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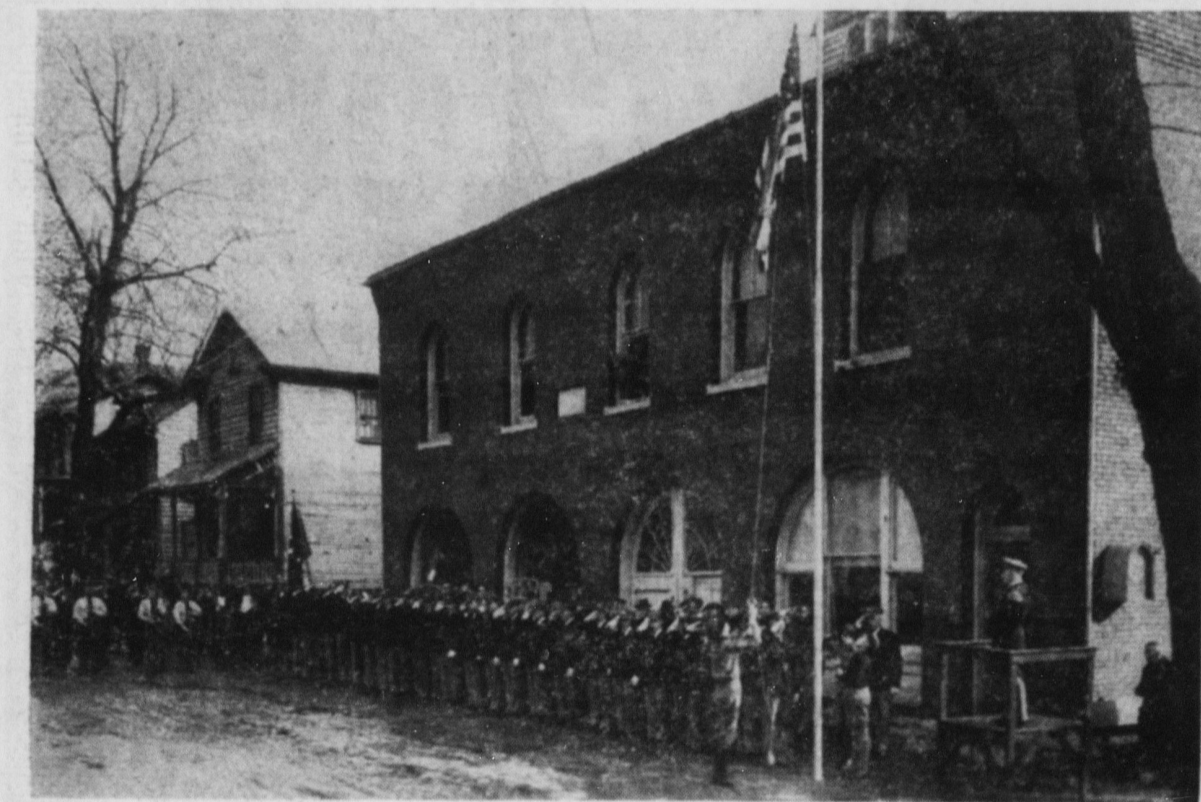
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## 1-MILL REDUCTION IN COUNTY TAX

### Impressive Ceremonies Mark Logan Flag Raising



Scene at Logan Fire House, Sunday, as flag was being raised on flagstaff. In background is Logan Marching Club, standing at attention.

### Flag Raising Is Held Here

### Judge Walker Sees All-Out Effort Necessary to Guarantee Victory

A stirring appeal to the people of the United States to exert "every ounce" of effort to keep the Stars and Stripes flying was made by Judge Ivan Walker, speaker at flag-raising ceremonies held by the Logan Fire Company, Sunday afternoon.

Nothing short of an all-out effort and an all-out determination to defeat the Axis forces will be sufficient to guarantee victory, Judge Walker declared. He pointed out that even though the national emblem has fallen at Pearl Harbor, at Guam, on Wake Island, and in the Philippines, there are many indications that some people in the United States still are unwilling to sacrifice their usual pleasures and inclinations.

### PTA To Hear Air Raid Plans For Schools

A description of how air-raid alarms will be handled in the Belleville school system will be given at a meeting of the local Parent-Teachers Association in the chapel of the Reformed church on Tuesday evening, January 27, it was announced yesterday.

Another feature of this meeting, which will open at 7:45 p. m. will be an address by Eugene McDonald, newly appointed supervisor of special education in Centre and Clinton Counties. Mr. McDonald will explain the duties of the position, which was created by act of the Legislature in 1939.

Parents are urged to attend the meeting if possible, since school officials are desirous that the public be informed first-hand what steps are being taken by the schools to protect children during possible air raids.

### Judge Walker Upheld By Supreme Court

A ruling by Centre County Judge Ivan Walker in the Bechdel estate was upheld by the Pennsylvania Supreme Court, in a decision filed at Philadelphia, Tuesday.

When the estate was being settled the appellant filed a claim for services rendered during the deceased's lifetime. The Centre County Court ruled on the claim, and the ruling was upheld by the Supreme Court. The costs, according to the high court, are to be paid by the appellant.

### Elks Marching Unit To Sponsor Minstrel

The annual minstrel show sponsored by the marching unit of the Belleville Elks club will be held Thursday and Friday, April 9 and 10, it was announced this week.

George Shecker, of Millersburg, will be director of music; Captain Herbert M. Beezer, of Belleville, will be in charge of the minstrel, and Mrs. O. T. Lambert, will direct the Gay '90's revue which will comprise the second part of the show.

### Sutton To Go On 24-Hour Daily Basis

Egil T. Risan, superintendent of the Sutton Engineering Company plant in Belleville announced yesterday that plans are being made for a work schedule of three eight-hour shifts daily at the plant.

### Skaters Drown As Ice Breaks

In full view of approximately 50 other skaters and spectators, a boy who plunged through thaw-rotted ice on Metzger's dam at Baileyville, near Pennsylvania Furnace, and a man who tried to save him, Sunday afternoon sank to their deaths in the icy waters of the dam.

### Man Loses Life in Effort to Save Boy Near Pennsylvania Furnace

The boy was Lewis R. Williams, aged 10, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph E. Williams, of Warriors Mark, R. D., and the man who died in an effort to save him was Vernon A. Wetmore, 34, of Pine Grove Mills.

The boy was skating on the dam about 3 o'clock when he approached too near open water at the upper end of the pond and broke through the ice. Spectators said another boy of about Williams' age went to his assistance, but also broke through. Wetmore, another skater, witnessed the accident and went to the rescue but the ice seemed to break up all

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### GETS NEW POSITION.



SAMUEL M. SHALLCROSS

Samuel M. Shallcross, of West Linn street, for the past 19 years a resident of Belleville and for 17 years vice-president and general manager of the American Lime and Stone Company here, a subsidiary of the Warner Company, of Philadelphia, has accepted a position as director of research in the Philadelphia offices of the latter company and will leave within the next few weeks to assume the duties of his new post.

The management of the Belleville plant will be handled from the Philadelphia office.

### Appoint New Councilman

### Paul Walizer Succeeds H. E. Mauck; Boro Workers Get Increase

Belleville's newly-organized Council, paced by its new president W. W. Sieg, struck a steady and rapid pace at its first regular meeting Monday night and in less than two hours had cleared the way for the administration of borough business in 1942.

- Highlights of the session were:
1. Announcement by President Sieg of committees to serve during the year.
  2. Election by Council of Paul Walizer, North Thomas street, to a four-year term to succeed Councilman Harry E. Mauck. Mauck's reelection to Council last fall was nullified when he moved from the west ward to the north ward.
  3. Naming of a Police Civil Service Commission to administer State laws regulating police affairs.
  4. Increasing the wages of certain borough employees.
  5. Consideration of the possibility

### 2 Sentenced At Special Court

### Clarence Miner Who Fatally Wounded Neighbor, Pleads Guilty

Andy Matella, 25-year-old Clarence miner, who on December 1, 1941 shot and killed his neighbor, John Bosak, 49, in mistake for a deer, must pay the costs of prosecution, \$500 to the family of his victim, serve two years in the county jail, and must forego hunting and trapping in Pennsylvania for a period of ten years.

The sentence was meted out to the clean-cut youth by Judge Ivan Walker at a special session of court here Monday morning after Matella pleaded guilty to a charge of killing a man in mistake for game.

Before passing sentence Judge Walker commented that such cases always are unfortunate, but that the courts are bound by law to impose penalties. It is mandatory, Judge Walker said, that hunters be absolutely sure of their target before firing. The court indicated that the sentence given Matella is the minimum allowance under State laws.

Game Warden Thomas Mosier, of Belleville, the prosecutor in the case, told the court that when he interviewed Matella in the county jail.

### Birthday Parties Planned in County

### Infantile Paralysis Group Launches Annual Drive Against Disease

The Centre county organization dedicated to the battle against infantile paralysis is again marshaling its forces for the annual "March of Dimes" and for the social events which are held each year on President Roosevelt's birthday to raise funds for the humanitarian campaign.

Mrs. Babs Webb, of Howard county, chairman of the Infantile Paralysis Foundation, yesterday is announcing local chairmen for the 1942 campaign which will come to

### Building Work On School Ends Until March 1

### Unfavorable Weather, Lack of Key Materials, Given as Reasons

### STRUCTURAL STEEL BOTTLENECK OPENS

### All But 300 Pounds of Flat Stock Scheduled For Rolling in February

Work on the new Belleville High School building was closed down during the weekend until March 1, it was announced early this week by school officials.

Unfavorable weather conditions and lack of key materials were assigned as the reason for the temporary shut-down.

Although work on the building proper will be at a standstill for the next five weeks, steamfitters, plumbers, and electricians are expected to work steadily as long as the weather permits.

Meanwhile much progress is being made in securing structural steel for the new building, it is reported. Officials of the Bethlehem Steel Company this week informed Contractor Earl Cump that all structural steel, with the exception of about 300 pounds of flat plates, is scheduled for rolling in February, and should be delivered on the site early in March.

No indication has been given as to when the flat steel, mostly small pieces used as bases for columns, girders and beams and as supports at joints, will be available, since the government has ordered the mills not to roll any flat stock except for defense needs.

### List Names Of Tire Purchasers

### Rationing Boards Release Summary of Applications Granted to Date

Names of Centre countyans granted permission to purchase new tires and tubes by the county's two tire rationing boards were released this week.

Board No. 2, with offices in the Council Chambers, Belleville, and with John S. Sommerville as chairman, reports that of the January quota of 18 passenger tires and 14 tubes, 7 tires and 3 tubes have been disposed of, leaving 11 tires and 11 tubes to be assigned. Of the quota of 60 truck and bus tires and 50 tubes, 22 tires and 11 tubes have been allocated, leaving 38 tires and 39 tubes unassigned.

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### Illness Fatal To Mrs. Grether

### Widely Known Pleasant Gap Spiritual Reader Succumbs in Philadelphia

Mrs. Etta Grether, formerly Etta Harrison, widely known Spiritualist Reader of Pleasant Gap, died on Friday, January 16, 1942, in a Philadelphia hospital of complications resulting from an operation last December 8, for intestinal trouble. She was past 70 years of age.

For the past ten years Mrs. Grether had been well known throughout this area as a Spiritualist Reader, having been ordained and certified a Spiritualist Counselor by the Spiritualist church of Oklahoma City, where she had resided for some time.

### Centre Hall Firemen's Dance This Friday

The annual dance sponsored by the Centre Hall Fire Company will be held in the Centre Hall-Potter Township high school building in Centre Hall, this Friday, January 23, with Bob Lyons and his orchestra furnishing the music.

Round and square dancing will be held from 8:30 to 1 o'clock and refreshments will be served. Prizes will be awarded. Tickets are 50 cents each, tax paid. The public is cordially invited to attend.

### COUPLE ARRESTED BY JAPS



THE REV. AND MRS. WOODROW A. BARTGES, a Centre County Missionary and his wife, the Rev. and Mrs. Woodrow A. Bartges, enroute to China to serve a mission of the Evangelical church, have been arrested by the Japanese in the Philippines, according to a cablegram received during the weekend by Rev. Bartges' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Winfield Bartges of Millheim, formerly of Centre Hall.

The Rev. Mr. Bartges who is aged 29 years, graduated from Albright College, Reading, in 1935 and from the Evangelical School of Theology in Reading in 1938. He and his wife, married two years, have no children.

Last Spring when the Central Pennsylvania Evangelical Conference at its annual meeting asked for volunteers for missionary work in China, the Rev. Mr. Bartges and his wife offered their services. They had been making preparations for this new work since that time.

When they decided to enter the mission field, they were living at Nescopeck, where the Rev. Mr. Bartges was serving in the Evangelical

church. Prior to their departure an appropriate service was held last summer at the Central Oak Heights, West Milton, Evangelical Camp Grounds, honoring the couple.

After they volunteered for the post in the Far East, it looked for a while as though they would not get an assignment because of war conditions. But they were ordered to active service and planned to spend a year in the Philippines or on another coastal island, since neither could speak Chinese.

After a brief visit with the Rev. Mr. Bartges' parents in Millheim early in November the couple sailed about the middle of the month from the Pacific coast and were two weeks on the way to the Philippines. Another couple were with them, according to reports, but no word has been received as to whether or not they also were arrested.

Notification of the arrest of the Rev. and Mrs. Bartges was sent to their families by Secretary of State S. Cordell Hull.

### Photos Become Aid In Banking

### First National Bank Here Uses Camera to Record All Transactions

Although the use of movie film in everyday banking practice may seem a bit fantastic, it has an altogether practical use in new equipment recently installed by the First National Bank of Belleville.

For some time the banking house has saved the daily listing and recording of thousands of checks by photographing each check with a recently invented device. The system has worked with such satisfaction that the bank last month began making permanent picture-records of individual monthly statements before they are sent to patrons with cancelled checks.

The new system gives the bank a permanent record for its files and for the convenience of customers and eliminates the filing of bulky record sheets.

### Reduced Debt Paves Way For Lower Rate

### Three Local Men Injured in Crash

Three Belleville men were injured, none of them seriously, about 6 o'clock Sunday morning when their car left the road and crashed head-on into a power pole at Wyoming, Pa.

The three, Frank Sloan, Girard "Curley" Bassinger, and Pvt. Adolph Chopp, who were enroute to the home of Mr. Sloan's mother in Carlisle to spend the day, were taken to the Pittston Hospital, where Bassinger and Chopp remain under treatment. Sloan was able to return to Belleville Monday.

Chopp, driver of the car, suffered a fractured ankle and severe bruising of the nose. Bassinger has a possible fracture of one leg and severe lacerations of the lips. Sloan, manager of the Belleville Widmann & Teah Drug Store, escaped with a deep laceration of the head which required three stitches to close, and multiple bruises.

Damage to the car, owned by Pvt. Chopp, who is a member of the Reserve detached at the Post, was estimated at about \$75. Sloan returned to his duties at the Widmann & Teah store Monday.

### Motor Accident Causes Death

### State College Woman Is First Highway Crash Victim This Year

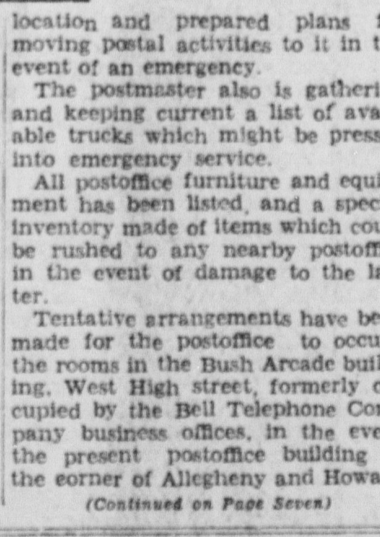
The first death from a motor accident on Centre county highways in 1942 was recorded at 11:48 o'clock Friday night, January 16, 1942, when Miss Effie E. Wagner, 48, of State College, died in the Centre County Hospital as the result of injuries received on Monday of last week.

Miss Wagner suffered severe chest injuries when the car she was driving skidded into a concrete bridge at the intersection of Route 322 and the Earleytown road. She was admitted to the hospital on Thursday.

Dorsey Corl, of State College, R. D., a passenger in the car, suffered lacerations of the face when he struck the windshield.

Miss Wagner was a daughter of Nathaniel and Anna Price Wagner

### BRIDE AND BRIDE-TO-BE



Announcement has been made by Roy C. Witmer, of West High street, Belleville, of the marriage of his daughter, Miss Pauline Winifred Witmer, (above), to William E. Jenkins, son of Mr. and Mrs. William H. Jenkins, of the Plaza apartments, West High street, Belleville.

The wedding took place August 23, 1941, in the Methodist parsonage at Winchester, Va., with the Rev. M. Balthus officiating. There were no attendants.

Mrs. Jenkins was graduated from the Belleville High School in the class of 1935 and for some time has been employed in the offices of the School of Mineral Industries at Penn State. Mr. Jenkins was graduated from the Galeton High School in the class of 1932 and of St. Bonaventure College in the class of 1936. Six weeks ago he returned to Belleville after serving nearly three months in the U. S. Army, having received an honorable discharge from service. He is now employed in the offices of the Department of Public Assistance in the Penn Belle Hotel building, Belleville.

Mr. and Mrs. Jenkins expect to go to housekeeping in Belleville in the near future.

### Institution District Debt Cut \$62,000 in Last Two Years

### SEE PAY-AS-YOU-GO BASIS A POSSIBILITY

### Re-Rating of Council Will Entail Extra Expense in Salaries, Fees

The 1942 budget of Centre county and the Centre County Institution District, as proposed by the Centre County Commissioners, carries the same tax rate as last year, 7 mills for general county purposes, but reduces the tax rate from 7 mills last year to 6 mills for Institution District purposes.

In making a summary of expenditures for the last two years the Commissioners announce that the Institution District has paid on account of its bonded indebtedness \$30,000, and has also paid off \$32,000 temporary loans incurred by its former boards. These amounts are in addition to the general maintenance of the County Home and other expense of the Institution District, all of which has been placed on a current payment basis and fully paid, except for road damages.

The former boards of Commissioners executed agreements which bound the county to pay highway any road damages, which amounted to over \$12,000 during the last two years. During the last year the County has received the Gasoline Tax refund from the State for 1940 and 1941, but it was also necessary to borrow about \$41,500 for road purposes. Under the proposed 1942 budget and under the policy of the present Board of Commissioners not to incur other obligations until its debts are fully paid, there should be sufficient road funds received during the coming year to pay all outstanding obligations in the road account. If the present conservative policies of the Commissioners are continued until the bonded indebtedness is fully paid (the last payment will be in 1950), the County will have no outstanding debts, will be on a "pay as you go" basis, and

### Local Postoffice Prepares For War-Time Emergencies

Chances may be small that enemy bombs ever will strike Belleville, but if they do, the Belleville postoffice won't be caught off guard.

Acting under specific instructions from the office of the Chief Postal Inspector, the Belleville postoffice has made and is maintaining arrangements to give the building itself all possible protection and to provide for continuing mail service from another headquarters if the postoffice should be destroyed.

First aid supplies have been augmented, and will be kept up to date. Stamp and bond stores have been divided and are being kept in separate places, so that a hit in one spot would not destroy them all.

A survey of available space in the city has been completed, and the postmaster has chosen a temporary

location and prepared plans for moving postal activities to it in the event of an emergency.

The postmaster also is gathering and keeping current a list of available trucks which might be pressed into emergency service.

All postoffice furniture and equipment has been listed, and a special inventory made of items which could be rushed to any nearby postoffice in the event of damage to the latter.

Tentative arrangements have been made for the postoffice to occupy the rooms in the Bush Arcade building, West High street, formerly occupied by the Bell Telephone Company business offices, in the event the present postoffice building at the corner of Allegheny and Howard

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At the organization meeting of the board held the same day, all of the officers consisting of N. E. Robb, president; C. Y. Wagner, vice president; M. K. Robb, assistant to the president, and trust officer; E. S. Orr, secretary-treasurer; F. O. Whimer, assistant secretary-treasurer, and H. R. Williams, assistant treasurer and trust officer, were re-elected for the year 1942.

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### STUDENT RAMS ARM THROUGH GLASS DOOR

Thomas R. Ramsden, of Washington, Pa., Penn State freshman, suffered severe lacerations of the upper arm between the elbow and shoulder during the weekend when his arm rammed through a glass door while he was chasing a fellow student.

Ramsden, who lives in Watt's Hall, men's dormitory at Penn State, was admitted to the Centre County Hospital where the injury is reported to be responding to treatment.

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