

WALKER NAMES APPOINTEES

Appointive Office Budget Cut in Half

Two Jobs Discontinued; Two Others Merged in Effort to Reduce Costs
SWENDEL SMITH MADE D. P. and P. OFFICER
Mileage Fee Slashed; Auditor For Register, Recorder and Prothonotary is Named

"I shall curtail unnecessary and excessive expenses and eliminate unnecessary officials which are a burden to the taxpayers of Centre County, without affecting the efficiency of administration."
Minded of this important plank in his campaign platform, Judge Ivan Walker in announcing his appointments at the conclusion of the inaugural ceremonies at the Court House, Monday, carried out his promise by the following means:

1. Abolishing one office.
2. Merging two other offices.
3. Discontinuing a clerkship.
4. Slashing in half the annual budget appropriation for appointive offices.
5. Reducing mileage fees for Judges' appointees from ten cents to six cents, in conformity with the rate allowed the County Commissioners in conducting County business.

The office of the Costs Clerk has been abolished, and under state laws it will henceforth be the duty of the District Attorney and County Commissioners to collect the costs from the parties made liable therefore by sentence or by order of the Court.

The Juvenile office, and the office of the Deserter, Probation and Parole Office has been merged into one office, and Swengel Smith, of Bellefonte, was named to handle the business formerly conducted by two separate offices. The budget for this office has been reduced from \$6,000 annually to \$3,000 annually.

The clerk formerly retained for the Juvenile Officer and Deserter, Probation and Parole Officer has been discontinued.
Judge Walker named as his secretary Miss Mary Hartle, of Bellefonte, and the salary of the office has been reduced to its former scale.

D. Paul Fortney, well known Bellefonte citizen, was named Court Crier, while Upstaves appointed by Judge Walker are: J. T. Merryman, of Boggs township; J. O. Peters, of Stormstown; Arch Confer, of Spring Mills; Joseph Weist, of Phillipsburg, and Mrs. Joseph L. Runkle, of Bellefonte.

Another innovation revealed in Judge Walker's appointments was the naming of an auditor for the accounts of the Register, Recorder and Prothonotary. This office is mandatory under the state laws, and his duties will be to audit each year the accounts of the three county officers. Slinie H. Hoy, of Bellefonte, was appointed by Judge Walker to this position.

The Board of View undergoes little change under the new administration. J. K. Johnston, of Bellefonte; E. L. Willard, and George I. Denithorne, of State College, and J. Thompson Henry, of Martha, are retained as professional members, while J. I. Yarnell, of Walker township, and Charles Hudson, of Phillipsburg, are retained as lay members. New appointees to the latter group are John S. Sperry and D. F. Houser, both of Bellefonte.

Read the classified ads and profit.

Hail! and Success!

We pause to salute His Honor, Judge Ivan Walker, central figure in Monday's inaugural ceremony, and join his vast number of Centre county friends in wishing him success and good health during his administration as President Judge of our Courts.

We believe we speak a nearly unanimous opinion that justice has found an able champion in Judge Walker.
Ten years ago we found it a pleasure to felicitate Judge M. Ward Fleming upon his ascension to the Bench, notwithstanding the support we gave to his opponent during the judicial campaign.
Time in its customary way marches on, and ten years later we find ourselves congratulating Judge Fleming's successor, with the mingled emotions of pride and regret—a natural rejoicing at the success of Judge Walker, and a feeling of regret over the retirement of his worthy predecessor.

Therefore, with all the sincerity at our command, we extend the hand of friendship to both, with the hope that each may live long and prosper.

THE CENTRE DEMOCRAT STAFF AND PERSONNEL

HERBERT STOVER NAMED MERCANTILE APPRAISER

Warren Roberts, auditor general of Pennsylvania, this week announced the appointment of Herbert Stover, of Smulton, as mercantile appraiser of Centre County.
Mr. Stover succeeds Harold D. Cowher, of Bellefonte, in the important position.

VETERANS HOLD ANNUAL DINNER

World Peace and International Relations Theme of After Dinner Addresses
Approximately 100 members and guests of Jackson-Crisman-Saylor Post, Veterans of Foreign Wars, of Bellefonte, attended the annual New Year's banquet of the organization at the Markland Hotel, Saturday night. World peace, and the position of the United States in international affairs was the theme of the evening's discussions.

KATZ CLEARANCE SALE WILL BEGIN TOMORROW

Drastic price reductions are to feature the annual January Clearance Sale at the Katz store, Bellefonte, which will open at 9 o'clock tomorrow, Friday morning.
Each year the Katz clearance sale is a highlight of the post-holiday season and a study of their advertisement on other pages of this issue will convince the most skeptical that this year marked down to rock bottom prices, and sensational values in all kinds of merchandise are offered. Turn to their advertisement for money saving suggestions.

POTTERS MILLS-OLD FORT ROAD IS STAKED OUT

Stakes have been set along the proposed new road between Potters Mills and Old Fort, and while nothing definite regarding construction plans is available here, it is generally believed that construction of the road will get underway in the coming summer.
According to the staked-out route, a number of curves will be removed from the road, and the grade will be better made. Highway Department officials are unable to say whether the proposed road would be of macadam or concrete construction.

THOMPSON'S ANNUAL REPORT

1937 Expenses of Juvenile Officer Shown as \$563.55; Salary Was \$420
The Rev. William C. Thompson who on Monday retired as Juvenile Officer of Centre County, last week submitted to Judge M. Ward Fleming his report for 1937.
The report shows total expenses of \$983.55, of which \$420 represents salary and \$563.55 represents expenditures for traveling, meals and postage.
The report follows:
"Honorable M. Ward Fleming, President Judge of Centre County Courts, Sir:
"I herewith submit my annual report."
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COLLEGE BUILDING BOOM MAY AID LOCAL R. R.

The \$5,000,000 building program to be launched at the Pennsylvania State College next month is expected to help make the coming year a busy one for the Bellefonte Central Railroad, the only railroad entering State College.

COUNCIL HOLDS FIRST MEETING OF NEW YEAR

Thomas Beaver Re-elected Pres.; Carpeneto and Miss Doll Also Retained
BURGESS ADMINISTERS OATHS TO OFFICIALS
County May Rent Boro Poor Home For Use as Temporary County Home

At the annual reorganization meeting of Bellefonte Borough Council in the Logan House, Monday night, Thomas Beaver was re-elected president of the organization for another term. He was unopposed for the election, and the vote was unanimous.
Similarly, George Carpeneto was re-elected borough treasurer, and Miss Marie Doll was re-elected borough secretary without a dissenting vote or without other nominations being received.
Two new members of Council (Continued on page eleven)

CLUB OFFICERS ARE INDUCTED

Widowson Becomes Kiwanis Head; Don Everitt Sworn in as Sheriff
Edgar E. Widowson was inducted into the office of president at the meeting of the Bellefonte Kiwanis Club Tuesday noon in the Penns Club Hotel. The past president's button was given to the retiring president, Armstrong L. Francis, in recognition of his successful leadership during the past year. Donald R. Everitt was inducted with the badge and tools of the office of sheriff.

FIRE COMPANIES ELECT OFFICERS

Earl Custer Heads Logans; Harold D. Cowher Named Pres. of Undine Company
Bellefonte's two fire companies officially began the New Year Monday night with reorganization meetings which resulted in Earl Custer being named president of the Logan Company, and Harold D. Cowher being chosen president of the Undine Company. The Logan's new chief is John Gillette, while the Undine chief for 1938 is Philip Saylor.

FATHER HACKETT GOES TO ASHVILLE CHURCH

The Rev. John B. Hackett has been named rector of St. Thomas Church at Asheville, Cambria County. The appointment is effective this week, according to an announcement by the Right Rev. Richard T. Guilfoyle, bishop of the Altoona Catholic Diocese.

UNEMPLOYMENT OFFICE OPENED HERE MONDAY

The Bellefonte unemployment compensation and employment office opened Monday in the former postoffice building, North Spring Street. The office is now open regularly for registration for employment and for making application for unemployment compensation.

NEW ASSISTANCE BOARD NAMES OFFICERS FOR YR.

Centre County's new Board of Public Assistance held its first meeting in the offices of the Mothers' Assistance Fund, in Temple Court, Monday night, and elected officers to serve during the coming year.
Officers chosen are: Mrs. Lona B. Johnson, of Phillipsburg, president; Mrs. E. L. Willard, State College, vice president, and Russell Spangler, Blanchard, secretary. No other business was transacted at the meeting, further plans being held over until the next meeting of the Board, Monday night, January 10.

GINGERY ANNOUNCES ROAD FUND APPROVED FOR COUNTY

Congressman Don Gingery informed the Centre Democrat yesterday of Presidential approval of a Works Progress Administration project amounting to \$10,223.00 of federal funds for county-wide improvement in Centre county of highways, by landscaping, draining, and other necessary work. All work will be performed under the direction of the Department of Highways.

To Honor Local Man On 100th Birthday

Chamber of Commerce Sponsors Dinner For Aged Civil War Veteran
WILL BE PRESENTED BOUQUET OF 101 ROSES
Event at Penn Belle Hotel Open to Public; But Ticket Sale Limited to 150
Plans have been completed for a dinner to be given next Thursday night, January 13, in honor of Bellefonte's oldest citizen, Thomas Brew Hamilton, of North Allegheny Street, who on that day will celebrate his 100th birthday anniversary.

GETTIG RETAINS PRESENT OFFICE

Musser W. Gettig, who on Monday became Centre County's new District Attorney, yesterday announced that he will retain his offices in the James C. Purat building on East High Street, across the street from the main entrance to the Court House.
Mr. Gettig and his father, the late S. D. Gettig, Esq., have been located in the same offices for a long period of years, and recently Mr. Purat added a new and private office room at the rear which will give Mr. Gettig ample room to conduct the affairs of the District Attorney as well as his personal civil practice. As was the case with the outgoing District Attorney Philip H. Johnston, an amicable arrangement has been reached with the County Commissioners for a division of upkeep costs.

BUFFALO RUN YOUTH IS STUCK BY AUTO

Gilbert Shively, aged 13 years, son of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Shively, of Buffalo Run Valley, sustained a fracture of the left ankle yesterday afternoon when he was struck by a car driven by Dr. Joseph A. Parrish, of Bellefonte.

FEDERAL WARRANT FOR MAN ARRESTED HERE

Chief of Police Harry Dukeman of Bellefonte yesterday received a telegram from Williamsport stating that a warrant, charging imprisonment, has been issued in that city against Earl Gale, 25, of Theresa, N. Y., and that the warrant has been given to a United States Marshall for service.

LIBRARY MATTER IS CONTINUED

Judge Fleming in his decree declares that he finds himself torn between two wishes. On the one hand (Continued on page four)

DOG LICENSES NOW ON SALE

H. J. Stover, of Coburn, dog law enforcement officer for this area yesterday announced that 1938 dog licenses are now available at the County Treasurer's office, and requests that all dog owners procure '38 license tags for their dogs before January 15, to avoid penalties.

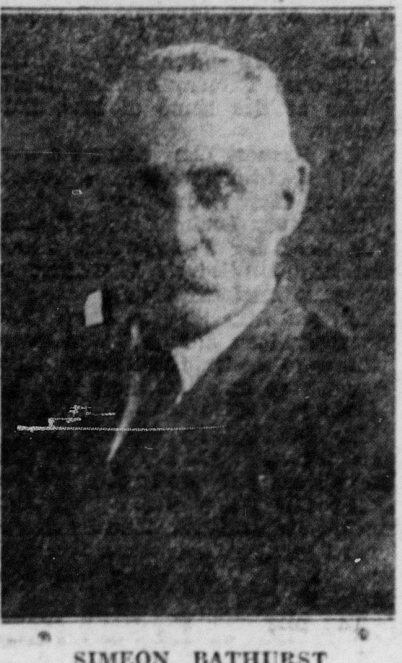
Syphilis Clinic Being Held Here This Week

An unusual opportunity is open to every Centre County resident this week to undergo, free of charge, tests to determine whether or not they are harboring the germs of syphilis.

Discontinues Funeral Home

George I. Harrison, who five months ago moved to Bellefonte from Scottsdale and established a funeral home in the W. J. Enzick property of North Spring street, vacated the premises Monday and has returned to Scottsdale, where he expects to open his own undertaking establishment.

Taps For Veteran



SIMEON BATHURST

4-H CLUB HOLDS LAMB ROUND-UP

Many Centre Countians Receive Awards; 9 Pens to be Displayed at Farm Show
The Centre County 4-H Lamb Club Round-up was held in the stock judging pavilion at State College on Wednesday of last week, according to County Agent R. C. Blaney.

Members received awards as follows: blue or first place ribbons, Beulah Peters, Stormstown; Daniel Stearns, Lemont; Robert Homan, State College; Donald Ross, Centre Hall; red or second place ribbons awarded to: Helen Homan, State College; David Noll, Centre Hall; Dean Ross, Centre Hall; William Sigel, Stormstown; three "face awards" or white ribbons went to: Richard Luse, Centre Hall; John Delaney, Centre Hall; Donald Smith, Centre Hall; Arthur Hartle, Bellefonte; Inez Luse, Centre Hall; Mac Beninson, Howard; Harold Rockey, Boalsburg.

COURT OFFICER FILES REPORT

Total Expenses of Deserter, Probation and Parole Office \$3,459.23 Last Year
Concluding ten years as Deserter, Probation and Parole Officer for Centre County, Roy Wilkinson, of North Spring Street, last week submitted to former Judge M. Ward Fleming his annual report for the year 1937, including a brief summary of the work of the office since it was established early in Judge Fleming's administration.

Undergo Operation

D. W. Bradford, well known farm implement dealer of Centre Hall, was admitted to the Centre County Hospital yesterday, where he is scheduled to undergo an operation. Monday of last week Mr. Bradford underwent observation at the same institution and at that time it was found that an operation was advisable to correct the condition from which he has been suffering.

RUMOR HOLDS LEE MAY LOSE COUNTY POSITION

According to political rumors on the streets yesterday, Clyde N. Lee, of East Bishop Street, is to be released from his duties as Sealer of Weights and Measures for Centre County.

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