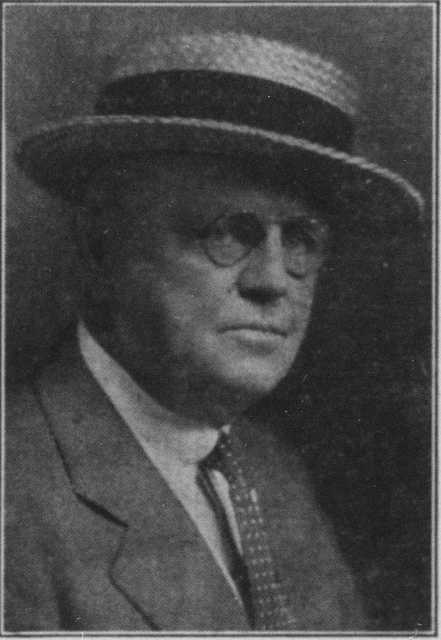


## ROBERT F. HUNTER.

Candidate for Treasurer, Is Life-Long Resident of Centre County, and One of Community's Most Public-Spirited Citizens.

Known in virtually every community in Centre county, as a humorist of some note, as a man among men, and as a forceful speaker on occasions where the public benefit is concerned, there is another angle to Robert F. Hunter's life that is not so well known but which, through some subtle process, surrounds and permeates those who are intimately acquainted with "Bob" Hunter, the Democratic candidate for Treasurer, and gives to this man a sense of power and dependability found only in men whose lives are stamped with accomplishment.

Behind the hearty salutation, the



broad smile and the gentle quip for which he is noted lies a mind that has ever sought to better his community and his county, not for the financial reward that he could have received from it, but for the mutual good of his fellowman. Many have referred to him as "philanthropist," and while this term may not be an apt one in Mr. Hunter's case because of the nature of his achievements, it at least has the foundation of truth.

He was entirely responsible for the organization of the Central Pennsylvania Gas Company, which built its plant at Axemann, and supplies domestic gas and fuel to Bellefonte, Pleasant Gap, Lemont, State College, and Centre Hall. This venture necessitated the expenditure of almost three-quarters of a million dollars, and although his efforts were at first laughed at, he induced Philadelphia and Boston capitalists to undertake the venture without asking the citizens of these respective communities to contribute a single dollar.

At the outbreak of the World War, there was perhaps no man who took a more active and wholehearted attitude, except Sheriff Yarnell, in devoting his time to the welfare of both volunteers and drafted men, than Mr. Hunter. For nearly six months, notwithstanding the fact that he had no help in his office, and was not allowed compensation for help, telephone calls or postage, he served as food administrator of Centre county, a most trying position. At the same time, he carried on as a member of the War Transportation Board. He finally had to relinquish the duties of food administrator, not because there was too much work and too little remuneration, but because, with his son in the service, he had to devote some time to earning his own livelihood.

Mr. Hunter has always been an enthusiastic supporter of aviation in general, and of air mail service in particular. While not responsible for the first flight dropping into town on trial flights, through his cultivation of close acquaintances in the personnel of the air mail service, in not only retaining the local airport at Bellefonte, but also in having the facilities improved and enlarged, and increasing the investments of the Government, the National Air Transport company, and the United Air Lines. This is confirmed by very recent correspondence with head officials of these companies shown to the writer.

In appreciation of Mr. Hunter's many varied, unselfish efforts to promote the good of the community, and furnish employment for many hundreds of his fellow citizens, on January 2, 1929, more than two hundred business and professional men of Bellefonte and surrounding communities, tendered a testimonial banquet at the Penn Belle Hotel, presenting him as a slight token of their esteem, a gold watch. This occasion will be recalled by most readers of this newspaper.

Surveying Mr. Hunter's life as outlined above, one is forced to the conclusion that few men have been able to crowd into their lives so much of practical, useful effort in behalf of the welfare of their fellowmen as he has done. Most of his accomplishments resulting from his efforts have been without financial reward, and in consequence at an age when most men are contemplating retiring from active life, we find him plugging every day to earn a livelihood.

In our interview with Mr. Hunter, he warned us not to minimize in the slightest degree the very staunch and loyal support he has had from those good public-spirited citizens who have gone along hand-in-hand with him in his many enterprises, nor to say anything which might be construed into too much assumption of responsibility.

was probably the first "horseless carriage" in the county. When automobiles became more numerous, he organized the first Auto Club, and became actively interested in the good roads movement, an interest he has maintained to this day. In this connection, he was largely instrumental in the building or re-claiming of the abandoned turnpike from Mill Hall through Nittany Furnace, Bellefonte, State College and Pine Grove Mills to Union Furnace. In conjunction with W. J. Emerick, he secured the right of way that induced the State to build the present road from Pleasant Gap to Centre Hall, and during his forty years as a resident of Bellefonte, he has been active in other road improvements in Centre county. At the present time he is a member of the Board of Directors of the A. A. A. Centre County Motor club.

Some years ago he induced the Cambria Steel Company to become interested in limestone property in Buffalo Run Valley, and later on bought to the attention of the Midvale Steel Company a large acreage of limestone at Millheim, Aronsburg, and Coburn. He finally commissioned him to negotiate for the purchase of the tract he submitted, comprising about 1100 acres, and after an entire summer's work, consummated the deal, which turned into that community about \$150,000; the farmers still having the use of their farms at nominal rental, and the money paid there being largely instrumental in the many handsome homes which have graced Millheim within the past ten years.

It was Mr. Hunter's correspondence with John Francis, then Warden of the Western Penitentiary at Pittsburgh, which induced Mr. Francis to investigate the site of the present Rockview Penitentiary, and his efforts in behalf of this location were very materially responsible for its final selection. This statement is based on actual records. He rendered material assistance in the original organization of the Titan Metal Company at Bellefonte, now one of the finest plants of its kind in the State and was he leader in the movement to organize the Sutton Engineering company at Bellefonte. He was responsible for the Eagle Silk Company coming to Bellefonte for location and rendered valuable assistance in carrying the project through.

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## Wagner Sisters Gathered in Annual Reunion



The twelfth annual reunion of the Wagner sisters, daughters of the late John D. and Phoebe Wagner, of Martha Furnace, was held the week-end of September 26th, at the home of Mrs. William H. Smith, of Spring Mills. The Wagner sisters, seven in number, gathered at the above sister's home for their yearly meeting, several of whom are well advanced in years and in robust health, so it was with deep gratitude and pleasure that they were all able to be present at this time.

They had lunch at the noon hour, after which a local photographer took a group picture of the sisters and niece, Mrs. H. B. Varner, but the great event came at the time of the evening dinner hour, when they gathered around the festive board for a feast on not only the delicious food prepared, but a season of pleasant memories and associations.

Sunday they attended the Rally Day services at the local M. E. church and the rest of the day was spent socially

among themselves.

The seven sisters present were Mrs. Mary Gingery, of Woodland; Mrs. Jennie Isenberg, and Mrs. Belle Weaver, of Altoona; Mrs. Annie Smith, of Spring Mills; Mrs. Margaret Overly, of Clearfield; Mrs. Mervie Richards, of Martha Furnace; and Mrs. Virgil Adams of Bigler. Others present Saturday were Mrs. Sarah E. Corman, Mr. and Mrs. Guy L. Corman, of Spring Mills; Mr. and Mrs. Windom C. Grampey, of Millheim; Maurice M. Overly, of Clearfield; Newton E. Weaver, of Altoona; William Adams, of Bigler, and Mrs. H. B. Varner, of Woodland.

Those present on Sunday were the Misses Media and Grace Gingery, H. E. Varner, son John William, and daughters Phoebe and Leah, of Woodland.

On Monday the group enjoyed a motor trip over the Seven Mountains to Lewisport.

It was a delightful occasion and greatly enjoyed by all present and may they have many more such happy occasions.

## QUARTER SESSIONS COURT

OPENS MONDAY, NOV. 9

Grand Jury Convened Wednesday, November 4th; Also, Equity Trial Court, Domestic Relations and Appeals Not Requiring Jury Trials, November 6th.

The fall quarter sessions court will occupy the first three weeks in November. The general election falling on November 3rd, postpones the meeting of the grand jury until Wednesday, November 4th. Equity trial court will be held at the same time. Domestic relations, appeals not requiring jury trials, pleas and sundry matters will be held Friday, November 6th, and the regular court sessions will open the second Monday of the month, the 9th, and will continue for two weeks.

The grand and traverse jurors follow:

- | GRAND JURORS                   |               |
|--------------------------------|---------------|
| Harry Acton, miner.....        | Phillipsburg  |
| C. F. Burns, farmer.....       | Ferguson      |
| Thomas Boal, farmer.....       | Boggs         |
| Samuel Diehl, farmer.....      | Howard        |
| Mrs. Chester Eves, hk.....     | Halfmoon      |
| H. E. Emery, clerk.....        | Centre Hall   |
| Walter Fuller, laborer.....    | Milesburg     |
| C. E. Frank, farmer.....       | Ferguson      |
| Samuel Gilbert, carpenter..... | Harris        |
| James Hafnes, farmer.....      | Liberty       |
| W. B. Hackman, farmer.....     | Walker        |
| Peter Houser, miner.....       | Snow Shoe     |
| Vera Hummel, clerk.....        | Phillipsburg  |
| Wm. Machello, clerk.....       | Rush          |
| T. H. Malone, farmer.....      | Boggs         |
| R. S. Myers, carpenter.....    | State College |
| John C. Reardon, laborer.....  | Walker        |
| Charles Reese, farmer.....     | Taylor        |
| Mrs. James Snyder, hk.....     | Boggs         |
| Clair Stover, miner.....       | Rush          |
| Robert J. Smith, janitor.....  | State College |
| John A. Slack, farmer.....     | Penn          |
| Harry Snavely, farmer.....     | Gregg         |
| S. E. Ward, mechanic.....      | State College |

## TRAVERSE JURORS

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|---------------------------------|---------------|
| Mary Austin, hk.....            | Milesburg     |
| Roy Adams, salesman.....        | Spring        |
| John Barnes, laborer.....       | Spring        |
| D. F. Bullock, salesman.....    | State College |
| Thomas Brian, gentleman.....    | Rush          |
| Mrs. Pearl Brown, hk.....       | Bellefonte    |
| Loretta Barger, hk.....         | Snow Shoe     |
| Lewis Brungart, farmer.....     | Curtin        |
| Lenora Burns, hk.....           | Rush          |
| Ferd. Beezer, Sr., laborer..... | Phy'g         |
| Harvey Barnhart, farmer.....    | Boggs         |
| Wm. Chambers, retired.....      | Bellefonte    |
| H. E. Corman, laborer.....      | Benner        |
| Edgar Lutz, farmer.....         | Bellefonte    |
| Jos. Daughenbach, laborer.....  | Howard        |
| Rev. Samuel Martin.....         | Milesburg     |
| Charles Fowler, laborer.....    | Bellefonte    |
| J. Martin Fry, ex-wkr.....      | State College |
| W. L. Grove, laborer.....       | College       |
| W. O. Gray, laborer.....        | Curtin        |
| H. R. Gilbert.....              | State College |

(Continued from previous column) for improvements in Bellefonte and Centre county. In fact, he demurred when we asked him to give us a resume of his life since coming to Bellefonte and if anything has been over-stated, we assume the responsibility thereof.

Mr. Hunter's life is an open book presented to the voters of this county for consideration. Somehow or other, we feel that if he were elected Treasurer of Centre county, he would add to that office some of the same spirit of improvement that has characterized everything to which he has turned his attention during an undeniably useful career.

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## GREGG TOWNSHIP FAIR ENJOYED BY GOOD CROWD

The fourteenth annual Gregg Twp. Community Fair held under the direction of the Gregg Twp. Vocational School at Spring Mills last Friday and Saturday was most successful. Weather conditions were not ideal but in spite of this good crowds were present on both days. Meetings were well attended and many entered into the various contests. Exhibits of farm products equalled that of other years and in some cases larger exhibits were displayed. Canning, baking and sewing exhibits were large and of excellent quality. The poultry exhibit was one of the features of the show. Competition was very keen in the various classes of birds, and the quality the best.

The health program on Friday morning and the two evening programs in the Grange hall were enjoyed by the folks who attended. At all of these programs the hall was completely filled. Music on two occasions by the Spring Mills band and the comedy given by G. T. V. S. students on Saturday evening were enjoyed.

The athletic contests on Saturday afternoon resulted in the G. T. V. S. girls losing to the E. P. V. H. S. girls dodge ball and the G. T. boys defeating the E. P. V. boys in soccer, 1-0.

The fair was a successful one from every standpoint. Interest is growing from year to year and the success it has attained is due to the fine spirit exhibited by the school children, business organizations, farmers and other interested citizens in the township.

A partial list of prize winners is given below:

**Winners of School Prizes—**  
First, Decker—\$5.00.  
Second, Grammar—\$3.00.  
Third, Hoy—\$2.00.  
Each of the other schools received a prize of \$1.

**Winners of Special Prizes—**  
Miriam Zerby—canning and baking.  
Jane Campbell—sewing.  
Kenneth Johnson and Ardell Myers, tie.

**Boys' Poultry Judging Contest—**  
1st—Dean Igen; silver loving cup.  
2nd—Ellis Reardon; knife.  
3rd—John Zuber; 100 lbs. feed.  
4th—Lewis Igen; hand sprayer.  
5th—Kenneth Johnson; cap.

**Winners of H. S. Class Prizes—**  
1st—Class 1935; prize \$2.  
2nd—Class 1934; prize \$2.  
3rd—Class 1933; prize \$1.  
4th—Class 1932; prize \$0c.

**Winners of Adult Poultry Judging—**  
1st—H. E. Hennigh; prize silver loving cup.  
2nd—M. T. Zuber; prize, end table.  
3rd—Lester Rossman; prize, 100 lbs. feed.

4th—W. O. Graden; 100 lbs. feed.  
5th—C. A. Hennigh; prize, cap.

**Senior Project Prizes—**  
1st \$1; 2nd, 50c.

Corn: 1st, Ellis Reardon; 2nd, Russell Mark; 3rd, John Zuber.  
Sheep: 1st, Dean Igen; 2nd, Eugene Zerby.  
Swine: 1st, Kenneth Johnson; 2nd, Stelard Beightol; 3rd, Stover Muser.  
Grain: 1st, Stelard Beightol; 2nd, Overt Igen; 3rd, Harold Duck.

Truck and Vegetables: 1st, Kenneth Johnson; 2nd, Russell Mark; 3rd, Glen Long.

Dairy: 1st, John Zuber; 2nd, Ellis Reardon.  
Miscellaneous: 1st, Cameron Muser; 2nd, Guy Duck; 3rd, Samuel Wise.

**Junior Projects—**  
1st prize, 50c; 2nd, 25c.  
Vegetables: 1st, Gerald Johnson; 2nd, Elizabeth Uhl.

Dairy: 1st, Jean Rishel; 2nd, Eugene Klinefelter; 3rd, John Breen.  
Poultry: 1st, Inez Zettle; 2nd, Grace Gingrich.

Swine: 1st, J. Adam Condo; 2nd, S. Ellsworth Stover; 3, Vesta Rachau.

Miscellaneous: 1st, Richard Feitenberger; 2nd, Norman Rossman; 3rd, Miriam Zerby.

Farm Shop (Appliances): 1st, Ardell Myers; 2nd, Kenneth Eungard; 3rd, Samuel Wise.

Farm Shop (Furniture): 1st, Kenneth Johnson; 2nd, Samuel Wise; 3rd, John Zuber.

**Local High Ties in Soccer With "State"**

Centre Hall High school played the strong State College High school team to a 2-2 tie, Friday afternoon. The defensive of both teams was outstanding, while the offensive work was not up to par, especially with the locals. The game was marked by the loss of Rickert for a few weeks due to a sprained ankle.

On November 3 every voter will have an opportunity to register his or her protest against the extravagances practiced in Centre county. If you desire economy in the conduct of the affairs of Centre county, vote for the men who will practice it when in office—men like Speary and Brungart, the Democratic candidates for commissioner.

Claude S. Herr will receive many complimentary votes from outside the political party that placed him in nomination for the office of prothonotary, because of the many favors extended during his first term. First, he is capable, also, obliging and gentlemanly.

Homer Thompson, chauffeur, Bellefonte  
Calvin J. Vonada, laborer.....Potter  
Frank Viedendorfer, laborer.....Snow Shoe  
Frank Williams, laborer.....Howard  
A. H. Walker, carpenter.....Harris  
Charles Zeigler, farmer.....Walker  
Jennie Zeigler, hk.....Miles  
Robert Walters, farmer.....Benner  
Hazel McCloskey, hk.....Howard

## TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS

### HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS

Thomas R. Buck, of Berwick, came up here on the Greyhound bus on Sunday morning and remained for the day with his sister, Mrs. F. P. Geary, who is ill.

John Mosser and a friend, from Wilkes-Barre drove to Centre Hall recently and remained over the weekend with the former's sister, Mrs. Lizzie Jacobs.

Farmer John Rudy, tenant on the Kennedy farm, west of here, recently lost a valuable cow by death, and not a long time before that a work horse was carted away from his place to the rendering plant.

Mrs. Harry Froman and her father, J. R. Hanna, both of Youngstown, Ohio, were with Pottery Mills relatives and friends for the greater part of last week. Pottery Mills is the former home of Mrs. Froman and her father.

Veterinarian Gates, located at Mill-elm during the past, is taking a course at Cornell University, Ithaca, to further improve himself for the profession selected by him. In the meantime Mrs. Gates is living in Howard.

Bruce Hettinger, living in the Hoy school district in upper Brush Valley, who some time ago broke a bone in one of his arms while cranking a car, is not in the unemployed list. He is doing all manner of chores on the farm requiring but one hand to perform.

A line we inadvertently omitted last week in connection with the photograph of Centre Hall's champion baseball club for 1931, was "Photo by W. W. Kerlin." "BHI" was a real booster for the home team all year, and the boys have plenty reasons to appreciate the many favors at his hand.

Penn State will meet an old rival on the gridiron this week, opposing Dickinson College at State College in the annual Dads' Day game Saturday. Although the contest will be the seventeenth between the two institutions, the last time that they faced each other on the football field was in 1907.

Mrs. Lizzie Wherley, of Altoona, after visiting at the home of her brother, Samuel Shoop, and wife, in Centre Hall, for several weeks, returned to her home on Sunday, in company with her son-in-law and daughter Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Hinton. Mrs. Alice Elway was also a guest at the Shoop home recently.

Prof. L. O. Packer, on Saturday evening, was accompanied to his home here by his brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Packer, his daughter, Miss Helen and the latter's friend, Dan Irwin, Mr. Irwin being at the wheel of his own car. The party, with the exception of Miss Helen, returned to Pittsburgh on Sunday evening.

J. S. Rickenbach, railway mail clerk on the L. & T. reports the mail cars on the branch all cluttered up with an excess of mail. Outgoing mail from the Centre Hall office has been keeping pace with the past September and October records much nearer than in the case with some of the more important offices in Centre county.

The First Lutheran church of Mill-elmburg will observe a "double anniversary" November 1st, which date marks the 25th anniversary of the pastorate of Dr. William M. Reardon and also the 125th anniversary of the dedication of the Elias church, which was erected by the Lutheran and Reformed congregations in 1806.

A. M. Riegel, of town, and two of his friends—Samuel Tate and Ward Tate, of Salona, witnessed the fifth game of the world's series, at Philadelphia, between the Athletics and the Cardinals Wednesday of last week. They had good seats close to the third base bag, and got a real thrill watching the champion ball clubs fighting it to a finish.

Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Delaney and daughter Agnes, on Sunday, motored to Salona and took with them Mrs. Delaney's brother, Henry M. Hoy, and wife, to Renovo, where they visited the latter couple's son, Dean S. Hoy, and family. On their return home the Delaney family stopped at the Lock Haven hospital to visit a cousin, Mrs. Charles Wentzel, who is a patient there.

Monday morning D. A. Booser, in company with Guy Brooks, left here by auto for Philadelphia to attend the 200th anniversary of Freemasonry in Pennsylvania, and the latter to take his little son, Lewis, to the University hospital for further examination. It will be recalled that Lewis is the lad who has been spending much time in hospitals to correct the results of having drunk water from an abandoned lye can he found somewhere about his home.

The Senior Service class in the Lutheran church here is indebted to Rufus Reardon for the use of the large dining room in the Four Inn, Seven Mountains, on Friday evening, at which place and time it held one of its regular monthly meetings. The gathering was attended by some thirty members and their friends. The radio brought in, play by play, the result of the sixth game in the World's series, and broadcasts were made over a miniature "mike" that carried the voices of Sunday-school workers for more than a mile.