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## POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENTS.

### DEMOCRATIC CONGRESS.

We are authorized to announce that T. E. Costello, of Bradford, McKean county, is a candidate for nomination for Congress on the Democratic ticket, subject to the decision of the voters of the Twenty-third Congressional district as recorded at the primaries to be held April 24, 1928.

### LEGISLATURE

We are authorized to announce that Andrew Curtin Thompson, of Phillipsburg, Pa., is a candidate for nomination on the Democratic ticket for Representative in the General Assembly at Harrisburg. Subject to the decision of the Democratic voters of the county as expressed at the primaries to be held April 24, 1928.

FOR NATIONAL DELEGATE TO DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION.

I hereby announce my candidacy for delegate to the Democratic National Convention from the Twenty-third Congressional District, subject to the decision of the Democratic voters at the primaries, to be held on April 24, 1928.

JAMES KERR, Clearfield, Pa.

### REPUBLICAN COUNTY CHAIRMAN

To All Centre County Republicans:  
I have been urged by Republicans representative of all elements in our party in recent contests in Centre county, to become a candidate for Chairman of the Republican County committee. In the hope and belief that I will be able to accomplish much toward re-uniting the party, I have agreed to the use of my name for County Chairman on the ballot at the primaries on April 24th, 1928. My policy will be a square deal to all Republicans, irrespective of past differences among them, and my one aim will be to achieve Republican victory in the county. Upon this basis, I respectfully ask the support of all Republican voters.

PHILIP D. FOSTER  
State College, Pa.

### Many Centre Counties are Helping Reforestation.

Applications have been received by the Pennsylvania Department of Forests and Waters for forest tree seedlings from 25 land owners in Centre county for a total of 102,100 trees. The Hale Coal company of Houtzdale will plant 20,000 Scotch pine, and is one of the largest planters. The Pennsylvania State College Forestry Department will plant the same number, comprising white pine, Norway spruce, Japanese larch, Scotch pine, arbor vitae, red pine, white spruce, balsam, fir and Swedish Scotch pine. Mr. G. W. Holt, of Fleming, will set out 11,500 white pine, red pine, Scotch pine, Norway spruce, Japanese larch and white ash.

The Pennsylvania Department of Forests and Waters will ship 12,000,000 trees from the State Forest Tree nurseries during the month of April. Already 9,000,000 have been sold at a cost of \$2.00 per thousand, which amount includes packing and delivery to the express office. White pine, Scotch pine, Japanese larch, Norway spruce and white ash from 4 to 8 inches in height remain for sale. Persons desiring to plant trees should secure an application from the Department of Forests and Waters, at Harrisburg, or from district forester T. C. Harbeson, Milroy, Pa.

—The time for planting potatoes is drawing near. In the light of what happened to the potato crop in Centre county last year it behooves those interested to take precautions this spring against another poor yield of scabby, ill shaped tubers. Treating the seed does help. Everybody who has tried it agrees to that. But making the solution and working for hours at dipping the potatoes has been regarded as so much of a nuisance that planters seem to prefer to trust to the luck of a favorable season rather than worry with such precautions as might insure them a good crop, under unfavorable natural conditions. "Dipdust" is a new potato germicide and stimulator. It is very highly recommended, can be applied easily in a very few moments and costs little. We would advise a trial of it. A trial will cost you nothing because if it fails to get results your money will be refunded. Runkle's drug store has the Centre county agency for "Dipdust" and will either wholesale or retail the product.

—The Central Pennsylvania conference of the Methodist Episcopal church closed its annual sessions, at Altoona, on Monday afternoon with the announcement of the appointments by Bishop Thomas Nicholson. While the shakeup was pretty general it did not affect Centre county to any great extent. Rev. Homer C. Knox was returned to the Bellefonte church for another year, at the request of the congregation. A. C. Logan was assigned to Karthaus and Harvey O. Gotshall to Snow Shoe, while L. W. Ross goes to Salona and Lamar. Clearfield was selected as the place for holding the conference next year with the understanding that State College will be given consideration in 1930.

**GROSS.**—Following a lingering illness as the result of a complication of diseases Joseph W. Gross passed away, at two o'clock last Saturday morning, at the home of his brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Cunningham, on south Potter street, Bellefonte.

He was a son of Philip and Barbara Beezer Gross and was born at Axe Mann, on September 9th, 1858, hence was in his seventieth year. As a young man he learned the axe maker's trade under his father at the old Mann's axe works, at Axe Mann, where he worked until the plant was shut down. He then went into the Ceader bakery and learned the baking business under the late Joseph Ceader, working there a number of years. Some ten or twelve years ago his health began to fail and since then he had made his home with the Cunninghams, working at odd jobs as his health would permit. He was a devout member of the Catholic church, a member of the Knights of Columbus and the Logan Fire company.

He never married but is survived by five sisters, namely: Mrs. William Brooks, of Centre Hall; Mrs. Thomas Jennings, of Clarksburg, W. Va.; Mrs. J. M. Cunningham, of Bellefonte; Mrs. James E. Reilly, of Huntingdon; W. Va., and Miss Carrie, of Bellefonte.

Funeral services were held in the Catholic church, at ten o'clock on Monday morning by Rev. Father Downes, after which burial was made in the Catholic cemetery. Out-of-town friends here for the funeral were Mrs. Reilly, of Huntingdon, W. Va.; Mr. and Mrs. Fred Crotty and son, Fred; Charles Crotty and Mrs. Louisa Jordan, of Lewistown, and Lee Brooks, of Spring Mills.

**IRVIN.**—Daniel C. Irvin, for years a well known farmer at Pennsylvania Furnace, died on Wednesday morning, at his home at Baileyville, as the result of a heart affection. He had been ill for several months and his death was not unexpected.

Deceased was a son of Mr. and Mrs. Patterson Irvin and was born at Pennsylvania Furnace seventy-three years ago. He followed farming all his life until his retirement a few years ago. He was a member of the Presbyterian church at Graysville and for years had been one of the leading Republican workers in west Ferguson. He married Miss Alice Cole, of Loveville, who survives with the following children: George P. Irvin, of Chico, Cal.; Clarence, of Harrisburg; Mrs. George C. Meyer, of State College, and Mrs. Wright, of Latrobe. He also leaves three brothers and two sisters, Oscar and Harry Irvin, of Altoona. James, of Warriorsmark; Mrs. Laura Moutz, of Franklinville, and Mrs. William Gates, of Baileyville.

Rev. Minnich will have charge of the funeral services which will probably be held tomorrow, burial to be made at Graysville.

**WEIRBACK.**—Mrs. Margaret Elizabeth Weirback, widow of Dr. I. J. Weirback, died last Saturday, at the home of her son, Joseph Weirback, in Pittsburgh, as the result of a stroke of paralysis sustained a week previous. She was in her 88th year. A daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Peter S. Fisher she was born and grew to womanhood in Centre county. Later the family moved to Bucks county, where she met and married Dr. Weirback. A good part of their married life was spent at St. Petersburg and Monessen. Her husband died in 1908 but surviving her are four children, Mrs. William A. Craven and Joseph Weirback, of Pittsburgh; Mrs. Arthur T. Morey, in St. Louis, and B. Frank Weirback, of Vincennes, Ind. She also leaves one sister and a brother, Mrs. C. S. Cordie, of Marianna, and Rev. Father Nevin F. Fisher, of Philadelphia. The late Dr. Philip S. Fisher, of Zion, was a brother of the deceased while quite a number of other relatives live in Centre county.

The funeral was held on Tuesday, burial being made at St. Petersburg, Clarion county.

**GIBSON.**—Mrs. R. M. Gibson, 56, wife of Federal Judge Robert Gibson, died recently in her home at 6101 Stanton avenue, Pittsburgh. She was a native of Armstrong county and a daughter of Rev. J. F. Coy. She leaves her husband, three daughters, Ruth and Sarah E. Gibson and Mrs. Walter Duncan; four sons, William H., Daniel H., R. Murray and John M. Gibson; her mother, Mrs. J. F. Coy, of Washington, Pa.

Judge Gibson is a native of Centre county, having spent his youth at Pine Grove Mills, where his parents, Dr. William J., and Elizabeth Murray Gibson resided for many years. Dr. Gibson was pastor of the Presbyterian church there.

**KANE.**—Miss Mary Kane died on Sunday afternoon, at her home in Philadelphia, as the result of an attack of heart failure. She was a daughter of Cornelius and Honora Kane and was born at Howard sixty-three years ago. Her surviving brothers and sisters are John Kane, of Ridgway; James, of Zion; Mrs. Annie Kane, of Bellefonte; Mrs. J. L. Caskey, of Renovo; Miss Ella Kane, of South Orange, N. J., and Mrs. H. J. Miller, of Haskill, N. J. The remains were brought to Bellefonte yesterday morning and funeral services held in the Catholic church, after which the remains were taken to Howard for burial.

**DONOVAN.**—Mr. and Mrs. Frank Donovan, of Spring township, are mourning the death of their infant

son, Donald Bertrand Donovan, who died last Saturday morning. Burial was made the same afternoon in the Catholic cemetery.

### The Undines Celebrate St. Patrick's Day with Annual Banquet.

Members and guests of the Undine Fire company, to the number of seventy-two, banqueted in the engine house, Monday evening. It was their annual St. Patrick's day celebration and, of course, the decorations were green. The shamrock and the Harp O' Tara's Hall were everywhere in evidence and men of many nationalities showed the spirit of comradeship that such occasions beget.

George Carpeneto, chief of the Undine Co., and fireman all over, presided at the banquet, which was served by caterer Marks. The food was excellent, in great abundance and variety and served hot.

When coffee and cigars were reached the toast-master called the "applesauce peddlers" into action and they responded in the following order: Rev. Father Downes, Charles E. Dorworth, Secretary of Forests and Waters, W. Harrison Walker Esq., Burgess Hardman P. Harris, Sheriff H. E. Dunlap, Phil D. Foster, who represented the State College fire department, Col. H. S. Taylor, John J. Bower Esq., the new borough fire marshal, Ogden B. Malin, chief of the Logan Co., George R. Meek, Cecil Walker, Roy Wilkinson, and "Red" Mahoney.

Following the feast of wit, wisdom and what-not there was a program of entertainment that lasted well into the night. The Shekler orchestra of Milesburg furnished music for the banquet and for the revelries afterward. And revellies is the word, for a crowd of good fellows were together, they had had a fine feed and each one was in the mood for contributing his bit for the entertainment of the others.

It was generally voted to have been the nicest affair the Company has ever given.

### Milton C. Work, Eminent Bridge Authority to Visit Huntingdon April 19.

Milton C. Work, the pre-eminent authority on auction bridge, will appear in Huntingdon, under the auspices of the Civic club, Thursday April 19th, at 8 o'clock p. m. in the auditorium of the Community home.

Every bridge player, expert or beginner, owes it to himself (and to his partner) to avail himself of this opportunity of bidding and playing the intensely interesting and instructive hands which Mr. Work will introduce, and to listen to the lucid explanation of difficult bridge problems by the greatest of all authorities on the game.

Tickets can be purchased by communicating with Mrs. Fred Etnier, chairman of entertainment committee, Huntingdon, Pa. Tickets will also be sold at the door.

### Woman Found Dead in Snowdrift Near Clarence.

Mrs. Mary Yatscho, a foreign woman who lived alone in a small house near Clarence, was missed by her neighbors on Monday, and an investigation disclosed the fact that no one had seen her after Saturday evening, when she had been seen walking toward the Greek cemetery. A search for the woman was instituted and on Tuesday morning the body was found in a snow drift near the cemetery. Only the shoulders protruded when found.

The woman had evidently been overcome during the severe snow storm of Saturday night and falling in the snow died of exhaustion. She was sixty-three years old and lived in that locality a number of years. Her husband is dead but surviving her are a son and two daughters. Burial will be made today.

—The farm home of J. F. Royer, near Madisonburg, was destroyed by fire last Thursday, entailing a loss of \$12,000. It was occupied by C. M. Stover, tenant farmer. The house was built during the Revolutionary war and has been in the ownership of the John Adam Shaffer posterity for five generations.

While undertaking to load a 600-lb. crated stove at the P. R. R. ware house, Wednesday morning, Wilbert H. Rider, a truckman for the Potter-Hoy Co., was severely injured about the chest and legs. The stove fell onto him from a truck from which he was wheeling it from the freight house.

—Miss Virginia Healy, who lost her position with the Titan Metal company when some of the office force was laid off as a matter of retrenchment, went to work for the West Penn Power company on Monday morning.

—The robins are here, wild geese are flying north in large flocks and Easter is only a little over two weeks away, all good indications of an early spring.

### Marriage Licenses.

Robert H. Zerby, of Centre Hall, and Celia M. Malone, of Coburn. Dean E. Grieb, of Lamar, and Anna R. Carner, of Hubersburg.

Osewalt C. Spachman and Florence Stanton, both of Martha Furnace. Samuel Nelson, of Portland, Me., and Edith M. Brown, of Bellefonte.

### CHAMBER OF COMMERCE SPONSORS COUNTY-WIDE BETTER HOMES PROJECT.

Sponsored by the State College Chamber of Commerce, co-operating with the Centre County Agricultural Extension Association, a county-wide farm home improvement program has been inaugurated in Centre county. A number of farm owners in the vicinity of State College, Boalsburg, and Pine Grove Mills have enlisted in the movement and their homes will serve as demonstrations to which others interested along similar lines can come for inspiration and practical ideas on improvement.

That greater interest may be secured at the beginning the Chamber of Commerce is putting the work on a competitive basis and is offering a substantial sum of money to be distributed as prizes to those farm owners entering the contest. The work is to be carried on over a period of from three to five years. At the present time about twenty farm owners have expressed their willingness to take part in the undertaking.

The purpose of this movement is to show by demonstration what can be done, without great expense, to improve the physical appearance, increase the financial value, and better the living conditions of the farm home. Those interested in the project are satisfied that nothing adds more value to a community than a clean, neat, well-kept, and attractive farm home. Happiness, content, and personal satisfaction of the individual living on the farm home are increased also by such surroundings.

All farm owners who decide to enter this contest will be visited by the county farm agent, R. C. Blaney, and the extension landscape specialist from the College, Emil Kant. The grounds will be gone over and suggestions given as to arrangements best suited to each place. If necessary, plans will be made of rearrangements of grounds and buildings and locations of plantings. Permanent records will be kept of all operations and costs from start to finish. In addition, photographs will be taken before anything is done and then from time to time as the work progresses. These photographs and figures will be published in newspapers and other suitable publications from time to time in order to acquaint others with what is being done.

The following points will count in the final judging in order of their importance:  
Repair and condition of the farmhouse and outbuildings. Paint is more or less an essential under this heading. No matter what is done to improve the appearance of a farm home it has very little meaning if the living quarters and outbuildings are in poor repair and lack paint.

Drives and walks. Well-kept and logically arranged drives and walks add a hundred per cent to the appearance of the farm home, and the compensation received in comfort and satisfaction greatly exceeds any money spent to put them in such condition.

Fences. These should be in good repair and located only where needed. Many times a low hedge will answer the purpose of a fence and where the right material is used it is cheaper, more satisfactory, and requires less work than a fence.

Planting. The matter of planting on the farm grounds generally is greatly misunderstood. Trees and shrubs should be planted with the following purpose in mind: (1) To form a background and setting for the farm home; (2) to provide shade for the home and to separate the home grounds and the rest of the farm land; (3) to serve as windbreaks and to screen outbuildings and unsightly views from the living quarters. Ideally they will add attractiveness and color to the home grounds throughout the year. Trees and shrubs should never be planted for their own individual value unless they can fulfill some of the above mentioned purposes.

A general meeting will be held at least once every year for the discussion of any problems that may develop and for the dissemination of additional information. Suggestive and useful literature will be sent out to all participants and also to any others interested in this work.

### Bellefonte Academy 1928 Football Schedule.

The Bellefonte Academy football schedule for 1928 will contain ten games, nine dates having already been filled with the opening game still open. Three of the games will be played on Hughes field. The schedule, as announced by headmaster James R. Hughes, this week is as follows:

- Sept. 29—Open.
- Oct. 6—Villa Nova Frosh, at Bellefonte.
- Oct. 13—Navy Fleet at Annapolis.
- Oct. 20—Backnell Frosh, at Lewisburg.
- Oct. 24—West Point Frosh at West Point.
- Oct. 27—Cathedral Prep at Erie.
- Nov. 2—N. Y. U. Frosh at New York city.
- Nov. 10—Wyoming Seminary at Kingstons.
- Nov. 17—W. and J. Frosh at Bellefonte.
- Nov. 24—Beckley College at Bellefonte.

—The Unionville thespians made quite a hit here with their presentation of the comedy, "The Beantown Choir." The lecture room of the local Methodist church was filled with a thoroughly appreciative audience and many remained to congratulate the amateurs on the professional manner in which they had carried their parts.

### William S. Furst Esq. Compiles New Princeton Directory.

William S. Furst, attorney, banker and civic worker, of Philadelphia, has completed compilation of Vol. II of the "Princeton Alumni Attorney's Directory." It is a work requiring much time and a tedious attention to detail for it could be of little value if not completely comprehensive and accurate.

Speaking of the task of arranging such publication, Girard, in his "Talk of the Day" column, in the Philadelphia Inquirer of March 13, says:

"What will make a man do more hard work without pay than loyalty to one's college? Answer, nothing."

William S. Furst, widely known Philadelphia lawyer, supplies another proof of that in a Who's Who of Princeton's living members of the bar. A prodigious amount of labor and for the sole purpose of showing how old Nassau stands today in the realm of lawsuits.

Princeton right in the beginning started with famous lawyers such as Madison and she has kept up to original standards with remarkable regularity.

There are now practicing in Philadelphia 104 lawyers who are Princeton men. Mr. Furst, of course, is one of them, and there are many other notable in the list, including Roland S. Morris, former Ambassador to Japan.

Arthur Huey, vice president of Philadelphia Electric, is another Princeton lawyer, and everyone knows that W. W. Roper, Councilman and Tiger football coach, sports the Orange and Black of Nassau.

Judge James Gay Gordon, Jr., is one of many Pennsylvania judges who were educated at Princeton.

Mr. Furst is a son of the late Hon. A. O. Furst and a brother of former Judge James C. Furst of this place.

—The indubitable law of compensation invariably holds good, even to the weather. Having escaped any deep snow fall up to the beginning of March it was only natural to conclude that we would escape without much snow to shovel. But so far we have had two of the deepest snows of the winter this month. On Saturday night it began snowing about eight o'clock but the temperature was so mild that much of it melted as it fell until ten o'clock when it grew colder and by Sunday morning a blanket ten inches deep covered the ground. It continued snowing at intervals during the day so that the entire fall was probably from twelve to fifteen inches. Just twenty-eight years ago a twelve inch snow fell on March 18th, so that Sunday's snow was not unusual, by any means.

—The indoor circus at the State theatre, last week, carried a special appeal to the kiddies of all ages and sizes just as the big programs of motion pictures being shown there this week are proving splendid entertainment for both old and young. There is no getting away from the fact, when you want to see the best in motion pictures, the State is the place to go. Good pictures are also shown at the Scenic where popular prices of admission obtain.

### Farm Insect Worker Joins College Staff.

Coming to this State from South Carolina where he was extension entomologist for the past three years, John O. Pepper has joined the extension staff of the Pennsylvania State College as assistant entomologist.

Pepper was graduated from Clemson College, in South Carolina, in 1923. During the next two years he was graduate assistant in entomology and zoology at the Ohio State University where he received his master of science degree.

He will carry on general educational work on farm insects and their control, principally in the western counties of the State.

### NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

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