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By Mrs. Walter McClelland.

Mrs. Helen Gentles, of Detroit, Mich., was a visitor in town on Monday.

A CIO meeting was held in Barnesboro on Monday and present from

here were the clerks of the Cambria Mercantile, as follows: Viena Carnavelli, Mrs. Dorothy Drotoz, Mrs. Dorothy McClelland, Annie Wargo, Elsie Evison, Minnie Masserio, Mary Lou Kellender, Mrs. Mary Fowler, Thresa Ozella, Johnny Verchick. The newly elected officers were: President: Mary Lou Kellender, Secretary, Thresa Ozella; Financial Secretary,

Mrs. Dorothy McClelland; Treasurer, Mr. Syndgrasse. Steve Mihalich is spending his furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Mihalich. David Black was visiting friends in town on Monday. The Sewing Club was held at the home of Mrs. Pauline Pellas, Tuesday evening. Those present were Mrs.

Dorothy Dorotz, Elsie Evison, Lenora Homiday, Betty Weakland; Thresa Ozella, Anna Clawson. A delicious lunch was served later in the evening. Bingo was held Wednesday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John MacWilliams. A supper was held on Saturday evening for the First-Aid Teams, in

the Carrolltown Legion Home. Attending from town were Joe Pesarchick, Joe Baron, Walter Weakland, Jess Evison, Sam Stover, Ken Richardson, Fred Shrock, Jqs. Laird and Alex Davidson. Mr. and Mrs. Alex Laird and children of Cresson, were visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. James Laird, Sr. on Sunday.

Miss Velma Carnavelli was a shopper in Johnstown Saturday. —Leroy Francis Farren, 36, Cresson, collapsed while unloading ballast from a work train near Altoona last Thursday morning and died a few minutes later. His widow and 2 children, as well as a number of brothers and sisters survive.

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An Open Letter from Service Man Bill Glosser to Eddie McCloskey

THE FOLLOWING LETTER IS PUBLISHED TO ANSWER A VICIOUS, UNWARRANTED ATTACK MADE UPON ME WHICH I MUST ANSWER IN THIS MANNER SINCE I HAVE BEEN ASSIGNED TO SPECIAL NAVAL DUTY SOMEWHERE IN THE PACIFIC OCEAN, AND WILL BE THERE BY THE TIME THIS LETTER APPEARS.

Dear Eddie:
I want to take this opportunity to thank you for all you have done for me. Knowing the kind of stuff you are made of, I cannot see where you find room in that big heart of yours to do so much for an undeserving individual. You really have overextended yourself.
First, let me thank you for the story about me which in typical McCloskey style you have twisted into lies to help me in the same way you are helping your country and all service men. You and I both know that only something that has crawled out of the gutter would resort to the use of such tactics in the hope that it would help him (not anyone else), but, you Eddie, wouldn't do that. For it seems that even your egotistical, warped, pseudo mind had some compunctions about what you said. You said that you might be sued or put to jail. Now, Eddie, you know better than anyone else that it would be useless to sue you because no one could collect a nickel from you. The Sheriff of Cambria County found out that you have nothing in your name, and that is a matter of record. And I wouldn't want to put you in jail because you have been a burden and an expense to the city and county for many years, so why add the extra load at this time?
Your letter about me is true in one respect. It is true to the Eddie McCloskey style of trying to dupe the public by half-truths, lies, and character assassination in order to masquerade as a public-spirited citizen. When election time rolls around and you are a candidate, you always have a malicious story involving your opponent. People have not forgotten that last year you lied about two respectable County Commissioners, John Thomas and Frank Hollern. Why did you wait all this time to tell this fairy tale about me to the public? The answer is obvious. And

why didn't you have the courage to tell this story to my face instead of waiting until I was thousands of miles away from Johnstown? Eddie, which one of your stooges are you using to say that he offered you money for me?
I realize, Eddie, that my assignment with the Navy is not very glamorous and does not begin to compare with your outstanding record in the last war. As a boy, I remember hearing about your exploits. Please tell me, Eddie, did you take a job during the last war in the Cambria Machine Shop to escape the draft, and when the war was over did you quit your job and were you regarded as a slacker? And I am informed, Eddie, that even though you have had jobs, you have done a minimum amount of work since. Is it true that your young robust son, of draft age, instead of entering the service, left Johnstown and has been working in a defense plant in a large city? I MIGHT REMIND YOU THAT THERE ARE SEVEN GLOSSER BOYS FROM JOHNSTOWN IN THE SERVICE. And when your term of office as County Commissioner ended, please tell me, did you get a job and help the war effort or did you hang around street corners and spread malicious gossip, criticize and seek to destroy because you want another handout from the public? Did you go out and sell war bonds? Eddie, do you own a war bond? If you do not, I would not blame you because there would be no sense in investing in a country in which you have no confidence. I might add that I invest part of my pay each month in War Bonds. Have you served on any committees for the Red Cross, the U. S. O., Community Chest, or War Bond Drives? May I suggest that you print the story of your part in the war effort. If you are worried about the paper shortage, you could use the back of a cancelled postage stamp and still have room

for your other constructive achievements.
Bearing these thoughts in mind I must say you certainly are the right person to question the record of any service man.
Now in case you are interested in the true facts about me, I will enumerate them. I did receive a deferment from the Draft Board early in 1942 to give me time to find a man above draft age to take my place, whom I later found and who did replace me. While I was deferred I was helping the war effort by managing a scrap yard. I applied for a commission early in June, and asked my draft board for additional time. Like hundreds of others in this area, I took an appeal to the Board of Appeals, and my appeal was not allowed. I did not make an appeal to have my case reviewed by the President. This was done by the Government Appeal Agent of my draft board as a test case and not at my request. Before my commission was granted, I was inducted into the Army in November, 1942, and spent five days (not six weeks) at New Cumberland. I then was sent to Camp Lee, Va., where I took my basic training. In February, 1943, my application for a commission in the Navy, filed in June, 1942, resulted in the granting of a commission to me. The Navy secured my release from the Army and I was sworn into the Navy where I have conscientiously and satisfactorily performed the duties assigned to me. NO POLITICIAN OR ANY INDIVIDUAL HAD ANYTHING TO DO WITH MY GETTING A COMMISSION. Before entering the service, I had twelve years experience handling scrap and salvaged material and my technical knowledge and practical experience qualified me for a commission involving the work I have been doing for the Navy. But, Eddie, you say I got a commission without previous experience. At the time I received my commission Naval

Procurement was advertising for 20 men from scrap yards and similar establishments with the experience and knowledge which I had. Many of these 20 men received higher rank than I did. Obviously, I received my commission on the basis of my qualifications in the same way that hundreds of other young men in this area obtained commissions. AS A MATTER OF FACT, THE U. S. NAVY IS STILL SEEKING MEN WITH KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERIENCE IN THE SCRAP BUSINESS WHO ARE NOW BEING OFFERED COMMISSIONS IN THE NAVY. But, Eddie, you don't want to believe that because it is the truth, and the truth will not serve your purpose. I DO NOT BUY OR SELL ANYTHING FOR THE NAVY; MY WORK IS PURELY PROCESSING. YOU SAY I SHIPPED TANKS TO THE COMPANY WITH WHICH I WAS FORMERLY CONNECTED, BUT THE NAVY DOES NOT HAVE TANKS. Your statement as to Navy tanks is just as ridiculous as the rest of your letter and allegations. But, Eddie, you always were good for a laugh. At one time some people thought that in spite of the fact that you peddled vicious lies as your stock in trade, nevertheless you had courage. And then you showed your true colors and you were the laughing stock of Johnstown. Remember the time the police came to your home to arrest you and you hid under the bed.
I surely appreciate your interest in me when you wrote to Naval Intelligence and the F. B. I. Both of these agencies, by your own admission, thoroughly investigated your charges before consigning your letters to the "crack-pot" file, and you yourself say that you were informed of their findings. I am sure that Uncle Sam is deeply appreciative of such a contribution to the war effort. Only a man with a war record like yours would seek to disturb public confi-

dence in our government by an unwarranted attack upon a member of Congress, the F. B. I., and the U. S. Navy to serve your selfish motives. Your past record as a citizen of our community and as a public official will leave no doubt in the minds of the people as to why you are suddenly championing the rights of those who are serving in the armed forces of the U. S. while you are backing them up with propaganda that brings joy to the enemies they are fighting.
Eddie, you really don't believe that the government is wrong and that you are right. It doesn't pay you, however, to tell the truth. You have been peddling lies so long that if you decided to reform, you would be out of business. You would have nothing to sell. Therefore, "super-patriot" that you are, you broadcast a false story about me in the hope that the public would not get the facts and would not see through your treachery. You used the same tactics last year when you were a candidate for County Commissioner. You invented a story about County Commissioners John Thomas and Frank Hollern, accusing them of dishonesty in order to keep them busy defending themselves so that they would not expose you. Much to your sorrow they did expose you and you did not succeed in fooling the public.
I again wish to thank you with the knowledge that tomorrow you might do the same to any other service man, any respectable citizen, or any government agency, if it suited your purpose. Allow me to call your attention to a man by the name of Schickelgruber who also thought that anything he said or did was right, and who will shortly be consigned to a suitable place for men who thrived on hatred, lies, and ill-will.
"Truthfully,"
William Glosser,
(Lt. J. G. U. S. N. R.)
Voting Precinct Southmont No. 1.