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COLLEGE MAN, WAR VETERAN, 100 YEARS OLD

Cyrus M. Walker Becomes County's Second Centenarian

SHOWS INTEREST IN PRESENT WAR

Aged Man is Last Surviving Member of County G. A. R. Post

Centre county's only surviving Civil War Veteran, Cyrus M. Walker, of State College, on Monday quietly celebrated his 100th birthday anniversary.

The centenarian, the county's second oldest man, spent the day quietly at the home of his son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Merkle of Sunset Road, with whom he resides, although he was guest of honor at two parties during the week-end.

Friday night he was entertained at contract bridge, one of his favorite games, at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Charles F. Noll, at State College. Sunday night Mr. and Mrs. Merkle held a family dinner in his honor.

The aged man entered the Civil War at the age of 18 years, and fought in many of the major battles. The closest he came to injury was in having his horse shot from under him.

A son of the late Philip and Judith Meyer Walker, he was born near Lamar, Clinton county, November 23, 1842. He enlisted in Co. E, Pennsylvania Cavalry, and was with the Army of Tennessee during most of the war.

Upon returning home from the war Mr. Walker was offered \$1,500 to take the place of a man who was drafted for service, and refused the offer. The next day the war was over.

After traveling in the west for some years Mr. Walker returned to this area and was united in marriage (Continued on Page Seven)

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Trapped in Theatre, Asks Heavy Damage

Suit Filed on Behalf of "Pee-Wee" Martin, 9-Year-Old Peanut Vender. Claims Permanent Injury When Locked in Local Theatre.

A nine-year-old Belleville boy's "imprisonment" in a dark theatre for one night is worth \$25,000.00, according to a damage suit filed this week against the Mid-State Theatre, Inc., Howard J. Thompson and Elizabeth B. Thompson, of Curwensville, owners.

The suit is brought on behalf of Lynn "Pee Wee" Howard by his parents, Joseph L. and Alice R. Howard, of Belleville, the damages being itemized as follows:

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damage suit, it is alleged that in his "frantic efforts to escape" he suffered serious and grievous bodily injuries when he either fell or collided with some object.

"Pee Wee" was found early next morning unconscious on the floor of the theatre in a corner near the steps leading to the stage. Discovery was made by his two older brothers who set out in search for him. Fred Fisher, theatre manager, gave the boy a flashlight and the keys to enter the theatre to search for his brother.

"The youth was found to have suffered a "severe" blow on the head, and was taken home, later being removed to the Centre County Hospital where x-ray examination allegedly revealed a fracture of the left clavicle (Collar bone) and definite weakness of the muscles of the left side of the face and of the left arm and left leg.

The legal paper continues with the statement that he is permanently disabled and crippled for life.

Another "injury" the lad is alleged to have suffered occurred on April 24 when employees or agents

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JOINS WAVES



Mary Eleanor Leathers

Miss Leathers, daughter of Mrs. Carl Deitrich, of Howard, last Thursday enlisted in the WAVES at the Philadelphia recruiting station.

For the past five years Miss Leathers has been teaching at the Lock Haven High School, where she also is superintendent of the grades. She expects to be called into service early in January.

Miss Leathers' mother, the former Hilda Leathers, is a teacher in the Belleville grade schools.

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