PREDICTS MORE ROCKVIEW ESCAPES

Convict Tells Court Man's Death 37 Are Scheduled Attributed To Heart Attack

Officials Admitting Grapevine Rumor, Comment: "We're Ready!"

7 ESCAPE IN WEEK; ALL ARE CAPTURED

One Admits Presence of 'Lawyer' in Prison Population

Thirty-seven inmates of Rockview penitentiary will escape from that institution within a week or so, according to a statement made to Judge Ivan Walker here Monday morning by Leland Stanford Stimmil, one of a group of five Rockview inmates who fled from the prison January 1.

The statement, together with charges that prisoners are mistreated and ill-used were made by the five as they appeared before Judge Walker at a special session of court to enter pleas of guilty to leaving the prison.

Deputy Warden C. C. Rhoads, commenting to newspapermen after the court session, declared that prison officials learned last week through the prison "grapevine" that 37 inmates planned to escape, and added significantly, "We're ready

Some indication that Stimmil may have been voicing more than a 16 years, will be ordained. The and exposure, the theory being that threat may be drawn from the fact public is invited to attend the serthat a total of seven have escaped vice, which will begin at 3 p. m since the beginning of the new (Continued on Page 7)

Howard Woman

Legal action was instituted this week by Mrs. Ray Allison, of How-ard, to recover damages totaling \$549.05 from Ervin L. Eckert, of Windsor, R. D. 1, and Earl Grimm, of Red Lion, R. D. 1, resulting from a motor accident the Howard-Jacksonville road June 14, 1940, Fleming & Litke, Beliefonte attorneys, represent Mrs. Allison in the matter. According to the statement of

claim, the Allison car, driven by Mr Allison, was proceeding from Jack-sonville to Howard while a Diamond Charles Schaeffer Elected T. truck, owned by Eckert and driven by Grimm, was traveling in the opposite direction.

It is claimed that near the Miller stone quarries, the truck veered to its left side of the road and crashed into the Allison car. Repairs to the car are listed at \$399.05, and depreciation to the machine because of the accident, an additional \$150.

Impersonated G-Man; Gets 15 Days In Jail

Ralph Kerstetter, of Penn Township, entering a plea of guilty to impersonating a game protector when arraigned before Judge Ivan Walker at special court here Monday morning, was sentenced to pay the costs and undergo imprisonment in the county jail for 15 days. According to a statement by Dis-

trict Attorney Musser W. Gettig. Kerstetter displayed a Junior G-Man badge to Fred Hendershot and Local Teachers J. B. Ring, of Prossertown, while the latter men were inspecting their trup lines.

Kerstetter's attorney claimed the trap line along Logan's Branch for a number of years, has had a number of traps stolen recently, and displayed the badge to frighten others from his trapping places.

Governor Certifies New County Rating

Centre County Recorder Leamer Woodring this week received from the ensuing year: Governor Arthur H. James notificafindings of the 1940 census, is now Ricker, and Mrs. George Martin. a sixth intsead of a seventh class

The official population total of and Miss Annette Decker. the county in last year's census, according to the Governor's notifica- Mallory, chairman; Miss Dorothy airport cities. tion, is 52,608. The notice neatly Bixel, and Miss Ethel Crider. printed and bearing the Governor's seal, will be preserved in the county Hill, chairman; Miss Helen Harper, press, reported that the first day records. Mr. Woodring stated

Move Offices of State Health Nurse

Mary Slagel were moved the first Ivan Pluebell, of Pine Glen, struck of the year from the Court House the rear of a Widmann & Teah ing of the Centre County Central into rooms on the second floor of truck on the Snow Shoe mountain Labor Union, held Saturday night,

yesterday, the chest yesterday, the chest per minor bruises but their car A. Fetzer, vice president; John H. Earl Peck of Nittany got for her was considerably damaged.

Weaver, financial secretary; Clyde the tried to remove th clinic, with Dr. Leroy Locke in was considerably damaged. charge, will be held every Friday morning. The veneral clinic with morning. The veneral clinic with morning as forced to stop because of the man, recording secretary; C. A. neighbor's canine, which were fight-spayed dogs is \$1.10, and for female of the corporation were not revealing. A physician took all precautions of the corporation were not revealing. A physician took all precautions are rescheduled to be held from 10 to 12 the vehicle in time to avert a col- Garman, trustees, and Claude Poor- to prevent infection and she is re- should include three cents extra for tendent, and other employes are re-

To Be Ordained



At ordination services to be held Sunday at the Advent church, near Yarnell, C. C. Shuey, of East Bishop Street, Bellefonte, who has been

The program will include the Ping Grove Mills Male Chorus; addresse by friends from the Dix Run Baptist church, where Mr. Shuey has preached for more than 12 years, Enters Damage Suit and others. Ministers of other churches will have charge of the ordination ceremony.

The service is being held at the

request of a number of Mr. Shuey's

President of Logans; Sax- Bedford, Cambria, Clearfield, Cenion Heads Undines

Charles Saxton being chosen head of the Undine Company.

Other Logan officers chosen were: Murray Decker, vice president; Alexander Morrison, treasurer; Collins Shoemaker, secretary; Arthur Boob, chief; Philip Gross, 1st asassistant chief; Fred Blair, 3rd, assistant chief, and Wade Witmer, 4th, assistant chief; James Beaver. trustee for three years; Herman Hazel, delegate to State Conven-Edward Markley alternate (Continued on page six)

Hold Meeting

defendant, who has conducted a 1941 Committees Named; Teacher Writes Article for State Journal

The regular monthly meeting of Kerstetter had no previous crimin- the Bellefonte Teachers' Association a small group of spectators present, Academy building. The newly elect- Monday morning inaugurated

mittee, the president appointed the and Williamsport.

Program committee: Franklin tion that this county, because of the Hoy, chairman; Miss Genevieve fonte, State College and Philipsburg. Finance committee: Paul Beaver,

chairman; Miss Mary Underwood, Publicity committee: Mrs. Marie

and Miss Catherine O'Conner. (Continued on Page 7)

CAR HITS TRUCK DURING

The offices of State Nurse Miss but severe blizzard, a car driven by During Saturday afternoon's brief the White building on West High road near Snow Shoe, according to Orvis W. Reed was elected presi-According to a tentative schedule their son, Fred, aged 11/2 years, suf- Other officers chosen were Charles

State College Plumber's burg, left last Thursday morning Body Found Near **Branch School**

NO EVIDENCE OF

Police and Coroner Conduct Investigation; **Body Not Claimed**

State College, Tuesday morning, re- Carthage, Mo. suited in a decision by State Motor In November 1940 he went from Police at Rockview sub-station, and Carthage to the State College Air Centre County Coroner Charles Deco., where he was employed as Sheckler, of Milesburg, that the man flight instructor under the C. A. A. had met death through natural Program, and remained there until

Motor Police crime experts from Harrisburg and officers at the local sub-station had completed a thorough investigation, and after Dr. W. J. Schwartz, of Bellefonte, had performed an autopsy at the request of Coroner Sheekler

Officials reached the conclusion pastor of the church for more than that Smith died of a heart attack (Continued on page seven)

BHS Senior Wins Vocational Prize

Donald Biddle to Receive Trip to Baltimore in Record-Keeping Contest

Donald Biddle, a senior in the Bellefonte High school, won first prize in a farm accounts record project spensored by the Hollidaysburg Production Credit Association. The Association offers a five dol-

r prize to the boy who keeps the best farm accounts in each county of the area served, and all expense trip to Baltimore, Md., to the boy ceping the best accounts in Blair, tre and Huntingdon counties.

Donald was awarded both of these prizes at the stockholder's meeting Bellefonte's two fire companies of the Association, held at Morriheld their annual organization son Cove High school, yesterday. meetings Tuesday night, with He also spoke on the benefits gained Charles Schaeffer being named from keeping these records on his president of the Logans, and father's farm. The farm's account records are kept in regulation Pennsylvania Agricultural Extension farm account books.

The following persons accompanied Donald to Morrison's Cove High school: Mr. and Mrs, L. E. Biddle, Charles McKinley, Irvin Eisenhauer, sistant chief: Ambrose Smead, 2nd Samuel Holubec, Budd Corl and assistant chief: Fred Blair 31d azor Guy W. Korman. These boys have entered a similar contest for ris. Bellefonte native and brother

Air - Express Service Opens

Packages Picked Up by Speeding Planes, Dropped Harrisburg. Pittsburgh and Philadelat Destination

With little fanfare and with only vania territory. He was elected vice was held Monday afternoon at the the Railway Express Agency on ed president, John S. Dubbs, pre- daily air cargo service over the 205mile pick-up route of All-American After a report of the finance com- Aviation, Inc., between Pittsburgh

following standing committees for Like the recently instituted airmail pick-up service, the new air express service is available in Belle-The service is geared into the nation-wide air express service operated by the express agency on 17 Johnson waived a hearing Mon-major airlines over 42,000 miles of cay afternoon before Justice of the

Resolutions committee: Floyd C. ent for the American Railway Ex- bond was taken to the county jail. (Continued on Page 6)

HEAVY SNOW STORM Orvis Reed Heads County Labor Group

man, guard. covering nicely.

Accepted by R.A.F. farewell for William G. Knapper Jr., 24, son of Mr. and Mrs. William G. Knapper, of South Centre Drive, Philips-

at Ottawa William is the youngest of W. G. Knapper's three sons. He is mar-VIOLENCE FOUND ried and has one child a year old. He is a graduate of the Philipsburg High School, and on April 10, 1936. was graduated from the Spartan School of Aeronautics, Tulsa, Okla-

for Ottawa, Ontario, Canada, to be-

come a flight officer of the Royal

Air Forces. He will be stationed

Upon leaving Tulsa he purchased a Spartan Plane at Oklahoma City and flew from there to Kylertown. Investigation of the death of Wil- where he opened a school and operliam J. Smith, 56, plumber employ- ated a flying service. At that ime ed at the Pennsylvania State Col- he had 200 hours of flying time. In lege, whose lifeless body was found 1903 he was employed as an instrucnear the Old Branch school, near to; at Olean, N. Y., and later in

he was called to report for the Roy-Decision was made after State al Air Force Examinations. He offered his services to the R. A. F some time ago and was called to New York on December 26 where he successfully passed both physical and flight examinations, and was sent to Ottawa where he will be fequired to take another flight test Knapper now has 1500 hours of

Instructor's ratings.



Mrs. George A. Kelley, of The Forge | ary 14. near Bellefonte. Mrs. Knapper being a sister of Mr. Kelley. Last night Knapper's parents at

son has successfully passed his exflying time, holds a C. A. A. License, aminations and is now a commiswith Class 1, Class 28, and Flight sioned fight officer in the Royal Air

Bell Official Retires



JOHN T. HARRIS

After more than 42 years employment with the Bell Telephone Company of Pennsylvania, John T. Harof Mayor Hardman P. Harris, will retire from active service, effective March 1, 1941, according to announcement this week. For the past three years Mr. Harris has held the position of vice president in charge of operations, Frank J. Chesterman of Pittsburgh will succeed Mr. Harris as vice president.

Mr. Harris' retirement comes after more than 42 years of telephone work which began as an installer in Altoona. He served in Philipsburg. president, in charge of operations,

CCC Member Held On Assault Charge

David Johnson, 23-year-old Well Rock CCC camp enrollee, is in the of assault and battery against a was Philipsburg girl.

airway with direct air service to 255 Peace J. Mac Pearce. He was placiny," was making some adjustments ed under \$500 bail for appearance about the runway of a traveling Frank M. Rachau, Bellefonte ag- in court and upon failure to furnish crane when he inadvertently touchpress, reported that the first day A Philipsburg girl was attacked the crane. of the new service here was highly New Year's night near the corner Meyer w of Ninth and Laurel streets. The way at the time and could not free Negro youth came up behind her himself immediately. He was taken and grabbed her by the shoulders, to the office of a physician where She jerked away and screamed at- the burns were treated. He is extracting several residents from pected to return to work within a nearby homes. The youth was pur- few weeks. sued a short distance and lost.

> (Continued on Page 6) Nittany Lady Bitten by Dog A bite in the arm was what Mrs.

Night Prowler

- tation Reported During Week

phantom purseester of women struck three more times during the week in a series Last Thursday night at about 11 o'clock, operators at the Bellefonte Ivan Walker last week. telephone exchange were frightened Krumrine was injured when a hot when someone attempted to pry open a door between the public hall- May 21, 1937 the insurance carrier to have tried another door.

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Undines To Hold Birthday Ball

The Undine Fire Company, Bellefonte, is the first organization in Centre County to announce plans for a Birthday Ball for the Presi-

The dance will be held at the Undine House on East Bishop Street on Thursday night, January 30, is committee in charge.

Tickets will be sold at 35 cents each and the public is invited. Cards, a floor show and other enphia prior to his appointment in tertainment will be provided in ad-1927, as vice president and general dition to dancing. Proceeds from manager of the Central Pennsyl- tickets, as well as from all operations of the club that night will be turned over to the national fund for the battle against infantile par-

Sutton Employee **Burned About Hands**

Bliss Meyer, of Milesburg, an emcounty jail at Bellefonte on charges ploye of the Sutton Engineering Co. painfully but not seriously burned about the hands while at Johnson waived a hearing Mon- work in the plant Saturday.

> ed electric power lines leading to Meyer was leaning over the run-

Assistant Chief of Police Clarence 1941 DOG LICENSES ARE NOW AVAILABLE

Troopers Here Buffet Luncheon And Dance to be Held Tuesday for Battery B

OFFICERS, MEMBERS, GUESTS TO ATTEND

Band Concert Wednesday; Troop Roster is Released

Battery B. 190th Field Artillery, Belleionte's National Guard unit is to be given an appropriate farewell party before the organization leaves for Camp Shelby, Mississippi, it was announced Monday by Alex Stergiakis, commander of Brooks-Doll Post American Legion, Belle-Officers and members of the

troop, their wives and sweethearts will be guests of the Legion at the Legion home on East Howard Street, at a buffet luncheon and

before he is stationed permanently Philipsburg received word that their Sheckler's orchestra will furnish from a visit with a neighbor. music for the dance. 15. the Legion and Auxiliary Junior (Continued on Page 6)

Woman Struck by Injured Worker

127.30 to Titan Metal Employe

The insurance carrier for the Tienatcher, window-rapper, and mol- tan Metal Company, Bellefonte, is directed to pay \$2,127.30 to Paul Krumrine, of State College, as comof incidents which police believe pensation for injuries received at the plant on February 9, 1937, acmay be attributed partly to hysteria. cording to an opinion filed by Judge

brass rod struck him on the leg. On way of the Bush Arcade and the and Krumrine reached an agreechief operator's office. Unsuccessful ment providing payment for total in that attempt, the person is said disability and including a final receipt. July 19, 1938, Krumrine filed Operators telephoned for help, a petition asking that the final rebut when a group of men arrived ceipt be set aside on the ground no trace of the prowler could be that it had been signed by mistake A referee for the Workmen's Com-About 6 o'clock Friday night, Miss pensation Board, after conducting a Alberta Sager, aged 16. daughter of hearing, found the claimant still disabled and that the final receipt had been executed by mistake. The referee's ruling was appealed by the insurance carrier to the Workman's

Council Posts Reward of \$50

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was announced by Frank Sloan and C. of C. Also Offers Fund for Arrest of Street Assailant

The posting by Bellefonte Borough Council of a \$50 reward for the arrest and conviction of the person who has been molesting women on Bellefonte streets inpurse snatcher. Late last week the Bellefonte Chamber of Commerce posted a \$25 reward.

Council took action to put a stop Malcolm W. Yeager, Chamber pres-Harry Dukeman was summoned to tell Council what steps have been taken to apprehend the assailant. Chief Dukeman declared that an almost constant patrol is maintain-(Continued on page seven)

Watchman Again Is Reorganized

The Watchman, successor to The Democratic Watchman, which has changed hands several times in the past year, again was reorganized

Eight local persons have been taken into the corporation. Mrs. Winifred B. Shallcross was elected president and editor; William Litke. former owner of the paper, is vice president; Hugh Crumlish, of Pleas-

Philipsburg Youth Legion Plans 3 Killed; 5 Injured In Crash at Tipton

Farmer Succumbs



CHARLES H. LEE

Charles Henry Lee, prominent farmer of Nittany Valley and twice dance. The date for the party has candidate for the office of Centre Knapper is a nephew of Mr. and been fixed for Tuesday night, Janu- County Treasurer. died suddenly about 3 o'clock Saturday afternoon, Samuel D. Rhinesmith, chairman January 4, 1941, in the kitchen of of the Legion committee in charge his home a short distance east of arrangements, reports that Hublersburg, just after returning College.

Although Mr. Lee had not been On Wednesday night, January in good health for about a year, Gingerich, about 35, Tyrone; her his condition was not regarded as son, Carl, about 16. Mrs. Gingerich being serious and his death came as a great shock to his many friends throughout the county.

Mr. Lee was a son of the late Jeremiah and Emma Yearick Lee Gets Insurance and was born in Jacksonville on Pebruary 16 1876, making his age February 16, 1876, making his age st time of death 64 years, 10 months County Debt Cut by Three New Incidents of Moles- Court Upholds Grant of \$2,- and 18 days. He received his education in the schools of Walker township and during his school days

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State Liquor Store Robbed

46 Cases of Whiskey, Valued at \$800 Taken at Snow Shoe

Forty-six cases of whiskey valued at \$800 were stolen from the State Liquor Store at Snow Shoe during the New Year's Day holiday, it was learned when the store opened last Thursday

The robbers entered the store in a transom and are believed to have plant grates were being replaced, used a truck in hauling away the loot. The theft was discovered by the second floor, were awakened Paul Beardslee, of Willowbank about 8 a. m. by smoke, Savage, one street, Bellefonte, manager of the store, when he opened the establishment at 1 p. m. last Thursday. The robbery is the second to ocat the Snow Shoe store. On the

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P. B. Ray Named To Defense Post

The National Defense Committee for the Conservation of Manpower in Defense Industry is pleased to announce that the chairmanship of the advisory committee for Centre county has been accepted by Philip creased to a total of \$75 the price B. Ray, personnel manager of the now on the head of the phantom Titan Metal Manufacturing Company, Bellefonte.

The national committee is charged with supervision of all plants working on Government contracts in the to the "incidents" at the request of matter of safety from the standpoint of manpower, materials, and ident, and after Chief of Police hygiene, as required by the provi-(Continued on page eight)

Property Tax Agent To Be In Bellefonte

Charles A. Knepper, a taxing officer in the Pennsylvania Department of Revenue, Personal Prop-

3, 4, 10, 11 and 12. The duty of the representative Academy building in Bellefonte will be to assist all personal property taxpayers in computing their taxable assets and calculating the amount of tax due. He will also be the dates mentioned above, with the tend exception of Saturdays, when the

noon. 1941 and Pebruary 15, 1941, Bellefonte Man, Seriously Injured, Blamed For Accident

BOTTLE OF LIQUOR IS FOUND IN CAR

Mother And Son, Instantly Killed, Have Relatives in Bellefonte

Three persons were killed and five more, one of them a Beliefonte man, were injured in a four-car crash on Route 220, two miles northeast of Bellwood early last Thursday in Blair County's worst motor accident in recent years.

Harold E. Pendleton, 48-year-old Negro, of Burrows Street, Bellefonte, and a cook in the Lambda Chi Alpha fratermity in State College, is suffering from a possible skull fracture, scalp lacerations, and lacerations of the left knee and right hand, in the Altoona hospital. His condition is reported to be somewhat improved.

Pendleton and his wife worked in the Dr. Joseph M. Brockerhoff home in Bellefonte for 16 years until several months ago when he took his present position in State The dead are: John O. Orbison

about 70, Altoona; Mrs. Dorothy

and her son died instantly; Orbison died on the way to the hospital. Altoona hospital attendants listed the other injured as: Andrew Ro-

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\$35,000.00 In 1940

spent the summer vacations helping During the year just ended the his father on the farm. Mr. Lee Centre County Commissioners returned to farming as a vocation and duced the bonded indebtedness of

Of the \$112,000 bonds on the County Home, \$15,000 were retired while \$20,000 of the bonded debt in the general fund was retired. Both issues were reduced according to the schedule set up when the issues were sold.

In addition to debt reduction the Commissioners during the year paid out a total of \$81,000 in road damages-all of which were guaranteed by the previous board of commis sioners, a spokesman said.

Over \$2000 Damage In Fraternity Fire

A basement fire damaged the Alpha Sigma Phi fraternity house, State College, to the extent of more

than \$2000 Sunday morning. The blaze apparently originated the Buddinger building by breaking furnace on Saturday while heating Five college students, sleeping on

First Aid Instructor



ROBERT G. ZUBROD

The two weeks' course in first aid. sponsored by the Bellefonte Chapter erty Tax Division, will sit at the of the Red Cross, started Monday Centre County Court House, January 6, and meets night-ary 15, 20, 21, 27, 28, and February by except Saturday and Sunday in ly except Saturday and Sunday in the home economics room in the Although the course is offered primarity to train instructors in accident care and emergency first aid.

amount of tax due. He will also be interested. A nominal charge of authorized to administer the affidavits required on all returns filed. of instruction and other supplies. It Knepper will be present between is expected that interested persons the hours of 8:30 and 4:00 p. m. on from towns in the vicinity will at-

The Instructor, Robert G. Zubrod. hours will be from 8:30 to 12:30 is field representative for the American Red Cross and comes from the All personal property tax returns national headquarters in Washing-must be filed between January 1, ton to give instruction in first aid, life saving, and accident prevention.