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The Centre Democrat

BELLEVILLE, PA., THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 1943.

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An Army Trans-
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Centre County To Advance In Rank

Elevation to Sixth Class Rating Means Increase in Cost of Operating County Government; See More County Jobs.

Some radical changes in the Centre County government will become effective on Monday, January 2, when the newly-elected county officials are sworn into office.

The fact that most offices will be manned by new faces is less significant than is the fact that a new system of operation will go into effect at the same time.

The changes result from the fact that Centre County will officially become a sixth class county instead of a seventh class one and that sixth class county rules will prevail. The elevation in the county's status resulted from the 1940 census which revealed a total population of 52,608. When a county passes the 50,000 population mark it automatically falls into the sixth class.

Under the new rules the county officers, most of them anyway, will receive greater remuneration for their services than heretofore. But the county doesn't seem to be in line for any better, or any additional service. In other words most county officials will receive more money for doing the same amount of work.

It is probable that they will be allowed more clerks to help with the work, and the county will be responsible for clerk hire.

Beginning January 1 the basic pay for the Register, Recorder and Prothonotary will be \$3,000 annually. The Register will receive an additional \$500 as clerk of the Orphans' Court and the Prothonotary will receive an additional \$1,000 as clerk of the court of Oyer and Terminer and clerk of the Quarter Sessions.

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A. L. Francis was named head of a committee to arrange for a smoker to be held in the YMCA later this month.

At the session the directors of the Chamber exhibited much interest in the proposed expansion of the Bellefonte airport.

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Each Has 5484 Votes For Commissioner; May Toss Coin

OFFICIAL BOARD OPENS THREE BOXES

Soldier Ballots Only Hope of Breaking Unusual Deadlock

After see-sawing back and forth, with first one, then the other in the lead by a small majority, the contest for the minority seat on the new board of Centre County Commissioners came to a dead balance yesterday when the official count headed by Judge Ivan Walker announced a tie.

"Charles F. Hipple has 5484 votes," "Fred C. Mensch has 5484 votes."

The deadlock for the Democratic seat on the board may be broken if additional ballots from service men arrive up until Friday of this week.

Any ballots arriving after that day cannot be counted.

The likelihood of additional soldiers' ballots being received is considered quite slim since 32 of the 41 ballots mailed out have been returned, and since it is known that some ballots never reached their destination.

In the event no additional ballots are received, the decision as to which candidate will win the office may depend upon the old fashioned method—the toss of a coin.

If the matter is decided by lot, it will be for one of the biggest stakes in the county's history. To the winner will go a four-year job, paying \$3,000 a year, or a total of \$12,000, plus the considerable honor which attaches to holding that important office.

The official count board, whose members are Mrs. Nelle Decker, Mrs. A. C. Heverly, Mrs. Joseph Runkle and Russell Beizer, all of Bellefonte, and O. H. Batigake, of Lemont, with Judge Walker presiding, began its task Friday.

Official totals for the various candidates as of 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon were as follows: (these totals may be changed by any soldiers' ballots received until Friday.)

Judge of Superior Court
Charles B. Dem... 5211
Claude T. Reno... 6727
Charles Palmer... 510

Congress
Edna Marsden... 5155

25 ACCEPTED FOR MILITARY SERVICE

Board No. 1, State College, Announces Quota of November Selectees

Twenty-five men from Local Board No. 1, State College, have been inducted into the armed forces after passing final examinations in Altoona, it was announced yesterday.

Airport Has High Record For Safety

Complete Nearly 9,000 Hours of Flight Instruction Without Accident. Planes Have Flown More Than Half-Million Miles Since April.

A remarkable record for safety has been established by the New Way Flying School at the Bellefonte Airport. It was revealed this week as the school rounded out approximately 9,000 hours of flight instruction to embryo fighter and bomber pilots.

In those hours of instruction, the 23 little airplanes of the school have flown a total of more than 500,000 miles, which is the equivalent of about 25 round trips from Bellefonte to Australia.

In all that time the school has not had a single accident worth mentioning, the only mishap to date being one forced landing in which there was no damage.

The record is more remarkable when it is taken into consideration that the students—many of whom have never been in an airplane—began to fly the planes themselves within a few minutes after they take off for the first time.

Factors responsible for the fine record are an able and conscientious staff of 18 instructors, 13 men and one woman; rigid control of every phase of the instruction program; and regular and complete inspection and maintenance of the training ships.

C. W. "Bucky" Taylor, of State College, manager of the airport, is in charge of the administration of the training program, and into the task he has thrown the same ability for organization, for maintaining morale, and for getting things done which helped him in developing the state college American Legion and Auxiliary Junior Drum and Bugle Corps into a championship musical organization several years ago.

The instructors are members of the U. S. Army Air Corps Reserve and are subject to call for duty in the Corps at any time. In recognition of their valuable work at the airport the instructors recently were issued the uniforms of the Air Corps Reserve.

Since the first instruction flight on April 25 this year, a total of more than 700 young men have completed pre-flight instruction at the airport, the course for each student consisting of 10 hours' instruction.

Chief flight instructor is Floyd W. Stockdale, while his two assistants are Lester Gashaw and Elaine Berkstetter. Responsible for the maintenance of the 18 planes is chief mechanic John Holenda.

Little time is wasted on formalities at the airport. A new student gets into a plane with an instructor, and on the first flight often does all the actual flying with the instructor.

SCHOOL BOARD IN ROUTINE SESSION

Hear Tax Report; Approve Subsidies to Cut Lunch Costs

Matters pertaining to the collection of taxes occupied a major part of a regular meeting of the Bellefonte School Board, Monday night.

George Brown, tax collector, appeared at the session to report that of a total duplicate of \$73,231.08 he has collected to date \$62,326.26, of which \$47,000 has been turned over to the school treasurer.

In view of the collection, Mr. Brown declared, he felt that the board should pay a portion of the cost of his bond, since the bonding company still required that the bond be for the full amount of the duplicate in spite of the fact that most of the taxes have been collected and turned over to the school district.

The board denied Mr. Brown's request by a vote of three to two.

The School Activities committee reported that the Athletic Association is operating in the red, and at the present time is in debt by about \$800. Since the newly-elected members of the school board will take their places at the December meeting, action on the Athletic Association deficit was deferred so the new board can act in the matter.

Pupils of the 3rd, 6th, 9th and 12th grades are to be given hearing.

THROUGH SEES DEDICATION OF HONOR ROLL

Area Has Given 16 Per Cent of Population to Armed Forces

SPEAKERS PRAISE WORK OF CITIZENS

40-Foot Stone Structure at Clarence Scene of Impressive Ceremony

Legionnaires and Veterans of Foreign Wars of Bellefonte, members of the armed forces of World War II, and hundreds of men, women and children in civilian life gathered at Clarence Sunday afternoon for the formal dedication of one of the finest honor rolls to be seen anywhere in Central Pennsylvania.

The honor roll, a massive stone structure, extending for more than 40 feet in front of the Clarence Hotel, and containing the names of 240 men and women in World War I and 32 in World War II, is a permanent tribute to the patriotic citizens of the East Precinct of Snow Shoe township.

The unveiling of the central section containing the glass enclosed case in which the names in white letters appear on a black background, took place after an invocation pronounced by Rev. J. W. Palfy, of Clarence.

As Brooks-Doll Post American Legion Junior Band of Bellefonte, played the National Anthem, uniformed service men slowly uncovered the face of the honor roll, while other service men unfurled three American flags on top of the stone structure.

Samuel D. Rhinesmith, of Bellefonte, district commander of the American Legion, master of ceremonies, was introduced by Michael Kosko, of Clarence, who was in charge of the arrangements for the dedication.

At intervals during the program music was provided by the Legion Junior Band and by the Junior High School Band and the Junior High School Drum Corps of the Bellefonte Veterans of Foreign Wars, Group singing was led by Cecil A. Walker, of Bellefonte.

John G. Love, of Bellefonte, a past commander of the Legion, declared that in order to pay full tribute to the men of World War I and World War II whose names appear on the roll, those at home must see to it that the ones on the fighting fronts get all the food and all the supplies they need to carry on.

BOARD HONORS H. J. HARTRANFT

Resolution Lists Some of Retiring Member's Major Contributions

An unusual tribute to a fellow member was given by the Bellefonte School Board to board president Horace J. Hartranft, at a regular meeting Monday night through the adoption of a resolution outlining some of the work Mr. Hartranft accomplished during his six years as a board member.

Mr. Hartranft's term of office expires this month. His successor will be sworn into office the first Monday of December.

The resolution was presented by Dr. E. H. Adams, and R. C. Blaney called for action upon the matter. Mrs. J. M. Hartswick made the motion for its adoption and the motion was seconded by Bossart DeHaan. The vote was unanimous.

Following is the text of the resolution.

"Whereas, Mr. Horace J. Hartranft will on December 6, 1943, conclude six years of service as a member of the Bellefonte School Board, the other members of the Board

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"The Star Spangled Banner"—Smith.
"The Caissons Go Rolling Along"—Gruber.
Navy Medley—"Marine Hymn" and "Anchors Aweigh."
"The Army Air Corps"—Crawford.
"I Love a Parade"—Arlen.
"Stouthearted Men"—Romberg. (Chorus)
"M'Appari"—Opera Martha—by Plotow.
"I'll Take You Home Again, Kathleen"—Westendorf.
"Ah, Sweet Mystery of Life"—Victor Herbert.
"Sweethearts"—"Maytime"—by Sigmond Rotberg. (Mr. McFarlane)
Accompanist, Mr. Harry Comoroda, of Pittsburgh.

"Smoke Gets in Your Eyes"—Kern.
"Give a Man a Horse He Can Ride"—Galbraith.
"By the Light of the Silvery Moon"—Edwards.
"Winter Song"—Bullard.
(Soloist, Mr. James Sieg)
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Former Local Man Killed In Action

Mignot Willard, 38, Reported Killed While Serving in Pacific Area; Is Brother of R. T. Willard, Bellefonte.

Mignot Willard, 38, of New York City, former well known Bellefonte resident has lost his life while serving with the U. S. Navy in the Pacific area, it became known here Monday night through word received by his brother, Robert T. Willard, of East Bishop street.

Word was received here by telephone from a friend of Mignot Willard's wife, who resides in New York City. No details were given in the original Navy Department message the informant said.

It is believed that Willard, who enlisted in the Navy last year, was serving aboard a warship of some type, in the Pacific area. When last heard from he was believed to have been in the vicinity of New Caledonia.

Mignot Willard was born in Union City but while he was in his infancy his parents, the late Mr. and Mrs. D. I. Willard, moved to Bellefonte where Mignot spent his boyhood years.

He attended the Bellefonte High School but left school in the early 1920's to join the Navy. Up until the time of his re-enlistment in the Navy for service in World War II, Willard had been employed by the

DRAW JURORS FOR DECEMBER COURT

Grand Jury Meets Nov. 29; Criminal Court Opens Dec. 13

Grand and Traverse jurors for the regular December court were drawn this week by the Jury Commissioners.

Twenty-four persons were drawn for Grand Jury duty beginning on Monday, November 29, and 55 each for the Criminal Court jury, which meets Monday, December 13, and the Civil Court jury which meets Monday, December 20.

The list of jurors are as follows:

GRAND JURORS
(Meet Monday, November 29)
H. H. Bathurst... Howard RD
O. R. Beckwith... Port Matilda
John C. Burger... Phillipsburg
George Clemson... Boalsburg
Frank Couter... Blanchard
John Cowfer... Port Matilda RD 1
Harry W. M. Dally... State College
Sterling F. Eckert... State College
Robert Y. Edwards... State College
Margaret Flick... Sandy Ridge
Charles A. Graham... Boalsburg
Lawrence Kincaid... Phillipsburg
Ralph Lowder... State College
C. A. Meyers... Julian
W. E. Minnie... Rebersburg
Fred D. Reitz... Boalsburg
Fred E. Reitz... Osceola Mills RD
Grace A. Rudy... Port Matilda
Charles Schlow... State College
W. E. Shively... Port Matilda RD 1
James W. Shoff... State College
Charles Smull... Rebersburg
Mrs. Ruth Thomas... Spring Mills RD
Charles Thompson... Bellefonte

CRIMINAL COURT JURORS
(Meet Monday, December 13)
Arthur E. Adams... Phillipsburg
Arthur M. Ammerman... Phillipsburg
John Balenger... State College
Mrs. Relda Barnhart... Orviston
John Barnes... Bellefonte RD
D. Miles Bender... Bellefonte
William H. Bilger... Bellefonte
J. Lynn Blackford... Bellefonte
Helen G. Breon... Aaronsburg
Orle A. Burns... Osceola Mills
Fannie Buzzell... Phillipsburg
Margaret Calhoun... Unionville
Mrs. Miriam Corman... Hubersburg
Wilbur F. Conter... Snow Shoe
William H. Davis... Clarence
Samuel Densham... Phillipsburg
Mrs. Eleanor Eckenrode... Bellefonte
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Cars Collide Here During Rain Storm

During a heavy rain about 8 o'clock Monday night cars driven by Albert L. Foster, of State College, R. D. 1, and Charles H. Stover, of Bellefonte, R. D. 4, collided on Willowbank street, west of Holmes avenue, resulting in damage of about \$50 to each car. No one was injured, according to Chief of Police Harry Dukeman who investigated the crash.

The Foster car was traveling west on Willowbank street and the Stover machine was proceeding into town when the accident happened. Chief Dukeman said, adding that one of the cars was on the wrong side of the road at the time.

Two Children Injured As Car Leaves Road

John Edward Miller, aged 7, and his sister, Beverly Miller, 5, of the Forge, near Bellefonte, suffered painful injuries about 2 o'clock Sunday morning in a motor accident near Dale's Summit intersection.

The boy suffered an injury of the right arm and his sister received a severe laceration of the forehead. Both had multiple bruises and suffered from shock. They were brought to the Centre County Hospital in the State College Community ambulance, and yesterday both were reported to be recovering satisfactorily.

The children and their mother, Mrs. Eva Miller, were passengers in a car operated by John Faulkner, of State College. Police said a man in the service also was a passenger.

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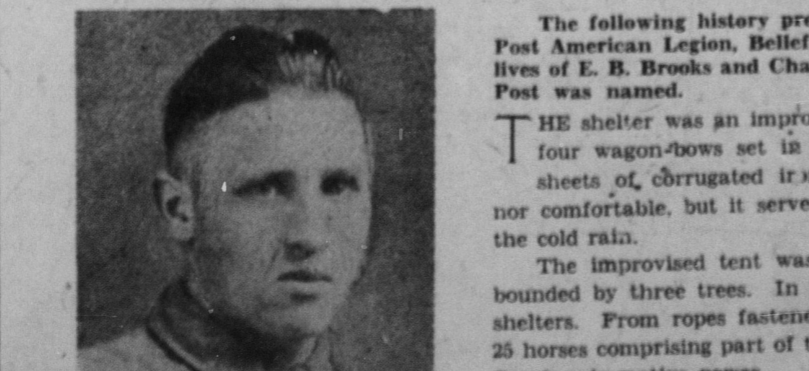
Four men in the wagon-bow shelter slept the sleep of men who have come a long way over a difficult road. For fourteen days and nights they had been skirting along the Western Front from the Chateau Thierry Sector to the Argonne area of battle. Things weren't looking too well for the Allies on the night of September 21, 1918, and a big

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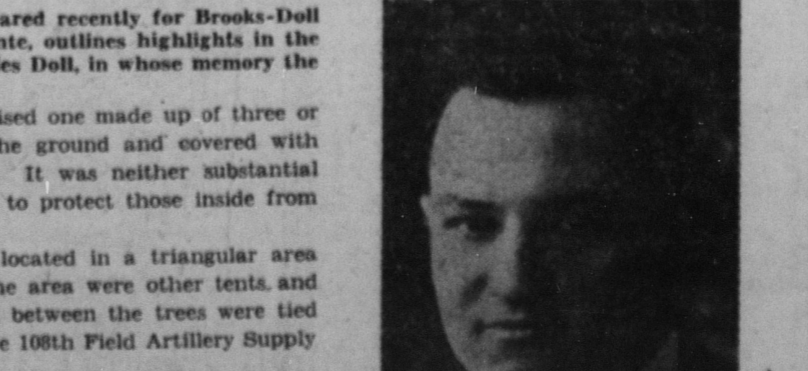
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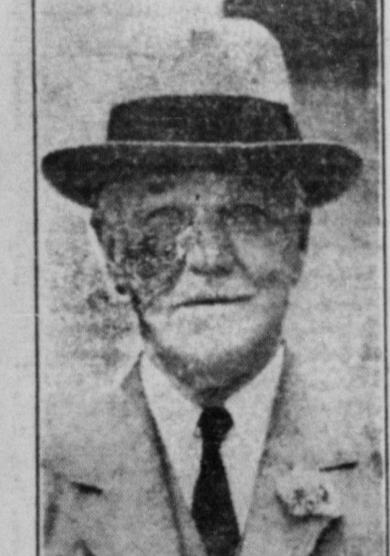


Pvt. Edward B. Brooks



Pvt. Charles F. Doll

Manufacturer Dies



R. S. A. Hickok

Funeral services for Rosa Anderson Hickok, president of the Hickok Manufacturing Company, Harrisburg, and husband of the former Miss Helen Hastings, daughter of the late Governor Daniel H. Hastings of Bellefonte, was held Friday afternoon in the Market Square Presbyterian church, Harrisburg.

Mr. Hickok died at noon Wednesday at his home. He was 67 years old. He is survived by his wife, two daughters, Mrs. Denver Lindley, of Princeton, N. J., and Mrs. Camden H. McVey, of Harrisburg, and a son, Capt. Daniel Hastings Hickok, former football and hockey star, now with the United States forces in North Africa. There are two surviving grandchild, Mr. Denver Lindley, Jr., of Princeton, and Helen Hastings McVey.

Among the twenty-four invited group of friends who acted as honorary pallbearers is Thomas B. Beaver, of Bellefonte.

Grover Corman New President of C. of C.

Grover Corman, of North Allegheny street, was chosen president of the Bellefonte Chamber of Commerce at the annual organization meeting of that body last weekend. He succeeds Thomas Mensch in that post.

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With work of soliciting at the Titan Metal Company practically completed the total there is \$5,456.92. Of that amount Federal Union, No. 19981, is responsible for \$3,014 and the company contributed \$1,000.

Mr. Brown stated that solicitors have been unusually well received in making their rounds in Bellefonte and surrounding areas and

FIREMEN HAVE BUSY WEEKEND

Bishop Street House Considerably Damaged by Fire Between Floors

Bellefonte firemen answered three alarms during the weekend in a series of fires, the most serious of which caused considerable damage to an East Bishop Street home. The other fires were of a minor nature.

Two families in the Bishop Street house owned by Max Kallin of State College were forced to flee shortly before 8 a. m. Friday when the building filled with smoke which came from a fire between the walls and floors.

The blaze is believed to have started in the upper side of the house occupied by Mrs. John McMullin. Firemen advanced the belief that a short circuit may have been the cause.

The fire began between the first and second floors and spread to the third floor, crossing to the lower side tenanted by Edna Heeman. Most of the damage was to the house itself, since flames did not get into the living quarters and furniture was protected with salvage covers put in place by firemen. Both Undina and Legans aided in fighting the fire.

Members of the Logan Company were called out twice on Sunday. The first fire happened early in the afternoon when a hay stack on the Roy Baylet farm along the Lewis-town Pike caught fire. The blaze was extinguished before firemen reached it. The farm is tenanted by Doyle Packer.

The second alarm of the day was sounded at about 8:15 p. m. when a grass fire near the George Rothrock home at the corner of Wilson and Howard Streets got out of control. The blaze was quickly extinguished.

Receives Army Award For Good Conduct

Pfc. Robert Rightnour, son of Mrs. Emma Rightnour, of Boalsburg, has been awarded the Good Conduct Ribbon in recognition of his faithful and efficient service in the Army.

Pvt. Rightnour, a mechanic in the Air Corps, was severely injured on April 1 this year, when an army truck in which he was being over-turned at Tonopah, Nev. He underwent hospital treatment until October 15 when he returned to active service and is now stationed at San Bernardino, California.

Pvt. Rightnour is married to the former Isabelle Knoffstinger, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Knoffstinger, of Pleasant Gap. Mrs. Rightnour is living with her parents while her husband is absent.

Centre Hall Over Top In War Fund Drive

Centre Hall community acquitted itself well in the current War Fund drive. A total of \$812.25 was contributed, which was \$29.25 above the objective set.

The Lions Club was the sponsoring organization.