MILESBURG MAN FATALLY INJURED

Roy W. Hipple Dies **After Car Overturns**

Site Was Scene of Fatality Child Falls From in Christmas Season, 1938

KENNETH WALKER SUFFERS INJURIES

No Inquest Held; Claim Hipple Was Driving Car at Time

Another victim was added to Cen- dow. His fall ended when he landnight when Roy W. Hipple, 31, of Milesburg, was fatally injured in an automobile accident on the Bellefonte-Milesburg road several hundred yards south of the entrance to the old Fair grounds.

The crash happened at almost the same place where Wynne N. Hill, well known former Bellefonte hotel man, lost his life in a crash on December 21, 1938.

Hipple was riding in a car owned by Kenneth Walker, aged 29, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Scott Walker, of Milesburg. Walker is a patient at the Centre County Hospital receiving treatment for a fractured shoulder, lacerations of the right arm and brush burns and bruises about the back.

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Miner's Cabin At Clarence Destroyed

A cabin near the Jacob Friedman mine, Clarence, occupied by Forrest M. McCartney, who is employed in the mine, was burned to the ground about 9 o'clock Friday morning. Included in the loss were all of Mr. McCartney's clothing, bedding, furniture and a quantity of food.

Mr. McCartney had gone to work as usual in the mine in which he owns a part-interest. When he learned of the fire the building was enveloped in flames and nothing could be saved. The origin of the blaze is unknown, and there was no

Councilman Fined For Overtime Parking

Councilman W. J. Emerick, like many of the rest of us, got a ticket ast week for overtime parking. Like most of the rest of us, he had

Emerick parked his car in the reof moving it in a short time. But ed-Council President Thomas Beaver When Beaver left Borough Manager Carpeneto had some matters to discuss with Emerick. Then Phil Saylor, head of the water department, appeared for a conference. Meanwhile Emerick's car was

He paid the fine.

Truck And Car In Crash At College

A delivery truck, owned by the Shaffer stores, Altoona, and driven by Albert Homan, and a sedan driven by Mrs. Lucy Lederer, of State College, collided at the intersection of Foster Avenue and Locust Lane shortly after noon, Friday, causing total damage of about \$215.

The impact caused the Lederer fender and door. The front part new year. of the truck was damaged. No one

Window; Is Unhurt

A 14-month-old Pleasant Gap child last week fell from the second story window of his parents' home, rolled down over a porch roof, fell on the bumper of a parked truck, and escaped with only a few

The child is Lee Burris, son of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Burris. The mother had put the child to bed, and in some manner he got out of bed and crawled out the win-

tre county's highway toll Sunday ed between the bumper and body of the Ray Melroy truck parked beside the home. The youngster was rushed to the office of a physician who after examining him could find no injuries aside from several small bruises.

Yesterday the child hadn't even

bruises to show for his narrow es-

Mystery Veils **Prison Break**

According to a report by State Rockview Inmate Strangely Missing; Search of Prison Draws Blank

BULLETIN

Henry Brewer, escaped Rockview inmate, was apprehended about 8 o'clock last night between Reed's Service Station and Matternville, by a posse of citizens organized by Roy Henninger, of Port Matilda, after Henninger saw the fugitive standing along

Brewer, brought to the Centre County jail, offered no resistance that during the intensive search for him in the prison Tuesday afternoon and evening he remained safely hidden in the prison tool room until about 12:30 o'clock yesterday morning when he scaled the stockade without being detected. He kept to the mountains until he emerged near Matternville, he said.

Rockview prison officials are somewhat mystified over the strange disappearance of a colored inmate about 3 o'clock Tuesday afternoon. and when the most intensive search of the prison in years had been completed with no success, it was stricted area, with the expectation announced that the man had escap-

The inmate, Henry Brewer, aged hove in sight and there was a 25 years, serving 3 to 6 years for lengthy conference between the two. burglary and entering a dwelling in Allegheny county, had been working with a gang of other inmates within the stockade Tuesday afternoon when he was called into

After a business matter in the office was concluded, Brewer started to return to work, walking through the dining hall. There he was seen to break into a run, and from all that is known of him from that time on, the earth might well have pened and swallowed him.

His absence was discovered dur-(Continued on page seven)

Rumor McCrory Store Here To Be Closed

According to rumors current on the streets the McCrory five and sedan to cross the street and run ten cent store in Bellefonte will be up on the sidewalk, damaging a rear discontinued about the first of the

Some strength is given the ru-(Continued on page seven)

Guests At County Home Hope Santa Doesn't Forget Radio

There is a group of 52 people in | But suppose all those who knew Bellefonte who may be overlooked them in former years sent gifts or on Christmas Day. They may be cards. Suppose people who never overlooked because they are not knew them would send little gifts, "needy families," and are guests at or greetings. If you were in their an institution where all their other place, wouldn't it help? needs are amply taken care of.

tre County Home

They'll have a special Christmas menu and the home will be decor-But because many of them are mentally ill it is deemed inadvisable to ancient radio was the source of hold a Christmas party.

It will be a cheerless enough day that somehow a new radio would be at best for most of them. They will provided. have memories of other Christmasday the happiest of the year.

Now, most of them have no close dreds of times the radio's value in year may be just another day for be a real Santa Claus.

There is one thing that will bring They are the guests at the Cen- more happiness to more of the guests for a longer period of time

than any other. In the men's lounge room is an ancient radio. It used to work, but abiding comfort to the men, and they've been hoping for months days.

So far no Santa has appeared. Somewhere in the county someses spent in their own homes, with Somewhere in the county sometheir own families. They'll recall one has a radio they're not using the happy exchange of gifts, and any more. It it is in working condithe warm friendships that made the tion, the comfort it would bring at the County Home would be hun-

relatives. They are separated from dollars and cents.
their former friends, Christmas this Here's a chance for someone to Who's it going to be?

Death Ends Life of



JEROME C. HAAGEN

Jerome Confer Haagen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry S. Haagen, of Yarnell, died at the home of his wife's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John R. Gearhart, 6 Turnpike avenue, Clearfield, at 3 a. m. Saturday, Deember 14. Mr. Haagen succumbed to a heart condition which became acute August 5th when he suffered a stroke as the result of an empolism; a second stroke occurred n Thanksgiving eve.

Mr. Haagen was born at Yarnell, December 6, 1915, making his age time of his death 25 years and 3 days. He received his elementary education in the schools of Yarnell and was a graduate of the Bellefonte High school, class of 1930. He received his B. S. degree in education from the Lock Haven State Teachers' College, and also had done graduate work at the Pennsylvania State College and Duke University, Durham, N. C. For the past four years he had been teaching in east-(Continued on Page 7)

Building Group Is Organized

Robb Named President; Corporation Buys High School Site for \$25,000

Officers of the Bellefonte Buildto finance the proposed high school building, were named at a meeting, Monday. Mahlon K. Robb, trust officer of

the Bellefonte Trust Company, was named president of the corporation, The vice-president is school direc-William H. Brouse, and the secretary-treasurer elected is Lewis R. Lenhart, a director of the Farmers National Bank. Other members of the board are Newell B. Long, president of the First National Bank. and Horace J. Hartranft, president of the school board.

A resolution was passed authorizing the purchase for \$25,000 of the of the high school building burned nearly two years ago.

for such architectural services as 1. previously submitted by the firm.

Red Cross Receives **Wool For Sweaters**

Mrs. W. Harrison Walker, chairman of the Red Cross sewing and distribution committee, announces that the long-awaited yarn for the knitting of sweaters has arrived. She asks everyone to come as soon as possible to get supplies, as the winter season is here and the sweaters should be in England almost at

Mrs. Walker says that 120 pounds and Lamb Streets. of brown yarn arrived three days ago and that Bellefonte is receiving more than its quota. Some women have already taken their material. She reports that all other kinds Bellefonte. The injured man was of material have been distributed except that for 15 layettes, and that everything has been received except the material to make operating all women interested in knitting will see her within the next few

Baby Leaves Hospital

infant from Philipsburg, who was condition yesterday was reported by rushed to Baltimore after swallow-ing an open safety pin, was dising an open safety pin, was dis-missed from St. Joseph's Hospital, Monday and left with his parents

a lation involved petty larceny.

Escaped Prisoner

"The last three years have been

So said Raymond Hill, escaped Rockview inmate, Monday afternoon a few hours after he had been sentenced to serve an additional 512 to 11 years on charges growing out of his bid for freedom.

Hill's story as related to a representative of this newspaper in a cel! at the county jail is a simple and straightforward illustration of the adage "crime does not pay. Cheerful and in a good frame of mind despite the long term that faces him, Hill declared "I'm glad

to be back.' The 27-year-old youth related details of his wanderings throughout the United States, of his fruitless attempts to get into Mexico and Canada, of the injury he received in a fall from a freight train that will leave his right leg crippledprobably for life.

And through his entire narrative ran the reminder of the constant (Continued on Page 8-2nd Sec.)



Purse-Snatcher Fugitive Gets Strikes Again 51/2 To 11 Years

Miss Sara Cunningham State College Man With-Robbed of Purse Containing Valuable Watch

The purse-snatcher who has been struck for the third time in less 1937 with the help of two stolen cars Miss Sara Cunningham, employed years when he entered a plea of department offices, was robbed of Monday. A State College man who her purse by an unknown man,

m. on Half Moon Hill while Miss research his 17-year-old daughter, Cunningham was on her way home. changed his mind and refused to According to the story related by the victim to police, she was walking plead guilty. near the Steve Knapic home when she heard footsteps behind her. Just as she looked around a tall man wearing a dark hat reached over her shoulder and placed his hand over her mouth. The act threw Miss (Continued on page seven)

Christmas Party At Pleasant Gap

ing Corporation, organization set- Y. Auxiliary and Junior Woman's Club Complete Successful Program

> On Tuesday evening at 7:30 o'clock Santa will arrive at Noll's day night, December 13, 1940, at the Grove, All children of the commun- Philipsburg State Hospital where he ity have been or will be given cards had been a patient for the last eight to present to Santa when he ar- weeks. He had been alling all sumrives via fire truck. He will have just mer and underwent three operations enough candy and oranges to fill during the last several weeks. the orders sent by the committee.

a card. Workers are now distributing the cards and those who are overlooked are asked to notify W. school property which was the site J. Tucker not later than Tuesday morning.

This year the following organiza-It was also voted that the presi- tions have contributed to the party: dent and secretary be authorized to Pleasant Gap Drama Club, Womenter into a contract with Hunter an's Civic Club, Men's Brotherhood. and Caldwell, Altoona architects, and Pleasant Gap Fire Company No.

A broadcasting system will be used All three Bellefonte banks were by Fred Schaeffer, of Pleasant Gap. made depositors for funds of the Parents are urged to attend and corporation, it was announced. bring the kiddles. Officers and friends of the above organizations are working to make this the best Christmas party yet held in Pleasant Gap.

Former Banker Is Struck By Automobile

James K. Barnhart, aged 80, West Linn Street, retired cashier of the First National Bank, was seriously injured about 8 o'clock Friday night when he was struck by a car at the intersection of Allegheny Mr. Barnhart was crossing Alle-

gheny Street when he was struck by a car driven by Franklin P. Gryctko, of the Brockerhoff Hotel, taken to the Centre County Hospital by Mr. Gryctko and Chief of Police Harry Dukeman, who was nearby at the time of the mishap. Examination revealed the elderly man to be suffering from a fractured right leg below the knee; a laceration of the forehead, with compression, and bruises and shock. Although he was unconscious for Thomas Crawshaw, six-weeks-old several hours after the accident, his

> Violates Parole William Noonan, aged 19, of Bellefonte, was jailed here Saturday on a charge of violating his parole

draws Guilty Plea On **Incest Charge**

A Rockview prisoner who escaped terrorizing Bellefonte residents from that institution on July 24, than a week, Friday night, when was sentenced to a total of 51/2 to 11 in the Bellefonte Borough Water guilty at a special session of Court, signed an indictment in which he The attack took place about 11 p. was charged with incestious rela-

The Rockview fugitive was Ray mond Hill, 25 who with Frank Burke and Sieve Mastermak, fellow ifimates, took a car owned by Rockview Guard M. F. Gardner, cut hole through the wire stockade (Continued on page seven)

Assistance Head Dies At Hospital

Lewis H. Hohnka, 55, of Philipsburg, Succumbs to Long Illness

Lewis H. Hohnka, 55, a prominent coal operator, died at 11 o'clock Fri-Mr. Hohnka was chairman of the

All children between the ages of Centre County Board of Public Asone and twelve years should have sistance. He served as Overseer of the Poor for four years and served as a member of the Philipsburg borough council for eight years. During the last 15 years he operated various coal operations of his Previous to that time he was affiliated with the Morrisdale Coal Company

> He was active in Masonic circles, being a member of the Moshannon (Continued on Page 4)

A Christmas Carol' To Appear in These Columns Next Week

"A Christmas Carol," Charles Dickens' immortal story of how old Bragg, N. C., for training. scrooge learned to keep Christmas has come ringing down through the er enjoyment of Christmas.

he privilege of printing this mag- zation is completed, nificent Yuletide story for next week's issue. Have you read it? If you have, you'll want to read it again. And every member of your family will want to read it, tooespecially the children. Don't miss it, it helps you catch the Christmas spirit. The story will appear complete in next week's copy of this newspaper, which will be issued Monday noon in order to insure the | made. paper reaching each subscriber be-

Next week's edition will also carfonte and vicinity.

in this office by Saturday evening Consult us about our easy pay-

Local Man Is Fall Of Earth

Suffers Broken Back And Chest Injuries While Digging Coal

ACCIDENT HAPPENS AT SNOW SHOE MINE

Prompt Action by Friends Saves Victim From Suffocation

Caught by a fall of coal and earth near Snow Shoe, Friday afternoon, James Bird, 31, of Halfmoon Hill, Bellefonte, suffered a broken back and injuries about the chest. Bird, who was completely buried by the fall, is a patient at the

Centre County Hospital. The victim well known locally, and Victor Shaffer, of Bellefonte, and "Tub" Kelley, of near Snow Shoe, had been hunting earlier in the day and upon returning to Snow Shoe, Kelley and Bird decided to get a load of coal from an abandoned surface mine, sometimes known as the "Morgan Mine," near Snow Shoe.

Backing the truck into the excavation the men began to dig coal from a seam which entered a hill at ground level. Bird, shoveling at the face of the coal ledge under an overhang of earth, was buried when the overhanging portion broke loose and fell. His body was completely buried by the fall

His companion hastily shoveled the debris away, and found Bird injured. but conscious. His father, Harman Bird, of Roopsburg, was called to take his son to the Hospit-

the local institution surgeons (Continued on Page 6)

Phone Service

Bell Company Announces \$11,800 Program in Buffalo Run Valley

The Bell Telephone Company has started erection of new telephone lines to serve a group of residents in the Buffalo Run Valley section of the Bellefonte exchange area. More than 200 poles will be erected and over 800 feet of cable and 400,000 feet of wire strung

Jesse H. Caum, manager for the Bell company, said that the concost in excess of \$11,800. The new week. present requests for service as well ous residents of the Buffalo Run Valley section have requested Beil lines" which connect with Bell fa-

Curtin Named Head Of Local Guard Unit

Second Lieutenant George P. Curin was designated commandi ficer of Troop B., 190th Field Artillery, Bellefonte's National Guard unit, until the return of Captain Prederick L. Shope, it was announced yesterday. Lt. Curtin replaces Second Lieutenant Harry symmonds, who was inducted into federal service and sent to Fort

Both Lt. Symmonds and Captain Shope have been called to Fort years. It has helped millions to Bragg and will remain there until spiritual enrichment and to a great- the Bellefonte unit mobilizes in early January. The troop is expected to be The Centre Democrat has secured sent to Shelby, Miss., after mobili-

Peeping Tom' Is Fined At College

Burgess Wilbur F. Leitzell of State College, Monday night fined a Penn State senior \$28.25 after a confession and plea of guilty had been

The student was arrested by Chief of Police John R. Juba after residents of the South Pugh streetry a two-page Christmas greeting Irvin avenue district complained of section, contributed by the mer- a peeping Tom in the vicinity durchants and business men of Belle- ing the past few weeks. It was the econd arrest and fine for that offense in State College within a week; In his signed confession, the student claimed "curlosity" as the moweek's Centre Democrat must be tive for his activity.

-Dresser Sets \$3.50 to \$20.00, from the State Industrial School at ment plans to finance any item in Fiesta and all kinds of Electric ap-Parrish Drug Store, Bellefonte. Pa. Huntingdon, The alleged parele vio- our stock. Bellefonte Hardware pliances sold on easy terms at . Bellefonte Hardware Company.

Sued for \$12,500 In Happy Over Capture Buried Under Automobile Accident

It's Hard, Man, To Spend Xmas in Jail

Hardman P. Lambert, of Pleasant View, north of Bellefonte, and Hard-man P. Harris, Mayor of Bellefonte, DEVELOPS FROM met each other officially, Monday, and Hardman P. Lambert is spending 30 days in jail as a result of the conference.

Lambert was arrested Saturday night by Chief of Police Harry Dukeman and Officer Donald Johnson after residents of East Bishop street reported a stranger was knocking on doors and windows in that area

Bellefonte citizens have been jittery, anyhow, since early last week the Mt. Eagle underpass, November when three women reported having 3, when his car allegedly ran into had their purses grabbed out of their hands at night by a man. So Lambert was jailed and on field County. Monday he appeared before Mayor Harris on charges of disorderly con- Eldridge who claims \$2,500 and by

duct and panhandling. His 30-day sentence will carry him well past the Christmas holidays,

Xmas Parties Are Scheduled

Youngsters And Grown- ment for a fractured right knee and ups Share in Many Holiday Social Activities

Kiddies and grown-ups alike in the Bellefonte area will have plenty to do in a social way during the Christmas season, a survey revealed

yesterday. Most of the clubs and service organizations are to hold parties for the kiddies before Christmas, while the older folks may take their pick during the holiday season.

Parties For Youngsters

The American Legion is to be host to the youngsters of members at a Christmas party to be held to-morrow (Friday) night at the Le-surance Co. Herroid asked for the Casper, in charge of arrangements, the insurance company. The festivities will begin at 7:30 Lauderbach Greist was given a o'clock and Santa will be on hand directed verdict in its favor involvto greet the children and distribute ing the sum of \$531.75 in a case that

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For County Home

struction work is scheduled for Bellefonte has received Presidential Wednesday night. completion in January, 1941, at a approval, it was announced this A six-foot red pine tree on the

facilities were engineered to meet | The project calls for improving the on College Heights was cut down grounds at the County Home for and removed, and a Christmas tree. as provide for future growth. Vari- Indigent Persons including excavat- complete with lights and decoraing, constructing steps, gutters and tions, was stolen from in front of walks, filling, installing drains and the Cassidy barber shop on South service. Their telephones are now gratings, grading, landscaping, and Allen street, served by cooperative "service performing incidental and appurtenant work. It is publicly-owned

Centre County Institution District. gifts on display now.

West Decatur Residents Seek Damages From Snow Shoe Man

MT. EAGLE CRASH

Claim Snow Shoe Car Was Operated in Careless Manner

Merlin Harnish of Snow Shoe is being sued for a total of \$12,500 as the result of a motor accident at one owned and operated by Francis Eldridge, of West Decaur. Clear-

The suits are brought by Mr. Milford Eldridge, also of West Decatur, a passenger in the car, who claims \$10,000 damages

The owner-driver of the Eldridge machine alleges damages to his car of \$502.72; loss of three weeks work at \$20 a week; \$100 for towing charges and loss of use of his car, and \$1800 for the pain and suffering he underwent The passenger, who was a patient

cuts and bruises of the body, claims loss of a year's work at \$200 a week for hospital and physicians' bills; and \$7,500 for pain and suffering. The statements of claim set forth

that while the Eldridge machine

in the Centre County Hospital un-

til November 18, undergoing treat-

(Continued on page seven) Six Cases Heard In Civil Court

Six cases, three decided by directof a number of social functions ed verdicts, were concluded Monday and Tuesday at the December Civilin one of the shorte

gion home, East Howard street, with money for trips made to a physician the Auxiliary headed by Mrs. Ruth which he said were authorized by

a treat. Entertainment will be pro- was related to the will of Harry A. vided and the Legion Junior Band Callahan, late of Rush township. Approximately 150 youngsters at- been owed to his landlord, John Sued for money alleged to have (Continued on Page 7)

\$12,190 WPA Project Vandals Steal Xmas Trees At College

A WPA project allotment of \$12,- State College police are investi-190 for the Centre County home at gating two acts of vandalism last

grounds of the Hoover gas station

-Gifts at the Electric Supply Co. Bellefonte, Pa., can be bought on Sponsor for the project is the our easy budget plan. See the new

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