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MAX REBUILD NITTANY VALLEY ROAD

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Surveyors Working Belletonte Section

### Construction May Be Fin- Trooper Injured **By Falling Rack**

anced Partly By Government

EXTENT OF PROGRAM tillery, Bellefonte, and son of Mrs.

Report Highway is To Be to Fort Shelby, Miss. Widened, Straightened; **Grades** Eased

ley Highway from Bellefonte east- fell, the heavy rack landing on Pvt. ward may be rebuilt in the near fu- Hoffer's leg. The accident happened ture is given credence through the at the Bellefonte railroad slation fact that a corps of State Highway surveyors have been working for the journey to camp. on the Bellefonte section of the reported project for the past month. County Hospital where it was learnhighway has been surveyed, stakes bruises of the leg. He was discharged have been placed, and the corps is from the institution the same day. now working east of town.

Unofficial but reliable sources have camp, Saturday, it that the highway is to be constructed partly through government funds as a part of the National Defense program, and that it will become a so-called "military highway." These reports could not be confirmed last night.

the road may be rebuilt throughout its entire length, other information is that it will be improved only to Parking Meters, Licenses a point a short distance east of Zion where the proposed new Pleasant Gap to Zion road will join Route

Improvements planned will include widening the road, repaying it, removing a number of curves reduce the tax rate for 1941 if pos-(Continued on page six)

#### Whiterock Quarries Officers Re-Elected fountains of income.

Col. W. Fred Reynolds was re-elected president of Whiterock Quar-

Pvt. James E. Hoffer, 18, a member of Battery B., 190th Field Ar-G. Earle Hoffer, of East High street, IS NOT REVEALED suffered a painful injury, F.iday afternoon, but was able to accompany the Battery the following day

Hoffer and two other Battery members were in the bed of a truck unloading a pistol rack containing about 80 pistols when the end gate Possibility that the Nittany Val- of the truck gave way and the three while equipment was being loaded

Hoffer was taken to the Centre The Bishop street entrance of the ed that he had escaped with severe and boarded the troop train for

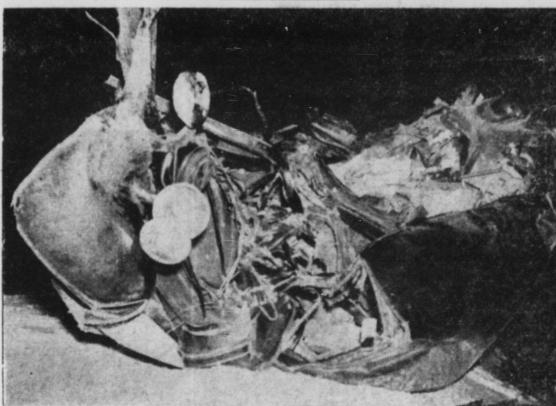
# **Council Seeks** d last night. While some sources indicate that While some sources indicate that

# for Vending Machines, Considered

Bellefonte Council, determined to sible, and at the same time faced

with the necessity of providing additional revenues, Monday night took preliminary steps to tap new Suggested new sources of revenue

which are to be investigated by the Court Approves Special Committee in the coming ries at a stockholder's meeting last two weeks are twofold as follows: in the firm's offices in Belle- 1. Installation of parking meters



TWO SISTERS KILLED AS FAST TRAIN CRASHES INTO AUTO AT BALD EAGLE

#### CAR REDUCED TO MASS OF JUNK

Upper photo shows demolished automobile carried about a half mile by Lehigh Express of the P. R. R. which struck it at Bald Eagle on Tuesday afternoon, instantly killing Mrs. Marguerite Fisher, 17 (extreme left), and her sister, Joyce Ethel Rott, 15. both daughters of Mr. and Mrs. George E. Rott, the father proprietor of the Triangle Inn. Both sisters were well known

to many residents of upper Bald Eagle Valley who are shocked by the distressing accident.

The Centre County Court yester-

be used by the Corporation as the

location of Bellefonte's proposed

The Court Order, handed down

ondition; that it is not necessary

or school purposes; that the price

\$400.000 high school building

Sale of Site

# Sixty Petition Penn State To Train Against New **30** Civilian Pilots

**Gap-Zion Road** 

**Residents Claim Proposed** Route Would Ruin 3 Fine Farms

SUGGEST ALTERNATE TO REDUCE DAMAGE

**Commissioners Study Plea** -May Oppose Highway Dept. Plan

Sixty residents of Walker township have petitioned the Centre County Commissioners for a change in the plans for the proposed improvement to the highway between Pleasant Gap and Zion

Alleging that present plans to have the road curve gradually from the western boundaries of the Ward Krape farm to join the present State Highway Route 220 about a half-mile east of Zion would cut through the full width of three of the best farms in Centre County, the petitioners present an alternate route.

The signers set forth that they "strenuously object" to the proposed location and suggest that from the Krape farm the road follow the old road in a southeasterly direction to near the Harvey Yearick farm, a distance of about two miles. Then the road could proceed in a north east direction to intersect with Route 220, a distance of about onefourth of a mile. This route would eliminate right angle curves at the Zion church and Zion cemetery, s said, and would aid about 16 of the heavy taxpayers of the area to "get out of the mud." and, accordng to the petitioners, should save the county several thousand dollars, presumably in demage claims. In view of the petition, the Com-

missioners are reported to be conwas unofficially predicted that the board may turn down the route suggested by the Highway Department in favor of the route proposed by the petitioners. The County has an important



Pennsylvania State College has been approved by the Administrator of Civil Aeronautics as sponsor of a ollege civil pilot training course for the training of 30 civilian pilots during the spring session, to start soon after February 1. The Centre Democrat learned yesterday. Contracts with the college and with the State College Air Depot. Inc., State College, have been auth-

orized by the CAA and will be for-

REV. ROBERT H. THOMAS 3rd

warded within the next few days The Rev. Robert H. Thomas, 3rd. for signature of the local officials (above) victor of St. Mary's church, involved, it was stated. Waynesboro, has accepted a call to The ground course, which will be become rector of St. John's parish, given by the college, gets under way as soon as signed contracts have The Rev. Mr. Thomas comes from been returned to Washington and

vania publishers and editors, his Actual flight instruction canno father and grandfather having been get underway, however, until a forassociated with the industry as pub- mal certificate, which will be maillishers of "The Farmer's Friend," a ec to the flying school and the colweekly grange paper. Col. R. H. lege along with the contracts, has Thomas, Sr., and the late Leonard been filled out and returned to the Rhone, of Centre Hall, together or- CAA in Washington This certificate lists the students

ganized the Pennsylvania State (Continued on page seven) who are to receive training, ground

The twelve are: James T. Cald

Alternates to be called in case

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ruary 5 call.

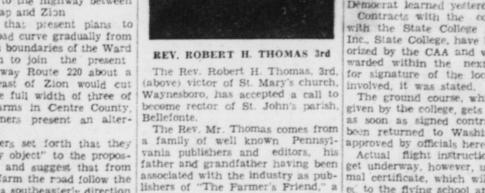
braker, Julian, R. D.



instructors at the flying school, planes to be used in training, in-surance coverage of both flying school and college, and other per-Payment for the course cannot be

made until these certificates have been approved, CAA officials emphasized, and because of past diffi-

County Boards Send 12 culties flight training will not be permitted to start this spring until Volunteers, 11 Selectees both the college and the flying school have filed the required cerin Third Quota tificates. Under CAA regulations three of Twelve men, eight volunteers and the student pilots may be girls. The four selectees, left yesterday for Al-(Continued on Page 7) toona as the quota from Local Draft



Other officers re-elected were: A. 2. An ordinance calling for the day approved the sale of the Belle-Fauble, vice-president; Ray C. Noll, licensing of every music box, pin secretary and purchasing agent. weighing devices. Suggested fees for Directors re-elected were Col. Reynolds, A. Fauble, Mr. Noll, W. H. \$25. Noll, Jr., John G. Love, W. C. Smeltzer, Roy Wilkinson, H. P. Harris and Kenneth Haines.

The largest volume of business the company has had in its 36 years of existence was reported by Mana- Mrs. John S. Dale ger Noll for the year 1940.

Tax Agent To Be

C. A. Knepper, tax examiner for the Personal Property Tax division. Department of Revenue, will sit at the Court House, Bellefonte, during regular business hours on Monday, the late John S. Dale, of State Col-Tuesday and Wednesday, February lege, for many years one of the out-10, 11, and 12, to assist taxpayers standing leaders in Grange and W. in preparing and filing their per- C. T. U. work in Centre County sonal property tax returns. egent.

\$36.32 Cleared At

Card parties and other features of the Pleasant Gap birthday celebra- which developed. tion last week netted a total of \$36.32 for the infantile paralysis fund. it was reported yesterday. Receipts were as fo'lows: March of Dimes in the schools, \$13.35; coin boxes, \$1.27; seven individual card parties, \$17.70, and private donations, \$4.

**Special Court** Grand Jury to



fonte High School site to the Bellesecretary-treasurer and general ball machine, peanut, cigarette and fonte Building Corporation, for a manager; P. E. Wholaver, assistant other vending machines, and public consideration of \$25,000 The site, bounded by Allegheny annual licenses ranged from \$1 to Linn, Spring and Lamb Streets, will

In justifying Council's search for (Continued on page seven)

in the business district

by Judge Ivan Walker, sets forth that at a hearing Monday there were no objections offered to the

sale: that the site is in dangerous **Dies Suddenly** Here Next Week Member of Pioneer Centre offered is better than witnesses be-

County Family; Was Leader in Grange Work

Mrs. Edith Sankey Dale, widow of

died suddenly at her home at 303 There is no fee for consulting the West Fairmount Avenue, State College, at 3 o'clock Friday morning,

January 31, 1941. Mrs. Dale had suffered from a bronchial infection for the past two Pleasant Gap Parties bronchial infection for the past two weeks, but her condition was not regarded as being serious. Death

was attributed to complications

Although Mrs. Dale was known primarily for her long and faithful work in the County Grange, she also was an active worker in the County W. C. T. U. and more recently was made head of the coun-

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## ONE VICTIM, 17, WAS MOTHER OF EIGHT-MONTHS OLD BABY

Ill-Fated Car Struck By Lehigh Express Traveling 60 Miles Per Hour; Father Proprietor

of Triangle Inn

lieved could be obtained at public Two young sisters, one married, Mr. Fisher said his daughter-insale, and that the Building Cor- and the mother of an eight-months law had, on many previous occaporation will aid the district old baby, were instantly killed late sions, brought the girls home in through the erection of a building Tuesday afternoon when the Le- that manner, and had traveled over which the school district could not high express of the Pennsylvania the crossing many times.

Railroad struck their automobile at R. H. Joyce, a Middle division su the Bald Eagle railroad crossing. pervisor, who said he was riding five miles north of Tyrone. on the rear of the train, estimated

The dead were: Mrs. Marguerite the train's speed at 60 miles an Fisher, 17, and her 15-year-old sis- hour. He said the automobile was day night hired a new sleuth. ter, Joyce Ethel Rott. They are hit squarely in the middle by the daughters of Mr. and Mrs. George locomotive pilot and was carried have flat feet, but it is expected to

E. Rott. The father is proprietor of about 2,500 feet westward from the do a thorough job of detecting the the Triangle Inn, where the family crossing.

The train, No. 511 of the P. R. town. The victims were returning home R. Middle division's Bald Eagle after taking their sister-in-law, Car-alone, 18, and Marjorie Fisher 16 due in Tyrone at 4:47 p. m. accord- and will be a portable unit which the stores, etc. alone, 18, and Marjorie Fisher, 16, due in Tyrone at 4:47 p. m., accord- and will be a portable unit which to their home at Bald Eagle, just ing to the railroad's traffic sched- can be used in a car, or which can In cooperation with the National 75 yards away from where the trag- ule. Time of the accident was set readily be carried about. at 4:55, or eight minutes behind ar-

edv occurred. Mrs. Fisher had picked up her riving time in Tyrone. The train's and a borough official will drive about town wearing earphones. of Commerce. Tickets will be ten

more, after school, and had then driven over to the Tyrone railroad he saw the car approaching the tattion for the the the noise reaches a maximum volstation for her sister-in-law, crossing but "thought" it was going ume. The officers then will start out ren for dental work and other health who arrived by train from Altoona to stop." The engineman was Harry on foot to track the noise to its matters. where their father, John R. Fisher, Krider, also of Tyrone. A railroad lair-whether it be in a house, store, a P. R. R. Middle division track spokesman asserted the train's regforeman, said they attend the School ular crewmen were not aboard. for Secretaries

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### NEW RATING WILL INCREASE COST OF OPERATING COUNTY

Changes which will result from appointed auditor by the Court, re-Centre County's reclassification veals that the Prothonotary's office from a seventh class to a sixth class last year cleared \$6,572.21, or \$2,571 .- vice. county because the population in 21 in excess of the \$4000 maximu the 1940 census was over the 50,000 The Register's office cleared \$2,450. mark, might be either good or bad 16 and the Recorder's office \$3,918.

for the future holders of some 36, both less than the maximum Under the regulations the Pro It is a kind of mixed-up affair, thonotary will turn half the \$2,572.for under the new system the 21, back to the county, retaining change will be good for the Register, the other half himself, and making Recorder, and Prothonotary when his earnings for the year \$5,286.10. work in those offices is slow, while Under sixth class county regulait will be bad for them when their tions, which will not go into effect

offices have a busy year. until the next incumbents take of-Under the present set-up the Reg- fice, the Prothonolary will receive

ister, Recorder and Prothonotary a flat salary of \$4.000 and expenses, that city, are allowed to keep all revenues of The Register will receive a salary

county offices.

completed by S. H. Hoy, who was (Continued on page seven)

role in the matter since the County Board No. 2. Bellefonte, in the Febwould be liable for any damage claims resulting from the construc-tion of the road. Official action is expected in the near future.

both of Bellefonte; Thomas Fenton Signers of the petition presented Jr., William J. Owens, Melvin Wil-Commissioners follows: liam Robbins, William H. Kephart the George H. Yarnell, C. E. Hockman, Jerome T. George, and John Harp-W. O. Yarnell, Leslie F. Carter, W. ster, all of Philipsburg; Russell H. M. Harnish, Robert Asby, L. W. Pet- Fike, Howard, R. D.; Budd E. Moore, Port Matilda · Raymond Milton Port

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### **Council Hires** 'Sleuth' To Find **Radio Noises**

Bellefonte Borough Council, Mon-

It won't wear a uniform and won't

The gadget, called a "static de-

readily be carried about. In operation, a policeman or two 7 p. m. Friday, February 21, by Fireman F. D. Byer, of Tyrone, When unauthorized noises are heard and twenty cents and the proceeds

business place, or on the street. The of the P. T. A. is in charge of the West Penn Power Company has vol- showing and the committee memunteered to send an engineer here bers are: A. C. Hewitt, chairman,

to instruct local officers in the use Mrs. Francis Crawford, vice chairof the machine When a noise has been traced to Casper, Mrs. Ethel McCoy, Christian

its source, the officials will make Harman, and R. C. Thompson. notes, unfold the borough ordinance providing for the elimination of radio interference, and if the condition is not corrected a fine or the jail house will be called into ser-

#### Alleged Driver Death Car Leaves Hospital

Harold Pendleton, 48, of Belleonte and State College, alleged drigencies. ver of the car responsible for three deaths in a five-car r ixup near Tipton, January 2, was discharged from the Altoona Hospital Tuesday morn-

The alderman said he would arexpenses of the offices have been corder \$3,000 and expenses. All ruary 15. Three counts of involunpaid. If the year's business ex- fees will be turned over to the tary manslaughter and charges of the experiment.

the accident.

## R. M. Smith Dies At Centre Hall

Former Postmaster Was Prominent in Political and

**Civic Affairs** 

Matilda, R. D., and Ralph Stone-Robert M. Smith, 74, prominent n political and civic affairs at Centre Hall and vicinity and for 13 any of the 12 fail in physical exam- years postmaster there, died at 4 o'clock Wednesday morning, Februinations are: Luther H. Casper, ary 5, 1941, at his home in Centre

Hall. He had been ill for the past 10 months and had been bedfast for most of the time. TO BE SHOWN FEBRUARY 21

Robert Miller Smith was born in Snyder county on February 24, 1866.

The Bellefonte Parent-Teachers a son of the late Adam and Eliza Association will sponsor the show-Miller Smith, He was marired twice, ing of the movie, "See Yourself in his first wife having been Laura the Movies" which was produced sources of radio interference in last spring, showing all phases of M. Evans. His second wife was Cora Hazel Hosterman. Both preceded life around Bellefonte, including rehim in death.

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The picture will be shown at the Squire R. C. English Shows Improvement

> Squire Ralph C English, 69, well known Taylor township Justice of the Peace and game preserve owner, who had been a patient at the Lewistown Hospital since January

27, and who was in serious condi-The Ways and Means committee tion for several days, last night was reported by hospital attaches to be showing definite improvement

'Squire English, who lives near Port Matilda, was given blood transman; Mrs. Ralph Dale, Mrs. Ruth fusions at the hospital on January 29 and January 31

LEGION TO PARTICIPATE IN AIR "BLITZ" EXPERIMENT

Centre county is scheduled to par- planes and telephone the word at ticipate in a statewide aerial blitz- once to the War Department at kreig to be held in the near future Washington. Special leased wires as part of the War Department's from all parts of the State to Washprogram to prepare the National ington will be kept open during the defenses against any possible emer- period to speed up communication

The War Department is attempting Announcement of the blitz, known to determine the effectiveness of

otherwise as a "listening program," such a system in detecting air raidwas made Monday night at a regular ers.

ing, after posting \$1,500 bond with Alderman H. Frank Berkstresser of can Legion, Bellefonte, which, with ducted in the New England states. some 19 other Legion Posts in the 23rd district comprising Centre, range for the listening posts in the

their offices up to \$4,000, after all of \$3,500 and expenses, and the Re- raign Pendleton on Saturday, Feb- Clearfield, Cameron and McKean 23rd Legion District, the following counties, will take an active part in committee has been named: William J. McMullin, of Millheim, 23rd

ceeds \$4,000 after the payment of county and the county will pay the aggravated assault and battery were Briefly the plan follows: during District Commander; Charles J. All the prosecutions were insti-tuted by J. W. Barefoot, agent for Woodring allegedly fired the shot He was brought to the Centre pay one-half of the surplus to the in the salaries of the three officers are required to in the salaries of the three officers are required to commander of the 23rd district; the State Liquor Control Board at which killed his friend, Russell W. County Hospital where his injuries county, while they may retain the arises from the fact that while they may retain the arises from the fact that while they may retain the arises from the fact that while they may retain the arises from the fact that while they may retain the arises from the fact that while they may retain the arises from the fact that while they may retain the arises from the fact that while they may retain the arises from the fact that while they may retain the arises from the fact that while they may retain the arises from the fact that while they may retain the arises from the fact that while they may retain the arises from the fact that while they may retain the arises from the fact that while they may retain the arises from the fact that while they may retain the arises from the fact that while they may retain the arises from the fact that while they may retain the arises from the fact that while they may retain the arises from the fact that while they may retain the arises from the fact that while the arises from the fact that while the arises from the fact that while they may retain the arises from the fact that while the arises from the fact that the arises from t Recorder has no other office than the tri-fatal crash. Pendleton had Legionnaires are to be posted dur- mander of Post 437. Philipsburg: An audit of the three offices just that, the Register, is also Clerk of been a patient at the hospital since ing the 24-hour period in all parts Benjamin F. Nicodemus, Port Maof the State. Their duty is to spot (Continued on Page 6)

Liquor Law Violations in 7 Charged With Relief H. Halbert Jacobs, Bellefonte, "The **Clarence** Area Result 'Chiseling;' To Act on **Hunting Fatality** Fines

Nineteen criminal cases, including The Young Democratic Chib of Clarence, and three of its employes seven involving alleged attempts to B.C.R.R. Brakeman received sentence at a special ses- "chisel" on relief, are scheduled by sion of court here Monday morning District Attorney Musser W. Gettig on pleas of guilty to violations of for presentation to the regular Febthe liquor laws. In addition, a ruary Grand Jury which will con-Burnside township man was sen- vene here Monday, February 10. tenced on similar charges.

The Young Democratic Club, relief cases are: 4 liquor violation Thursday afternoon in an accident at the State College yards. Quick, Andy Balash, Jr., John Bal- for burglary, larceny, violation of Walker slipped from the brakeash, Steve Zimmerman and William vehicle code, killing a human in man's platform on a freight car to a Swancer, was directed to pay the mistake for game, intent to kill, and sitting position on the couplers of costs of prosecution and a fine of incestuous fornication.

\$100 on charges of having through One of the major cases on the dent happened when the cars Walker its agents or employes, sold liquor and beer to persons who were not bona-fide members of the club, bona-fide members of the club, with All the prosecutions were insti- game

Harrisburg 

 Image: An audit (Continued on Page 6)
 Dunlap, 48, of North Side, Pitts-burgh, while the two men and others (Continued on page seven)
 were found to include a severe puncture wound, and lacerations and bruises.
 other half.

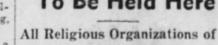
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Dayne Walker, aged 32, of Howard, brakeman for the Bellefonte Central On the docket, in addition to the Railroad, was painfully injured last

two cars he was riding. The acci-

finance alone. Christian Mission To Be Held Here

resides.



County to Participate in **One-Day** Session

and State Christian Missions a oneday Christian Mission will be held John's Reformed church. St. Bellefonte, on Wednesday, Febru- where the younger girl is a sophoary 12.

This mission includes all religious organizations of Centre county and a large attendance is expected.

There will be devotional periods, and discussion periods following all addresses during the day. The discusion program begins at 9 o'clock, afternoon session at 1:30, and

the evening session at 7:30. The fol-Hears 6 Pleas Hear 19 Cases will be presented during the morning session: "The World Christian Mission-It's Signature States and the session of the format of the session o

Injured In Fall

World Christian Mission-Its Significance and Challenge," by Rev.

Need of Prayer in the Life and Work of the Church," by Rev. Edward H. Jones, State College. "How Can We (Continued on Page 4)