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SCHOOL BOARD AUTHORIZES SURVEY PUBLIC ACCOUNTAN TO MAKE MILESBURG **IMPARTIAL STUDY OF FIGURES** FIRE LOSS IS No Action Taken On Pro- Town Meeting Favors **OVER \$2,000** 

**Out-of-Town** Pupils

by 162 to 2 Vote

posed Ouster of Non-Residents

HOPE SURVEY WILL NAME GROUP TO

**Board Invites Directors Authority Set-up Seen As** of Outlying Districts to Conference

At a special meeting of the Bellefonte School Board last night the Board unanimously voted to employ a firm of Certified Public Accountants to make a survey of school costs, to determine whether of not out-of-town pupils are educated at a profit or a loss to the Bellefonte School District.

The Board also moved to invite the school directors of all out-lying districts sending pupils to the grade or high schools here to confer with the board at its next regular meeting, Monday, Febru-ary 12. The directors are to be asked to bring records showing the number of pupils each district is sending here, together with financial statements of the respective districts for the 1938-39 school year.

Although the meeting was called for the purpose of taking ac-tion on non-resident pupils, this matter apparently was not to be scussed. H. S. Moore, president of the board, declared: "It is not possible to decide upon the size of any contemplated new building or the non-resident question un-til we know how many pupils we're going to accomodate."

Assurance was given at the meeting that the status of non-resident pupils will not change during the present school year. The board further unofficially stated that no member of the board wants to exclude the outf-town pupils. It is purely a fin-tal question, it was pointed out. The meeting was still in ses-

in as the Centre Democrat went o press last night.

**Residence and Store Dam**aged by Fire and Water SETTLE DISPUTE CONFER WITH BOARD on Tuesday FIREMEN PREVENT Lone Hope for New DISASTROUS BLAZE Building

> Are Hampered by Serious By a vote of 162 to 2, residents of Bellefonte at a public meeting in the Water Shortage in Court House Tuesday night indicat-**Town Reservoir** ed their desire to continue offering

> > casions, was not badly damaged.

apartment caved in.

ful stream.

facilities to out-of-town pupils, in opposition to the proposed ouster Fire raging in the attic of the ow under consideration by the John Watson property at Milesburg. late Tuesday morning for a short time threatened destruction of the Bellefonte School Board. The meeting, one of the largest building as well as of the adjoin-ing residence of John Roberts be-fore members of the Milesburg Fire Company and the Logan Fire Comof its kind held in this community for many years, was attended by a throng of about 400 persons, with a

majority of them being from outlypany of Bellefonte, got the flames ing districts. By a unanimous vote the assemunder control. bled citizens authorized the appoint-ment of a committee to meet with Loss estimated at nearly \$2,000 resulted from the fire, and from Bellefonte school board at a water which streamed down through the pecial meeting, scheduled to be held the Watson residence and through ast night, to convey to the board the V. O. High grocery which was the sentiment expressed at Tues- housed in a wing at the North side public meeting, which was of the property. The roof of the by the Chamber of Commerce Roberts home, ablaze on several ocday's called by the Chamber of Commerce

to discuss the proposed ouster. (Continued on page four)

**BURNS FATAL** TO WOMAN

Mrs. Ella Williams, Native but the volume of water was insufof Bellefonte Area, Dies Near Pittsburgh

Harry

When her clothing ignited from a gas hearter while she was visiting at the home of her daughter. Mrs. of hose was laid from the creek to Laudermilk, of Bellevue, the blazing building. Meanwhile,

#### Illness Is Fatal to S. W. Smith, Well Known Centre Hall Publisher

S. W. Smith, since the turn of the century editor and publisher of the Centre Reporter at Centre Hall, succumbed at his home in that community at 3:30 o'clock Monday morning after a two years' illness with a complication of diseases. He had failed rapidly since undergoing an operation about three months ago. He was 76 years old.

Mr. Smith, a staunch member of the Democratic party, served two terms as postmaster at Centre Hall, AS VERDICT IS PEAD was a former school director in that community, was active in Grange work. and was a member of the Bellefonte Elks Club and the P. O. S. of A. Always interested in the progress

and welfare of his home community Mr. Smith took a leading part in public affairs, and among many other projects, was instrumental in the organization of the Patrons Ruryears ago. The company has since

(Photo Courtesy Centre Reporter)

#### **Electric Welders In Big Demand To Thaw Out Frozen Water Pipes**

While few Centre countians can them over a normally slack season ing. Mrs. Diehl declared she would see any great virtue in the low tem- in the welding business.

peratures and icy winds which have Most of the fire damage was confined to the roof and the second proved a bonanza for one group of floor of the Watson's living quarters. workers.

While firemen were in action a portion of the rear part of the Watson Early efforts of the Milesburg Fire Company to get the fire under control were greatly hampered because heat generated by welding outfits of the serious water shortage existing in the community. The pumper was attached to a nearby fireplug. could be harnessed to thaw out found they had something to tide ficient to provide a steady or force-

When the Logan firemen arrived Aged Physician Branch Library Dies at Howard Is Now In Use

## **MOTHER SET** FREE AS JURY ACQUITS HER Titan Credit Union

Mrs. Nellie Diehl Tried at Lock Haven For **Smothering Child** 

AS VERDICT IS READ

Former Centre County Resident Plans to Return to Parents

upervisory committee. Acquitted of a charge of smothering her infant son, Mrs. Nellie B. Diehl, 33-year-old Centre county ployes to promote thrift and to prowoman, was released from the Lock vide credit for its members. ing a three-day jury trial in the over the outcome of the trial and her restoration to freedom after two months confinement in jail, Mrs. Diehl exclaimed: "It's the happiest moment of my life."

**BEGIN FRIDAY** Surrounded by relatives and friends, as she heard the verdict of the jury at 8 p. m. Saturday evenmony to Launch \$100,go home to Jacksonville with her

prevailed in this region for the past the Sherrys, whose name has long Bennison, after she had stopped in several weeks, the cold blasts have been synonymous with the welding Flemington for a reunion with her three children, Natalle, Bobby and Announcement was made yester-Sally, who were cared for at the day that ground will be broken with craft in the Bellefonte area. D. P. Sherry and his son, Charles, both home of a relative during the trial. appropriate ceremonies at 2 o'clock Judge Henry Hipple's charge to tomorrow afternoon for the conwelding, which on the face of it Gap, form the nucleus of the weld- the jury at the end of the trial struction of a \$100,000, 92-room, 24pointed out three visible verdicts- family apartment house on the corguilty of either second degree mur- ner of East Foster avenue and Loder or voluntary manslaughter, or cust Lane, in State College.

experienced in both specialties, and acquittal. The first degree murder who, like his employers, has been frozen water pipes with almost working almost incessantly for the phenomenal results, the welders past several weeks in keeping water

**Firemen Called Out** (Continued on page three)

For Four Flu Fires den, of State College, is president The cold wave last weekend again and Gertrude M. Hoffman, secretary.

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kept the Bellefonte fire department and treasurer. on its toes, and within a space of a Arrangements for the ground-

# NAME POSTMASTERS FOR HUBLERSBURG, WINGATE

Pays 5% Dividend

At the annual meeting of the Ti-

declared from earnings on money

Leonard Witmer were elected to the

board of directors, and George New-

man and L. R. Glenn were named to

the credit committee, James Funk,

were chosen as members of the

000 College Project

The large-scale project of the

Federal Housing Administration, fin-

anced by the Prudential Insurance

den Corporation of which J. J. Low-

E. J. Hauer, Brysoon Baird and

oaned to members.

Appointments Assure the Continuation of Two **Threatened Offices** 

tan Employes Pederal Credit Union CHANGE FORCED BY in the silk mill property Friday NEW AGE RULING night, a five per cent dividend was

> Miss Audrey Hall, Arthur McMillen Are Appointees

The fourth class postoffices at Robert Gisewhite and John Brown Hublersburg and Wingate, which were threatened with abandonment beginning today because of difficulty The credit union was organized in securing postmasters to serve in some time ago among Titan em- them, are open as usual, and will remain so indefinitely, it became known last night.

The Postoffice department's search for officers to replace the ones forced to retire because of age limitations, has been successful, and it became known last night that these appointments had been made:

Hublersburg: Miss Audrey Hall has been named postmaster to succeed George F. Hoy, who served in that office continuously for 46 years. Ground - Breaking Cere- The postoffice will remain in the Hoy store at Hublersburg, it was stated authoritatively.

Wingate: Arthur McMillen has been named postmaster to succeed Mrs. Ida Witmer. The postoffice will remain where it has been-in the McMillen service station and store at Wingate which until recently was conducted by the retiring postmaster, Mrs. Witmer.

The change in postmasterships became effective at midnight last night, and from then on the new (Continued on page eight)

#### Company, is sponsored by the Low- Mac H. Hall Leaves Western Union Post

Mac H. Hall of Milesburg for the past 16 years manager of the Belle-fonte Western Union offices, last few hours the Logan and Undine breaking ceremonies are being made week severed his relations with that been in charge of the Latrobe office, has been sent here in Mr. Hall's According to reliable reports, Mr. Hall resigned when he was notified that he was to be transferred from Bellefonte to Pittsburgh. Mr. Hall learned telegraphy while employed by the Pennsylvania Railroad, and entered Western Union service in 1916 as manager of the Tyrone office. He was transferred to Bellefonte in 1924, and has had charge of the local office since then. While here he established a reputation for prompt, efficient and courteous service. His successor, Mr. Wagner, is a native of Erie and has been in West-Lemont Woman ern Union employ for the past ten years. He and his wife and young daughter are occupying the Mrs. J. M. Bricker apartment on Reynolds Services Yesterday for Mrs. avenue until they have completed Emma Bathgate; Interarrangements for permanent quarment at Shiloh



Chief among the fittle group are aged parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. H.

Normally this little group of men of Milesburg, and D. P. Sherry's is, engaged in the art of electric brother, Austin Sherry, of Pleasant seems to have little to do with Old ing-pipe thawing combine. The Boreas' doings. But, when it was Milesburg Sherrys have in their discovered that the tremendous employ Joseph Shay, who also is

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#### Father and Son **Banquet Planned**

The Father and Son Committee George and Harry Eberhart, all of of the Bellefonte Y. M. C. A. met Bellefonte, was a daughter of Dan-Friday evening to make arrange-ments for the twelfth annual and was born at Jacksonville on Father and Son banquet to be held Thursday February 29 at 6 o'clock. The date of the banquet is the last day of the National Father and Son week, which begins on the

George I. Purnell was chosen to serve as toastmaster, with E. E. Widdowson as assistant, and L. C. Heineman was named general chairman of the committee. The Women's Auxiliary of the Y. will

(Continued on page seven) EVENTS PLANNED BY

for funds will begin on March 1, and years. will continue until solicitors have covered the area.

will be held at the baseball grounds, The stream is frozen its entire Pleasant Gap, from July 23 to 27. length, in many places to the botinclusive, and the annual banquet tom.

of the organization will be held on The ice in small streams will be turday. April 20, at a place to be hard on fish life in the opinion of decided upon later local fishermen.

### State College Couple Honored **On 60th Wedding Anniversary**



#### MR. AND MRS. JOSEPH H. HOY

Sixty years of wedded life were township until 31 years ago when propriately observed by Mr. and they moved to State College, which

appropriately observed by Mr. and Mrs. Joseph H. Hoy, of State Col-lege, last week when nearly 50 rela-ives, and friends gathered at their home on 233 West College avenue to celebrate the important anniver-sary.

Pittsburgh, Mrs. Ella Williams, of firemen and spectators hurriedly Coshocton, Ohio, native of Centre emptied the Watson home of most county and former resident of Belle- of its furniture, and the High store fonte, suffered fatal burns last Fri- of most of its stock. Groceries of day. She died at the Laudermilk all kinds were carried across the street and piled in large heaps along residence the following day. the wide berm between the highway Mrs. Williams, a sister of Mrs.

Harry Badger, Mrs. Joseph Abt, and and sidewalk. Firemen fought the blaze from George and Harry Eberhart, all of (Continued on page four)

and was born at Jacksonville on May 11, 1860, which made her age Snow Shoe Man at time of death 79 years, 8 months and 16 days. After her marriage a number of (Continued on Page Eight)

Fracture, Lacerations as Ice On Bald Eagle

### **Heaviest In Years**

Bald Eagle Creek which from Beech Creek west requires sustained low temperatures to freeze over to any extent because of the water in

at Bellefonte, now has ice on it 14 Announcement was made yester- inches thick. Spring Creek flows into day by officials of the Pleasant Gap Bald Eagle at Milesburg. This is the Fire Company that the annual drive heaviest ice on Bald Eagle Creek in

Ice on the Beech Creek stream at Beech Creek on the back water of The company's annual carnival the dam is 20 inches thick in places.

Dr. Succumbs; Formerly Headed Medical Society

Dr Oscar William McEntire, one

Hurt In Crash

James Uzzell Suffers Rib

Cars Sideswipe 14 days. Dr. McEntire was a son of Law-James F. Uzzell, of Snow Shoe, suffered lacerations of the face and was born at Houserville on July 12. 1859. He was graduated from the

head and had a rib fractured about Jefferson Medical College in Phil-5:45 o'clock Tuesday afternoon when adelphia, and began practice in Mill PLEASANT GAP FIREMEN Spring Creek from the big spring truck driven by Frank Corl, of Bellethe sedan he was driving and a Hall 52 years ago. Three years later he moved to Howard, where he had been locafed ever since. fonte, sideswiped on the Snow Shoe mountain road, about 3 miles south of Snow Shoe.

For several years Dr. McEntire was president of the Centre County Passing motorists took the injured Medical Society, and served two man to the offices of Dr. E. H. Har- terms as secretary of that organizaris, at Snow Shoe, for treatment, af-ter which he was taken to his home. In high regard throughout the Damage to the Corl sedan was escounty. He was formerly a school timated at \$500, while loss to the director in Howard Borough and truck was estimated at \$150. member of the Disciple was a Zeland Greenlee, of Philadelphia, church

had a narrow escape from serious injury or death about 1:20 o'clock The deceased was twice married his first wife, Nancy A. Sellers Tuesday afternoon when the steerhaving died a number of years ago. ing column of his car broke while he Surviving are his second wife, the former Sarah Wistar a daughter was proceeding down grade on the Seven Mountain highway, near the to the first union, Mrs. Joseph Centre-Mifflin county line. Bower, of Reading, and a brother The car, its steering mechanism useless, crashed into a telephone and two sisters: Harry E. McEntire. Miss Ella McEntire and Mrs. Boyd

pole and overturned, coming to rest on its roof. Greenlee was uninjured, Cowher, all of Williamsport. Funeral services were held on Monday afternoon at the home. but damage to his car, a Pontiac with the Rev. Paul Mackey as the sedan, was estimated at \$500. The officiating clerg#man. Interment Philadelphian was traveling west towas made in the Schenck cemetery, ward Potters Mills at the time. Both near Howard. accidents were investigated by State Motor Police from the Pleasant Gap

#### WPA Project Moved **Band Nets \$250**

**From Play Here** Rollin' Rhythm" Scores Big from one of the rooms in the Penn 1940 Christmas, season. Belle Hotel building to one of the Hit; Plays to Capacity

Good music, an unusually fine cast and a variety of entertainment featured the home talent production "Rollin' Rhythm," presented at the State Theatre here Thursday and women, with Mrs. Mary Dry in Friday of last week. charge.

Packed houses for both evening performances and for the children's matinee Thursday afternoon netted approximately \$250 for the coffers of

Audiences

sub-station.

Oscar W. McEntire, 80, Snow Shoe-Clarence Area Establishes Branch in An

Abandoned School

Snow Shoe borough and Snow of the oldest practicing physicians Shoe township now have a library in Centre County, passed away a; -a branch of the Centre County

his home in Howard at 6:45 o'clock Library of Bellefonte. Friday morning after a year's ill- Following a meeting in December ness with a complication of dis- when Mrs. Carl Ifversen, librarian, and at 6:30 Friday morning they

of the County Library outlined the Although Dr. McEntire had been procedure for establishing a branch confined to bed most of the time in the Snow Shoe area, the Parentor the past several months, he left Teacher Association of Snow Shoe his bed as late as last Wednesday and Clarence named a committee morning to examine and prescribe with Miss Zoe Meek, of Clarence, medicine for an office patient. He and Mrs. Norman Harris, of Snow but firemen wet down the roof of Illness Fatal To

January 17, the jointly operated danger had passed. Snow Shoe Borough and Township rence H. and Nancy McEntire and Library was opened. The township has contributed the

of a newly-renovated and un-(Continued on page seven)

NEW FORD TRACTOR

Dunlap Motor Co., has been ap- room and service depot. cinted Centre County dealer for the new Ford tractor and Ferguson wheelless implements, Mr. Dunlap announced today. The appoint-ment was made by Gash Stull Co., Chester, Pa, who are distributors in Chester, Pa, who are distributed to Pennsylvania territory for the Ferguson-Sherman Manufacturing CHEMICAL ENTERS SUIT FOR THREE ACCOUNTS

"Farmers who have seen the new

type mechanized farm equipment in action at demonstrations are impressed with its capacity for hard work of all types although it is much lighter in weight than other tractors capable of equal work," Mr. Dunlap said. "It weighs approximately 2,000 pounds but plows two

11-inch furrows with ease and uses only one gallon of fuel an hour under difficult soil conditions.

MAY SUPPLY CHRISTMAS TREES FOR BALTIMORE

Cyrus Shope, of near Milesburg, who furnished and erected the trict during the past Yule season, The Bellefonte WPA sewing pro-ject opened yesterday in new quar-ters, having been moved this week supplying trees in that city for the Mr. Shope recently completed armas. Bellefonte's Christmas de- Department.

ard and Wilson streets. The room being used is one locat-ed near the laundry of the Home, and it is particularly suited to the requirements of the work. At the present time the project employes 23 and were all of nearly the same size and all were exceptionally well formed.

Mishap at Moshanner

REPUBLICANS SWING AXE Clarence, and Frank Culver, of Mo-According to reports the following shannon, were damaged at Moshan-The belief on and the second s

Companies answered four alarms, by FHA officials in Washington, and company. Lewis K. Wagner, of Eric In every case the fires were con- the program was not available here who for the past four months had fined to flues, and there was vir- yesterday. Among the prominent tually no damage. Bellefonte citizens who have been

The first of a series of alarms invited to the exercises are J. Thom- place. becurred at 5 o'clock last Thursday as Mitchell and W. Harrison Walknight for a blaze at the Joseph Al- er.

lison Home on West Linn Street. Late yesterday it was reported At 7:15 o'clock the same night firethat the ground-breaking exercises men were summoned to the Charles will be in charge of Leo A. Kirk, Saxion home on East High Street. Federal Housing Administrator director from Washington, D. C., who went to the Ross Bathurst residence announced the project last week. on Burrowes Street. The fourth Plans for the building, to be alarm was sounded at 11:15 o'clock known as the Locust Lane Apartwhen the chimney of the V. H. Pifer (Continued on page eight) home and music store caught fire. This fire burned unusually long.

PONTIAC AGENCY OPENS

IN BELLEFONTE GARAGE

E. F. McClellan, formerly of State College, has been designated as the Pontiac agent in the Bellefonte area, DEALER APPOINTED and he has leased the L. A. Hill garage on East Bishop street as a sales

Mr. McClellan now has on display

Suits were filed in Pederal court at Scranton last week by R. Spen-cer Townsend and Glarence P. Wynne, trustees of the Chemical Lime Company, of Bellefonte, to collect accounts for material sold to three respondents.

The trustees seek \$129.16 from W. B. Bathgate, Jacksonville; \$136 from G. B. Walker, of Bellefonte, R. D. 2, and \$106.25 from Charles L. Robinson, of Bellefonte, R. D. 3.

Relief Payments Slightly Higher Payments for direct relief to needy Centre countians for the week ending Tuesday are \$176 ahead of those To County Home Christmas trees along the side-walks of Bellefonte's business dislast year. This analysis of the changing relief picture in Centre

county was made yesterday by State Treasurer F. Clair Ross as relief gate one of Centre county's best checks for the week were placed in known earlier school teachers and basement rooms of the new Centre rangements to furnish sidewalk the mails by the Bureau of Assistmother of seven children, died at County Home at the corner of How- trees for Philipsburg next Christ- ance Disbursements in the Treasury 8:45 o'clock Monday morning at her vears

Death was attributed to a compli-Wednesday afternoon State College Borough Council approved the pur-chase of a new police car, a two-door town sedan, at \$304.50 and a one-half ton pick-up truck at \$482. Both vehicles will be fully equipped. The price was based on the trade-in in marriage with Samuel C. Bath-

#### **Raiston to Head** Dairymen's Group

G. W. Ralston was elected presi-dent of the Dairymen's League Cooperative Association at the annu-al meeting and banquet of that organization at the Gregg Township Vocational School, Spring Mills, Wednesday of last week. The busi-ness session followed an oyster

Supper. Other officers chosen for 1940 were: Ernest Homan, vice presi-dent; Henry Zerby, secretary-treas-urer, and G. W. Ralston, W. C. Ho-man, Charles Rossman, C. E. Reiber and P. C. Spayd, directors.

Music during the evening was furnished by Mrs. Henry Zerby, Ray Spayd, Harold Beckenbaugh and Herber: Beckenbaugh, I. N. Gettig, of Milton, addressed the

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#### **Bellefonte Firm Gets Tax Refund**

MRS. EMMA BATHGATE

Only one Bellefonte tax payer go a refund during the fiscal year 1939 Mrs. Emma C. Bathgate, of Leaccording to a report made public today by the committee on Execu-tive Department Expenditures, of the House of Representatives, to which it was submitted by the Inmont, widow of the late S. C. Bathhome in Lemont at the age of 82

ternal Revenue. The Bellefonte processing tax re-Buy New Equipment At an adjourned meeting last Wednesday afternoon State College had suffered for several years.

Stone Company. The report lists both income and processing tax refunds in accord-ance with an Act of Congress re-

values of the present police car and pick-up truck. Penlientiary Warden Resigns Spring, Benner and College town-

Cars owned by Lester Mann, of