Spring street, this week leas- ard, Mr. Bechdel was a life-long ed from John Junious the Garman resident of Liberty township. He Hotel property on East High street, was a successful farmer and the which has been conducted since the senior partner of Edgar T. Bechdel first of the year by Ethel May Hill & Son, funeral directors at Blanch-Sheetz, widow of the late Wynne N. ard. His parents were the late William and Matilda Snyder Bechdel.

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Held After Threats

The Lock Haven Express says: ing been charged with assaulting

Predict Record Throng At Undine Boxing Meet At Gym Tomorrow

E. A. Ryan.

The first bout of a card of 6 fast pounds, of Lock Haven, and "Bill" bouts to be staged here under the Coshaw, 180 pounds, Johnstown, in sponsorship of the Undine Fire the ring. McCaslin is one of the Company will begin promptly at State's best known amateurs and 8:30 o'clock tomorrow, Friday night, has a loyal following throughout in the spacious air-conditioned the Commonwealth. Five other exgymnasium of the Bellefonte High cellent bouts, including one between school, corner of Lamb and Spring local fighters, are scheduled,

cate a record crowd will be present. der the supervision of the State The pick of Pennsylvania's ama- Athletic Commission, which will teur fighters will be at the gym to- furnish the referee. Judges will be morrow night in what promises to John Patrick and Joe Miller, of be one of the best fight cards ever Penn State, and the timekeeper will witnessed in this community. The be Lloyd Ritchie, Bellefonte.

ual Undine Carnival. find Cal "Goose" McCaslin, 172 other features for the evening. the accident,

streets. Ticket sales to date indi- The meet will be conducted un-

event is taking the place of the us- Refreshments of various Rinds

Candidate



CLARENCE R. STITZER

Seeks Nomination As Co. Treasurer

College Businessman, Democratic Candidate

last week announced himself a Democratic candidate for Treasurer, has known State College for so many years that he almost considers himself a native of Centre county, although he is a descendant of sturdy Berks county stock and was born at Sinking Spring, that county.

Mr. Stitzer, who is nearing his morning before Judge Ivan Walker, 44th birthday, attended the Berks county grade schools, and when the county taproom owners asking that man who had employed him on a eg, and transaction of unctions last week by Jury Commissioners this band's tremendous popular apthe Commissioners deny the sched- part-time basis during school terms. matters of business occupied the Merrill E. Pletcher and John W. uled local option referendums on and on a full-time basis the re- attention of Bellefonte Borough Condo, assisted by Sheriff Harry V (Continued on Page 6)

School Pupils

Six Teachers Present as Former Coleville Students Meet at Hecla Park

One of the most pleasurable events in Centre county during the wekend was the first reunion of the pupils of the Coleville school, which was held on Saturday at Hecla Park, with approximately 400 persons present. The reunion was so greatly enjoyed that it was unaninously decided to make it an an-

Among the throng of former puoils who gathered to spend the day were residents of Cleveland and Akron, Ohio; Pennington, N. J. Baltimore, Md.; Pittsburgh, Lewistown, Altoona, McKeesport, Scranton, Tyrone, Punxsutawney, Huntingdon, Williamsport, Coudersport Jeannette, Boalsburg, Centre Hall, Jersey Shore, Lemont, Port Matilda, Among the six former teachers

of the school who were present was Mrs. Bella Barnhart Grove, of Bellefonte, who has the distinction of having taught the school longer (Continued on page seven)

PHILIPSBURG MAN HELD FOR ROBBERY

Elmer Fike, of Philipsburg, was furnish \$1,000 bail at a hearing held day on the beautiful mountain top before Justice of the Peace, J. Mac among the pines.

Fike is charged with breaking, ule of entertainment and games entering and larceny at the Penn- was planned. Swimming, tennis zoil filling station operated by Frank Snyder at Philipsburg. Although goods, identified as stolen for a number of years by the late Gerald L. Smith, who had been re- were found in his possession, he ensiding in Bellefonte, was arrested tered a plea of not guilty and in Lock Haven, Tuesday, after hav- claimed he found them along the street across from the filling sta-

Clarence Gustafson when they exe- to begin promptly at 9:30 p. m.

THREE CARS INVOLVED IN STATE COLLEGE ACCIDENT

In a three-car accident on East PHILIPSBURG MAN HELD Beaver Avenue, State College about 9:30 o'clock Friday morning, total damage was placed at \$180. No one was injured.

A truck driven by H. Lee Zong, of S'ate College, sideswiped a sedan driven by Elmer Charles Dugan, also of State College, police said. The Dugan machine then struck a parked car owned by Carrie 3. Durst, of State College, Damages were: to the Dugan car, \$100; to the

Two Men Leap To Safety As Test Train Strikes Car

clock yesterday morning when it front wheels on the right-of-way.

Dean Confer, of Howard, the dri- witnesses of the crash that followver of the car, and Charles Mc- ed.

Confer and McAulay, riding in a milk in cases, most of which were 1936 Ford sedan owned by Confer's shattered by the impact. brother, Harold H. Confer, also of The train was brought to a halt Howard, had delivered some milk near the Milesburg station. Mem-to Unionville and were on their bers of the train crew were: G. G. way back to Howard at the time. Kinkead, Tyrone, engineman; L. C. They stopped before crossing the Zindel, Tyrone, fireman, and H. C. Clarence R. Stitzer, State tracks, and when they were unable Budd, Tipton, conductor. to see any trains approaching from

Two persons escaped injury but either direction, Confer started the car in which they were riding across the track. The car "bucked" was badly damaged about 7:40 0'- and the motor stalled with the was struck by the Pennsylvania The driver tried to start the mo-Railroad's high-speed test freight tor, but was unsuccessful. Then the train at the Weaver crossing in two occupants saw the eastbound Milesburg. The accident happened when the rapid speed. Realizing that the time car motor stalled as the machine was short, the two abandoned the was being driven across the tracks. car and ran to safety, being eye-

Aulay, aged 14, of Howard, who was The locomotive struck the right a passenger in the machine, leaped side of the car, hurling it against from the vehicle to safety a moment a telephone pole about 20 feet disbefore the test-freight, slowing tant. The machine then rolled over down for a stop in Milesburg, reach- on its side near the pole. The right ed the crossing. The crossing is side, left front and rear parts of just west of the scene of the major the car were caved in, the damage freight train wreck of several weeks being estimated at about \$350. The ago when 27 loaded coal cars piled locomotive was not damaged. In the sedan were several dozen bottles of

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Clarence R. Stitzer, well known State College business man, who COUNCILMAN FOR COURT

Council Expresses Con- Grand Jury Meets August cern Over Steadily Lowering Assessments

Appointment of a successor to Councilman Melvin Cherry, resign- Centre County Court were chosen ron orchestra gives further proof of Council at a regular meeting in the Keeler, with Mrs. Virginia Miller Logan House, Monday night.

Council heard a report on the 1939 duplicate, which, as has been been as for the past several years, the case for the past quent reduction of anticipated

borough revenues. Harry Mauck, of North Themas Street, manager of the meat department in the Allegheny Street Shaffer store, was unanimous chosen as Councilman from the west ward to serve out Melvin Cherry's term, which will expire in January, 1942. Mauck was recom mended for the position by wes ward councilman Leslie Thomas. Despite new buildings which are

being built in the borough, the assessed valuation of properties Bellefonte has been steadily decreasing for some years, it was re-(Continued on page four)

Wolf Employes' Annual Picnic

Prize in Amateur Hour Contest at Loretto

Wolf Furniture Company employ es from the stores in Altoona, T) rone, Bellefonte, Philipsburg, Et ensburg, Lewistown, Barnesbor Huntingdon and Cumberland, Md. enjoyed their annual outing and picnic last Thursday on the St. Francis College campus, Loretto. All Wolf stores in these citles and brought to Bellefonte and lodged towns were closed, which enabled in jail Monday when he could not all the employes to enjoy the entire

During the day, a varied sched

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AT HECLA PARK, WEDNESDAY A highlight of the annual outing of the Lock Haven Motor Club to some months. Her debut as a guest a few days. In the meantime, ar- vention, from August 21 to 24 in- meeting played a featured part in The arrest was made Monday be held at Hecla Park on Wednes- columnist on a metropolitan daily rangements are being completed clusive. afternoon by Chief of Police N. R. day. August 16, will be a \$500 fire- is a well merited recognition of Lamoreaux and Assistant Chief works display, which is scheduled her work. cuted a search warrant and found Although the picnic is primarily a quantity of cigarettes and chew- for Lock Haven residents, the Moing gum on the Pike premises. The tor Club yesterday extended a cigarettes were identified by Frank hearty invitation to all Centre Synder by the serial number on countians to be present, particularly for the fireworks. The picnic tive Pennsylvania, spread out your This decision was made at the noon with a basket lunch, includes its very middle! You are pressing the county veterans' organizations many attractions.

IN SHORTAGE OF ACCOUNTS

Simon Ziff, of 319 Seventh street. Philipsburg, is under \$500 bail for his appearance at the next term of court on charges of fraudulent conversion. Bail was set last week after a hearing before Justice of the Peace Joseph R. Woodring, of Port Matilda.

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The car, operated by Charles Poorprojects in the majority of the issuing a worthless check for \$45 bond for court.

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acting as clerk.

The Grand Jury will meet on for service

GRAND JURY (Meets Monday, August 28) Bodle, S. B., laborer ... State College Bolopue, Harry S., laborer Blanchard (Continued on Page 6-2nd Sec.)

Announce Itinerary of Banjo Band Trip

Plans are rapidly being completed for the Banjo band's New York August 19.

After arriving at the fair grounds band will be met at the gate by Harold Wion, of Bellefonte, Building Hostess, and State Police, who will escort the band directly the General Motors Exhibit, where arrangements have been made to take the band through the Bellefonte Store Group Wins building at once. The officials of this building requested permission to the band's picture alongside their

Headquarters will be the Pennsylania Building. A short concert will (Continued on Page 6)

Local Woman Is **Guest Columnist**

Mrs. Samuel M. Shallcross Pinch-Hits For John Cummings in Inquirer

Mrs. Samuel M. Shallcross, of West Linn street, Bellefonte, was and Milesburg. guest columnist for John M. Cummings, author of "Strictly Politics," in the Philadelphia Inquirer, on the World's Fair station on the

writing for local newspapers for tickets will be placed on sale within during the period of the State Con- Park. Last July an enthusiastic

Her contribution to the Sunday Inquirer follows:

"By WINIFRED B. SHALLCROSS Bellefonte Author and Lecturer down on Centre county.

to the rhythmical turning of your J. McMullin of Millheim, as secremotor-wheels? If not, climb out and tary. Each veterans' organization put your ear to the ground. After is represented on the committee by (Continued on page four)

2 Injured When Car

Two persons received treatment According to reports, Ziff, former at the Centre County Hospital as Philipsburg.

To Play At Hecla

BLUE BARRON

NBC network, will come to Hecla dogs which are impounded. Pirk on Wednesday evening, Aug- When Marshall isn't catching ust 16, through arrangements com- dogs he may be employed in paint-

Radio Artists, Inc. The success of the Blue Barron orchestra can be attributed to splendid arrangements of dance music, fine instrumental and vocal oloists, and the ensemble singing the band. Barron, who is a past aster of the art of giving the pubwhat it wants, plays "danceable tempos" with a change of pace that registers with dancers both young

Through many NBC network broadcasts, Blue Barron's orchestra has become 1939's radio dance band sensation. Radio editors in several cities have acclaimed the Barron band as the season's find. Each Jurors for the September term of engagement completed by the Barpeal everywhere.

Band Concert Is Scheduled

Lemont Band to Play on The disposal plant consists of the Three Philipsburg Men Dis Academy Lawn Here Sunday Afternoon

In the belief that many Bellefonte people would rather spend ner; Electric Supply Company, and Sunday afternoon listening to a E. H. Dobson. program of semi-classical and sacred music than to risk life and limb the oftentimes hazardous past ime of Sunday afternoon motoring, the local Chamber of Commerce is

sponsoring a concert this week. The concert will be held in front World's Fair appearance, Saturday, of the Bellefonte Academy building, at 3 o'clock Sunday afternoon, by the 50-piece Lemont Band, unria the Pennsylvania Railroad, the der the direction of bandmaster Mrs. Foster Bright, Pennsylvania Lemont band has an enviable reputation as a concert organization, and its membership includes

> many experienced musicians. There will be no charge of any (Continued on page seven)

P.R.R. Announces Special Train

Low Rate Excursion to Carry Susquehanna Valley Residents to World's Fair

Plans for an exclusive Susquehanna Valley excursion to the New York World's Fair at special loy rates were announced today by officials of the Pennsylvania Railroad to be operated on Sunday, Augus 13, from all points in the Valley between Lock Haven and Bellefonte

A solid coach train will be assembled and operated directly to

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WPA GRAVE REGISTRATION

The Centre County Commissioners on Tuesday agreed to set up a "Wandering motorist, in your na- WPA grave registration project program, beginning at 12 o'clock road map and put your thumb on request of representatives of all A permanent committee was or-"Can't you feel the faint heart- ganized, with Leo Moerschbacher, beat of the States as you foll along of Philipsburg as chairman, and W

> two delegates. Members of the committee which met with the Commisisoners Tuesday are Al Jones, Philipsburg; W Hits Culvert at Zion J. McMullin, Millheim; Aaron Leitzell, Bellefonte; W. W. Hampton, Bellefonte, and Leo Moerschbacher.

FATAL SHOOTING OF MAN

Council Appoints Boro Dog Catcher; To Launch Drive

Once again Bellefonte has a dogcatcher!

And he'll either catch dogs, or else, for in hiring James Marshall for the position Monday night, Council stipulated that his term of employment will continue only as ong as he brings results. His wage was fixed at 40 cents an hour. Marshall is to begin his duties at

hestra leader, whose versatile en- Council didn't review what is to aged 38, of Beech Creek, who last tertaining orchestra has scored a happen to the dogs the new dog- June 20 fired the shot that brought terrific hit at the Green Room of catcher snares, but there's an ord- death to his neighbor, George Winthe Hotel Edison, New York City, mance which provides for fines and ters, was sentenced by Judge Ivan with nightly broadcasts over the costs, and in some cases death, for Walker to pay the costs of prose-

pleted yesterday with Consolidated ing signs and other similar parttime tasks for the borough.

Final Inspection of Sewage Plant to be Held August 14

Another 10 per cent payment amounting to \$12,400 and representing 35 per cent of the total cost of the Bellefonte sewage disposal project was received yesterday from the PWA, Borough Authority of ficials announce. This leaves only 10 per cent of the PWA's share remaining to be paid. This balance will be forwarded upon the comple-tion of the final audit sometime in

|September. following units: sewer and water lines; degreaser; Imhoff tank; dosing tank; tricking filter; secondar tank; pump house, and sludge beds Contractors are: Charles W. Tan-

(Continued on Page 6) Slag From Titan Site

Used for Road Fill The contractor in charge of the construction of the new road between Centre Hall and Potters Mills is using slag from the mountainous pile south of the Titan Metal Company plant for fill material. power shovel has been put on the site to dig the slag and load it on trucks for transportation to the

road job. No estimates are available as to how much slag will be required, but since there is an estimated million

Elks to Convene At Bethlehem, Pa.

now is located.

Benevolent and Protective Organization to Meet August 20-24

Bethlehem, Pa., the Christmas Young Democratic Convention held City of the U. S. A. is rapidly com- in Eric, June 1938. pleting its preparations to extend Long Island Railroad, which is one a typical welcome to the members the Federated Democratic Women's Mrs. Shallcross, student of jour- of the main entrances to the Fair. of the B. P. O. Elks, their families Clubs will be the second one to be nalism at Penn State, has been Low priced round-trip excursion and friends who will be the guests held at Black Moshandon State

Visitors to this old city, which will celebrate its Bi-Centenary in 1941-42, will find it unusually interesting. Pre-eminently a city of churches, it has more than 80, representing many faiths; it is fitting

Arrest Boy Wanted In Jefferson County

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State Motor Police officers Wayne Myers and Harold D. Ream, of the Rockview sub-station, yesterday afternoon arrested Walter Stover, of Brookville, Jefferson county on charges of issuing a fraudulent check. The arrest was made while Stover was visiting friends at the Howard nursery CCC camp, of which he formerly was a member. According to police, Stover is being held in the Centre county jail pending arrival of Jefferson county Refreshments of various kinds truck, \$75, and to the Durst ma-will be available at the gym, and chine \$5. Chief of Police John R. newspaper, was \$9.40 short in his Zion about 10 o'clock Sunday night. pointed out, is in line with similar have a warrant charging him with

Gets 2 to 5 Years in Jail; Must Pay Victim's Family \$500

3 PLEAD GUILTY TO LEAVING PRISON

23 Defendants in 14 Cases Sentenced by Judge Walker

Entering a plea of guilty to a charge of killing a person in mistake for game, Harry Williams, cution, pay \$500 to the personal representative of his victim, and to undergo imprisonment in the county jail for a period of from 2 to

Williams was one of 23 defendants in 14 cases who were sentenced by Judge Walker on pleas of guilty at a special session of court held on Monday morning.

The firing of the shot that killed the 24-year-old WPA worker as he hunted groundhogs on the Joe Gunallus farm in Liberty township. was not a haphazard act, according to Williams' admission before sentence was passed. By his own admission Williams

watched Winters sitting in the middie of a hay field at a measured distance of 180 feet for fully 20 minutes before firing the 22-calibre builet which crashed through the left side of the man's head. After firing the shot Williams ran over

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State Staff Of WPA Is Reduced

missed as Managers of Branch Offices

In a drive to reduce expenses six branch offices were closed and a shakeup in the administrative forces was ordered last weekend by State WPA Administrator Col. Philip A.

Col. Matthews predicted a saving of \$250,000 yearly in administrative costs through the reduction of the number of district offices from 16 to 10. Offices at New Castle and Erie were closed and headquarters for northwestern Pennsylvania were moved to Franklin. Offices at Un-

iontown were consolidated with

(Continued on Page 7) Conference Planned

At Democratic Picnic The Federated Democratic Womtons of the material in the pile, the en's Clubs and the Young Demoamount taken probably will be of cratic Clubs of Pennsylvania have ight consequence. The slag is an announced plans for regional concumulation from the many years ferences as part of the program of the Nittany Iron Furnace was in the fifth annual Central Pennsyloperation where the Titan plant vania Democratic Picnic, to be held at Black Mosnanhon Wednesday, August 30. Black Moshannon State Park,

The meetings will be composed of affiliated clubs from Centre, Clearfield, Elk and Jefferson coun-The Democratic Women's meeting will be under the direction of Lucy Howe Merrell, Philipsburg regional director. The Young Demo-cratic meeting will be under the leadership of Walter E. Beezer, Philipsburg, regional director, who was appointed to that office at the

The year's regional conference of

(Continued on page seven) AUGUST 12 LAST

DAY TO REGISTER Saturday, August 12 is the last day to register if you wish to vote at the Primary Elec-

Anyone becoming of age on or before September 13 is eligible to register. Anyone who moves into the election district or from one county to another must notify the County Commissioners before August 14. The last day to move in the same district and retain your vote is September

tion in September.

Registrations will be received and other matters pertain ing to registration will be conducted in the Commissioners' offices at the Court House here until the close of business, August 12.