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GRAND JURY MAY ACT IN FATALITY

INQUEST REVEALS HUNTER SLAIN BY 1 OF 2 WATCHERS

Pine Glen Miner, 42, Vic- State College Borough tim of Season's Only **Fatal Accident**

ONE OF WATCHERS FAILS TO TESTIFY

Slaughter of Bear Out of Season Aids in Investigation

Grand Jury action on the first vious h fatal hunting accident in Centre 4, 1939. County this year was suggested yesterday by a Coroner's Jury which conducted an inquest into the 39 ornamental lamps, an average death of Noah M. Hahn, aged 42, Pine Glen coal miner who was instantly killed by a bullet near Moshannon Friday afternoon.

The Coroner's Jury returned a verdict that the bullet which killed the Pine Glen man had been fired by either Oscar "Sheffie" Viehdorfer, or Millard Quick, both of Moshannon and both members of the party with which Hahn was hunt-

The fatality occurred about 3 o'clock Friday afternoon, just a few hours before the end of the 1939 deer season. Yesterday afternoon State Police at Rockview indicated that a conference will be held with the District Attorney to determine further action in the matter. No charges had been lodged against either of the men yesterday after-

noon and they were not in custody. The inquest, held at the Borough Building, in Snow Shoe, under the direction of Dr. W. R. Heaton, of Philipsburg. Centre County Coroner, began Monday morning but was adjourned until yesterday when Viehdorfer failed to appear as a (Continued on page four)

Incoming Mail

To Sell Street Lights

The Public Utility Commission has set a further hearing for December 28 at State College in its investigation to determine the reasonableness of the proposed sale by the borough to West Penn Power Company, Pittsburgh, of certain

Utility Commission announced Fri-

by citizens of the borough. A previous hearing was held on October

\$100 price.



"Pete" Miller is Fatally Stricken Here

known former Bellefonte taxi oper- to keep it in good condition. ator, died suddenly at the wheel of postoffice at 1:20 o'clock Monday afternoon.

Miller's machine, in which he was hauling mail from the postoffice to 7 Orphaned By witness. When the session was re- the Pennsylvania Railroad station, had just turned into Allegheny street from East Howard street, after stopping at the sign, when the driver slumped over the wheel. The car. driverless. continued on, de-scribed a wide turn to the left and Unusually Heavy struck the rear of a cattle truck

which was parked in front of the

(Continued on page seven)

Xmas Greetings

and other organizations in Belle-

fonte, Pleasant Gap, Milesburg and

surrounding communities this week

The 106 messages of greeting are

Each illustration and each of the

In This Issue

postoffice.

Property May Be Disposed of Without Vote, Solicitor Says **COUNCIL HEARS**

street lighting fixtures, the Public

The transaction is being protested

The issue is the reasonableness of Possibility that the Bellefonte the purchase price of \$3900 for the Borough Home, on South Potter street, until last week rented to price of \$100 per lamp. The further Centre county as a County Home, hearing was fixed to afford the might be offered for sale at public company and the borough full opauction was hinted at a regular portunity to explain the basis of the



porary president in the absence of Thomas Beaver, president. The opinion upon the disposition

Boro Home

May Be Sold

At Auction

ZONING REPORT

Attending Fire

School Here

assistants.

Home

ler.

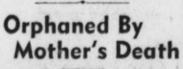
Cars

ing Instructions

of the property was given by Borough solicitor, former Judge M. Machine Crashes When ward Fleming, and Council monerty along the banks of Spring Creek as well as its furniture might go on

the auction block. In the meanwhile the property has been locked up, Charles M. "Pete" Miller, well and necessary steps have been taken

The annual organization meeting his truck in front of the Bellefonte of Council will be held at the first (Continued on page seven)



Wife of Man Killed in Quarry of the classes. Accident Dies at Local

Hospital owned by C. M. Long, of Nittany,

County Medicos

extend Christmas greetings and Parrish, Dale and Hoffman State College Church Choirs

Also Named to Official

Positions for 1940

elected

Dr. E. H. Adams, chief of Staff

Other officers chosen were: Dr.

College, 2nd. vice president. Dr. Richards Hoffman, Belle-

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PENN STATE STUDENT

street, Tuesday morning.

Name Deputies And Assistants All the newly-elected Centre Yesterday announced that his deunty officials, with the exception puty will be James Hugg, of Philof the Board of County Commis- ipsburg, who for the past number

sioners, yesterday announced the of weeks has been supernitendent of appointment of their deputies and the new Centre County Home, Mrs. Miller will be matron, and the Miller family will move from their A spokesman for the new board home on East Bishop Street into of Commissioners, consisting of

the jail living quarters as soon as Charles F. Hipple, Fred C. Mensch possible and Harry V. Keeler, declared that Other appointees in the Sheriff's the Commissioners' appointments office are: James C. Furst, Belle- WILL ASSUME NEW have not been made at this time.

fonte, solicitor; John E. Dubbs, of but that a definite selection is to be Willowbank Street, Bellefonte turncompleted within the next week. key and Mrs. Nellie Cole, of East Among the posts to be filled by High Street, Bellefonte, cook. 50 Firemen From Area the Commissioners are the follow-

Treasurer-elect Harry F. Jones ing: chief clerk, registration clerk, of Bellefonte, has named Miss janitor, fireman, superintendent and Vegna Chambers, of Bellefonte, matron of the new County Home, who for the past four years has and possibly other positions at the been assistant clerk to the Centre County Commissioners, as his de-

Register-elect Harry A. Corman, Duty of Spring Mills, has announced that he will retain Miss Geraldine Bilger, of Bellefonte, as Deputy. Miss Bilger served in that post during the two terms of John L. Wetzas Deputy to Prothonotary Bond C. duties of the office on January 1.

Sheriff-elect Edward R. Miller White,

Whiterock Votes Wage Increase

All Hourly Employes Receive Bellefonte offices in the past. Additional 5 Cents an Hour:

Minimum 50 Cents

A class in safe driving will be opened in Bellefonte early in Jan- Bellefonte, Tuesday, the Board of Three Sentenced At a regular meeting held in uary if enough residents of this Directors of Whiterock Quarries volarea show an interest in the pro- ed a wage increase to all hourly posed classes, it was announced yes- employes at both Pleasant Gap and terday by the Centre County Safe Howard plants, of 5 cents per hour

ization operating here as a WPA are the lowest in history. project under State sponsorship. Forty-two hours or less compose The school would be conducted by a work-weck and it is felt that the Joseph Intorre and Richard Wil- minimum wage should be 50 cents helm, of State College, Leslie N, per hour. This means that the low-Shaw, of the State Motor Police, est wage paid will be 50 cents per

Beliefonte, would serve as inspecter hour. This increase will cost White-The course would consist of 50 uses, approximately \$24,000 per originating from the alleged theit burg Eorough Council, indicated indicated classroom lessons. The school fur- to becember 16, 1939, and will ef- of Julian. The jury divided the pump is put into operation there is between the defendant and pump is put into operation there.

Is Named To Welfare Job Thomas C. Williams Cho-

Ingleby Man

sen as Successor to Leon Mirbach

DUTIES JANUARY 1

Public Assistance Director Selected From Number of Applicants

Thomas C. Williams, of Ingleby near Coburn. Tuesday was chosen Recorder Leamer R. Woodring, of executive director of the Centre Milesburg, will retain Walter Arm- County Public Assistance Board to strong, of East Bishop Street, as his succeed Leon Mirbach, of Philipswhile Arthur H. Sloop, of burg, who last week resigned from East Curtin Street, will continue the post. Williams will assume the

> Mr. Williams was named to the lishment. office at a regular meeting of the Mr. Boone announces that the the job, some from residents of parties. other parts of Pennsylvania, and some from other states. The new di-WATER IS LOW rector has not been employed in the Upon Mr. Mirbach's resignation last week, the board named Milton **AT MILESBURG** W. Etters, of State College, as tem porary executive director.

As Court Ends

Driving Training School, an organ- despite the fact that selling prices Jury Finds Philipsburg Man Not Guilty of Dog Theft;

Costs Divided

Spicer and his wife.

Gets Larger Offices

Two of the officers at the Centre

County Court House are to trade

office quarters gometime this week

The offices involved are those a

County Superintendent of Schools

Mr. Rogers, his assistant, Lewis

tional Supervisor W. J. Tucker, are

to vacate the small room on the

left side of the corridor and will

move into the quarters at the right

rear, now occupied by Mr. Smith

who will take the room to be va-

The new quarters of the County Superintendent have been enlarged

through the moving of a partition

erected in the main office some

years ago. The partition has been moved toward the front to provide

a small waiting room. The larger

Swengel Smith,

cated by Mr. Rogers.

ward to an ample supply within the The final act of the December next week or so when pumping opcriminal court last Thursday was erations are begun at a well which acquittal of Louis Lucas, of has been drilled at the reservoir on ock Quarries, based on present bus- Philipsburg, of a charge of larceny the Fisher farm east of Milesburg.

nishes dual control cars for stu- fect approximately 290 plant em- costs between the defendant and pump is put into operation

PEACE REIGNS AS POWER IS **RESTORED TO SCHOOL HEAD**

Elks Launch \$12,000

Program For Building

The Bellefonte Elks Club has voted in favor of an expenditure

West High Street, it was announced

last week. A one-story addition at

nterior are called for in the plans

the following members of the board

and O. A. Kline,

the rear of the building, and re

School Board, at Harmony Meeting, Withdraws Earlier Stand

of \$12,000 to remodel its home on FIX POLICY FOR PUPIL RESIDENCE

modeling and redecorating of the Stock's Suggestions For The program will be in charge of Administrative Changes Are Approved

of trustees: William H. Brouse, president; John Galaida, vice presi dent; Martin Miller, William Yates The Dove of Peace fluttered gently over a special meeting of the Bellefonte School Board, Monday

night, and instead of the heated REBERSBURG HOTEL IS discussions, split votes and antagon-UNDER NEW MANAGEMENT ism exhibited at the first two meet-

Charles F. Boone has purchased ings of the newly organized board, the Rebersburg Hotel at Rebers- the session was characterized by burg from Willis Bierly, and is now calmness, unanimous votes, and a conducting that well known estab- general spirit of helpful cooperation.

In a quiet, orderly fashion the Assistance Board. Tuesday. There hotel will make a specialty of first Board reversed itself on several of were a number of applications for class meals, and will cater to private the moves which for the past two weeks have kept school matters in a turmoil

More specifically, the acts accomplished at Monday's thoroughgoing session were as follows:

1. The restoration to Earl K. Stock, Supervising Principal of Schools, of virtually all the personal authority which was stripped from him at the first meeting of the new board two weeks ago. This power Pumps at New Well to Go was restored upon motion by Franklin B. Schad, seconded by Horace Hartranft, the latter of whom had led the battle last week against the removal of authority from Mr. Stock. The vote restoring the school

Milesburg, which for the past sev- head's authority was unanimous. 2. Restoration to the Supervising shortage of water, is looking for- Principal of the authority to list and recommend the purchase of needed supplies, subject to the approval of Board President, Horatio S. Moore, who at last week's meet-

Driving School With Dual Controls Would Be Used in Giv-

Bellefonte Postmaster Reports Sale of Stamps is Below Last Year's Total

Incoming mail at the Bellefonte pronounced him dead. posteffice is reported by Pestmast-er George R. Meek to be heavier While borough police directed diseases. traffic past the scene, permission than it has been for a number of years, although the sale of stamps so far is considerable below last year's total 106 Individual

Two extra helpers have been held in reserve for duty at the postoffice during the Christmas season, but so far only one of them has been called into service. Most of the heavier parcels, including mail order business, were handled earlier More than 100 merchants, busi-ness and professional people, clubs

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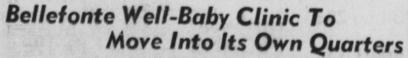
Police Seek Owner of 13 Roosters

seasonal wishes to the people of State Motor Police at Rockview Centre county through the columns barracks are seeking to determine of The Centre Democrat. the owner of thirteen chickens, all roosters, which were found by Josto be found on pages 4 and 5 of eph Spotts near his farm in Bufthe Christmas section of this issue. falo Run Valley last week. The roos-It is probably the first time in the ters are believed to have been abanhistory of the county that so many doned by chicken thieves. individuals and groups have united

Mr. Spotts, who reported the finding of the chickens to police, got assistance of neighbors in rounding them up. He is calling for them until the owner is found. In brief messages in the 106 advertisethe group are three Barred Rocks, ments are different, and each brings three White Rocks, two Brown Leg- its individual thought for this Yule horns and one White Leghorn, a season.

Black Leghorn, a mixed gray and To the prominent and successful white, a black and gray, and a business people whose names appear strange-looking fowl with a black in the joint Christmas message, as collar. well as to those to whom their The owner of owners of the roos- greetings are extended, The Centre

ters are asked to get in touch im- Democrat wishes a Merry Christmediately with State Motor Police, mas and A Happy and Prosperous telephone Bellefonte 1020. New Year.



quarters. Since February, 1931, the clinic has been occupying the W. C. T. U. rocms, which, although used rent-free, were shared by several other organizations. On January 1 donated by the W. C. T. U.

In the winter of 1931 the clinic Noll, state nurse, added her services.

As the well-baby clinic of Belle- | For equipment, the Needlework fonte completes 10 years of activ- Guild gave sheets and baby clothes. ity, renewed interest in this project the American Lime and Stone started by the Mothers' Club is ex- Company loaned a table, measuring pected in the appointment of a board, and scales, the Y. M. C. A. committee of 12 members of the offered the use of a large table, and club to supervise the work and by the Delphian Society contributed the approaching change of head- \$10. The Red Cross voted an an-

clinic are moving across the hali rotation instituted by Dr. Charles his family. Mr. Graham was born of the program. tax collector, where they will have tain babies are brought to the clinic ner and Agnes Mullin Graham, their own old and new equipment the certain intervals, thus lessening His wife, two children, and two and can carry on their work with. the number of examinations on any sisters and one brother survive. out interruption. This room also is one day, but not subtracting from the total enrollment.

forgeries.

Now the enrollment of infants has reached 950 and the total for November was 45. By a system of tain babies are brought to the clinic

Keene is charged with having Whitehead, and "Glory to God in orged the name of John Katana to Heaven." by Bortniansky, arranged \$10 check cashed at the Dairy by Wilhousky. Bar, State College, and a \$20 check drawn to the order of Robert J. Hesenperger. At the hearing, the Mrs. Jo Hays, sopranos; Mrs. W. D. student is said to have admitted the

Former Resident Dies, Word has been received in Belle-

eighty voices will be conducted by fonte of the death of Linn Graham, former Bellefonte resident, who Mrs. John T. Taylor. died Saturday morning at his home in Upper Darby. Mr. Graham was found dead in bed by members of penses incident to the presentation

FOOD STORES OPEN AT NIGHT Emphasis is laid upon the point (Continued on page seven), Saturday night. for \$84.

Seven children, one of them only dents, and any person is eligible for two years old, became orphans at the course in safe driving. The fee Pedestrians rushed to Mr. Miller's 10:30 o'clock last Thursday night for the entire course is \$4.25, which side and immediately summoned Dr. when Mrs. Lucy Plozner Boldin, of Leroy Locke, whose offices are near- Valentine's Hill, Bellefonte, died at other expenses. covers maintenance of cars and all

by. After an examination Dr. Locke the Centre County Hospital after Practical lessons in driving will be an illness with a complication of given 5 days each week from 1 to 6 p. m. Classroom instruction has Her husband, the late Evon J. Boldin, was fatally injured on Oc- not been arranged at this time. Any tober 12 while working at the person interested in enrolling in Chemical Lime Company plant, the course is requested to leave his The accident happened an hour or her name at The Centre Demothe birth of the youngest crat any time before January 1. At child, and the victim died without least 15 to 20 persons must signify knowing of the child's birth. their intention to take the lessons Mrs. Boldin, who had been a before the school can be opened (Continued on Page 7) here, it was reported.

Service, Sunday

to Present Program in

School Auditorium

to Her Friends at Bethlehem," by

Incidental solos will be sung by

Calvert, contraito; H. N. Worthley, tenor and R. E. Minshall, bass. Pro-

fessor Hummel Fishburn will be at

the organ and the chorus of some

The free will offering at this ser-

vice will be used to defray the ex-

Shank Properties Sold.

Dr. Adams Heads Christmas Vesper

College, and Dr. Paul M. Corman, carol, arranged by Butcher;

State student, was committed to folksong arranged by Dickinson;

bail on charges of forgery after a Nightingale" and "Little Child in

hearing before Justice of the Peace Manger Bare." Swiss carols arrang-

Harold D. Cowher, of West Bishop ed by Dickinson: "Mary's Farewell

the Centre county jail under \$500 "Bethlehem." by Burleigh;

ployes With this increase it means that the hourly wage at Whiterock dog followed him and that he made Quarries has been increased ap- an attempt to return it to its owner. proximately 140 per cent, or from 20 Costs in the case totaled more than

to 50 cents per hour, over a fifteen- \$125. year period, despite the fact that selling prices of lime and limestone ed by his wife with having fired a have decreased approximately 35 per gun at her in the kitchen of he: cent during the same period.

Flood of Letters

Swamps Wolf's Santa Claus In addition to the letters to Santa charged with larceny, burglary, and

Claus printed in another section of receiving stolen goods, the charges this isue of The Centre Democrat, resulting from the theft of mermany other fine letters have been chandise from a Philipsburg garage. received during the past week. Because lack of space prevents us

from publishing all the best letters Co. Superintendent West High street, has instructed us to list the names and addresses of

A Christmas Vesper service will the writers, with the assurance that at the Centre County Hospital, was be presented at 4 p. m., Sunday, the writers will be entitled to a free president of the Centre December 24, in Schwab suditorblackboard, just as though the let-County Medical Society at a regu- imm by the combined choirs of the ters had been published in full. individuals and groups have united har meeting of that organization First Presbyterian, St. Paul's Meth-in a joint expression of Yule greet-If your name appears in the folowing list, clip out this item and F. Glenn Rogers, and Desertion. odist. Faith Reformed. Grace Luthtake it to the Wolf Furniture store Probation and Parole Officer eran, St. John's Evangelical, St. An-Joseph Parrish, Bellefonte, 1st vice drew's Episcopal and University o receive your blackboard.

president, and Dr. H. T. Dale, State Baptist churches, of State College. Donald Peters, Fleming; Betty Jean McKinley and Evelyn Lane R. Lenhart, and the County Voca-The program will include the folfonte, was re-elected secretary-treasurer. Dr. Peter H. Dale, State Mortal Flesh Keep Silence," French (Continued on page seven)

Ronald F. Keene, age 19, a Penn "Shepherds on This Hill," Greek Possibility That Number of Centre Countians May **Require Treatment**

"O

room will be used by Mr. Lenhart Approximately 3,000 persons re- Mr. Tucker and the office stenog iding in Centre county will require rapher, Miss Eleanor Cowher. Mr. hospitalization within the next 12 Rogers will have a private office in months, it is revealed in an an- the small room now occupied by

ford the County Superintenden

hospitalization each year on an average. The total number of persons HOWARD R. D. COUPLE HAVE NARROW ESCAPE in the entire United States hospitalized in one year is approximately

8,000,000. This figure includes only Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Robb, of How bed patients and does not take into ard, R. D., narrowly escaped injury recently while on a motor trip to (Continued on page seven)

Baltimore, Md. About a mile be-WIFE OF HOWARD 'SQUIRE yond Mexico the right front tire FRACTURES LEG IN FALL blew out, and the machine swerved from the road. Mr. Robb brought

Mrs. A. A. Pletcher, wife of a well the car to a halt at the extreme Two tracts of land of the Pearl known Howard Justice of the Peace, edge of a high bank, and it was on Shank estate were said by Auctioneer L. Frank Mayes, for the Belle- suffered a fracture of the leg near such an angle that gasoline ran out fonte Trust Company, at the Court the ankle last Wednesday when she of the tank and passersby had to Bellefonte food stores, as well as House, Saturday morning A 12-acre slipped and fell on an ice-coated stand on the running board to keep In the winter of 1931 the clinic opened with Miss Daise Keichline. the school nurse, Dr. R. H. Hoffman, and is not designed for treatment of the sick. Miss Mary F. Slegal, in weekly attendance. The enroll-ment of infants was 75 by the first mothers as to their infants' diets of April, at which time Miss Jean to their infants' diets for the sick and the doctor advises the mothers as to their infants' diets for the sick and the doctor advises the mothers as to their infants' diets for the sick and the doctor advises the mothers as to their infants' diets for the sick and the doctor advises the mothers as to their infants' diets for the sick as the doctor advises the mothers as to their infants' diets for the sick as the doctor advises the mothers as to their infants' diets for the sick as the process as well as all other stores in town, will remain open as usual for the sick as the process as well as all other stores in town, will remain open as usual for the sick as the process as well as all other stores in town, will remain open as usual for the sick as the process as well as all other stores in town, will remain open as usual for the sick as a stores as the doctor advises the mothers as to their infants' diets for the trip was unevent-formation open as usual formation i sional nurse at Johnstown. fui.

should be ample water for all needs Lucas said that while hunting the of the borough. The flow of the spring which

feeds the reservoir has been reduced Fire Catastrophe is Similar by drought to the point where it doesn't meet all demands of water Wilbur Spicer, of Curtin, charg- users. Consequently the reservoir (Continued on page seven)

Into Operation

Next Week

eral weeks has been faced by a

home was released from custody **Howard Hunter Shot** after the court had heard the case. Costs were divided equally between Through Right Heel

Sentences of from 3 to 6 years in the Western Penitentiary were woods near Howard at about 3:15 with a loss of \$100.000. meted out to Edward Reed, 28, alais o'clock Friday afternoon-the last Ted Troy: George Poorman, 33, and Harry McTigue. 23, all of Philipsburg, after a verdict of guilty returned by a jury. The three were heel tendon of his right foot. brought to the Centre County Hosday was reported to be satisfactory.

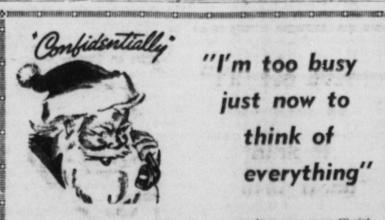
At Hatboro High

to One Suffered by Bellefonte

Fire sweeping through the origin-al portion of Hatboro High School and part of the new vocational school, drove 700 pupils from their classes Friday and destroyed the In a hunting accident in the handsome Montgomery high school

Not only were the circumstances day of the 1939 deer saason-Fred similar to the conflagration which Watkins, aged 36, of Howard re- destroyed Bellefonte's high school ceived a pumpkin ball wound in the building a little more than a year ago but bears additional local in-The accident happened while terest from the fact that the super-Watkins was hunting with a group vising principal of the school is other men. The man was Chester H. Barnes of Bellefonte.

Caused apparently by defective pital, where his condition yester- wiring in a loft over the stage of (Continued on page six)



"I want some of you folks who are puzzling over your Christmas shopping to help me out. It will assist me and relieve you of some of your worries if you'll just send a year's subscription of the CENTRE DEMOCRAT to that friend or relative whom you've been wondering what to buy as a gift. You'll really be sending him or her fifty-two gifts-and you won't have to spend a lot of money, either.'

Yes, friends, Old Santa is right. The cost is so small and the effort so easy, you will be surprised how effectually it will case your mind of the gift problem.

Now is the time to arrange for your subscription gift. Here's all you need to do:

Cut out this blank, fill in the blank spaces with the proper information for mailing, and send or bring it to this office with one dollar and a half-the price of a year's subscription.

We will begin sending the paper with the first issue in the new year. In addition we will mail a yuletide card to the recipient bearing your name and greeting, in time to reach him or her by Christmas Day.

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This, the Christmas Morn," by Job; 3000 May Need 'Above the Saviour's Manger Hangs a Star," Basque carol arranged by **Hospital Care** CHARGED WITH FORGERY Kinscella; "O Bethlehem," Basque carol arranged by Henninger

nouncement by the non-profit group the registration clerk. plan which has the cooperation of The change is being made to af the Philipsburg State Hospital. Figures show that one person out and his staff more space and more of 14 finds it necessary to undergo suitable quarters.