

Good Men and True For the County Offices.

In order that the voters of Centre county may know a bit of the biography of the men who are running for the various county offices on the Democratic ticket we herewith submit brief sketches of them. We mention none of their many claims for your support, but we are convinced that each and everyone of them merits it. The Watchman can scarcely be accused of seeking party advantage in suggesting that you vote for these gentlemen, since two of them, Dr. Kurtz and J. Thompson Henry, are Republicans.



FOR SHERIFF
JOHN M. BOOB

Mr. Boob is a native of Haines Township, and is a son of Edward W. and Rheuie Boob. His mother, who was remarried some years after the death of his father, is now Mrs. Harry H. Leitzell, of Millheim.

The schools of Potter and Miles townships and of Millheim borough were the scenes of his early school days. Following the completion of his studies at the Millheim High school, he assisted his grandfather, John Bubb, on the latter's farm in Potter township near the old Red Mill for eight years, or until this country's entrance into the War demanded his services overseas.

On May 28, 1918, he first donned the uniform of his country, and after the usual period of training, he was sent overseas with Company H, 315th Infantry, 79th Division. It was with this outfit that he served until the close of the war. On November 7, four days before the signing of the Armistice, he was gassed in the Argonne. Removed to a hospital in southern France, he slowly recovered from the effects of the poison until, just one month later, he was taken to a casual camp at St. Aignan to convalesce. He remained there until the latter part of February, 1919.

From there he was transferred to Camp Dix, N. J., remaining at that base until March 22, when he received an honorable discharge from the service. Shortly afterwards, however, he returned to the St. Agnes Hospital, in Philadelphia, for an operation made necessary from an injury received in service.

Some months later Mr. Boob entered the Pierce Business School, at Philadelphia, receiving his diploma from that institution on April 5, 1922.

On Christmas day, 1921, he was united in marriage with Mary M. Weaver, of Madisonburg, and following his graduation from the Pierce School the next spring, he established himself in business in Millheim, in a meat market, which he has since conducted in that town.

In addition to his business, Mr. Boob takes a prominent part in many of the social and fraternal activities of his home community. He is a member of the American Legion, the I. O. O. F., Millheim Camp, the Knights of the Golden Eagle, L. O. O. M., and the Modern Woodmen of America. He was Commander of the Legion at Millheim in 1922 and again in 1923. He was Adjutant of the post in 1923 and in 1928, and in 1930 was Chief de Gare of the Forty and Eighth, Bellefonte Voiture. Just this year he was elevated to the office of Sous Grand Cheminot for the Northern Central District of Pennsylvania, Forty and Eight.

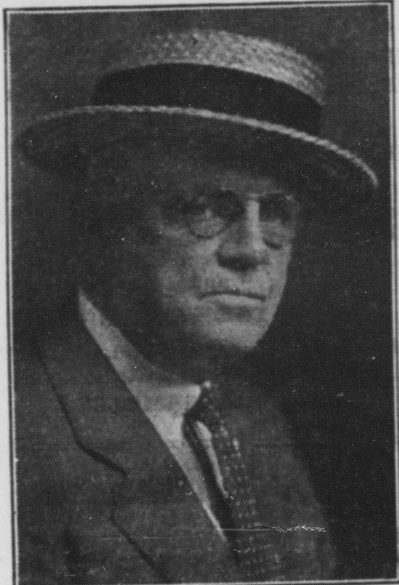
Since 1928 Mr. Boob has been a Justice of the Peace at Millheim, and has been secretary of the Borough council since 1928. He has been a loyal member of the St. John's Reformed church at Millheim since he was thirteen years of age.

FOR TREASURER
ROBERT F. HUNTER

Mr. Hunter was born at what is now known as Hunter's Park, five miles west of Bellefonte, on December 1, 1863, while the Civil War was at its height. His father, Benjamin F. Hunter, was a member of the Legislature. His mother was Nancy Corl Hunter, who came from a prominent family in Benner township.

Mr. Hunter received his early education in the public schools of Benner township, and at the age of 16 was admitted to the Pennsylvania State College. Leaving Penn State in his Junior year, he became a teacher in the schools of his native township. The death of his father in 1889 necessitated his resignation from that position to assist his mother on the Hunter homestead. In 1890 he was chosen Commissioner's clerk, a post he capably filled until 1896.

Shortly before the turn of the cen-



ture, he was united in marriage with Miss Emma G. Butts, of Bellefonte, and at the expiration of the Commissioners term in 1906, he secured the Central Pennsylvania Agency for the New England Mutual Life Insurance Company, of Boston, previously held by Wilson J. Fleming. He also became active as a real estate broker, and in this capacity handled a great deal of real estate in all parts of the county.

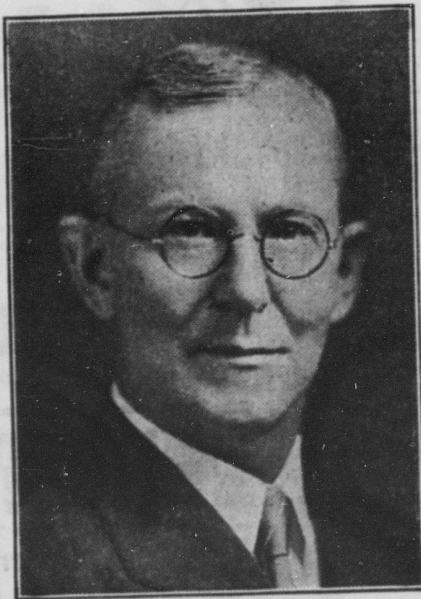
In the 1890's he joined the National Guard of Pennsylvania, was a private and non-commissioned officer in Company B, 5th Regiment, went into service during the Home-Steal riots in Pittsburgh, and for meritorious service was promoted to Staff Sergeant on the Division staff of the State. When Colonel H. S. Taylor was made Colonel of the 5th Regiment, Sergeant Hunter was made Captain of the same unit. Some years later, upon the reorganization of the National Guard and the disbanding of the 5th Regiment, Captain Hunter became a quartermaster of the 12th Regiment, with headquarters in Williamsport. When he reached the age limit for membership in the National Guard, he was retired with the rank of Captain, after 21 years of active service.

Mr. Hunter is a member of the Bellefonte Presbyterian church and a Mason.

FOR PROTHONOTARY
S. CLAUDE HERR

Mr. Herr was born at Salona in 1877, a son of Martin Wilson Herr and Lydia Agnes Burrell Herr, his mother being a native of Penn's Valley. His early education was acquired in the public schools of Salona. When he was but thirteen years of age his father fell from an apple tree and broke his back. Un-dermined by this stroke of misfortune, Claude and his brother went to work on the farm, which they conducted seven years. In the meantime Claude found that by increasing his labor on the farm in extra hours, he could find time to attend the Lock Haven Normal School, where he became a student in 1894.

In 1900, the elder Mr. Herr died from his injury, and Claude and his brother sold the farm and accepted positions in the stone quarries at Salona, as laborers. One year later, officials of that company discovered



his adeptness and made him book-keeper and weighmaster, a position he held until 1906 when the quarries were closed down. He then became timekeeper and shipping clerk for the American Lime and Stone company in Bellefonte, where his ability recognized, he received promotions that finally made him superintendent at the Armor Gap operations, a post he held for four years.

In April, 1915, desiring to get into business for himself, he and A. J. Heverly purchased the Robert Morris grocery store, which is still one of Bellefonte's successful business establishments, known as Herr and Heverly.

In 1923 Mr. Herr was appointed clerk to the County Commission-

ers and not only made a most efficient clerk but was so courteous and accommodating in his dealings with the public that when he ran for Prothonotary in 1927 he won the nomination easily and was elected by a satisfactory majority.

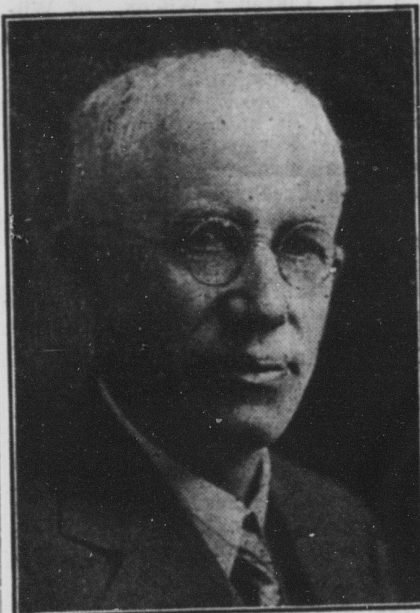
Mr. Herr is married, his wife being the former Nell Krape, daughter of the late Benjamin Krape. They have three children.

In his youth Mr. Herr became affiliated with the Methodist church, of which he is still a faithful member. He has been a director of the Y. M. C. A. for the past 19 years and is treasurer of the Centre County Building and Loan Association.

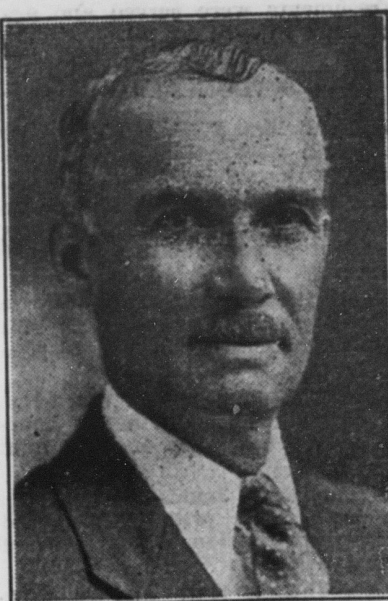
FOR RECORDER
D. A. McDOWELL

Mr. McDowell was born in Porter Twp., Clinton county, Nov. 26, 1871. His early life is a story of hard work with small remuneration; of a struggle for existence on a farm, in various business enterprises, and as an assistant on different farms in Marion township to which locality his parents, William E. and Susan McDowell moved in 1872.

In 1898 he suffered an affliction that has left him permanently crippled and only capable of doing certain kinds of labor. He has run a clock and watch repair shop in Milesburg, managed truck gardens at Nittany and Axe Mann, run a general store at Axe Mann, been agent for the J. R. Watkins' remedies and is now tax collector of Spring township, a position he is holding for the second term because he has made one of the most capable collectors the township has ever had.



In 1895 he married Miss Carrie Dolan, of Marion township. They have four children and are members of the Methodist church.



FOR REGISTER
JOHN L. WETZLER

He was born in Milesburg on January 19, 1874, a son of L. F. and Leah Wetzler, both of whom died a number of years ago. He was educated in the public schools of Boggs township, and when his education was completed, he helped his father at the carpentering trade for some time, and then farmed in Boggs, Union and College townships for twelve years. In 1918 Mr. Wetzler sold his farming equipment in College township and moved back to Milesburg. In the fall of that year the entire family was stricken with flu, the after effect of which became so serious that both Mr. and Mrs. Wetzler were forced to go west in the fall of 1922 with the hope of regaining their health. They remained there until the fall of 1923 when they returned. Mrs. Wetzler however, died in Milesburg in January following.

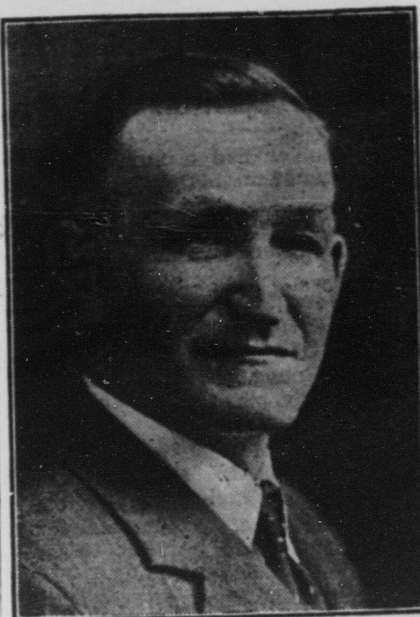
In 1924 he went to work for his brother, Frank Wetzler, in the merchandising and undertaking business at Milesburg, a position he now holds. His home having been broken up upon the death of his wife, Mr. Wetzler has been residing with his son, Lewis, in Milesburg.

Although serving for the past ten years as secretary and treasurer of the Boggs township road supervisors, Mr. Wetzler has never heretofore sought public office.

Like his brother, he is an accomplished musician, and plays in bands that were organized and are being directed by his talented brother.

FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER
J. VICTOR BRUNGART

Mr. Brungart was born at Rebersburg on February 24, 1882, a son of Newton and Lucy Shaffer Brungart, both now deceased. He received his education in the public schools of Miles township, and successfully underwent what then amounted to a high school education by attending



summer school under C. L. Gramley, who at that time was County Superintendent of Schools.

At the age of 20 he had completed his education and in 1900 he successfully passed the teachers' examination, following the teaching profession for the next three years, the first year in the Potter township schools, and the second in the Hoy school in Benner township.

In June 1904, he was united in marriage with Lida B. Yearick. Following a brief honeymoon, Mr. and Mrs. Brungart moved to Kent, Ohio, where for a year he was employed by the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company. Receiving a promotion at the end of the year, he was transferred to Akron, and later to Braddock, Pa.

Mr. Brungart's early association with the soil finally overcame his desire to remain in the insurance business, and he finally answered the call and returned to Rebersburg, where he became a tenant farmer on his father's farm. In the spring of 1910 he purchased another farm nearby, and he and his family have resided there since that time. The Brungart family consists of three sons: Harold, Randall and Malcolm.

Mr. Brungart has been township auditor of Miles township for a number of years; he has been school director of the district for the past six years, his term in the latter office expiring this fall; he served six years on the board of directors of the Centre County Mutual Fire Insurance Co., P. of H.; he is the present Master of the Rebersburg Grange, and he is completing his fourth year on the Grange Fair Association as supervisor of the committee in charge of farm machinery and tractor displays.

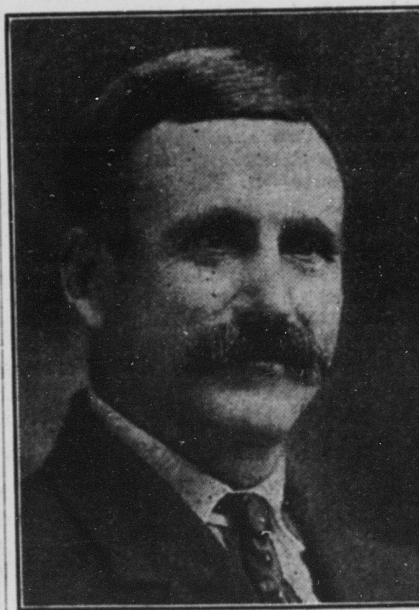
He is a member of the Lutheran church and has served in an official capacity on the church board for a number of years.

FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER
JOHN S. SPEARLY

Mr. Spearly, is a son of Charles and Anna Spearly, and was born in Snow Shoe on Christmas Day, 1871. His mother died when he was a mere boy, and at an early age he faced the average adult's problems of life.

With the firm determination characteristic of him, Mr. Spearly secured a position on a farm to provide board while he was attending school. For fifteen years he toiled on farms in Buffalo Run valley and made many friends through his pleasing personality, honesty, and frankness of speech.

After he completed his education, he spent three years at hard manual labor in the Taylor ore mines, at eighty cents a day. Resigning his position there, he secured em-



ployment in the quarries of the American Lime and Stone company, where the wage was ten cents an hour. He worked for the latter company for eighteen months, and then was offered a position at the C. Y. Wagner flour mill. After four years of milling work he rented one of the Reynolds farms, and ten years later purchased it, living there until he became a resident of Spring township, on the outskirts of Bellefonte, some years ago.

Mr. Spearly has served as a school director, registration assessor, and assessor and tax collector of Benner township, having held the latter office for fifteen years.

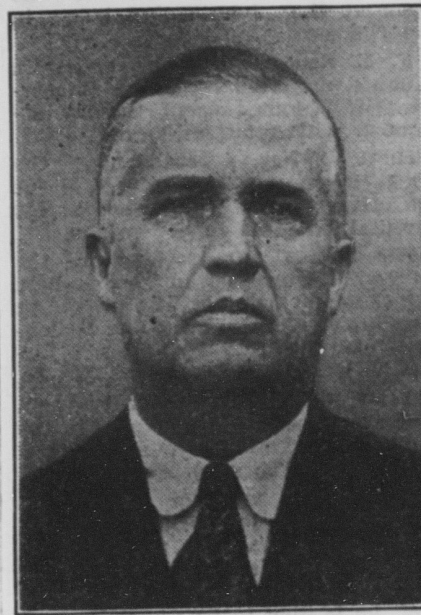
He is a member of the Evangelical church and is the father of five children.

FOR COUNTY AUDITOR
IRVIN A. MEYER

Irvin A. Meyer, of Coburn, was born and reared in Penn township, Mr. Meyer has made that his place of residence ever since he first saw the light of day in 1880. He is a son of Daniel and Sarah Stover Meyer, deceased, both honored citi-

zens of that community in their time. Like every ambitious boy, Mr. Meyer was anxious to secure all the education that his means would afford and succeeded in absorbing the advantages offered by the public schools, in addition to the higher learning he afterward secured while a student for several years at the Spring Mills Academy.

After suitable preparation, Mr. Meyer took up the profession of teaching and taught in the public schools of Penn township for five years. He has taken part in all movements for the betterment of his community. When the Korman Creamery Company was formed Mr. Meyer became one of the organizers, and remained with it when the business was incorporated under the firm name of Coburn Products company. He relinquished his interest in the concern when it later became absorbed by the Sheffield company.

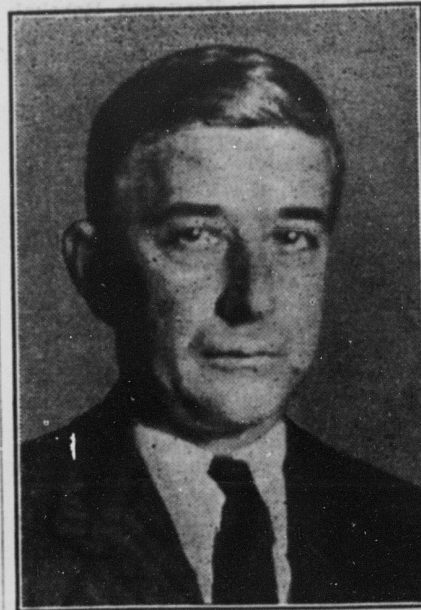


Mr. Meyer is married and has one son. He is now living retired except for filling the office of justice of the peace of Penn township. In this capacity he is apparently handling the law business in that section to the satisfaction of all concerned.

FOR COUNTY AUDITOR
CLARENCE A. YEARICK

Clarence A. Yearick, was born at Jacksonville, 43 years ago, and is a son of Charles E. and Emma Yearick. His father died a number of years ago, but his aged mother is at present residing in Howard.

Mr. Yearick attended the grade schools of Marion township until 1906, when he became a student at the Bellefonte Academy. He received a diploma from the Eastman Business College, in Poughkeepsie, N. Y., in 1908, after which he worked for a time for the Reading Railroad company, in Philadelphia. In 1910 he resigned his position with the railroad, and returned to Centre county, becoming associated with his father in the cultivation of the John Holmes farm in Nittany Valley. After twelve years, spent as a tiller of the soil, he moved to Howard where he purchased the Howard hotel, conducting that hostelry for the past seven years.



Meanwhile, however, on October 12, 1910, he was united in marriage with Miss Josephine Henderson, of Howard. The family consists of a son and three daughters: Charity, Robert, Mary Louise and Nancy.

The hotel business in Howard having become a very unprofitable enterprise within the past few years, Mr. Yearick on September 1 of this year secured a location in State College, and has just finished removing his household good to their new home.

Mr. Yearick is a member of the I. O. O. F., Howard Encampment and Past Grand's Association. He belongs to the Bellefonte order of Elks. He had been a member of the Howard Borough Council, and was completing his eighth year in that capacity when he removed to State College. He was overseer of the poor of Marion township for four years, and has been an active member of the Reformed church, of Howard, during most of his residence in that community.

FOR CORONER
DR. WALTER J. KURTZ

Dr. Walter J. Kurtz, of Howard, is so well known in Centre county that it scarcely seems necessary to say anything about him other than that he would make a competent and faithful official.

The office of Coroner has come to be one of much more importance to the taxpayers of the County than it was in years gone by. Time was when a Coroner was elected merely to conform with the law. One or two cases a year were all he was called to hold inquests on. Condi-

tions have changed, however, with automobiles and fast living causing so many deaths the Coroner is called into service many times a year now.

Last year the Coroner was paid \$833.00. That is nearly as much as a County Commissioner draws. In addition to this there is the cost of the juries he draws and other in quest expenses, so that the office now means the possible expenditure of several thousand of the taxpayers' dollars.



It is important, therefore, that someone who will keep such cost at a minimum be chosen to fill the office and because Dr. Kurtz will do that very thing we commend him as a candidate on our ticket.

THE REAL INVENTOR
RARELY REAPS REWARD

The fame and world-wide recognition which have come to Thomas A. Edison during his lifetime recall the fate of other pioneers in science who died in poverty or obscurity.

The world but rarely acclaims its men of genius while they are alive. And too often it forgets about them after their death.

For example. In 1928 a man named Nathan Stubblefield died in a broken-down little shack in Murray Ky. He was penniless.

Stubblefield is credited today with being the first man to broadcast the human voice by radio.

In 1902, after ten years of experiments, Stubblefield sat down at a table and talked into a rickety looking little contraption, constructed largely of bent wires. His voice carried off into space—was picked up, amplified. Unheralded, unpublicized, a new science, radiotelegraphy, came into existence.

Last year a monument to Stubblefield was dedicated on the campus of the State Teachers college at Murray.

Howe is credited with being the inventor of the sewing machine. He perfected the first practicable machine in 1846.

But fourteen years earlier, a Brooklynite, Walter Hunt, made a similar instrument. Hunt, who was never recognized by his contemporaries, made a machine with an eye in the point of an agitating needle and a shuttle beneath. These two devices made possible the mechanical lock-stitch, which is the fundamental function of the sewing machine.

To Robert Fulton has gone the lion's share of the credit for the invention of the steamboat. Fulton perfected his first steamboat in 1793. Yet eleven years earlier John Fitch a Kentuckian, turned the same trick. Fitch died ignorant of the extent of his contribution to world progress.

In 1893 Edison invented the motion picture machine. Seven years earlier the first true motion picture taken on film were photographed, it is said. They were taken by Dr. Jules E. Marey on the Champs Elysees in Paris.

In 1847 a man named Moses G. Farmer invented an electric motor and car, the forerunner of the automobile.

How many men have become martyrs to invention will never be known. The cases of only a few are cited above. And these have a least received credit for their contributions to science after their death. There must be hundreds of others who were never acclaimed never recognized, either before death or after.—Albert B. Levinthal in Brooklyn Times.

POINTS OF INTEREST
IN NEW FIREARMS LAW

Pennsylvania hunters are not affected by the Uniform Firearms Act. Holders of resident hunters licenses may carry their shotguns and rifles in automobiles, as in former years, without special licensing under the new law, which became effective September 1.

Any hunter who desires to carry on his person or in an automobile a revolver or other weapon coming within the definition here quoted will be required to make application to sheriff or police chief of a city for a permit under the new law. He will be required to show cause why such permit should be issued, the same as any other citizen but if the license is granted he will not be obligated to pay the 50 cent fee, provided he exhibits a resident hunter's license for the current license year.

Another question that has given some concern to sportsmen is the status of members of incorporated organizations engaged in target shooting with rifle, pistol or revolver. The act exempts such members from license to carry or transport their weapons, provided they "are at or are going to or from their places of assembly for target practice."

Lawyer—"Can't you two settle this thing out of court?"
Client—"We've tried to, but the police always stop us."