

# SEEK APPROVAL OF COUNTY HOME

## COURT NAMES 3 VIEWERS TO INSPECT NEW BUILDING

Contractor, Architect, and Civil Engineer Comprise Board

### ACCEPTANCE WILL HINGE ON REPORT

### Final Payment to Contractors Withheld Pending Approval

Final acceptance by Centre County of the new County Home erected on East Howard Street will be based upon the report of a board of three viewers named Saturday by Judge Ivan Walker to inspect the home to determine whether or not all contracts have been completed fully and according to specifications.

The three viewers named by the Court are as follows:

- Horatio S. Moore, Bellefonte, retired structural steel manufacturer and contractor.
- Dean Kennedy, State College, well known architect.
- Fred S. Hanson, State College, civil engineer.

The order naming the viewers directs that they thoroughly examine the building and report to the Court whether the contracts have been faithfully and fully performed and completed.

Until the report has been submitted the county will withhold final payment of ten percent of the contracts.

Contractors affected by the findings of the board of viewers are: the Berwick Lumber and Supply Co., Mulch Brothers, the F. C. Patterson Electrical Company.

While the order does not set the time for the final inspection to be made, it is expected that the board will carry out its duties sometime this week, and the report will be prepared as soon as possible.

Judge Walker named the viewers upon receiving a formal certification from the County Commissioners that the Home is completed and ready for final inspection. The State laws regulate the procedure for the acceptance of the Home.

### DRIVER FALLS ASLEEP: CAR HITS PARKED MACHINE

Damage estimated at \$80 resulted about 5:40 o'clock Monday afternoon when the driver of a car passing through Woodward fell asleep at the wheel and his machine crashed into a car parked along the highway.

The driver of the car was Edmund L. Schofield, of Norwich, N. Y., who told State Motor Police that he had been driving all day and that shortly before the accident he had closed the windows and turned on the heater of his car. His machine, a Ford coupe, left the paved part of the road and struck a machine owned by S. W. Haines, of Woodward, which was parked on the berm. No one was injured, and damage to the parked machine was estimated at \$45. The Schofield car was damaged to the extent of about \$35.

### Alpha Called on False Alarm

When it was reported that a fire in a tree was threatening the Dale School house near Dale Summit about 9:30 o'clock Saturday morning, members of the Alpha Fire Company, of State College, rushed to the scene. Firemen found that the report was unfounded and returned home without going into action.

## Library Reports Increased Interest

Enthusiasm plus is the attitude with which the residents of Centre county have adopted the library movement as sponsored by the Library and Historical Corp. of Centre county with headquarters at Bellefonte.

Since the official opening on October 25, the building has been open eight days for the circulation of books and the inspection of the museum. Nearly 600 residents have registered, 1667 books have been circulated, 23 rural schools served, 2 branches opened, and applications received for four more branches.

Two story hours have been held in the County Room. The first on October 25, was conducted by Miss Janet Woerner with an attendance of 30 children. The second story hour on November 18 was conducted by Miss Betty Smith. Seventy children with an age range of 5-12 years were present, and because of the lack of chairs and space had to be divided into four groups with periods of twenty minutes each. Some of the older children stood and the youngest sat on the floor. Requests

### Local Man Held In Theft of Groceries

Charged with stealing groceries from a car parked on West Bishop street, Saturday night, William Miller, of Bellefonte, who recently was released from the Western Penitentiary, is being held under \$500 bail for his appearance in court.

Miller was arrested Saturday night by Chief of Police Harry Dukeman of Bellefonte after Ralph Moyer reported that a bundle of groceries had been removed from his parked car. Police report that all the groceries were found in Miller's possession.

Arraigned before Justice of the Peace G. Earle Hoffer in Criders Exchange, Monday afternoon, Miller was remanded to the county jail when he was unable to post bail. Chief Dukeman reported that Miller also removed a flashlight from the parked car owned by Cecil Vanatta, of Bellefonte, the same night that the groceries were taken.

Miller recently completed serving a sentence at the Western Penitentiary, Pittsburgh, on a larceny charge.

## MAY REVIVE WPA PROJECT

### Council to Hear Engineer Outline Borough Map Proposal

Revival of a plan to make a complete map of Bellefonte Borough, its streets, water and sewer lines, properties, and other vital information was indicated at a regular meeting of Bellefonte Council Monday night when Council agreed to meet one-half hour earlier on Monday, December 4, to hear the proposal outlined by a WPA engineer from DuBois.

Because he has another engagement the same night, the engineer asked Council to meet at 7 o'clock instead of 7:30 so the project can be discussed thoroughly. In the discussion of this project several Councilmen also hinted at a revival of the project for the construction of sidewalks and curbs. This project nearly became a reality last spring but was dropped because of lack of final approval by the borough.

The stop sign erected recently by Council to relieve the dangerous condition existing at several street intersections, have been ordered removed by the State Highway department on the grounds that the borough has not received authorization from the department for the erection of the signs.

### West Penn to Take Additional Rooms

The West Penn Power Co. has leased the rooms on the second floor of Criders Exchange building which formerly housed the law offices of the late Attorney John J. Boyer. Workmen are now engaged in refitting and redecorating the rooms and they will be occupied as soon as the work has been completed.

The present offices of the engineering department will remain on the first floor of the same building, the new office quarters being leased as an addition to present facilities.

### Heads County Home



JAMES H. HUGG, Phillipsburg

### Industry Sets Safety Record

### 130 American Lime Workers Entertained at Dinner at Hecla Park

A turkey dinner in honor of a new "no lost time" accident record, was held last Wednesday night in the pavilion at Hecla Park, by the American Lime and Stone Co.

Approximately 130 workers, representing 770,285 working hours from October 10, 1936, to October 10, 1939, were present. They included workers in the surface operations of the industry, namely those employed in Plant No. 19 and 20, the shaft kilns, rotary kilns, and maintenance department. The pavilion was attractively decorated in the company colors, green and white, and Fred Craft and his five-piece orchestra, of Bellefonte, furnished music. In addition to addresses by officials and workers, a feature was the presentation to each person of a small leather first aid kit.

## POLICE NAB CHECK FORGER

### Lewistown Man Held Here Admits Many Similar Crimes in State

A check forger who is reported to have been operating extensively throughout Central Pennsylvania was apprehended during the week-end by Chief of Police Harry Dukeman, of Bellefonte, after a search that included visits to Lock Haven and Lewistown.

The man, Lester G. Burlew, of Lewistown, was arrested at his home in that city Saturday by Officer Dukeman and Officer Donald Johnson, of Bellefonte. He was charged with having cashed two forged checks, each for \$18.50 in Bellefonte stores.

One of the checks was given in payment for a small purchase at the Dean Phipps Auto Store, South Allegheny street. The other was given to pay for a minor purchase at the Brown Boot Shop, South Allegheny street. In each instance, upon receiving the change, Burlew told the clerk that he would leave the merchandise at the store and call for it later. He never claimed the goods.

Both local checks were drawn on the Peoples National Bank of State College, to the order of J. Howard (Continued on page four)

### Julian Man Fined For Killing Deer

William Wellar, aged about 22, of Julian, was fined \$100 and the costs of prosecution after a hearing before Justice of the Peace Harold D. Cowher at his offices on West Bishop street, Saturday morning.

Wellar was charged with killing a deer during the closed season. The prosecutor was Game Warden Thomas Mosier, of Bellefonte. According to reports, Wellar admitted the charge and was given a week's time in which to pay the fine and costs. The violation occurred in Huston township.

### Elks Memorial Service To Be Held Dec. 3rd

The annual Elks Memorial Services in honor of departed members of that lodge will be held on Sunday afternoon, December 3, at 2 o'clock, at the Elks Home on West High Street, it was announced yesterday.

**Thanksgiving**  
We Thank Thee,  
O Lord...  
Our forefathers gathered around the first Thanksgiving dinner and gave thanks for safety and security. Their ideals have passed down through the generations, and we today, in equal reverence, give thanks for the privilege to live in the land of freedom they made possible for us. . . . We look about us and realize that this is still the land of plenty for whose bounty our forbears gave thanks almost three centuries ago. . . . and most comforting of all is the knowledge that this is the country we call "home" . . . for which this day

We Are Truly Thankful.

### Former Merchant Here Succumbs

### Former Bellefonte Business Man Succumbs; Funeral Held Saturday

Peter P. Keichline, well known retired Bellefonte business man, passed away at his home on lowbank street, Bellefonte, at 8:40 o'clock last Thursday night after a several years' illness with a cerebral condition. He was 86 years old last April 1.

Although he had been in ill health for some time, Mr. Keichline was able to be about at his home until about two weeks ago when he suffered a stroke. Since then his condition was critical.

Mr. Keichline was a native of Boalsburg, having been born in that community on April 1, 1853. He was a son of Peter and Sarah Long Keichline.

As a young man he farmed at Pennsylvania Furnace, coming to Bellefonte about 57 years ago.

He was a member of the First Baptist church in Bellefonte and lived in a room next to the present Kline Hardware store on West High (Continued on page five)

### Illness Fatal To G. Edward Harper

### Funeral Monday for Peter F. Keichline; Conducted Store Near Station

G. Edward Harper, native of Bellefonte and former local business man, died at his home on West High street, Bellefonte, at 11:20 o'clock last Thursday morning after a several year's illness with a heart condition. Mr. Harper had been confined to his home for the past three months and had been bedfast for a week prior to his death.

The deceased, manager of the general store at Curtin when the Curtin Iron Works was in operation, later was proprietor of a similar business in Bellefonte, which he conducted for many years. Upon leaving Bellefonte he became affiliated with the National Carbon Company, in Cleveland, Ohio, remaining with that company until he retired several years ago and returned to Bellefonte to reside.

A son of Jonathan and Marinda Steinyer Harper, Mr. Harper was born in Bellefonte on June 28, 1876, making his age at time of death, 63 years, 4 months and 18 days. Surviving are his wife, the former Lettie Yeager; a brother, Jerome Harper, of Bellefonte, and a sister Mrs. J. A. Saxe, of Ellsworth.

Funeral services were held Saturday afternoon at the Widows Home, North Allegheny street, with the Rev. C. Edwin Stamm, pastor of St. John's Reformed church, Bellefonte, officiating. Interment was made in the Union cemetery, Bellefonte.

### Bicyclist Hit by Auto

James Gray, 15, of West Decatur was injured when he was struck by an automobile while riding his bike along the highway Friday night. E. D. Matson, driver of the car said that he averted his car to avoid hitting some pedestrians and struck the bike which was traveling without lights, throwing the boy to the ground.

### Official Count Is Completed

### Variations With Newspaper Count Insufficient to Change Results of Election

The official count of the Centre county general election, completed Saturday, showed some changes in totals for various candidates but in no case was the change sufficient to alter the results of the election.

A comparison of the official count with the unofficial one published in The Centre Democrat immediately after the election shows that totals for 14 of the 28 candidates for State and County offices were correct. Slight variations occurred in the totals for the remaining 14 candidates. In other newspaper tabulations the totals of less than one-third of the candidates checked with the official count.

Members of the official count board were: the Commissioners and their chief clerk, Samuel J. McMillin; Mrs. Joseph Runkle, Mrs. Hilda Corman and Miss Hazel Johnson, of Bellefonte, and Mrs. Pearl Gilliland, of State College.

The official count for state and county offices follows:

- Judge of Supreme Court: Herbert F. Goodrich, Dem.—6967; Marion D. Patterson, Rep.—9960
- Judge of Supreme Court: J. Harold Flannery, Dem.—6803 (Continued on page five)

### Aid in Search For Fugitives

### Motor Police Also Investigate Hit-Run Accident on Mountain Road

Activities of the State Motor Police at Pleasant Gap during the weekend included a search for two youths who escaped from the State Industrial School at Morgantown, in Washington county; an investigation of a hit-run accident on Centre Hall mountain and of a collision at Karthaus.

The fugitives from the State school, who were in the Bellefonte area Saturday and Sunday, were captured by Lewistown police on Sunday. They had obtained a half-gallon of gasoline from a resident near the Blank Barn, between Axmann and Pleasant Gap, early that morning.

A car operated by Miss Florence Hughes, of Wyoming, Pa., was damaged slightly about 6:45 o'clock Saturday evening when it was struck by another machine on the Centre Hall mountain, south of Pleasant Gap. Miss Hughes, who was on her way to Bellefonte for a visit with relatives, was unable to get the license number of the other machine.

Cars driven by Donald Potter, of Karthaus, and R. C. Lauth, of Lock Haven, came together at Karthaus about 5 o'clock Saturday afternoon. Damage to the Lauth machine was estimated at \$200 and to the other machine, \$5.

### Motor Short Circuits

A short circuit in a motor of the refrigeration system of the Rathskellar, South Pugh street, State College, was responsible for a fire alarm at 7:50 o'clock Sunday night. Considerable smoke came from the burning insulation but little damage was done and Alpha firemen did not go into action.

## LOCAL GIRL IS MOLESTED BY STRANGER

### Miss Janet Brouse Jabbed With Needle While in Theatre Lobby

### WHITE SLAVE TACTICS HINTED

### Becomes Ill After Incident; 'Victim' Is Teacher in Lewistown

Possibly that white slavers are operating in Central Pennsylvania was evidenced in Lewistown last week, when a well-known Bellefonte girl reported that a man—a stranger to her—had jabbed her with a needle while she and a companion were in a crowded Lewistown theatre lobby waiting for the shows to change.

The girl is Miss Janet Brouse, a daughter of William H. Brouse, of South Thomas street, who is employed as a teacher in the Lewistown schools.

According to reports Miss Brouse and another teacher were standing in the crowded lobby when a man nearby jabbed her. At the same time Miss Brouse reported that she felt the sting of a needle in her thigh. She remembered with the man, and he edged away through the crowd.

After the show Miss Brouse returned to her rooms, where she became quite ill, either from the shock (Continued on page five)

### Wetzler Named As Trust Co. Director

At a meeting of the board of directors of the Bellefonte Trust Company last week, Malcolm L. Wetzler, of Milesburg, was named a member of the board to succeed the late M. Kline, of Bellefonte.

Mr. Wetzler, a son of the late Frank L. Wetzler, of Milesburg, who was a director of the bank until his death some time ago, is widely known throughout Centre county.

## GRAND JURY TO CONVENE

### 20 Criminal Cases Listed For Presentation Next Week

District Attorney Musser W. Gettler yesterday released a list of 20 criminal cases for presentation to the Grand Jury for the regular December term of court when the jury meets here next Monday morning, November 27. In addition, there are 9 summary convictions cases to be heard by the Court on Thursday, November 30.

Two of the indictments to be presented to the jury charge motorists with involuntary manslaughter in connection with fatal accidents in which cars they were driving were involved. Other charges include assault with a deadly weapon, burglary, fraudulent conversion, assault and battery, and violations of the vehicle code.

Sixteen of the cases are slated for presentation, Monday, the remaining four being listed for Tuesday. The complete list follows:

- Monday, November 27
  - Arthur J. Rockey, Milesburg, 1 and 2
  - Harace Shope, Bellefonte, statutory rape and 1 and 2
  - Donald Dyke, Milesburg, 1 and 2
  - Charles Edward Coble, Jr., Spring Mills, failure to support bastard child
  - Louis Lucas, Phillipsburg, larceny (Continued on page five)

### VAUDEVILLE SCHEDULED AT PORT MATILDA, DECEMBER 8

A six-act vaudeville is to be presented in the Little Theatre, Port Matilda, Friday night, December 8, for the benefit of the Port Matilda Fire Company.

Proceeds from the show will be added to a fund set up for the purchase of a new fire truck for the company.

Among the features of the show will be the appearance of the South Sea Island Serenaders—a Hawaiian orchestra. Jerry Robinson, Port Matilda, youth who has won considerable fame throughout the county as a ventriloquist and imitator, will make his first appearance in his home town in that role. He also will introduce to local people his steege, Oscar O'Neill.

## MAN'S LIFELESS BODY FOUND IN FIELD NEAR BELLEFONTE

### Panhandlers Take \$8 In Day From County Officer

Panhandling has become a major Bellefonte industry—at least for a small army of men who hang around the Diamond and continually ask for money.

Saturday a Centre County official, who is continually beset by members of the gang asking for dimes, quarters and upwards, decided to grant every request made of him during the day, just to see how far the thing would go.

At the close of the day's business the official found that he had handed out a total of \$8.

Of course every day isn't like that—and the official doesn't always grant every request—but the experiment was an interesting one.

Panhandling wouldn't be so bad if the money was needed or put to some necessary use. Practically every cent obtained by the gang around the Diamond finds its way into bar rooms, with no delay in the process.

Bellefonte authorities would win the gratitude of many business people, county officials and others if they'd break up the practice and keep it broken up.

## FIVE ENTER GUILTY PLEAS

### Drunken Driver Given Choice of Sentences; Brothers Admit Tire Theft

Five persons entering pleas of guilty to a variety of charges, were sentenced by Judge Ivan Walker at a special session of Court here Monday morning.

Howard Clark, of near Phillipsburg, charged with drunken driving, was given the option of paying the costs, a fine of \$100 and serving 10 days in the County Jail, or paying the costs and serving 30 days in jail, with no fine. After some hesitation, Clark chose the longer jail sentence.

According to State Motor Police officer R. J. Crozier, of the Phillipsburg sub-station, Clark was seen driving his car in a zig-zag fashion through Phillipsburg on November 10. When the officer got the car stopped after repeated efforts, he took the driver to a physician whose examination revealed that he was in unfit condition to drive a car.

Before being sentenced Clark told the Court that he had been ill with the gripe for two weeks and while (Continued on Page 6)

### B.H.S. In Top Shape For Thanksgiving Tilt

Bellefonte High school's chances of defeating State College High in the annual Turkey Day football classic between the two teams this Thursday were increased considerably Saturday afternoon when the Red Raiders journeyed to Jersey Shore and carried off a 27 to 7 victory from the powerful Jersey Shore machine.

The Thanksgiving Day game is to be played on the Community Athletic field, Bellefonte, and arrangements are being made to accommodate a record crowd for the game—always one of the best on the local High's schedule.

The Red Raiders showed a particularly brilliant air attack in Saturday's tilt with Jersey Shore, where the team was no less staunch on the defensive.

The Red and White team scored 20 points in the second quarter and 7 points in the final frame. Jersey Shore's tally came in the closing minutes of the game. Paul Hovey, Bellefonte back, was responsible for two of the touchdowns, while Steele and Flack each accounted for one. Rhodes scored two points after touchdowns, while Parnell made the third extra point.

### Brooks—Horne

David D. Brooks, son of Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Brooks, of near Honesdale, and Miss Betty Virginia Horne, daughter of Mrs. Virginia Fredrick, of Route 1, Milton, were united in marriage last Thursday evening by Rev. Levi F. Sheetz, at his residence in Milesburg. The groom is an employe in the Whitlock stone quarries at Pleasant Gap, where the young couple started housekeeping on Monday. Both are highly respected young people and their many friends wish them much success and happiness.

### Victim, William Meekley, 28, Shot Through Head; Inquest Scheduled

### .45 ARMY AUTOMATIC CLUTCHED IN HAND

### Was Last Seen Monday Night; Told Friend He Was Hunting Turkeys

The lifeless body of William Meekley, 28, farmer residing along the Jacksonville road about 3 miles east of Bellefonte, was found in a field a short distance north of the Jacksonville, near the service station owned by his brother, Fred Meekley, early Tuesday morning.

Clutched tightly in the man's right hand was a .45 caliber Army automatic. One bullet had entered the back of Meekley's head and had emerged from the forehead. Jammed in the chamber of the automatic was a second bullet, which normally would have been discharged by the first shot, since the man's fingers were closely gripped about the trigger. The second shot failed to discharge because of its being jammed. The victim was found prone on the ground, face down.

Discovery of the tragedy was made early Tuesday morning by Frank Grove, a resident of the same area, who was assisting other members of the Meekley family to look for the man when he was found to be missing. Grove was the last known person to see Meekley alive, having conversed with him about 5 (Continued on page six)

## Hunters Report Bear Plentiful

### Kills During 4-Day Season Range in Weight From 150 to Nearly 400 Pounds

A number of bear were killed in this area during the four-day open season last week-end. They ranged in weight from 150 pounds to nearly 400 pounds.

The largest bear reported shot was one felled by a Mr. Raker, hunting with the Lee and Henry Bower party at Bear Swamp, near Loganton. It weighed 375 pounds. O. C. Ewing and R. K. Dippery, both of State College, last Wednesday, brought down a bear each while hunting in the Renovo area. The animals weighed more than 300 pounds each.

Mr. Ewing's bear tipped the scales at 356 pounds, and Mr. Dippery's prize weighed 319 pounds. Other members of the party hunting with them were: Walter Dippery, Elwood Horner, and LeRoy Rider, all of State College, and Nimrods from Port Matilda, Milesburg, and Pleasant Gap. The group reported having seen some exceptionally fine bucks in that region, and drove 9 bear from cover during the day's hunt.

John Kosak, of Oseola Mills, R. D., bagged a 180-pound bear while hunting in Clinton county last Wednesday. He was one of a group of nine hunters who left Oseola Mills to spend the day in Clinton county woods.

Among the more successful bear hunters in this area was Clyde Watson, of Milesburg, who on Saturday brought home a fine specimen which tipped the scales at approximately 300 pounds.

Watson was hunting with a group which included his three sons, Kenneth, Merrill and Irvin Lawson, all of Milesburg; and Newton Lauck and J. T. Watson, of Bellefonte, R. D. They were hunting along the Beth Creek-Renovo road when Clyde Watson came upon the bear. He moved to within about 50 paces of the animal before firing the first shot, and it required three other bullets to finish the job. The bear was hung up near the Atlantic Service Station in Milesburg, where it attracted much attention from townpeople as well as from tourists passing by on Route 330. Mr. Watson is planning to have the hide tanned for use as a rug.

## Thanksgiving Dance At Hecla, Thursday

Good fellowship, good music and good entertainment is assured at the Thanksgiving Dance to be held at Hecla Park this Thursday night by the Bellefonte High School Alumni Association.

The dance will be open to the public and will begin at 8 p. m., with J. F. Galafala and his orchestra furnishing music. Tickets are on sale at 75 cents a couple; 50 cents for a single admission. A variety of entertainment and special features is promised.