

## John J. Hibbard Candidate For Register of Wills

### Popular Attorney's Candidacy Being Well Received Throughout Luzerne County.

Attorney John J. Hibbard of Wanamie, Newport Township, who filed for the office of Register of Wills is waging an active campaign for the office throughout the county.

Attorney Hibbard was born in Newport, Township forty-two years ago and at what he learned at night school prepared him for a high school education. He later entered the law school in various communities for a period of five years before entering active practice and today is recognized as one of the foremost attorneys in Luzerne County.

He left his law practice to enlist in the world war and upon his return resumed his practice of law.

Attorney Hibbard feels that as the Register of Wills Office is semi-judicial that an attorney of experience can be not only a benefit to the office but the public as well.

## Raise Standards For School Heads

One of the recent acts of the Legislature which will affect all newly commissioned superintendents and assistant superintendents of schools is the amendments to the School Code which raises the qualifications of candidates for such positions, officials today pointed out.

The new amendments exact the following requirements for a commission to act as superintendent or assistant superintendent of schools:

All newly commissioned superintendents must be college graduates and must have completed certain approved courses in administration and supervision of public schools. The former section of the school code which prescribed requirements for superintendents established normal school graduation as one of the requirements for this type of certificate.

The new requirements prescribe that no person shall be eligible for election or appointment as a county district, assistant county, assistant district or associate superintendent who has not had six years successful teaching experience, not less than three of which shall have been in a supervisory or administrative capacity and provided further that he has completed in a college or university a graduate course in education approved by the State Council of Education. The new requirement is expected to raise the professional status of the office of superintendent of schools in the State.

While many of the school districts now employ only such persons who have met the requirements as approved by the State Council of Education, the effect of the new law will be to increase the efficiency and management of the public schools throughout the Commonwealth, it is believed.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Helium For New Giant Airship "Akron" Supplied From Bureau of Mines Plant

The new giant Naval airship "Akron," recently christened and which is soon to take its maiden voyage, depends for the helium used in its navigation on the Government plant near Amarillo, Texas, which was designed and constructed and is operated by the United States Bureau of Mines, Department of Commerce. More than 6,000,000 cubic feet of this rare nonflammable gas has been shipped from the Amarillo plant.

Although the establishment at Amarillo has been in operation only a little more than two years, it has produced more than 22,000,000 cubic feet of helium at an average net cost for that period of \$11.47 per thousand cubic feet. An indication of present improved plant performance, brought about through experience in plant operation and improvements in process and equipment constantly introduced is given in production figures for June 1931, when the net cost of \$5.95 per thousand cubic feet was attained.

It is interesting to recall that not more than 16 years ago, helium was an extremely rare gas, only a chemical curiosity. There was not a cubic foot of it in the United States, though small amounts had been sold at the rate of \$2,500 per cubic foot. At that price, to have filled a ship the size of the Akron would have cost more than \$16,000,000,000. The present cost of production is a good example of what may be accomplished by applied research.

The late Dr. R. B. Moore, who at the time was superintendent of the Bureau of Mines experiment station at Golden, Colo., was instrumental during the World War in interesting the Army and Navy in the possibilities of helium-filled, lighter-than-air craft. As a result, the experimental

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## PAUL SCHMIDT ANNOUNCED FOR RECORDER

### Former County Controller, Will Wage Formidable Contest.

Attorney Paul J. Schmidt, former county controller, has announced his candidacy for recorder of deeds.

The friends of Attorney Schmidt feel after two months of quiet campaigning that regardless of last minute announcements the former controller will lead the field.

He bases his candidacy on his record as Controller, together with a reputation for probity and efficiency established over years of active interest in public affairs.

Attorney Schmidt's petitions will carry the names of more than thirty thousand voters throughout the county.

He will file for both Democratic and Republican nominations.

## USE OF HIGHWAYS AS REPAIR SHOPS IS SAID UNSAFE

"Don't make a repair shop of the highway when something goes wrong with the car!"

That advice is given automobile operators by W. W. Matthews, Deputy Commissioner of Motor Vehicles. It is based on the all too prevalent custom of strewing tool kit equipment and spare tires along the road. These obstructions frequently added to by solicitous friends of the operators who also aid in blocking the highway.

"So many accidents from this cause have been reported, some of them serious, that they necessitate this warning," Matthews says. "Increased speeds and the greater volume of traffic have made this danger greater than in the past. The advent of warm weather with overheated and worn tires increase the possibility of flats. Of course, they must be fixed, and occasionally you'll have to do a little tinkering with your motor, but for your own safety and the safety of others don't make a repair shop of the highway. If possible drive the car entirely off the road before attempting repairs. This is particularly applicable at night."

## MISS MILLER BECOMES BRIDE OF DR. FLEMING

In Stella Presbyterian church, Wyoming avenue, Forty Fort, on Saturday evening at 6, Miss Grace Miller of Wyoming was married to Dr. J. C. Fleming of Dallas. The church was attractively decorated with palms and cut flowers. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Hansen L. Bergen. Mrs. W. R. Levering played the wedding marches and gave the numbers, "I Love You Truly," and "At Dawning before the ceremony."

The bride wore a gown of white ivory eyeleted lace over taffeta made along princess lines and a Madonna cap of real lace arranged at the sides with orange blossoms and having a shoulder length veil. She wore white lace mitts and her bouquet was of bride's roses and lilies-of-the-valley. She wore a crystal necklace, a gift of the bridegroom.

The maid of honor, Miss Amanda Harris, a classmate of the bride at college, wore a pale blue gown of eyeleted lace over taffeta made similarly to that worn by the bride. Her hat was a large model of felt to correspond and she wore blue lace mitts and carried an arm bouquet of pink rosebuds. The bride's gift to her attendant was a crystal necklace.

The flower girl, Mary Jane Fleming, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Bruce L. Fleming of Philadelphia, and niece of the bridegroom, wore a yellow organ-die frock. She wore socks and hat of matching shade and carried a basket of mixed summer flowers. The bride presented a white gold bracelet to the flower girl.

Dr. W. R. Levering of Stroudsburg, a former classmate and fraternity brother of Dr. Fleming, was best man. The bridegroom's gift to his best man was a matched set of belts and buckles.

Following the ceremony there was a dinner and reception for the wedding party and close relatives at Irem Temple Country club. The couple have left on a motor and boat trip. They will reside at 63 Main street, Dallas.

## State Forests Offer Varied Attractions

"A rare mingling of streams, lakes, and mountains, offering to the lover of the out-of-doors every opportunity for the enjoyment of nature," is the description given the State Forests of Pennsylvania by enthusiastic correspondent writing to the Pennsylvania Department of Forests and Waters.

In commenting upon this praise of Pennsylvania's woodland, Secretary Lewis E. Staley said, "Never in the history of forestry have so many people sought recreation in Penn's Woods, where the ideal summer climate with warm days and cool nights, caused many visitors to prolong their vacations."

"For those who spend the weekends in rest and recreation and their vacations in the open, there will be found within the one and one-half million

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## It Makes A Difference

According to statements made by state and county highway employees they received orders this week to deface and tear down all pole posters placed along the highways by independent candidates for office, and to post in their places the cards of the Fine-Langan-Kehoe-Bird list of candidates.

County and State road employees did this work on time paid for by the taxpayers of Luzerne County for improvement and maintenance work on the highways. These employees knew that their jobs were insecure if they did not follow orders. No highway employee has ever lost a job for loafing but plenty have lost their jobs for not following the instructions of the machine.

The work was pleasant pastime for the road caretakers, but just why the public should be paying the costs of political bill posting is a question in the minds of many taxpayers. Beautification of the highways might be an argument brought forth, but who could be so bold as to say that the pictures of the Fine-Kehoe-Langan-Bird candidates plastered on poles helps to beautify the landscape. And when it comes to beauty it is hardly necessary for the Pittston gang to come to this section of the county to start their work of improvement, so far we have been able pretty much to hold our own in that line.

There are a lot of pretty good fellows running for political office on Independent tickets this year, some of them aren't so handsome, but its only once in a while that they get a chance to distribute their pictures about the county. If this election is going to turn out to be a beauty contest we'd like to catch a glimpse of all of the entrants. It can't be that all of the good looking and all of the decent fellows are lined up with Morgan Bird, John Fine, Ambrose Langan and John Kehoe.

## SCHOOL BOARD MEETS; SELECT ARCHITECT

Members of the Kingston Township School Board held a special meeting at the Trucksville school house last Thursday with the following members, Hay, Schooley, Nicholas and Hill, being present. Howard Appleton was unable to attend, being confined to his home with sickness. Herbert Hill acted as secretary.

The meeting last week was called for the purpose of naming an architect to draw plans for the proposed new school building for the township which has become a necessity, due to overcrowded conditions that exist at the present time. After carefully considering the various plans that were submitted by the architects, the board members present went on record by a motion made by Mr. Hay and seconded by Mr. Schooley to notify the township solicitor to draw up a resolution engaging the services of Mack and Sahn as the architects to draw up the plans. At the meeting these men had submitted a set of plans for an eight-room school house with an auditorium, gymnasium combined of fireproof construction, at their estimation.

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## M. E. CHOIR HOLDS COVERED DISH SUPPER

The members, and their friends of the choir of the Dallas M. E. Church held a Covered Dish Supper at Fernbrook Park, Friday evening and all reported having a good time.

After supper quots and other games were played. It was decided to hold another covered dish supper in the early winter.

Those present were: Samuel Griffith, President, Mrs. James Oliver, Treasurer; Mrs. Wm. H. Baker, Secretary; W. A. Collett, Organist and Choir Leader; Mrs. W. A. Collett, Mr. W. H. Baker, Billy Baker, Betty Aston, Mrs. Winifred Griffith, Nany Griffith Mary Griffith, Mr. A. H. Van Nortwick, Mrs. A. H. Van Nortwick, Mr. L. W. LeGrand, Mrs. L. W. LeGrand, Mr. J. H. Frantz, Mrs. J. H. Frantz, Mrs. Florence Phillips, Mrs. Margaret Hildebrand, Mr. Clarence LaBar, Mrs. Clarence LaBar, Helen LaBar, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Pittman, Mr. and Mrs. David Brace, Leonard O'Kane, Mrs. Leonard O'Kane, Audrey O'Kane, Mrs. James E. Jones, Theo. R. Dix, Mrs. Theo. Dix, William Dix, Donald Dix, George Beisinger.

## "Sandusky Sea Serpent" Quickly Exposed as Press Agent Yarn by Ohio Headline Writers

The ingenious attempt of two carnival men, posing as cement salesmen, to put over a story of their capture of a huge sea monster in Lake Erie recently, might have been a big success if it hadn't been for the ridicule laid on thick by headline writers in the nearby cities of Toledo and Cleveland.

A day after Sandusky was excited by stories that a "sea serpent" had been seen in the lake, Clifford Wilson and Frank Gagnotto, strangers in the city, came to town with an 18-foot python and a hair-raising story of how they captured it.

They said they had been fishing in a boat when the snake came to the surface nearby and startled them almost speechless. Wilson swung at it with an oar, whereupon the "sea serpent," emerged high out of the water, emitting a large cloud of "steam" from its tail. Wilson swung again and the blow rolled the "serpent" over on its back.

The two men pulled the "monster" across the stern of the boat and rowed to shore, where with the aid of several others they landed the "serpent," which weighed more than 100 pounds. Then the animal revived and attempted to crawl back into the water, but they recaptured it, put it into a crate and placed it on exhibition in a garage, where several thousand persons viewed it.

Copyreaders pounced on the story and news editors gave it big page-one play. One of the early heads was:

**SANDUSKY'S SNARLING SEA SERPENT SNARED BY SEAGOING SALESMAN**

Startled Pair Defend Selves With Oars in Erie Epic.

18-Foot Lake Varmint Emerges From Water to Meet Waterloo

## CHARLES A. JONES DIES IN HOSPITAL

Charles A. Jones, 46, of 112 Delaware avenue West Pittston, died last night in Pittston Hospital, death being caused by complications following an operation. He was the son of T. W. and Sarah Jones of 36 Snowden street, Forty Fort. He is survived by his widow, Ann Howell Jones; two daughters, Virginia and Helen; his parents, two brothers, William of Wilkes-Barre and Harold of Kingston; also two sisters, Bessie at home and Mrs. Joseph Chittenden of Jacksonville, Fla.

The funeral will be held from the parents home on Friday afternoon at 2:30. Rev. J. B. Craven, pastor of Grant street Presbyterian church, will officiate. Interment will be at West Pittston.

Mr. Charles A. Jones was a former resident of Dallas, Pa.

## Civil Service Examinations Announced

The United States Civil Service Commission has announced open competitive examinations as follows:

School social worker (visiting teacher) \$2,300 a year, Indian Service. Closing date, December 30, 1931.

Assistant radio operator (airways). \$1,800 to \$2,160 a year, Bureau of Lighthouses, Department of Commerce. Closing date, September 18, 1931.

All States except Delaware, Iowa, Maine, Maryland, New Hampshire, Vermont, Virginia, and the District of Columbia have received less than their share of appointments in the appointed Department Service at Washington, D. C.

Full information may be obtained from the Secretary of the United States Civil Service Board of Examiners at the post office in any city which has a post office of the first or second class, or from the United States Civil Service Commission, Washington, D. C.

## 5,000 PERSONS EXPECTED TO ATTEND POTATO SHOW

At least 5000 persons are expected to attend the 1931 Potato Exposition at State College, Pennsylvania during the three days, August 24, 25, 26, announces L. T. Denniston, executive secretary of the Pennsylvania Potato Growers Association.

Approximately 100 potato growers from Luzerne County plan to attend, announces J. D. Hutchison.

One of the new features on the program this year is the Rural Choir and Chorus contest which will be staged in the college auditorium Tuesday evening. Eight choirs and choruses representing eight counties are competing.

Other features of the program include educational tours; inspection trips over the college farms; demonstrations of modern methods and equipment, grading, packing and marketing demonstrations, and demonstrations on the preparation and use of potatoes.

Several prominent speakers will appear on the program including R. L. Watts, Dean of the School of Agriculture; E. L. Nixon, Professor of Plant Pathology; F. P. Weaver, Professor of Agriculture Economics, all from the Pennsylvania State College. Honorable G. A. McSparran, State Secretary of Agriculture; E. S. Bayard, Editor, the Pennsylvania Farmer; Wheeler McMillon, Associate Editor, County Home; Mrs. Clara Phillips, Member of the Board of Trustees, the Pennsylvania State College; A. P. Yorkes of the International Harvester Company, and others.

## PROMINENT WOMEN BREAKS LEG

Mrs. Ambrose Rutz, well known resident of Dallas, and wife of Ambrose Rutz, beauty parlor proprietor in Wilkes-Barre, is slowly recovering from a painful compound fracture of the leg, which she sustained Thursday night of last week while attending a social function at Sandy Beach, Harvey's Lake.

## Bulford Reunion

The annual Bulford reunion will be held at Fernbrook Park, Wednesday, September 2. All relatives and friends are requested to be present. Robert Bulford is president of the organization and Elizabeth Breckenridge Secretary.

## Members of Garden Club Have Luncheon, and Tour

Members of Garden Club of Wyoming Valley and their guests visited gardens at Trucksville and Shavertown and vicinity on Wednesday.

Persons making a tour had luncheon at Colonial tea room at Fernbrook at 1. The first two gardens visited on Wednesday were those of Mrs. Burr C. Miller at Hillside and John N. Conyngham at Hayfield Farm, Lehman. Other gardens in Trucksville and Shavertown were visited in the following order: James O'Boyle, Pioneer avenue; Malcolm Burnside, Pioneer avenue; Mrs. R. M. Scott, Mt. Green road; W. A. Steelman, Warden street; Mrs. Eulalia Cox Dow, Warden avenue; Joseph G. Schuler, Mt. Green road; Nellie Leach, Oak street; Mrs. Lee C. Hessler, Rice Street; Mrs. E. J. Hessler, Rice street.

## Big Day at Shavertown With Fiemen

### Big Score Featured Ball Game and the Big Guest, Mayor Daniel L. Hart of Wilkes-Barre, Made Everybody Happy

There was a real suburban touch to Shavertown last Saturday, when everything went over big at the Firemen's open air affair, and church supper held in conjunction. Attended by a steady stream of visitors and home people from early to late the patronage was well taken care of with a gratifying degree of gain and pleasure. The weather was about perfect and all promises were carried out without mishap. The home team defeated Wilson's champions of 1931 by just a smaller margin than the score of July 4th, when All went down 11 to 1; the result of the last game being 10 to 2.

Scotty VanHorn picked up a team of Volley Ball artists which suffered defeat at the hands of another aggregation; but it was full of interest and greatly enjoyed by early visitors; a few of the players proved expert at this game and were distinguishable.

The Vercoe family, all musical, brought forth applause after applause and got the audience looking for more entertainment when they finished and Tom Griffith's was there with bells on when his Washburn troupe got down to business. Griffith is an old-timer with the drum and bones and now resides in Courtland, where he trained the rest of his performers. The Noxen band featured at night with plenty of music and singing.

Mayor Daniel L. Hart, of Wilkes-Barre brought all minds to home—the love and protection of home; its intimates, its pets and its more restful help, which so often perish in flames and cause sorrow and loss. It was a Firemen's day speech well taken and accepted for its kind advice and wisdom. Everyone felt lucky to have heard the Mayor speak and in commenting upon it, the Mayor stated that he thought it as much as his needed but nobody ever knew he needed it until he spoke. They always welcome to Shavertown.

Other guests were Bill T. Deniston, secretary of the Kingston Potato Growers Association; Prof. Road of the 8th grade school also came down from his summer home, and Harold G. Wagner formerly of the Township spent most of the day here.

There were not many who did not want to see the ball game and manage.

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## ONE BEAR WINS IN TILT WITH BULLS

In a battle of one bear against two bulls, the former won, regardless of the situation on the New York stock market, according to a damage claim to the Game Commission.

Leonard Wright, Keisley, Elk county, reported the killing of two bulls, one a two-year and weighing 600 pounds, by a bear.

Because of the abundance of natural food few damage claims have been made recently to the Commission.

## Enthusiasm Blanks Wastefulness and Deceit

### How Former Stars Worked Out Their Own Salvation And Chances Of The Players Of Today. Let's Help!

It requires more enthusiasm than nerve to make a success out of anything. People may think that nerve does it but enthusiasm wins out. Where there is no enthusiasm the job will look artificial when a thing is done.

## His Pa Watched

Years ago, over in West Side Park, (now called New Westmore,) we used to play many games, and one fellow just out of college, was certainly a fellow chucked full of real enthusiasm. He was a southpaw pitcher too!

He was pitching one day in front of a well-filled grandstand. As he pitched he kept account of his record in inning by inning. One inning he had two men out on strikes. What struck us was that he looked up at the stand, putting up two fingers of his hand free from the glove, he yelled, "I struck out two batters, pa."

His parents went to every game in which he then pitched like Pa and Ma Stribling followed their son on his fight engagements. His name was Schaffer, who later pitched for Billy Thomas' Luzerne Reds, as Billy will remember.

## More Southpaws

Another enthusiastic pitcher in those days was Harry Hess, deceased, of Nanticoke, also a left hander, who pitched many games for Rowley Wolfe's Luzerne Reds, before Billy got into high ranks.

Right now we have "Pinky Swingle and Lefty Thomas, both enthusiastic and hard working boxmen. Lefty has a fast ball and a business-like delivery, while "Pinky" has some wicked throws that get results.

Both of these southpaws have a bright future. Swingle is much like Schager, although more the size of

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