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SEEK NEW CLUES IN CO-ED SLAYING

Lone Suspect Is Released by Officers

Little Evidence Found West 1 n To Operate Since Day Murder Was Discovered

COUNTY HAS NOT OFFERED REWARD

Police Seek Death Car electric power. And Weapon Used by Sex Fiend

found in front of the College Town- are being itted with oil burners. ship school at Lemont early last The plant is equipped with two Thursday morning, remains nearly steam generators and a small genas much of an enigma as it was erator operated by a water turbine. when the school janitor first came upon the almost nude victim on the gravel driveway of the school.

the case the sum total of information they are known to have obtained may be summed up as follows: The identity and background of the victim has been established.

Her activities up until a minute or more before she supposedly en- Parade, Band Concert, Dinner tered a car with her slayer have been thoroughly checked.

The cause of death has been ascertained and the extent of the abuse to which she was subjected are known. But from there on, investigators

1:30 a. m. Thursday, when she is believed to have entered a car near covered, remain shrouded in mys- into the World War.

tastic. The luggage which Miss Taylor brought with her on the bus from her home in Wildwood, N. J. Legion and Auxiliary Band, will as she returned to school from her form at the Legion Home on East

Milesbu Power Plant

According to O ports from Milesburg, the Mile Jurg plant of the West Penn Power Company is being reconditioned for more or less regular use in the production of

The plant, long maintained solely as an emergency unit, is to be placed in daily operation during the hours when consumption of current is exceptionally high. It is reported that The brutal mutilation and slaying one of the steam generators will be of Rachel Taylor, 17-year-old Penn in service several hours each day, State co-ed, whose lifeless body was and to this end two of the boilers

since investigators first entered he case the sum total of informa-

and Dance Planned by Local Guardsmen

National Army Day, Saturday April 6, will be observed locally by Battery E., 166th, Field Artiller; are at sea. Her activities from about Bellefonte, Captain Herbert M. Beezer, commanding officer of the Atherton Hall, State College, until day marks the 23rd, anniversary of 6:30 a. m. when the crime was dis- the entrance of the United States

· The local preparations include

The parade, led by the Junior (Continued on Page Eight)

WHO KNOWS-WHAT

Criticizing police officials for failing to apprehend a slayer, as well was almost instantly killed. as attempting to place the blame for the crime on an apparent lack of Franck, his assailant and a mutual against all fishing, and the posted protection to women students arriving in State College at night, gets friend were in the apartment at the section of the stream will not be nowhere in solving the horrible affair of last week.

The fact remains that a brutal crime was committed in the midst of to have picked up a poker to stir This announcement was made at a populated area of over seven thousand human beings, and so far as can up the fire when one of the men. the conclusion of a conference held be learned, not a single successful clue has been suggested by anyone.

It is not pleasing to think that the slayer was connected with the axe and struck him. The slayer is Pleasant Gap Saturday night when college or was a resident of the town. Nevertheless that theory is held by many citizens of the county. Assuming it to be true, it is only logical to believe that a criminal of this type would leave indelible impressions on the minds of those he had associated with, that someone in or outside of the student body could furnish circumstantial information. If any there be, in the name of outraged justice, let them speak out!

Former Milesburg To Demonstrate

Donald Fulton, 33, Washed Centre Democrat Cooking Overboard From Tanker on Pacific Coast

Up until yesterday the body of Donald Fulton, aged 33, of San Francisco, California, former resident of Milesburg who was washed overboard from an oil tanker during as the third in its new series of a storm along the Pacific Coast, Friday, had not been recovered. members of the family reported.

ed into the sea. The other four were rescued unhurt, but no trace of Fulton was found. The former Milesburg man had been second mate on the tanker for the past six years, and prior to that time had been in the merchant marine on the east

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J. Cooke to Speak

Jay Cooke, Republican chairman and Mrs. Jacob Corman, of Pleasant for Philadelphia county and candi- Gap, suffered severe bruises about date for the U.S. Senate, will speak the head about 4:20 o'clock yesterat the Court House on April 11 at day afternoon when he ran into the 8 p. m., at an open meeting ar- side of a car driven by Joseph W. ranged by the Centre County Coun- Struble, of Bellefonte, R. D. 3. The cil of Republican women. Preceding accident happened in Pleasant Gap. the meeting the council will hold The boy was brought to the offices a testamonial dinner at the Penn of a Bellefonte physician for treat-

Man Feared Lost Home Decoration

School Will Feature Expert Advice

Is your house your hobby? If so you'll be especially interested in the decorating and lighting class which the Centre Democrat will present Homemaking Classes. This class will be held on Friday afternoon, Fulton and four others were wash-

Mrs. Sara McCarthy, well known room charming and comfortable.

(Continued on page 3) Youth Runs Into Car Jacob Corman, aged 7, son of Mr.

50 GIRL SCOUTS HONORED BY COURT OF AWARDS HERE

received badges and special awards son, Pearl Slack, Betty Garman, for excellence in Scout work, while Gloria Goldman, Amy Jane McCov. twenty other girls were accepted Dorothy Nellis, Ellen Quigley, Marinto the organization at a Court tha Resides, Edith Risan, Frances of Awards and Investiture ceremony Knisely, Jean Rogers, Eleanor Sager, held Friday night in the Court Mary Tingue, Louise Torsell, Jane

sented by Mrs. James B. Craig, Alice Jane Jodon, Virginia Clark, chairman of the committee in Joan Kusse, Sarah Risan, Peggy charge of that part of the program, Peters, Shirley Lucas, Donna Kline, while Mrs. A. C. Heverly presented Lillian Housel, and Mary Louise on behalf of Girl Scout leaders, a Nelo. pin to Mrs. Ivan Walker, in appre- Also: Lois Barnhart, Betty Baney, ciation for her six years of service Jean Blaney, Grace Brooks, Dolores will illustrate his talk with a \$20.

and special awards were; Nancy Miller, Sarah Rhoads, Barbara Wagner, Marjory Wehr, Margaret Snoke, and Dorothy White.

Nearly fifty Bellefonte Girl Scouts Bonna June Corman, Shirley Davi-

Wagner, and Margaret Wagner. The badges and awards were pre- Also: Mary Beaver, Ann Grove.

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HER SLAYER HUNTED



RACHEL H. TAYLOR

Penn State freshman student, of Wildwood, N. J., whose lifeless body was found last Thursday morning on the driveway at the College Township School, Lemont. The above photo was taken last fall when Miss Taylor entered Penn State.

Clarence Man Exped Action Slain In Ohio In Fishing Ban

Police have accumulated a mass parade and band concert in the of clues, some important, others fanafternoon and a dinner and dance of Ave Blow: Assail. of Axe Blow; Assailant Arrested

night, John Franck, aged 45, for in Spring Creek from Oak Hall to many years a resident of Clarence. Rock are adopted by the State Pish

time, it is reported. Franck is said stocked. misunderstanding his act, seized an at the Fish Commission offices at reported to have given himself up to officers and delegates of the Centre police and to have confessed the County Federation of Sportsmen's

at Clarence for many years before Commissioner, C. A. French.

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Water Damages Residence Here

From Faulty Pipe At Conley Home

Water streaming for nearly a decorator who is presenting the week from a broken pipe in a third classes, will take the "tools" a de- floor room of the Mrs. J. Will Concorator uses-color, fabrics, furni- ley house and apartment on West ture, lighting and accessories-and Logan street, resulted in heavy damtell how to use them to make a age to the building and furnishings. it was revealed Monday morning The organizations listed for benewhen neighbors, noticing water run- fit from the drive all help in one

> winter at the Brockerhoff Hotel, and the apartment on the second and third floor of the dwelling has help to support. This year it is asknot been tenanted since Mr. and ing for only \$5500, whereas in 1939 Mrs. R. M. Couture moved from \$8000 did not cover its needs. Bellefonte some weeks ago.

> a short time last Thursday, and private room, the average amount noticed nothing amiss. However, it you pay per day for that privilege is believed that the break in the is \$5.13. You cost the hospital \$4.98, third floor pipe happened soon af- so it can be deduced that the institerward, for neighbors recall notic- tution is making a 15-cent profit on

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Police Arson Expert To Speak Here, Friday

All firemen in Bellefonte and Vicinity are invited to meet at the clock Saturday morning by Pvt. J. Undine Fire House, East Bishop W. Summers, of the Lock Haven de-Undine Fire House, East Bishop tail State Motor Police, on a charge Street, at 7:30 o'clock Friday night of failing to stop after hitting answhen Lt. Elmer W. Faber, head of other vehicle. vania State Police, and historian and radio commentator of that orvestigation of Fires."

by former Judge M. Ward Fleming. as Girl Scout Commissioner in Daley, Charlotte Daley, Barbara Evnumber of photographs. He is a Bellefonte.

Second Scout Commissioner in Daley, Charlotte Daley, Barbara Evnumber of photographs. He is a Arraigned before Justice of the Tickets are on sale at 50 cents each, erly licensed. Violations entail a Girl Scouts who received badges don, Betty Louise Herman, Virginia gation and in addition, is an inter-fice on East Bishop street, Saturday special matinee for school children esting and forceful speaker. The night, Nyman entered a plea of will be given at 3 o'clock this Thurs- said, warnings through the news- nizing neither blitzkreige nor ansch- sional committee, immigration dur-Undine Company cordially invites guilty to the charge and was placed day afternoon. Widmann, Sarah Widmann, Phillis

Bathurst, Mary Louise Ballaclough.

At the Investiture service conall firemen interested to be presfurnished and he was released.

(Continued on page four) ent at the meeting.

mands of Spring Creek Landowners

Struck over the head with an axe in an altercation in a miner's by the Spring Creek Property Country apartment at Bradley, Ohio, Friday er's Association to complete the struck over the head with an axe in an altercation in a miner's by the Spring Creek Property Country Commission the area will be poster

Clubs and members of the Property Franck was employed as a miner Owner's Association met with Pish

going to West Virginia about 4% Until the Commission has met and years ago. From there he went to officially acted upon the nine-point Bradley, which is about three miles program laid down by the land ownfrom Smithfield, Ohio. In recent ers, Spring Creek will not be stocked weeks he had not been employed with trout. At the meeting it was and was receiving unemployment suggested that a special officer or deputy sheriff be stationed along Surviving are his wife, Katie the stream to make arrests for prop Rushnock Franck, of Clarence; five erty damage. Fish wardens do not have that power, it was declared.

Hospital Seeks \$5500 in Drive

Building, Furnishings Soaked Welfare Budget for Institution Last Year Was

> Citizens of Bellefonte and surounding districts, asked to contribute a certain portion of their incomes for community welfare, naturally wish to believe they are making a good investment in service.

ning from the front door, investi- way or another towards the growth of good citizenship in the commun-Mrs. Conley has been spending the ity. None is more widely known and respected than the Centre County Hospital, which the community must

If you are ill, taken to the hospi-Mrs. Conley was in the home for tal and comfortably installed in a (Continued on page eight)

Howard Man Held On Hit-Run Charge

Walter E. Nyman, of Howard, R. D. 1, was arrested about 11:45 o'-

Nyman's car is reported to have R. D. 1, the accident happening in talent production. A preview of the Curtin township. Damage to Bech- acts last night show that the cast Reminding dog owners that 1939 Lt. Faber who will be introduced Curtin township. Damage to Bech-acts last night show that the cast Reminding dog owners that 1939 of corner Judge M. Ward Fleming. dol's car was estimated at about is at its peak of perfection and a full licenses expired on January 15, Mr.

furnished and he was released.

Begin Work on High Waters Movie Record Bring Slight of Bellefonte

COMMERCE CHAMBER BRIDGE ON SPRING

cal Theatre on Friday, April 19

SPONSORS EVENT

Business and Industry to be Pictured

and its organizations.

property of the Bellefonte Chamber rain. of Commerce, sponsors of the mov-

Bellefonte for the production.

immary of the religious, education- bridge collapsed. formal street scenes.

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County Loss Film Will be Shown at Lo- Rain and Melting Snows Bring Streams to Flood Levels

Civic, Religious Groups, Water Covers Many Roads; Halts Traffic in Some Sections

CREEK DESTROYED

Bellefonte residents are to have. A warm steady rain which began an opportunity to see themselves Friday night and continued until and their home town in the movies! Sunday morning brought Centre A movie cameraman is scheduled County streams, already swollen by to arrive here tomorrow to begin the melting snows, to near their flood task of making a complete pictor- levels. Although considerable alarm ial review of the town, its citizens was felt in some areas, actual damage was small

The film is scheduled to be shown Spring Creek began to cause con at the State Theatre, Bellefonte, on cern Friday when it rose with phen-Friday, April 19. Five showings, each omenal speed. Bald Eagle Creek lasting about two hours, are sched- burdened with melting snows from uled for the day. After that, the mountains on both sides, also rose reels will become the permanent rapidly after the beginning of the A temporary bridge across Spring

Creek, leading from Milesburg to The taking of the thousands of Tangletown, settlement skirting the feet of film will require about one Pennsylvania Railroad tracks, was week's time. Ruth A. Ritchie, who washed away Saturday afternoon will direct the movies for the Ama- Shortly before the bridge fell victeur Service Productions, announ- tim to the rushing waters a car ced yesterday on her arrival in had stalled on the structure and more than a score of men worked The picture will include a broad to pull it to safety before the

economic, recreational, and bus- At the junction of Bald Eagle ness and industrial life of the town, and Spring Creek at Milesburg. A number of local scenic places will water was within a few feet of included and there will be in- reaching the depth it attained during the flood of 1936. Water cov-Miss Ritchie declared that among ered the road in front of the Wetzthe features to be included in the ler Memorial Chapel. A depth of

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FIFTEEN PLEASANT YEARS WITH A LIVELY 113-YEAR-OLD VETERAN

longest-established newspaper in the county, came under the management of the present owners. This week

Whatever uncertainty may have been felt at the start was soon lost in the friendly reception that attended our venture. It is indeed a pleasure to look back over the years that have passed in seemingly swift flight and reflect on the success that has followed our efforts to maintain the fine traditions of a really great county newspaper. Our reward has been the retainment of practically all the former subscribers and a substan-

While it has meant hard work and at times long hours, the result has been gratifying in the knowledge that The Centre Democrat is now more firmly established than ever before as the leading family newspaper in Centre county, both as to reader-interest and

Having been "born" in 1827, The Centre Democrat was a sturdy "youngster" of 97 years when the present owners adopted it. It can now boast of having been in existence 113 years, a record that has few equals in newspaper history.

During the considerably more than a century of its publication, many prominent writers at various times contributed to its editorial and news columns, and its editors have been men of scholarly attainments.

Its present staff humbly concedes its inadequacy of supplying the pungent wit of the old-time writers who so ably edited it during its early history-and no equal claim is attempted. Our satisfaction has come with the task of publishing a clean, family newspaper in the modern style that will meet the approval of our vast army of readers. A constant increase in subscriber patronage, we feel, is justifiable evidence that our

Thus, after fifteen years' newspaper experience, we are led to concur with the majority opinion of our many patrons that The Centre Democrat is the best family newspaper and the most valuable advertising

Thanks for the congratulations! Hope to greet you at our thirtieth anniversary!

On 'The Elks Frolics'

-Want ade bring results.

On April 1st, 1925, The Centre Democrat, the

we arrive at our fifteenth anniversary.

tial increase in new patrons and friends.

advertising value.

effort is being appreciated.

medium existing today in Centre county!

Curtain Rises Tonight Over 1200 County Dogs Not Licensed

Tonight at the State theatre the George Peters, of Philipsburg, dog curtain will go up on "The Elks' law enforcement officer for Centre Frolics," musical comedy in five county, yesterday announced that to scenes produced by the Bellefente date there are between 1200 and 1500 Elks Club under the direction of unlicensed or improperly licensed

were issued than have been distri-Ticket sales up until last night buted to date, Mr. Peters declared. struck a machine owned and oper- indicated that capacity houses will Most of difference comes from the ganization, will speak on "The In- ated by Alien Bechdol, of Howard. greet all performances of the home- fact that 1940 licenses have not been

without the necessity of prosecution. hanis and Finland still had their rapid enough to offset deaths.

Boro Home to Be Offered For Sale

Woman Injured In Three-Car Accident

Three sedans traveling in the same direction on Route 322 south BURGESS, POLICE of State College, were involved in a crash Saturday night about 11 o'clock. One woman, Mrs. Sarah Meyer, Boalsburg, suffered an injury to her neck and was treated by a physician. Auto damage totaled

Drivers of the cars were Nevin Meyer, Boalsburg; Helen Meyer, State College, and Harry O. Kimmel, Jr., Shelocta, R. D., Indiana county. Kimmel's car was damaged Meyer sedan received \$100 damage, about \$15. One of the operators was gan House, Monday night. attempting to pass one of the other cars when his machine hooked with a fender, motor police reported.

Undines Get Resuscitator main

For Use Throughout Centre County

A modern resuscitator, inhalator signs warning against the 25-mile and aspirator has been purchased an hour speed limit. by the Undine Fire Company, Bellefonte, for the use of the citizens of Centre County, Undine officials anrounced yesterday.

The device, enclosed in a trunk- Heavy Ticket Sale like case, is readily transported. and may be operated effectively by one man. Six members of the Undine Company are now being

ordinary resuscitation work as Democratic Committee of Centre well as for emergency cases, it County was stated.

unconsciousness. As an inhalator precinct chairmen, it supplies the necessary flow of (Continued on page six)

32 Named To Aid In County Census

Census-Takers Given Instruc- liam Litke, of State College, is pretions at Special Classes at State College

Tuesday when the nationwide census got under way, thirty-two Justices, Constables Centre countians were among the thousands of census-takers who began the monumental task of counting and securing other information about the population of the United

their duties last weekend, at classes Hotel, last Thursday noon. held in the Nittany Elementary school, State College.

county residents are as follows: Francis C. Wert, Rebersburg. John A. Stover, Woodward. Edna Garbrick, Centre Hall Dennis McElhattan, Port Matilda. Louise B. Healy, Philipsburg, R. D.

(Continued on page six) SUFFERS BROKEN NOSE IN MOTOR ACCIDENT

A man was infured and damage was estimated at \$125 Friday afternoon in a motor accident at a railroad crossing on Route 322 north of State College.

A government truck operated by Frank E. Bair of State College. came to a halt before crossing the tracks and a car owned by Chester Worley was unable to stop on the tre County Public Assistance Board wet highway in time to avoid for more than a year, resigned from crashing into the rear of the truck. that position last week. Ill health Gerald Eversole, of State College, was given as the reason. was not damaged.

Council Votes Disposal of Former Poor House;

TO BE QUESTIONED

Burgess Objects

Effort Launched to Fix Blame For Non-Enforcement of Laws

Decision to dispose of the Bellefonte Borough Home at public sale, and consideration of a two-point to the extent of \$250; the Nevin program for enforcement of borough traffic laws featured a regular meetand loss to the third machine was ing of Bellefonte Council at the Lo-

Sale of the Poor Home on South Potter street, unused since the completion of the Centre County Home last fall, was agreed upon unanimously by Council over the objections of Mayor Hardman P. Harris, who made a strong plea for the preservation of the home which he described as being one of the few remaining Colonial landmarks in this

Two suggestions for tightening up traffic law enforcement are: to have Purchase Modern Device the Mayor and police force appear at the next meeting of Council. April 15, to determine responsibility for non-enforcement of the regulations; and to erect at frequent intervals along the streets of town

Council President Thomas Beaver (Continued on Page 6)

For Jefferson Dinner Prominent speakers, a program of trained in its use and at least one entertainment and a choice of of the six operators will be avail-able at any time of the day or nival Jefferson Day dinner to be held at the Nittany Lion Inn, State The device, purchased at a cost of College, on Friday evening, April nearly \$500, will be available for any 12, under the sponsorship of the

The dinner will begin at 7 p. m., As a resuscitator the device is with a choice of meats or sea foods designed to revive or restore per- available. Tickets, at \$1 each, are sons from apparent death or from now in the hands of Democratic

> Hon. Herbert Cohen, of York County, member of the Legislature and leader of the House in the Earle Administration, and Dr. Luther Harr, Philadelphia City Treasurer and former Secretary of Banking in the Earle administration, will be the principal speakers.

The committee, headed by Wil-

paring a surprise program of en-

tertainment. Early ticket sales in-

dicate an unusually large atten-

dance at the event, Litke declared.

Re-Elect Officers All officers were re-elected for another term at the annual organization meeting of the Centre County The local census-takers underwent Association of Justices of the Peace a three-day period of instruction in and Constables at the Penn Belle

Officers are: A. D. Gledhill, Howard. president; Frank L. Baird, Those who have been named to Milesburg, vice president; E. T. date to count "noses" of Centre Haynes, Snow Shoe, treasurer, and A. R. Houser, of Rockview, secretary. Approximately 25 members of the association attended the meeting and dinner. The principal speaker was James

R. Hughes, of Bellefonte, who spoke interestingly upon the important part played by the minor judiciary in the conduct of criminal matters Mr. Hughes cited a number of cases in which Justices and Constables performed their duties with outstanding ability, regardless of their

own personal gain. Moore Resigns **Assistance Post**

Horatia S. Moore, of Bellefonte, Worley and driven by Melvin who had been a member of the Cen-

a passenger in the car, suffered a Louis Hohnka, of Philipsburg, is broken nose. Damage to the car serving as president of the board. was placed at \$125. The truck Mr. Moore is president of the Belle-

CENTRE COUNTY HAS ABOUT 650 "MEN WITHOUT A COUNTRY"

Centre county has between 650, territorial integrity and existed as and 700 "men without a country" separate entitles. who, when the census taker comes around next week, will answer the question, "Where were you born?"

Czechoslovakia, or Poland. Despite individual changes among Centre

papers have resulted in most dog lusse since then. At that time, Poing the past decade, under our rigid owners complying with regulations land, Czechoslovakia, Austria, Alquota laws, has been just about

by naming countries which no longis estimated the totals have changed