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# 2 HUNTERS DIE, 3 HURT, FIRST DAY

## Man Fatally Injured While In Cabin; Deer Kill is Average

Bellefonte Boy, 14, and State College Woman Each Get Deer

YOUTH USE PLANE TO LOCATE HERDS

Few Violations Reported; Many Camps Closed in Seven Mountains

Centre County's two-week open season on deer began Monday with one of the greatest armies of hunters ever seen here in hot pursuit of big game.

The woods, mountains and fields resounded to the resounding reports of high-powered rifles as hunters sought buck and doe with impartiality.

Came Warden Thomas Mosier of Bellefonte, yesterday summed up the first three days of the season with a report that considering that both bucks and doe are legal game, the kills only average. The number of hunters in the county's woods was believed to be on a par with any previous season, although many camps broke up after the first and second days, and from now on the number of hunters in the woods is expected to dwindle rapidly.

Warden Mosier reported that there are few known violations at this time. There have been five or six accidents, one fatal, and investigation of these cases is occupying the close attention of game warden. Mosier said that a number of spike bucks have been killed in mistake for doe.

**Youthful Hunter**  
A Bellefonte youth is believed to have been the youngest successful hunter in the county to date. He is James Foley, aged 14, of Bellefonte, who on Monday brought down an 8-point buck while hunting along Dix Run.

**Woman Succeeds**  
Mrs. May Weiser, of East Harriswick Avenue, State College, claims to be the first woman in the county to get her deer. A few moments after she had begun to watch in

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## Jury Commends New County Home

Grand Jurors Recommend Repairs to Jail And Riddance of Rats Here

The Grand Jury for December court completed its deliberations on Tuesday of last week and in submitting its report to the court noted that of 8 bills of indictment considered, 6 were found true bills. J. B. Reed, of Pine Grove Mills, was foreman of the jury.

Of its inspection of the county property the Grand Jury reported as follows: "We recommend that two new floors be laid in the bedrooms on the second floor of the living quarters of the jail. New paper is needed on the southwest corner bedroom on the second floor of the jail. Sheriff's office should be redecorated and floor refinished." (Continued on page six)

## Carpeneto To Collect Fines

"All Traffic Violators Will Have to Pay Penalty," New Officer Promises

Bellefonte Council, after another of its countless discussions upon the problem of enforcing traffic and other borough laws, Monday night designated Borough Treasurer George Carpeneto as the fine officer for all traffic violations.

Heretofore Burgess Hardman P. Harris has been the fine officer, but a part of the failure of law enforcement in the borough has been laid at his doorstep by Council, which contends that the Burgess' practice of fining some violators and not fining others, disrupts the morale of police and fosters a careless regard for borough regulations.

In accepting his new position, (Continued on page six)

**Father and Son Get Turkeys**  
Harvey Hoy, Jr., and his seven-year-old son, John, of Howard, R. D. 2, were two of the lucky turkey hunters last week. On Thursday the son brought home an 11-pound hen, the first he had ever shot and naturally a well-prized trophy. The next day the father duplicated the son's feat by bagging a hen of about the same weight.

## "They Were Small, So I Took Two," Hunter Explains

An unconfirmed report from the Centre County deer battlefield concerns a hunter who was overtaken by a game warden while the Nimrod was dragging the carcass of a small deer up an embankment.

The warden, walking over to the hunter, asked: "Were's your big game tag?" (He referred to the tag which is required to be fastened to every deer as soon as it is shot.)

The hunter stuttered a moment and replied: "Why, uh—It's up in my car."

The warden: "I'll just go along with you while you tag it."

Reaching the car the hunter went through the motions of searching for the tag. The warden stood by without comment.

Finally things became embarrassing, and the hunter gave in.

Walking around to the rear of the machine, the Nimrod unlocked the trunk, opened the lid and revealed another small deer, on which was fastened the proper big game tag.

Stammering, the hunter explained: "They were both so small I thought there wouldn't be any harm in taking two."

The warden "took" him.

## 4 Seek \$5000 Gales Reward

J. L. Tressel, Phil Buding-er, Elmer Pownell, Lewis Heverly Applicants

Four applications for the \$5,000 reward offered by the Centre County Commissioners for the arrest and conviction of the slayer of Faye Gates were filed in the Commissioner's office at the close of business, Saturday—the deadline for submitting official applications.

The four who seek all or part of the reward are: J. L. Tressel, of East Bishop Street, Bellefonte, who claims he furnished State Motor Police with the information which led to the arrest and conviction of Richard Millard, of Mt. East, Tuesday last.

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## Two Appeals Are Granted By Court

Two persons were found not guilty and costs were placed on the county in two appeals from summary convictions heard by Judge Ivan Walker Wednesday last week. One plea of guilty was taken and another case was heard at the session which followed the close of the Grand Jury's deliberation.

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## Bellefonte Youths Injured in Collision

Raymond Walker, 11, and his brother, Russell, 8, of near Bellefonte, received treatment at the Centre County Hospital dispensary Monday afternoon for injuries received in a motor accident at the southern end of Willowbank street in Bellefonte. The boys were treated for lacerations about the lips.

Cars involved in the accident were operated by the injured boys' father, George F. Walker, of Bellefonte, R. D. 1, and Joseph Merletti, of Chambersburg. The two cars met on the turn where Route 555 turns to Bush Addition. Ice on the road was given as a contributing cause of the accident. Total damage to the cars was about \$100.

**Mishap at College**  
In a slight accident Tuesday night on West College avenue, State College, cars driven by Samuel E. Strayer, of Pennsylvania Furnace, and Hugh Crumlish, of Pleasant Gap, were involved. The Strayer car is reported to have skidded into the parked Crumlish machine. Total damage was placed at \$40, and no one was injured.

**Mishap in Milesburg**  
When cars operated by Merrill P. Reese, of Wingate, and Hilda Leather, of Howard, crashed in Milesburg about 4:30 o'clock Monday afternoon, no personal injuries resulted and damage was approximately \$25.

## James Shaw, 49, Kato Miner, Victim of 'Stray' Bullet

POLICE INVESTIGATE ACCIDENT SERIES

Paxinos Hunter Succumbs to Heart Attack; Man and Wife Wounded

One fatality, one death from natural causes, and three persons wounded.

That was the score for Centre county Monday night as the first day of the two-week deer season drew to a close. And since that time, no additional accidents have been reported.

The fatality claimed James Shaw, 49, of Snow Shoe, who died shortly after a bullet believed to have been fired by a hunter nearby, passed through his body as he was sitting in his cabin at Kato, Monday afternoon.

Shaw's life was snuffed out by a high power bullet that passed through his body and a total of six inches of wood before being halted in its destructive flight.

An element of mystery entered the case when the bullet, fired from a three-inch barrel in the small cabin, was found to be a soft-nosed bullet which ordinarily mushrooms upon striking any object. The bullet showed no signs of mushrooming. Some observers claimed that this factor was not significant, because experience has shown that under certain conditions soft-nosed bullets fail to spread.

Shaw, whose family resided in Snow Shoe, was employed as a miner at Kato and shared a small cabin with Richard Langton, of Snow (Continued on Page 7—Col. 2)

## Youth Injured As Shotgun Backfires

Paul Billest, aged 19, of Coleville, underwent treatment at the Centre County Hospital dispensary in Bellefonte late Sunday for lacerations caused by the backfiring of a shotgun.

The youth, testing an old shotgun at his home, put a shell in the gun, raised the weapon, and fired. The barrel separated from the stock and pellets scattering from the broken breech struck his head and face in a blinding shower.

After receiving anti-tetanus serum and having the lacerations treated he was permitted to return home.

## Six Criminal Cases Listed

District Attorney's Schedule Calls for One-Day Session; Starts Monday

Only six cases are listed for trial at the regular December criminal court which will open here on Monday morning, December 9, District Attorney Musser W. Gettig revealed yesterday.

All of the cases are listed for trial on Monday, although there is a possibility that the work will be completed in one day, it was indicated.

The trial list follows: Ray Patterson, Altoona, burglary. F. E. Meyer, Bellefonte, drunken driving.

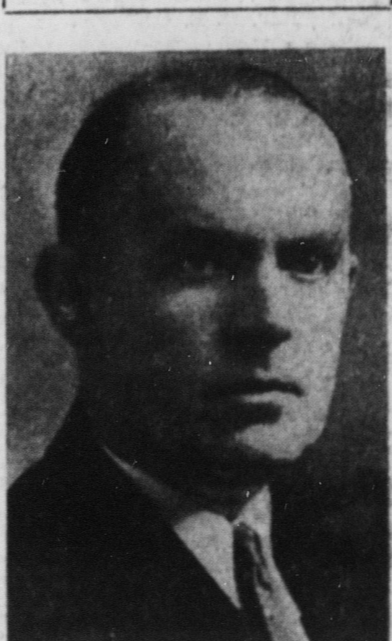
John Ballenger, State College, drunk driving.

George Harris, Phillipsburg, receiving stolen goods.

Mark Olenowski, Oseola Mills, Violation Miners Act.

Harold Ream, Pleasant Gap, hit-and-run.

## New C. of C. Head



MALCOLM W. YEAGER. Bellefonte shoe merchant who last week was named president of the Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Yeager, who succeeds A. L. Francis in that post, has served as vice chairman of the retail division and has headed a number of committees during the past year.

Other officers of the Chamber are: Malcolm Wetzel, Milesburg, vice president; Jesse H. Caum, Bellefonte, treasurer, and Karl E. Kuske, secretary.

## Xmas Program To Begin Soon

Music And Entertainment to be Broadcast Over Townwide System

The Christmas program to be broadcast throughout the business area of Bellefonte through a series of speakers to be erected along the streets, will open on Thursday, December 12, it was announced yesterday by the Chamber of Commerce, sponsor of the event.

Tuesday, December 10, Bellefonte stores will begin their annual custom of remaining open every evening throughout the pre-Christmas season.

Most of the programs will be broadcast from a studio to be located in St. John's Lutheran church, corner of Allegheny and Linn Streets, Mrs. Paul Beaver (Continued on page seven)

## Unionville Scouts Advanced in Rating

At a Muncey District Board of Review meeting held at the Bellefonte Trust Company on Wednesday of last week, with Earl S. Orr acting as chairman, two members of Troop No. 1, Boy Scouts of Unionville, They were Fred Hall and James Saxton.

Merit badges were awarded to Fred Hall, James Saxton, Charles Hall, Millford Hall and Edward Barton.

On November 13 these members of the Unionville troop, Scoutmaster E. C. Holtzworth, were advanced to first class ratings: Walter Lucas, Edward Barton and Millford Hall.

Special prizes consisting of merit badge sashes, were awarded to Walter Houtz, Fred Hall and James Saxton.

## Pickup Airmail Service Begins

Heavy Mail, Trouble With Pick-up Device Delays First Flight

Bellefonte, one of the principal landmarks in the early development of air mail service in the United States, regained a measure of its former prestige in air mail history Monday when All American Aviation, Inc., inaugurated its pick-up service through Central Pennsylvania.

The first eastbound flight of the new service, scheduled to deliver and pick-up mail at Bellefonte's station along the Jacksonvill road, was just 2 hours and 11 minutes late.

The plane, due here at 9:24 a. m., did not arrive until 11:35 a. m., but since then the planes have been flying close to schedule.

Delay in the first flight was occasioned by heavy mail and trouble with the pick-up device. (Continued on Page 7)

**Cuts Off Finger Cutting Wood**  
Mrs. Robert Bloom, of Potters Mills, had the misfortune on Saturday while splitting wood, to cut off the first finger of his left hand. He was brought to the Centre County Hospital by Mr. Harry Brown, where it was dressed, after which he returned home.

## Open Bids For \$75,000 Building Here

Contract For New Telephone Exchange To Be Awarded Soon

STATE COLLEGE MAN IS AMONG BIDDERS

Structure on Talleyrand Site Will Be Colonial Design

Bids were opened Monday in Harrisburg for the construction of a new \$75,000 two-story building on the site of the Talleyrand Inn, North Allegheny Street, Bellefonte, to house the contemplated dial system exchange for the Bellefonte area.

While no official reports regarding the bids has been released, it is understood that announcement of the successful bidder is to be made within a few days. One of the bidders is Contractor John H. Henzley, of State College, who had the contract for the construction of C. C. Murphy & Co. store building here. (Continued on page seven)

## Deputy Resigns

BULLETIN—Sheriff Edward R. Miller last night announced the appointment of Lee Davies, of Blanchard Street, as Deputy Sheriff to succeed James H. Hugg, resigned. The appointment is to become effective January 1.

Mr. Davies, a resident of Bellefonte for a number of years is now employed as a store clerk at the Pennsylvania Department of Highways garage just east of Bellefonte.

Mr. Davies, a former employee of the Central Pennsylvania Gas Company, is well known locally.

Deputy Sheriff James Hugg has tendered his resignation, effective December 15, to accept a position as office manager for a large coal company at Somerset, Pa.

Mr. Hugg, appointed Deputy by (Continued on page 6)

## Three Penn State Fraternities Robbed

The first major fraternity robbery in State College in nearly three weeks occurred early Monday morning when three houses in the East Prospect avenue section were robbed of approximately \$300.

The fraternities were Pi Kappa Alpha, \$240; Tau Kappa Epsilon, \$100, and Kappa Delta Rho, \$50. All the fraternities are situated at the intersection of Prospect and Garner streets.

The robberies are believed to have taken place between 3 and 5 a. m.

All three houses robbed were those using the dormitory system, where the boys sleep in separate rooms from their study rooms.

The thieves showed a decided preference for paper money. Change (Continued on page seven)

## Hunter Narrowly Escapes Death

Fred F. McMullin, aged 29, of Milesburg, missed death by a margin of an inch or so while hunting deer on the Snow Shoe mountain, Monday, as the annual deer season opened.

McMullin, sitting on a rock while two other members of his party drove up a valley, was "creased" across the middle of the back by a bullet fired by an unknown hunter. The bullet caused a laceration across the muscles of the back, but caused no serious injury. McMullin was able to walk several miles over rough mountain land to the group's camp.

With McMullin were his brother. (Continued on Page 6—2nd Sec.)

## Methodist Church School Under Way

First of Four Sessions For Workers Held at Milesburg, Monday

A school for guidance to workers in rural churches in the Williamsport District of the Methodist church is being held in Milesburg on Monday and Friday nights, December 2, 6, 9 and 13, it was announced this week.

The school, promoted by the Department of Leadership Training of the Central Pennsylvania Conference, Board of Education, with headquarters in Harrisburg, is being held with the cooperation of the Pleasant Gap, Penn's Valley, Port Matilda, Half Moon, Howard and Snow Shoe churches.

Dean of the school is Rev. M. F. (Continued on page 6—second sec.)

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R. C. Blaney was named vice president, and District Attorney Musser W. Gettig was chosen as the board's solicitor.

Hartranft succeeds Franklin B. Schad as president. Mr. Schad was a candidate for re-election.

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Gettig succeeds Arthur C. Dale as the board's attorney. Mr. Gettig had served in the post prior to Mr. Dale's election last year. Dale was a nominee for re-election, Monday night.

All members of the board were present at the meeting, namely: Mr. Hartranft, Mr. Schad, Mr. Blaney, William H. Brouse and Bossart J. DeHaas.

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It is expected that in July 1941 the board will name two additional members to serve until the next general election when the citizens of town will choose the additional directors.

Monday's meeting adjourned immediately after the election, no other business being transacted.

## Russian To Speak at Evangelical Church

What's Happening in Russia, will be the subject of a talk by a young Russian Evangelist, Paul Voronaeff at First Evangelical Church, Bellefonte, Friday evening at 7:30 o'clock. His message will be centered around his thirteen years' experience in Soviet Russia, under the present Communist regime. This message will be illustrated with some 160 startling photographs, a number of which were smuggled from Russia.

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## Titan Workers Vote For A. F. of L. Union

Car Leaves Road; Crashes Into Pole

A car driven by George Willis, of Saltdsburg, was damaged to the extent of about \$100 at 1:45 o'clock Friday afternoon when the machine crashed into a pole on Route 220, near Martha Furnace. Ice and snow on the road was assigned as the cause.

The accident happened when Willis approached a truck driven by Korman Parsons of Williamsport, who was traveling in the opposite direction. Willis' machine left the side of the road. Damage to the pole was placed at \$35, and the truck was not damaged. No one was injured.

**CLAIR HOOVER MANAGER ATLANTIC SERVICE STATION**  
Clair Hoover of Blanchard Street, who has been an employee of the Atlantic Service Station near the Liquor Store, North Spring Street, since the station was opened in 1930, on Sunday became manager of that establishment.

Hoover succeeds L. J. McLaughlin, of Bishop Street, who two-year lease expired on the first of the month.

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## NLRB Poll Reveals 334 Favor Affiliation; 140 Opposed

NEGOTIATIONS FOR CONTRACT TO BEGIN

Election is Peaceful Sequel to Strike Four Years Ago

Labor difficulties which resulted in a strike at the Titan Metal Manufacturing Company plant here on January 15, 1937, had a peaceful sequel here Tuesday when Titan workers by a vote of 334 to 140 accepted the American Federation of Labor as their collective bargaining representative.

Of the 559 employees eligible to cast ballots in the election 84 did not vote and one vote was challenged. The polls were open from 6:30 a. m. to 5 p. m. in the regular polling place for the north precinct of Spring township, on land adjoining the Titan property.

Representatives of the National Labor Relations Board and of the A. F. of L. were present in the polls as watchers.

The vote was conducted by Dwight A. Blackmore, of Pittsburgh, representative. (Continued on Page 7)

## Kiwanis Club Names Directors

At the meeting of the Bellefonte Kiwanis Club Tuesday, Ralph C. Blaney, Herman J. Hazel, Thomas H. Mensch, Howard T. Struble, Fred Warner, Bond C. White, and E. E. Widdowson were elected to the membership of the board of directors for 1941.

James R. McConoghie, superintendent of the National Park at Gettysburg, showed a reel of sound movies of the battlefield and also spoke concerning the battle of Gettysburg and the field, illustrating his lecture with still pictures.

## Coroner's Office Is 136 Years Old

Roland Curtin Was First County Coroner; Dr. Heaton Served Longest Time

Although the office of the Coroner is widely acclaimed to be the oldest office in civilized countries, records for Centre county compiled by Charles Peizer, of Bellefonte, research assistant for the Works Progress Administration, indicate that although the Coroner's office in this county is 136 years old, the Commissioner's office is three years older.

Available records show that while the first Board of County Commissioners, consisting of John Hall, David Barr and Matthew Allison took office in 1801, a Coroner was (Continued on Page 6—2nd Sec.)

## Five Injured In Two-Car Crash

27 Stitches Needed to Close Wounds in Face of One of Victims

Five persons were injured slightly and damage totaled about \$750 in a motor accident on Route 322 near Woodcrest Sunday afternoon. The cars were operated by Anthony Bernesky of Emehg, Cambria county, and George Needham, Coatesville, R. D.

Injured in the accident were Bernesky, lacerations of the right knee; Joseph Bernesky, cuts about the right side of the head and of the left hand; Betty Letavich, lacerations of the forehead, along the right eye and on the bridge of the nose, three stitches were required; (Continued on Page 6—2nd Sec.)

## Hand Resigns From College Police Force

Harold C. Hand resigned Sunday as a member of the State College borough police force.

Mr. Hand has gone to Williamsport to accept a position as a guard