

BANKS TO PAY CHRISTMAS FUNDS

3,700 Depositors to Get Nearly \$166,700

Fund is Largest in History of County, Survey Shows

NEARLY ALL BANKS REPORT INCREASE Distribution of Funds to be Made First Week of December

Christmas Savings Fund distributions in Centre county will reach an all-time high of approximately \$166,700, it was revealed yesterday in a survey of the ten county banks handling such accounts.

Approximately 3700 depositors will share in the distribution of the funds during the first week of December, the average payment to each depositor being about \$45.

Nearly every bank in the county showed larger Christmas Savings deposits this year than last which in itself was a record-breaker. The 1940 total was \$147,000.

The largest amount to be paid out by any single bank will be the Mellon to be cut by the First National Bank of Philadelphia, which will mail out checks for about \$87,000, more than all the other banks combined.

For all banks, exclusive of Philadelphia, the totals for years prior to 1940 were: 1939, \$59,900; 1938, \$57,500; 1937, \$50,650; 1936, \$39,075; 1935, \$36,300; 1934, \$38,700; 1933, \$40,460; 1932, \$46,950; 1931, \$55,600; 1930, \$53,927.

Bellefonte banks followed the general trend toward increased deposits this year. Last year's total in the three local banks was \$31,500. This year the figure is \$38,500.

Two county banks do not sponsor Christmas Savings Funds. They are the Rebersburg National Bank and the Farmers' National, of Millheim. Most of the banks now conducting funds expect to continue them next year.

Payments to Christmas Savings depositors are made by checks, which will be mailed out the first week in December. The sole exceptions is the Peoples' National Bank.

Historical Group To Meet Friday

Sons of American Revolution Annual Dinner Scheduled at Penn Belle

Junata Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution, composed of members from Juniata, Mifflin and Centre Counties, will hold its annual dinner, Friday, November 21, at 7 P. M., at the Penn Belle Hotel in Bellefonte.

Unique Public Sale at Lemont This Saturday

A unique public sale will be held on the main street of Lemont beginning at 12:30 o'clock this Saturday afternoon when the playground committee of the Lemont Woman's Club will offer for public sale a long list of items collected in an effort to provide funds for playground equipment at the College township school in Lemont.

The auctioneering team of Mayes & Stover will be in charge of the sale, and among the items to be sold are a number of antiques.

The playground committee, headed by Mrs. Kenneth Mayes, has launched a movement to have physical education included as a "must" among the other required studies in the elementary grades. But first of all, an equipped playground is necessary.

To date, through the sales of old newspapers and magazines, and from other sources, the committee has provided sufficient funds for the purchase and installation of the 3 swings, 3 see-saws, the volley ball court, the basketball court, and the sand box which for the nucleus of

\$1500 Loss In Fire at State College

Despite high winds which threatened to spread the fire, flames in the roof of a double house at 424 West Fairmount avenue, State College, Sunday afternoon, were brought under control in less than 20 minutes.

The house, occupied by William M. Gordon and family and Dr. Edgar S. Krug, was damaged to the extent of about \$1500, largely by water from booster tanks and a two-inch line used for a brief period by firemen.

The blaze, believed to have started from a defective flue, was discovered by Billy Gordon, 7, who noticed the fire while playing in the yard.

Most of the loss occurred in the part of the house occupied by the Gordons. The Krug family's furniture was removed.

Mrs. Ella G. Gray of Bellefonte, is owner of the house.

Condemned; Held Innocent

Anti-Capital Punishment Group Says Willie Jones is Not Guilty

A photo finish in the contested case of Willie Jones may be taking place this week. After more than a year and a half in police stations, jails and prison, the young Allegheny county Negro, accused in June 1940, of the holdup murder of Frank Akerson in McKeesport, may be reaching the end of his journey. He is now in the death house at Rockview, sentenced to die next Monday, November 24—unless once more fate intervenes in his struggle with the law.

Thousands of men and women claim this boy is innocent, the American League to Abolish Capital Punishment declared in a publicity release yesterday. While they never claimed him a saint, they insist

Two Holidays for Banks

Bellefonte Bankers will have two Thanksgiving days, observing the Federal holiday today and the State holiday next week. The early holiday, Thursday, will be observed by Federal agencies and by 29 states while Pennsylvania and 18 other states will cling to the traditional fourth Thursday of November and serve turkey next week.

Warns Countians of Possible War

Conflict Here Not Impossible, Defense Institute Speaker Says

More than 400 Centre Countians packed the Bellefonte courtroom last Wednesday night to attend the Defense Institute sponsored by the Centre County Defense Council.

"Prepare while yet you may," urged defense chairman Charles E. Freeman, who presided over the meeting and introduced the guest speakers. Mr. Freeman commented upon the international situation and pointed out that total warfare for this country is not impossible. He explained what has been done and what remains to be done in regards to national defense.

Miss Cecilia Kennedy, liaison officer of the American Red Cross; Dr. Ross Cameron, regional medical officer of the U. S. office of Civilian Defense; and Sgt. William Ryne, of the Philadelphia Police College, who was recently sent to London to study effects of bombs, were the speakers. Chairman Freeman, in reporting the status of the County Council,

Public Hearing To Be Given Earl K. Stock

School Board Sets December 15 as Time For Airing Charges

BOARD WILL SERVE AS JUDGE AND JURY

Schad Wins Battle For Time to Prepare Case, Subpoena Witnesses

A preliminary hearing for Earl K. Stock, supervising principal of the Bellefonte Public Schools, bogged down Monday night in a welter of legal-sounding talk and because School Director, Franklin B. Schad, refused to produce whatever evidence he has to support his charges that Stock has been incompetent, persistently negligent, and has persistently and willfully violated the school code.

Whiterock Employees To Vote Friday On Affiliation With Union

Approximately 180 employees of Whiterock Quarries will go to the polls tomorrow (Friday), for the second time in less than four months in an effort to determine whether or not the United General, Lime and Gypsum Workers International Union, an affiliate of the American Federation of Labor, is to be their sole bargaining agent.

The result of the original election held August 6 was nullified several weeks ago when the National Labor Relations Board in Washington upheld a contention by Whiterock Quarries that the secrecy of the ballot had been impaired. Company officials stated that in opening the ballots cast by mail by employees in U. S. Army service, representatives of the NLRB in tallying the votes clearly identified the voter's names with the votes.

In an event, the original election was so close that even when challenged votes had been decided, and absentee votes counted, the election

hinged upon the vote of one employee, whose eligibility to vote was in question. Had his vote been allowed either way it is probable that the losing side would have filed objections.

The polling place tomorrow will be in the Grange Hall at Pleasant Gap. The tavern located nearby the Grange Hall will be closed during the day, it is reported. The polls will open at 12 noon and will remain open until 6 p. m., with the exception of the hour between 3 and 4 o'clock when the polling place will close while officials are at lunch. The vote will be counted immediately, and unless there are any irregularities, the results of the ballot should be known soon after the polls close.

In the event of a close election, the absentee votes may decide the issue, and in that case final determination will not be certain until the mailed ballots have been received and counted.

W. H. DOLL OLDEST UNDINE

William H. Doll, seventy-one, of Bellefonte, was honored at the 50th anniversary dinner of the Undine Fire Company at the Penn Belle Hotel last night as the only active charter member of that organization.

Mr. Doll and Company officials believe that he is the only living charter member, but on the off-chance that some older who no longer resides in this area may have been an Undine, his honorary title for the time is being listed to the "only active charter member."

During his fifty years as an Undine fireman, Mr. Doll at one time or another has held every office in the company, from equipment driver to president. In addition, he once served as Fire Marshal of Bellefonte.

Mr. Doll did not confine his services to the community to fire-fighting alone, for he served two terms eight years, as a member of Bellefonte Borough Council. In that body he held the important post of chairman of the fire and police committee during a period when the fire companies were in the midst of the modernization program which resulted in the department's present day high standing.

For many years Mr. Doll was owner-manager of the Doll bakery in Bellefonte, and in conjunction with that business he operated an ice plant and specialized in the manufacture of ice cream. At present, his chief business activity is the conduct of the ice plant, located along the Bellefonte-Pleasant Gap highway near the Forge.

William Doll is a native and lifelong resident of Bellefonte. His parents were Louis and Regina Doll.

Blanchard Man Found Dead In Gas Theft

Lifless Body Found Hanging in Barn; Illness Cited as Reason for Act

Franklin P. Smith, 64, of Blanchard, was found dead in the barn of his sister's home in that community about 5 o'clock Tuesday night.

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Discovery of the body was made by a member of the Frank Courter family, with whom Mr. Smith had made his home for several years. A hasty examination revealed that heart action had ceased.

The man had been seen by a member of the Courter family as late as 3:40 p. m., it is reported, and at that time he seemed to be in his usual health and spirits. He was known

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Man Sentenced In Gas Theft

Pleasant Gap Youth Admits Check Forgeries at Special Court

A resident of the Port Matilda area appeared at a special session of court here Monday morning and entered a plea of guilty to stealing gasoline from a company which had employed him for 16 years and which befriended him when he was ill.

Judge Ivan Walker sentenced the man, William W. Matts, 43, to pay the costs of prosecution, a fine of \$1, make restitution for the gasoline stolen, and serve three months in the county jail.

According to Pvt. Paul T. Rudda, of the State Police at Rockview, Matts had long been employed by the McPeckey Brick Company at Port Matilda before he became ill and was unable to continue in his job. The company, in appreciation of his long service, gave him the post of night watchman, Pvt. Rudda said.

Then the company began to notice thefts from the gasoline tanks of equipment, and a check turned suspicion toward Matts. State Police planted a "trap" and watched while Matts drove up to the "plant."

Damage to Carroll's sedan was approximately \$400. Loss to the other vehicle, which was removed to a Bellefonte junk yard, was \$50.

CAR OVERTURNS WHEN DRIVER NAPS AT WHEEL

Harry E. Comly, of South Atherton street, State College, escaped injury today at 11:40 o'clock Sunday night when his car overturned on Route 24, two and a half miles east of State College. Motor Police reported that the accident happened when the driver fell asleep at the wheel.

The machine struck an embankment and rolled over on its side. Damage was estimated at about \$200.

Two Injured In Head-On Collision

One man was admitted to the Centre County Hospital and another was treated there as the result of a motor accident on the Jacksonville road, six miles east of Bellefonte, Sunday afternoon. Damage to the two cars involved was about \$450.

Cars operated by B. C. Fike of Howard, R. D. 2, and John H. Carroll of Williamsport, crashed head-on while traveling in opposite directions.

Kenneth Fike, 23, Howard, R. D. 2, a passenger in the Fike car, was taken to the hospital by Theodore Tabler of Bellefonte, R. D. 2. He suffered an injury to his left knee and a small cut on the forehead. Marin Craven, a passenger in the other car, was treated for a laceration of the nose and injury to his left knee. He was taken to the hospital by Alfred S. Kline of Woodrich.

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BODY FOUND AFTER 19-HOUR SEARCH

Firemen Trace Activities Through Evidence at Scene

George "Chick" Goodhart, 35-year old Centre Mills farmer, loaded his shotgun and some shells into his sedan about 8:15 o'clock last Wednesday morning and drove away from his home in quest of ducks.

Exactly 36 hours later Goodhart's lifeless body was dragged from Poe Paddy Dam, state reservation between Coburn and Millroy, by firemen who for 19 hours had been grappling in the 30-acre dam in search of his body.

Although no one, apparently, knows first-hand what happened from the time Goodhart departed from his home for his solitary hunting trip, he left in his trail an almost phenomenal record of his activities.

Firemen from Bellefonte, State College, Centre Hill, and Lewistown who engaged in the search for the body, commented upon the ease with which Goodhart's activities during his last hour on earth were traced.

The man's family first became alarmed when it grew dark Wednesday evening and he failed to return home. He had expected to be home for the noon meal, but his absence during the afternoon caused no alarm.

Wednesday night when he failed to appear his brother-in-law, A. L. Emery, and Blaine Lester, also of Centre Hill, set out in search for him. Emery went to Poe Paddy Dam where Goodhart had said he might go to hunt ducks.

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