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History of the CAMPBELLSPORT NEWS

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The following is a verbatim copy of a newspaper article which appeared in THE CAMPBELLSPORT NEWS, Thursday, May 29, 1980 – Number 6, Vol. 73.

Former Publisher Dies Monday



Harlow Roate, 68, 2120 sunset Drive, Campbellsport, died at 8:20 a.m. Monday, May 26, at St. Agnes Hospital in Fond du Lac.

Harlow owned and published the Campbellsport News from 1937 (when he purchased it from William Sullivan) until 1974 (when he sold the News to Jerry Ninnemann).

Mr. Roate operated the weekly "News" during the period of time when many small country weeklies were being absorbed or abandoned due to the growth of other mass communication media.

The "News", however, continued to publish during the 37 years of his ownership.

Harlow was born Jan. 4., 1912, at New Holstein, son of Hubert and Helen Pieper Roate. He graduated from New Holstein High School and attended Lawrence College, Appleton, and Stout State University, Menominee.

He married Mickey Albrecht on Aug. 14, 1937, at Appleton.

He organized the Cub Scouts in Campbellsport, and was the recipient of the Silver Beaver Scout Award; organized the Little League; was a Past President of the Campbellsport Lions club; a member of the Campbellsport Fire Department for over 30 years; Director of the School Board District # 2; member of the Campbellsport Golf League; Thurs [sic]. Businessmen's Bowling League; Artesia Beach Association; and a Golden Member of the Wisconsin Press Association.

He is survived by his wife, Mickey; son Bert of Burlington; daughters, Mrs. Lynn Schramm of Fond du Lac, Nancy Roate of Chicago, and Mrs. Beth Bray of Whitefish Bay; 3 granddaughters; and 2 sisters, Mrs. Al (Florence) Krabbe, of Appleton and Mrs. Marion Schappek of Brighton, Mich. Memorial Services will be held Sat., May 31, at 3 p.m., at the United Church of Christ in Campbellsport, with the Rev. Carl Jensen officiating. Memorials to Campbellsport Rescue Squad.

End of article

The following is an article written by Roderick Reese on the history of news publication in Campbellsport.

Dr. Louis Eidemiller came to New Cassel after purchasing Lot 13 of Block 10 of the New Cassel Plat, and built his home and office building. The time was after Dec. 28, 1875.

His address was 340 East Main Street and is where Larry Danielson lives today. *[Note by S. Connie Halbur: Mr. Reese wrote this article in 1976.]* In 1880 he established the small New Cassel Blitz newspaper and published it for 6 months out of Dr. Randolph Zimmerman's office & home. The location was at 218 South Jennie Street and is where Mrs. Mary Pennington lives today *[that is, 1976]*.

The first newspaper was edited by Mr. Johnson and was called the Twin Village News. And by an old copy of this newspaper given to me for research by Mr. Roate. The exact time could be checked by its Volume 2 Number 68 and dated July 1, 1899. By this knowledge *[sic]* the first copy was edited in May of 1898.

Around the turn of the century Charles Broughton became Mr. Johnson's partner, and for the next 5 years the news and ads were recorded by a woman in Wedde's Hardware Store – W *[sic]*, which is the Schlaefer Hardware Store today *[1976]*. *[Mr. Reese placed some notes in the margin:]* Charles Broughton was secretary of the Fire Department from 1904-1907. *[He then continues:]* Address: 136 West Main St. Sometime in 1907, Charles Broughton left Campbellsport to become the editor of the Sheboygan Press. After Mr. Johnson sold to Mr. W.C. Owiatt in May of 1906. *[Penmanship difficult to decipher. This surname may be spelled wrong.]* The name of the newspaper was changed to the CAMPBELLSPORT NEWS.

On May 1, 1910 [possibly 1911; difficult to decipher], W.C.Oriatt [?] sold the CAMPBELLSPORT NEWS to William Sullivan. Mr Sullivan came from Menomonie, Wisconsin, and was born October 12, 1874.

The small linotype was purchased by him and other necessary equipment for printing. [Sic – word order]. During his 25 years of business, he found time for social services as clerk of the village in 1911, 1912, and 1913, and a member of the Fire Department for many years, and also as acting postmaster of the village. After this, he retired because of ill health and leased the shop to Mr. Llogger [Sic] on May 1, 1935.

The CAMPBELLSPORT NEWS was located in the McCullough warehouse. Dorothy Schaefer was the linotype operator. Sullivan, Slogger, and Harlow Roate until she retired sometime in 1939. Harlow Roate purchased the NEWS on Nov. 15, 1937 and his wife Mickey started helping in 1939. They came from New Holstein, Wisconsin.

After Frank Bauer purchased the old store and warehouse building for a new business building.

The NEWS moved [*The following list of buildings seems to be places where the CAMPBELLSPORT NEWS was published.*]. The Oddfellows Hall -146 East Main St. and then in the Lawrence Kohler Shoe Store in 1943, 142 West Main St.. The larger equipment purchased by Mr. William Sullivan was a Job Press manufactured by Chandler & Price. Its printing size is 12” X 18”. In 1928, on May 4, a new Cranston Press [*was purchased?*] which would produce 1800 sheets an hour. The equipment that Mr. Roate purchased was a Little Giant Automatic Press purchased in 1953 for the sum of \$1,360. An automatic paper folder which was purchased in 1963, and was done by hand before this. [*Sic - Grammar*] In 1968, in April, he purchased a used linotype machine for the sum of \$3,400.

Harlow found time for many social services as over 25 years in the Campbellsport Fire Department, as officer of the Lions Club, , acting director of the Boy Scouts, the Little League, and years of leadership for our High School and the Village of Campbellsport.

By Roderick Reese
Completed in 1976