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JURORS SELECTED FOR FEBRUARY TERM COURT

Grand jurors drawn for the second Monday in February—the 12th—are as follows:

Harvey B. Balsor, State College
Miss Ruth Black, Phillipsburg
Arthur Boob, Bellefonte
Ray A. Braconier, Phillipsburg
Walter G. Chandler, Julian
John W. Garis, Bellefonte
Dean R. Goodwin, Blanchard
Frederic C. Graffius, Howard
J. B. Hanson, Julian
Mrs. Grace Harter, Millheim
Caroline Kallin, State College
Paul Kellerman, State College
Reuben Lucas, Phillipsburg
Mrs. Chas. McClellan, Bellefonte
Mrs. Margaret Moore, State College
Harry A. Neff, Spring Mills
Evelyn Orwig, Port Matilda
James A. Royer, Centre Hall, R. D.
Dewey Sorenson, Bellefonte, R. D.
Henry W. Todd, Phillipsburg
James H. Weaver, Millersburg
Relda White, Beech Creek
Reese Williams, Phillipsburg
Harry Zorby, Millheim

List of Traverse Jurors drawn for the Fourth Monday of February next, 1940:

John A. Achmoody, Phillipsburg
Elizabeth Alexander, State College
Pete Alexander, Clarence
Joseph Bertram, Bellefonte, R. D.
D. B. Bloom, Centre Hall
Doyle Breen, Millersburg
Elmer Breen, Bellefonte, R. D.
Alex Buchan, State College
Wm. B. Chandler, Bellefonte
Anna Danko, Phillipsburg
George Dawson, Phillipsburg
D. D. Dean, Bellefonte
Elsie Dowell, Bellefonte
Myron Fink, Phillipsburg
Agnes Flanagan, Moshannon
John S. Fortney, Centre Hall, R. D.
J. August Fries, State College
Ed. E. Garbrick, Bellefonte
D. Wagner Geiss, Bellefonte
John Gray, Howard
George E. Grenoble, Rebersburg
Frank Harpster, State College
Benjamin Hoffer, Phillipsburg
Harold Hoover, Pine Glen
V. A. Household, Bellefonte
L. E. Jodon, Millheim
Frank Jurcick, Clarence
G. Don Kepler, Pine Grove Mills
Edward Kline, Bellefonte
Stanley Maddox, State College
Joseph McDonald, Pleasant Gap
Ellen D. Meek, Bellefonte
Clarence Meyer, State College
Lynn W. Miller, State College
Elwood Musser, Coburn
Mrs. Elizabeth Phillips, Boalsburg
Florence Robb, Bellefonte
P. Glenn Rogers, Howard, R. D.
Lewis A. Schriver, Madisonburg
Mary E. Scheckler, Millersburg
A. J. Shively, Bellefonte, R. D.
Elizabeth Slack, Spring Mills
Earl B. Staveland, State College
M. O. Stover, Millheim
Elwood A. Steele, Julian
Walter T. Tate, Bellefonte, R. D.
Henry S. Williams, Howard
Jack H. Yeager, Bellefonte

List of Traverse Jurors drawn for the first Monday in March, next:

Grace Behrens, Bellefonte, R. D.
E. F. Blair, Bellefonte, R. D.
Donald L. Bracken, Phillipsburg
Betty A. Cleland, State College
Irvin Confer, Howard, R. D.
Joseph Cowher, Sandy Ridge
Sumner Craig, Phillipsburg
John H. Crain, Port Matilda
Hugh T. Croft, Phillipsburg
Thomasine Curtin, Howard, R. D.
Lee Davis, Bellefonte
John C. Eaton, Blanchard
Paul Eckley, Bellefonte, R. D.
Mrs. M. Ward Fleming, Bellefonte
John Galaida, Bellefonte
Verne M. Gill, Phillipsburg
Pearl Gilliland, State College
Dorothy Gross, Bellefonte
Richard Hanscos, State College
Paul R. Harper, Phillipsburg
John W. Henninger, State College
Mary C. Heverly, Bellefonte
S. H. Hoy, Bellefonte
Frank Keller, Bellefonte, R. D.
Ross Lowder, Oak Hall Station
Milford Lucas, Howard
Mrs. Gertrude Lux, Phillipsburg
Herbert MacDonald, State College
Norman Matson, Phillipsburg
Martin Meeker, Moshannon
James Morrison, Sr., Bellefonte
Ella Murphy, Osceola Mills
Eflie Murtoff, State College
G. G. Neff, Millheim
J. E. Pennington, State College
Mrs. George Peters, Phillipsburg
James D. Plank, Phillipsburg
John Reifsnnyder, Centre Hall, R. D.
Hugh Riley, State College
Earl Ryne, State College
George L. Smith, State College
Merrill Snyder, State College
Wm. T. Snyder, Port Matilda
Carl F. Tussay, State College
Marvin Wainger, Bellefonte
Katharine Weber, Howard
J. R. Williams, Unionville
Velma Williamson, Phillipsburg
Ralph R. Zeigler, Millheim

ARE YOU SURE?

Today—February 1st—are you sure? First, you have your new driver's license? Second, you have a new sticker on your windshield, denoting your car is mechanically o. k.? If you have, you have the green light to go ahead. If not—well, you know the answer to that one.

S. W. SMITH

"Thirty" was written for S.W. Smith, senior editor of The Centre Reporter, on Monday morning at 3:15 o'clock. "Thirty" is the newspaper man's term for the finish of an article. It is therefore appropriate for the end of his services.

To us, who have lived with, and labored with him for close to forty years, it is a difficult task to write of the end for a man who thought so much of others; who gave (together with his good wife) not out of an abundance, but of that which they had, and gave it unstintingly.

Many a young person, boy and girl alike, was aided in a financial way to pursue some chosen field of study in a higher institution of learning when financial aid from any other source was not available.

Mr. Smith loved young people; he kept young in spirit by close association with them; he never developed old foggy-ish ideas.

To us he was foster-father and friend. We came to his home when a mere lad and were at once taken to the bosom of him and his good wife and given the love—not of a true father and mother, perhaps, but the nearest approach to it humanly possible. Others of the writer's family likewise felt the warmth of a Christian home for greater or lesser periods of time.

In the community there was no greater exponent of good citizenship. Mr. Smith was a leader in community thought and community enterprise. No worthwhile project failed of his support. He loved his home and his church, and his community. To him they all were the best. No better church than his; no better community than his.

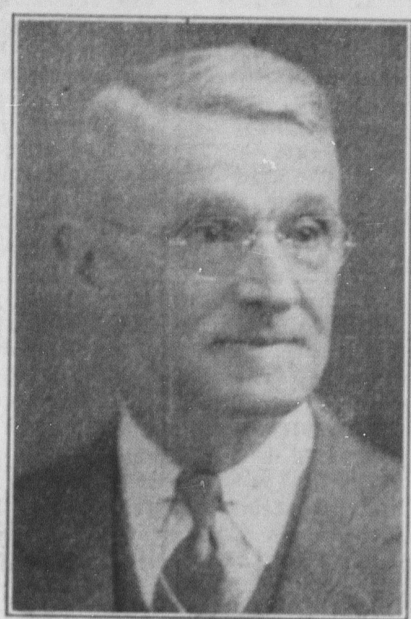
In politics he was the same. He was a Democrat, a good Democrat, unswerving in his loyalty to the Democratic party, feeling that his party was the party of the common people, whose lot he knew to be a hard one. It was his conscientious conviction that the Democratic party offered the most for the common people.

In newspaper work he was reared in the school of hard knocks. There was no fancy technical training for him, but he possessed rare common sense, sound judgment, and presented news to his readers in a way that left nothing to be desired.

While this writer carried the burden of the newspaper operations for some years, he nevertheless felt his senior partner to be indispensable even though in later years his services dwindled to a great extent. Returning time and again from serious illness and operations, he would take up where he left off, and carry on like the good trouper he was. Many a one with lesser grit and courage would have given up.

Therefore, with a tear, we say—
Good-bye, good friend, and peace.

EDWARD (TED) E. BAILEY



SYLVESTER W. SMITH

SENIOR EDITOR OF THE CENTRE REPORTER PASSES ON: BURIAL THURSDAY

Death, as it must to all men, came to Sylvester W. Smith at his home in Centre Hall, Monday morning at 3:15 o'clock. For several months he put up a brave fight to live against tremendous odds. It was only within the past few weeks that he was fully aware of the hopeless battle he was waging against encroaching disease. Mr. Smith's health began failing about six years ago, at which time he underwent an appendectomy. This was followed by a more serious operation a few years later, involving the stomach and intestines. He apparently made progress toward recovery, but in October of 1939, he was obliged to again submit to surgery of major proportions, and as a last resort to save his life. Again, the abdominal region was the seat of the trouble. After five weeks' stay in the hospital he returned home. He had good and bad days, but his friends observed a progressive decline, and this was accelerated during the two weeks preceding his death.

Sylvester Washington Smith was one of eight children of Dr. Peter and Mary Kopp Smith. Our subject was born just east of Centre Hall on what was long known as the Benjamin Army farm, on February 21, 1863, and therefore was almost 77 years of age. Mr. Smith was educated in the schools of Centre county, his first teacher being Col. J. L. Spangler. At the age of 18 years he began the printer's trade in the office of The Centre Reporter, in Centre Hall, then conducted by the late J. Frederik Kurtz. After five years he was persuaded to take part in the conduct of The Centre Times, a rival newspaper in Centre Hall, edited by the late T. B. Ulrich. The Times had only a short life. From here Mr. Smith went to Bellefonte and worked on the Keystone Gazette under the late editor Fiedler; then with the Democrat and Sentinel in Lewistown. Failing health compelled him to abandon the trade and in 1888 he returned to the home farm in Potter township.

Then, in 1906, he moved to town, purchased The Centre Reporter from his former employer, and for nearly forty years took an active part in its publication. In 1914, he took into the business as a partner the writer, Edward Bailey, who had made his home with the Smith family since 1901, and who had learned the printer's trade in the office.

Mr. Smith was appointed postmaster at Centre Hall in 1915 under the Wilson Administration and served two terms. A few years prior he built the most imposing business building in the town and gave the post office its first decent home. The building is now owned by the First National Banking Company.

Mr. Smith was a friend of education. He held the office of school director and was its secretary for many years, and took an interest in the school system which resulted in lengthening the school term, employing only the highest type of teachers, and raising the school standard generally. In the days when the lecture course was the cultural influence in a country community, he was found working on the committee to get the best talent available.

An outstanding endeavor in his life history was the inauguration of the rural telephone service for farmers in the valley. With the late Hon. Leonard Rhode, Mr. Smith burned the midnight oil with farmers gathered in farm homes throughout the valley, convincing them of the desirability and necessity of the telephone, and organizing branch companies of the Bell Telephone company. The labor of these two men in that field was most successful, as the present day picture proves.

In the Lutheran church, in which faith he was steadfast and true, he was likewise a potent factor in all that stood for the best. He served as deacon in his early life, was Sunday school superintendent, and a teacher for many years; in fact, up until his recent illness. It was said of him that as a teacher he had few equals. Beside his church, he was affiliated

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1940 BIRTHDAY BALL DRAWS CROWD OF 244; GROSSES \$167

The 1940 Birthday Ball for the President, held Tuesday, January 29, in the Centre Hall-Potter high school building, netted over seventy dollars for the fund to fight infantile paralysis. Two hundred forty-four persons attended the affair, according to James A. Myers, chairman.

The entertainment committee, under the chairmanship of R. S. Hagan, provided Casey's Rhythmaires and Forner's square dancing band as musicians for the evening. Fred Hartwick of State College called off the square dance.

Decorations, arranged by Franklin D. Goodhart and his committee, consisted of blue and gold crepe paper festooned symmetrically from the ceiling, and five large bunches of varicolored balloons. Boughs of hemlock formed an orchestral background.

The gross receipts totalling \$167.05 included: gate, \$122; checkroom \$44; and refreshments, \$41.05. Expenses other than refreshments are estimated at \$69.00.

LOCAL HIGH SCHOOL WINS FROM MILL HALL, 27-25

By holding their own against a futile last minute attack by Mill Hall, the Centre Hall-Potter high basketball team won Monday night, 27-25. A comfortable second quarter lead plus superiority in foul shooting gave the Tigers the lead and victory over the Mill Hall quintet.

Friday, February 3, the orange and black teams travel to Snow Shoe to engage the 1939 champions.

In the girls' game Monday evening the score stood: Centre Hall 20, Mill Hall 9.

The lineup for the boys' game: Centre Hall—Frank G. Harter, f.; Smith, c.; Ralston, g.; Bradford, g. Substitutes: Ross, Martz, Dutrov, McCormick.

Mill Hall—Hunter, f.; Myers, f.; Haugh, c.; Keefer, g.; Crispin, g. Substitutes: Frye, Glock, Seasholtz, O'Connor, Referee, Hancock.

NEW OFFICIAL RECORDS FOR PENN STATE COLLEGE COWS

Two Guernsey cows owned by the Penn State College Cattle Club, secured new official records for production which entitles them to entry in the Advanced Register of The American Guernsey Cattle Club. These animals include two and one-half year old Suzanne Beauty Sue 47529, producing 10372.5 pounds of milk and 502.9 pounds of butter fat in class FF, and two and one-half year old Masterful's June of Hillside 45503, producing 9455.1 pounds of milk and 459.2 pounds of butterfat in class FF.

Rural Mail Carrier Retires

Theodore G. Leathers of Howard Rural Mail Carrier on Howard R. D. 2, was retired by the Post Office Department on January 31st after completing 33 years of service. Mr. Leathers entered the service in 1907 when he carried mail out of the old Curtin post office. He was then transferred to Howard from which office he has carried mail until the present time. He celebrated his 63rd birthday a few weeks ago.

FALL OF ROCK KILLS YOUNG MORRISDALE MINER

The Moshannon valley, known as the "cradle of the soft coal industry in Pennsylvania," had its first fatality of the year last Wednesday afternoon when Charles Smith, 25-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Smith of Morrisdale, R. D., was killed in a fall of rock while working in the Onard Slope of the Morrisdale Coal Mining Company.

The accident happened about one o'clock when Smith was stooped over working. The fall of rock broke his neck, according to Richard E. Hess, company superintendent.

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at the time of his death with the Bellefonte Lodge of Elks.

On November 12, 1885, in Spring Mills, Mr. Smith was married to Miss Jennie L. Kuhn of Boalsburg. Four years ago the couple celebrated their golden wedding anniversary, and present was the late Dr. W. E. Fischer, who married the couple in 1885.

Mr. Smith survives. The couple was childless, but Edward Bailey was taken for adoption when a young man. Many are the boys and girls who knew the hospitality of the Smith home and felt kindly assistance in many ways.

As previously stated, deceased was one of eight children, and none of the seven attained his good age.

Funeral services, according to his desires, will be most simple. They will be conducted from the Goodhart funeral parlors this (Thursday) afternoon at 3 o'clock. In the absence of a regular Lutheran pastor, Rev. J. M. Kirkpatrick will officiate, which is in accord with the deceased's wishes. Interment, which will be private, will be made in cemetery at Centre Hall.

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS

Sidney Riegel became ill with grippe Saturday and has been in bed since then.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Dale and Jack were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. K. Rimney Sunday night.

Lloyd F. Boob is Centre county's new mercantile appraiser, and is now engaged in that work.

Mr. and Mrs. James Brooks have been ill with the grippe since last week-end.

P. F. Barges, of the faculty of the East Penns Valley high school, is again on duty after being confined to his home for several days with the grippe.

The names of P. H. Luse and J. F. Wetzel were inadvertently omitted in the list of local men who attended the Pennsylvania Dutch supper at Selinsgrove last week.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Clark of Howard, with their daughter and grandson of Chicago, spent Sunday at the D. C. Mitterling home and visited during the afternoon among friends here.

Miss Helen Rogus of Clarence has recently been employed as anesthetist in the Centre County hospital. She is a graduate of Mercy Hospital, Altoona, and has had special training in Chicago in anesthesia.

Stanley C. Bierly of Millheim returned last week from Palm Beach, Florida, where he attended a Philco convention. Mrs. Bierly, who was visiting in Harrisburg while her husband was South, returned home with him.

Albert Bradford and son, John, of Willard, Ohio, attended the funeral of the former's son-in-law, Claude Reed, at Millroy, last week. Before returning home Mr. Bradford visited his sister, Mrs. John Martz, and brothers, Milton and Paul Bradford.

The East Penns Valley Woman's Club, Millheim, sponsored a public card party Tuesday evening of this week—the President's Birthday—for the benefit of the Infantile Paralysis Fund. Mrs. Drew Kolb was the chairman of the committee. The event was a grand success.

Mr. and Mrs. F. P. Geary entertained a group of men to dinner Thursday night in honor of the birthday of J. F. Smith, Mrs. Geary's father. Other guests were Swengel Smith, Daniel S. Daup, Reuben S. Rickett, David I. Graybill, J. F. Wetzel and Roy S. Jamison.

The main of the Coburn Water company was frozen last week-end, several of the lengths of pipe being bursted in the operations conducted to open them, says the Millheim Journal. New pipe has been laid and all is well at the moment, for which Coburn folks are thankful.

A group of State College men are working on a \$120,000 housing project for that borough in conjunction with representatives of the Federal Housing Administration. According to the plans being prepared, family apartment rentals will run from \$45 to \$68 a month.

Samuel G. Gingerich, who sold his home in Centre Hall a short time ago to Charles T. Crust, is advertising public sale of his household goods, complete for a seven-room house, on Saturday, March 23. Mr. Gingerich will occupy a room in the home formerly owned by him.

William Pursell, recently of New Hope but now transferring his residence to Harvey, Illinois, spent Saturday night and Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Roy S. Jamison. He is employed by a locomotive supply company and has been promoted to the Chicago office. The men were roommates in college.

A semi-annual meeting of the Williamsport Consistory, held in Williamsport last week, was attended by the following local people: Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Booser, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Bradford, present at the ladies' night program on Monday; Robert M. Smith, C. W. Booser and I. M. Arney, who attended the exercises on Friday.

Continuing his undefeated record, Paul Bender, former local boy, won his third wrestling match from Mehlmonie of Lewistown, 115 pounds, when Penn State high grapplers turned back Lewistown by 24 to 15, Friday night. Bender pinned his man in seven minutes and thirty-one seconds, using a half nelson and body press.

Another Centre county country newspaper editor has been obliged to take himself out of the publishing business due to the fact that he is postmaster in his town and the Hatch law forbids his activity in political matters. He is Claude E. Musser, former editor of the Millheim Journal, a Democratic sheet. The paper will be conducted by Miss Jean Hosterman, long associated with the Journal.