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## POSTOFFICE MAY BE FIRST CLASS

### Receipts Near Total Required for Change

Ambiguous Postal Law  
Prevents Definite Decision Locally

CHANGE WOULD BE  
EFFECTIVE IN JULY

Higher Rating Would Result  
in Some Improvement in Service

The Bellefonte postoffice may be in line for a first class rating when offices are reclassified at the end of the fiscal year July 1, it became known here yesterday.

The office, for some years rated as a second class office, is believed to have done a sufficient volume of business during the calendar year 1941 to entitle Bellefonte to a first class rating, although an element of doubt arises from a postal law which allegedly is difficult to interpret.

The first requirement for a first class rating is that an office shall have done \$40,000 or more of business during the year. When first class postage was increased from two to three cents, the minimum volume of business for first class rating was increased by ten per cent, or to \$44,000, it is claimed.

During the calendar year 1941, the Bellefonte office grossed somewhere in the neighborhood of \$45,000 or \$46,000, it is said, which to all appearances would entitle it to a first class rating. But a recent amendment to the laws may keep the Bellefonte office from the higher rating.

The amendment is believed to add

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### Heads Kiwanians

Jesse H. Caum (above), was inducted as president of the Bellefonte Kiwanis Club at this week's meeting at the Markland Hotel, Tuesday noon.

Other officers installed were Earl K. Stock, vice president; Samuel M. Shalcross, immediate past president; L. Ward Hill, treasurer; Clarence E. Arnold, secretary; and Dr. E. H. Adams, Bond C. White, Thomas H. Mensch, Ray C. Noll, Marlin E. Rumberger, Reeder Jodon and Aaron D. Leitzell, members of the board of directors.

The ceremony was under the direction of Kiwanian Julius Kaulfuss, State College, past secretary of the Pennsylvania District of Kiwanis International. In his induction address he stressed the democratic form of government in Kiwanis, like to that of the nation, and

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### Marching Unit To Banquet, Saturday

The annual banquet of the Marching Unit of the Undine Fire Company, Bellefonte, will be held at the Penn Belle Hotel, Saturday night, January 10, with a committee consisting of G. S. Bassinger, chairman, Vincent Flynn, Wilbur Coder and John Gillen in charge.

The program will begin at 7 o'clock with a salute to the flag and group singing of "America." After an invocation by Msgr. W. E. Downes, a group song, "Keep the Home Fires Burning" will be dedicated to Undine members in the service.

Following a roast turkey dinner, Harold D. Cowher will preside as toastmaster. Honored guests will be introduced, and other features will include the showing of motion pictures by Charles Garbrick, Titan Metal Company photographer.

The program will close with the singing of "America." Undine Company members now in the armed forces of the U. S. are: James Carpeneto, Joseph Sager, George Dann, Albert Knisely, James Confer, Wayne Alkey, Joseph Confer, Philip Haupt, Ralph Kreskovic, Budd Moyer, Robert Miller, James Caldwell, James Green, William T. Waite and Harry Keeler.

Officers of the Marching Unit are: John Gillen, president; James Decker, secretary; John Derstine, captain; John Kelleher, 1st lieutenant, and Richard Alterio, 2nd lieutenant.

### DEMOCRATIC WOMEN TO HOLD CARD PARTY HERE

The third of a series of card parties sponsored by the Democratic Women's Club, will be held at the Democratic headquarters, West Bishop street, beginning at 8 o'clock this Thursday evening, January 8. Bridge and five hundred will be in play and admission of 25 cents includes refreshments. The public is cordially invited to attend.

### Notice to Sportsmen

The Pleasant Gap Sportsmen's Association will hold its regular shooting matches every Thursday evening starting January 15, at 8 o'clock, at the usual place in Schreffler's garage near the Fish Hatchery at Pleasant Gap. All shooters welcome.

### Pastor Concludes Long Ministry

Rev. Paul J. Keller Terminates 12 Years in Nittany Valley Lutheran Charge

With the observance of Holy Communion, reception of new members, baptisms and installation of new officers on Sunday, December 28th, the Rev. Paul J. Keller concluded his twelve years and five months ministry as pastor of the Nittany Valley Lutheran Parish.

The parish includes the Zion Church at Zion; St. Mark's Church

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### Seeks Third Term As Assemblyman

Kenneth G. Haines, of Rebersburg, proprietor of the Sunoco Service station in Bellefonte, this week announced his candidacy for reelection as representative in the General Assembly, from Centre county.

Haines, candidate on the Republican ticket, is completing his second term in the Legislature. The primaries will be held in May.

### Claims Borough Tax Rate Could Be Cut In Half In 5 or 6 Years

A Bellefonte man who has long been interested in Bellefonte Borough finances, yesterday declared that within five or six years Bellefonte Borough Council could reduce the tax millage from the present rate of 13 mills, to five or six mills.

The citizen has asked us not to reveal his identity, but mention of his name in connection with the prediction would give it a definite standing among hundreds of Bellefonte taxpayers. In other words, the gentleman has proved in the past that his statements usually are based on fact.

A levy of six mills on a valuation of two million dollars would bring in approximately \$12,000, he pointed out. In five or six years the parking meters will be paid for and their annual estimated "take" of approximately \$7,000 could be used for operating the borough. The revenue of the water department has increased from \$5,000 to \$6,000 in recent years, and the department will be out of debt in several more years. Hence, these sources of revenue would give the borough an annual income of

from \$24,000 to \$25,000—enough to maintain the borough government.

When a skeptic mentioned that little has been done to the town's streets in recent years, the spokesman declared: "A ten-year program of street rebuilding should be adopted by Council. A certain amount of money should be budgeted for this work each year, and at the end of ten years the borough's streets would be in excellent condition."

He declared that a lower tax rate would promote industrial growth, would be a definite aid to all forms of business and would encourage home building in the borough.

Then too—practically every one of Bellefonte's 5000 or more citizens would reap actual savings through tax reduction, the spokesman added.

"What is needed to bring such a condition about?" the man was asked.

"The only thing needed is the will to reduce taxes, and to stand firm in the face of those who claim it can't be done," the speaker concluded.

### First Bellefonte Recruits



In photo above are first three Bellefonte boys to enlist at the U. S. Army recruiting office which opened in the Bellefonte postoffice last week.

Left to right, they are: front row, Frank McGovern Fauble, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Fauble, of North Allegheny street; Styrl Rocky, son of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Rocky, of East Lamb street, and Donald Monsell, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Monsell, of Valentine street. The officer standing to the rear of the recruits is Sgt. Oscar L. Hardy, who is in charge of the recruiting station.

Some months ago Alex Stergiakis, proprietor of the Diamond restaurant jokingly told the trio that when and if they enlisted he'd serve them a big meal. True to his word, Alex last Wednesday afternoon invited the boys to the restaurant where he filled them to within an inch of their lives with roast chicken, fried ham, a variety of fruits and vegetables, french fried potatoes and pie. One of the boys was said to have eaten 1 1/2 chickens, while another is authentic.

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### Hits Monument Welfare Group At Milesburg To Meet Here

The regular annual meeting of the members of the Bellefonte Community Welfare Fund will be held at the Court House at 7:30 o'clock Monday night, January 12.

The purpose of this meeting is to decide which organizations, if any, shall participate in the fund created by the annual campaign generally held in May of each year; to elect five new directors in the organization to succeed those whose terms are now expiring, and to transact any other general business properly before the association.

Every person or company which makes a contribution to the Welfare Fund during the 1941 campaign is automatically a member, and as such, is entitled to a vote. Some

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### 8 Occupants of Car Injured; Centre Hall Girl Has Broken Vertebra

Eight young people on their way home early New Year's Day were injured, none of them seriously, when the car in which they were riding struck the soldier's monument in Milesburg.

Yesterday five of the eight victims remained under treatment at the Centre County Hospital.

The most extensively injured is Lois Shank, 16, of Centre Hall R. D., who has a broken back, and fractures of both ankles. The back injury is not considered to be particularly serious. All the other victims in the hospital are undergoing treatment for fractured legs or ankles.

The injured in addition to Lois Shank, are: Edna Shank, 15, Lois' sister, fractured right leg bruises; Ralph Boldine 20, Buffalo Run Valley, fractured leg, nose injury, bruises and brush burns; Marshall Packer, 22, Bellefonte R. D., Boggs township, fracture and

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### Wilson's Observe Golden Wedding

The 50th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. James H. Wilson of Pleasant View, Bellefonte, was observed at a family dinner held at their home Wednesday of last week.

The dinner was held in the evening, after a day's "open house" during which scores of relatives and friends called to pay their respects to the honored couple.

James H. Wilson, son of Thomas and Mary Croft Wilson, of Bellefonte, and Mary M. Hunter, daughter of William and Martha Heverly Hunter, of Axemann, were united in marriage on December 31, 1891, at the home of the bride's parents in Axemann with the Rev. Mr. Brouse, Methodist minister, officiating.

Among the guests at the golden wedding anniversary was Mrs. Daniel Grove, of Bellefonte, the former Belle Barnhart, of Pleasant View, who was bridesmaid at the ceremony 50 years ago. Mr. Wilson's best man was his brother, the late Thomas Wilson.

For some years Mr. Wilson was

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### 2 Tire Boards Grant Permits For 10 Tires

Board No. 2 Gives Approval to Philipsburg Physicians, Coal Trucker

BOARD NO. 1 OKAYS  
4 PASSENGER TIRES

J. C. Lee, Spring Mills, Replaces W. L. Swarm, on College Board

Centre County Tire Rationing Board, No. 2, with headquarters in the Council chambers, Logan street, Bellefonte, to date has approved the sale of 6 new tires, it was reported yesterday by John S. Sommerville, chairman.

Two Philipsburg physicians each were granted the right to purchase two new tires for their cars, and a Philipsburg coal truck driver was granted permission to purchase two new tires for his truck. He had made application for four new tires. All those granted tires were clearly within the classifications entitled to purchase tires, board members pointed out.

The Tire Board offices will be open every Monday and Friday afternoon from 1:30 to 4:30 o'clock, Mr. Sommerville said. On those afternoons he and his fellow board members Roy W. Rowles, of Philipsburg, and R. E. Koch, of Snow Shoe, will consider applications on hand.

Maurice Baum, chairman of Tire Board No. 1, with headquarters in Mr. Baum's office at State College, last night reported that board to date has granted permits to two persons for the purchase of two new tires each. Mr. Baum said a number of other applications had been received and rejected because they did not fall into the classes of users entitled to new tires. "Some of them seemed greatly worried," Mr. Baum commented. Other members of the State College board are Philip Bradford, Centre Hall, and J. C. Lee, of Spring Mills. Mr. Lee succeeds W. L. Swarm of Millheim, who was unable to accept appointment to the board.

Centre county's total bus and truck tire quota is 94, of which the Bellefonte board is allotted 60. The total passenger car tire quota is 38, of which 18 are allotted to the Bellefonte board.

### Harry G. Eby Dies Suddenly

Succumbs to Heart Attack; Was Manager of Nursery at Mt. Eagle

Harry George Eby, manager of the United States Soil Conservation Service nursery at Mt. Eagle, died suddenly at 11:45 o'clock Thursday morning, January 1, 1942, of a heart attack at his office at the nursery.

Eby, a native of Chambersburg, had been manager of the nursery for the past five years, going to that post after ten years as manager of the nursery at Rockview penitentiary.

He was graduated from the Pennsylvania State Forest School at Penn.

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### Guest at County Home Is Injured

Dan Hollobaugh, aged about 75, guest at the Centre County Home in Bellefonte, suffered a fracture of a hip in a fall at the institution, Monday night.

According to reports, Hollobaugh suddenly slipped away and lost his balance as another man walked out of a room in front of him.

He is undergoing treatment in the infirmary of the home.

### SHERIFF MILLER HONORED BY SHERIFFS ASSOCIATION

Sheriff Edward R. Miller has been notified of his appointment as vice-president of the National Sheriff's Association in charge of the state of Pennsylvania.

The appointment was made by the president of the association and goes to only one sheriff in each state.

### NOTE TO FAMILIES OF SERVICE MEN

The Centre Democrat welcomes news of the men who have gone from this community into the military service. It will appreciate information from the families of these men, telling of their assignments, transfers, promotions, etc., or other news which will be of interest to the neighbors and friends of these men.

### "V" Is For Victory

The Centre County Commissioners last week indicated their war hopes when they unfurled a Victory Flag to a chill breeze on a flagpole in front of the Court House.

The flag consists of a blue field, with a white "V" for "Victory" in the center and the Morse code's three dots and a dash for "V" across the bottom.

Several Bellefonte organizations are currently considering the purchase of similar flags for display along the streets of the business section. The Logan Fire Company, which recently purchased a new flagpole and flag, is to purchase a Victory flag to be flown from the same mast. Appropriate flag raising ceremonies are being planned by the Logans.



### Sieg Named President of Boro Council

Retiring Councilmen Receive Gifts From Local Fire Companies

OATHS GIVEN TO BOROUGH OFFICERS

Work of Retiring President Commended; Sieg to Name Committees

There was outwardly an appearance of gaiety at the reorganization meeting of Bellefonte Borough Council, Monday night, but beneath the joking and the smiles was a definite undercurrent of sadness.

You could feel it as President Thomas B. Beaver rapped for order; as the newly-elected Councilmen led into the chairs vacated by retiring Councilmen, as the new president W. W. Sieg solemnly assumed the duties of that office.

You could sense it most when Councilman Harold D. Cowher, as spokesman for a committee from the Undine and Logan fire companies, presented boxes of cigars to retiring Councilmen W. J. Emerick and H. A. Brockerhoff and an armful of smoking tobacco to retiring President Thomas B. Beaver. Members of the Undine committee were Charles Saxton, president, and Basil Doll. The Logan committee were Charles Martin and Philip Gross.

For the session marked, perhaps more than any other reorganization meeting for many years, the end of a definite era and the beginning of another era of Bellefonte Council history.

In the past twenty years Council has undergone many changes of personnel, but never, perhaps, has it lost so many of its leading members as one time.

Retiring Councilmen Beaver, Emerick and Brockerhoff served over a long period of time and on important committees. The Councilmen elected to replace them: Russell J. Lambert, Walter R. Eberhart and Newell B. Long are new members.

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### Assistance Board Offers Services

Would Extend Full Cooperation With Red Cross in Emergencies

The Centre County Board of Assistance at its regular meeting held on Tuesday at the office in Bellefonte, passed resolutions extending full cooperation to the local rationing boards by supplying clerical help when requested by the latter organizations and making their staff and facilities available for emergency work under the American Red Cross in the event of any disaster affecting the civilian population.

Members of the board attending were: Mr. N. N. Hartswick, vice-chairman, Mrs. Helen O. Beatty, secretary, Rev. William C. Thompson, James Holmes, Howard Struble and Thomas C. Williams, executive director.

The local Assistance Board has empowered Thomas C. Williams, executive director, to supply clerical help promptly upon request of the Rationing Boards. This authority is in conformance with instructions received from Howard L. Russell, secretary of Public Assistance which

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### TO ORGANIZE TOWNSEND CLUB AT MILESBURG

At 7:30 p. m. Thursday, January 8 in the I. O. O. F. P. O. of A. and Orange rooms over the Milesburg postoffice, there will be organized a Townsend Club with more than enough members to secure a charter. C. L. Nonemaker, of Altoona, Townsend national representative for Western Pennsylvania, will be present to complete the organization and be the speaker for the evening. All are welcome.

### Receive Share of State Tax

County Gets Check For \$25,124; Earmarked for Road Claims

The Centre County Commissioners this week received from the State a check for \$25,124.30, representing the remainder due the county on the State gasoline tax for the biennium ending November 22, 1941, it was announced yesterday.

Previously the Commissioners had received \$71,791.79 from the same source, making the total gas tax refunds for the two-year period \$96,916.09. The county had estimated that the refunds would total only about \$90,000.

The gas tax refunds are kept in a separate account and are earmarked for use in settling road damage claims, and for certain other road work. The amount received will not cover all such claims now on file in the Commissioners' office, it was reported.

### Bookmobile Is Now In Service

Many Contribute to Fund for Purchase of Vehicle; Carries Many Volumes

The Centre County Bookmobile is making its first round of service this week. It will begin by serving the rural schools and the branch libraries already established. Later, when a larger appropriation is available, it is planned to organize small centers in every village and hamlet throughout the county where all rural residents may meet the bookmobile at scheduled times to make their own selection of books from 600-700 volumes carried on the bookmobile.

That Centre county residents want this service is indicated by the fact generous contributions for the bookmobile have come from all sections as follows:

J. Burn Helme, State College, \$5; Mrs. Anna Orvis Keller, Bellefonte, \$25; Mrs. Lawshie Baird, Philipsburg, \$25; Mrs. Margaret Warner, Bellefonte, \$5; Miss Charlotte Ray, State College, \$5; Mr. and Mrs. Carl Iversen, Bellefonte, \$25; Miss Julia G. Brill, State College, \$5; Mrs. John

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### Need Volunteers for Aircraft Observation

Volunteers to man the aircraft observation post at the Bellefonte airport are greatly needed to keep the post operating, it was reported yesterday by Robert R. Hill, of East Lynn street, who is in charge of the post.

There is a possibility that the post will be moved from the airport to some location closer to Bellefonte, Mr. Hill said, adding that since high school pupils have been manning the post almost exclusively the matter of transporting them to and from the airport is a serious problem. Persons wishing to volunteer for service are asked to call Mr. Hill, dial 2260.

### Mingoville Man Is Painfully Injured

William Workman, Mingoville carpenter, has been confined to bed at his home since just before Christmas because of injuries received in a fall. He was engaged in the construction of a house near Bellefonte when he fell from the first floor to the concrete basement floor, landing with most of his weight on a claw hammer which he was carrying in a hip pocket.

At first it was feared that his pelvic bone had been fractured, but subsequent examinations revealed that he is suffering only from severe bruises.

### GUY CARNER RECOVERING FROM LACERATION OF FOOT

Guy Carner, of Mingoville, is able to be about with the aid of a cane after having been confined to his home because of an injury suffered about Thanksgiving time.

Mr. Carner was helping with butchering preparations at the home of his father, Boyd Carner, Hubersburg, and was engaged in cutting wood when the axe he was using struck his left foot. Striking at a point between the toes, the axe cut the foot, severing some tendons.

### Nonagenarian Quartet

Fred Ward, 93, of State College, who with his wife is spending the winter in Florida, is a member of a unique organization, a quartet in which the members are aged 91, 92, 93 and 94 years old respectively. The group recently sang a concert in St. Petersburg.

### Defense Council To Meet Friday Night

A meeting of the Bellefonte Council of Defense will be held at the American Legion Home on East Howard street at 8 o'clock Friday evening, it was announced yesterday by Aaron D. Leitzell, defense chairman for this district.

All committee members and others interested in the defense movement are cordially invited to attend.

### ASKS THAT STORE WINDOWS BE TURNED OFF AT NIGHT

Aaron D. Leitzell, chairman of the Bellefonte Defense Council yesterday asked merchants and business men to take immediate steps to extinguish lights in their show windows when an air raid alarm is sounded. Leitzell said no store windows should be illuminated at night unless a watchman is on duty all night to extinguish the lights when an alarm is sounded, or unless the store owner installs an outside cut-off switch which can be easily operated by air raid or fire warnings.

### BUYS MILESBURG STORE

Kline Wolf, of Howard, has purchased the Clover Farm Store at Milesburg and took possession of the business Tuesday of this week. The former owner, Mrs. M. A. Kling, of Milesburg, has no definite plans for the future, it is reported.

### Enemy Alien In Centre County Hands Over Contraband to Local Sheriff

Either Centre county has practically no enemy aliens—or the enemy aliens have no cameras, firearms, radios, signal devices, ciphers, codes, writings or drawings in invisible ink, or any other contraband.

That's the decision reached by Centre County Sheriff Edward R. Miller at midnight, Monday, when all such contraband was to have been surrendered to him under a wartime ruling of the United States government.

When midnight came, the Sheriff sat, somewhat disconsolately in the offices at the jail, viewing the coun-

ty's crop of contraband. The list follows:

1 radio.  
The radio, an ordinary receiving set, and not too good an outfit at that, was surrendered by an Italian resident of Sunnyside, near Bellefonte.

All radios of any kind are considered contraband, but it is generally believed by officials throughout the nation that enemy aliens didn't understand that an ordinary receiving set had to be surrendered until short wave devices were disconnected.