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POLICE FEAR MORE SEX MURDERS

Establish 24-Hour County-Wide Patrol; Man, Trador Runville Woman Is Council Okays Funeral Rites Held For Second Victim Fall Over Cliff

Seek to Prevent **More Slayings**

Yesterday afternoon while Ruth White, 15, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ray E. White, of Armour street, Bellefonte, was on her way to school, two strange men in a car stopped beside her near the Helen Schaeffer home on East Curtin street, and invited her to go for a ride.

The girl, frightened, ran to the home of her aunt, Mrs. Albert Schad, nearby, while the car drove away rapidly. According to reports, the car carried no license tags.

Residents of the area reported that before the White girl was stopped by the men, the ear passed the White home several times, tooting its horn.

Yesterday afternoon while the young daughters of Former Judge Arthur C. Dale, of East Linn street, and Lester Musser, of East Lamb street, were playing in a vacant lot beside the Francis Crawford home on East Linn street, two men called to them from a car on Linn street, asking them to go for a ride. The girls refused and immediately notified their parents, but the car drove hurriedly away.

Hinting that the lust-maddened maniac who has attacked and slain two Centre County girls in less than six weeks' time may strike again before he is apprehended, Col. Lynn G. Adams, State Police Commissioner, who personally is in charge day announced plans for the prevention of further outrages.

Up until yesterday Col. Adams' statements were concerned almost entirely with the hunt for the slayer of Fave Gates, 24-year-old Mt. Bagle girl whose ravished and battered body was found along a lonely detour less than two miles from her home carly Sunday morning.

Up until yesterday his secondary interest appeared to be the solution of the mutilation and slaying of Rachel Taylor, 17-year-old Penn State co-ed, who met death at the the morning of March 28.

held at Rockview barracks of the apprehended. State Police, headquarters for the The victim of the latest attack have been used to beat the girl to tivities of WPA. held in this county.

It was a note to strike fear into of Mt. Eagle. twisted passions of the fiend who road, currently serving as a detour while he was on his way home after a windswept hill overlooking "Spook of the victim's parental home."

"We are establishing patrols to The girl, criminally attacked, died prevent a third crime," Col. Adams from head wounds believed to have

byways of the County. A portable broadcasting system has been set up at the barracks at Rockview, and reading system by the body was found. radio-equipped patrol cars will be

"These patrols may be an inconto the security of the citizens of

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County Offers \$5,000 Reward

The Centre County Commissioners, acting in response to nu-

The Commissioners acted after Col. Lynn G. Adams, State

Col. Adams added that he never had any faith in rewards, and

The \$5,000 reward in the Gates case is separate from rewards

Persons having any clues or suspicions regarding either mur-

merous resolutions, requests, and petitions, yesterday morning of-ficially offered a reward of \$5,000 for information or evidence lead-

ing to the final arrest and conviction of the person or persons re-

sponsible for the slaying of Faye Gates, 24-year-old Mt. Eagle girl.

Police Commissioner, received the proposal without enthusiasm Col. Adams speaking to Frederic G. Hoffer, Chief Clerk to the Com-

missioners, just before the reward was offered declared that he

that in the present investigation police are receiving a steady stream of tips from the public. He expressed the belief that he

totaling \$2500 offered in the Rachel Taylor slaying. Of the total re-

ward, \$1,000 was posted by the Commissioners; \$1,000 by Penn State

ders is urged to notify State Police immediately at Rockview bar-

"didn't condemn or recommend the posting of a reward."

didn't believe a reward would help, Hoffer said

students, and \$500 by State College borough

racks. The telephone number is 1020, Bellefonte.

Second Victim of Sex Fiend



FAYE GATES

24-YEAR-OLD MT. EAGLE GIRL SLAIN EARLY SUNDAY MORNING

A second brutal sex murder, the | tempt to avoid what proved to be second in less than six weeks' time, her slayer. hands of a sex-mad fiend early on early Sunday morning brought Cen- During a thorough search of the But yesterday a new note crept tion that no girl will be safe in this ed from the inside, police discovered out in the daily press conference area until the fiend or flends are in the back seat a three-foot iron the public for special periods, so that

largest criminal investigation ever was Miss Fay Gates, aged 24, daugh- death. Finding of the stone later ter of Mr. and Mrs. William Gates.

the hearts of every resident of this Her lifeless body was discovered area—the fear that still other vic- about 2:20 o'clock Sunday morning, about 2:20 a. m. by Richard Waltims might be sacrificed to the along the lonely "Spook Hollow" stalked his first victim on the around new construction under way streets of State College, who enact- on Route 220 between Curtin and ed his second crime on the brow of Mt. Eagle. The scene of the crime

reported somberly. "The most im- been inflicted by some blunt instruportant thing we have to do now 18 ment. Police yesterday indicated to reassure the public of their safe- had found a stone, "about as large as two fists." which was covered B. F. Homan, 85, Continuing. Col. Adams explained that all-night patrols are to be maintained over the highways and byways of the Court of

The victim's body was not otherat the instantaneous command of wise mutilated, although there was those directing the investigation at a small bruise on one leg, it later was ascertained.

venience to the public," Major Adams declared, "but they will add to the security of the citizens of road just ahead of the body. Tracks ing for some time, and was 85 years, on the road indicated it had been 10 months and 6 days old at the The Commissioner declared that hurriedly turned around on the time of his death. there are "thirty or more" officers road, and one wheel passed over the and detectives working steadily on foot of the girl on the ground, dis- Bank in State College, Mr. Homan

thought he saw a body lying at the rear of a car parked along the road. Lock Haven High Student to When his car passed the scene, he (Continued on page four)

lace, aged about 19, of Milesburg,

spending the evening with one of

Miss Gates' sisters, Lois, aged 18.

Wallace said that as he drove along

the rough and muddy detour he

played no part in the crime.

Dies At College

Prominent Business Man Succumbs to Long Illness; Pri-

vate Funeral Today Benjamin Franklin Homan, prom-The Gates family car, a 1940 inent business man for many years,

A director of the Peoples National the investigation," and that the counting theories that she may have was one of the original members of turned the car around in an at- the board. He farmed in the Oak Hall area during his early life and moved to State College 30 years ago. worker, being affiliated with the will

Moose Lodge To Hold Smoker Tonight

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The Bellefonte Moose Lodge, No. 206, will hold a fish fry and smoker contest will be revealed later. at the home on N. Sprong Street this Thursday night in connection with the membership campaign Alumni Post which is being conducted by the loage. A floor show from Altoona featuring professional acts will be a part of the entertainment which

The affair is for members and school in June was officially posted prospective members. It is not open by the school Alumni Association at to the public and those who have a meeting. Monday night, invitations only will be admitted. Governor William W. Litke will be its usual cash prizes for outstanding chairman of the party. An out-of- work in various departments town speaker whose name will be school work, it was anno revealed later will be present.

Last Rites Held For Faye Gates

Funeral services for Faye Gates, victim of Sunday morning's slaying were held yesterday afternoon in the Kennedy church, within plain view of the site where the 24-year-old girl met a violent death three days previously.

The little church, located along the same road the girl's slayer used in trailing her to her doom, crowded to capacity with friends, relatives and others who congregated to pay respect to the victim and to her bereaved family.

The services were in charge of the Rev. L. E. Kline, pastor of the Howard Evangelical church, and Rev. Wallace J. Cummings, pastor of the Methodist church at Kennedy, of which Miss Gates was a member, Among pastors who formerly served congregations in the Mt. Eagle-Howard vicinity who were present to factory." pay a final tribute to the girl were

plant in Bellefonte, where Faye was its perilous descent. workers attended the last rites, the plant employes journeying to Mt. (Continued on page eight)

To Stress Value Of WPA Program

Acquaint Public With Scope of Activities

gress Administration will join the nation in a week's celebration, from May 20 to 25, to demonstrate to the community the value of the Professional and Service Divisions of the Driver Also Hurt in Futile

With Centre County Commissioners. School Board, Borough Council, CCC Camp S-63 officials, Library and Historical Association and Colonel Philip Mathews, State Administrator, directing the observance of tre countians to the grim realiza- car, three doors of which were lock- "This Work Pays Your Community" week, every project will be open to wrecking bar, at first believed to the public may visit and see the ac-

> Preliminary meetings have been caused police to believe the iron bar held, and plans for the week have been set in motion.

The purpose is to acquaint the Discovery of the slaying was made (Continued on page 7)

Hit-Run Driver

Pay Damages, Fines Totaling \$100

Sentenced Here

Christy Talman, Lock Haven High school youth who failed to stop after his car had struck and injured "Bud" Eckenroth, Bellefonte boy, on North Allegheny street, Bellefonte, on the night of April 7, has been ordered to pay the costs of prosecution, fines of \$100, and make

restitution of damage. Sentence on Talman was passed Monday morning by Judge Ivan Walker after the driver had entered a plea of guilty to a charge of fail-(Continued on Page 7)

Chamber of Commerce To Sponsor Contest May 10.

be sponsored by the Bellefonte Chamber of Commerce was made yesterday.

The contest will be open to all Mr. Homan was an active church boys from 14 to 19 years of age and open on Monday, May 20. State College Grace Lutheran con- The committee in charge consists of Alex Stergiakis, chairman, Hugh M Quigley, Earl K Stock, Charles Mensch, and Jesse H. Caum. Contest blanks may be obtained from E. K. Stock or from the Chambe. of Commerce offices in the Y, M. C.

Further details concerning the

\$50 Scholarship

A scholarship of \$50 to be awardis being arranged by the commit- ed to the most deserving student to tee. The association also will continue

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Near Oak Hall

Into Creek; Farmer **Escapes Death**

RUNAWAY MACHINE FALLS 100 FEET

Suffers Broken Nose and Head Injuries; Brought to Hospital

J. Ralph Neff, Oak Hall farmer, narrowly escaped death at 5:30 o'clock Tuesday afternoon when he rode his runaway tractor over a cliff, landing in Spring Creek near the new highway bridge on the Boalsburg-Lemont road.

Centre County Hospital authorities report that Mr. Neff received a fracture of the nose, abrasions of the face and bruises on one lex. His condition is said to be "satis-

While he was gathering stones in the Rev. Mr. Price. the Rev. Mr. the field at the top of the cliff, Mr. Mellott, the Rev. Mr. Morris, and Neff's tractor started to move. He jumped to the seat and attempted The Federal Match Company to halt the vehicle before it started

employed and where her father is The machine had gained considemployed declared a holiday yester- erable momentum and continued day and most of the girl's fellow over the brink of the stone-faced cliff, where it is believed to have thrown is rider clear. A wooden sled for hauling stone was hitched to the vehicle, and both pieces of equipment landed in Spring Creek. Mr. Neff was not thrown into the water, but landed on the bank of the stream.

liberations and in 21 indictments Larry Zong, eight-year-old son considered, 11 were found true; 9 Various Agencies Combine to of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Zong of not true, and one case was settled. Oak Hall haw the machine and its Of its inspection of the county operator catapult from the field, property the jury reported as fol(Continued on page three) | lows: (Continued on page three)

Bellefonte and the Works Pro- Youth Injured In Mishap Here

Attempt to Avert Accident; Car Damaged

In an attempt to avoid striking a 6-year-old boy who ran across the street in front of his car, James J. Hickey, of Bellefonte avenue, Lock Haven, suffered injuries, his car damaged, and the youth also was injured here Friday afternoon The accident happened about o'clock Friday afternoon in front of Glee Clubs Will the A. & P. super market, on North Allegheny street. As Hickey was traveling north on Allegheny street. (Continued on page two)

Two Fishermen Fined For Illegal Catches

Two Centre county fishermen were fined a total of \$140 and costs; for illegal catches of trout last of the Bellefonte High school will Thursday night when they pleaded present their annual concert Friday guilty to the charges at a hearing evening, May 17. Ninety-six voices Squire Harold Cowher, of will be heard, the membership of East Bishop street, Bellefonte.

the two clubs being 78 and 18 re-Terrill Lucas, 24, of Bellefonte, was spectively arrested Thursday evening on Benner Run by Wardens Dave Dahlgren and Sam Reed. His fine of \$80 and Romberg, Jacobs-Bond, Nevin, Speaks, and Friml. Besides the regu- highway safety truck when it visits costs resulted from possession of five lar chorus numbers, there will be a trout under the limit of six inches, piano solo, a soprano girls' ensemand three fish over the limit of 10.

Elmer Davis, of Bellefonte, R. D., paid \$60 and costs for having in his possession six trout which were under the six-inch limit. Davis was also arrested on Benner Run. According to the wardens, the men followed a fish hatchery truck to the stream, and made their catches fol- May Queen to be Crowned at lowing stocking of the trout. The nes are to be paid not later than

CITIZENS URGED TO REPORT ANNOYANCES

Because of the recent crimes committed in this vicinity and the number of people reporting some kind of annoyance from unknown people who cruise our streets in automobiles at night, l urge all ladies and young girls not to travel the streets late at night without proper esgort, Any persons finding themselves followed or annoyed are urged to stop at the nearest house and call exchange for a policeman.

Officers of the retail division of Our police are doing everythe Bellefonte Chamber of Com- PURCHASE MILESBURG STAND hing possible to put a stop to merce yesterday announced that most stores and business places ka type of annoyance but need the help of every citizen town will be closed on Wednesday station at Milesburg, operated for to erush it. The protection afternoons during June, July and is extended to people from all August, in keeping with an annual our neighboring communities who on their way home if followed are urged to go to the nearest telephone and

call for assistance. HARDMAN P. HARRIS.

Held For Murder WPA Projects

ville farmer, for whom she acted as learned last night.

Mrs. Weaver, formally charged with murder at a hearing before

Justice of the Peace Harold D. a bed and poured "a strong fluid" Cowher at his offices on East Bish- down her throat, according to 3 op Street, Tuesday night extered a police version of Mrs. Weaver er's lonely farm home early on the Centre County morning of April 20, during which Sheckler, of Milesburg. Walker received injuries which re-

per, of the Undine Fire Company, ed his injuries, and Dr. J. C. Rog- pital on April 28. ers, of Bellefonte, who was Walker's physician.

Session Here

ommend Many Jail

Improvements

The Grand Jury for the May term

"The County Home is in very fine

condition and could not be improv

ed upon. We recommend garbage

service at the County juil; the doors

of the safe in the Sheriff's office

should be revamped and new floors

should be laid. All new kitchen

equipment, especially a new stove

are required at the jail. Paint and

the Sheriff's quarters should

plaster is needed in the kitchen and

The report continues: "We re-

commend repairing the railing in

the Jail corridor and complete re-

novation of prison quarters to com-

ply with modern practices for sani

tation and decency. We recom-

mend the placing of modern light

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Present Concert

Boys' and Girls' Organizations

to Appear in Annual Event

Friday, May 17

The Girls' and Boys' Glee Clubs

Among the composers whose works

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Party Is Planned

Event to be Held at

Hecla Park

On Monday evening, May 13, the

Walker Township Future Farmers of America will hold a "May Day Roll-

For this party many new and in-

teresting features including prizes

Five hundred brightly colored bal-

loons of all sizes and shapes sus-

pended from the ceiling will lend

Highlight of the evening will be (Continued on page seven)

Wednesday Holidays

Stores To Observe

months of the year.

and balloon showers are promised.

erskating Party" at Hecla Park.

May Day Skating

of Court yesterday completed its de-

Grand Jury In Prowler Stirs

Mrs. Mary Weaver, 56, of Run- charge against her, only the Court ville, is being held without bail in can set bail for her release from Jail for the murder of jail. Whether action in this direc-Machine and Rider Plunge William H. Walker, aged 54, Run- tion will be taken could not be Proposal Passes Unani-

Inquest is Held

Walker held his housekeeper on plea of "not guilty," and heard the statement related at an inquest intestimony of three witnesses as to to the man's death conducted Frithe evenis that transpired at Walk- day night at the Court House by Coroner Charles

The statement was quoted by sulted in his death at the Centre Officer L. L. Priar, of the Pennsyl-County Hospital here on April 28 Vania Motor Police at Harrisburg The witnesses heard were Pvt. I. as the Coroner attempted to bring Bellefonte, who helped fight a fire sulted in the man receiving wounds meeting which destroyed the Walker home which are held to have caused his Council. short time after Walker receiv- death in the Centre County Hos-

The jury, after hearing the tes-Because of the gravity of the (Continued on page 6-2nd section)

Local Area

Girl From Curtin

Street Home

BULLETIN

various sections in Bellefonte in recent weeks early yesterday

morning attempted to break into the John Copley home on Half-

znoon Terrace, Mr. Copley re-

about 12:30 a. m. a few moments

after Miss Marie Chandler had

arrived home for the night and

had driven her car into the gar-

age at the rear of the house.

Mrs. Copley heard a poise down-

stairs a short time later, and

switched on a light. They heard

the sound of running footsteps.

ward R. Miller revealed that the

screen door had been torn loose

from its fastening, and there

were a number of fingerprints

on the door. Whether the prints

will be of any value in tracking

the prowler was not known last

kidnapping, and other acts of viol-

ence in this area in recent weeks,

are further plagued by a Peeping

Tom who apparently is getting bold-

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Mr. Roy Swartz, of Milesburg, has

Council, Pennsylvania Motor

been appointed by the Centre Coun-

Truck Association, as chairman of

mittee to greet the association's

The tour will end at Conneaut

RECEPTION COMMITTEE

MILESBURG MAN HEADS

Bellefonte on June 1.

courtesy and caution."

Hublersburg Barn

Destroyed By Fire

A barn owned by John Matis, at

Hublersburg, was destroyed by fire about 2:30 o'clock last Thursday af-

ternoon. Two other nearby barns which caught fire from the Matis

tion through the efforts of the How-

ard Fire Company and members of

the Logan Fire Company, Belle-

In the Matis fire, loss included a

The well known tea room and gas

a number of years by Harry N

number of farming implements.

STATE COLLEGE BROTHERS

Mr. Swartz said.

will be heard are: Chopin, Strauss, the Centre County Reception Com-

much color and galety to the party. structure, were saved from destruc-

Investigation by Sheriff Ed-

Miss Chandler and her mother,

ported yesterday.

The night prowler reported in

For Sidewalks

mously After Several **Previous Defeats**

ANY RESIDENT MAY HAVE WORK DONE

Water Department Clears Floating Debt; Begin Sinking Fund

Unanimous approval of a WPA D. Priar, of hie State Police arson before the jury the nature of the project for the construction of sidebureau at Harrisburg; Henry Cas- Altercation between the man and walks and curbs in Bellefonte was his housekeeper April 20, which re- given Monday night at a regular of Bellefonte Borough

The project calls for the expenditure of \$3,827 in Federal funds. The sponsor's share of \$1,989 is to be paid timony of another Police officer and in full by the property owners who take advantage of the project to have sidewalks or curbs built, repaired or reconditioned.

The project, discussed and turned down on several previous occasions by Council, was approved Monday after the police department submitted a report of a survey made of sidewalks in town.

According to the police report a number of properties need sidewalks, while many others are in such dis-Return 11 True Bills; Rec- Fails in Attempt to Lure repair that they constitute a hazard to pedestrians, with consequent pos-(Continued on page seven)

Board Approves High School Site

Directors Vote 3 to 1 in Favor of Old Site For New Building

The Bellefonte School Board Monday went on record as favoring the old high school site on North Allegheny street as the location of any new building which may be erected to replace the one destroyed early in 1939 by fire.

The board also tacitly approved the work done by the former board in regard to plans and architectural services for the new building pro-

Of the four members present at Monday's meeting, three voted in favor of a motion to retain the old site, and one member, Horace J. Hartranft, cast a dissenting vote. The motion was introduced by W. H. Brouse, and was seconded by Bossart J. DeHaas. Brouse, DeHaas, Bellefonte citizens, horrified by and Board President Franklin B. (Continued on page seven) wo brutal murders, an attempted

Bellefonte Central Re-elects Officers

All officers were re-elected for To date the Peeping Tom has another year at the annual organitwice turned off the electric current zation of the Bellefonte Central Railroad Company held Monday at the general offices of the road on

North Spring Street. Officers returned are: C. B. Wagoner, Philadelphia, president; G. E. McClellan, Bellefonte, vice president, treasurer, and general manager; Robert S. Walker, State Coltreasurer; Earl M. Cartlege. wright, Bellefonte, assistant treasurer, and T. D. Geoghegan, Washington, D. C., traffic manager.

The association will conduct the safety tour from May 6 to June 12, P.T.A. Meeting to covering 1900 miles in Pennsylvania, Be Held Tonight

Lake, where the Pennsylvania Motor Organization of a Bellefonte Par-Truck Association will hold its sev- ent-Teachers Association is to be enth annual convention June 13-15. effected at a public meeting to be "The objective of the tour," the held on Thursday evening, May 16, chairman explained, "is to bring to at 8 o'clock at the Court House, it the attention of Pennsylvanians the was announced yesterday.

need for greater highway safety through the medium of increased courtesy and caution."

The principal speaker will be Mrs. C. E. Batcheller, of Lewistown, prescident of the South Central District of the Pennsylvania Conference of Parents and Teachers.

Final organization of the local unit also is expected to be completed at tonight's meeting, to which all mothers, fathers, and teachers are cordially invited.

Smoker's Bed Burns William M. Phillips escaped se-

vere burns when a lighted cigaret ignited the sofa upon which he was eeping in his apartment at Mil-Apparently Mr. Philips, who was alone in the apartment, fell asleep and the cigaret he was smoking started the blaze. The flames were seen by John T. Jones. who reported to Jay Gauger, owner of the building. The davenport was destroyed and the room damaged to the extent of \$100 before the blaze

ASKS FBI AID IN MURDERS

Winters, last week changed ownership and is being operated by El-James R. Hughes, former head-In addition to the stores listed in mer C. and William Myers, broth- master of the Beliefonte Academy, an advertisement appearing else-where in this issue, all food stores, perienced restaurant men with the Arthur H. James, asking the Govbarber shops and shoe repair stores ability to provide excellent service, ernor to use his influence in having will continue their custom of closing through the medium of their new the Federal Bureau of Investigation Wednesday afternoons during 111/2 dining room and soda fountain they enter the probe into the two sex murders in Centre county.