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# LOCAL HOSPITAL SITE RANKS FIRST

## 98% Rating Is Given. By Veterans' Bureau

Carlisle is Second With Court House, Banks Listing of 95%; 100 Sites Viewed

FREE LAND HERE INCREASES RATING

fonte is Added Natural Advantage

the Veterans Administration is lack- state is resulting from Governor ing, it was learned today in Con- James' decision to have Thanksgivgressional circles that Bellefonte is ing on November 28 in disregard of

new veterans' hospital. According to information secured for the holiday. on Capitol Hill, it is believed that Bellefonte was given a 98 per cent rating by Major Walter R. Metz, Veterans Administration engineer who surveyed over 100 possible sites

and recommended six. Bellefonte's rating was the highest given any area, with Carlisle second with a rating of 95 per cent. According to unofficial information available. Carlisle is said to have a preferable site, but Bellefonte interests offered free land, which accounted for the higher rat-

Identity of other sites included in the six recommended by Major Metz could not be learned.

Members of the Board of Hospitalization were scheduled to meet last week at which time, according to custom, a sub-committee was to have been appointed to study the Metz report. However several members were not present and it is now reported the board may take direct

In addition to the highest site rating in the State, Bellefonte possesses the natural advantage of being located in the geographical center of the state, and in the center of the district the new hospital is

Congressman James E. VanZandt last week gave assurance that the hospital would be located in Central Pennsylvania, and if that is correct, Bellefonte's chances of becoming the home of the new institution are immeasurably improved.

#### To Interview Vets And Their Dependents

L. M. Peters, contact representative from the Veterans' Administration offices at Pittsburgh, will be in Bellefonte on Wednesday, November 27, to interview ex-service men and their dependents, it was announced yesterday by W. W. Hampton, service officer for the local American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars Posts.

The representative will be at the American Legion home, East Howard street, from 1:30 to 4:30 p. m., Hampton said.

#### Bear Kill in County Reported To Be Heavy

Game Warden Thomas Mosier, of North Spring street, Bellefonte, yesterday reported that bear hunters in Centre county are having considerable success, although no detailed reports were available.

The season opened Monday and continues through today (Thursday). Mosier said the kill seemed especially heavy in the Allegheny mountain area north of Snow Shoe.

#### IMPORTANT.

Once again we approach the Thanksgiving season, which will be properly observed next Thursday by closing all business places here. A has been the custom in the pas. The Centre Democrat will be issued Tuesday noon.

This early edition is planned in order to give our readers an opportunity to complete their shopping from the advertising columns. By ge:ting the paper into the homes on Tuesday and early Wednesday forenoon, housewives will find it a convenient guide for the Thanksgiving holiday buying, which must be donon that day as all stores will be closed on Thursday.

In order to take advantage of this early edition it will be necessary for all advertisers and correspondents to get their copy in by the first of next week, and positively not later than Tuesday morning. Otherwise, disappointment

We kindly ask the co-operation of all patrons in making this early edition a possibil-

## To Have Two Holidays

Employes of the Centre County Court House, and the three Bellefonte banks will observe two Thanksgiving Days this year, it became known yesterday.

The Court House and banks will Central Location of Belle- be closed on the National Thanksgiving Day, November 21, and on Governor James' Thanksgiving Day, November 28. The Bellefonte postoffice will observe the national holiday but will ignore the James date. Although official information from Much confusion throughout the

favored as the spot for a proposed a Presidential proclamation setting November 21 as the national date

### Santa To Visit In Bellefonte

Will Arrive Here by Train at 3:51 P. M., November 29: Treat for Kiddies

Santa Claus in person will visit Bellefonte on Friday, November 29. to get a pre-view of the Christmas needs of Bellefonte and vicinity, it was announced yesterday by Kar E. Kusse, secretary of the Bellefonte Chamber of Commerce.

Santa will arrive in Bellefonte on the 3:51 p. m. train, and on his Howard and Milesburg.

a committee from the Retail Divis- and liabilities of agents. on of the Chamber of Commerce.

officially greet the famous visitor and where Santa may speak briefly to the voungsters and grown-ups. After the ceremony Santa will leave by car to continue his pre-Christmas trip through the land.

#### 4-H Clubs To Be **Dinner Guests**

Bellefonte Kiwanis Will Entertain More Than 50 Boys at Penn Belle, Tuesday

The Bellefonte Kiwanis Club will be host to more than 50 4-H club members and guests at a dinner and meeting to be held at the Penn Belle Hotel, Bellefonte, at 6:30 'clock Tuesday evening, Novembe

26, Club officers said yesterday. Roast capon will head the menu and six members of the 4-H Clubs who specialized in capon growing during the past year will exhibit two dressed capons each at the dinner. The program will include the presentation of a motion picture. "The Middleton Family," and special music.

The following 4-H Club members and their local leaders from Millheim. Centre Hall, Unionville and Howard will be guests of the Bellefonte Kiwanis:

Millheim Club:-W. N. Duck, 10-(Continued on Page 4)

#### Gideons To Dedicate 410 Bibles In County

Officers of the Pennsylvania Gideon Society reported yesterday that plans are underway for the formal presentation of a total of 410 free Bibles in Centre county. Of the total, 375 are to be distributed through Centre county schools, while the remaining 35 will be given to the Bellefonte Y. M. C.

A. The dedication ceremonies are

scheduled to be held on Sunday, De-

cember 1, at a time and place to be

CLARK N. AIKEY NAMED TO STATE COMMITTEE

decided upon later.

Clark N. Aikey, of North Spring street. Bellefonte, a past exalted ruler and trustee of the Bellefonte Elks lodge, recently was honored by appointment as a member of the Pennsylvania State Elks Association Flag Day committee.

Plaza theatre on December 1.

Goose Hunters Kill Big Swans; Can't Duck Fines



TOM MOSIER AND MISTAKES A storm on the Great Lakes last weekend brought grief to a number

of Centre county hunters. The grief was wafted here in the as Mosier, of Bellefonte, holding in makes arrests.

the above photo. Hunters, spying the birds resting on bodies of water such as Black Moshannon dam near Philipsburg McCoy's dam near Bellefonte, and Penn's Creek in Penn's Valley, grab-(Continued on page seven)

#### W. W. Litke Speaks To Insurance Men

William W. Litke, Bellefonte attorney, was the speaker at the way here from the North Pole will monthly meeting of the Centre make appearances from the rear County Life Underwriters' Associplatform of the train at stops in ation held at the Penn Belle Hotel in Bellefonte Friday, Mr. Litke. At Bellefonte he will be greeted who discussed insurance from the at the station by the American Le-gion and Auxiliary Junior Band and pointed out some of the duties

The speaker told his Led by the band, cars bearing San- that the first insurance, maritime ta and his eccort will pass through insurance, probably was begun in Santa distributes treats for the higher state of development in suffered burns and injuries requir-The procession will halt at the the protection of maritime losses Diamond where Mayor Harris will and life insurance was the third branch to be developed. All the other forms known at the present time developed later, he said.

Robert J. Smith, Bellefonte, vice- Xmas Programs president of the group, presided at the meeting. The minutes of the previous meeting were read by the secretary, George Snyder, of Wingate. Mr. Snyder also introduced (Contined on page eight)

## Traffic Lights In Operation

Two of Bellefonte's Busiest Intersections Now Protected by Signals

Traffic lights at the intersections of High and Spring streets and at Bishop and Allegheny streets were placed in regular operation yesterday after workmen from the borough and from the West Penn Power Company had completed the installation and adjusted the control

signal. Borough authorities caution Chamber. motorists not to cross the lines, which were spaced to give pedestrians plenty of room to cross on the yellow signals.

When a car is halted on the red signal, the red remains on while the (Continued on Page 4)

#### Dr. Hunt Reopens Bellefonte Office

Dr. William T. Hunt, Jr., Huntingdon eye, ear, nose and throat specialist. Saturday reopened his Bellefonte offices in the rooms on West High street formerly occupied by the Dr. D. L. Flegal dental offices.

Dr. Hunt, who closed his Belle-

Arrested For Killing Deer

Association, Mr. Aikey has charge cers, charged with possession of sald.

## Council Discusses

Council, in regular session at the men were asked to report in their Logan House, Monday night, dis- respective papers that Council will cussed the establishment of speed operate speed traps, although no acof at the comparatively brief ses- trolling speeding

police stated that organization can- declared that his organization is ed in operating a speed trap.

form of large white birds, two of each other by telephone. The third ber of traps, and gas is often danwhich you see Game Warden Thom- officer pursues speeding cars and gerous.

After the discussion newspaper-

#### action in the matter. A number of believed that the threat of such other routine subjects were disposed traps might have some effect in con-The report of the Fire and Police Faced by the fact that the erec- committee indicated that the bation of speed signs along borough tery of the new police car has failstreets has failed to control speed- ed five times since the car went into ing, and for some reason loath to service about a month ago. The

assign the enforcement of speed door of the glove compartment was laws to local police, Council at a reported to be defective. Council previous session instructed the sec- voted to withhold payment of the Fast Schedule Offers retary to ask the Pennsylvania Mo- contract price of \$593 until the car tor Police to come here to enforce is placed in satisfactory condition. W. I. Scott, head of the National In a reply read Monday, State Youth Administration in this area,

not take over the control of speed ready to act as "Pied Piper" for laws in boroughs but may send an Bellefonte's rats, but expressed doubt officer to aid local officers. State as to the practicability of the idea. College borough offered Council the Mr. Scott, apparently, made a over the company's air pick-up known in county taseball circles. use of its telephone system, stop thorough study of the problem be- route between Pittsburgh and Wilwatches and other equipment need- fore appearing in Council. He de- liamsport, Pa. and 11 intermediate ed in operating a speed trap. The operation of a speed trap, it methods of getting rid of rats: trap- day, December 2. was brought out, requires three of- ping, gas, and poison, trapping is ficers. Two of them are stationed not recommended because of the augurated. All American's air pick-600 feet apart, and are in touch with expense of buying a sufficient num-

> Poison, he said, is the best means, (Continued on page seven)

## Woman Dies May Shorten As Home Burns Banking Hours

Members of Family Leap County Banks Consider Osceola Child From Second Floor Win- Closing at 2 p. m.; Group dows as Fire Rages

small two-story home to the ground, others escaped with minor injuries. (Continued on Page 6-2nd Sec.) lege, secretary-treasurer.

## To Be Featured

Public Address System Will Provide Music, Entertainment Throughout Town

The Retail Division of the Chamber of Commerce yesterday announced that a Pottstown firm has been retained to install a public address sytsem in the business area house at the rear of the home in Pleasant Gap. Christmas season.

ised effectively here last year, will coal oil room heater which was in consist of batteries of speakers located at intervals along the streets, the bungalow reported that the so that programs may be heard in stove "exploded" and they fied from every section of the downtown area. In addition, mammoth speakers will them lost all their clothing and of R. C. Blaney, chairman, and Bosbe placed atop the jail to carry other possessions, while the fourth sart DeHaas, working with Superprograms to the residential dis-

Programs will be presented every afternoon and evening, with one of the local churches serving as a studio. Special nights will be set Motorists approaching the pro- aside for groups from nearby towns tected crossings are guided by the to present programs. Organizations light visible on the right. Broad in surrounding towns wishing to white lines have been painted across participate in the evening programs the streets to indicate where cars are instructed to get in touch with should stop on receiving the red Karl E. Kusse, secretary of the

#### Remove Detours On New Highway

Major Portion of Bellefonte-State College Road Opened For Winter Use

Within the next few days detours between Bellefonte and State College will be removed, and the major portion of the new Bellefonte-State College highway will be thrown open yesterday.

Contractor Sam Azzara, in charge fonte offices some months ago, will of the western half of the road, reretain his offices at Huntingdon and ports that paving is being completed State College. His hours here will between the Houserville intersection is now being routed over the new Bellefonte link to the Rockview himself, State Motor Police barracks, where Regis J. Berkheimer, of Hollidays- it joins the old road leading to Axeburg, and his brother, Harvey, of mann. The section from Dale's Sum-Mr. Alkey received the appoint- Petersburg, R. D., were arrested on mit to the concrete road in front ment through Wade K. Newell, of Sunday near Water street by State of Rockview penitentiary will be Uniontown, president of the State motor police and State game offi- finished as soon as possible, Azzara

(Continued on page four).

**Elects Officers** 

in Wingste early Saturday morning stead of 3 p. m., was discussed at a being struck down by an automoproved fatal to Mrs. Mabel Estricht raccting of the Centre County Bank-bile Monday afternoon while play-bile Monday afternoon while play-bile Monday on the Ash-bile Monday on the Monday on th Centre County Hospital here at Trust Company last Thursday night, land-Brisbin road near her home. sault and battery; two of burglary, 10:20 o'clock the same morning. New officers named by the Asso-In the fire, which leveled the ciation to serve during the coming year are: Earl R. Ryne, of the First darted from behind a truck and was the business area of town, while the ports of Italy and gained a four other members of the family National Bank of State College, struck by a car driven by J. H. president; Daniel Daup, of the First Smith, Houtzdale lawyer. The driver England. Fire insurance followed ing hospital treatment, while four National Bank, Centre Hall, vice was unable to avoid striking the president, and Eugene F. Lee, of the girl, a witness to the accident ex-Mrs. Burns suffered first degree Feoples' National Bank, State Col- plained to motor police (Continued on page eight)

#### Four Escape As **Building Burns**

Bunk House For Student Pilots at Pleasant Gap is Destroyed

Monday morning in a fire which badly damaged a student bunkhouse at the rear of the Henry Noll

The blaze, discovered about 5:15 o'clock Monday morning, is believed The system, similar to the one to have resulted from a defective operation at the time. Occupants of the building immediately. Three of Bellefonte School Board, consisting saved some of his clothing.

> the one-story structure in flames, have been recommended to the on November 28. (Continued on Page 4)

## Girl Is Struck By

Marjery Polley, of Squirrel Hill, State College. She was treated by located in the inner corridor, 2nd physician for head bruises and a rained right wrist.

Miss Polley apparently failed to see a car driven by Charles Bloom, of Pine Grove Mills, traveling in an easterly direction. She was struck a glancing blow as she stepped from behind a parked vehicle.

#### Find Ancient Kettle

lieved to have been the possession at \$150. to regular traffic, it was announced of General Philip Benner, was dug of General Philip Benner, was dug driver of the car, told State motor up Saturday by two Penn State students, who were hunting near the police at Pleasant Gap that another came out and crashed ruins of the general's old home at other car crowded him off the road, on its back in the laps of the two Rock. The general was a Centre and that his machine struck a roll occupants. Before the two men could county pioneer and ironmaster of of guard fence on the berm before throw the furious kicking animal be from 9 a. m. to 1 p. m. every and Dale's Summit and that traffic a century and a quarter ago, and it going over the bank. The men were out, it tore out the top of the car. is believed that he made the kettle on their way to hunt bear.

Watch Your Half Dollars

a sandy-haired man, five feet 10 inches tall, 160 pounds, wearing a dates in Bloomsburg.

# Begin Dec. 2 Aumiller Named

traps in the borough but took no tion of that kind was taken. It was Three Centre County Towns Provided With Pick-up Facilities

> EAST, WEST FLIGHT DAILY ARE PLANNED

Overnight Service to West Coast

nounced today that air mail service

When service on this line is inup system embracing 5 routes will be in full operation. These routes cover 143 cities and towns in the six states of Pennsylvania, New York, Ohlo, West Virginia, Delaware and Kentucky.

The Pittsburgh-William sport route lies entirely in Pennsylvania and in addition the terminal cities include Pitcairn, Vandergrift, Indiana, Punxsutawney, DuBols, Clearfield Philipsburg, State Col-(Continued on Page 5—2nd Sec.)

## Struck By Car

Nine-year-old Velma Wilkes, of Osceola Mills, R. D., is in a serious from the effects of a bullet wound Burns suffered when she used. The feasibility of closing Centre condition at the Philipsburg State allegedly fired by Gardner who be-The child received a fractured leg and one each of hit and run, violaand scalp lacerations when she tion of the labor act, removal of

> Jack Fry. of Port Matilda, is a patient at the J. C. Blair Memorial Hospital, Huntingdon, where he i receiving treatment for a back inury and laceration of the forehead uffered Sunday morning when an utomobile struck him at the foot of Warrior Ridge, near Huntingdon

## **School Changes** Are Suggested

ports After Study of Buildings

The building committee of the vising Principal E. K. Stock, recent-The Pleasant Gap fire company ly surveyed the building facilities will be traditional Thanksgiving answered an alarm and upon their in the borough school system and answered an alarm and upon their in the borough school system and Day classic with State College High toona, and the Knights of the Gold-School Board.

The committee recommends that the present manual training department, located in the Spring street SHEFFIELD PRODUCERS building, North Spring street, be Car at State College transferred to the proposed new high school building.

The space thus made available in (Continued on Page 4)

#### **Hunters Escape As** Car Leaves Highway

Five hunters escaped injury Sunday afternoon when their car went

Typhoid Fever Patient Evelyn Rhinesmith, daughter of Street, Bellefonte.

## New Airmail Christmas Savings Control of Speeding Service Will More Than \$147,000

**Basketball Coach** 

Glenn Aumiller was officially named coach of Bellefonte High school's basketball team for the 1949-41 season at a meeting of the Bellefonte school board last Wednes-

day night. Aumiller succeeds John Miller, for More Than 3,500 Centre ten years coach of the Bellefonte High quintets. Miller announced his resignation after the 1939-1940 seaon was completed. He will continue as football mentor

One other appointment was made by the Bellefonte school board, Ral- tians are preparing to enjoy two ston "Red" Derr will become assist- Christmasses this year. Richard C. du Pont, President of ant to Aumiller in basketball and All American Aviation, Inc., an- also will aid Miller with football. Both Aumiller and Derr are well

## **Grand Jury To Meet Monday**

Murder Charge Against Gardner Among 10 Listed For Action

Ten criminal cases are scheduled for presentation by District Attor-ncy Musser W. Gettig, Monday, when the Grand Jury for December court convenes here. The jury will be asked to return murder indictment against Gar-

field Gardner, of Osceola Mills, R. D., for the death of his neighbor Mrs. Jane Miller, Mrs. Miller died

goods levied on, fraudulent check, and drunken driving. Owing to the Thanksgiving holiday. November 28, summary convictions cases, usually held on Thursheard by Judge Ivan Walker on

## **BHS Wins From**

(Continued on Page 4)

Last-Half Attack Nets Red And White Two Touchdowns; Score 13 to 0

ful attack in the last half of the Bellefonte, Hecla, and Lamar, regame, Bellefonte High school wrest- maining with that railroad until ed a well deserved victory from a it was abandoned in 1918. He then strong Jersey Shore High team at went to Altoona and worked for the Building Committee Re- the Community Athletic Field here express agency there until his re-Saturday afternoon. Bellefonte turn- tirement on May 27, 1938. ed a 0 to 0 score at the end of the half into a 13 to 0 victory in two daughters, Mrs. Marion Meyer, of

brilliant touchdowns. The victory-the last home game of the 1940 season—is the fifth one toona; a son. Joseph, of Huntingfor the Red and White this year. one scoreless tie. All the home games

Bellefonte's first truchdown, Sat-(Continued on page seven)

#### MEET AT SPRING MILLS tery adjoining the church.

Nearly 400 Centre Countians attended a meeting at the Spring Fittsburgh, escaped serious anjury the Spring street building is to be at 9 o'clock Saturday night when devoted to four additional elementers of last week sponsored by evening of last week, sponsored by she was struck by an automobile tary rooms, as follows: one room for the Spring Mills local of the Shefwhile crossing Ear! College avenue, the fourth grade now temporarily field Farms Producers' Association. A number of speakers were present and refreshments were served. The meeting was one of the largest held by Sheffield Producers for

Deer Lands in Driver's Lap Two Pennsylvania Railroad shopover an 8-foot embankment about work at Altoona one recent foggy afraid to come to my house." men from Tyrone while driving to dog in the barn again so don't on one-half mile west of Howard. Dam- morning had a thrilling and unusual An old charcoal-iron kettle, be- age to the machine was estimated experience. First, one deer darted Santa at the North Pole, from the side of the road and over Andrew P. Keilbwick, of Patton, the hood, Immediately following it

Struck By Automobile

Jack Fry, of Port Matilda, is be-Earl Mierley of Alexandria

10 County Banks to Distribute Record Amount Early in December

BELLEFONTE BANKS HAVE \$31,500 TOTAL

Countians to Share in Distribution

Several thousand Centre Coun-

One of them of course will be on December 25-a date which was set neither by proclamation of the President nor of the Governor. The other will be sometime during the first week in December when ten of the County's banks will distribute among some 3500 of their patrons a total of approximately \$147,-

000 in Christmas Savings Funds. Despite the alleged hard times. the recent dour election predictions, the war, and any and all other factors which may enter into Christmas Savings Funds, the total this year shatters all previous records in the County.

Last year's total was about \$120,-000, with 2700 persons sharing in the distribution The First National Bank of Philipsburg amazed even itself with this year's fund of \$77,000 and 1800

accounts. Last year's total was The total of the other county (Continued on Page 4)

Jeremiah Alters Dies Suddenly The list for presentation to the Succumbs While Visiting His Daughter And New Grand-

son at Altoona Hospital Jeremiah (Jerry) E. Alters, of Altoona, brother of Perry and Harry Alters of Bellefonte, died suddenly at 2:40 o'clock Tuesday afternoon, day of Grand Jury week, will be hospital while visiting his daughter, November 19, 1940, at the Altoona Mrs. Ernest Baker and her five-day-

old son who are patients in the hos-Mr. Alters, a native of Centre county, was a son of Joseph and Diana Bailey Alters and was born Jersey Shore Hi at Spring Mills on November 5, 1872, making his age at time of death 68 years and 14 days. On November 2. 1901, he was united in marriage with Miss Lizzie Shamp, of Mingoville,

this county. For many years Mr. Alters worked for the Adams and American Railway Express agencies on the old Unleashing a surprisingly power- Central Railroad of Pennsylvania, at

> Lamar; and Mrs. Edna Frantz and Mrs. Mildred Baker, both of Aldon; two brothers. Perry and Harry Alters, both of Bellefonte, and three

en Eagle, No. 406 Lamar. Funeral services will be held at 3 o'clock Friday afternoon at Mt. Bethel church, near Lamar, and interment will be made in the ceme-

#### LOCAL YOUTH MAILS FIRST LETTER TO SANTA

The first letter to Santa mailed in Bellefonte to date was written by Kenneth Corl. of Bellefonte, R. D. 1, Kenneth writes as follows "I am nine years old and in sixth grade. I was a good boy since I saw you last year. Please bring me a watch a luminous dial, a set of wheels for my Highway Streak wagon, and a Wool O'West coat. size 10, blue plaid. I will keep my The letter has been forwarded to

CHRISTMAS SEAL SALE TO BEGIN NEXT WEEK

The tuberculosis committee, affiliated with the Woman's Club, will meet this Thursday night to prepare its material for its annual drive for funds in connection with the Christmas Seal sale.

Mrs. Dalsy Henderson's class in Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Rhinesmith, of ing detained at J. C. Blair Memor- typing has addressed the envelopes. State Motor Police are looking for Mill Hall, is a patient at the Unisandy-haired man, five feet 10 versity of Pennsylvania Hospital, Huntingdon, with a back injury and a cut forehead suffered Sunday morning when an the mail on Monday, November 25. This sale, from which funds are of memorial services to be held by parts of deer in closed season. They tween Millbrook and the Houserville felt half dollars of 1936 and 1939 William Rhinesmith, of Bishop The driver of the auto is said to be starts at the close of the Red Cross