

# OBITUARY

**HARRY T. SHAY**  
Harry T. Shay died at his home in Altoona late Tuesday night, January 7, 1941, following a two years' illness. Born in Spring Mills, October 21, 1862, he was the son of William C. and Lucinda (Thomas) Shay. He had been engaged in the painting and paperhanging business in Altoona for many years. Members of the family include his wife, Mrs. Louise Hart Shay, and several nieces and nephews. Mr. Shay was a member of the First Church of Christ.

**WINFIELD T. SUMMERS**  
Winfield T. Summers, of Burnside street, Bellefonte, died at the Centre County Hospital at 8:30 o'clock Saturday morning, January 4, 1941, after a several weeks' illness with a complication of disease. He was admitted to the hospital on December 23. Mr. Summers was a son of Malachi and Susan Rossman Summers and was born in Centre county on December 14, 1868, making his age at time of death 72 years and 20 days. In 1901 he was united in marriage with Sarah Shatt, who survives with the following children: Mrs. Ruth Gordon, Jerome, Harold and Mrs. George Emel, all of Bellefonte, and Miss Margaret, of Rebersburg. Funeral services were held Monday afternoon at the Wetzel Memorial Chapel in Milesburg, with the Rev. C. Nevitt Stamm officiating. Interment was made in the Union cemetery, Bellefonte.

**MRS. JOHN STITZER**  
Mrs. L. Anna Stitzer, 76, widow of John Stitzer, died at her home at Mill Hall, R. D. 1, late Saturday morning, January 4, 1941, after nineteen weeks' illness following a series of strokes, the first of which she suffered last August 24. Born in Pittsburg, Pa., she resided there all her life and had lived on the farm where she died for the past 50 years. She was a member of the Mt. Bethel Reformed church. Surviving her are two sons and two daughters: Charles K. Stitzer, Pleasant Gap; Harry A. Stitzer, Hubersburg; Mrs. Albert Beck and Mrs. Frank Bltner, of Mill Hall, R. D. 1; also two sisters, Miss Elizabeth Kryder, Los Gatos, Calif., and Mrs. George Wetzel, of Canton, Ohio; 14 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. Funeral services were held at her late residence Wednesday afternoon in charge of the Rev. John R. Gulick of Howard, assisted by the Rev. Paul J. Keller, of Snyderstown. Burial was made in Mt. Bethel cemetery.

**JAMES ALEXANDER HEVERLY**  
James Alexander Heverly, well known resident of Blanchard, died at his home in that place at 11:45 o'clock Saturday morning, January 4, 1941, from a heart condition. Born at Blanchard October 14, 1864, the son of Wesley and James Williams Heverly, deceased, was in his 77th year at time of death. April 10, 1887, he was united in marriage with Miss Alma Williams, who preceded him in death a number of years ago. Surviving him are a son, Franklin, of Blanchard; a daughter, Mrs. Philip Schrodt, of Lock Haven; two grandchildren, Loraine Heverly of Blanchard, and Jerry Schrodt, of Lock Haven; and two brothers, Edward Heverly, of Howard, R. D. 2, and Harry Heverly, of Beech Creek. Funeral services were held from his late home Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, conducted by Rev. Harry Kline, pastor of the Baptist church of Milesburg. Burial was made in the Baptist cemetery at Blanchard. Mr. Heverly was a lifelong member of the Baptist church.

**JEROME G. HARPER**  
Jerome G. Harper, former Bellefonte merchant and native of this community, passed away at his home on East Bishop street at 2 o'clock Monday morning, January 6, 1941, after a several years' illness with heart trouble and complications. Mr. Harper and his brother, the late C. Edward Harper, for a number of years conducted a grocery in a room in the north section of the Crider Exchange building, North Allegheny street. Later he was employed as a salesman for the R. C. Williams Company of New York. For the past 40 years he had been a member of the Logan Fire Company. Mr. Harper was a son of Jonathan and Marinda Schroyer Harper and was born in Bellefonte on April 20, 1872, making his age at time of death 68 years, 8 months and 16 days. Surviving are his wife, the former Lulu M. Smith, and one sister, Mrs. J. A. Saxe, of Holden, West Virginia. Funeral services will be held at 2:30 o'clock this Thursday afternoon at the home, with the Rev. Dr. J. W. Claudy, of Rock-

view, officiating. Interment will be made in the Union cemetery, Bellefonte.

**JOHN SECHLER**  
John Sechler, at one time a well known resident of Bellefonte and employe at the former Ardell Lumbar company planing mill, died Sunday night, January 5, 1941, at his home in Philadelphia. While a resident here he was united in marriage with Miss Susan Garis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Garis. Surviving are the following sons and daughters: Mae, Etta, Flora, Edna, Lawrence, Edward and George, all of Philadelphia, and Elsie, of Lewisburg. The remains were brought to Williamsport on Monday and burial made the same day in Mound cemetery.

**DAVID G. GILL**  
David G. Gill, former blacksmith at Rebersburg and for the past 29 years employed by the Pennsylvania Railroad as a boiler inspector, died at his home in Swissvale at 6:50 o'clock Monday morning, January 6, 1941, after an illness with a heart condition. Mr. Gill was a son of George and Rebecca Diehl and was born in Union county in 1880, being aged 60 years. In November, 1902, he was united in marriage with Eva Auman, of Rebersburg. Surviving are his wife; a son, Lawrence Diehl, of Rebersburg, and two brothers: Harry Diehl, of Penns Creek, and John Diehl, of Mifflinburg. Funeral services will be held at the Neff Funeral Home, Millheim, this Thursday, with the Rev. R. A. Babcock officiating. Interment will be made in the Millheim cemetery.

**MRS. RICHARD BROOKS**  
Mrs. Sarah Elizabeth Brooks, wife of Richard Brooks, of Centre Hall, died at her home in that community about noon on Sunday, January 5, 1941, while sitting in a chair. She had been in failing health for the past two years and death was attributed to a complication of diseases. Mrs. Brooks was a daughter of Daniel and Mary J. Swabb Wion and was born in Potter township on April 4, 1872, making her age at time of death 68 years, 9 months and 1 day. Surviving are her husband; two children, James Brooks and Mrs. Mahlon Johnson, both of Centre Hall; and a brother and two sisters: Frank Wion and Mrs. Richard James, both of Bellefonte, and Mrs. Ida Carson, of Mt. Carmel. Mrs. Brooks was a member of the Lutheran church and of Progress Grange, Centre Hall. Funeral services were held yesterday afternoon at the home, with the Rev. C. C. Otto, of Centre Hall, officiating. Interment was made in the Centre Hall cemetery.

**MRS. ALLEN H. KLINGER**  
Mrs. Anna Mae Klinger, wife of Allen H. Klinger, of Spring Mills, a native of Centre county, died at her home at 6 o'clock last Thursday morning, January 2, 1941, after a several months' illness with a complication of diseases. The deceased was a daughter of E. G. and Mary Kuhn DeArmitt and was born at Hecla Park on January 19, 1867, making her age at time of death 35 years, 11 months and 13 days. Surviving are her husband; her father, two children, Joyce Mary and Glenn Allen, both at home, and these brothers and sisters: Charles DeArmitt and Mrs. Julia R. Waite, both of Pleasant Gap; Mrs. Charlotte Alterio, of Bellefonte; Mrs. Minnie B. Miller, of Unionville; Mrs. Mary DeArmitt, of Hecla Park, and John DeArmitt, of Axemann. Funeral services were held at the home on Sunday afternoon with Rev. C. C. Otto officiating. Interment was made in the Georges Valley cemetery.

**ELMER C. MUSSER**  
Elmer C. Musser, prominent retired farmer of Ferguson township, passed away at his home in Pine Grove Mills at 8:50 o'clock Saturday night, January 4, 1941, after a several months' illness with a heart condition. Mr. Musser was a son of John and Catherine Dale Musser and was born in Ferguson township on August 7, 1862, which made his age at time of death 78 years, 4 months and 27 days. On December 19, 1882, he was united in marriage with Miss Nora Forney, who survives with five children, 14 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren. The surviving children are: Earl C. Musser, Bellefonte; M. B. Musser, Altoona; Mrs. Chester McCormick, Paul F. Musser, and J. Foster Musser, all of State College. Other survivors include two brothers: L. B. Musser, of Pine Grove Mills, and A. J. Musser, of Indiana, and a sister, Mrs. Laura Krebs, of Pine Grove Mills. Mr. Musser, a lifelong resident of Ferguson town-

ship and member of one of that community's oldest and most outstanding families, was a member of the Lutheran church of Pine Grove Mills and also of the I. O. O. F. lodge. Funeral services were held yesterday afternoon at the Pine Grove Mills Lutheran church. Interment was made in the Pine Grove Mills cemetery.

**CHARLES F. LYTLE**  
Charles Fletcher Lytle, of Stormstown, lifelong resident of Halfmoon township, was fatally injured in Baltimore, Md., on New Year's Day at about 5 p. m. when he was struck by an automobile. Mr. Lytle was a son of Henry and Anna Margaret Payne Lytle and was born in Halfmoon township on September 11, 1880, making his age at time of death 60 years, 3 months and 20 days. He was never married and is survived by a brother, Wade Lytle, of Stormstown. Funeral services were held at the Wide Lytle home in Stormstown on Sunday afternoon, with the Rev. David Down officiating. Interment was made in Grace cemetery.

**FRANK RUDY**  
Frank Rudy, of Centre Hall, passed away at the home of his son, John Rudy, in the north wing of Centre Hall at 5:30 o'clock Wednesday afternoon, January 1, 1941, after a brief illness with a complication of diseases. Mr. Rudy, who suffered from a heart ailment, was a son of Nicholas and Barbara Scott Rudy and was born in Huntingdon county on August 15, 1860, making his age at time of death 80 years, 4 months and 16 days. His wife, Rebecca, died some time ago. Surviving are these children: Herbert, of Petersburg; Mrs. John Keller, of Pine Grove Mills; Mrs. Frank Bookhamer, of Manor Hill, and John, of near Centre Hall. He was the last member of his immediate family. Funeral services were held Saturday afternoon at the Goodhart Funeral Home, Centre Hall, with the Rev. C. C. Otto, of Centre Hall, officiating. Interment was made in Steffy's cemetery, McAlevy's Fort.

**MISS ADA SMITH**  
Miss Ada Smith, native and well known resident of Millheim, died at 4 o'clock Monday morning, January 6, 1941, in the Centre County Hospital, after a several months' illness with a complication of diseases. Her condition did not become serious until several weeks ago, and she was admitted to the hospital last Friday. The deceased was a daughter of William E. and Elizabeth Harter Smith and was born in Millheim on August 14, 1897, making her age at time of death 43 years, 4 months and 22 days. Surviving are her father, with whom she resided; two brothers, Ray, of Penn Hall, and Rufus, of Millheim, and a sister, Miss Rosie, at home. She was a member of the Evangelical church and was active in church work. She taught in the Sunday school and was a member of the church choir. Funeral services will be held at 2 o'clock this Thursday afternoon at the home, with the Rev. Harry A. Housser officiating. Interment will be made in the Millheim cemetery.

**BRUCE CLAYTON AUMAN**  
Bruce Clayton Auman, age 51, died at his residence, 3925 5th street, Struthers, Ohio, Tuesday evening, December 31, 1940, at 11 o'clock, after a four days' illness with heart trouble. He was employed in the electrical department of the Youngstown Sheet and Tube Company and lived at Struthers 22 years. Mr. Auman attended the United Presbyterian church and was corporal in the 103rd Ammunition Train of Pennsylvania, serving overseas during the World war. Twenty-two years ago he married Nina M. Slick. Surviving are his wife, one daughter, Dorothy; two sons, Keith and Donald, all of Youngstown; Frank, of Pensacola, Florida; Fred, of Wilkesburg; Homer, of Milton, and Reese, of Coburn. The body was removed from the residence to Davidson's funeral home, Struthers, where services were held Friday. Interment was made in Lake Park cemetery, Struthers. Mr. Auman was a son of the late William N. and Mary K. Auman and was born in Millheim. He was widely known and held in high regard throughout the county.

**CHARLES SPURGEON SMITH**  
Charles Spurgeon Smith, native and well known resident of Bellefonte, died at the home of his son-in-law, Patrick Moore at Snow Shoe, at 11:15 o'clock Sunday morning, January 5, 1941, after a year's illness. His condition did not become serious until last Wednesday. Until going to Snow Shoe to reside about 18 months ago, Mr. Smith had resided at the family homestead on West Bishop street. Mr. Smith was a son of Frederick and Sarah North Smith, and was born in Bellefonte on May 2, 1860, making his age at time of death 80 years, 8 months and 3 days. While he was in his infancy the family moved to Canaca, returning to Bellefonte when he was six years old. At the age of ten he began his musical career as a violinist in his father's orchestra. As a young man he was employed in the Valentine Brothers' general store, Bellefonte, later learning the watch-making trade. In this occupation he was employed for many years at the late Frank Galbraith jewelry store in the rooms now occupied by Squire Harold D. Cowher, on East Bishop street. For a period of years he was caretaker of the town clock at the Court House. Mr. Smith's wife, the former Carolyn E. Schaeffer, passed away in 1903. Surviving are these children: Mrs. James Thompson, Williamsport; Mrs. Patrick Moore, Mrs. John Shaw and Mrs. Louis Price, all of Snow Shoe; Mrs. Louis Mencho, of Altoona; Mrs. Paul D. Eberhart, of Bellefonte, and Fred Smith, of Swissvale. Also surviving are two brothers and a sister: Christie, William and Miss Alice Smith, all of Bellefonte. Mr. Smith was a member of the Presbyterian church. Private funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon at the Moore home in Snow Shoe, with the Rev. C. M. Hammond officiating. Interment was made in the Pine Glen cemetery.

## Celebrate 40th Wedding Date

Mr. and Mrs. Whitmer B. Grove of Spring Mills, Guests at Family Gathering

Mr. and Mrs. Whitmer B. Grove of near Spring Mills, celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary at their home on Christmas Day. Whitmer Grove, of near Spring Mills, and Miss Emma Josephine Hockman, of Hecla, were united in marriage at the home of Mrs. Grove's father, Simon Peter Hockman, of Hecla. The wedding ceremony was performed at 12 o'clock noon, December 25, 1900, by the Rev. Jacob Crow, pastor of the Reformed church of Hubersburg. Miss Annie Hockman, a sister of the bride, acted as bridesmaid, and Earl Grove, a brother of the groom, was best man at the wedding. The Lohengrin Wedding March was played on the piano by another sister of the bride, Mrs. Ida Dunkle. Approximately 125 guests were present at the wedding.

Mr. and Mrs. Grove have spent most of their lives on the farm which they now occupy and which has been in the Grove possession since 1864.

## Mr. Grove is 67 years old and his wife is 64. Both are enjoying good health, and both are members of St. John's Reformed church of Parkers Mills.

Their children, three of whom are living, are: Thomas and Harrison, who are married and live on adjoining farms, and Emma, at home. They also have 14 grandchildren.

For the noon meal, Mr. and Mrs. Grove and their children and grandchildren gathered around the table which was appropriately decorated in keeping with the festive spirit, together with a bountiful supply of food.

Plates were laid for the following: Mr. and Mrs. Whitmer Grove, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas R. Grove and children, Mylan, Gerald, Lois, Jean, James, Wayne and Bernice, Mr. and Mrs. Harrison Grove and children, William, Elarian, Tennis, Theodore, Benjamin and Winona, Emma J. Grove and daughter Shirley Ann, and Miss Emma Hockman, a cousin of Mrs. Grove.

After a happy day and evening the guests departed to their homes wishing Mr. and Mrs. Grove many more anniversaries.

Mr. and Mrs. Grove received many useful gifts.

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## To Direct County School Contests

W. H. Passmore to Conduct School Speech And Music Competition

W. H. Passmore, high school principal at State College, has been re-appointed director of high school speech and music contests in Centre county for the season of 1941, according to an announcement from the University of Pittsburgh. Mr. Passmore has been Centre county director since 1934.

The Centre county program is a part of the state-wide organization known as the Pennsylvania Forensic and Music League, now in its fourteenth season, and sponsored by the Extension Division of the University of Pittsburgh.

Each year hundreds of high schools in Pennsylvania and thousands in other states enter their bands, orchestras, choruses, ensembles, soloists, debate teams, readers, speakers, and orators in a program of county, district, and state-wide contests. The Centre county program has attracted participation from 11 high schools.

First place winners in the 1941

## Centre county contest, under Mr. Passmore's direction, qualify for the Central district or inter-county meet, which will be directed by Dr. A. M. Stull, county superintendent at Ebensburg, and held at The Pennsylvania State College early in April. Those who place first in the 50 music and seven speech events in the Central District program qualify for the fourteenth annual state contests at New Castle, April 18 and 19. These will be directed by the University of Pittsburgh.

Previous state contests have been held at Pittsburgh, Harrisburg, Johnstown, Philadelphia, Oil City, Sunbury, Altoona, Pottsville, Grove City, and Norristown.

Professors Richard W. Grant, J. H. Frizzell, Hummel Fishburn, and J. F. O'Brien of The Pennsylvania State College music and speech faculties are active advisers and adjudicators of the League.

**Injured in Odd Accident**  
Mrs. George Fiedler, of Greenburg, Clinton county, was injured recently when a car backed up onto a bridge on which she was walking, loosening one of the planks, so it flew up and hit her on both legs. She was badly bruised, and is confined to bed.

—The family's newspaper.

## P. B. Ray Named To Defense Post

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Members of the Walsh-Healy Act Committee in each county of Western Pennsylvania are being organized to assist the contractors in all matters pertinent to the requirements of this act.

Mr. Ray is a graduate of the Pennsylvania State College and is thoroughly familiar with Industrial Safety, having served with the New York State Department of Labor and also the National Re-employment Service for Centre county prior to his present connection as personal manager of the Titan Metal Manufacturing Company. Mr. Ray will organize the local committee of representative members of the various industries in Centre county and it is the purpose of this committee to give such cooperation to Government contractors as might be requested or required as regards their safety problems.

**Receives Promotion**  
Among promotions of 216 lieutenant commanders in the navy to commanders approved by President Roosevelt Friday, is that of Carlton C. Champton, Jr., U. S. S. Blacaine, of Eagles Mere.

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