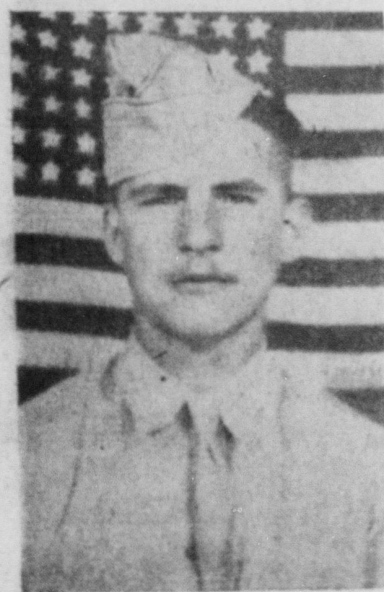


War Toll 3 Killed, 6 Are Wounded

Lt. Clifford R. Lauder, State College; Pvt. Foster J. Sayers, Howard; and Pfc. Harry Woodring II, Lose Lives in French War Area.



PVT. FOSTER J. SAYERS Killed in France

As another week of World War II ended, casualty messages received by Centre County relatives reveal a toll of 3 county men killed, 6 wounded, and 1 missing.

The dead are: Lt. Clifford R. Lauder, State College, killed in Germany November 18. Pvt. Foster J. Sayers, 20, Howard, killed in France, November 12. Pfc. Harry Woodring, State College, killed in France, November 19.

The wounded: Pfc. Carl Houtz, 32, Lemont, slightly wounded November 18, presumably in France.

Pfc. William Thomas Barnet, Jr., Julian, slightly wounded in Belgium, November 20.

T4 Eugene S. Homan, 31, State College, slightly wounded in Belgium, November 20.

Pfc. James R. Richards, Prossertown, previously reported missing in action, now reported in hospital in Belgium.

Cpl. Homer R. Krapp, 24, Pleasant Gap, slightly wounded in Germany, November 26.

Pvt. Fred W. Hall, Fleming, slightly wounded Germany, December 1.

Missing: S. Sgt. Paul Rogus, 24, Clarence, gunner aboard a B-29 Super Fortress, is reported missing in action in the Asiatic theatre of operations.

Lt. Lauder Killed: Lt. Clifford R. Lauder, husband of the former Ruth Harter, of East College avenue, State College, was killed in action in Germany on November 18, according to a War Department message received last Wednesday by his wife.



CPL. HOMER R. KRAPP Wounded in Germany

Becomes Bank Director: Samuel M. Hess, State College RD, has been named a director of the First National Bank of State College to succeed his father, the late Newton E. Hess, a director of the bank from 1907 until his death this year.

Appeal Brings Clothing, Money, Offers of Adoption to 10 Children

The ten children, aged 1 to 14 years, of a Howard township family who were in dire straits last week and who were unable to attend school because of the lack of clothing, are fully outfitted for the entire winter, it was reported yesterday by Mrs. Baiser Weber, of Howard, whose appeal in The Centre Democrat last week brought a flood of responses.

GIRL, BURNED IN EXPLOSION CRITICALLY ILL

Exploding Oil Stove Causes Clothing to Burst Into Flames

FATHER IS BURNED SMOTHERING FLAMES

Victim, Miss Grace Loesch 20, of Pine Hall, in Hospital

Burned in the explosion of an oil stove at her home, Friday night, Miss Grace Loesch, 20, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George A. Loesch, of Pine Hall, near State College, yesterday was reported to be in critical condition at the Centre County Hospital.

The accident happened when Miss Loesch attempted to light the burner of an oil stove to heat some water about 10:45 p. m. Friday. As she touched the lighted match to the burner an explosion enveloped her in flames from the kneecap. She screamed and ran outdoors to the back porch and into the yard, her clothing a mass of flames.

Her father, who was sitting in the living room, upon seeing the explosion grabbed a blanket and ran after her. He smothered the flames, which had been fanned by the wind, and suffered severe burns of both hands. Mr. Loesch summoned a physician who after rendering first aid brought the young woman to the hospital.

Lives Snuffed Out By Escaping Gas

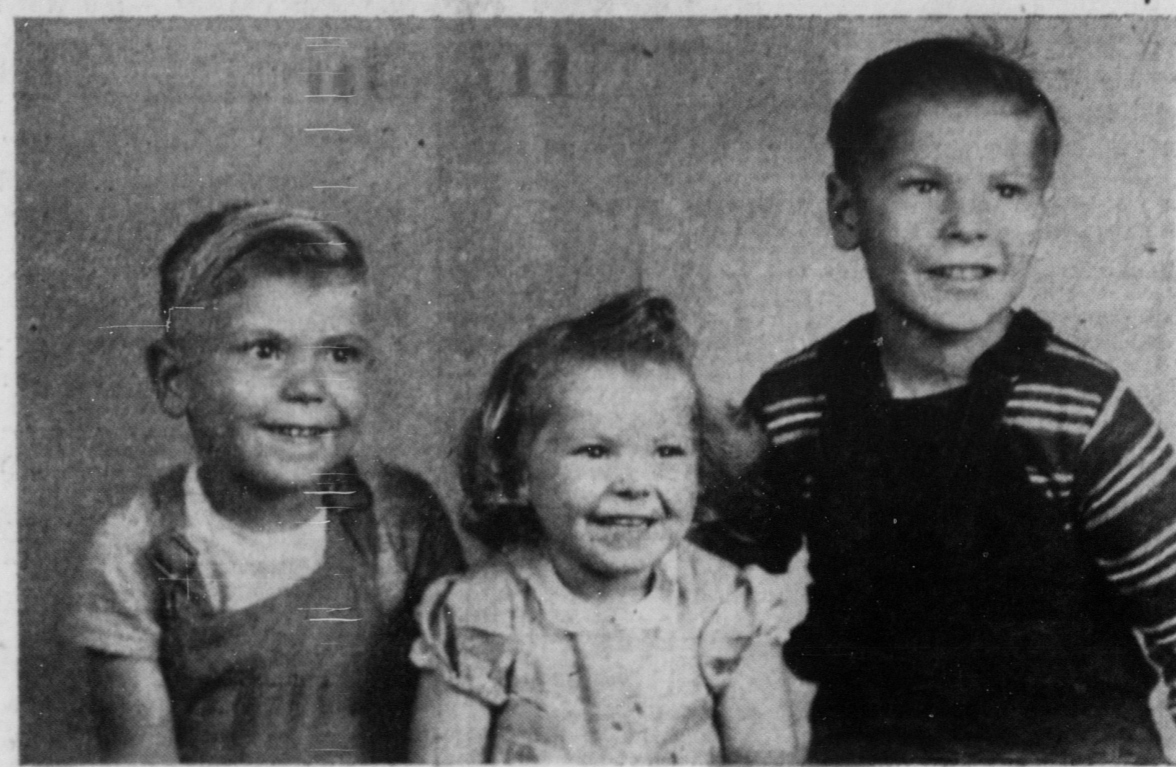


Photo above is a recent one of the three children of Mr. and Mrs. John Hobart Rossman, who lost their lives Tuesday night of last week when gas escaping from a gas range filled the North Thomas street apartment where they slept. From left to right the children are: Robert, aged 5; Nancy, aged 4, and Richard, aged 7. (Story of inquest appears below.)

HOLD INQUEST IN CHILDREN'S DEATH

Few New Facts Revealed in Rossman Family Tragedy

"The children met their death by gas escaping from a jet turned on by some unknown person."

That was the verdict rendered by a jury empaneled by Centre County Coroner Charles Shecker, of Millsboro, to enquire into the death, last Tuesday night, of the three young children of Mr. and Mrs. John Hobart Rossman, whose lifeless bodies were found in bed in the family's gas-filled apartment in Haupt's Plaza, North Thomas Street.

Members of the jury were Richard Alberto, William H. Brown, Edward R. Owen, Harry N. Meyer, Mark W. Williams and Charles E. Martin of South Allegheny Street.

AGED MAN KILLS COURT HOUSE SKUNK

A well-fed, sleek, and unworried skunk threw consternation into Centre county's Court House, Friday morning, and had the run of the Court House yard for an hour or more until Martin Holderman, who is nearly 90 years old, gave chase to the animal and finally killed it with a stone after chasing it halfway up to the jail on East High street.

The skunk was discovered meandering around the rear entrance of the Court House on the south side of the building when Court House employes arrived at work, shortly before 9 a. m. It was soon surrounded by a group of spectators, who, nevertheless, scattered in confusion every time it made a move. It walked up the front steps of the building, looked in the door, hopped around the porch and otherwise was enjoying itself when Mr. Holderman thought the fun had gone far enough.

FIVE OVERCOME BY FUMES AT TITAN

Fumes escaping from a machine at Titan Metal Company plant Friday morning overcame five women employes and mildly affected several others.

Two of the women, Mrs. Sarah Markle, of State College, and Miss Pearl Flack, of Bellefonte, were taken to the Centre County Hospital in the Widows' ambulance, but soon revived and were able to return to their work about an hour later.

Democratic Group To Hold Yule Party

The Women's Democratic Club of Centre County will hold a regular monthly meeting Tuesday, December 19, in the Democratic Headquarters, West Bishop Street, Bellefonte.

BOND PREMIERE, AUCTION ARE HELD

Nearly \$50,000 in Bonds Sold in Special Events in Bellefonte

The two special 6th War Loan Campaign events in Bellefonte during the weekend resulted in the sale of nearly \$50,000 in War Bonds as cash value, it was reported yesterday by those in charge of the events.

Total sales at the movie premiere of "Arsenic and Old Lace" at the Plaza theatre last Thursday night were approximately \$2,500, while sales resulting from the Kiwanis Club sponsored War Bond auction and rally in the Bellefonte High School auditorium, Friday night were \$47,901.87.

About 125 persons attended the movie premiere, admission to which was \$2.50. Attendees at the Bond auction and rally was not much larger, but those who did attend participated well in the spirited bidding for the premiums offered by local merchants, banking houses, and industries.

JURIES DECIDE 4 CRIMINAL CASES

2 Trials Result in Guilty Verdicts; 2 Not Guilty

Four jury trials, two of them resulting in verdicts of guilty and two in not guilty verdicts, were disposed of at the regular December criminal court, Monday and Tuesday of this week.

Civil Court, originally scheduled to begin Monday of next week, was ordered discontinued because only one case was ready for trial—the one which was being tried yesterday.

Principals in Golden Wedding

Mr. and Mrs. Edward J. Teaman, Bellefonte. Well known Borough Councilman and wife who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary December 3, at their home on Reynolds Avenue.

175 ATTEND VFW DINNER, SATURDAY

State Commander Praises Post for Increase in Membership

A record of growth outstanding in Pennsylvania established by Jackson-Crisman-Saylor Post Veterans of Foreign Wars, Bellefonte, was highly commended by State Department Commander James F. Colly, of DuBois, speaking before approximately 175 post members, department officers and guests at the annual banquet of the organization held Saturday night at the Brockhoff Hotel.

Instituted in 1928 with 28 members, the local post grew steadily until 1943 when the roster showed 200 members. Since then the increase has been even greater.

Couple Invited to The Inauguration

Mr. and Mrs. Henry A. Brockhoff, of West Bishop Street, Bellefonte, are planning to attend a reception and banquet to be given in honor of the President and Vice-President elect of the United States, at Hotel Mayflower, Washington, D. C., on January 19, 1945.

Gap Welfare Fund Drive Totals \$825

Roy H. Adams, chairman of the Pleasant Gap Welfare Fund drive, yesterday reported that a total of \$825 in cash contributions has been received to date, and asks anyone who was not visited during the drive to forward any additional funds either to him, or to Ralph Fornwalt, treasurer.

REGISTRATION OPEN

The office of the Registration Commission is now open for all persons who wish to register, change their party enrollment, change address, or otherwise amend their voting status.

Mrs. A. C. Grove Guest of Honor on Birthday

Mrs. A. C. Grove, who with her husband resides a short distance east of Bellefonte, reached her 81st birthday on Saturday and the following day, Sunday, her two sons arrived at the family home to pay their mother tribute.

Held Under \$1000 Bail For Court

Man Charged With Aggravated Assault And Battery; Wife Taken to Hospital With Laceration of Throat.

At a hearing before Justice of the Peace William H. Brown on West High street, yesterday afternoon, Charles Blair Harris, 49, of Huntington, for six weeks a resident of Bellefonte, was held under \$1000 bail for court on charges of aggravated assault and battery. Bail was not immediately furnished and he was committed to the county jail.

The information against Harris was filed by Chief of Police Harry Dukeman of Bellefonte, who was called to the North Spring street rooming house where Harris and his wife reside, about 9:30 p. m. Monday when a disturbance was reported in the Harris room.

Chief Dukeman said that when he entered the rooming house he heard a woman's screams, and entering the Harris room found Harris and his wife in an altercation. The woman was on the bed, her face and clothing covered with blood, and Harris was in a threatening attitude over the bed.

SIEG SPEAKER AT KIWANIS MEETING

Says Cartel on Carboloy Spells Victory For United Nations

An interesting story about Carboloy and cartels and of their vital relation to the war effort was given by W. W. Sieg, of Bellefonte, Tutan Metal Company official, speaking at a regular meeting of the Bellefonte Kiwanis Club, Tuesday, at the Penn Belle Hotel.

Mr. Sieg was pinch-hitting for Major Edward Gallup, of Pittsburgh, who was unable to reach Bellefonte in time for the meeting because of the heavy snow.

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HOLD LAST RITES FOR COUNTY JUDGE

Centre and Clearfield Bar Associations Honor Memory

Members of the Centre County Bar, meeting in the Court Room an hour before the funeral for Judge M. Ward Fleming, Friday, paid tribute to his memory by adoption of a resolution reviewing his life and achievements, and by a series of brief addresses by Bar members.

To Be Honored



James R. Hughes

A combined Christmas party and 80th birthday celebration in honor of James R. Hughes, of Bellefonte, headmaster of the former Bellefonte Academy, will be held by the Academy Alumni Association on Saturday evening, December 16, at the William Penn Hotel, Pittsburgh, according to an announcement this week.

Mr. Hughes' birthday will not occur until late this month, but the anniversary party date was set at the convenience of the greatest number of Alumni.

Speakers at the party will include Dr. H. C. Carlson, basketball coach of the University of Pittsburgh; Jack Sutherland, former University of Pittsburgh football coach, and numerous other celebrities.

Willard Van Camp, of Pittsburgh, is chairman of the committee in charge, and members of the committee are: James Rooney, Nathan Beck, Hyman LaBell, Wallace Bell, Bernard Righy, Pat Hornsholder, George Carpenlo, Jake Rugh, C. F. Hachmeister, Franklin Hood, Cecil A. Walker, Jack Workmaster, Dr. H. C. Carlson and C. I. Newell—most of them former Academy students well known to older Bellefonte residents.

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B. H. S. GRIDDERS DINNER GUESTS

100 Attend Event at VFW Home; Bob Higgins Speaker

Two principles for success in sports—or in life—were given by speakers at a dinner held in the VFW home last Thursday night by local organizations in honor of the Bellefonte High School football team. Approximately 100 persons were present.