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# OOD FROFITEERING IS CONDEMNED

### CENTRE DEMOCRAT QUOTED IN MOVE TO BAN PRACTICE AS CRIMINAL

Legislator Claims Price Increases Are Form of Racketeering

WHOLESALERS AND JOBBERS BLAMED

Asks Federal Department to Evolve System to Halt High Costs

A special dispatch to The Centre evidence that Bellefonte is suffering from increased food prices, and lis, of New York, at the time. the Secretary was told most of the increases, at least, were due to

Senator James Mead. New York Democrat, did the telling. At the same time he demanded from the Agriculture Department a statement of methods evolved for checking profiteering in foods.

The item referred to appeared in the September 7 issue of this newspaper, in which it was reported that hundreds of citizens in large scale Elks Club to Sponsor buying of sugar, flour, canned foods and other staples, had depleted the stecks of many local groceries, and that already the price of some items had began to increase. Meat was reported to have jumped from one to two cents a pound, possibly because of the war scare.

were being forced up by profiteering Queen contest and Hallowe'en pa-First evidence that food prices methods, instead of being caused rade in Bellefonte, next month. by consumer demand itself, came to Senator Mead in a telegram a Harvest Queen for 1939, and other from the United Master Bakers of details of the contest will be an-New York, citing sharp rises in the nounced next week. The mummer's cost of such raw materials as flour, parade will be held on Hallowe'en, sugar, oil, and vegetable com- Tuesday, October 31. and jelly products, and charging "racketeering" as well as these raw materials."

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### Rockview Inmate Is Struck By Car

Edward Regan, inmate of Rockview penitentiary, suffered bruises and abrasions about the body Friday morning when he was struck by a car while walking to his work on the prison farms. Examinations at the institution hospital revealed that none of the injuries was of a serious nature.

According to State Motor Police at Pleasant Gap, who investigated the accident, Regan was walking along the back road from Bellefonte State College, near the residence of Superintendent W. J. Claudy, when he was hit by a machine being driven toward Bellefonte by G. E. Corl, of West College Avenue, State College.

The Corl machine was passing a truck carrying prison inmates to the fields when it struck Regan, who was walking along the left side of the road. The investigation was in charge of Patrolman C. J. Conshan, of Pleasant Gap.

### SUFFERS SEVERED ARTERY WHEN HIT ON HEAD BY TOY

Charles, six-year-old son of Rev. and Mrs. C. Nevin Stamm, of North Spring street, underwent surgical treatment at the Centre County Hospital, last Thursday, for an injury he received while at play.

The little boy and several companions were playing near the Pennsylvania Federation of Womens threw a toy metal square which Magee, of Oil City, president of struck the youth on the forehead the state federation, and Mrs. A just above the right eye. A sharp D. Gougler, of Middleburg, vice laceration and severed an artery, meeting of the North Central Discausing profuse bleeding. He was trict to be held in the Bellefonte taken to the hospital where he was Methodist church, Spring street, put under an anaesthetic while sur- on Wednesday morning. September geons rejoined the artery and closed 27, at 10 o'clock. the wound. Aside from a day's illness resulting from the anaesthetic the youth suffered no ill effects. His father is pastor of the Bellefonte Citizenship Through Better Living. Reformed church.

### **Swengel Smith** Scores Hole-in-One on Nittany Course

Swengel Smith, of Bellefonte, Centre county's Desertion, Probation and Parole officer, joined the ranks of immortal golfers Saturday afternoon when he scored a hole-in-one at the Nittany Country Club. It was the first feat of the kind performed at Nittany this year.

Smith, an ardent golfer, who even on his "off" days never runs out of Democrat from Washington yester- enthusiasm for the game, was playday stated that a clipping from ing with 'Squire Rand Miller, of The Centre Democrat was cited to Milfreim; Assemblyman Kenneth Secretary of Agriculture Wallace as | Haines, of Rebersburg; Ebon Bower, of Bellefonte, and William B. Wal-

It was on the short 8th hole that (Continued on page seven)

Harvest Queen Contest, Mummers' Parade

Announcement was made gesterday that the social and community welfare committee of the Bellefonte Elks Club will sponsor a Harvest Rules governing the selection of

Members of the committee in charge of arrangements are: John 'profiteering" by those that control Galaida, chairman; B. D. Tate, R. L. Heverly, Ward Showers, William Howard, William Waite, T. R. Rush, Robert Morris, D. Paul Fortney and J. Harry Eberhart.

### **State Officers** To Address Clubs

County Federation to Entertain Prominent Guests, September 27



MRS. A. D. GOUGLER

The Centre county unit of the Stamm home when one of the boys Clubs will entertain Mrs. F. Earle corner of the square caused a deep president of the organization, at a

Mrs. Magee, a most able speaker, will discuss the work of the State Pederation whose motto is: "Better

### (Continued on page seven) **Anniversary Program**

versary of the founding of the Bellebe held during the week of October 22 to 29, with a full program of services and other activities In charge of the event is the pas-

tor, Rev. H. Halbert Jacobs, who is being assisted by a committee of which Willis Grove is chairman. regarding in the near future.

Lightning Kills Cows Three cows in a herd owned by

### **Democratic Nominees for Auditor**





HENRY M. HOSTERMAN

J. VICTOR BRUNGART Into their candidacies for the office of Centre County auditor the two Democratic nominees bring a wealth of valuable experience. Mr. Hosterman, a business college graduate, was engaged in auditing work at the Pennsylvania State College for ten years. Mr. Brungart, former Centre County Commissioner, is thoroughly familiar with the County's bookkeeping system, and his shrewd judgment would be an invaluable asset to the board

### Gigantic Air Map of Centre County Completed by U. S. Government

Do you know that today in Belle- you've accomplished something charged with setting fire to the fonte there are giant photographs when you fit three landscape phobarn of Nevin Yearick, between of every square inch of Centre tos together to make a continu Jacksonville and Hubiersburg on county's terrain, which with but scene, the photos are a reality and June 16, was acquitted of the little difficulty could be fitted to- the map which could be made from charge by a jury which heard the gether to make a map approximate- them is no pipe dream. for that's case. Although police said they ly 17 by 25 feet in size, and which exactly what they were designed had obtained a confession from the would show every tree, fence, field, for. youth, the jury, after a lengthy de-house, stream, railroad and every The photos, which stagger the liberation, found the evidence did other feature of the county's land-imagination of any person who has not warrant a conviction. Dunkle scape just as clearly as though you ever clicked the shutter of a cam

Amazing as these facts may seem er's art. It is the result of a sound

entered a plea of guilty to a viola- viewed the county from an sir- era, were made during the pas year, and even a brief study of the The map is even better than that, 200 individual pirotos convinces the for you are able to look down on beholder that here is a record more the county at any point and see ob- accurate, more detailed, more realisjects with the same clarity as his than any map or drawing ever though you were suspended in a sould hope to be.

The vast photographic undertaking is no freak of the photograph-

### to you camera addicts who think

Man Found Dead With Head Wound

covered Near Lock Haven Brick Works

The body of Lawrence Tate, believed to have been dead more than a week, was found Tuesday morn- Borough Council at a regular meeting on the abandoned site of the ing in the Logen House, Monday brick works kilns, corner of Vesper night, and a number of routine matand Myrtle streets, Lock Haven. An examination of the body re- sion. vealed a bullet hole in the right (Convoued on page six)

### Annual Cof C Meeting To Be Held October 6

The Bellefonte Chamber of Commerce will hold its annual meeting and dinner on Priday evening, October 6, at 6:30 o'clock at the Penn-Belle Hotel, according to plans annced this week by E. L. Plumb, president of the organization

The committee in charge of the dinner has been fortunate in securing as the principal speaker for the evening Captain A. A. Nicholson, of New York City, personnel director harling a 10,000,000-volt lightning of the Texas Company. Captain the Nicholson is a widely known speak- troop and active in American Leer and several years ago gave an gion work for a number of years, interesting address before the Bellefonte Kiwanis Club. His subject will be: "Community Business."

In addition to the speaking program there will be some form of entertainment. Dinner tickets at 75 cents each will be placed on sale

The dinner committee consists of Jesse H. Caum, Armstrong L. Fran-cis, Horace J. Hartranft, Paul W.

### DON KLINGER ELECTED TO THRIFT COMPANY POSITION

Donald Klinger, of the Heverly apartments, North Allegheny Street, for the past 13 years employed at the R. T. Willard Men's Shop, last Thursday hight was elected assistant manager of the Centre County Thrift Corporation offices in the Penn Bell Hotel building. An-nouncement of Klinger's election was made by W. H. Adams, manager of the Thrift Corporation. He will cere thanks to the voters, and yes-begin the duties of his new posi-terday announced that he will abide tion on October 1.

### Council Approves **Building Plans**

Many Items of Business Disposed of at Regular Session, Monday

ings were approved by Bellefonte

temple above the ear. A 32-calibre dition to the American Legion year and called for the salute to rifle with stock removed and the Home on East Howard street; for a the flag, the recital of the Ameribarrel sawed off was found under residence to be erected by Walter the head, Dr. W. J. Shoemaker, cor- Elserhart, on North Allegheny oner of Clinton county, declared it street; for the Lewis O. Harve, was suicide. In Tate's coat pocket home on North Allegheny street; for the new home of the Owens Electric Store on South Allegheny street; for a home to be erected on East Bishop street by Nelson Billett, and for improvements to the room

### Beezer Chosen Head of Local Legion Post

Bellefonte National Guard ucceeds Samuel H. Rhinesmith, who served as head of the organi-

Other officers of the Brooks-Doll ost elected Monday are as follows: Roy Jones, first vice-commander Willis A. Geissinger, adjutant; Robert T. Willard, finance officer; Walter Zahniser, chaplain; F. H. Crawford, historian; John B. Der- him stine and Mike Corcevera, sergeants-at-arms; S. H. Rhines

### BREON TO SUPPORT WITMER AS CANDIDATE FOR SHERIFF

Elmer Breon, of Benner township defeated candidate for the Demi cratic nomination for Sheriff, takes this means of expressing his sinby the decision of the voters and

# **ENDS LIFE BY** INHALING GAS

G. W. Heffelfinger Found Dead in Local Club; **Funeral Friday** 

OFFICIALS FIND NO MOTIVE FOR ACT

Man Who Last Saw Victim Alive Discovers Tragedy

G. W. Heffelfinger, for the past six years proprietor of one of Bellefonte's best known tailoring estabishments, was found dead in second floor kitchen of the Bellefonte Elks home, East High street, about 5:30 o'clock Tuesday afternoon. His lifeless body was found in a sitting position over a bank of five gas burners, the valves of four of which had been opened.

Dr. W. R. Heaton, of Philipsburg Centre county coroner, who conducted an investigation into the tragedy yesterday morning, declared that death had been caused by the victim's own act. No reason was assigned by Dr. Heaton for the suicide, although he reported that in January, and again in April, Mr. Heffelfinger had written notes in which a suicidal intent was ex-

Mr. Heffelfinger, member of the Elks Club, the Undine Fire Com-(Continued on page six)

### **Chapters Observe** Constitution Day

Joint Dinner Meeting Held at State College, Monday Evening

The Bellefonte Chapter Daughand the Juniata Chapter Sons of the American Revolution observed Constitution Day with a dinner at the Nittany Lion Inn at State College on Monday evening, September 18, at 6 o'clock.

Members of the Kishacoquillas Chapter of Lewistown, the Moshannon Chapter, Philipsburg, and the Gen. Thomas Mifflin Chapter of Mifflinburg, were present as guests The large dining room was filled with about one hundred men and women and presented a beautifu scene. Rev. William C. Thompson of Bellefonte, asked the Divine sing and the dinner was served At its close, Mrs. Charles F. Mensch, Regent of the Bellefonte Chapter, welcomed the members and guests to the first meeting of the (Continued from page 7)

### Official Count **Nears Completion**

The official count of the votes cast in Centre county at the Prion Friday noon and was still under way last night.

The count, supervised by Judge reason, the partners report. Ivan Walker, was tallied by Miss Verna Chambers and Mrs. captain Herbert M. Beezer was eph Runkle, both of Bellefonte, past 18 years. Mr. Rumberger, forelected commander of the BrooksDoll Post, American Legion, at a meeting held Monday night at the fonte, and Commissioners' clerk here, has been actively identified Samuel J. McMullin, of Millheim, acted as checkers.

afternoon the Late yesterday ing of names and votes in the official count volumes, and today the tablishment in past years, and intotaling of votes for various can- vites old customers, as well as new, didates will begin. Board members to call at the new store after Oc-(Continued on page four)

### BOWERSON PLEDGES AID TO DEMOCRATIC NOMINEES

Centre County Commissioner Alfred Bowersox, of State College who was a candidate for re-election at the primaries last week, takes this means of expressing his sincere thanks for the splendid vote given

In commenting upon the election, mith Mr. Bowersox declared that he has full confidence in the qualifications of the Democratic nominees for the office: Charles F. Hipple, of Bellefonte, and Fred C. Mensch, of Milh-heim, and pledges his active sup-port to those candidates as well as the rest of the Democratic ticket.

### BANJO BAND TO APPEAR

The Bellefonte Banjo Band has

# LOCAL TAILOR HOWARD MAN IS MANGLED UNDER WHEELS OF TRAIN

Giddap, Dobbin, There Goes The Old Fire Siren!

Bellefonte Council Just hates to part with its 23-year-old fire siren It was a swell siren along about 1916 when it was purchased. It sounded the alarms well for many

But of late it hasn't been doing so well. Oftentimes it fails during the regular weekly test at noon on Saturday. It is generally conceded to have been responsible for part of the disastrous fire at the Bellefonte High school last February, because it failed to sound and firemen were consequently late in getting to the scene of the blaze be-(Continued on Page 7)

Philadelphians Bring Suit as Result of Accident Near State College

Damages totaling \$85,000 are ask- and 12 p. m., to "go away to look ed in a civil suit filed in the offices for work." The freight usually stops of the Centre County Prothonotary, as the result of an automobile ac cident on Route 322, about 1 mile south of State College, on Septem ber 30, 1938.

The plaintiffs are Emma Jen nings, of 1007 Howarth street, Philadelphia, who asks \$75,000 damages,

claim filed by the Jennings, they manager at the Murphy store, was were passengers in a car operated stolen between 2 and 4 o'clock Friby John J. Byrd at about 11:30 day afternoon. The keys of the mao'clock on the night of the accident. chine had been left on top of the Their car was proceeding south. At visor, above the windshield. the same time a car driven by Mr. Hamilton, which was followed by a machine owned by F. L. Winner and operated by Leo Flynn, were

traveling north on the same road. The statement alleges that the (Continued on Page 7)

## DeHaas Electric Store

The DeHaas Electric store, owned street, Bellefonte by Bossart DeHaas and Marlin E. Rumberger, will be moved from its treet, to the rooms in the Hayes building, North Allegheny street, work. which formerly housed the offices of the Pennsylvania Motor Police. The change will take place on September 1.

The store, opened on November niversary this fall in the new location. Originally conducted at No. 8 West Bishop street, the location of the business was changed to the the Wilkinson store are being ofpresent site in April 1938, when an mary election last Tuesday began increasing volume of trade demanded larger quarters. The present Two of them are landscape views. move is being made for the same

Mr. DeHaas has been in the elec-Jos- trical appliance business for the with the DeHaas store since the silk mill closed its doors.

The management takes this means count board completed the enter- of thanking the public for the splendid patronage accorded the es-

### Milk Producers To Telephone Lines **Vote Secret Ballot**

Will Provide Minimum Prices To Be Paid For Milk Up To May 1, 1940

Dairy farmers in Centre County and elsewhere who vote in the re-ferendum on an amendment which would increase prices paid pro-ducers under the Federal-State or-ders regulating the handling of milk in the New York metropolitan marketing area will do so by secret ballot, E. M. Harmon, in charge of

Both Legs Severed; Arm Broken; Condition is Serious

IN FIGHT FOR LIFE

### Reports of Accident Vary -May Have Tried to Board Train

Harold "Jack" Leathers, aged 32. been administered at the hospital in

an effort to save his life. In addition to having his legs severed just below the knees, Leathers suffered serious head injuries and a broken left arm as the train, made up of more than 100 cars,

According to reports Howard area Leathers had told friends in Howard late Saturday night that he was going to board the eastbound freight which passes through that section between 11:30

### Stolen Coupe Is Recovered

A Coleville resident's car, stolen from the rear of the G. C. Murphy and her father, Walter D. Jen- from the rear of the G. C. Murphy nings, of the same address, whose Company store in Bellefonte last claim is for \$10,000. The defendants Friday afternoon, was found Tues-

Hamilton, of 5043 Locust street, doned.

The car, a 1633 Chevrolet couper The car, a 1633 Chevrolet couper Rillett, stockroom According to the statement of owned by Oscar Billett, stockroom

### **Exhibit Paintings of** Pleasant Gap Resident

On display in the windows of the Jack Wilkinson store on West High street are several oil paintings by of J. S. Stickler, of West Bishop

The paintings have been examined by several State College art present location on West Bishop critics who have commented most

18, 1933, will celebrate its sixth an- College. He has never had any formal training or schooling in his

> exhibit for ten days or two weeks. the third is a painting of an old covered bridge, and the fourth portrays a warrior astride his charger.

State College Freshman Killed
Registrar William S. Hoffman, of
Penn State, reported Friday for the
18th consecutive year—the death
of an incoming freshman to Pennsylvania State College. The victim this year was Samuel J. Stump,
Jr., of Greensburg, killed last week
in a motorcycle accident, Hoffman
said it was "not surprising to have
such an occurrence dealing with

# **Being Relocated**

New Route From Old Fort to Potters Mills: Will Conform With Road Improvements

ments in that section, it was an nounced today by Jesse H. Can

Due to the nature of road con

### for he is probably the only person age and shelter for a herd of about in the county who hobbies his time | 50 deer, although Mr. Spangler has in raising deer as a private enter-prise. The deer fancier started his re-

Rebersburg Man Raises Deer on

**Private Preserve as Hobby** 

Brush Valley, first became interested in deer some years ago, and has increased through additional purchases and through propagation.

John T. Spangler, of Rebersburg, Game wardens who have visited his occupies a unique position among place have stated that the fencedin area would provide pasture, forwell known resident of fage with deer he purchased from

### COURT CLOSES Guilty Pleas Dispose of 8 of 21 Cases on Trial List

**CLEAR DOCKET** 

JURIES RETURN 2 GUILTY VERDICTS Hecla Park Youth Acquit-

Barn Burning The regular September Criminal Court, in session here from Monday morning until Friday noon. with a recess Tuesday for the Primary election, hung up the follow-

ted of Arson Charge in

ing record in disposing of the 21 cases on the docket: Pleas of guilty, 8; found not guilty, 4; not gulity but pay the costs, 3; found guilty, 2; nol-pros

dispositions, 2, and cases continued Sessions were held at night as well as during the day in order w clear the docket by Friday noon, when Judge Walker was required to supervise the official count of the

Primary election returns.

Ray Dunkle, Hecla Park youth

(Continued on page seven) College Student

Takes Own Life Freshman Hangs Self From Attic Rafter at Rooming ing House

James W. Mayers, aged 18, of Mt. Alry, Philadelphia, a freshman at Penn State, met death at his own hand it was reported by County Coroner Dr. W. R. Heaton, Body of Lawrence Tate Disof Philipsburg, at the conclusion of an investigation late Monday.

The student's lifeless body was found at noon, Monday, hanging from a rafter in the attic-way of his rooming house at 157 Hartswick avenue, State College, Discovery was made by the youth's landlord. Mayers had used the plaited belt of his bathrobe to commit the act, for which no motive has been dis-

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### Bellefonte Boy Deals Out 'Magic'

Woodrow W. Corman Has Important Part in New York Fair

One of the most diversified jobs at the New York World's Fair is that handled by Woodorw W. Cor-man, of R. D. 2, Bellefonte, a graduate of Penn State in 1937. He divides his time among the tasks of introducing television to the public, demonstrating the latest electrical "magic" of the General Electric research laboratory, and carrying on a running commentary of the behind-the-scenes activity involved in

The American public is seeing television for the first time at the New York Fair, and the Centre County boy is taking part in inter-

### (Continued on page four) Local Church Plans

Preparations are under way for the observance of the 56th anni- Hartsock and Samuel H. Poorman. fonte Evangelical church, on South Water street. The celebration is to

# (Continued on page stx)

Plans for a number of new build-

ters were disposed of at the ses-

# (Continued on page seven)

Captain Herbert M. Beezer was neeting held Monday night at the post's home on East Howard street,

zation for the past year.

Officers will be installed at a biotinty meeting to be held at Houtzdale. October 18. Ralph Eyer, second vice-command-

# and Andrew Kachik, trustees.

AT CLEARFIELD, FRIDAY specious refuge for them on a four-acre tract of land which he has gradually built a specious refuge for them on a four-acre tract of land which he has surrounded with a nine-foot wire fence. In the tract are ample pasture lands, a small stream, pasture lands, a small stream, who delands and all that deer could woodlands and all that deer could woodlands and all that deer could support the country of the feels that me will fully support the can-didacy of W. C. Witmer, of Bellefonte Banjo Band has been engaged to play at the Clear-field about 5 o'clock Sunday morn-didacy of W. C. Witmer, of Bellefonte Banjo Band has been engaged to play at the Clear-field about 5 o'clock Sunday morn-didacy of W. C. Witmer, of Bellefonte Banjo Band has been engaged to play at the Clear-field about 5 o'clock Sunday morn-didacy of W. C. Witmer, of Bellefonte Banjo Band has been engaged to play at the Clear-field about 5 o'clock Sunday morn-didacy of W. C. Witmer, of Bellefonte Banjo Band has been engaged to play at the Clear-field for the will fully support the can-didacy of W. C. Witmer, of Bellefonte Banjo Band has been engaged to play at the Clear-field for the will fully support the can-didacy of W. C. Witmer, of Bellefonte Banjo Band has been engaged to play at the Clear-field for the will fully support the can-didacy of W. C. Witmer, of Bellefonte Banjo Band has been engaged to play at the Clear-field for the will fully support the can-didacy of W. C. Witmer, of Bellefonte Banjo Band has been engaged to play at the Clear-field fair tomorrow (Friday) even-didacy of W. C. Witmer, of Bellefonte Banjo Band has been engaged to play at the Clear-field for the will fully support the can-didacy of W. C. Witmer, of Bellefonte Banjo Band has been engaged to play at the Clear-field for the will fully support the can-didacy of W. C. Witmer, of Bellefonte Banjo Band has been engaged to play at the Clear-field for the will fully support the can-didacy of W. C. Witmer, of Bellefonte Banjo Band has been engaged to play at the Clear-field for

# TRANSFUSIONS USED

of near Howard, remained in serious condition at the Centre County Hospital last night from the effects of injuries received late Saturday night when he had both legs cut off by a freight train on the Bald Eagle Valley branch, near his home. Several blood transfusions have

passed over him.

# (Continued on page six)

are Leo Joseph Flynn, of Conners-town, Schuylkill county; F. L. Win-ner, of Lock Haven, and A. Wilson where it apparently had been aban-

Motor Police from the Lock Ha-(Continued on page six)

Secures New Location Mac Stickler, of Pleasant Gap, son

favorably upon the quality of the Stickler, a graduate of the Bellefonte High school in the class of 1929, for the past six years has been employed at the Balfurd, Inc., tailoring establishment in State

The four paintings on display at

such an occurrence dealing with more than 1,000 freshmen but it is remarkable in its consistency."

Telephone lines along the Helle-fonte-Lewistown road are being re-located by the Hell Telephone Com-pany from Old Fort to Potters Mills

the referendum, announced this week.

"Each producer of milk for the New York marketing area is urged to take part in the referendum," Mr. Harmon said. "All ballots cost