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## BELLEVILLE TO GET DIAL 'PHONES

### Expect Complete Plans in Few Days

Several Sites Under Consideration For New Exchange Building  
**PREDICT WORK TO BEGIN IN 2 MONTHS**  
Change Necessitates New Numbering System, New Directories For Area

Bellefonte is slated to get dial telephones in the near future. Announcement of plans to install dialing equipment in Bellefonte and surrounding areas is expected to be made within the next week or so by the Bell Telephone Company. It was reliably rumored last night.

While telephone officials could not be reached for verification, usually authoritative sources had it that the Bell Telephone Company has inspected "two or three" building sites in Bellefonte, and is ready to proceed with the erection of a building to house the new exchange equipment.

Actual work on the changeover from manual to dial operation is said to be slated to begin within "two months."

Installation of the new system would entail virtually a rebuilding of telephone facilities in this area. Entirely new and extremely intricate machinery is required in the central exchange, while every telephone must be equipped with dialing equipment. The change would necessitate a new numbering system and the issuance of new directories. Despite the tremendous

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### James F. Uzzell Dies Suddenly

**Was Retired Coal Operator; Prominent Resident of Snow Shoe Area**

Death came suddenly and unexpectedly to James F. Uzzell, retired coal operator and one of Snow Shoe's best known citizens, who died at his home in Snow Shoe at 8 o'clock last Wednesday morning, June 3, 1940, after a few days' illness with a heart condition. He was aged 74 years, 8 months, and 17 days.

Mr. Uzzell had not been in good health since early last winter when he underwent treatment at the Phillipsburg State Hospital.

For a number of years Mr. Uzzell was engaged in the operation of a large coal mine at Snow Shoe. He

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### He Was Lost—But Not Scared

"Jackie" Tate, aged 2 years, only son of Mr. and Mrs. John Tate, of near Milesburg, had the Milesburg-Bellefonte area in a nervous fettle last Wednesday night.

The youth, who with his six-months-old Police puppy, disappeared somewhat strangely from his home about 6:30 o'clock that evening, and who was the object of a widespread search most of the night, was found early the following morning in a clover field more than a mile from his home. Aside from a number of mosquito bites and some scratches he had suffered in walking through heavy brush, he was unharmed.

"Jackie's" parents reside in a small cabin in the woods across Bald Eagle Creek from Central City, below what is known as "Ten Acres." A mountain road leading from "Tangleown," settlement along the creek opposite Milesburg, is the chief means of access to the home.

According to the child's mother, "Jackie" was engaged in picking flowers near the house early Wednesday evening when he disappeared while the mother was absent for a moment tending to some peeps a short distance away.

Upon her return to the home she called to him, and receiving no reply.

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### Business Men Plan Outing At Hecla, Aug. 7

Public in Bellefonte and Vicinity Invited to Attend Community Picnic

**2 FREE SHOWS, MANY CONTESTS BOOKED**

Baseball Game, 3 Bands on Program for C. of C. Sponsored Event

The business men's picnic being planned by the Retail Division of the Bellefonte Chamber of Commerce shows every indication of being one of the largest and best organized outings of its kind held locally in recent years.

The picnic, to which all business men and residents of the central part of the county are cordially invited, will be held on Wednesday, August 7, at Hecla Park. The program will begin at 10 a. m. and will continue until late that night.

All organizations in Bellefonte and vicinity are urged to participate in a booster parade which will be held here the night before the picnic. The committee is bending every effort toward making the picnic an annual red-letter day for the business men and residents of this area.

Activities at Hecla will begin at 10 a. m. with a variety of races and contests for boys and girls being scheduled. At 1:30 o'clock a free show, lasting one hour, will be presented.

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### Report 'Amazing' Find in Taylor Case

**Bloody Handkerchief Is Said to Have Revealed Important Lead**

**SOLUTION OF CASE MAY BE "FANTASTIC"**

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### Grant Habeas Corpus Hearing

Action Brought in Effort to Have Millinder Released Under Bail

Richard Millinder, 22-year-old confessed slayer of his wife's cousin, Faye Gates, of Mt. Eagle, is scheduled to appear in Court here Monday morning in connection with a habeas corpus proceeding instituted by his attorney in an effort to secure his release under bail.

At the hearing, the date for which was fixed by Judge Ivan Walker upon petition by the defense attorney Lewis Orvis Harvey, of Bellefonte, the Commonwealth will be required to reveal sufficient evidence to lend credence to its contention that the defendant is the man who slugged his 24-year-old neighbor to death with a rock on the "Spook Hollow" road, May 5, after she resisted his advances.

The defense is not required to produce any evidence at a hearing of this kind. It is the Commonwealth's burden.

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### Couple Observes 40th Wedding Anniversary

The four sons of Mr. and Mrs. John Gross, of Valentine street, Bellefonte, last Wednesday entertained their parents at a family dinner at the Fleisher Tea Room at Julian in honor of their 40th wedding anniversary. The dinner came as a complete surprise to Mr. and Mrs. Gross.

Among those present were their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Gross, of Los Angeles, Cal., who came here especially for the occasion. Harold and Hugh Gross, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Gross, and Robert Gross and friend, all of Bellefonte. Others included John Gross' brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Gross, of Bellefonte.

The honored couple were united in marriage in Altoona on July 3, 1900, and have spent all their married life in Bellefonte. Mr. Gross is 64 years old and his wife is nearing her 66th birthday. Both are in excellent health. Mr. Gross personally conducting the affairs of his grocery on South Spring street.

### Kiwanis Meet Board Studies School Changes

Members of Pleasant Gap Groups Are Guests; Hear Interesting Program

Members of the Pleasant Gap Inter-organization Council were guests of the Bellefonte Kiwanis Club at a joint dinner and meeting held Tuesday night at the Logan Grange Hall in Pleasant Gap. Approximately 70 persons were present for the roast chicken dinner served by the ladies of the Grange.

The entertainment program included group singing led by Cecil A. Walker, of Bellefonte; eight-of-hand acts by Roy Adams, of Pleasant Gap, and acrobatic dances by Betty Moyer, of Pleasant Gap. Piano accompaniments were played by Mrs. Earl K. Stock.

An interesting feature of the entertainment was a concert by the Pleasant Gap Band, which is an unusual organization. Among its members are five or six men who have been playing with the band since its founding more than a half century ago. Other members include young boys and girls, some only 10 years old, while women of

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### Man Ends Life With Shotgun

Robert A. Hendershot, 56, Found Dead in Lonely Home at Rock

A Coroner's Jury probing the death of Robert A. "Diddle" Hendershot, aged 56, at his lonely home near Rock, along Spring Creek between Bellefonte and State College, Saturday night returned a verdict that the man had met death by his own hands.

The jury, impaneled at the Koch Funeral Home, State College, by Deputy Coroner Frank Baird, of Milesburg, in the absence of Coroner Charles Shecker, found that Hendershot, a World War veteran and former well-known blacksmith had ended his life by firing a charge from a 12-gauge shotgun through his heart. Death is believed to have been instantaneous.

The tragedy was discovered about midnight Friday by Hendershot's

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### Officials Doubt Whether Street Lights Are Practical

There are some people in high places in Bellefonte who are beginning to wonder whether street lighting is practical.

And you can't blame them a whole lot.

Last week while borough employees were driving iron posts along the curb on Allegheny and Linn streets to carry speed limit signs, the posts cut the heavy underground cable supplying current to street lights. There were three or four breaks, entailing replacement

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### Titan President Buys Florida Home

The rambling style home of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Dewberry, on Redington Beach, Petersburg, Florida, has been sold for a cash consideration of \$14,000 to William P. Sieg, of Bellefonte, president of the Titan Metal Manufacturing Company.

The house, located in the Lone Palm Beach subdivision, has four rooms, three baths, a seasonal dock. It is white stucco with red tile roof and has screened porches, adjacent garage and all modern conveniences. Mr. Sieg will spend the mid-winter months there.

A house opposite the one purchased by Mr. Sieg was bought by Harold S. Lake, of Hartford, Conn., for \$8,500.

### Teachers Attend School Meeting

Three-Day Session For Educators Being Held at Penn State

Between 300 and 500 school teachers and principals, most of them from central Pennsylvania, took part in a three-session Conference on Instruction opening at the Pennsylvania State College on Tuesday July 9.

The conference was sponsored by Penn State's School of Education. Three main topics were covered. Dr. Carroll D. Champlin, professor of education at the college, was chairman of the opening session Tuesday afternoon, when the program

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### 3 Men Charged With Killing Deer

Two Tylersville Men Fined; McElhattan Man Goes to Jail

Three residents of Clinton county were arrested Monday for violating the game laws, after Game Protectors and Fish Wardens raided farms at Tylersville and McElhattan and discovered freshly killed deer.

At the George Grieb farm near Tylersville, Game Protector Miles W. Reeder and Fish Warden George Cross are reported to have found the carcass of a whole deer which they later learned had been killed near Logan Mills early Monday morning.

As a result of their search, Richard Grieb, son of the owner of the farm, paid a \$100 fine and \$16.50

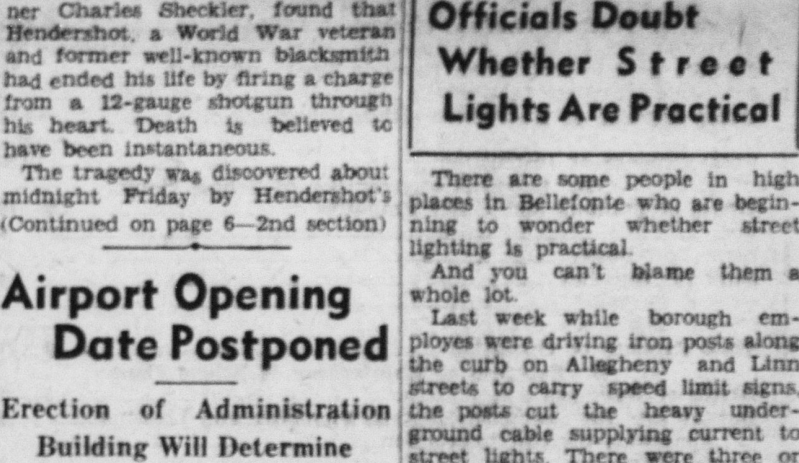
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### Pool At Pleasant Gap Being Repaired

Reconditioning of the Pleasant Gap outdoor swimming pool which was damaged by spring floods, is proceeding rapidly. The pool is being dredged and will be put into service as soon as possible. It is planned to build a new concrete bridge between the pool and the highway.

The work is under the direction of Ray C. Noll, sponsor of the pool and owner of the land on which it is located. The work is being done by employees of Pleasant Gap industries during their spare time.

### Red Norvo



Red Norvo, "the world's greatest xylophonist," and his orchestra will appear at Hecla Park, on Saturday night, July 13, through arrangement with Music Corporation of America. The dance will be from 10 to 2 o'clock and tickets will be 75 cents, including tax.

Norvo has been rated among the big "name" bands of the country for many years and his engagements at many of the outstanding night clubs, theatres and hotels have been tremendously successful. A few of his best known bookings have been, Benjamin Franklin Hotel, Philadelphia; Southland Night Club, Boston; Murray's Tuckaway, N. Y.; Blackhawk Restaurant, Chicago; Pennsylvania Hotel, New York; Meadowbrook Country Club, Cedar Grove, N. J.; Famous Door Astor Hotel, New York; Lowry Hotel, St. Paul; St. Francis Hotel, San Francisco and Palomar Ballroom, Los Angeles.

### Cyclist, Pedestrian Hurt in Accident

Elwood Robb, aged 17, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Robb, of Coleville, suffered bruises about the head and face about 7:30 o'clock Monday night when he lost control of his bicycle and ran into two pedestrians at Coleville.

One of the pedestrians, Hazel Justice, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Justice, of Coleville, was pushed against a nearby fence and suffered a head injury. She was under treatment at her parental home. The accident happened while the cyclist was rounding a sharp curve.

Robb was brought to the Centre County Hospital where he remained under treatment until the following day.

### Local Youth Suffers Bullet Wound in Knee

Jackie Kerschner, aged 9, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Kerschner, of East High street, is recovering from a gunshot injury suffered about 7:30 o'clock Tuesday evening while he and his brother, James, Jr., aged 15, were examining a 22-calibre rifle near their home.

While the boys were inspecting the weapon, the trigger was accidentally tripped and the bullet passed through the fleshy part of one of the younger boy's knees. He was taken to the Centre County Hospital where a physician removed the bullet, after which the youth was permitted to return home.

### Woman, 84, in Plane Ride With Grandson

While student pilots at Waynesburg College celebrated passing tests for private pilots' licenses by taking their sweethearts as their first passengers, Frank Jamison, 75, of Waynesburg, had his 84-year-old grandmother, Mrs. Clara M. Jamison, as his initial flight companion. She said: "I'm ready to go right back up."

Mrs. Jamison is a sister of the late Samuel Meals, former president of the Carnegie Natural Gas Company at Pittsburgh. Pilot Jamison is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Jamison, of Waynesburg, formerly of Bellefonte.

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### Service Station Pump Destroyed by Fire

Fire caused by a short circuit in the electrical equipment destroyed a gasoline pump at the Stein Motor Company, South Burrows street, State College, Monday morning. Garage employees used chemicals and had the flames under control when members of the Alpha Fire Company arrived.

The fire resulted when the pump was pulled from its base by the service hose which caught on a car driving away from the station. Broken wires shorted and ignited the wire covering and a quantity of gasoline which remained in the hose. The pump was completely destroyed.

### Logan Firemen To Hold 2-Day Carnival

Invitations have been sent to 28 fire companies throughout the central part of the state to take part in the parade which will open the annual carnival to be held in Bellefonte by the Logan Fire Company, July 19 and 20. Many other organizations in addition to fire companies will take part in the parade.

The carnival will be held on the school commons at Spring and Lamb streets and a variety of entertainment being planned. The Triona Sisters from radio station WRAK, Williamsport, will be among the entertainers. Refreshments will be sold on the grounds.

### UNDINES CONTINUE BLITZKRIEG ON FIREMEN'S PARADE PRIZES

Watch the Undine Fire Company, Bellefonte, during the next few months!

In two days' appearances at firemen's celebrations in Centre and Blair counties, the Undines have been awarded a total of eight prizes, 6 firsts and 2 seconds.

The prize-winning blitzkrieg began June 27 when the Undines took two firsts and one second prize in Tyrone. On July 4 the Undines, in the face of stiff competition at celebrations in Phillipsburg and Osceola Mills, added a string of 5 more prizes to their list.

At Phillipsburg the local firemen were awarded first honors for the largest uniformed company and first honors for the best appearing company. In Osceola Mills, they captured first prize for best appearing company and for the largest number in line. The organization

### Carnival at Howard Will Begin Tonight

The annual three-day carnival of the Howard Fire Company begins today and will continue through Saturday, with a varied program each day.

The opening tonight will include a parade in which more than a dozen visiting companies and numerous musical organizations will appear. The parade will move at 6:30 o'clock.

Tomorrow there will be a baseball game between Mill Hill and Howard at 5:30 p. m. and the Hope Hose Company Band of Lock Haven will furnish music. Saturday the Wetzlar Band of Milesburg will play and a league baseball game between Monument and Howard will begin at 2:30 p. m.

### Katz Clearance Sale Will Begin Tomorrow

The annual July Clearance sale of the Katz Store, Bellefonte, will open at 9 o'clock Friday morning, July 12, and will continue for ten days, the management announced yesterday.

This clearance sale, one of the most popular annual merchandising events in Bellefonte, will be no exception this year, for again every item in the large stock of the store has been drastically reduced in price. Sensational savings will be the rule rather than the exception throughout the ten-day period.

Consult the Katz Store advertisement on another page for further information regarding the sale.

### Bellefonte Has Safe, Sane, and (Pardon Us) Tame Fourth of July

Bellefonte observed a safe, sane, and if you'll pardon us, a somewhat tame Fourth of July last Thursday.

Safety was achieved through the absence of firecrackers or fireworks from the Chamber of Commerce display at the Community Field that night.

Sanity was prevalent on the highways, and aside from regular patrols and traffic duty, State Motor Police at Pleasant Gap had nothing to do but twiddle their official thumbs. There wasn't a single motor accident in the district.

The tameness comes into the picture because the stay-at-homes in Bellefonte had nothing to do, until evening. Of course there was plenty

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### BANJO BAND ACTIVITIES

The Bellefonte Banjo Band appeared in both Osceola Mills and Phillipsburg parades July 4, and was paid \$125 for its services as hired band. The band was not in competition for prizes in either parade, and led Undines in both events.

The band will play at a festival at Jacksonville this Saturday night and members are requested to be in uniform ready to leave the band hall at 7:30 p. m.

The popular organization will appear in Centre Hall parade this Friday night. The bus will leave promptly at 5 o'clock.

### Howard Woman Breaks Arm

Mrs. Fietta S. Harter, of Howard, widow of former county commissioner George M. Harter, fell last Tuesday evening at her home and broke her right arm at the wrist.

Mrs. Harter was cleaning her cook stove and while standing on top adjusting the pipe she made a misstep and fell. Her injury was treated at the Centre County Hospital after which she became a guest at the Glen Walker home on East Bishop street for a few weeks.

### Lands Mammoth Catfish

Clifford Gardner of Orviston caught a catfish recently which measured 19 1/2 inches long and weighed 3 1/2 pounds. The fish was one of the largest of its kind to be caught in that section. Many of the older people of Orviston say it is the largest one they ever saw.

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