

## TO DISTRIBUTE CHRISTMAS FUNDS

### NEARLY \$120,000 READY FOR DISTRIBUTION BY BANKS

County Total Highest in  
Ten Years, Survey  
Reveals  
CHECKS TO GO OUT  
EARLY NEXT MONTH

### \$25,500 of Total on De- posit in Bellefonte Banks

A total of approximately \$120,000 will be distributed to some 2700 Centre county during the first week of December as ten banks in the county distribute their annual Christmas Savings Funds. It was revealed yesterday by officials of the various banking houses.

The total distribution this year will be substantially greater than has been the case for at least ten years, statistics show.

Exclusive of the First National Bank of Philipsburg, which expects to pay out \$60,000 to 1434 Christmas Savings subscribers, the total for the county is \$59,900, which is held by some 1387 individuals.

Totals for previous years, all exclusive of the First National Bank of Philipsburg, for which figures are not available are:

1930	53,927
1931	53,600
1932	46,950
1933	40,460
1934	38,700
1935	36,300
1936	39,075
1937	50,650
1938	57,550
1939	59,900

Last year the total number of subscribers, including Philipsburg, was 2,415, and the total payments were \$111,550, which is more than \$8,000 less than this year's grand total.

The funds in Bellefonte banks (Continued on page four)

### Centre County Groups Win Prizes At Milton

Centre County organizations fared well at the Armistice Day parade in Milton, Saturday evening, and local groups came home with two first prizes, a second prize and a fourth prize, totaling \$150. in cash.

The Bellefonte High School band, under the direction of Harold Wilson, won first prize of \$75 in the band division. The State College American Legion and Auxiliary Junior Drum and Bugle Corps won second prize of \$50 in the drum and bugle corps competition. First prize of \$50 went to the Lebanon Corps.

The marching unit of the Bellefonte Elks Club won two prizes, a first prize of \$15 for being the largest unit of its kind in the line of march, and a fourth prize of \$10 for the best appearing unit.

The Bellefonte Banjo Band which also appeared in the parade was not eligible for prizes since the band was guaranteed a fee for participating in the event.

### Horse Killed When Struck By Automobile

A horse owned by Harry Bilger was killed about 10:15 o'clock Friday night when it was struck by a car near the Bilger farm on the Centre Hill mountain between Centre Hill and Pleasant Gap.

The car was driven by Ralph Arney, of Centre Hill, who reported that the horse jumped into the road as the car was traveling down the mountain toward Pleasant Gap. Arney's sedan was badly damaged but he escaped injury.

### Operating Room At Hospital Contains Wide Variety of 'Tools'

(By Winifred B. Shallross)  
The mysteries of the operating room at the Centre County Hospital were revealed to me the other afternoon. As I stepped gingerly into that awesome spot, my dusty shoes and unscrubbed hands seemed a desecration of the hallowed whiteness of the sanctum sanctorum.

The central glory of the room is the large light over the operating table. It spreads its rays to a circle of mirrors, which then cast a reflection on the table. The surgeon, bending over his prostrate patient, is never in his own light, never can cast a shadow. He leans over a table that can be raised and lowered, tipped and tilted at his will and with the assistance of the anesthetist. A wide awake patient can have a glorious time of it, riding his hobby horse, looking at his own operation in the mirrors above, that is, if he absolutely resists the insidious effects of the anesthetic as administered to him from the combined anesthesia and suction machine. One such machine is used almost

### 5 Foot, 11 Inch Worm Reported Near Nittany

Centre county, long famed as the home of the giant trout, may now lay claim to being the home of giant worm with which to catch them. It reports from the Nittany-Hubbersburg area can be credited.

For last week a gigantic earthworm, which measured 5 feet, 11 inches in length, was reported to have been seen at the Harry F. Bailey residence at Nittany, just opposite the Nittany Valley service station conducted by Albert Thompson, formerly of Bellefonte.

First intimation of the worm's existence came to this office in the weekly letter from Walker Township High school in which was an item stating that the giant worm had been found dead in front of Mr. Bailey's home. "Many of Mr. Bailey's friends and neighbors can vouch for the worm's size," the school scribe reported, adding that pictures could not be taken because of unfavorable weather conditions.

Neighbors of Mr. Bailey confirmed the report, but one man said the worm was not dead, and that while Mr. Bailey was indoors to get a container in which to cage it the worm crawled away.

### BROADCAST XMAS MUSIC Loudspeaking System to Carry Programs in Business District

Beginning December 9 and continuing every weekday through December 22, Christmas programs will be broadcast at intervals through the business district of Bellefonte, members of the Christmas Promotion Committee of the Bellefonte Chamber of Commerce.

Loudspeakers located at a number of places in the downtown area will be connected to a central unit located in a studio which will be set up in a convenient room near the Diamond. The studio, in turn, will be connected with a direct wire to some church, where the various programs of Christmas music will originate.

Other features on the program will include organ recitals, broadcasts of recorded music, programs by individuals and groups from all parts of the county and interviews of pedestrians on the streets of the shopping area. Tentative plans are to have regular broadcasts from 7 to 8 p. m. and possibly at noon and at 4 p. m. (Continued on page four)

### Woman Injured When Car Door Swings Open

When the door of the car in which she was riding swung open as the machine rounded a curve at the corner of Linn and Armor Streets, last Thursday, Mrs. Annie Whippo, of South Allegheny Street, fell to the ground and suffered severe bruises of the right shoulder and body.

The car was operated by her son, John. After receiving treatment at the offices of a physician, Mrs. Whippo was taken to the home of her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Wilson, South Allegheny Street.

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### IMPORTANT

Once again we approach the season for observing Thanksgiving Day, which occurs Thursday of next week. As has been the custom in the past, The Centre Democrat will be issued Tuesday noon.

This early edition is planned in order to give the readers an opportunity to complete their shopping from the advertising columns. By getting the paper into the homes on Tuesday and early Wednesday forenoon, housewives will find it a convenient guide for buying, which must be done on that day as all stores will be closed on Thursday.

In order to take advantage of this early edition it will be necessary for all advertisers and correspondents to get their copy in by the first of next week, and positively not later than Tuesday morning. Otherwise, disappointment will result.

We kindly ask the co-operation of all patrons in making this early edition a possibility.

### NAME HUGG MANAGER OF POOR HOME

Philipsburg Man Is Appointed To Key Position  
SALARY IS FIXED  
AT \$100 A MONTH

Home Is Not Yet Officially Accepted By County

Although the Centre County Home has not been formally accepted by Centre county, the County Commissioners, this week, appointed James Hugg, of Philipsburg, as superintendent of the Home, at a salary of \$100 a month, effective as of November 10.

The appointment is for a four-year term, but it is reported that it will not be binding upon the new Board of Commissioners which will go into office in January.

Acceptance of the County Home by the county depends upon a report made by a board of three inspectors to be named by Judge Ivan Walker, at the request of the County Commissioners.

At this time no application for such an inspection has been made to the Court, but the formal request is expected within the next few days. Although the Home is nearly ready for occupancy, some final details remain to be completed.

### Bellefonte Girl Injured In Crash

Miss Betty Eckley Suffers Laceration When Car Strikes Power Pole

Miss Betty Eckley, 20, of East Linn Street, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Forest Eckley, of Valley View, suffered lacerations of the right ear and face and bruises of the left knee and right arm early Sunday morning when a car in which she was a passenger struck an electric power pole on route 220 two miles west of Wingate.

The car was operated by Richard Waite, of Bellefonte, and was damaged to the extent of about \$150 as it scattered ten milk cans sitting at the side of the road and came to rest against the pole. The accident happened when the driver fell asleep at the wheel, it is reported.

Miss Eckley, whose injuries were not of a serious nature, received medical treatment at the Centre Hospital. (Continued on page eight)

### Mint Lodges in Throat of Local High Student

Miss Elmeda Ammerman, of Bush Hollow, a member of the senior class at the Bellefonte High school, returned to her home yesterday from the Lewistown Hospital, where she had been undergoing treatment since Sunday for complications resulting from a piece of a candy mint had lodged in her throat.

The mishap occurred Saturday evening, and the position of the mint made it difficult for Miss Ammerman to breathe. Sunday morning she was brought to the offices of a Bellefonte physician, who advised her removal to Lewistown for special treatment. There an examination revealed that while the mint had melted, her throat was much swollen and her condition was such that she remained for treatment. Yesterday she was expected to return in the next few days to her studies at the local high school.

### Bellefonte Sportsmen To Meet Next Week

A meeting of the Bellefonte Sportsmen's Club will be held on Friday evening, November 17, at the Republican camp at Curtin, it was announced yesterday by Reeder Jodan, president of the organization. All local sportsmen are cordially invited to attend, regardless of whether or not they are members of the club. The program will begin at 7 o'clock.

Among the topics to be discussed will be the following: promotion of a junior sportsmen's club; a proposal to close Spring Creek to all fishing from 9 p. m. to 5 a. m. daily; and the county field day and sportsmen's picnic which is being sponsored by the County Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs.

### Rover Troop Gets Flag

The Ladies' Auxiliary of Jackson-Crisman-Saylor Post, Veterans of Foreign Wars, No. 1690, Bellefonte, recently presented to the Bellefonte Rover Troop No. 3, a troop flag. The flag was publicly displayed for the first time in the Armistice Day parade, Saturday.

### Bandit Who Robbed Philipsburg Hotel Clerk Is Apprehended

Through the tireless efforts of two members of the State Motor Police at Rockview barracks, the man suspected of being the armed bandit who last December 7 held up and robbed the night clerk of the Hotel Philipsburg, has been located and identified, and efforts are now being made to bring him here to answer the charge.

The suspect is Nathaniel Payne, aged about 20, colored, of Washington, D. C. He is at present serving a 240-day term in the District of Columbia workhouse on an assault charge.

Police who traced the activities of the suspect from Philipsburg to Detroit, Mich., then to Mt. Union and Harrisburg, are Corporal S. S. Mollenko and Private James H. Griffith, of Rockview barracks. Photographs of the suspect, shown to the Hotel Philipsburg night clerk, Graydon Anthony, 22, are reported to have been identified by Anthony

as those of the armed bandit who walked into the hotel lobby about 3 o'clock on the morning of December 7, 1938, leveled an automatic at the clerk, and scooped up \$121.05 in cash from the hotel cash drawers. Two accomplices who are believed to have aided Payne in the well-planned hold-up are still at large, police report.

This week, when Payne's whereabouts was definitely established by Rockview police, a warrant charging him with the armed robbery at Philipsburg was filed and a transcript is to be presented to the December Centre County Grand Jury. If a true bill is found by the jury, the Court will be asked to issue a bench warrant for Payne's arrest, and extradition proceedings will be instituted in an effort to return him to this county.

Payne's 240-day term in the District of Columbia will expire on February 6.

### Nearly 200 At Legion Banquet

Past State Commander Asks Legionnaires to Work for Practical Peace

A strong plea to Legionnaires to crusade for a practical peace, and to dedicate themselves to true citizenship was made by John B. McDeade, of Scranton, past State Commander of the American Legion, at the annual Armistice Day dinner of Brooks-Doll Post at the Post home here, Saturday night. More than 200 members and guests were present.

The dinner was held in the new second floor banquet hall at the Legion Home, which was rushed to completion for the event. Air-conditioned throughout, spacious and cheerful, the room is one of the largest and best appointed of its kind in Bellefonte. Built with ceiling and walls of sound-leaded materials, the room has a quiet atmosphere even when crowded to near its capacity of nearly 400 persons.

Commander McDeade, in exhorting Legion members to work for a practical peace and to be true citizens, declared that the first aim can be achieved through discarding the impractical and war-breeding (Continued on page four)

### Houser Homestead Property Is Sold

Daniel F. Houser, of Willowbank street, Bellefonte, last week sold the homestead farm at Rock Forge, along Spring Creek, about 7 miles from Bellefonte, to Oley Johnson, of State College, who will take possession of the property on April 1.

Keller Snyder, who has been tenant farmer for the past two years, has purchased a farm one mile east of Rebersburg, and will move there in the spring.

The sale of the Houser farm removes from the possession of the family a property which has been in the Houser name for more than 100 years. It was first owned by Mr. Houser's grandfather, later by Daniel Houser's father, the late Frederick Houser, and from him passed into the possession of the present generation. Houserville was named for the early members of the family.

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These two cases were among several others which arose in Centre county after January 1, 1938 when the establishment of the County Institution District abolished the duties of the various township and borough overseers of the poor.

Hohnka and Byron were elected to four-year terms as overseers in 1935. In their claim to the Commissioners, they averred they were entitled to \$30 a month for every month from January 1, 1938 to the expiration of their terms as overseers on January 1, 1940.

Judge Walker's opinion in the matter includes a careful review of (Continued on page seven)

### OLD SCHOOL BOARD MEETS LAST TIME

Three Newly Elected Directors To Take Office Next Month

TEACHER RESIGNS;  
CAUSES VACANCY

Little Hope Seen for Aid In Constructing New Building

The present Bellefonte School Board transacted its last official business as such at a regular meeting in the Academy building, Monday night. At the December meeting, three members of the present board will be replaced by the newly elected members, William H. Brouse, Franklin B. Schad and Horatio S. Moore.

The retiring members are George Hazel, president; Charles Cook and William B. Troupe. The members whose terms have not expired are Horace J. Hartranft and Bossart DeHaas.

Beginning next month the new members, Moore, Brouse and Schad, and the old members, DeHaas and Hartranft, will guide the affairs of the school district over what promises to be a rough road, for the (Continued on page 6)

### Spring Mills Merchant Dies

Stroke Fatal to Harry H. Allison; Was Former Postmaster, Miller

Harry H. Allison, prominent merchant of Spring Mills, passed away at his home there at 12:30 o'clock Monday morning from the effects of a stroke he suffered last Wednesday morning.

Mr. Allison, for nine years postmaster at Spring Mills, and one time operator of a grist mill in that community, had apparently been in good health until he was stricken last Wednesday. He sank steadily until death ensued.

The deceased, owner and operator of the Clover Farm grocery at Spring Mills, was a son of Archibald and Jane Getting Allison and was born at Clontondale on December 17, 1869, making his age at time of death 69 years, 10 months and 26 (Continued on page six)

### Four Named To Job Committee

Ray Noll Heads County Group To Aid In Governor's State-Wide Campaign

Four Centre countyans have been appointed by Governor Arthur H. James to membership on a Centre county committee in a Job Mobilization Campaign, which is being planned by the Governor in an effort to obviate the need for a special session of the legislature.

Ray C. Noll, of Pleasant Gap, has been named chairman of the county group, and Leo Moerschbacher, of Philipsburg, is county vice-chair. (Continued on page four)

### Barn At Wingate Is Destroyed By Fire

A child playing with matches was assigned as the cause of a fire which yesterday afternoon destroyed a small barn on the John Sommers farm at Wingate. The barn and a quantity of hay was destroyed, but all livestock was saved.

The Milesburg Fire Company and the Logan Fire Company of Bellefonte answered appeals for aid in fighting the blaze, but the barn was doomed before firemen reached the scene.

### Lock Haven Bows To Red Raiders

Lock Haven High school again failed to show any offensive or defensive Saturday as they were overwhelmed 87-0 by a Bellefonte team that scored in every period of a game at the Community Athletic field here.

A steady drive from midfield led to the first quarter score; a 32-yard drive and a pass interception by Jim Tate on the 27-yard line developed the 12 points in the second period; an 18-yard run and a pass of similar length gave one touchdown and another pass interception by Tate paved the way for the second third-period score; and a wild heave in the last five seconds by (Continued on page eight)

### Employment Service To Leave Bellefonte

Bellefonte is to lose the State Employment Offices which have been located in the White building on North Spring street, it became known Tuesday when the owners of the building received notice that the lease is cancelled, effective December 14.

The offices, which have been located in the White building for the past three years, are to be moved to Clearfield. Although the office now serves only Centre county, it is presumed that upon being moved to Clearfield, it will serve the two-county area.

### COURT SUSTAINS LIQUOR BOARD IN COLLEGE CASES

Neighbors Help Stricken Farmer To Harvest Corn

A refreshing example of good neighborliness is reported this week by our correspondent from Madisonburg who informs that almost the entire community turned out last Monday to husk and haul in the corn and fodder for Dallas C. Duck, who has been sick for some time past. Last year his brother, Alvin Duck, was given the same assistance by the neighbors in that section.

In addition to the Houtz brothers, who had done preliminary husking for Mr. Duck, the following volunteered their services: on Monday, T. F. Wise, E. G. Risher, Cephas Risher, H. E. Miller, George K. Long, Jesse Day, Harvey Long, Robert Risher, Paul Wise, Stanley Goldy, Samuel Yearick, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Duck, Margaret Burd, R. P. Haugh, Wilbur Yearick, C. H. Shaeffer, Frank P. Vonada, W. W. Benner, Fred Esterline and W. H. Limbert.

Needless to say, everyone who helped feels the better for this act of applied charity.

### Upholds Revocation of Boeger and Linker Licenses

HENNINGER CASE IS STILL PENDING  
Linker Decision Based On Only Three of Boards' Six Charges

In opinions filed yesterday, Judge Ivan Walker upheld the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board in revoking the licenses of two State College taproom proprietors. Decision in a similar case involving a third taproom is being withheld by the court for further consideration.

The two whose licenses were revoked are: Paul C. Boeger, proprietor of the Hofbrau, South Allen street, and C. E. Linker, owner of the College Grill.

The case still pending is one against S. W. Henninger, proprietor of Henney's Western Lunch. In the Linker case Judge Walker's decree indicated that the Court's opinion was based on three of the six charges made by the Liquor Control Board.

The three charges specified by the Court were as follows: that the College Grill is not a bona-fide eating place; that proper and accurate records of financial transactions were not kept, and that malt beverage (Continued on page seven)

### LEGION HOME IS COMPLETED

\$16,000 Addition Provides Spacious Grill and Banquet Rooms

Finishing touches are now under way at the new \$16,000 addition to the home of Brooks-Doll Post, American Legion, on East Howard street, Bellefonte, and when the work is completed next week the Post will have one of the most modern and best equipped homes in the State.

A feature of the new addition is a banquet room with a seating capacity of about 400 persons—the largest in this vicinity.

Work on the 54-foot, two-story sandstone addition began last May with Harry E. "Deppy" Dunlap, Bellefonte Legionnaire and contractor, in charge. Most of the exterior stone was obtained from the old Bellefonte High school building. (Continued on page seven)

### Two New Members Elected To Council

Two new members of Council, both elected from the South Ward, will be sworn into office at the first meeting of Council in the new year, January 1, 1940.

The new members are Squire Harold D. Cowher, elected on the Democratic and Republican tickets, and John Weber, elected on the Republican ticket. They will replace Harry Badger and William H. Doll, whose terms expire this year and who were not candidates for re-election.

The membership of Council after January 1, will be as follows: Thomas Beaver, Henry A. Brockerhoff, Earl J. Teaman, Leslie Thomas, W. W. Sieg, W. J. Emerick, Mr. Cowher and Mr. Weber. Councilmen Sieg and Thomas last week were re-elected for new terms.

### Thanksgiving Dance at Hecla, Thursday

Members of the Bellefonte and State College high school football team will be guests of the Bellefonte High School Alumni Association at a Thanksgiving dance to be held at Hecla Park on Thursday evening, November 23, under the sponsorship of the Alumni group.

The dance, open to the public, will begin at 9 p. m. and close at 1 a. m. with J. F. Galada and his orchestra of Bellefonte furnishing the music. The program will include a variety of entertainment and special features. Admission 40 cents a person; 75 cents a couple. The public is cordially invited to attend. Informal dress will be in order.

### A VISIT TO THE LAND OF RICH ENCHANTMENT

(By IDA R. WILLIAMS, Martha Furnace)

The following well-described word picture of a motor trip through the middle west enjoyed by a Centre county group should be of interest to our tourist-minded readers.

Leaving Port Matilda Monday morning, October 16, in a well packed Packard with Raymond Reese at the wheel, accompanied by his mother, Mrs. Marian Reese and Miss Marybell Woerner, we traveled westward, soon leaving behind us the hills of Centre county which at this time were robed in all the gorgeous colors of their autumnal beauty.

We enjoyed the scenic beauty of Western Pennsylvania and West Virginia, then passed through the beautiful residence section of New Wheeling which is quite different from the older part of the city.

We stopped for the night at the Davis tourist camp and as the night was quite cold we enjoyed a sparkling wood fire in an open fireplace. This was an old-time type of chimney with its wide open throat reaching up toward the heavens.

Next morning we visited the McNara family in Delaware, Ohio. They were friends of the Reeses and were very congenial people. Delaware is the seat of the Ohio Wesleyan College. Here many of our Methodist ministers and church leaders get their theological training.

In the early afternoon we reached Greenville, Ohio where we enjoyed the cordial hospitality of our scrubs' sister, Mrs. Margery Baumgardner, and the D. C. Karm family.

Our next stop was in Rockville, Indiana, with a flower friend, Rev. Leona Stool, who is a minister in the Society of Friends. Here we had our first taste of persimmons, contributed by Miss Stool's aged father. We certainly enjoyed the generous basket of delicious fruit.

Without any adventures we crossed through the State of Illinois and soon after sunset we crossed the new one million dollar Mark Twain Memorial Bridge, which spans the Mississippi River at Hannibal, Mo.

Hannibal was the boyhood home of Mark Twain (Samuel Clemens). Here he wrote his famous "Tom Sawyer," "Huckleberry Finn," and several other books. The old print (Continued on page seven)