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POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENTS.

PRESIDENT JUDGE.

We are authorized to announce that W. Harrison Walker, of Bellefonte, is a candidate for nomination on the Democratic ticket for the office of President Judge of the courts of Centre county, subject to the decision of the voters of the county as expressed at the primaries to be held on September 20, 1927.

FOR SHERIFF.

We are authorized to announce that Harry E. (Dep.) Dunlap, of Bellefonte, will be a candidate for the nomination on the Democratic ticket for the office of Sheriff of Centre county, subject to the decision of the Democratic voters as expressed at the primaries to be held on Tuesday, September 20, 1927.

FOR PROTHONOTARY.

We are authorized to announce that Claude Herr, of Bellefonte, will be a candidate for the nomination on the Democratic ticket for the office of Prothonotary of Centre county, subject to the decision of the Democratic voters as expressed at the primaries to be held Tuesday, September 20, 1927.

FOR TREASURER.

We are authorized to announce that Lym L. Smith, of Centre Hall, will be a candidate for the nomination for County Treasurer subject to the decision of the Democratic voters of the county as expressed at the primary to be held September 20, 1927.

FOR RECORDER.

We are authorized to announce that Sinie H. Hoy, of Bellefonte, is a candidate for nomination on the Democratic ticket for the office of Recorder of Centre county, subject to the decision of the voters of the county as expressed at the primary to be held Tuesday, September 20, 1927.

COUNTY COMMISSIONER.

We are authorized to announce that John S. Spearly will be a candidate for the nomination for County Commissioner on the Democratic ticket subject to the decision of the voters of the party as expressed at the primaries on September 20, 1927.

We are authorized to announce that John W. Yearick, of Marion township, will be a candidate for the nomination of County Commissioner, subject to the decision of the Democratic voters as expressed at the primaries to be held September 20, 1927.

Republican Ticket.

PRESIDENT JUDGE.

We are authorized to announce that M. Ward Fleming, of Philipsburg, Pa., is a candidate for nomination on the Republican ticket for the office of President Judge of the Courts of Centre county, subject to the decision of the Republican voters of the county as expressed at the primary to be held September 20, 1927.

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THOMAS.—George E. Thomas, a native of Centre county, died at his home in Tyrone, on Wednesday evening of last week, following ten day's illness with neuralgia of the heart.

He was a son of Samuel and Margaret I. Davis Thomas and was born at Rock Springs on September 1st, 1861, hence was in his 66th year. In 1886 he married Miss Annie E. Lykens and shortly thereafter located near Warriorsmark where they lived until 1919 when they moved to Tyrone and Mr. Thomas went to work in the paper mill, where he was employed until his death. He was a member of the Warriorsmark Methodist church and was an upright, christian man.

He is survived by his wife and three children, Homer and Ralph Thomas and Mrs. T. C. Harpster, all of Tyrone. He also leaves thirteen grandchildren and two sisters, Mrs. Frank Rice, of Glasgow, and Mrs. Clarence Reams, of Utahville.

Funeral services were held at his late home in Tyrone at 2:30 o'clock on Saturday afternoon by Rev. E. J. Biddle, interment being made in the East-lawn cemetery, Tyrone.

SOWERS.—David Sowers, for more than forty years a resident of Philipsburg, died quite suddenly, Wednesday night of last week, as the result of a heart attack. He worked all day Wednesday, attended prayer meeting early in the evening and the motion pictures at Rowland's theatre later. Returning home he ate an apple and then retired. About 1:30 in the morning Mrs. Sowers was attracted by his labored breathing and being unable to arouse him summoned aid but he died within a few minutes.

He was a native of Perry county and was 66 years old. He was a blacksmith by trade and during his long residence in Philipsburg worked in his shop until six years ago when he gave up smithing and converted his shop into an auto supply and electric service station. He was a member of St. Paul's Protestant Episcopal church, a mason and an Odd Fellow. He married Miss Sadie McClellan, who survives with no children. Funeral services were held in St. Paul's church on Saturday afternoon, burial being made in the Philipsburg cemetery.

BICKLE.—Madaline Bickle, a ward of the Children's Aid Society of Centre county, died on March 14th, at the home for incurables in Philadelphia. For years she had been a sufferer with heart trouble and shortly after becoming a ward of the Society spent a year undergoing treatment in the Bellefonte hospital. She then showed such pronounced indications of recovery that the society placed her in the girls' school, at Indiana. But the activities of the other children there annoyed her and her condition became worse. She was taken to a hospital in Pittsburgh where her disease was pronounced as incurable and two years ago she was transferred to the home for incurables, in Philadelphia. There every care was given her and her life made as comfortable and pleasant as possible. Funeral services were held at the home on March 16th and burial made in Philadelphia.

MEYERS.—David Grant Meyers, of Lemont, died at the Centre County hospital, on Monday, as the result of peritonitis following an operation for appendicitis last week. He was a son of Mr. and Mrs. William Meyers and was born at Centre Hall a little over fifty-seven years ago. He married Miss Ida Sorman who survives with the following children: Mrs. J. E. Klinger, of Lemont; Mrs. Otto Spicer, of State College; Charles and Harry, of Lemont. He also leaves one sister and three brothers, Mrs. George Nearhood, of State College; William Meyers, of Centre Hall; Howard, of Williamsport, and Frank, in Oklahoma. Burial was made at Houserville on Wednesday morning.

MURPHY.—Mrs. Mame Murphy, widow of the late E. A. Murphy, died on Sunday at her home at Drexel Hill, Philadelphia, following two week's illness, aged seventy years. Her husband died two years ago but surviving her are one daughter and two sons, Mrs. Ralph Mallory, of Bellefonte, who went to Philadelphia last Thursday and was with her mother when she passed away; E. R. Murphy, of Chicago; Malin, of Philadelphia, and a grandson, Howard Murphy, at home. Mr. Mallory went to Philadelphia, on Monday, to be there for the funeral which was held on Wednesday.

HESS.—James Dunlop Hess died on Monday, at his home in Williamsport, following an illness of some months. He was a son of Jonathan and Sue Dunlap Hess and was born near Pine Grove Mills over sixty years ago. He was educated at the Pine Grove Mills Academy and in early manhood went to Williamsport and engaged in the mercantile business. He is survived by his wife and two daughters, Mildred and Florence. Burial was made in Williamsport on Wednesday afternoon.

SHOPE.—Mrs. Martha Shope, wife of George F. Shope, died on Saturday morning at the home of her son, Charles E. Shope, at Lakemont Terrace, Altoona, following an illness of some weeks. She was a daughter of James and Sarah Blair and was born at State College fifty-eight years ago. In addition to her husband she is survived by two sons and four brothers. The funeral was held on Tuesday afternoon, burial being made in the Rose Hill cemetery, Altoona.

BOROUGH COUNCIL HOLDS BRIEF MEETING.

Only six members were present at the regular meeting of borough council, on Monday evening, but that number was sufficient to transact all the business that was brought up.

There were no verbal nor written communications, but the secretary reported that he had written the Underwriters' Association regarding the movement to obtain lower insurance rates but had not yet received a reply.

The Street committee reported the laying of a sanitary sewer on north water street and also one for surface drainage. The committee also reported the collection of \$20 from Clarence Zeigler for a sewer tap on east Curtin street and that all but ten dollars of the \$170.00 pledged by residents of Blanchard street for a sewer extension have been paid. One bid has been received for digging the ditch for the sewer, but as other bids are expected it was not made public.

The Water committee reported repairs to several meters and water lines and also that one of the cylinders on the gravity pump at the Phoenix station is in bad condition and an effort will be made to repair it. In the meantime a letter of inquiry has been sent to the manufacturers of the pump asking the price of a new cylinder and how quickly it can be furnished when needed.

The committee also reported that a water tap had been requested by a resident of Wilson street, opposite Linn street, and the committee recommended the laying of a four inch pipe a distance of about two hundred feet so as to afford fire protection in that locality. Report was also made that Malcolm Young had requested both water and sewer service up west Lamb street to a new house he is going to build on Halfmoon Terrace, and that five new consumers of water had been added to the east Howard street line. The recommendation of the committee that the water extension be made was approved by council.

The secretary read for the first time a new sewer ordinance presented by the Street committee which provides for the payment of \$30 for a sewer tap for a single house and \$60 for a double house; and anyone making a tap without taking out a permit to be liable to a fine of not less than \$30 nor more than \$50. After the reading of the ordinance one or more members suggested that there should also be a rating for apartment houses, hotels, etc., as the sewage to take care of from those is very much greater than from a single house. The ordinance was referred back to the committee to consult with the borough solicitor and have the changes made.

Bills were approved to the amount of \$352.36, which did not include either the street or water pay roll, after which council adjourned.

P. O. S. of A. Commanderies Hold Meeting in Bellefonte.

An interesting meeting of representatives of P. O. S. of A. commanderies in western Pennsylvania and Maryland was held in Bellefonte on Saturday evening, with approximately one hundred delegates present. The meeting, which was held in the P. O. S. of A. hall in the Harris block, was presided over by S. J. Woodhouse, of Altoona. Former Judge Arthur C. Dale made the address of welcome and C. S. Nonemaker made the response. A resolution was passed advocating the addition of a collegiate course in Pennsylvania High schools and favoring the nationalization of education. Its aim is to give equal educational opportunities to all boys and girls, regardless of whether they are rich or poor.

Following the business session a luncheon was served and it was well on toward midnight when the gathering adjourned.

—Ask for free porch rocker tickets that are given away by the Bellefonte merchants. 15-1t

ROBISON.—Mrs. Sarah Ellen Robison, wife of John H. Robison, died at her home in Tyrone, on Tuesday morning, from the effects of a stroke of paralysis sustained six years ago.

She was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Miller, was born near Unionville, Centre county, and was almost 64 years old. She was twice married, her first husband having been Elijah Kellerman, who died in 1896. In 1905 she married John Robison and all her married life had been spent in Tyrone. She is survived by her husband and one daughter, Mrs. Edith Baughman, of Tyrone. Burial will be made at Port Matilda this (Friday) afternoon.

TUTEN.—Miss Esther P. Tuten, youngest sister of the late Edward T. Tuten, for many years editor of the Bellefonte Republican, died at her home at Dover, New Hampshire, last Thursday, following a lingering illness. She was 77 years old, the last of the Tuten family and will be remembered by the older people of Bellefonte through her visits here during the life of her brother. Burial was made at Dover on Saturday.

CAMPBELL.—Rev. R. M. Campbell, veteran Presbyterian minister, who served the Spruce Creek charge many years, died at his home in Altoona on Wednesday morning as the result of general debility, aged 85 years. The remains were taken to Reedsville where burial will be made this morning.

BOOST CENTRE COUNTY.

The phenomenal growth of California can be directly attributed to the fact that everybody who lives in that State a few months becomes so imbued with the natural advantages it offers that he turns into an inveterate booster. After the gold craze had subsided in the period immediately following the Civil war the citizens of California recognized the necessity of finding other attractions to continue the tide of immigration in that direction, so they began systematically to acquaint the world with the salubrious climate of the State for health and comfort and its possibilities for fruit raising and other paying industries. It has not been long since the whole country was flooded with literature filled with extravagant but delightful descriptions of that wonderful country and its possibilities. So powerful was their appeal that probably everybody in the United States, as well as in many other parts of the world, has at some time ardently longed to join the caravan and move to California.

Yet, if you want to know the real truth of the matter, there are as many drawbacks to California in climate and opportunity as there are in many other States, though different in character. However, boosting did the trick and took hordes of ambitious people westward, so that Los Angeles has grown from a population of 200,000 to more than a million in less than ten years. These people took their money, their brains, and their brawn with them; and they, too, have become boosters of California because they have learned that it pays to boost.

When we stop to think about it, we find that we have many splendid attractions in our own county; so many, in fact, that most of us are delighted to settle down and live here in contentment the rest of our lives. There are as many natural beauties in our wooded mountains and winding streams as there are in any country in the world. The phenomenal beauties of our scenery are unsurpassed. We have many natural resources, such as the exhaustless lime and coal deposits, the fertile valleys, wonderfully healthful air, the best mountain water in the world and many prosperous and wide awake cities and towns among the hills in the very center of the greatest Commonwealth in the land. Many other communities which are doing a lot of boosting of their own towns would be glad to have the natural advantages of Bellefonte, Philipsburg, State College, Centre Hall, Millheim and Howard, but they advertise their own towns because it pays. Pays in money and employment, in opportunity for culture and in many other ways.

Unfortunately there are some people who have not learned the tremendous detriment it is to a community for one of its citizens to knock the institutions and individuals of his own town. They seem to think it a mark of superior wisdom or bravery to decry the best things of the place in which they live, but on the contrary, it is a mark of ignorance and cowardice, and it is extremely unwise, because there are times when a small current of adverse criticism will do irreparable damage.

Take for instance our churches. The churches of Centre county are attended by some of the best intentioned people God ever made and are served by able and devoted pastors. Through their sacrifice and earnest efforts they are trying to save our young from lives of thriftlessness and crime. Every adverse criticism, however covertly spoken, makes it more difficult for them to perform that service. Who knows but that the young man they fail to influence may not become a criminal who will rob the home or murder a member of the family of the thoughtless critic.

Centre county has a very fine and efficient hospital for which many loyal citizens, including the earnest women of the Women's Auxiliary, the medical staff and the self-sacrificing board of trustees are constantly striving to improve. These good people depend to a great extent upon the liberality of the people for funds with which to procure equipment and an efficient personnel to make it possible to save the lives of citizens who are sent to the hospital for treatment. Suppose that some unwise statement of a short-sighted critic would cause some philanthropic person to draw his purse strings a little tighter, and that the hospital would be deprived of some appliance which would later be found necessary to save the life of one of our citizens. Who knows but that the person thus sacrificed will not be a member of the critic's own family?

Knocking is an expensive game. We cannot afford to engage in it. It is much better to spend our time and words in boosting—boosting our schools, our churches, our homes, our people, our beautiful little towns, our mountains, our industries, and all we have that is good and useful about us. Better still to put our shoulders to the wheel and help make all these blessings even better than they now are.

There was never a time more appropriate for universal boosting than the coming weeks immediately preceding the Hospital Membership drive, which begins May 12th, National Hospital day. The hospital management is inviting the people of Centre county to visit the hospital, especially on May 12th, the anniversary of the birthday of Florence Nightingale, the patron saint of hospital service. The Centre County hospital is your institution, and they are anxious for you to see it in operation. If there

is any doubt in your mind regarding its management, go and see its efficiency and utility first-hand.

The public is welcome to visit the hospital at any time, but the board is distributing circulars and posters throughout the county extending a cordial invitation to each citizen not only to visit the hospital at this special time, but also to become a member of the Hospital Corporation by the annual payment of the fee of one dollar or more, while this membership drive is in progress. Now is the time to boost and to help your hospital.

What a Patient Thinks of the Hospital.

Just now when an effort is being made to enlist the interest of the people of Centre county in the Centre County hospital it will probably be enlightening to many to know what patients think of the institution. For this reason we publish the following letter received recently from a patient who experienced the advantages of the hospital as the proper place to take care of the sick:

To the Centre County Hospital:

It is my duty as well as my pleasure to express my gratitude and deep appreciation of the kindness and loving service shown me in the Centre County hospital of Bellefonte.

The hospital itself is worthy of the city. Much wisdom has been shown in the selection of its site, surrounded by the beautiful hills, and overlooking the town. The many roads leading into it are most interesting.

The view from my window, and from the sun parlor, is one of untiring interest and beauty.

The building itself is immaculate in its cleanliness and free from all odors.

As for the management and nursing staff, I cannot say enough; every one willing and ready with a smile to do whatever their part may be.

A PATIENT.

The Lake at Penns Cave Completed.

Preparatory to making Penns Cave even more attractive than it has come to be since automobiles have made access to it so easy the Campbell brothers have just completed another improvement there.

They have built a dam across the stream that flows out of the cave, two miles below the outlet, and blasted the outlet large enough for the passage of a boat. The dam will back the water clear up to the level of that in the cave, so that when it is filled up visitors to the cave can be taken clear through it, out onto the dam for a long ride and then back through the cavern again, to the entrance.

International Bible Students.

Sunday services: Sunday School 10 a. m., Preaching at 2:30 p. m., at home of Harper Rice, by R. I. Remaley, of Altoona, subject, "The Second Coming of Christ."—Rev. 1:7.

Everybody welcome to hear the much discussed subject. His manner of coming, Etc. No collection.

PLEASANT GAP.

Henry Noll spent several days the past week in Philadelphia.

Holy week services were held in both of our churches, and were well attended.

Miss Roberta Noll, of Allentown, spent the past week as a guest of Mrs. Ralph Noll.

Cleatus Messersmith, Mrs. Fred A. Clemens and Mrs. Jack Noll spent the week-end in Berwick.

Mr. Claybaugh, a former guard at the Rockview penitentiary, visited Fred Clemens on Wednesday.

Wade Evey is repairing the front of his residence which was partially demolished by John Prutzman's airplane.

Mrs. Ed Dugan, who has been a medical patient at the Centre County hospital for several weeks, has returned home but little improved.

Quite a number of the ladies of Camp 229, P. O. of A., visited the sister camp at Howard, on Monday evening. Martin Keller and Lloyd Sampsel took them down in their cars. The evening was spent very pleasantly, and an increasing fraternal feeling has grown up among these camps through these social gatherings. Delicious refreshments were served. The members of the Milesburg camp were also guests of Howard, and each of the camps had some member read or recite. The Milesburg lodge also favored the crowd with some musical selections.

JACKSONVILLE.

Luther Fisher is suffering from an abscess on his face.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Daily were week-end guests at the George Ertley home.

Mr. and Mrs. Fern Dunkle and children were Sunday visitors at the W. E. Weight home.

Mrs. George Hoy and family, of Howard, were Sunday visitors at the Luther Fishburn home.

Mr. and Mrs. John Beck and daughter, of Lock Haven, spent the week-end at the C. N. Yearick home.

Miss Evelyn Neff, of Shingletown, returned to her home last week after spending three weeks at the Joseph Neff home.

Those from a distance who attended Communion services here were Mrs. George Hoy and daughter Edith, of Howard; John Yearick, Rosalie Yearick, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Swartz and daughter Mary, of Bellefonte; Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Harter, of State College; Mr. and Mrs. Miles Bartley and daughter, of Howard; Mr. and Mrs. John Beck and daughter, of Lock Haven; Earl Yearick and family, of Hublersburg; Mrs. Tillie Peck, son

and wife, of Nittany; Miss Mary Weight and friend, of Lock Haven; Victor Thompson, of Howard; Fern Dunkle and family of Boalsburg; Mrs. George Harter, of Howard, and others whose names we did not learn.

CENTRE HALL.

Carl Auman spent Sunday at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. V. A. Auman.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Smith Jr. returned to New York the latter part of the week.

Rev. M. C. Drum and family visited among their former people here for several days this week.

Elliott Smith, of Pittsburgh, was with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Smith, over Easter.

Mrs. W. E. Park visited her sister, Mrs. D. A. Booser, leaving here for her home on Tuesday.

W. F. Colyer and family drove to Millersburg, on Sunday, where they visited with Mr. Colyer's aunt.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Booser and daughter Patricia made a trip to the Sunbury hospital on Wednesday.

The sale at the Adam Ripka home, last Saturday, was well attended, and the financial returns were quite gratifying.

Mr. and Mrs. Lycurgus R. Lingle are visiting their son, James B. Lingle, in Delaware county, for several weeks.

Mr. E. M. Huyett was confined to the house for several days this week. Lumbago was responsible for his indisposition.

Mrs. Samuel Goodhart and three children, of Johnstown, enjoyed Easter with Mrs. Goodhart's father, Mr. Alfred Durst.

The Adam Ripka house will be occupied by two granddaughters of Mr. Ripka, Mrs. Hazel Coble and Mrs. Ruth McClintick.

Mrs. Amelia King spent a few days with her sister, Mrs. Furey, in Bellefonte, having been called there by the latter's serious illness.

Miss Agnes Geary and classmate, Miss Esther Drake, of Penn State, enjoyed their Easter vacation at the home of Miss Geary's parents.

Miss Anna Marie Whiteman came to the home of Mr. and Mrs. "Tubby" Whiteman, last Thursday, and the proud parents decided to give her a permanent home. Both mother and babe are getting along splendidly.

Miss Hazel Burkholder, daughter of John Burkholder, of Centre Hill, won the highest honor in the graduating class of C. H. S., and will deliver the valedictory at their Commencement exercises on May 31st. The salutatorian of the class is Miss Emeline Brungart, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cleve Brungart.

CENTRE HALL.

Miss D. Laeca Kirkpatrick spent the Easter vacation with her brother's family, at the Presbyterian manse, Centre Hall. Miss Kirkpatrick is from Girard College, Philadelphia. She has held her position there for a number of years.

The Centre Hall High school Seniors, held a party at the home of one of its members last Thursday night. Miss Grace Wible, who belongs and makes her home with relatives at the Presbyterian manse, was pleased to have her classmates and faculty with her on this gala occasion. Those present were Eugene Burkholder; Kenneth Wert and Grace Wible. The evening Gervin Shaffer, Alma Lutz, Luella Ripka, Lenora Foust, Hazel Burkholder, Ruth Mussel, Prof. and Mrs. Wetzell and son Robert; Miss Sara Neff, Elizabeth Bartholomew, Martha and Grace Wible. The evening was joyfully spent in playing suitable parlor games and devouring the eats. Everybody took an active part. Rev. Kirkpatrick was not present because he had to preach for Rev. Wagner that evening at the Pleasant Gap Lutheran church. When he returned from church he had to go to Lewistown and when he got home the party was gone and so were the eats. He hopes that they all had a good time.

AARONSBURG.

The Misses Lizzie Yarger and Amanda Haines spent their Easter vacation here, returning to State College late in the week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Haney and two children were recent guests of Mr. Haney's parents, Rev. and Mrs. E. E. Haney, in Grove City, Pa.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Orwig and family spent several hours, Sunday, with Mr. Orwig's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Orwig, in Hartleton.

Mr. and Mrs. Showers, of Lock Haven, and Mr. and Mrs. Edward Boob, of near Mifflinburg, were guests, Sunday, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. E. Stover, on North 2nd St.

Mr. and Mrs. Clark Herman, Mr. and Mrs. John Isenburg and two daughters, Marian and Mildred, motored down from State College, Sunday afternoon, and spent several hours with Herman's brother, A. S. Stover and family.

Mrs. C. S. Bower and Miss Jennie Hull motored to Centre Hall, Thursday of last week, where they attended the funeral of Mrs. Bower's cousin, Calvin Thomas. After the funeral they motored on to State College where Mrs. Bower transacted business.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. C. Mingle and daughter Ruth, and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Mingle and two small sons, Harold and Robert, of Akron, Ohio, spent Easter with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Mingle, and Mrs. Wm. C. Mingle with her parents, Mr. and E. L. Stover. Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Cariss and son Billy Jr.,