

# COUNTY SEEKS REWARD CLAIMANTS

## \$2,500 at Stake In Gates Murder Case

### Statements Must Set Forth All Details of Information Given

### CLAIMS MUST BE FILED BY NOV. 30 Final Disposition of Reward Question Expected in Near Future

Final action upon the \$2,500 reward offered by the Centre County Commissioners for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the slayer of Faye Gates, of Mt. Engle, was instituted this week when the Commission, directed all claimants to the reward to file their affidavits of claim.

The affidavits must set forth all information and evidence procured by the claimant; the connection of such information and evidence to the arrest and conviction of the person who caused the death of Faye Gates, and the person or persons, designated by name and office, to whom, and the date when such information or evidence was given by the claimant.

The affidavits must be presented to the County Commissioners on or before Saturday, November 30. Failure to present claims by that time will bar anyone from claiming the reward, according to the legal notice published by the Commissioners in this issue of The Centre Democrat.

### PROBE DEATH OF BROTHER OF STATE COLLEGE WOMAN

Charles Sidney Irvin, about 47, a brother of Mrs. Clara Lynch of State College, died suddenly of a supposedly heart attack on Eleventh street, Altoona, early Tuesday evening. While the death is attributed tentatively by Deputy Coroner C. E. Shope to a heart ailment, the official has begun an investigation into the whereabouts of a man who brought the victim home from midtown and another man seen with him shortly before his death.

Police said Irvin was picked up somewhere on Eleventh street by an unidentified motorist who saw him grabbing at his throat as though in physical stress.

Irvin, who is said to have complained constantly of shortness of breath, was taken to his room on Howard avenue, where a physician pronounced him dead. The driver of the car disappeared without disclosing his identity.

### Club President



SAMUEL M. SHALLCROSS  
Newly elected head of the Bellefonte Kiwanis Club. Mr. Shallcross is superintendent of the American Lime and Stone Company here.

### Seafood Dinner At Elks Home, Nov. 20

The annual seafood dinner sponsored by the Elks Club for the benefit of the Elks Marching Unit, will be held on Wednesday, November 20, at the Elks Home, West High street.

Cyril Moerschbacher, steward at the club, will have charge of serving the dinner, and a variety of seafood will be on the menu. Serving will begin at 5 p. m. Tickets are now on sale at 50 cents each.

## 'Dust Storm' Strikes Town

### Bellefonte Turned a Dirty White By Unprecedented Fall of Lime Dust

Bellefonte citizens awoke Sunday and Monday mornings to find the ground and everything else in sight covered with a thin layer of lime dust.

This community has experienced such "dust storms" in the past, but residents complain that we've never had anything to equal the ones during the weekend.

Sidewalks in the northern part of town were covered to the extent that puffs of the white powder eddied around pedestrians' feet as they walked. In other places, where sidewalks were damp, there were clear footprints in the white smudge.

A resident of East Curtin street who had his car washed Saturday was exhibiting his machine Sunday as proof of the vast quantity of dust which fell during the night. The machine had the appearance of having made a long journey over a dusty road.

Only last week Council warned officials of a local lime company that if the dust nuisance wasn't abated, steps would be taken to enforce compliance.

The dust accumulations seem to be heavier in damp, misty weather when there is no breeze than in bright clear weather. The general belief is that "storms" such as occurred during the weekend result when dust collectors at the plant become filled beyond capacity.

## 2 Boy Scouts Cited for Saving Girl's Life

Yesterday, Milford A. Hall, member of Boy Scout Troop No. 1, of Unionville, received the highest award given to any living Scout when he was presented with the Scout certificate of heroism.

The National Court of Honor, which meets only once a year for the purpose of making selections, awarded only fourteen such certificates in the whole of the United States and its possessions this year. The highest award in scouting is the Gold Medal of Honor, which is given only to those Scouts who give their lives in service to others.

Also honored by the National Court of Honor was Scout Charles Hall, of Unionville, who received a letter of commendation.

Both awards were the result of acts of heroism on July 19, 1940, when Jean Ethel Stene, aged 14, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Stene of Unionville, stepped into an eight-foot hole while wading in Bald Eagle Creek west of Unionville.

Scout Charles Hall immediately went to her assistance, but was unable to draw her to safety because of her struggles. He narrowly escaped drowning in his attempt to help her. Their cries and struggles attracted the attention of Scout Milford Hall, who entered the stream and successfully rescued Miss Stene.

Milford Hall, aged 14 years, is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Hall. (Continued on Page 4)



MILFORD AND CHARLES HALL

## 3 Prisoners Seek Release Thru Errors

### Legal Loopholes Used By All in Petitions For Habeas Corpus Writs

### ALL ESCAPED FROM ROCKVIEW PRISON

Improper Signing of Indictments; Flaws in Accepting Pleas, Reasons

Three more inmates of the Western State Penitentiary at Pittsburgh have instituted legal proceedings in an effort to obtain their liberty through technical errors in the proceedings under which they were imprisoned, it became known here yesterday.

In recent months there have been an unprecedented number of Western Penitentiary prisoners seeking to gain their freedom through legal loopholes.

Since their original imprisonment, all three of the new petitioners escaped from Rockview prison here and were recaptured and re-sentenced, and all of them seek freedom under habeas corpus proceedings. The petitions have been filed in the Pennsylvania Superior Court at Pittsburgh.

Thomas Lewis, one of those who seeks his freedom, was sentenced on April 15, 1936 in Allegheny county to six charges of robbery and attempted robbery. He pleaded no contest and was adjudged guilty with separate terms or from 5 to 10 years each.

About August 31, 1939 he escaped from Rockview, was captured, and on April 6, 1939 in Centre county court was sentenced to serve an additional 10 to 20 years.

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## Christmas Trees To Be Erected In Town

### Official Count Completed Yesterday Committee Chooses 35-Foot Community Tree for Foot Community Tree for Place on Diamond

### ALL TO BE PLACED BY END OF MONTH

### Outdoor Decorations Will Be More Extensive Than Last Year

The official count of the vote polled in Centre county at the general election, Tuesday of last week, was completed yesterday morning by a board consisting of Russell P. Beizer, Commissioner; clerk; Hazel Johnson and Mrs. Barbara Klue, Republicans, both of Bellefonte, and William H. Hoffer, Phillipsburg, both Democrats. The count began Friday noon.

The Centre Democrat totals, published last week, in no instance varied more than 2 votes from the official figures. This variation is explained through the fact that the official count board opened the ballot box in one precinct to recount the vote when the tally sheet did not correspond to figures on the official return sheet from that district. A minor clerical error, the recount of the vote in the district changed all the totals by one or two votes.

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Slope, under contract with the Retail Division of the Bellefonte Chamber of Commerce, declared that sidewalk trees will be about 10 feet high. Since all will be nursery trees, they are expected to be well and uniformly shaped.

The community tree will be decorated with colored lights provided by the West Penn Power Company. The smaller trees will be trimmed and lighted by the owners of the business places in front of whose buildings they stand. All trimming is expected to be completed shortly after Thanksgiving Day.

Selection of the community tree was made yesterday by a committee consisting of Mr. Shope, George H. Huzel, C. Ward Fisher, and Karl E. Kase. All the trees are to be taken from the White nursery near Mt. Eagle.

## Town Observes Armistice Day

### Impressive Public Service at Commons; Legion Holds Banquet

Citing four factors to remember in considering present world affairs, Dr. Michael Dorizas, of the University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, well known traveler and lecturer, in a dramatic Armistice Day address here Monday morning urged the United States to prepare for war in order to maintain peace.

Dr. Dorizas' four-point summation of dictatorships is: that dictators appear late upon the scene; that all poor countries are dictatorships; that Communism and Fascism are closely related; and that the doctrines of Nazism, Communism, Fascism are almost equally damnable.

The speaker was heard at the school commons, North Spring street, after a parade in which many local service, civic and patriotic organizations took part.

The parade formed on East Howard street and moved through the business district to the commons, where various bands played later.

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## Two Dates Set For Holiday

### Postal Employees' Thanksgiving Nov. 21; Rest of State to Observe Nov. 28

Like most other Pennsylvania towns, Centre county communities are going to have a scrambled Thanksgiving this year. Pennsylvania is one of the 16 states in the union which have decided to hold Thanksgiving on November 23 regardless of the President's proclamation fixing November 21 as the date for the holiday.

The holiday will be scrambled in Pennsylvania because all postoffices which operate on a nation-wide basis will observe the President's date, November 21, while virtually every other business place in this state will observe the 28th.

Consequently, postal employees will take a day off next Thursday when every one else is working as usual and the following Thursday, when the rest of the state is celebrating Thanksgiving, it will be just another day for Uncle Sam's mail employees.

Thirty-two states of the Union have gone along with the President in setting the date for Thanksgiving at November 21, and in those states there will be no confusion as to the observance of the holiday.

But Governor James sometimes ago declared that Pennsylvania will observe the date marked on the calendars.

Many business people last year found the earlier observance of

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## Airmail Pickup To Begin Soon

### Harry Bathurst of Bellefonte, Named Messenger For New Service

Pick-up airmail service in three Centre county towns is scheduled to begin on Monday, December 2, when All American Aviation, Inc., of Wilmington, Del., expects to open a line from Pottsville to Williamsport.

The new route to be known as 48-E, will include service to Vandergrift, Indiana, Pottsville, Philadelphia, State College, Bellefonte, Lock Haven and Jersey Shore.

Harry Bathurst, of North Penn street, Bellefonte, has been appointed local messenger for the service in Bellefonte. The messenger, according to officials of All American Aviation, will have charge of the pick-up mechanism and will deliver mail between the postoffice and the pick-up point, which in Bellefonte is located on the Brockner farm on the Jacksonville road, east of Bellefonte. The site is near the former Miller quarry operations.

The pick-up apparatus consists of two 20-foot poles between which

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## Hear History of Thanksgiving

### Adopt Resolution on Death of Mrs. Carrie Daggett; Reports are Submitted

The November meeting of the Bellefonte Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution was held at the home of Miss Anna A. McCoy in Bellefonte on Thursday evening, November 7.

The regent, Mrs. Charles F. Mensch, presided. After the usual opening exercises, several new members were voted on and two proposed for membership in the Chapter. Resolutions on the death of Mrs. Carrie Boynton Daggett, which had been prepared by Mrs. Harry Keller and Mrs. John P. Lyon, were read by Mrs. Keller and adopted.

The program started with an address by Mrs. Daisy Henderson, a member of the chapter, on the origin of Thanksgiving Day, which was greatly enjoyed by all present. She traced it from the earliest times.

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## Record Contest Nearing Close

### 9 Centre Counties Compete in Project for Keeping Records of Farm Costs

Interest is running high as to who will be the boy to win a \$5 prize offered in Centre county for the vocational student who has kept the best set of farm records and accounts on his father's farm for the past year. Many boys throughout Pennsylvania have been entered in a state-wide record-keeping project and the books will be judged about December 15 at State College by the County Supervisors of Vocational Education.

The books will be judged as to neatness, completeness, and accuracy and the winners picked on a basis of having the best all-around set of farm records.

The project has been planned to give the boys and their parents experience in keeping actual records on their own home farm. Records of this type are the basis for determining the most and least profitable.

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## Discuss New Car Inspection Rules

### 350 County Garagemen Attend Meeting; Hear Talks on Safety Requirements



MAURICE J. ELDRIDGE

More than 350 local garage proprietors and their employees met in the Court House last Thursday in cooperation with the Commonwealth's Safety program, insofar as compulsory motor vehicle equipment inspection is concerned.

This was the second of a series of meetings sponsored by the Department of Revenue during this year in line with its educational campaign to eliminate careless and inefficient inspections. Cooperating at these meetings are the Pennsylvania Motor Police, the Pennsylvania Automotive Association, a state-wide organization of automotive trade merchants, and local automotive trade groups.

In a short address to those assembled, the representative of the State Association, C. S. Klugh, told of the general improvement in inspections over the period of a year, since such

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## Bellefonte Loses To Lock Haven

### 7 to 6 Lead in First Half is Turned Into 20 to 7 Victory For Opponents

Lock Haven High kept its Western Conference title clean Saturday with its third victory of the season, a 20-7 decision over a fighting Bellefonte High eleven. One of the largest crowds of the season at Hanson field saw the Bobcats come from behind a 7-6 halftime deficit to down the invaders.

After the initial kick-off, Lock Haven was in the wrong territory throughout the first period but Bellefonte's hard-hitting defense stymied all Purple efforts until just before the quarter came to a close. Downing a Bellefonte punt on the visitors' 40-yard line, Coach Vince Davis' warriors steamrolled to a first down on the 10, only to have a holding penalty set them back to the 30.

On the next play however, the

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## MILESBURG CHURCH GROUP PLANS CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

The Women's Society of Christian Service, of the Milesburg Methodist church held its second monthly meeting on November 6th, in the recreation room of the church.

The following members had charge of the program, Mrs. Verne Rossmann, president; Mrs. Meda McCullough, chairman of program committee; and Mrs. Velma Korstetter, chairman of recreation committee.

The program committee has planned an interesting Christmas program for the December meeting.

## FIVE STATES RUN TRUE TO FORM IN BACKING WINNER

Here's a memo for future reference in 1944:

Five states that always picked the presidential winner since the turn of the century ran true to form Tuesday, Maryland, Ohio, Wyoming, Idaho and Missouri all wound up in the Roosevelt column.

Two formerly infallible states, however, backed the wrong man this time. The Kansas record, dating back to 1896, was broken when the state went for Wilkie. North Dakota, on every ballot wagon since 1892, missed the 1940 ride by going Republican.

New Mexico and Arizona have the unique record of being the only states which have never given electoral votes to anyone but a visitor. However, they were not admitted to the union until 1912. Maryland has the longest run of correct choices, beginning in 1888.

## Purchases New Home

A deal was closed this week whereby District Attorney Musser W. Gettig purchased the L. E. Hartner home on East Bishop street. The home is on the south side of Bishop street and is located at the western side of St. John's Catholic cemetery.

## Many Volunteer For Army Service

### Volunteers Get Job Protection, Priority in Calling; Forms Being Mailed

While Centre County's two Local Draft Boards continued with the mailing of questionnaires to registrants under the Selective Service act it became increasingly apparent that Pennsylvania will not be called upon to furnish any young men for military training during December because volunteers are stepping into the service in place of conscripts.

Officials report that there are enough volunteers to fill Pennsylvania's quotas at least until January 2.

Volunteer enlistments received additional impetus last week when Draft Director Clarence A. Dykstra noted that men who volunteer under the Selective Service law are entitled to the same job protection as those who are drafted. Volunteers will be called for training prior to conscripts, it was pointed out.

Attention has been called to the fact that while all questionnaires must be notarized, no charge can be made for this work under an act of law. The forms may be notarized by a notary public, justice of the peace, postmaster and other authorized officials. All members of the Local Boards also are authorized to do this work.

## Hunting Dogs Helpless From Porcupine Quills

Two hunting dogs were saved from a slow death by starvation and injuries from porcupine quills when they were found by two hunters in the mountainous region of Black Moshannon park last Thursday.

Drs. R. H. Hoffman and D. L. Fiegel, of Bellefonte, came upon the half-starved and helpless dogs while hunting in the area, took them to a forest ranger and assisted in removing the many quills which had penetrated all parts of the animals' bodies.

The dogs, owned by Clarence Jackson, of Lemont, were last seen by the owner last Monday while hunting in the Black Moshannon mountains. When found on Thursday, the dogs had scratched a bed in the leaves on the edge of a small stream.

The physicians returned to their car after finding the dogs and procured some instruments with which to pull out the quills. However, it was such an endless task that they took the animals to the forest ranger where additional assistance was obtained. It took three hours to remove quills.

The dogs were fed following the removal of the quills, and returned to their owner. It is expected that both animals will survive the experience.

## Martha Couple Wedded 40 Years

### Turkey Dinner Highlight of Anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Spackman

A turkey dinner was given in honor of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Spackman at their home at Martha, Sunday, November 9, to celebrate their 40th wedding anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. Spackman were married on November 7, 1900 in the same house in which they are living today. It has been their home for the past 30 years. At the time of their marriage it was the home of Mr. and Mrs. James Eberts, the parents of Mrs. Spackman.

The following are children of the couple: Mrs. Lundy Steele, O. C. Lawrence, John and Ormsby, all of Martha, and Charles and Walter, of State College.

Those present at the celebration were: the guests of honor, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Spackman; Mr. and Mrs. Lundy Steele and daughters Helen and Lois and sons Morris and Gene, Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Spackman and son Clifford, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Spackman and daughters Joan and Grace, and son Jimmy, Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Ross and Floyd Sprankle, Mr. John Spackman, Mr. and Mrs. Ormsby Spackman and son Ronald, all of Martha; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Spackman and Walter Spackman, of State College; Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Miles, of Port Matilda; Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Ross and son Jimmy, Mr. and Mrs. John Spackman, Mr. and Mrs. George Harper, of State College; Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Gensamer, Blair Pink, Collie Woodring, and Harry Simmons, all of Martha.

## Memorial Service To Be Held By Elks

The annual memorial services of the Bellefonte Elks Lodge in memory of deceased members, will be held on Sunday afternoon, December 1, in the Plaza theatre, it was announced yesterday by Clark N. Akey, chairman of the committee in charge.

The program, open to the public, will begin at 2:30 o'clock. Special music is to be provided by a chorus of eight male voices under the direction of George Sheekler. The speaker for the occasion will be announced later.

## Deer Killed By Car

A doe weighing about 125 pounds was struck by an automobile driven by a Mill Hill resident and instantly killed about 9:30 o'clock Sunday evening on Route 64 about 200 feet west of the Salisbury service station at the end of the bridge at Beech Creek. The deer apparently came down through the creek bottom and in climbing the steep highway embankment its front feet slipped on the concrete road pavement so that the bumper struck its head and the wheels passed over the body. The only damage to the automobile was a broken lens; in one of the low-hanging fog lights.

## Grocer Held Up At Hollidaysburg

Grocer Dean Bouey alone in his Hollidaysburg store Tuesday night at 9 o'clock, looked up from the counter to see a stocky black Negro facing him.

With his one hand pushing out his overcoat pocket, as though concealing a gun, the Negro barked: "This is a holdup."

Before he had advanced a few steps in Bouey's direction, however, a late customer entered the store behind him and frightened the would-be bandit away.

Bouey and his customer ran from the store to see him being joined by a colored companion. Both fled south toward the Pennsylvania Railroad tracks.

The unsuccessful holdup man wore a green hat, and his age was estimated by Bouey to be about 25 or 30.

## Haverly Electric Store Discontinues Business

The Haverly electric appliance store in the Haverly building, North Allegheny street, discontinued business Saturday.

R. Cameron Haverly, proprietor of the business, who has been engaged in the sporting goods and electric appliance business here for the past 14 years, last night announced he has accepted a position with the sales organization of the Decker Motor Company.

Stock remaining in the Haverly store when it closed, is for sale, Mr. Haverly said.

## 14 Dog Owners at College Are Fined

Fourteen State College dog owners have been fined for permitting their canines to run loose.

Burgess Wilbur F. Leitzler pointed out that even though the dogs are licensed, they are not permitted to run at large. He warned that loose dogs would be picked up at all times by Luther D. Shope, who has been hired to work for the borough, or by one of the police officers.