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Youth Killed In Auto Accident

David M. Robison, 17, of Port Matilda, Dies As Car Hurtles Into Trees; Companion Injured; Car Is Demolished

A Port Matilda youth was instantly killed and another seriously injured about 11:20 o'clock Saturday night in a motor accident at Blue Ball, Clearfield county, several miles north of Philipsburg.

IS CANDIDATE FOR COUNTY REGISTER

Harry A. Corman Seeks Re-election; Is Able, Efficient Official



Harry A. Corman, aged 50, of Spring Mills, who this year will complete his first term as Centre County Register, this week announced that he will be a candidate for re-election.

Mr. Corman has met all the requirements of a valued public official during his four years as Register. He has shown a willingness and an ability to cope with routine duties of the office as well as to handle the many special problems which have arisen in the Register's office because of wartime activities.

Centre county voters have demonstrated at the polls their desire to give an able and conscientious public official a second term in office, and over a period of many years it has been almost the universal custom to return tried and true public servants for the second term. It is upon the strength of his record as well as this custom that Mr. Corman announces his candidacy, under the standard of the Democratic party.

A native of Spring Mills, Mr. Corman attended the public schools there and then received his diploma from the Altoona School of Commerce, being the first person to complete the certified public accountancy course at that institution.

Mr. Corman is married to the former Mary M. Zeigler, of Madisonburg, and there is one child, Robert H. Corman, who is supervisor of vocational agriculture in the Walker Township High School.

Seek Recruits for WAVES and See-Bees

A recruiting station for the See-Bees and the WAVES will be open in Bellefonte from 10 a. m. to 7 p. m. every Wednesday until further notice, it was reported this week.

curve from a new highway to the old highway at the Blue Ball intersection, and crashed into several large trees.

Ralph Woodring, 19, son of Mrs. Minnie Woodring, of Port Matilda, was taken to the Philipsburg State Hospital in an ambulance. He suffered a possible skull fracture and injuries to the neck. His condition is described as being "fair."

Robison suffered a fracture at the base of the skull, a fractured neck, fracture of the left arm below the shoulder, fracture of the right thigh near the knee, fracture of the left thigh at the same location, and a compound fracture of the left thigh near the hip.

The car, owned by Robison's father, was apparently traveling at a high rate of speed at the time of the crash, police said. "One of the trees was in the seat where the driver should have been," an officer who investigated the accident reported.

Dr. E. C. Erhard, Clearfield county coroner, conducted a preliminary investigation.

David Martin Robison was born September 29, 1925, at Port Matilda, a son of Ira Martin and Amber Clare (Cowan) Robison. He is survived by his parents, five brothers and two sisters: James E., Robert M., Theodore W., Norman A., Donald M., Charles D. Robison, all at home; Mrs. Frank Carrano, Seward; Miss Margaret E. Robison, at home, and a half-brother, Ralph S. Cowher, Port Matilda.

Mr. Robison was a member of the Pilgrim Holiness Sunday school. He was an employee of the McPeely Brick Works at Port Matilda.

CHARGED WITH STEALING GUNS

Claim Howard Man Burglarized Sister's Home; Lodged in Jail

Charged with entering his sister's home in Howard and taking firearms valued at \$140, John Kelley, 33, of Howard, formerly of Bellefonte, is lodged in the county jail here without bail, to await his appearance in court.

Arraigned before Justice of the Peace Harold D. Cowher, of West Bishop street, Bellefonte, Tuesday morning, Kelley entered a plea of guilty to a burglary charge and was remanded to jail. The charge is not callable by a justice of the peace.

According to Pvt. S. R. Richardson, of the State Police at Rockview, Kelley on or about June 1 entered the home of his sister, Mrs. Susan Beightol in Howard, and took two rifles and three shotguns, the property of Mrs. Beightol's sons who are in the armed forces.

Richardson said all the firearms have been recovered.

Kelley resided in Bellefonte until eight or ten years ago when he went to Howard to live.

Mitten Withdraws From County Contest

Paul A. Mitten of State College, has withdrawn as a candidate for the Republican nomination for County Commissioner in the September primaries.

Mr. Mitten sold his store on Allen street, State College, early in May and for the past two months has been employed by the Standard Steel Works, subsidiary of the Baldwin Locomotive Works, at Lewistown.

Mr. Mitten stated that since he is no longer operating a business in State College, he does not feel he should enter the political race, adding that he wishes to thank all of his friends for the support which they had promised.

Tank Crash Victim



Staff Sgt. Jack H. Wallace, 23, native of Centre county and grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas H. Taylor, of South Atherton street, State College, became the 15th Centre county man to lose his life in World War II last week when he met death in a tank accident at Bellefonte, Tenn.

Sgt. Wallace was participating in maneuvers with an armored division of which he was a member. No details of the fatal crash which happened last Tuesday, were revealed by the War Department.

Deceased was a son of Harry and Mabel Taylor Wallace and was born in State College on March 15, 1920. He was graduated in 1939 from the Huntingdon High School, and upon graduation returned to State College where he was employed by the State College Dry Cleaning Company until enlisting in the Army on October 22, 1940.

He was a member of the First Baptist church of Huntingdon. Surviving are his father and his grandparents, all residing at State College, and these brothers and sisters: Thomas, at home; Harris, of Huntingdon; Mrs. Myrtle Ellis, State College; Mrs. Nancy Kidd, of Huntingdon; Mrs. Marjorie Carson, Port Matilda; Mrs. Bettie Jane O'Byrne, of Waldo, Florida; Pvt. Robert Van Wallace, of Camp Campbell, Ky., and Richard Wallace, New Brighton, Pa.

The body was brought to State College Friday afternoon, being accompanied on the trip by a one-man military escort. Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon at the Koch Funeral Home, State College, with Rev. R. A. Selby, pastor of the State College Baptist church in charge. Burial was made in the Pine Hill cemetery.

Mr. Tressler became 101 years old that day, while Mrs. Tressler's anniversary was on March 12.

Those present for the evening were: Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Tressler, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Tressler, Mr. and Mrs. Gray Tressler and daughter Patty, and Miss Keturah Colpeizer, of Bellefonte; Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Tressler and son, Ralph, Jr., and daughter Joyce, of Bellefonte, R. D. 1; Mr. and Mrs. Harry Tressler, of Bellefonte, R. D. 3; and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hunsinger and daughter, Mrs. George Henderson, of Pottstown.

In addition, scores of friends telephoned or called at the home during the day to extend their felicitations to the aged couple, while they also received many gifts, flowers, greeting cards, and messages of congratulation.

A highlight of the evening's program was the serving of refreshments.

A full hour floor show and vaudeville act will be held for the members as the opening program tonight. Bellefonte lodge has done splendid work in this community and has done much charitable work and has helped many needy families. Over ten per cent of the club membership is now in the armed forces, leaving a gap in the club ranks to be closed during the current drive. Citizens of Centre county are asked to consider this as a personal invitation to apply for membership in the Moose Lodge.

Sugar Registration Schedule Announced

War Price and Rationing Board No. 3, Spring Mills, announces canning sugar registrations at the following locations from 1 to 5 and 7 to 9 p. m.:

- Centre Hall—July 12 and 13. Spring Mills—July 13 and 14. Rebersburg—July 14 and 15. Millheim—July 15 and 16.

It will be necessary for one member of each family to register at the local school and have in their possession War Book 1 (sugar book) for all individuals in the family group. Townships covered by this registration include: Potter, Gregg, Haines, Penn., and Miles.

NAMED TO STUDY STRIP COAL MINING CONDITIONS

J. H. Wallin of Philipsburg, Centre county representative in the Assembly, this week was appointed a member of the sub-committee to study and investigate strip coal mining operations in the state.

A. H. Smith Sues For Loss In Fire

Owner of Pleasant Gap Garage Claims Man Who Brought Machine In for Repairs Failed to Use Proper Caution

An aftermath of a fire at Pleasant Gap on Saturday, January 23, 1943, a damage suit for \$4,603.58 was filed in the Prothonotary's office this week by A. H. Smith, of Spring township, plaintiff, against D. E. Smith, of Millintown, defendant.

It will be recalled that on January 23, the Noll Brothers garage building in Pleasant Gap, opposite the postoffice in that community, and leased by A. H. Smith as the Smith Motor Company, caught fire and was destroyed, causing a total loss estimated at about \$10,000.

In the loss were all the garage equipment belonging to the garage owner, A. H. Smith, and a bulldozer and truck belonging to D. E. Smith, road contractor.

In the damage suit filed by attorneys John G. Love and E. Paul Campbell, on behalf of the garage owner, it is alleged that the D. E. Smith's bulldozer was brought to the garage for repairs, and that the fire occurred while D. P. Sherry of Milesburg, was engaged in welding a portion of the machine.

The tractor was covered with a greasy dirt; the crank case was open, exposing grease and oil; the machine

stood on a floor soaked with grease and gasoline, and the gasoline tank of the bulldozer was intact, the statement alleges. Earlier on the day of the fire, it is set forth, D. E. Smith had employees on hand to watch the sparks which ordinarily fly about during welding processes, and they had put out one or two small fires which occurred.

At noon, the statement continues, D. E. Smith's agents left the garage without notifying D. P. Sherry they were going, and Sherry continued to weld. Fire broke out, and because Sherry was wearing the usual welder's mask, he did not notice the fire until it had assumed large proportions, the statement of claim alleges.

The action is based on the allegation that D. P. Smith was negligent in leaving the garage without notifying Sherry; in permitting Sherry to continue welding while there was no one about to watch for fires, and for failing to provide Sherry with means and aid of detecting and extinguishing fires.

A. H. Smith claims \$3,603.58 for the loss of tools, parts, repair equipment, tires and supplies, and an additional \$1,000 for loss of earnings through the fire.

IS HONORED ON 101ST BIRTHDAY

William Tressler and Wife Hosts At Family Gathering

In honor of the 101st birthday of William Tressler, Centre county's oldest resident, and in honor of the 90th birthday of his wife, a family gathering was held Tuesday night at the Tressler home on West Howard street, Bellefonte.

Those present for the evening were: Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Tressler, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Tressler, Mr. and Mrs. Gray Tressler and daughter Patty, and Miss Keturah Colpeizer, of Bellefonte; Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Tressler and son, Ralph, Jr., and daughter Joyce, of Bellefonte, R. D. 1; Mr. and Mrs. Harry Tressler, of Bellefonte, R. D. 3; and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hunsinger and daughter, Mrs. George Henderson, of Pottstown.

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RADIO AMATEURS TO AID DEFENSE

Organization Formed at Altoona Will Include Bellefonte

At a meeting of 30 amateur radio operators last Thursday evening in Altoona, an organization was formed to aid in civilian defense work where necessary. The new set-up of radio service will be officially known as the "War Emergency Radio Service."

In organizing Altoona the idea is to make it a leg of a network into Harrisburg that will run through Johnstown, State College, Bellefonte and Lewistown.

The operators had pointed out to them at the meeting, the great possibilities the American communities have for emergency radio communication as a defense arm, and the new field that has been opened for the thousands of radio amateurs banned from the air.

Aged Horseman is Bitten About Face

Martin Cooney, who will be 90 years old on November 10, is recovering nicely from injuries of the face received Tuesday of last week when he was bitten by a horse.

TITAN WORKER SAVES SELF FROM DEATH

George Showers, Julian R. D., Escapes "Human Torch" Death

BOTH HANDS ARE SEVERELY BURNED

Strips Off Blazing Clothing After Accident; In Hospital

Converted into a human torch when flames from a furnace ignited his oil soaked clothing last Thursday, George Showers, 38, of Julian, R. D., employed as an electrician at the Titan Metal plant here, escaped with severe burns of the hands and lesser burns about the left leg and right side of the head.

Showers was making a routine check of the various furnaces at the plant during the plantwide shutdown for inventory and repairs, and upon opening the door of one furnace a tongue of flame rushed out and set fire to his clothing.

Since there were no other workmen in the vicinity at the time, Showers at once began tearing off his clothing, and through what was described as being little short of a miracle, escaped being cremated on the spot. By the time other workmen heard his cries for help, he had succeeded in removing all his clothing.

The man was rushed to the Centre County Hospital, where his hands were found to have been severely burned. The other burns are of a more or less minor nature, it was reported. Examination of Showers' clothing revealed that cigarettes, which he had carried in a metal container in one of his pockets, were burned to a crisp by the intense heat.

Gets Purple Heart

Pvt. Edward L. Muirhead

Twice wounded in action in North Africa, Pvt. Edward L. Muirhead, Jr., of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Muirhead, of Burnside street, Bellefonte, has received the Purple Heart and Bar for military merit.

Muirhead's parents received word of the honor only when their son sent decorations home last week for safekeeping.

The soldier received his first wound on March 29 and after recovering returned to combat. He was again wounded on April 23, but in a letter received here May 19 he reported he was "getting along all right."

After he had been wounded the second time, Muirhead's parents received a letter from Senator Joseph P. Guffey, in which he expressed his regret that Pvt. Muirhead had been wounded the second time and added his best wishes for his speedy recovery.

Muirhead enlisted on January 21, 1942, underwent training at camps in five states before being sent to England in July 1942. He was a member of the American force which invaded North Africa November 8, 1942.

College Youth Is Thrown From 'Cycle'

Richard Boerlin, son of Irving C. Boerlin, of State College, was badly shaken up when the bicycle he was riding ran into a car operated by Dale Shroy of Lewistown, at the College parking lot near Recreation Hall over the weekend, Campus Patrol authorities said.

The accident happened when the boy ran into the fender of the car which was moving at a slow rate of speed, police reported. He was rendered unconscious by the crash and was taken to his home where he is reported to be improving rapidly.

STATE COLLEGE POLICE REPORT TWO ACCIDENTS

Two automobile accidents occurred in State College over the weekend, Police Chief John R. Juba reported.

A car operated by Ralph L. Reish of Oak Hill, was struck by a car operated by Earl Hatch of Altoona, at the corner of Atherton street, and College avenue on Friday. According to Chief Juba, Hatch, who was driving on Atherton street, swerved to the west and hit Reish's vehicle. Little damage was caused to either machine.

County Observes Quietest Fourth

Re-Opening of Hughes' Pool Biggest Event of Weekend; Noise, Motoring, Accidents at Record Low Point

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On top of the absence of fireworks (banned several years ago by state law) the citizens of the county this year showed they could also get along without their cars—and the picnics, aimless drives, camping and fishing trips which always have been a part of the Fourth of July celebration.

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The day wasn't without some semblance of the old Fourth, however. Someone in the Pleasant View area apparently got hold of some firecrackers, for during the day, and particularly late in the afternoon, considerable "shooting" was heard from that area.

Other noisemakers evident on the (Continued on Page Four)

TEST BLACKOUT IS CANCELLED

Radio Participation in Educational Alert Deemed Censorship Violation

Dr. Ralph Cooper Hutchison, Executive Director of the State Council of Defense of Pennsylvania, yesterday issued the following statement: "The State-wide Educational Practice Blackout announced for 10:30 p. m. Thursday, July 8, has been cancelled by direction of the Office of Censorship."

"The State Council officers were informed this afternoon by the Army's Third Service Command, by direction of Major General Milton A. Reckord, commanding that permission to hold the Educational Blackout with radio participation had been revoked. This action was apparently taken because the Office of Censorship held the proposed blackout with radio participation would be contrary to the censorship code.

"It had been arranged for 45 stations in Pennsylvania to broadcast during the drill a running explanation of the signals, as a means of promoting fuller public understanding. This they were to do as a patriotic service.

"It is our understanding that the Office of Censorship held radio participation in such an educational blackout would be in violation of the provision in the code that use of radio in practice blackouts would tend to create confusion in that it might cause people to depend on radio in a real air raid when radio would be off the air.

"Accordingly, notice is being given to our County Councils that the educational blackout has been cancelled."

Seeks County Office

Jay Robinson (above), energetic young Port Matilda resident, who is conducting an earnest campaign for the Democratic nomination for Sheriff. He is married and the father of four children.

Prizes Awarded at Hughes Pool Opening

Winners of prizes in contests held Sunday at the Hughes Swimming Pool by Bellefonte Boy Scouts were announced by Frank Hench, who was in charge of the events. The Undine Fire Company provided \$25 in prize money for the contests.

The events, with first, second and third winners listed in order are as follows: Swimming race, free style; Gray Larimer, Edward McNichol, Orvis Kustenbauder.

Ballon race: Philip Smith, Richard Chandler, Kenneth Larimer. Surface dive to retrieve object from bottom of pool: girls, Dorothy Raymond, Kathleen Homan, Eleanor Hetrick; boys, Gray Larimer, Orvis Kustenbauder.

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Parking Meters Win Supreme Court Test

The right of Pennsylvania municipalities to collect revenue from parking meters was upheld last week by the Pennsylvania Supreme Court, sitting in Philadelphia.

Its decision, rendered in an opinion written by Justice William M. Parker, marked the first test of the legality of parking ordinances in the State Supreme Court.

The opinion of the Supreme Court affirmed an action of the Northampton County Common Pleas Court, which had previously dismissed a bill in equity brought by four property owners against the city of Easton.

The bill in equity contended that the Easton ordinance violated the constitutional property rights of abutting property owners. It also contended that income derived from the meters was the primary reason for their installation, rather than a reasonable exercise of municipal police power to regulate parking.

In the opinion Justice Parker held that the bill in equity was not well taken.

Price Gouger Gets Bitter Dose Of Own Medicine

The Altoona Tribune recites the following incident that occurred in that city last week:

William K. Estright bought a used refrigerator off Joe Weller, a second hand dealer, at 2005 Eighth avenue, paying \$120 for the ice box. When Estright took it home he mentioned his buy to some neighbors who told him he had paid an exorbitant price and one of them had bought one for about a third of what Estright paid.

Mr. Estright laid the matter before the district OPA office and they advised him he had been greatly overcharged. They pointed out that the ceiling price for used electric refrigerators is \$49.50 and that he could recover triple damage.

Thereupon Estright went before Alderman Anthony O'Toole and brought action against Joe Weller, the second hand man. The overcharge was \$70.50 which is the difference between the \$120 Estright paid and the OPA ceiling price of \$49.50. Weller settled for \$211.50, the triple amount of overcharge, as permitted by law, besides paying the seller's costs.

Estright paid \$120 for his refrigerator and the dealer later handed him \$211.50 in return. So the net of the ice box transaction was that Estright got a free refrigerator and \$81.50 in cash besides.

Francis Named to Post-War Committee

A. L. Francis, of East Bishop street, Bellefonte, has been named county chairman of the Post-War Planning Committee, it was announced by Ted Weld, of Lock Haven, chairman of the district which includes 14 Central Pennsylvania counties.

The purpose of the Post-War Planning committee will be to make a survey of industries and small merchants to determine what their employment needs may be after the war and to help, on a nationwide scale, to prevent any appreciable post-war depression. The group is said to be non-political in character and is sponsored by large industries.

July Bond Quota

Centre county's quota of War Bonds for July is \$187,015, according to figures released in Harrisburg.

Buy Defense Bonds now!