Pennsylvania's fourth State-wide Recreation Conference is being held from May 9 to 11 at State College Since the inauguration of these an nual conferences in 1948, the portance of recreation in the life of our cities and smaller communitie has become more widely recognized.

The pressure of modern life, the many uncertainties reflected in the daily news, and the need to maintain now, more than at any time in the past, an alert and vigorous ci tizenry, have made recreation pro grams highly important for the State's hundreds of industrial communities. These pressures bear heavily upon our adult population. but often affect children more ser- Snow Shoe Area iously, the State Planning Board o the Pennsylvania Department of neighborhoods, often prevent our boys and girls and our young men day and women from finding the opportunity for healthful outdoor pleasure of a constructive kind.

ficult transition from civilian to military production, recreation becomes an important part of every fighting the fire because of the high gas and that the industries would program for maintaining worker wind. Flames would leap as much have to curtail activity and people morale and protecting our communities in the event of serious public

In the present posture of world affairs, there are many functions deer were lost. One cabin in the which trained recreation leaders area was threatened. may be able to perform for their for which their training will be parneed for providing healthful outlets area was being paroled. for the energies of young people in a period when such a high percent-During the Second World War,

recreation programs became almost a second arm of defense in military training and in communities crowded with industrial workers or with young men and women enjoying short furloughs in unfamiliar communities. For this reason, an important part of the program of this week's meeting at State College will be devoted to planning for the services which may be rendered by lo- an investigation in nearby Clearcal recreation agencies in a period field County to seek a "firebug" of national emergency.

are recreation leaders of there recently. camps, parks, churches, industries, rural areas, communities, institu- been called out to extinguish four tions and schools, as well as repre- blazes in the vicinity in the past sentatives of local and state gov- two weeks. All fires presented eviernment agencies concerned with dence that they were deliberately finding answers to their recreation set.

Group Unlikely

Cost of Operation Held Prohibitive

A proposal to set up a "Little Ke- For Central Penna. fauver" crimes commission to investigate racketeering in Pennsylvania faces a doubtful future in the a new State school for mental de-House of Representatives at Harris-

Establishment of the commission was urged by 33 Republican House members in a resolution. The legislation would set up a 5-

man commission under the Department of Justice to investigate reports of corruption in the state. It was accompanied by a com-

A top Republican House leader said the cost of operating the commission might cause the administration to give it a cold reception. He pointed out also that the Justice probes in the state

The proposed commission is also opposed by the Democrats. However, Rep. Edwin Tompkins

(R-Cameron), drafter of the bill, denied that the commission would be of a partisan nature. He said it torneys at large.

Health Meeting At Johnstown May 22 Region 5 of the Pennsylvania

Welfare Conference is making arrangements for a meeting on the subject of Mental Health to be held at Johnstown on May 22. The region includes the following counties: Bedford, Blair, Cambria, Centre, Clearfield, Fulton, Huntingdon, Mifflin and Somerset.

An afternoon session starting at 2 o'clock will include a panel of six development reservoir, on the West speakers who will discuss the subject from the point of view of the courts, schools, churches, medical profession, family, and community A nationally known person in the general field of mental health is being secured as the speaker for the dinner session to be held at 6:30 p. m. Both sessions will be in the Fort Stanwix Hotel,

Dr. Roy W. Wiley, superintendent of Johnstown schools, is the general chairman of the meeting committees. Dr. Sterling B. Brinkley, di-

caught a 23-inch Brown trout in Bald Eagle Creek, Friday. The trout from the age of 10 years up. The weighed four pounds, ten ounces. Junior work is conducted in 4-H minnow as the lure.

600 Enrolled More than 600 airmen are now

accelerated course is 12 weeks.

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Clinton County Group Charges Gas Firms Oppose Conservation

Fire Burns Over 2000 Acres Near

Snow Shoe, said there was every As our industry is making the dif- reason to believe that the fire had been set.

> as 50 feet and set new fires. Mr. Miller said that the loss of game was "pitiful." He said game Leidy field.

Crews from Renovo, Lock Haven, communities. Assisting in maintain- Howard and Snow Shoe totaling 125 ing civilian morale in the event of men fought the blaze that could be enemy attack is one obvious service seen in Snow Shoe, 10 miles away. No estimate was made of the loss ticularly useful. There is also the to the second growth timber. The

age of the adult population will be employed during the daylight hours. Forest Firebug

State Authorities Launch Probe

State authorities have launched who has been responsible for a Among those attending the con- number of damaging forest fires

State fire fighting crews have a spokesman said

The most extensive fire was along the Munson-Hockenberry road area near Saw Dust Hollow. An estima ted 250 acres were burned over by the blaze. A crew of nearly 25 men fought the blaze.

Crews just recently put the shing touches on a major blaze i the Rolling Stone area. Crews were dispatched to the fire scene for a fight that lasted more than 24 hours.

Institution Authorized

A bill authorizing construction of

fectives in Central Pennsylvania was approved unanimously by the Manor, June 10. Already passed by the House the

some 600 persons. It is aimed at ing the year. panion bill appropriating \$150,000 relieving overcrowding at similar Fifty new members affiliated with to finance the investigate activities. institutions at Polk and Pennhurst.

Delegation Travels to Harrisburg

THE MOST WIDELY READ NEWSPAPER IN CENTRE COUNTY

The big gas companies want to get out the "mostest gas the fustest" and exhaust the Leidy field, in the opinion of the Clinton County representatives who went to Harrisburg recently to participate in a Commerce points out. Crowded ling and putting out a fire that conference of gas and oil producers, streets, the speed of traffic, and the burned over more than 2,000 acres geologists, land owners and state lack of play space in congested of State forest land north of Snow officials, called by William S. Liv-Shoe last Wednesday and Thurs- engood, state secretary of Internal Affairs.

According to Associate Renovo. Paul Miller, towerman at Charles Dunn and Jack Smyth, publisher of the Renovo Record, delegates at Harrisburg, the gas company spokesmen argued against He said the men had difficulty in any regulation of output of natural would suffer, if brakes were put on the present rate of output from the Two who presented this kind

objection were Fenton H. Finn, the People's Natural Gas Co. Pittsburgh, and J. P. Jones, of the Bradford Crude Oil Association. according to local people at the into the stream to act as a dam tho impound some of the water. Heat of the flames was so intense

the firemen, corrying hoses near the structure, were forced to drop them and seek safety. They pulled away the hose and equipment and approched the blaze step by step. eral miles around. Heat scorched the front of the Harry C. Burket residence across

The Burket building also houses an apartment, the Warriors Mark postoffice, and the Huntingdon & Centre County Telephone Telephone Co. office. The postal supplies were remover almost at once and safely transferred to Harpster

Also scorched was the John Hoover store building, formerly the Frank K. Mattern general merchandise store. A corner of the building caught fire but was soon extinguished, with slight damage to the building and merchandise. On the other side of the old Mattern homestead, the flames and (Continued on Page Six)

County Motor Club Wins Two State Awards

won two first prizes in a contest sponsored by the Pennsylvania Fedration, it was announced at the meeting at Duffy's Tavern in Boalsburg, Friday night.

the State Federation at Pocono

The County Culb placed first for measure was sent to Gov. John S having the highest percentage of increase in membership in its class Although no appropriation was and for having the highest per made the bill is designed to provide cent of increase in membership for for an institution to accommodate all clubs throughout the state dur-

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Hearing on Flood Control Department is already empowered Set in Washington July 4th

mendations of the U. S. Army En- tect the communities on the stream gineers for flood control on the from future flood damage. West Branch of the Susquehanna will be held before the U. S. Board cently by the Board of Engineers. which fixed the hours of the hearing at 2 to 4:30 p. m. at Gravelly Point, Va., where the U. S. Army

The Board of Engineers, as re- dam.

The dams called for in the recommendations of the engineers would Grummond, now assistant professor of Engineers for Rivers and Har- be built at a total cost estimated at of history at LSU, graduated from Eagle Creek at Blanchard, and in In Puerto Rico. the river at Curwensville and Keating. The Keating site would be the John G. A. Williamson, a North Engineers have their headquarters location of the multiple-purpose Carolina man who in 1835 became

quired by law, is considering the re- | The hearing on June 4, it is unport of the Dission Engineer on derstood, will be for the purpose of Mrs. de Grummond discovered in a the survey made under a resolution hearing final presentations of data collection of papers bought by the of the House Committee on Flood from proponents and opponents of LSU Archives in 1942. She believes Control, adopted May 29, 1946. The the recommended dams. If and herself to be the first person to read recommendations submitted by the when approved by the Board of En- the diary since Williamson made engineer called for construction of gineers, the report is expected to his last entry over a hundred years four flood control reservoirs and a get the OK of the Department of before. combined flood-control and power Defense, for submission to Congress,

Home Demonstration Week Shows Work of Extension

tion work is home economics ex-

at Penn State. Extension groups are not organized groups. They have no membership fees or limi-Mrs. Henry Malone of Milesburg, tations. The work of home economics extension is available to all of age. The adult work is for any-

pair of furniture, reupholstering,

the women all over the United machines and adjustment; the facts England's plan to take Panama. States in celebrating Home Demon- of nutrition, care of teeth, proper stration Week. Home demonstra- preparation and preservation of food, diet for overweight or under rector of the UMWA Medical Cen- tension work in Pennsylvania, and weight; the use of equipment, sewter, is chairman of the program is under the School of Agriculture ing machines, pressure saucepans pressure cookers, irons, ironing boards, pressing equipment. Meet In Communities

meetings in twelve communities County, and Edward Hough, 34, of nities, will hold Open House for this year, with women from 23 Philadelphia, from the week of May visitors. communities attending. Nine of the 7 to the week of July 9. Mrs. Malone caught the fish with a clubs for girls from 10 to 21 years groups learned the simplified methods of dressmaking; three groups in the slaying of William Kelly one interested in learning more learned to refinish, repair, reup- during a holdup in a tavern near day morning the Mother's Day about some phase of home eco- holster furniture; two, learned how Doylestown on Dec. 22, 1947. nomics; cooking, sewing, buying of to make and use, and economy of, enrolled in a school for clerk-ty-l furniture, food, clothing, house- home-made mixes for biscuits, piepists operated by Penn State for hold supplies; child care, child crusts, cake and gingerbread; one Ingling, a Philadelphia policeman, cert by the College Symphony Orthe U. S. Air Forces. The war- guidance, family life problems; re- learned how to make rugs by braid- during the holdup of a supermar- chestra Sunday afternoon will close (Continued on Page Six)

"... And God Bless Mother."



Philipsburg Skyline Changed By Addition of Bakery Stack

of a new high smokestack.

eries, Inc. It can be seen for sev-The six ton stack is painted alu-

minum and has a black top. It the street, shattered nearly all the measures 34-inches in diameter and windows, and igniting the roof of is 114-feet tall, and sits atop a

B-B Gun Bills To Seek Curb

Measures Would Ban Their Sale

may draw up its own bill to esta- which are 175-feet high when emblish more stringent control over placed. They are steel, 5-feet in th use of B-B guns in Pennsylvania diameter. The stacks sit on boilers R-Venango), said the committee total of seven, but two boilers were sent a series of bills outlawing the removed several years ago. Of the sale of B-B guns to a subcommittee five stacks standing now, two go recently, after agreeing some type of the height of 175-feet. The others

generally agreed there is a need due to be replaced with new stacks or more regulation over the use of full height. The Centre County Motor Club of B-B guns in the State," McKinmittee meeting. "We may draw up Tank Opened, our own bill "

The B-B gun bills would ban the 5,000 Gallons sale and use of the air rifles and similar types of weapons in the State. They would impose heavy penalties against violators.

Bellefonte Native Author Of New Book On Envoy

A native of Bellefonte is the author of a new book which delivers from obscurity the diplomat who first represented the United States in the country of Venezuela.

She is Jane Lucas de Grummond born in Bellefonte in 1905. Mrs. de Grummond is the daughter of Reuben Lucas and the late Mrs. Lucas who with their family moved to Philipsburg, in 1910.

Her book, "Envoy to Caracas," will be released May 24 by the Louisiana State University Press. Mrs. de

"Envoy to Caracas" is the story of charge de affairs at Caracas. It is based on his private diary, which

The book also draws on William son's correspondence with the State Department, materials in the British Foreign office, and the author's explorations in Venezuela.

Mrs. de Grummond points out that the diary has historical significance as a record of attitudes of people toward events. It reports on the reaction to French aggression The women of Centre County join slip covering, chair caning, sewing at Vera Cruz, for instance, and on

Four Slayers Get Respites To July 9

The three youths were convicted

convicted ni the slaying of Cecil of Philadelphia, as speaker. A conket on Jan. 30, 1947.

cently changed with the addition Unlike mosts stacks this height, it was assembled on the ground and The stack rises 126-feet and was lifted into place by the B-B Conerected for the Morningstar Bak- struction Co. A large dragline crane row is a teacher in the Tyrone was used for this feat. Recently during a heavy rain and

and electrical storm, the new steel smokestack was struck by two bolts lightning. No damage was done the stack is a natural ground and will tend to protect the surunding area from bolts While the new Morningstar stack

very high, it does not approac the size of the stack at the Philinsburg poweh house or the one the Philipsburg State Hospital. The hospital stack of 5x5-inch tile has a height of 150-feet. It was placed in operation JJuly 7, 1950. The diameter is 12-feet at the base and narrows to 5 or 6-feet at The highest smokestacks at Phil-

ipsburg are at the power house of the Pennsylvania Electric Co., Chairman John C. McKinney, 25-feet high. There used to be a The members of the committee shorter. Two of the later three are

Oil Runs Out

Five thousand gallons of road oil was drained from a storage tank in and released the oil. The oil drained from the tank

owned by the M. L. Smith Co. Officials of the company valued the oil at \$1,000.

morning in pumping up the oil on ed, and dispatched?-Man-Data. the ground. It was estimated that about 1,000 gallons was salvaged. The incident was reported to Williamsport police by H. P. Follmer, secretary of the contracting com-

Police said a padlock on the valve had been broken and the valve re-The lock was found lying along the railroad tracks about 100 feet from the tank.

Officials of the company told Williamsport police they thought the would be composed of reputable at- bors, at Washington, D. C., June 4 more than \$250,000,000 at the fol- American University in Washington damage might have been done by This announcement was made re- lowing locations; First Fork of Sin- and received advanced degrees at someone who wanted to obtain some nemahoning. Kettle Creek, Bald LSU. She also taught in Tyrone, and oil for his own use. They held to the belief that the person or persons who removed the valve found the pressure too great to replace it after obtaining their oil, so they left the tank open. The valve weighs 25

The incident is being investigated by Detective Joseph R. Longo of the Williamsport police.

Plan Mother's Day Program At State

Parents of hundreds of students t Penn State will visit the campus his weekend to participate in the annual Mother's Day activities, inluding the traditional May Day

The May Queen, Martha Lee Baltzell, of Reno, Pa., will be crowned at the May Day ceremony beginning at 3:30 p.m. Saturday while immediately preceding this event, parents will be entertained at teas in the residence hall lounges.

Open House program will be held Saturday afternoon by the The Governor has again issued School of Chemistry and Physics respites staying the execution of Engineering, and Physical Educa-David Darcy, 26; Harold Foster, 26, tion and Athletics. Residence halls Extension groups have held their and Harry Zietz, 21, all of Bucks on the campus, as well as frater-

> Other activities include dramatic productions and exhibits of student work in the various arts. On Sun chapel service will have Dr. G. Hough and David Almeida were Elson Ruff, editor of The Lutheran the weekend program.

\$40,000 Fire Perils Town Of Warriors Mark In Night Blaze

Flames Destroy Old Homestead

for a time last week the entire community of Warriors Mark, was checked after it destroyed one home, damaged others and utility

blaze, its furnishings included. of the house, and those across the sion, effective May 1.

electric facilities put out of com-

mission, were damaged. the scene, the entire structure was ablaze. Several neighbors discovered the fire in the rear of a builtment, occupied by Mr. and Mrs. burg laude Watson.

sed a garden hose on the blaze, and when unable to make headway | Franklin in Venango county summoned the Tyrone and State

When firemen arrived the flame had spread and were at the secon floor apartment, occupied by Mr and Mrs. Lee Morrow. Mrs. Mor Pressed for water the firemen ra:

a line to Buck run, a stream flowing through the center of the town. A hugh canvas was thrown heat scorched the home of Mrs

Jury Ignores Gambling Bills

Northumberland Co. Defendants Go Free

A Northumberland County Grand Jury refused last week to find true bills against 15 defendants charged with maintaing gambling devices The 15 were arrested last Peb. 15 in raids by twenty State Police of Williamsport, Lock Haven. Selinsgrove, Shamokin and Milton barracks on Milton business establish-

15, and when Milton State Police speaker.

was Albert Prosseda.

Williamsport sometime during Fri- College, was treated at the Centre tion day night when unidentified per- County Hospital Sunday, after in- program. sons removed a valve from the tank juring his knee while playing base-

Three Strikes And Out

Game Commission Announces 4 New Area Assignments

Field Division Supervisor, M. E. Sherman, Northcentral District of ory frame structure, one on the the Pennsylvania Game Commission earliest mansions in Warriors Mark, announced the assignment of four was completely destroyed by the of the recent graduates of the Ross Leffler School of Conservation to Other properties on both sides fill the vacancies within the divi-

The assignments are as follows: streets, along with telephone and county: Charles F. Keiper, Dupont, rone and State College speeded to Luzerne county to Renovo, Clinton county; Charles M. Laird, Bellwood, Blair county to Bellefonte, Centre Robert H. Spahr, New on kitchen of the first floor apart- Brighton, Beaver county, to Philips-

Game Protector Clyde W. Decker. Neighbors broke windows and who was formerly stationed at Phil- this group to change Rockview's has been transferred

Central Pa. EUB Conference Boosts Supt. Salaries

The Central Pennsylvania Con ference of the Evangelical United Brethren Church raised the salarles of its two district superintendents \$1000 recently, and urged a general increase in pastors' salar-

Delegates at the conference increased the superintendents' salaries from \$4200 to \$5200 annually with parsonage; raised the expenaccounts from \$800 to \$1000. authorized special secretarial p as needed. The two district superintendents

re, the Rev. N. L. Hummel of the; outhern district, and the Rev. Dr. R. O. Steely of the northern dis-

Groups Help Mark 20th Anniversary

gineering at Penn State is being the lone dissenting ballot. marked with various events this "Florida had to repeal a similar year, with several groups helping measure when they found they In one case, police said, they con- on May 18 will be the second, with fiscated two machines in the estab- Dr. Milton S. Eisenhower, presilishment of Albert Prosseda on Peb, dent of Penn State, as principal Holland. "This bill can make pos-

raided again on Feb. 16, they found Last month the Pennsylvania two more. The devices included both section. American Association of the faculty, students and alumni in farms nor in any way to make cer-Among those who went free a program climaxed by a banquet, tain that Pennsylvania will not pay through the grand jury's action The May 18 event will have the \$1.50 each on thousands of impor-Farm Equipment Manufacturers ted snakes. Association of Pennsylvania, and a Berger, who said increasing numdelegation from the Pennsylvania bers of poisonous snakes prompted Willard Holderman, 18, of State Farm Equipment Dealers Associa- lumbermen in heavily forested

Car Damaged

College responded for a car fire authorized since 1937 to pay snake Did you hear about the fellow alarm at Millbrook at 3:50 p. m. bounties but few take advantage of who goes to church three times in Sunday. The car, owned by Herbert the legislation. Crews were engaged Saturday his life: When he's hatched, match- Stewart of Bellefonte, R. D. 1, was Snake bounty rules would be prodamaged around the motor.

The Copy Hook ...

PRICE PROBLEMS For folks who are worrying about limbing food prices, here are some comparisons of items with last year's prices; Coffee is up 10 cents a bound, ham increased 8 cents. Rou-

tine items like canned milk and soap powder have increased 20 and 25

SHELL SHENANIGANS:

per cent, respectively.

Finding of a live shell on a Belle fonte property last week turned out to be somewhat of a letdown. Influenced perhaps by accounts of findings of the Kefauver committee, we envisioned a dandy, page one story on the subsequent discovery of a huge arsenal and a definite link with a Centre county branch of the

The canoe race down the Susquehanna to be held in connection with the Flaming Foliage Festival this fall will have a dark horse entry in two members of the Lock Haven Express staff, Bob Kotzbauer and Pete Stevenson. What we think would be a sure fire winner would Michael Evancho, Freeland, Luzerne try. Stan Kuhlman and Jack be to have Bellefonte make an encounty to Jersey Shore, Lycoming Shaughnessy could start the race and their twin brothers, Bob Kuhlman and Tom Shaughnessy could

SOLEMN SUGGESTION:

Our big suggestion this week is to the State Legislature. We petition governing body from Board of Trustees to Board of Directors. The terms, "Trustee" and "Trustie" tend to get mixed up, particularly in con-

Snake Bounties OK'd By Senate

Senator Declares It Can Become Racket

The House was asked recently by the Senate to concur in legislation fixing \$1.50 bounties on rattlesnakes and copperheads despite a warning that final approval would spark one of the greatest rackets of all

The bill, introduced by Sen. James S. Berger, (R) Potter, would authorize use of State Game Commission funds for payment of the

Before the measure was approved 49-1 by the Senate, the racket warning was sounded by Sen. Elmer J. Twenty years of agricultural en- Holland, (D) Allegheny, who cast

were paying bounties

shipped in from other states," said sible one of the greatest rackets of "There's nothing in the bill to slot machines and punchboards, ac- Agricultural Engineers, joined with prevent people from starting snake

> joining in the anniversary counties to request the legislation, denied widespread fraud would result from bounties because of the

penalties of perfury. The Alpha Pire Company of State Local governments have been

mulgated by the Commission.

KNOW YOUR HEIRLOOMS

By TOM ORMSBEE

The Collector as His Own Restorer



A REPAIRED ARROW-BACK WINDSOR

The right arm and top rail of the back are replacements and the right rear leg has been restored. A good example of what an amateur repairer can do with a piece so damaged as not to be worth the expense

What to do about an heirloom which has been damaged or where parts have disappeared is always a problem. During the past four years I have had a number of letters from readers about specific instances. A slant-front desk lacking its writing flap, a chest of drawers with feet missing or a mutilated chair. Because of sentimental associations or real liking for the piece itself, they want it put in in condition to use, and ask if it is worth the expense involved. When the required repairs are limited and can be done by a pro-

fessional restorer at moderate cost,

the solution is easy but there are

plenty of Other instances where

the damage is so extensive that the

cost would outweigh the value of

the piece. One must always remem-

ber that the decrease in value is

in direct proportion to the amount of repair done. The way around this problem is to do it yourself, providing you have the skill and patience necessary for exact and nice antique furniture repairing. Eager beavers with no training or aptitude can all too easily complete the ruin begun by time and use. Against this, there are other amateurs with skill and judgment who do surprisingly good repairing and refinishing. The arrow-back Windsor armchair illustrated is a good example. It comes from Damariscotta, Maine. The owner writes that it is a family piece of several generations which

transformations - the last "I ripped off the 'junk'," he writes, "and found that the right arm and the right leg were broken Also the back was in sorry shape with cresting or top portion broken

suffered several misguided

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