

COMMISSIONERS ORDER INVENTORY

LISTS OF GOODS AT HOME, COURT HOUSE TO BE MADE

Auditors Directed to Complete Task Before Starting Audit

SEVERAL NAMED TO COUNTY POSITIONS

4 Democrats; 9 Republicans Sworn Into Office Here Monday

A complete inventory of the Centre County Home and of every office in the Court House was ordered Tuesday as one of the first official acts of the new board of County Commissioners.

The Commissioners, Charles F. Hipple, Fred C. Mensch and Harry V. Keeler, directed that the inventories be taken by the County Auditors: Henry M. Hosterman, Ralph R. Hartcock and David A. Holter. The annual audit of the county records will not be started until after the inventories have been completed.

Inventories are an innovation in the county government. It seems not in the history of some of the county's oldest politicians have inventories been made of county property. The check-up ordered by the new Commissioners is expected to become an annual event, and it is expected to bring about a more orderly administration of county affairs.

The incoming Commissioners report that when they assumed office one of their first duties was the consideration of a large number of bills left by the preceding administration.

At the Court House, Bond Musser, of Millheim, is serving as janitor, while Mrs. John Breen has charge of keeping the upstairs rooms in order. The Court House fireman is John Switzer, of Pike street, Bellefonte. These men were named after Harry Williams resigned as janitor and Russell Moyer resigned as fireman.

W. C. Witmer, superintendent of the County Home, reports that the present population of the institution is 36. Winifred Cross, of Axemann, has been named as an assistant to the nurse, Ruth Wetzel, who was named to the County Home position by the previous board of Commissioners. Earl Schreckengast and Ralph Haag are firemen at the home under appointments by the old board. The incoming Commissioners have named David Brown, of Spring township, as janitor at the home.

Some aid at the County Home is being furnished by employees of the National Youth Administration. The newly-elected Centre county officials were sworn into office at noon Monday in the Court Room. Four Democrats and nine Republicans.

College School Board Approves Addition

Plans for the construction of a new addition to the State College High school building were given final approval Saturday morning at the second hearing before the Board of Adjustment. Definite setbacks were required by the board at the preliminary session.

The board approved plans calling for a setback of eight feet on "E" Alley. Instead of the 10 inches shown in the original plans, Frazier street, which will now be considered the side of the building since the main entrance will be built on Fairmount avenue, will carry a setback of three feet and 10 inches.

The decision of the board stated: "Plans approved as presented. The three foot and 10-inch setback on Frazier street damages the property of no individual. At the same time it makes possible a building satisfactory to the state and an asset to the town as a whole." Robert A. Hussey, Charles A. Eder and D. S. Mead, board members, signed the statement.

Fleming-Love Battle For Post Is Hinted

Former Judge M. Ward Fleming and Attorney John G. Love, of Bellefonte, both aspire to the seat of Republican State Committeeman from Centre County to succeed Senator Harry B. Scott, of Philadelphia, when his term as Committeeman expires next year.

Former County Commissioner Balser Weber, of Howard, is a candidate for Republican county chairman to succeed Ray S. Melroy, of Pleasant Gap. Others who might seek the chairmanship are Preliminary Bond White, of Axe Mountain; Jury Commissioner Merrill E. Fletcher, of Howard; and William J. Benford, of Bellefonte.

1939 Dog Licenses Expire January 15

County Treasurer Harry F. Jones yesterday announced that all dogs in Centre county must wear 1940 license tags on and after January 15. The 1939 tags expire at midnight, January 15.

Dog licenses for 1940 are now on sale at the Treasurer's office. The fee for male or spayed dogs is \$1.10, and for female dogs, \$2.10. Persons ordering licenses through the mail are requested to include three cents extra for postage charges.

George Peters, of Phillipsburg, dog law enforcement officer for this area, has been ordered to make a careful check of all improperly licensed dogs after January 15, and he is now engaged in preparing lists in readiness for a thorough canvass of the county after the expiration date for 1939 licenses.

Skater Fractures Leg In Fall at Dam

Ethel Shoemaker, of Pine Grove Mills, broke her right leg in two places at 3 o'clock Sunday afternoon when she fell while skating at Whipple's Dam. The bones were fractured at the ankle and below the knee.

Miss Shoemaker, an employe in the bursar's office at Penn State, was removed to the Centre County Hospital, Bellefonte, where she is resting as comfortably as can be expected.

Local P. O. S. of A. To Install Officers

Washington Camp No. 887, P. O. S. of A. will install officers at the next regular meeting to be held on January 9, 7:30 p. m., in the O. O. F. Hall, High street, Bellefonte.

A program has been arranged and refreshments will be served.

1940 BEGINS; CRASH TOLL - 0

Holiday Season Singularity Free of Motor Accidents, Police Say

Although snow and ice covered many roads in Centre county and despite the fact that holiday traffic was quite heavy, no motor accidents were reported in this area during the New Year weekend, according to members of the State Motor Police at Pleasant Gap.

Several accident investigations kept police busy until last Thursday, but from then on the major part of their duties were in routine patrol.

Three persons were injured in a motor accident at Martha Furnace about 9 o'clock last Thursday night when a car crashed into a truck and trailer parked at the side of the highway for repairs.

The injured persons, all residents of Williamsport and occupants of the car were: Shirley Venema, 16, laceration of the forehead; her father, Andrew Venema, bruises of chest and forehead; and Mrs. Hazel Venema, laceration of right knee. They were treated at the office of a State College physician after being taken to that city by passing motorists.

Venema, driver of the car, failed to see the parked truck and tractor because of the lights of an approaching car. His belated effort to avert the crash failed because of ice on the highway, police said. The operator of the truck was Doyle M. Gummo, of Mill Hill. Damage to the car was placed at \$175, and to the truck only \$10.

Richard A. Haagen, of Bellefonte, R. D. 2, was bruised about the right leg, and Harry E. Schneider, of Williamsport, had lacerations of the forehead and nose at 10 o'clock last Thursday night when their cars collided near Curtin. One of the machines was entering the highway from a side road at the time. Damage to Schneider's car was estimated at \$375, and to the other car, \$75.

First Clinton County Baby

Robert Edward Stevenson born Monday evening at 6:20 to Mr. and Mrs. Ray Stevenson, at their home in Lock Haven, has established the claim as being the first baby born in 1940 in Clinton county. In that capacity, he is the recipient of the numerous awards and gifts offered by Lock Haven merchants to the first infant of 1940 born within the county. Second place in the contest goes to Paul Weaver Detrich, Jr., born to Mr. and Mrs. Paul W. Detrich, of Salona, at the Private Hospital at 9:20 p. m. on New Year's Day. He was believed for a time to be the winner in the stork race.

New Board of County Commissioners



FRED C. MENSCH



CHARLES F. HIPPLE



HARRY V. KEELER

DIES ON WAY TO HOSPITAL

Salona Resident Succumbs in Lancaster County; Funeral Yesterday

Enroute to Philadelphia for treatment at Jefferson Hospital, Joseph C. Hayes, 70, of Salona, died shortly before noon Sunday at Hinkletown, three miles south of Ephrata, in Lancaster county, of what Dr. E. R. Miller, Lancaster county coroner, pronounced coronary embolism. He had been ill for some time.

Surviving are his wife, Annie, one son, Harold B., Mackeyville, and three daughters: Miss Merian and Miss Annabelle, at home, and Mrs. V. P. Ticknor, of Palmer, N. Y.; also one sister, Mrs. Ella Porter, of Mackeyville.

Funeral services were conducted from the residence yesterday afternoon with the Rev. R. Roland Ritter, Salona Methodist pastor, officiating. Interment was made in Cedar Hill cemetery.

Club Officers Are Installed

Charles E. Martin, President, Releases Committee Appointments

At a meeting of the Bellefonte Kiwanis Club, Tuesday at the Penn Belle Hotel, Professor Julius Kaulfus, of State College, secretary of the Pennsylvania District of Kiwanis International, installed the officers for 1940.

The new officers are: president, Charles E. Martin; vice president, Jesse H. Caum; treasurer, Ward Hill; secretary, Rev. Clarence E. Arnold; immediate past president, Herman J. Hazel; and directors, Ralph C. Blaney, Armstrong L. Francis; Samuel M. Shalicos; Howard T. Struble; Fred Warner; Bond C. White, and Edgar E. Widdowson.

The District Secretary was introduced by Armstrong L. Francis, chairman of the Kiwanis Education Committee, who was in charge of the program. The outgoing president, Herman J. Hazel, spoke of the success of the club made possible through co-operation. President Martin outlined the work and policies for the new year.

The following committees were appointed by President Martin: Agriculture: James B. Musser, chairman, Howard T. Struble, Harry M. Smith. Attendance: Clyde M. Stewart, chairman, Fred Warner, Reeder Jodon. Boys and Girls Work: George I. (Continued on Page 6)

KATZ STORE CLEARANCE SALE OPENS FRIDAY

The annual storewide January clearance sale of The Katz Store will get under way tomorrow morning (Friday) at 9 o'clock when the doors will swing open for what promises to be one of the greatest sales ever held at that popular establishment. Every item in the store has been specially reduced for the sale in an effort to clear counters and shelves in preparation for the arrival of new spring stock. Study The Katz Store advertisement on another page and make out your list of necessities.

COMMISSIONERS' ASSISTANTS



FRED HOFFER
Chief Clerk



RUSSELL P. BEEZER
Deputy Clerk

PAYMENTS FOR RELIEF IN COUNTY SHOW LITTLE CHANGE

Payments for direct relief in Centre county for the week ended Tuesday show very little change from those of a week ago, but an increase, both in the amount of money expended and the number of checks issued, over disbursements for the comparable week last year.

This analysis of the changing relief picture in Centre county was made by State Treasurer F. Clair Ross in a summary of payments made through the Bureau of Assistance Disbursements in the Treasury Department.

Disbursements for the current week were \$3,678.10, made in 633 checks; disbursements last week were \$3,647.80, made in 650 checks; disbursements last year were \$3,449.80, made in 551 checks.

J. C. SNYDER NAMED HEAD OF ALPHA FIREMEN

The Alpha Fire Company of State College elected officers for 1940 at the annual reorganization meeting Tuesday night.

Officers chosen were as follows: President, J. C. Snyder; vice president, Harold Shirk; secretary, John Henry Frizzell; treasurer, Harry Markle; financial secretary, Earl Houtz; trustees, R. Paul Campbell, Walter Hosterman, Ray V. Watkins; fire chief, Dan Krumrine; 1st assistant chief, Albert Karstetter; 2nd assistant chief, Joe Neff; first aid chief, Lorin Elder; fire marshal, R. K. Dippety.

TWO STATE COLLEGE SKATERS BREAK WRISTS

Mrs. L. K. Metzger and Miss Mildred Kalin, both of State College, were victims of skating accidents over the weekend, both suffering broken wrists while participating in the sport at a pond near the Metzger summer home near Baileyville.

Mrs. Metzger fell Saturday morning, fracturing her left wrist. Miss Kalin's accident happened Friday night, and she broke her right wrist. Both victims were treated at the office of a State College physician.

FORMER BLANCHARD MAN BUYS NITTANY GROCERY

The Nittany Grocery, College avenue and Pugh street, State College, has been purchased by Charles W. Heverly, who has managed the store for the past ten years for John Haugh & Sons, from whom he purchased the business. The purchase included the entire stock and fixtures of the store which Mr. Heverly will operate. He went to State College from Blanchard 20 years ago and worked for Roy Gentzel before assuming his position with the Haughs.

NYA SEEKS MUSICIANS

Want Volunteers For Try-outs For Orchestra To Tour South America

Several youthful musicians in this area may soon be preparing for a trip through Central and South America this winter, according to an announcement made by W. I. Scott, County Supervisor for the National Youth Administration.

Following a recent conference between NYA's national administrator, Aubrey Williams, and Leopold Stokowski, internationally noted conductor of the Philadelphia Orchestra, the latter has declared his intention of organizing an all-American youth orchestra of 109 musicians for a good-will tour of the southern continent. The orchestra will be recruited through the state NYA office, 219 South Front street, Harrisburg.

According to Mr. Scott, applications should be mailed at once and will not be received after February 1. The letter should plainly set forth the name and address of applicant, instrument played, his experience, education and qualifications together with any comments that may seem necessary. Further details will be announced by the county NYA office in Bellefonte as soon as available. But all applications should be mailed in the meantime.

The tour is being planned with the cooperation of the Pan-American (Continued on page three)

431 Licenses To Wed Issued Here

June and August Favorite Months; Romance Cools With Weather

June and August continue to be favorite months for weddings in Centre county, a survey of 1939 statistics in the offices of the register showed yesterday.

June is the most favored month for the plighting of troths, with a total of 68 marriage licenses having been issued here last June. August, with a total of 51, was next highest. Romance seems to cool with the weather, for January, February and March are the three poorest months in the year in the marriage license business. Last year ten more licenses were sold in June alone, than during January, February and March combined.

All in all, 1939 was a fair year in the marriage license business, the total number issued being 431. In 1938 the total was only 344. Similarly the office, which is now being conducted by Register Harry A. Corman instead of John L. Wetzer, showed an increase in the number of writs for letters testamentary and administration. The total last year was 182, as compared with only 148 the previous year.

The first couple to obtain a wedding license in Centre county in 1940 was William R. Yeaney, of Julian, and Jean Eleanor Saxton, of Unionville.

Inquest Into Death

An inquest into the death of Ernest Richey, Lock Haven, who expired several months ago of injuries received in an automobile crash, will be conducted at 2 o'clock this afternoon at City Hall, Lock Haven, Dr. W. J. Shoemaker, Clinton county coroner, has announced. Richey lost his life in a two-car crash at the intersection of Susquehanna avenue, North Fairview street and West Water street. The inquest was postponed to allow other occupants to recover from injuries received.

SERIOUS WATER SHORTAGE REPORTED THROUGH COUNTY

Welfare Group to Hold Annual Meeting

The annual organizational meeting of the Bellefonte Community Welfare Association will be held on Monday evening, January 8, at 7:30 o'clock in the Court Room, Bellefonte. It was announced yesterday by Lewis Orvis Harvey, president of the association.

Among the business matters to be disposed of will be election of officers for 1941, and consideration of various reports. All members are urged to attend the meeting. Any person who contributed to the Welfare Fund in 1939 is classed as a full-fledged member.

UNION TOWNSHIP MAY PROVIDE SCHOOL BUS

At a meeting of residents of Union township with the township school directors this week the board took initial steps toward providing transportation for high school pupils.

After a discussion of the problem the directors indicated they would advertise for bids for a school bus. According to reports, all the 22 residents of the township attending the meeting voted in favor of providing transportation for high school pupils.

WORK BEGINS ON WATER SUPPLY FOR MACKEYVILLE

Twenty-five men began work yesterday on the WPA project which will bring Mackeyville a complete new water system.

The undertaking calls for the construction of a reservoir and the laying of about 12,000 feet of pipe. The projects will later employ a total of 40 men.

It is set up for six months with \$16,866 allocated by the federal government and \$6,900 by the local government.

FIREMEN TO QUIT WELFARE

Both Companies Elect Officers; To Withdraw From Community Fund

Tentative withdrawal of Bellefonte's two fire companies from the Bellefonte Community Welfare Fund featured the annual organization meetings of the fire companies at their respective homes, Tuesday night. The Undine withdrawal is official, while the Logan retirement from the fund is virtually assured.

Herman Hazel was chosen president of the Logan Company for 1940, while Merrill Dinkler Waite was named head of the Undines. Hazel succeeds Earl Custer, while Waite succeeds Harold D. Cowher.

The Undine withdrawal from participation in the Community Welfare Fund had been contemplated by members for some time. With the development of the club activities of the company, the organization has attained a position which makes financial aid from the Community Welfare Fund (Continued on Page 7)

Arrested For Game Violation

Arthur Evans, 42, of Kyrletown, was taken into custody last week on charges of shooting a deer having less than two points to the antler. The arrest was made by Game Protector Peter J. Filkosky, of Philadelphia, who acted upon information and made the investigation and arrest. The deer, known as a button buck, was shot during the deer season.

Hurt as Car Hits Pole

Albert Smith, Centre Hall, was admitted to the Centre County Hospital Tuesday night for treatment of head injuries received when the car he was driving struck a pole near the top of the Centre Hall Mountain. The accident happened when Smith was blinded by lights of an approaching car.

Gets State Post

Mary Rios Morrow, of Park avenue, State College, has been appointed director of the bureau of women and children, department of labor and industry at Harrisburg, succeeding Mrs. Gertrude R. Emery. The position pays \$4200 per year.

Many Unfit For Service

The war department reported about 60 per cent of army reserve officers on duty last summer with the "Civilian Conservation Corps" were physically unfit for active military service. Stricter requirements were officially forecast.

Emergency Operation

Miss Velma Holter, of Blanchard, had an emergency operation for appendicitis Monday at the Lock Haven Hospital.

Howard Schools Close When Water Supply Grows Short

MILESBERG INSTALLS EMERGENCY PUMP

Many Farmers Forced To Haul Water as Freeze-up Cuts Supplies

Many farms and communities throughout Centre county are facing an acute shortage of water. Supplies from streams, springs and reservoirs, already depleted by lack of adequate rainfall early in the winter, were further curtailed last week by low temperatures which in a number of cases converted water supplies into solid cakes of ice.

The schools of Howard borough were closed early this week when the borough water system failed through lack of water in the reservoir. Yesterday attempts were being made to replenish the reservoir with water from a nearby run. The Howard reservoir is located in the mountain gap leading to Jacksonville.

In Bellefonte a water depot was set up for the convenience of farmers and others who are forced to haul water.

Milesburg, with its available water supply frozen into a solid cake in the town reservoir, pressed into service a gasoline motor-driven pump to tap a new source of water through a recently completed well. Borough officials had hoped that the existing water supply would hold up until an automatic electric pump had been installed at the well.

Last week's freeze-up, however, found the town without its pump, or without electric service to the well, even if the pump had been installed. Yesterday workers under Council President D. P. Sherry installed an emergency pump which is to be driven by a gasoline engine on one of Mr. Sherry's public welding outfits.

Arrangements completed by Philip Saylor and the Water Committee of the Bellefonte Borough Council make available a convenient source of water from Bellefonte's copious supply for farmers suffering from the current water shortage.

The Phoenix Mill station on Willowbank street beyond the spring has been designated as the place where the water may be obtained. A convenient means of filling cans, barrels, tanks or other large containers has been provided.

An attendant will be present at most times until 3:30 each afternoon except Saturday. Water may be obtained on Saturday, if necessary.

The community of Bellefonte through the Kiwanis Club, is pleased to offer the assistance to any of the local farmers who may find it helpful in their present difficulty.

INFANT FATALLY BURNED AS MOTHER PREPARES BOTTLE

Fighting for his life under a vaporizer, ten-one-year-old Francis Rich, of DuBois, died Sunday when the tent caught fire and severely burned the youngster.

The tent, covering the boy who was receiving the vaporizer treatment for bronchitis, suddenly burst into flames as the mother was preparing a bottle for her son. Hearing her son's screams, she rushed to the crib and pulled the boy from the flames.

The boy died later in the day at a DuBois hospital. The cause of the tent blaze is not known. The death was the only tragedy marked up in the Centre-Clearfield region during the holiday season.

NOTICE TO PATRONS

Because of the large number of subscriptions and other mailing list changes resulting from the Christmas season, The Centre Democrat mailing list was not corrected during the past weekend.

All changes of address, new subscriptions, and payments on subscription since December 1, 1939, will be credited during the next few days, and the label on your paper next week should be an accurate record of your subscription account.

Skater Breaks Thru Ice

Dorothy King, 15, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. King, of Lockport, Glendon County, feels none the worse after her experience with the Susquehanna River Wednesday afternoon, when she fell through the ice in the river while skating below the Jay Street bridge. Having skated over to the Lock Haven side of the river to see some friends, she was returning to the Lockport side when she fell through the thin ice in the middle.

Car Skids Into Tree

A car operated by Elmer Dugan, of DuBoisburg, was damaged to the extent of \$100 at 2:30 o'clock last Friday afternoon when it skidded into a tree at the intersection of South Atherton street and Fairmount avenue, State College.