

# GRAND JURY MAY ACT IN FATALITY

## INQUEST REVEALS HUNTER SLAIN BY 1 OF 2 WATCHERS

Pine Glen Miner, 42, Victim 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 fatal hunting accident in Centre County this year was suggested yesterday by a Coroner's Jury which conducted an inquest into the death of Noah M. Hahn, aged 42, Pine Glen coal miner who was instantly killed by a bullet near Moshannon Friday afternoon.

## Incoming Mail Unusually Heavy

Bellefonte Postmaster Reports Sale of Stamps is Below Last Year's Total  
Incoming mail at the Bellefonte postoffice is reported by Postmaster George E. Meek to be heavier than it has been for a number of years, although the sale of stamps so far is considerable below last year's total.

## Police Seek Owner of 13 Roosters

State Motor Police at Rockview barracks are seeking to determine the owner of thirteen chickens, all roosters, which were found by Joseph Spotts near his farm in Buffalo Run Valley last week. The roosters are believed to have been abandoned by chicken thieves.

## Bellefonte Well-Baby Clinic To Move Into Its Own Quarters

As the well-baby clinic of Bellefonte completes 10 years of activity, renewed interest in this project started by the Mothers' Club is expected in the appointment of a committee of 12 members of the club to supervise the work and by the approaching change of headquarters. Since February, 1931, the clinic has been occupying the W. C. T. U. rooms, which, although used rent-free, were shared by several other organizations.

## State College Borough 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 street lighting fixtures. The Public Utility Commission announced Friday.

## MAIL TRUCK DRIVER DIES

### Machine Crashes When "Pete" Miller is Fatally Stricken Here

Charles M. "Pete" Miller, well known former Bellefonte taxi operator, died suddenly at the wheel of his truck in front of the Bellefonte postoffice at 1:20 o'clock Monday afternoon.

## 106 Individual Xmas Greetings In This Issue

More than 100 merchants, business and professional people, clubs and other organizations in Bellefonte, Pleasant Gap, Milesburg and surrounding communities this week extend Christmas greetings and seasonal wishes to the people of Centre County through the columns of The Centre Democrat.

## Penn State Student Charged With Forgery

Ronald F. Keene, age 19, a Penn State student, was committed to the Centre county jail under \$500 bail on charges of forgery after a hearing before Justice of the Peace Harold D. Cowher, of West Bishop street, Tuesday morning.

## Boro Home May Be Sold At Auction

Property May Be Disposed of Without Vote, Solicitor Says  
**COUNCIL HEARS ZONING REPORT**  
50 Firemen From Area Attending Fire School Here

Possibility that the Bellefonte Borough Home, on South Potter street, until last week rented to Centre county as a County Home, might be offered for sale at public auction was hinted at a regular session of Bellefonte Council, Monday night, when it was reported that disposition of the property can be made without a vote of the Borough citizens.

## 7 Orphaned By Mother's Death

Wife of Man Killed in Quarry Accident Dies at Local Hospital  
Seven children, one of them only two years old, became orphans at 10:30 o'clock last Thursday night when Mrs. Lucy Plomer Boldin, of Valentine's Hill, Bellefonte, died at the Centre County Hospital after an illness with a complication of diseases.

## Dr. Adams Heads County Medicos

Parrish, Dale and Hoffman Also Named to Official Positions for 1940  
Dr. E. H. Adams, chief of Staff at the Centre County Hospital, was elected president of the Centre County Medical Society at a regular meeting of that organization at the hospital last Thursday night.

## State College Church Choirs to Present Program in School Auditorium

A Christmas Vesper service will be presented at 4 p. m. Sunday, December 24, in Schwab auditorium by the combined choirs of the First Presbyterian, St. Paul's Methodist, Faith Reformed, Grace Lutheran, St. John's Evangelical, St. Andrew's Episcopal and University Baptist churches, of State College.

## Shank Properties Sold

Two tracts of land of the Pearl Shank estate were sold by Auctioneer L. Frank Mayes, of the Bellefonte Trust Company, at the Court House, Saturday morning. A 12-acre tract of land in Snow Shoe township, near Clarence, was sold to Frank and Sophie Wozniak for \$70.

## Most of New County Officials Name Deputies And Assistants

All the newly-elected Centre county officials, with the exception of the Board of County Commissioners, yesterday announced the appointment of their deputies and assistants.

## May Open Safe Driving School

Cars With Dual Controls Would Be Used in Giving Instructions  
A class in safe driving will be opened in Bellefonte early in January if enough residents of this area show an interest in the proposed classes, it was announced yesterday by the Centre County Safe Driving Training School, an organization operating here as a WPA project under State sponsorship.

## Whiterock Votes Wage Increase

All Hourly Employees Receive Additional 5 Cents an Hour; Minimum 50 Cents  
At a regular meeting held in Bellefonte, Tuesday, the Board of Directors of Whiterock Quarries voted a wage increase to all hourly employees at both Pleasant Gap and Heard plants, of 5 cents per hour despite the fact that selling prices are the lowest in history.

## Flood of Letters Swamps Wolf's Santa Claus

In addition to the letters to Santa Claus printed in another section of this issue of The Centre Democrat, many other fine letters have been received during the past week.

## 3000 May Need Hospital Care

Possibility That Number of Centre Counties May Require Treatment  
Approximately 3,000 persons residing in Centre county will require hospitalization within the next 12 months, it is revealed in an announcement by the non-profit group plan which has the cooperation of the Philadelphia State Hospital.

## Wife of Howard Squire Fractures Leg in Fall

Mrs. A. A. Fletcher, wife of a well known Howard Justice of the Peace, suffered a fracture of the leg near the ankle last Wednesday when she slipped and fell on an ice-coated walk at her home.

## Ingleby Man Is Named To Welfare Job

Thomas C. Williams Chosen as Successor to Leon Mirbach  
**WILL ASSUME NEW DUTIES JANUARY 1**  
Public Assistance Director or Selected From Number of Applicants

Thomas C. Williams, of Ingleby, near Coburn, Tuesday was chosen executive director of the Centre County Public Assistance Board to succeed Leon Mirbach, of Philadelphia, who last week resigned from the post. Williams will assume the duties of the office on January 1.

## Three Sentenced As Court Ends

Jury Finds Philipsburg Man Not Guilty of Dog Theft; Costs Divided  
The final act of the December criminal court last Thursday was the acquittal of Louis Lucas, of Philipsburg, of a charge of larceny originating from the alleged theft of a dog owned by Aaron Donley, of Julian. The jury divided the costs between the defendant and the prosecutor.

## Howard Hunter Shot Through Right Heel

In a hunting accident in the woods near Howard at about 3:15 o'clock Friday afternoon—the last day of the 1939 deer season—Fred Watkins, aged 36, of Howard received a pumpkin ball wound in the heel tendon of his right foot.

## Co. Superintendent Gets Larger Offices

Two of the officers at the Centre County Court House are to trade office quarters sometime this week. The offices involved are those of County Superintendent of Schools F. Glenn Rogers, and Deserion, Probation and Parole Officer Swengel Smith.

## Howard R. D. Couple Have Narrow Escape

Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Robb, of Howard, R. D., narrowly escaped injury recently while on a motor trip to Baltimore, Md. About a mile beyond Mexico the right front tire blew out, and the machine swerved from the road. Mr. Robb brought the car to a halt at the extreme edge of a high bank, and it was on such an angle that gasoline ran out of the tank and passerby had to stand on the running board to keep it from tipping over, while Mrs. Robb was assisted over the edge of the door. A wrecking car from a nearby garage pulled the car from its precarious position and the remainder of the trip was uneventful.

## PEACE REIGNS AS POWER IS RESTORED TO SCHOOL HEAD

School Board, at Harmony Meeting, Withdraws Earlier Stand  
**FIX POLICY FOR PUPIL RESIDENCE**  
Stock's Suggestions For Administrative Changes Are Approved

The Dove of Peace fluttered gently over a special meeting of the Bellefonte School Board, Monday night, and instead of the heated discussions, split votes and antagonisms exhibited at the first two meetings of the newly organized board, the session was characterized by calmness, unanimous votes, and a general spirit of helpful cooperation.

## WATER IS LOW AT MILESBURG

Pumps at New Well to Go Into Operation Next Week  
Milesburg, which for the past several weeks has been faced by a shortage of water, is looking forward to an ample supply within the next week or so when pumping operations are begun at a well which has been drilled at the reservoir on the Fisher farm east of Milesburg.

## 700 Flee Flames At Hatboro High

Fire Catastrophe is Similar to One Suffered by Bellefonte  
Fire sweeping through the original portion of Hatboro High School and part of the new vocational classes, Friday, and destroyed the handsome Montgomery high school with a loss of \$100,000.

*Confidentially*

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