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## Hospital Patient Leaps to Death

**Sheridan Roland, 62, Dies Shortly After 25-foot Plunge from Philadelphia Institution—Coroner Pronounces Death a Suicide**

Centre County Coroner Charles Sheckler of Milesburg, yesterday listed as suicide the death of Sheridan Roland, aged 62, of Westover, Clearfield county, who died at 1:30 Monday afternoon at the Philadelphia State Hospital, from the effects of a skull fracture.

Coroner Sheckler said Roland, a patient at the hospital, about 8:30

## STATE TROOPER SUCCUMBS HERE

**Pfc. John J. Mignogna Dies After Long Illness; Here Five Years**



Pfc. John Joseph Mignogna, member of the State Motor Police at Pleasant Gap sub-station, and husband of the former Eva Kishwara, of Bellefonte, died at the home of Mrs. Mignogna's mother, Mrs. Peter Kishwara on Halfmoon Terrace at 6 a. m. New Year's Day after about a year's illness.

Pvt. Mignogna underwent an appendectomy several weeks after his marriage to Miss Kishwara on November 14, 1942, and although he recovered from the operation he contracted a bloodstain condition for which there is no known cure. Early in 1943 he was able to resume his duties with the State Motor Police, but his activities were confined to office work only. In May his condition became worse and although he underwent observation and treatment at Hahnemann Hospital, Philadelphia, the Philadelphia State Hos-

## Ward, Wetzler Named Paralysis Chairmen

In preparation for the annual campaign for funds to continue the nationwide drive against infantile paralysis, Mrs. Baiser Weber, of Howard, county chairman, announces that Mrs. Wallace Ward and Malcolm Wetzler will serve as local chairmen again this year.

Mrs. Ward will have charge of "The March of Dimes" program, while Mr. Wetzler will be in charge of activities for the celebration of the President's birthday.

## TITAN DECLARES STOCK DIVIDEND

**Local Industry Also Approves Reclassification of Stock Issues**

At a meeting last week, the Titan Metal Manufacturing Company of Bellefonte, in recent years one of Bellefonte's fast-growing industries, declared its first stock dividend.

A dividend of 10 cents a share was paid on common stock, some of which is held by local individuals, and a quarterly dividend of \$1.25 a share was paid on preferred stock, officials said.

At the session certain re-grouping and reclassification of the various classes of stock were approved. Authorized capital stock was reorganized to consist of 319,500 shares divided into 8,900 Preferred shares, par \$50, and 310,600 Common shares, par \$1. The 4,000 shares of 7 per cent Cumulative Preferred stock, par \$100, was reclassified to 8,900 Preferred Shares, par \$50. In addition, 11,600 shares of Common stock without par value was changed into 111,500 shares of the 311,500 Common shares of the par value of \$1. In each instance where the par value of stock was reduced, a sufficient number of additional shares is to be issued stockholders to offset the reduction.

## CORONER AWAITS AUTOPSY REPORT

**Analyze Vital Organs in Pine Grove 'Food Poisoning' Death**

Definite decision as to the cause of the death of a 20-year-old Pine Grove Mills youth early Friday morning awaits the results of a laboratory analysis of vital organs now being made, Centre County Coroner Charles Sheckler of Milesburg, said yesterday.

The youth, Robert Johnson, son of Mrs. Edna Johnson, of Pine Grove Mills, died at the Centre County Hospital here at 8 a. m. Friday morning a short time after he had been admitted for treatment of what was believed to be food poisoning.

An autopsy was performed at the Koch Funeral Home, State College, Monday afternoon after funeral services had been conducted at the youth's parents home. Interment was made Tuesday morning in the Pine Grove Mills cemetery.

During the autopsy, which was conducted by Dr. H. Richard Ishler, of State College, in the presence of Coroner Sheckler, the stomach and some other organs were removed for laboratory analysis to determine the exact cause of death. Coroner

## WOODSMAN 73, IS FATALLY STRICKEN

**Found Helpless After Plunge Into Stream; Funeral Friday**

Stricken with what is believed to have been a stroke or a heart attack while he was walking alone through the woods near his home, Ezra Clayton Cooper, aged 73, of near Spring Mills, died at 12:15 p. m. Monday, January 3, 1944, about three hours after he was found stricken in a helpless state in the snow.

The stricken man is believed to have fallen into a nearby stream shortly before he was discovered, for his clothing was wet and his lunch box appeared as though it had been submerged in water.

Mr. Cooper, employe at the Myers sawmill below Coburn, set out from his home about 5 o'clock Monday morning to walk to work. Arriving at the sawmill he learned that because of the snow, work for the day had been cancelled so he began the walk back to his home.

Centre County Coroner Charles Sheckler, who investigated the death

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**Fire Near State College**  
A fire was burned in the roof of the Philip Armstrong house on White Hall Road, State College, R. D., by a fire which broke out about 3:30 p. m. Saturday. The fire, which started from sparks from a chimney, was extinguished by members of the Alpha Fire Company of State College who responded to an alarm. Total damage was said by fire company officials to be small.

**Woman's Club to Meet**  
The Milesburg Woman's Club will meet Monday, January 10, at 7:30 p. m., at the Milesburg school house.

The surgical dressing class sponsored by the club which was scheduled to have begun last night, has been postponed until Wednesday night, January 12, because of the prevalence of illness in the community.

## COUNTY NOW IN CHARGE OF NEW OFFICIALS

**Receive Oath of Office at Brief Ceremony Here Monday**

**SALARY BOARD IS COMPLETING DUTIES**

**Many Appointments Made—Some to be Announced Within Week**

Centre county's newly elected officers were inducted into office at noon, Monday, in a brief ceremony in the court room, with Judge Ivan Walker presiding. Judge Walker administered the oath of office to Promotary Bond C. White, who in turn gave the oath to other officials.

In speaking briefly to the county's new "official family" Judge Walker suggested that they get together and adopt a schedule for the observance of holidays in Court House offices.

In the past holiday observance has been a hit or miss proposition, with some offices remaining open and others closing. This condition caused much inconvenience and needless expense to persons having business to transact, especially those living at a distance from Bellefonte, Judge Walker explained. He suggested that when the schedule is completed, it should be given publicity so that the public can be definitely informed as to the hours to be observed on holidays.

Since the installation ceremonies, the County Salary Board—a new unit set up under the Sixth Class County laws under which this county falls for the first time this year—has been engaged in fixing salaries for the various county employes. According to a statement by the Commissioners yesterday, some of the salaries have been fixed, while others remain to be settled.

Names of the new county officials and the appointments made up to this time are reviewed below, insofar as information was available yesterday.

Commissioners: Harry V. Koehler, Bellefonte; O. P. McCord, Phillipsburg.

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## PARALYSIS GROUP PREPARES APPEAL

**Annual Drive for Funds Jan. 14-31; Mrs. Baiser Weber, Chairman**

Announcement of the 1944 annual fund-raising appeal for the war on infantile paralysis, January 14 to 31 inclusive, was made this week by Mrs. Baiser Weber, of Howard, chairman of the County Infantile Paralysis committee. The campaign as usual will be highlighted with the celebration of the President's Birthday.

Ever since the dedication of that day in 1934 by President Roosevelt to fight infantile paralysis, the American people have taken this cause to their hearts.

Although facing the multiple demands of war, the question may be asked: "How is it possible for the American people to devote time, energy and money to fight infantile paralysis?" The answer is that to do otherwise would be to lose, in a very real sense one of the four freedoms for which we are fighting—freedom from fear.

Infantile paralysis as all parents realize, is a fearful disease. It strikes without warning, rich and poor alike. And because it threatens each

## George Furey Sells Dairy Business Here

George Furey, for nearly thirty years owner and operator of a retail milk business in Bellefonte, this week sold the business to the Taylor Dairy, of Willowbank street.

Mr. Furey first engaged in the dairy business when he resided at the Haupt place, north of Bellefonte, and continued in that work 25 years ago when he moved to his present location on East Linn street.

Reason for the sale, Mr. Furey said, is that his physician has advised him to take a complete rest for three months because of a condition from which he has been suffering for some time. As a result, his plans for the future are indefinite.

## Altoona Man To Be Store Manager

John Koehle, of Altoona, has been named manager of the Claster Hardware store on West High street, Bellefonte, succeeding Mark W. Williams, of Bellefonte, who recently resigned.

Mr. Koehle, who has had considerable experience in the hardware business is unmarried and will assume his duties here about January 17. He will reside in Bellefonte.

## Centre County Youth Aboard Navy's "Fightingest" Destroyer

When the U. S. Destroyer O'Bannon returned to the United States recently from 14 months in the South Pacific, with a record of participating in five major engagements and helping sink a Japanese battleship, three cruisers and six destroyers, a member of her crew was a Centre county youth, Gunnery Mate Dick Shaver Hockman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Hockman, of Mingville.

"Dick," who enlisted in the Navy on May 7, 1942, when he was 17 years old, was a junior in the Waller Township High School at Hubersburg at the time. He received his boot training in Rhode Island, and was given further training in Boston, Mass., before being assigned to sea duty. When the O'Bannon docked in a west coast port recently, "Dick" was granted a week's furlough which he spent at his parental home.

The Navy said the O'Bannon has been dubbed the "Little Helena" in compliment both to her and to the cruiser Helena, "fightingest ship in the Navy" which was sunk in the Battle of Kula Gulf in July of last year.

In addition to her major engagements, the Navy said the O'Bannon's record includes:

**Three Rescue Tasks**  
Seven bombardments of Japanese installations.

**Participation in many of the American destroyers' operations, including the famous one in which American destroyers stole into Japanese-held Vella Lavella and took off survivors of the Helena.**

Numerous air attacks in which some ten Jap planes were shot down.

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## POLICE SUBDUE VIOLENT SOLDIER

**State College Lockup Is Damaged in Battle With Man From Ft. Dix**

A Negro soldier, believed to be either a mental case or under the influence of alcohol, subdued after a struggle last Wednesday afternoon by Chief John R. Juba of the State College police, assisted by Pts. Keith Dane and J. E. Tierney, of the State Police.

The soldier, later identified as August Vadax, 18, of Brooklyn, N. Y., appeared at the Greyhound Post House on North Atherton street Wednesday morning, apparently having arrived on the morning bus from Altoona, Post House employes became alarmed when the unknown soldier kept up a stream of almost unintelligible questions about the whereabouts of "the woman".

While employes were calling the police about 9:15 a. m., the soldier became alarmed and ran out the door and down the street. Chief Juba answered the call in the patrol car, accompanied by the state policemen, who were at the office on business at the time. Driving around in search of the soldier, Chief Juba and his companions found him walk-

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## Demented Man Is Arrested at College

James Long, alias Kenneth Charles Williams, 31, an escaped inmate of the Harrisburg State Hospital, was apprehended at the Greyhound Post House, North Atherton street, State College, at 2:30 a. m. Monday by Patrolman F. A. Johnson of the State College police force on charges of disorderly conduct.

Long's arrest followed complaints made to police Sunday night that the demented man using the name Williams was loudly demanding taxi service to Williamsport and Lock Haven, and use of a telephone.

Such suspicious actions resulted in his arrest. Questioning of the prisoner by Police Chief John R. Juba led to a telephone call to Dr. H. K. (Continued on Page Six)

## Bellefonte Native Doing Fine Work

A Bellefonte native who has just completed twenty years as principal of Northeast Junior High School at Reading, was given a fine tribute from faculty, pupils, former teachers and alumni of that school at Founders Day Assembly recently, and the Founders' Day issue of "The Northeast", school publication, is devoted almost entirely to the principal and his achievements during the past two decades.

The principal is James Ambrose Shook, son of the late James M. and Sarah J. Shook, who was born in Bellefonte and who was educated in the public schools here. He was graduated with highest honors in his class at Bellefonte High School in 1900.

After graduation he was employed for some years in Joseph Brothers' store, Bellefonte, as a clerk. In 1908 he was graduated from Juniata College, Huntingdon, with a degree of Bachelor of Arts. He holds a Master of Arts Degree from the University of Pennsylvania, and also studied at the University of Pittsburgh and the University of Virginia, specializing in history.

After completing his education he taught history at Pottstown, Wilmington, Del., and at Reading before becoming principal at Northeast in 1923. He has two sisters, Mrs. Harry Rhoads and Mrs. William F. Shope, both residing in Bellefonte.

Northeast Junior High has a faculty of 45 teachers and a student body of 1400. In an interview granted a student on the anniversary, Mr. Shook revealed that his favorite authors are Plato, Thucydides, Shakespeare, Thomas Hardy, Browning, Tennyson, Wadsworth, and Edgar Allan Poe. He reads approximately 150 books a year. In addition to finding time to pursue other hobbies including public speaking, and the study of birds, insects, and flowers.

At Mr. Shook's residence at Mt. Penn, which he calls "The Benbow," he has an aviary with bird bath and feed box where birds feed throughout the year. At the rear of his house is a flower garden where he spends much time cultivating flowers.

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## BORO. COUNCIL RETAINS ALL 1943 OFFICERS

**Sieg, Re-elected President, Names New Committees**

**RADIO PROBE TO BEGIN THIS WEEK**

**Borough Authorizes Roy Clements to Aid in Garbage, Ash Removal**

At the annual organization meeting of Bellefonte Borough Council, Monday night, Nevin Smith became a new member of Council, succeeding Charles Kellerman, whose term expired. Mayor Hardman P. Harris, who administered the oath of office to Smith also inducted Councilmen W. W. Sieg, Harold D. Cowher and Leslie Thomas, who last fall were re-elected to succeed themselves.

Election of officers resulted in the unanimous and unopposed re-election of all incumbents, namely: Mr. Sieg, president; Miss Marie Doll, secretary; Philip Saylor, treasurer, and M. Ward Fleming, solicitor.

Committees named by Mr. Sieg are as follows:

Street: R. J. Lambert, chairman, Leslie Thomas and Walter Eberhart.

Fire and Police: Harold D. Cowher, chairman, Thomas and Eberhart.

Finance: N. B. Long, chairman, Paul Walker and Smith.

Sanitary: E. J. Teaman, chairman, Walker and Lambert.

Market: Walker, chairman, Cowher and Teaman.

Town Improvement: Smith, chairman, Walker and Eberhart.

Special: Eberhart, chairman, Cowher and Smith.

National Defense: Cowher and Walker.

The organization meeting followed a regular session of the "old" Council, during which usual business was transacted.

When it was reported that the water's ash collection service has not "caught up" on accumulations of ashes in homes and businesses

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## MILESBURG BEER VOTE IS VOIDED

**Judge Walker Cites High Court Rulings in Setting Aside Referendum**

In an opinion filed yesterday after a hearing in the matter earlier in the day, Judge Ivan Walker declared the beer referendum in Milesburg Borough at the primaries last fall to be null and void, and directed the State Liquor Control Board to reconsider the application of Russell Stover, Milesburg businessman, for the renewal of his beverage license.

Stover appealed the case to court when the Liquor Control Board refused him a renewal of his license because Milesburg citizens voted "dry" last fall by a vote of 100 for, to 151 against, the granting of licenses. Stover, however, contended that the referendum was illegal since notice of the time and place

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## Annual Welfare Fund Meeting, January 10

The annual meeting of the Bellefonte Community Welfare Fund will be held in the court room here at 7:30 o'clock Monday evening, January 10, at which time officers for the coming year will be elected.

The public is urged to attend the session and participate in the election of officers. At the meeting any suggestions regarding the operating of the fund will be received.

**Reported Wounded**  
Cpl. Ralph J. Feile, son of Mrs. Elizabeth Feile of St. Mary's, has been wounded in action in the European war zone, according to information released by the War Department.

## Illness Fatal to Rev. C. C. Shuey

**Retired Grocer Who Became Minister, Dies at Age of 87; Was Ordained 2 Years Ago; Funeral Services This Afternoon at Home**

Rev. C. C. Shuey, Bellefonte man who entered the ministry after he retired from 30 years of active life as a grocer here, died at his home on East Bishop street at 4:20 o'clock Tuesday morning, January 4, 1944.

On February 1 Rev. Shuey would have observed his 87th birthday. Sunday morning found the tall, slender, unusually active pastor in his accustomed place in the pulpit of the Advent church, near Milesburg, of which he was pastor. Late that evening he suffered a cerebral hemorrhage, and his condition became steadily more serious until the end.

Several years ago Rev. Shuey, who despite his fourscore and more years maintained a springy step, a mental alertness, and an outlook on life that belied his age, suffered a heart attack and for some months curtailed his activities and forced him to "take it easy." As soon as his condition improved, however, he resumed his usual work and put into it all the boundless energy for which he was widely known. He drove a car daily and during his lifetime preached in 194 churches. He had the distinction of being the only man in the state to be ordained to the ministry at the age of 84.

The ordination ceremony was held on January 12, 1941, at the Advent church near Milesburg. The honor was promoted by officials and members of the Dix Run Baptist church and the congregation of Upper Hells Hollow who worshipped in the Advent church where Rev. Shuey had preached for a number of years.

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## COUNTY NATIVES WEDDED 50 YEARS

**Mr. and Mrs. Harrison Dukeman of Clearfield, Observe Anniversary**

Mr. and Mrs. Harrison Dukeman, of 485 Tenth street, Clearfield, quietly celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary at their home on January 1st, 1944—"New Year's Day."

Married at Olean, N. Y., by Rev. Peter B. Parr, January 1, 1894, Mr. and Mrs. Dukeman have been residents of Clearfield Borough since August 19, 1903. Mr. Dukeman retired from active service with the New York Central Railway, June 30, 1937, as a conductor after a period of 42 years, 5 months and 13 days of continuous service.

Mrs. Dukeman was the former Miss Delinda Lettzel of Spring Mills, Centre county, Mr. Dukeman also is a Centre county native. He was born at Curtin, November 2, 1869.

He is a brother of Chief of Police Harry Dukeman, Mrs. Howard Martin, and Mrs. Kline, wife of Edward Kline, carpenter, all of Bellefonte. Mr. and Mrs. Dukeman are both enjoying reasonably good health at present.

Among those who called at the Dukeman home to pay their respects included Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Phillips and Mr. and Mrs. Harold DeLeon, of Clearfield; Mr. and Mrs. Bliss Meyer, of Howard, R. D. 2; Mrs. J. C. Osman, of Lewisburg; Mrs. Howard Martin, of Bellefonte; Mrs. Laura Barnhart, of Curtin, who prepared a wedding supper for Mr. and Mrs. Dukeman 50 years ago, was in Clearfield visiting her daughter, Mrs. E. B. Conner, but due to a severe cold was unable to be present. Mrs. Osman also is a sister of Mr. Dukeman.

The child's mother is the former Dorothy Saylor, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Saylor, of North Thomas street, Bellefonte.

## First Baby of 1944 Born In Bellefonte

A baby girl born at 3:25 a. m. Monday to Mr. and Mrs. Terrill Lucas, of West Linn street, Bellefonte, yesterday continued to hold her place as the first child born in Centre county in 1944.

The child, who made her initial bow at the Centre County Hospital, weighed 7 pounds 4 ounces at birth, and has been gaining ever since, according to latest reports from hospital authorities. As things look now, she is in line to receive gifts from State College and Bellefonte merchants who offer them to the first baby of the new year.

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## Bellefonte Couple Wedded 35 Years

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Kline, of West Lamb street, Bellefonte, quietly celebrated their 35th wedding anniversary, Saturday. No special celebration was planned. They received many messages of congratulations.

Edward A. Kline, son of the late William Kline, of Bellefonte, and Mrs. Emma Conner Kline, of Oakland, Cal., and Miss Pearl Dukeman, daughter of Miles and Mary Ann Shultz Dukeman, of Curtin, were married at Lock Haven December 31, 1908. Rev. Milford T. Shriner, former pastor of the Bellefonte Methodist church, performed the ceremony at his home.

The first nine years of their married life was spent at the Dukeman home in Curtin, and since then they have lived in Bellefonte, where Mr. Kline is employed as a carpenter. Mr. Kline has two sisters and a brother. They are Mrs. George Ferguson, Mrs. William Crowl and Theodore Kline, all of Oakland, Cal. The following are Mrs. Kline's brothers and sisters:

Chief of Police Harry Dukeman, Mrs. Howard Martin and Mrs. Clark N. Aikie, all of Bellefonte; Mrs. John Osman, of Lewisburg; Harrison Dukeman, of Clearfield, and William Dukeman, of Altoona.

Agencies benefiting from the drive included 17 war aid organizations, headed by the United Service Organization (USO), largest of the beneficiaries. Other included the many relief groups, boys' and girls' clubs, and the Red Cross, as well as those aiding refugees in this country.

The county districts set up for ease in staging the drive included in some cases only boroughs and townships. In other several townships and smaller boroughs were grouped together. Reports filed from the following districts are included in the total, Mr. Clark said:

Snow Shoe Mountain area, \$1,099.60; Ferguson township, \$620.32; Centre Hall borough, \$828.75; Upper Bald Eagle Valley area, \$475.34; Harris township, \$101.29; State College borough, \$8,376.20; student campaign at College, \$1,335.95; Pleasant Gap borough, \$186; Bellefonte, \$8,800.

The Bellefonte figure, \$8,800, represents the War Fund's share in the Community Welfare Drive which was staged at this time.

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