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## F. C. Mensch Wins In Vote Recount

Has Majority of 37 Votes Over Charles F. Hipple for Minority Seat on County Commissioners' Board; Count Completed Yesterday.

Fred C. Mensch, of Millheim, yesterday afternoon became the official minority member of the new board of Centre County Commissioners.

Mensch nosed out Charles F. Hipple, of Bellefonte, for the post, by a margin of 37 votes in a recount of the ballots cast for the two candidates at the general election, November 2, thus breaking a tie which

it was feared would have to be broken by the toss of a coin.

Decision to open the ballot boxes and recount the entire vote came when the two men petitioned Judge Walker for a recount, agreeing that the winner of the office would bear the expense of the count.

Those who made the recount were: Mrs. Joseph Funkle, Mrs. Harrison Kline, Mrs. Nellie Decker, Mrs. A. C. Heverly, Sinie H. Hoy and Russell P. Beezer, all of Bellefonte; O. H. Bathgate, of Lemont, and J. Rand Miller, of Millheim.

The count ended at noon yesterday, and the official tally was: Mensch 5461, and Hipple 5424. At the end of the official count last week the two men had been tied at 5484 votes each.

Hence in the recount Hipple lost 60 votes while Mensch lost 23 votes. The recount showed no gross errors. Of the 61 election precincts in the county, there were minor errors in 47. In many instances the errors were of only one or two votes, and in no case was the difference much more than that.

The expense which Mr. Mensch will be required to pay for the recount will be whatever the cost of count will be clerk hire of approximately \$80 it was reported yesterday.

Most court house observers were of the opinion that the recount was the fairest way to settle the tie be-



THE WINNAR!

## TAX COLLECTOR SUES BOROUGH

Fee of One Per Cent is "Noncompensatory" State College Official Claims

Claiming the one per cent fee allowed for collection of State College borough taxes is non-compensatory, Fred Bender, State College tax collector, has filed a suit in equity in the office of Prothonotary Bond C. White, asking the court to restore the fee to its former level of two per cent.

Bender alleges that for many years prior to 1942 the rate was two per cent, and that in the summer of 1941 when he became a candidate for the office of tax collector, the rate of compensation for the year 1942 had not been fixed.

On August 5, 1941, the statement alleges, after the date for the withdrawal of candidates' names from the ballot had passed, State College Council passed a resolution fixing the compensation of the tax collector for 1942 at one per cent, and providing that office space for the collector be provided in the borough building.

January 15, 1942 Council passed a resolution fixing the fee at one per cent.

## Garage Sale Here To Begin Monday

In a two-day public sale scheduled to begin Monday morning, November 22, the entire stock of The County Chevrolet Company, corner of Allegheny and Bishop streets, will be disposed of by William H. Brouse, assignee of Frank M. Pritchman, individually and trading as the County Chevrolet Company, an insolvent.

Everything in the establishment is to go on the auction block, including two sedans, 163 shares of stock in the Rochester and Pittsburgh Coal Company, the accounts receivable, a wide variety of garage equipment and office furnishings, hundreds of new Chevrolet parts, and sundry items. A more complete listing will be found in an advertisement elsewhere in this issue.

E. M. Smith, of State College, will be the auctioneer. John G. Love, of Bellefonte, is attorney in the matter. The sale will begin at 9:30 a. m. each day.

## 'Jack' Montgomery Missing In Action

Sgt. John L. "Jack" Montgomery, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Joseph L. Montgomery, of Bellefonte, and first cousin of W. Hassell Montgomery, of East Linn street, is missing in action over Germany, according to word received in Bellefonte, Monday.

The original word was received from the War Department by the missing man's brother, Gordon Montgomery, Chief Machinist's Mate in the Navy, who is stationed in New York City.

Sgt. Montgomery was reported to have been a tail gunner in a bomber at the time he was lost in action, November 3.

During the North African campaign Sgt. Montgomery was badly wounded and underwent hospital treatment for some time afterwards. He is believed to have returned to service only recently.

## WAR FUND DRIVE SHORT OF GOAL

More Than \$4000 Needed; Officials List Standings of Divisions

Bellefonte's Community War Fund has increased by approximately \$1,800 in the last week, according to a compilation of figures made yesterday. The total is now \$13,861.37, or more than \$4,000 under the goal of \$20,000 for the National War Fund and The Bellefonte Community Welfare Fund.

Reports are still being received and additional amounts are expected this week but considerable work must be done before the final goal can be reached. Officials of the drive said, persons who have not been interviewed are asked to notify their employers or the Community Welfare office in the YMCA building.

A breakdown of amounts received by the various divisions of the campaign is as follows:

Initial gifts, \$9,564.50  
Under industry, \$5,473.22  
Under industry The Titan Metal Company plant gave \$3,019.44, the total from the Titan office, not including initial gifts, is \$514.48. The

## Announce Methodist Pastorate Changes

Bishop Edwin H. Hughes, of Washington, yesterday announced a series of changes in pastorates in the Central Pennsylvania Conference of the Methodist church, the changes being made necessary through the retirement of Dr. Wilbur Mallalieu, of Grace church, Harrisburg, and the death of Rev. John H. Greenwald, of Newberry. The changes were made prior to Dr. Mallalieu's death in Malden, N. J., Tuesday morning.

The appointments are as follows:

Dr. W. E. Hartman, Grace church, Harrisburg; Rev. Harry P. Babcock, Altoona District Superintendent; Dr. J. E. Scillington, first church, York; Rev. Samuel F. Straw, First church, Bloomsburg; Rev. A. R. Turner, Huntingdon; Rev. C. F. Cetherman, Altoona; Rev. Gilbert L. Bennett, Hanover; Rev. Harry P. Ward, Catawissa; Rev. Elbert Wilson, Newberry; Rev. C. Gall Norris, Lewisburg; Rev. Frank Montgomery, Lyswen; Rev. Oliver Krapp, Selinsgrove; Rev. Robert E. Gibson, Berwick; Rev. C. K. Gibson, Gettysburg; and Rev. M. S. Q. Mellott, Enola.

## \$1044 Taken in At Benefit Movie Here

A total of \$1044 for the Army Emergency Relief Fund was taken in at the Plaza theatre, Bellefonte, during the weekend of November 6 when the movie, "This Is the Army" was shown here, according to Fred Fisher, manager of the theatre.

The money was turned over to Burgess Hardman P. Harris, who was chairman of the local committee for the benefit movie here. He has submitted the money to Warner Brothers who in turn will see that the proportion due the Army Relief Fund reaches its destination.

**APPOINTED TIPSTAFF**  
Judge Ivan Walker this week appointed Charles Fromm, of Bellefonte, as tipstaff, to succeed Joseph Weis, of Philadelphia, who resigned because of ill health.

## SEES BUCK IN BITTER FIGHT WITH TRAIN

Prison Chaplain Watches Big Deer Charge Oncoming Locomotive

## UNEQUAL BATTLE RESULTS IN DRAW

Enraged Animal Races Train—Ends Up Sore, But Undeclared

A thrilling battle between a big 11-point buck and a Pennsylvania Railroad train was witnessed one morning recently by Rev. C. F. Lauer, chaplain of Rockview Penitentiary, and head of Local Draft Board No. 1, State College.

The battle is believed to have been a draw. At any rate the train wasn't damaged much, and while the buck was seen limping about stiffly for days afterwards, Rev. Lauer refuses to concede the animal's defeat, because of the terrific odds against him to start.

It all happened one bright morning while the L. & P. passenger train was passing Rockview Penitentiary, headed toward Bellefonte. Rev. Lauer was traveling in his car in the same direction on the highway paralleling the tracks, and had a ringside seat for the entire battle.

The chaplain declared he first saw the deer when it jumped out of a little woods between the road and railroad and raced with its moving train. It passed the train at a grade crossing and took its first stand against the oncoming monster. Standing its ground it waited until the train was nearly on the crossing before it charged head-on into the train.

The deer, of course, was thrown for a loss, but it wasn't defeated. It gathered its forces and, while the engineer of the locomotive added fuel to the deer's anger by tooting its whistle, began racing the train once more.

Finally, enraged beyond endurance, the buck plunged into one side of the baggage car, as though in an effort to derail the car. The attack was futile, but the buck wasn't satisfied. He continued to race beside the train, backing it from time to time.

## SECOND COMPLAINT ON WATER RATES

Out-of-Town Users at College Claim Rates Vary From Boro Schedule

A second complaint by out-of-town consumers against the water rates of the State College Borough Authority was filed with the Pennsylvania Public Utilities Commission this month. It became known Saturday.

The complaint was filed by a committee representing the interests of the out-of-town consumers. The complaint set forth that the Authority has violated an Act of Assembly in that the Authority has failed to follow the mandate which requires that all rates for public utility service rendered by an authority must be uniform within the area served by the Authority.

The complaint claims that within the area served by the State College Authority various rates are charged persons within the same area. Specifically the complaint charges that the Authority charges a minimum rate of \$4 for ten thousand gallons from most persons residing outside

## Square Dance Here Next Thursday Night

A square dance, open to the public and sponsored by the Bellefonte P. T. A. was announced today by Mr. and Mrs. Victor Pifer, who head the dance committee for November.

Tickets will be thirty-five cents, with refreshments available during the evening. Music will be furnished by the Tate Brothers orchestra, with Walter Corman calling the numbers.

Dancing will begin at 8 p. m. November 25, at the Spring street school gymnasium.

**NOTICE TO PATRONS**  
Because next Thursday is Thanksgiving Day, The Centre Democrat will go to press at noon, Tuesday, instead of at our regular hour Wednesday evening.

In order to avoid disappointment, correspondents, advertisers and others are asked to get their copy in at least one full day earlier than usual.

## Bombed Ploesti



T/Sgt. Jack Ross

One soldier from Centre county and two from Cambria county are among the 116 Pennsylvanians decorated for their part in the great bombing attack on the Ploesti oil refineries in Rumania, August 1, it was announced this week.

The attack was one of the greatest aerial bombardments of the war, and was so devastating as to seriously cripple the German armies' oil supplies. The War Department decorated 1,548 officers and men who took part in this great smash against the Axis.

The Centre countian who participated in the raid was Technical Sergeant Jack Ross, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Ross, of Port Matilda.

Ross graduated from Port Matilda High School in 1937 and enlisted in the U. S. Air Corps on September 22, 1941. He first was sent to Sheppard Field, Wichita Falls, Tex., for a six months' training course, graduating with high honors.

From there he went to Berkside Field, La., for advanced training before being assigned to three months' patrol duty along the Gulf of Mexico, with headquarters at Fort Myers, Florida. His next post was at Greater Field, N. H., where he was stationed until being sent overseas on August 28, 1942. After service in England he is believed to have been transferred to the North African area.

The Cambria county men who participated in the raid were: Staff Sergeant James W. Miller, of Lilly, and Technical Sergeant Richard J. McKee, of St. Benedict.

## COUNCIL SCANS POST WAR WORK

Approve Suggested List of Projects For Completion After War

When the war ends and when it is once more possible to return to peacetime pursuits, Bellefonte will be ready with a variety of projects, it became known Monday night when Council approved a list of possible projects for completion in the post-war era.

Council studied a list of general projects as well as separate lists of projects for each of the town's three wards.

The general list follows:

1. Oil and resurface all streets in town.
2. Enlarge airport and construct paved runways.
3. Remove part of Gamble Mill that obstructs road.
4. Centralize borough offices at water works on South Water street by remodeling present building and removing lock-up.
5. Extend sanitary sewer where

## Seeks Identity of Man Who Shot Dog

Luther Smith, Bellefonte blacksmith who resides on a farm west of Bellefonte, is offering a reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of a hunter who is a disgrace to that sport.

Monday the hunter trespassed on the Smith lands, tore down the trespass notices, and then shot the Smith dog, a valuable white Collie.

Some of the shot penetrated the dog's head above one eye, and some struck the animal in one hind leg. It is believed the dog will live.

Mr. Smith declared the dog couldn't have been mistaken for game and believes the animal was wounded intentionally.

**\$500 DAMAGE AS CAR CRASH NEAR HUBLERSBURG**  
Damage estimated at more than \$500 was caused when cars operated by George Lohr of Bellefonte, R. D. 3, and Herbert O. Baum of Lock Haven, collided on the highway west of Hublersburg, Saturday at 11:45 p. m. No one was injured in the accident.

Baum told investigating police that he was blinded by lights from the other car. After the two cars collided Lohr's car continued on and knocked over 20 feet of fence and a tree on the property of A. A. Pletcher.

## TOWN TO BE BARE OF YULE DECORATIONS

No Community Tree, Curb Trees or Outdoor Lights This Christmas

## IS MORE TO SAVE ELECTRIC POWER

Stores to Remain Open at Night Beginning December 13

Because of wartime conditions Christmas street lighting in Bellefonte is definitely out this year, and insofar as could be learned yesterday there will be no outdoor Christmas trimmings of any kind on a town-wide basis.

Comer of Commerce officials reported that street decorations such as trees along the sidewalk, do not appear to advantage without lights. The government has asked that electricity be conserved as much as possible and since Christmas lighting is not considered an essential use it has become a "victim" of the war, this year.

Tentative plans are that beginning on Monday, December 13, stores and business places in Bellefonte will remain open every evening until Christmas, including Christmas eve.

For many years it has been the custom in Bellefonte for the town to sponsor an extensive Christmas decoration program, including the erection of a mammoth, light-trimmed tree on the Diamond, erection of smaller trees trimmed with lights in front of every store and business place in the business district. In addition, the West Penn Power Company annually sponsored an outdoor Christmas decoration contest in which prizes were awarded for the best outdoor displays.

None of these Christmas features will be seen this year. Ever, the central tree on the Diamond will be discontinued because of the inadvisability of using electric current to light the tree, it was explained.

Shoppers are warned that if they expect to be sure of getting the gifts they have in mind for Christmas they must act now and shop early.

## Soloist To Appear At Concert Tonight

Thomas R. McFarland, Pittsburgh tenor, will be guest soloist at a concert to be given by the Titan Male Chorus in the Bellefonte High School auditorium tonight (Thursday) for the benefit of the Centre County Hospital. The program will begin at 8 o'clock.

Mr. McFarland, who appeared in Bellefonte two years ago with the Westinghouse Band, and who is widely known throughout the Pittsburgh area, will sing two groups of numbers at tonight's concert.

The Titan Chorus was organized 14 months ago and has appeared in various parts of the county in recent months. The chorus consists of 20 men, all employees of the Titan Metal Company, with Mrs. J. Ernest Martin as director.

Tickets at 55 cents are on sale locally or may be purchased at the auditorium tonight.

## Bellefonte Native Is Given High Army Post

According to announcement by the Ninth Service Command at Fort Douglas, Utah, Colonel Alfred P. Kitson, native of Bellefonte, has been appointed Deputy Chief of Staff of the Ninth Service Command.

Colonel Kitson was born in Bellefonte in 1889, the family having resided here for a number of years while the father was superintendent of the electric plant on West Lamb street.

Colonel Kitson received part of his education in England. He was commissioned first lieutenant in 1917 and served with the 11th Division until 1919. He was commissioned a first lieutenant in the Regular Army in 1920. He served in Alaska from 1921-1923, and in the Philippines from 1923-1924. He holds the unusual distinction of having served an aggregate of 18 years with one division—the Third. He was appointed a colonel in the Army of the United States last January.

## Local Cousins Meet Recently in Australia

Bellefonte relatives received word Tuesday that two cousins from this vicinity have met somewhere in Australia.

They are Sgt. Robert P. Miller, of the Marines, son of Mrs. Alfred Lettman, of Milesburg, and Pfc. Gerald N. Miller, of the Army Engineers, who makes his home with Mrs. Lynn Love, of Logan street, Bellefonte.

The cousins met entirely unexpectedly and were able to find time for a visit and to have several meals together.

Foot balls to please the boys, while they last, \$1.49. Claster's Hardware.

## Council Moves to Double Size of Bellefonte Airport

90 Additional Acres to be Added to Field; Will Provide Mile-Long East-West Runway—Large Enough for Biggest Planes

Expansion of the Bellefonte Airport to approximately twice its present area, with the consequent increase in length of the east-west runway from 2300 feet to nearly a mile, was virtually assured Monday night when Bellefonte Council authorized the addition of two more large tracts to the airport holdings.

When the present expansion program is completed even the largest planes will be able to land and take off from the airport, it was claimed.

The new tracts to be added are fields to the east of the present airport property and owned by Harry Garberick and Harry Tressler. The combined area of the two tracts will be about 90 acres—or approximately the same area as the present airport property.

Council acted in the matter when Niles Davis, of Bellefonte, appearing at the meeting as the authorized representative of the Civil Aeronautics Administration, reported that the CAA would furnish electric cable and boundary lights for the new addition and that the material is expected to be available in the near future. Mr. Davis expressed the opinion that the Bellefonte Airport, if properly developed, will become a tremendous asset to this community in the post-war era.

Council passed a motion accepting the CAA offer of cable and lights, and estimated that about 5500 feet of cable will be needed to include the additional tracts in the airport property.

The cable will be placed and the lights installed at borough expense. The ditch for the cable will be made with an ordinary farm plow, since it is necessary for the wire to be only 10 inches or a foot beneath the surface of the ground. The only other labor involved will be the placing of lights and attaching them to the power line.

In order to take the two new tracts of land, it will be necessary to close the present rural road at the east side of the airport. This road already has been legally vacated, and all that remains to be done is to construct a substitute road at

tracts, to give farmers in the area access to the Pleasant Gap-Zion highway.

Several small ditches at the sides of the present road will be filled, fences removed, some seeding will be necessary and rolling will be required before the new tract is in condition for use.

The expanded airport will be large enough to accommodate any

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## OVER 1200 SEE P.T.A. SHOW HERE

New Auditorium Jammed, Scores Turned Away; To Redeem Tickets

The new Bellefonte High School auditorium was jammed to capacity Monday night for the presentation of the home-talent play "Fun on the Podunk Limited," by the Parent-Teacher Association.

All of the auditorium's 926 seats were occupied, and additional hundreds of spectators crowded the aisles and the rear portion of the auditorium. Finally it was necessary to deny admittance to late comers. Scores of persons who turned up for the show without tickets were turned away because there were no tickets available. Total attendance was estimated at more than 1200.

For those who purchased tickets and who were unable to get into the auditorium, the PTA yesterday announced that all such tickets will be redeemed at the purchase price if they are turned in at the Wolf Furniture Company store before 5 p. m. Friday. The association has voted against giving a repeat performance of the show.

Proceeds from the play are expected to be used for the purchase of new books for the library.

## AAA Committeemen To Be Elected Nov. 23

Community elections to select AAA committeemen will be held Tuesday, November 23, throughout every county in Pennsylvania. Farmers are asked to keep this date in mind, the Tuesday before Thanksgiving Day.

Questions relating to the Dairy Feed Adjustment Payment Program will be answered at the election meetings.

A committeeman's job is becoming more and more important under wartime conditions, according to W. F. Rishel, chairman of the Centre County Committee of the Agriculture Adjustment Agency of the U. S. Department of Agriculture. "It is his responsibility that all farmers in his community know about the Conservation and the

## FARMERS BUY REGISTERED HOLSTEIN-FRESIAN COWS

The Holstein-Fresian Association of America, Erie, Pa., has announced the following sales of registered Holstein-Fresian cattle from the herd of Frank W. Ingram, Salsona:

Harry M. Smith, Bellefonte, one cow, Femi King Lillith 2132990.  
Laird Schenck, Howard, one heifer, Femi Snow Boy Squire, 2315588.  
J. H. Runkle, Centre Hall, one heifer, Femi Snow Boy Squire, 2315588.  
P. P. Henshell, Centre Hall, one heifer, Femi Segs Pontiac 2173555.

## SCRAP COLLECTION HERE NOVEMBER 26

Townwide Collection of Metals, Rags, Paper and Magazines

A town-wide drive for scrap materials of all kinds will be held in Bellefonte on Friday, November 26, it was announced yesterday by Karl E. Kusse, local Salvage and Waste Committee chairman.

The street-by-street collection will begin at 9 a. m., and all residents are asked to have their contributions set out on the curbs in front of their homes no later than that hour.

Processed tin cans, scrap metals of all kinds, waste paper, magazines, rags and rubber will be collected, Mr. Kusse declared.

Paper should be either tied in bundles or placed in strong cartons so that it can be handled readily and so scraps won't blow off the trucks. Rags should be tied securely in bundles or in bags.

Kusse urges every householder to begin at once to collect materials for the collection.

**Titan Employee Suffers Foot Injury at Work**  
Thomas Hinds, 19, of Walker township, an employee of the Titan Metal Company here, was admitted to the Centre County Hospital about 11:15 o'clock yesterday morning to undergo treatment of injuries suffered while at work.

Hinds received a severe laceration and fracture of the right foot when a bundle of metal rods fell, it was reported.

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