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## DEMOCRATS NAME STRONG COUNTY TICKET AT TUESDAY'S PRIMARIES

DEMOCRATS NAMED FOR COUNTY OFFICES, TUES.

**SHERIFF**  
J. MAC PEARCE  
**COUNTY TREASURER**  
CHARLES H. LEE  
**PROTHONOTARY**  
BOYD C. VONADA  
**REGISTEE**  
JOHN L. WETZLER  
**RECORDER**  
D. A. McDOWELL  
**CO. COMMISSIONERS**  
J. VICTOR BRUNGART  
ALFRED L. BOWERSOX  
**AUDITOR**  
HARRY A. CONDO  
HERBERT H. STOVER  
**CORONER**  
THOMAS G. WELLS

The above ticket was nominated by the Democrats in Centre county, according to unofficial returns. The only change possible is George A. Crawford instead of Herbert H. Stover for Auditor, the uncertainty arising in the North Ward, Bellefonte, returns not yet reported.

### TOTALS IN THE COUNTY.

Following are the totals given for the various candidates for county office on the Democratic ticket:

**SHERIFF**  
Taylor, 1272; Freeman, 189; J. Mac Pearce, 1547; Witmer, 1094; Auman, 930.  
**COUNTY TREASURER**  
Lee, 2449; Yearick, 2128.  
**PROTHONOTARY**  
Beezer, 1299; Alexander, 1345; Vonada, 1675; Denning, 596.  
**RECORDER OF DEEDS**  
McDowell, 4321.  
**REGISTEE OF WILLS**  
Wetzler, 4397.  
**COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**  
Lee, 511; Smith, 1186; Biddle, 931; Vaughn, 503; Huey, 845; Bowersox, 1745; Hoy, 788; Brungart, 1705; Miller, 508.  
**AUDITOR**  
Corman, 2592; Crawford, 1980; Stover, 2108.  
**CORONER**  
Wells, 3736.

The result of the Republican primary election in the county is as follows, except for the notations below:

For county commissioner, Republican, the North Ward, Bellefonte, returns may nominate either Eckley or Peters. The same district will also decide between Fisher and Sager for Auditor.

### REPUBLICAN NOMINEES

**SHERIFF**  
HARRY V. KEELER  
**COUNTY TREASURER**  
RAYMOND N. BROOKS  
**PROTHONOTARY**  
BOND C. WHITE  
**RECORDER**  
LEAMER R. WOODRING  
**REGISTEE**  
CHARLES B. MUSSER  
**CO. COMMISSIONERS**  
PAUL N. ECKLEY  
GEORGE PETERS  
BALSER WEBER  
**AUDITOR**  
J. HAROLD FISHER  
WILLIAM SAGER

Providing the defeated Democratic candidates prove themselves good sports the Democratic ticket will be elected in November. It is only by loyally supporting the successful candidates that those unsuccessful will prove that they would have been fit for recognition by the rank and file of the Democratic voters. There is every reason to believe that those who voted for candidates who fell short of the goal did not misplace confidence.

### KLING-WEAVER.

Norman J. Kling, son of George Kling, Boalsburg, and Miss Helen H. Weaver, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Orvis Weaver, Centre Hall, were united in marriage Wednesday afternoon of last week at the Presbyterian parsonage, Centre Hall, by Rev. J. M. Kirkpatrick.

Shape your work and business so you can take off the afternoon and evening of September 26. That is the date the voters of all parties will assemble on Hecla Park to hear questions of a political and social nature fairly and intelligently discussed.

### THE BORO ELECTION.

As is usually the case of more recent years the borough primary election passed off with not a ripple of excitement. Approximately a total of 231 votes were cast, 147 Democratic and 84 Republican. For borough offices, like in the county, the voter had a choice in every important office.

The vote in detail follows for State, county and borough:

### SUPREME COURT (one nominated)

**Democratic—**  
Musmann, D & R ..... 20  
Barnes ..... 5209

### Republican—

Patterson ..... 35  
Marshall ..... 5  
Williams ..... 1  
Dale ..... 34  
Stern ..... 6  
Swoyer ..... 4  
Musmann ..... 0

### SUPERIOR COURT (1 nominated)

**Democratic—**  
Myers, Jr. .... 127  
Cunningham ..... 16

### Republican—

Cunningham ..... 80

### SHERIFF

**Democratic—**  
Taylor ..... 21  
Freeman ..... 1  
Mac Pearce ..... 24  
Witmer ..... 48  
Auman ..... 57

### Republican—

Keeler ..... 54  
Miller ..... 7  
Lamoreaux ..... 13  
Bathgate ..... 8  
Leltzell ..... 3  
Benford ..... 2

### COUNTY TREASURER

**Democratic—**  
Lee ..... 68  
Yearick ..... 79

### Republican—

Curtin ..... 4  
Brooks ..... 18  
Struble ..... 1  
Bender ..... 63  
Barnett ..... 0

### PROTHONOTARY

**Democratic—**  
Beezer ..... 16  
Alexander ..... 51  
Vonada ..... 78  
Denning ..... 6

### Republican—

White ..... 36  
Stempfly ..... 10  
Tice ..... 5  
Brown ..... 24  
Sloop ..... 11

### RECORDER

**Democratic—**  
McDowell ..... 144

### Republican—

Woodring ..... 2  
McClellan ..... 78  
Hall ..... 3

### REGISTER

**Democratic—**  
Wetzler ..... 147

### Republican—

Musser ..... 63  
Stiver ..... 21

### CO. COMMISSIONERS

**Democratic—**  
Lutz ..... 11  
Smith ..... 61  
Biddle ..... 19  
Vaughn ..... 32  
Bowersox ..... 66  
Hoy ..... 25  
Brungart ..... 67  
Miller ..... 10

### Republican—

Eckley ..... 18  
Haworth ..... 6  
Clark ..... 23  
Peters ..... 5  
Weber ..... 33  
Frantz ..... 76

### AUDITOR

**Democratic—**  
Corman ..... 45  
Crawford ..... 119  
Stover ..... 65

### Republican—

Holter ..... 59  
Fisher ..... 30  
Gramley ..... 35  
Sager ..... 19

### CORONER.

Wells D. 134; Hayes, R. 15; Heaton R. 40; Sheckler R. 18; Johnson R. 8.

### SURVEYOR

Wolfe D. 11; Henry R. 82.

### CENTRE HALL BOROUGH

**Judge of Election**

**Democratic—**  
F. E. Snyder, 123.

**Republican—**  
W. A. Henney, 39; Geo. K. Rimmey, 46.

### Inspector

**Democratic—**  
Martha Mark, 126;

**Republican—**  
J. M. Coldron, 50; Mary M. Spyer, 35.

### Assessor.

**Democratic—**  
S. C. Brungart, 136.

**Republican—**  
C. N. Kryder, 23; G. Frank Smith, 62.

### School Director (one nominated)

**Democratic—**  
Dr. H. R. White, 81; D. K. Keller, 68.

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### 105 PUPILS IN BOROUGH GRADE SCHOOLS; 92 IN "HIGH"

The total enrollment in the borough schools—high and grades—is 197; the eight grades having 105, and the high school, 92 pupils. The enrollment by grades and classes follows:

First grade, 10; second grade, 6; Helen White, teacher. Third grade, 19; fourth grade, 15; Martha Yearick, teacher. Fifth grade, 14; sixth grade, 16; T. L. Moore, teacher. Seventh grade, 10; eighth grade, 15; Russell W. Bohn, teacher.

High school—freshmen, 27; sophomores, 20; juniors, 25; seniors, 20. Faculty: J. F. Wetzler, R. S. Jamison, Mrs. R. S. Jamison, Wm. E. McCormick; Miss Margaret Fisher.

### CIVIL WAR VETERAN BECAME EIGHTY-NINE YEARS, FRIDAY

William H. Bartholomew, one of the few remaining Civil War veterans in Centre county, on Friday celebrated his eighty-ninth birthday anniversary. He has been confined to bed for several months, but his mind continues keen.

Mr. Bartholomew served in Co. F, Second Division, Pa. Cavalry, under General Sheridan, located in Centre Hall in 1865, conducting a general store, grain and coal yard. When quite a young man he left his home community, Hubersburg, and engaged with Major J. B. Fisher, at Penn Hall, and later with I. J. Grenoble, at Spring Mills. On closing his mercantile establishment here he became a bookkeeper for the McNitt-Huyett Lumber company, retiring five or six years ago.

### SLAYER STATE COLLEGE GIRL CONFESSES IN ST. LOUIS

Joseph J. Meluch, 37, while in St. Louis, Mo., gave voluntary information that he hit his young wife on the head several times, causing her death, following a disagreement. The killing took place in Loraine, Ohio. The particular interest here is due to the fact that the young woman lived in Boalsburg and State College a few years ago, going from the latter place to Detroit, Mich. She was the daughter of Mrs. Wallace H. Kline by a former marriage, and with the Kline family went to Detroit.

The argument with his wife, 21, Meluch stated, was climaxed by his wife drawing a gun from under a writing table.

"She thrust it against my heart," he related. "I pushed the gun away and it fell to the floor. We both reached for it, but she got it first.

"She put her finger around the outside of the trigger guard—she was kind of dumb about that—and she couldn't fire it. So I took it from her and hit her on the head four or five times with the butt end."

Meluch fled, wandered through several states before voluntarily identifying himself to St. Louis police who were not even aware that he was wanted.

Only because we had no desire of being termed a political prophet, the Reporter refrained to name in advance the candidates nominated on both tickets on Tuesday.

### THIRTY-TWO MILLIONS ARE NOT AMUSED

Apparently the Old Guard Republican cheer-leaders who applauded the Circuit Court of Appeals' decision that the AAA processing tax is unconstitutional, are beginning to realize that they cheered a little too soon. Thirty-two million Americans who make up the nation's farm population and who are not amused at the decision are wondering what the Republicans meant during the past 15 years when they were struggling vainly to bring Government relief to agriculture. Roosevelt has increased farm income from four to six billion dollars annually WITHOUT TAPPING THE U. S. TREASURY OR MATERIALLY RAISING PRICES TO CONSUMERS. None of the Old Guard wise men now barnstorming across the country condemning the theory of government regulation of agriculture makes any mention of the abortive Republican efforts in the same direction.

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**Republican—**  
Geo. H. Sweeney, 62; W. A. Olenkirk, 23.

### Justice of the Peace

**Democratic—**  
F. K. Frank, 120; Chas. W. Slack, 82.

**Republican—**  
R. M. Smith, 73; C. E. Flink, 52; W. S. Brooks, 21.

### Councilmen (4 nominated)

**Democratic—**  
Daniel S. Daup, 131; Wm. F. Colyer, 96; D. M. Bradford, 103; J. S. Booser, 71; D. W. Bradford, 128.

**Republican—**  
C. H. Homan, 72; C. A. Spyer, 62; Curtis Reiber, 72; G. O. Denner, 37; Edward Vogt, 52.

### AUDITOR

John Whitman D.143; Fay McClellan R. 84.

### DEATH FOR PENN STATE FRESHMAN IN CAR ACCIDENT

Traveling to his home at Pennsylvania Furnace, Thursday night, after a day at Pennsylvania State College during Freshman Week, Theodore Brown, 17 years old, was instantly killed when his automobile left the road-way in a death plunge and hurtled against a tree in a small thicket one and one-half miles east of Pennsylvania Furnace, on what is known as the White Hall road.

The boy was a son of Rev. Brown, a Presbyterian minister at that place. There were no witnesses who saw the accident, but spectators arriving after the tragic accident said the body was badly mangled, indicating that death had been instantaneous. The automobile was completely demolished. The youth, who had enrolled as a first-year student at the College only two days before, had attended the first day of Freshman Week.

Patrolman George Finkbeiner, of the Bellefonte substation, who investigated reported that the crash took place on a straight stretch of macadam road, just inside of the Centre county line, near Pennsylvania Furnace.

There were no eye witnesses. However a hump in the road near the scene, indicated that the boy may have been traveling at a high rate of speed and upon striking the hump, lost control of his car. Another theory is that he may have swerved the machine to avoid striking some object in the road and in so doing lost control of the car and was unable to swing back onto the road.

After leaving the highway, the automobile, a new Chevrolet sedan, swerved to the left and entered the thicket on the Homan property, coming to rest after striking the tree about 25 feet from the highway.

The Homan family, residing on a farm about 150 feet from the scene, heard the crash of the impact and rushed from the house to witness the accident. They immediately notified Chief of Police Yougel at State College.

The youth was born July 12, 1918, at Warrensburg, N. Y., the son of Rev. Samuel and Mrs. May M. Booker Brown and was graduated from Warriors Mark high school last June.

In addition to his parents he is survived by one brother and one sister. Funeral services were held Saturday morning in the Presbyterian church at Graysville, in charge of the Rev. Eugene H. McCahan of Arch Springs. Interment was made at Watersburg, Fayette county.

### SON OF ERNEST ROMAN INJURED ON STATE HIGHWAY

Dallas Homan, 4-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Homan, east of Centre Hall, suffered injuries about the head and scalp when he fell in attempting to get out of the path of an automobile, Wednesday afternoon of last week.

According to Highway Patrolman D. H. James, who investigated the accident, the automobile did not strike the child. The injuries were caused when the child, in attempting to scramble off the highway, fell to the ground, inflicting bruises about the head.

The driver of the car was Teddy Giovanni, of Wilkes-Barre, who was traveling west on Route 45, four miles east of here, when the mishap occurred. Giovanni, who was accompanied by his family, immediately stopped and gave assistance.

The child was first removed to the office of Dr. Charles H. Light, in Centre Hall, where the injuries were examined. The youngster was later removed to the Centre County hospital. Report from there revealed that the boy's injuries were not serious.

### TRANSPORT SCHOOL CHILDREN IN POTTER TWP. DISTRICTS

Five persons were awarded contracts to transport school pupils in Potter township, the number conveyed being 46.

George Wells, from the Rosa farm to the Earlstown school; 15 pupils.

C. W. Keifer, from Frazier farm along Sinking creek to Centre Hill; 7 pupils.

Max J. Brown, from Sprucetown to Potters Mills; 6 pupils.

W. M. Geary, from White House, Seven Mountains, and west of Potters Mills; 17 pupils.

Rufus Reierick, from Reierick place to Potters Mills; 1 pupil.

### EXPERIMENTS ON SOIL END AFTER 20 YEARS

Fertilizer experiments on Dekalb soil at Snowshoe will be abandoned this fall, according to Prof. J. W. White, of the Pa. State College agricultural experiment station, who started the experiments 20 years ago. Grazing deer have caused considerable damage in recent years, which has interfered with getting accurate results.

Some very valuable data have been obtained on the agricultural value of this kind of soil, which covers 43 1/2 per cent of the entire state area. The experiment has attracted national interest because of the phenomenal increases in yield obtained from various fertilizer treatments. Wheat, for instance, increased from one peck to 25 bushels an acre.

It is planned to continue the experimental work at Kyertown which has a better phase of Dekalb soil, more typical of the farming areas than that at Snowshoe.

### "BRUSHED" CENTRE HILL PRESBYTERIAN CEMETERY

The Presbyterian cemetery was "brushed" and given a general cleaning up on Saturday by descendants of persons buried there and others interested in keeping the historic Presbyterian church center in a more presentable condition. In the recollection of the writer, the walled cemetery site was the one burial ground in this neighborhood that could be referred to with some degree of pride. During the past forty years the site has been woefully neglected, brush, and a great variety of weeds took possession. Twice during this period the burial plot was given attention, the first time following caustic comments in this paper, inspired by the late Capt. G. M. Baul, the inclosure was cleaned, monuments, head and foot stones set up, and the ancient stonewall about it repaired. Later on a second group did some improving, but it was not brought back, on either occasion, to its long-time high rank among cemeteries in Penna. Valley.

Well, it has been a cemetery for a long time; to be definite, since 1805. At that time land for a church and for burial purposes was purchased from Alexander Johnson. Forty years later, 1845, additional ground was purchased of John Spangler, and on this site a brick church was erected at a cost of \$5,000.

This structure was razed in 1900, and it was Monday, June 11th, that a section of it collapsed, resulting in the injury of a half-dozen youths and older men.

Reverting to the cemetery, it may be said that a great portion of the tombstones with legible inscriptions indicate births during the eighteenth and burial during the nineteenth centuries.

An slab marking the burial place of Sarah Barber, wife of John Barber, who died Sept. 9, 1801, was the oldest date discovered.

It appears the Sinking Creek Presbyterian congregation was organized before 1797. The first Presbyterian minister in Centre county was Rev. James Martin, who came here April 15, 1789. The Huntingdon Presbytery was organized April 14, 1795, probably in the log church, Penn Hall.

Rev. Wiley appears to have been the first pastor of the Sinking Creek Presbyterian church. The pastors following were Rev. William Stuart, 1801-1834 (died 1848; buried in Centre Hill cemetery); Rev. David McKinney, 1834-1841; Rev. William Adams, 1842-1845; Rev. Robert Mammil began his service in 1846.

The brick church building at Centre Hill was purchased by Messrs. T. D. Brislin and D. A. Boozer, and was razed by them, with Aaron Thomas as foreman of the ten workmen. Six men were removing a trussed girder supporting the roof, and without a moment's notice the timber broke, precipitating the men to the ground. The injured were Aaron Thomas, eight ribs broken; Wm. Meyer, rib broken; muscles torn; Fred Christine, knocked senseless by a heavy timber; Miller Goodhart, right leg badly sprained; Samuel Snyder, back injured; Morris Burkholder, jawbone broken and six teeth knocked out; Ed. Royer, bones in hand broken. The elder Boozer and his son, Ralph, escaped injury.

In this issue will be found a brief reference to the death of Mrs. Rena Bell, a Lutheran missionary worker, who died in St. Petersburg, Fla. While living in that city Mrs. A.E. Kerlin, who attended Trinity Lutheran church, of which Mrs. Bell's husband, Rev. H. C. Bell, deceased, was the pastor, became intimately acquainted with the minister and his wife, both of whom died within the past two months.

The removal of the Centre County re-employment headquarters from Bellefonte to Clearfield, last Friday, without previous notice, naturally raised the ire of Bellefonte residents, and the board of county commissioners. The office employed as many as eighteen persons, one of whom from Centre county was retained. Of course, an effort is being made to have the headquarters brought back to Bellefonte, but the result is gravely questioned.

### PENNS STATE OPENS DOORS WITH LARGEST STUDENT ENROLLMENT

With the largest enrollment in its history, the Pennsylvania State College opened its doors for the regular academic year on Wednesday. A student body in excess of 5000 was predicted by Registrar Wm. S. Hoffman.

A freshman class of 1469 had completed requirements for entrance the day prior to opening of Freshman Week. The registrar reported. Returning students in the upper three classes were present in numbers which indicated large enrollments. Registration for the first semester was carried on Monday and Tuesday. Classes opened at noon Wednesday.

Of the entering freshmen, 267 were girls and 147 were forestry students who will spend the first year at Mont Alto. The largest number of new students matriculated in the Lower Division which provides the two-year introductory training essential for admission to advanced curricula in the School of Liberal Arts or the School of Education.

With the large freshman class, each of the seven undergraduate schools at the College had a healthy influx of freshmen. Agriculture, Chemistry and Physics, Engineering, Mineral Industries, and Physical Education and Athletics, the other five, all having large enrollments.

### POOL ROOM JOBS BARRED TO MINORS UNDER 18 YRS.

The State Industrial Board ruled that minors under 18 years may not work in billiard parlors or bowling alleys. The order is effective in thirty days.

No exceptions were made in billiard rooms and bowling alleys operated by clubs, branches of the Y. M. C. A. and other similar organizations.

Yes, the pretzel introduced in Lancaster county during the Civil War as a Dutch tidbit, fashioned after the "prayer cake" developed by monks in Germany many years ago, was produced last year in Pennsylvania to the extent of 28,000,000 pounds, worth \$4,891,200.

### TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS

#### HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS

The 53rd Union County fair is on this week, closing Saturday.

A second son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Randall W. Myer, Coburn.

The period closing September 26 shows no oiling schedule in this section.

Mrs. Mary Rossman, of Tusseyville, is at the home of her daughter, Mrs. William Heckman, at Asbury Park, N. J., where she will remain for a few weeks.

The Sheffield Farms Company paid producers in this section four and one-half cents per 100 lbs. more for August milk than for the same grade of milk collected in July.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Knarr entertained a score of couples at a dance held at the Meeker cabin, on Krise valley road, in Seven Mountains, on Thursday evening. Robert Meeker and Paul Martz furnished the music.

Charles W. Sayers, of Carlisle, forester at Halfway CCC camp No. 75, Fourteen-Mile Narrows, and Miss Pauline B. Klingman, of Mifflinburg, were recently married. The young forester is a graduate of the Mont Alto Forestry school.

Mrs. Mabel Hartley and family, accompanied by Richard Kniss and Mr. Deats, of Mifflinburg, visited on Sunday in Centre Hall. They were accompanied on the return trip to Mifflinburg by Mrs. Hartley's daughter, Miss Ruth Hartley.

Mrs. N. H. Shaffer returned to her home in Millheim after spending a few weeks in a Lock Haven hospital, where she was operated in for the removal of a cancer of the breast. She returned several times later for further treatment, and is now recovering nicely.

George F. Riddell, of Panama, was the guest of his brother-in-law, Thomas Sankey, at the Centre Hall hotel, for a few days last week. Mr. Riddell recently finished a gigantic cable project for the U. S. Government in the Panama Canal Zone. For many years he has been in the service of the Government in its various branches.

Grange Park is again neat and tidy, following the fair and the dismantling of the several hundred tents, which are carefully stored, and the floors, tables, and benches likewise put away for another year. The present condition of the park can only be appreciated when the disorder and the litter-covered ground attending the close of the encampment is observed.

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