

UNDINE FIRE CO. WILL GET NEW APPARATUS. Borough Council Agrees to Pay Half the Cost of Same.

Every member of borough council was present at the regular meeting, on Monday evening, with the exception of president John S. Walker, who was confined at home with illness. In his absence J. M. Cunningham was chosen to preside.

Borough solicitor N. B. Spangler and street commissioner W. E. Hurley were present regarding the claim of Mrs. Daniel Clemson for injuries sustained by falling in an open manhole on the street, but as they were unable to furnish accurate data they were requested to get the information and the matter was considered at a conference held in Mr. Spangler's office on Wednesday evening.

J. L. Carpeneto reported that after a trip to Danville, Northumberland and Tyrone, in company with members of borough council, inspecting quadruple combination fire fighting apparatus, the committee of the Undine Fire company had arrived at the conclusion that it would be wise to purchase a 750 gallon pumper instead of one of 600 capacity. In explanation he stated that the present pumpers have a capacity of 600 gallons each or a total of 1200 gallons. The requirements of the Underwriter's Association for Bellefonte are a capacity of 1750 gallons. If the new apparatus is only of 600 gallons capacity it would make only 1800 at the maximum, which would be only fifty gallons in excess of the requirement. But if a 750 gallon pumper is purchased it will mean 200 gallons excess, which will take care of all demands in Bellefonte for years to come.

Mr. Green, representing the American La France Fire Engine company, was present and briefly explained to council the merits of his apparatus, dwelling on the fact that it is all built in their own factory and is guaranteed during its normal life time. His price quoted was \$13,850.

Mr. Welsh representing the Buffalo Fire Apparatus corporation, stated that the quadruple combination put out by his company is an assembled one, but every part is standardized and manufactured by responsible firms. They gave a guarantee of three years and the price is \$10,500.

Mr. Badger, of the Fire and Police committee, reported that the committee is in favor of the purchase of a 750 gallon pumper. Other councilmen suggested that the Undine committee secure prices and specifications from other manufacturers, and to assure them of the cooperation of council a resolution was passed pledging council to the payment of \$4800 on the purchase price of a new apparatus.

Secretary Kelly read a communication from the State Board of Health in which it was detailed that the board had been apprised of the action of council in doing away with the local board of health and the election of Dr. S. M. Nissley as health officer, and stating that it will be necessary for him to undergo an examination as to his qualifications for the job; further suggesting that he might find it necessary to take a course in a school at Carlisle. The matter was referred to the Special committee.

The Street committee reported repairs on quite a number of streets, putting them into shape for summer traffic.

The Water committee reported a few minor repairs, the collection of \$107.00 on the 1927 duplicate, \$1293.00 on the 1928 and \$20 for rent from the Beatty Motor company.

Mr. Cunningham also stated that some changes had been made in the booster pump which has eliminated the vibration and noise complained of, but as there is only a two inch water pipe out in that section the volume of water is hardly sufficient, and he suggested extending the four inch main as far as the booster pump, a distance of about 400 feet. The matter was referred to the Water committee.

The Fire and Police committee reported that the Undine pumper has been equipped with new tires and the Logan pumper will be so equipped in a few days.

The Finance committee reported a balance of \$57.71 in the hands of the borough treasurer. Renewals were authorized on notes aggregating \$13,200, and a new note for \$3,500 was authorized to meet current bills.

Mr. Cobb, of the Special committee reported that he had secured from the West Penn Power corporation definite figures on the lighting of the proposed airport sign. Robert F. Hunter specified six one hundred watt lights which transposed into candle power would be eight one hundred candle power lights, which will cost \$208 per year, burning twelve hours a night. The matter was left in the hands of the committee.

Mr. Cobb then called the attention of council to the announcement of the milk dealers' association, published two weeks ago, that owing to the adoption of the milk ordinance they will be compelled to increase the price of milk two cents per quart on April

80 YEARS ON THE FARMS OF CENTRE COUNTY. A Comparative Statement of the County's Farm Products from 1844 to 1924.

A marked increase in the production of potatoes, milk and eggs on Centre county farms during the past 40 years is revealed by statistics just compiled by the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture.

TREND OF AGRICULTURE IN CENTRE COUNTY.

Item	Unit	1844	1884	1924
Number of farms		114,200	194,700	145,300
Improved land in farms	acres	2,300	2,300	2,100
Expenditures for fertilizer		\$165,200	\$461,800	\$1,827,700
Value of implements and machinery		260,100	872,300	845,700
Crop Production	bus.	373,800	442,400	380,700
Wheat	bus.	207,400	332,900	692,100
Oats	bus.	125,000	38,000	9,400
Buckwheat	bus.	7,900	21,100	12,300
Potatoes	bus.	81,500	168,100	298,100
Hay	tons	14,900	35,500	46,800
Value of orchard products		\$5,000	\$90,500	\$85,700
Trees of Bearing Age			99,000	17,400
Apple			6,100	12,800
Peach				
Livestock Numbers		4,900	8,300	6,200
Horses		205	295	450
Mules		5,900	8,700	12,600
Milk cows		13,400	13,800	7,200
Other cattle		17,100	15,700	3,300
Sheep		25,100	21,300	17,100
Swine			97,600	180,100
Chickens			484,400	988,500
Eggs produced	dozs.		3,546,100	5,894,800
Milk produced	gals.	414,700	757,700	314,800
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1st. This he characterized as untrue and misleading. He stated that one of the dealers had informed him that he would have no expense at all, as he was already equipped to meet all requirements. That before the ordinance had been heard of the association had been considering the increase in price so as to pay the farmers who produced the milk a cent more per quart for their milk and have a cent more per quart for themselves. Mr. Cobb stated that while council may not have the power to regulate the price of milk he wanted the public to know the real reason for the increase, and that it is not because of the milk ordinance.

Mr. Reynolds reported that the Beatty Motor company is desirous of leasing from the borough about 350 square feet of ground in the rear of their present plant on which to erect an open shed for summer work. The matter was referred to the Water committee.

Bills totaling \$3261.65 were approved for payment, after which council adjourned.

BASEBALL ENTHUSIASTS BECOMING ENERGETIC.

With the robins hoppin' around and spring weather in the offing baseball enthusiasts are beginning to display a little more energy, as was evidenced at the meeting held in the grand jury room, last Thursday evening, to consider the question of a ball team for the coming season.

A representative crowd of fans were present and the committee appointed a week previous recommended that the following men be chosen a board of directors: Judge M. Ward Fleming, Fred B. Healy, John L. Knisely, Mark Williams, Francis Crawford, Harry Walkey and Edward L. Keichline. The board organized by electing Judge Fleming president; Mr. Healy, vice president, and Mark Williams secretary and treasurer.

The sentiment of all those present was strongly in favor of a team this year. The directors will hold another meeting tomorrow at which time a committee of two will be appointed to attend a meeting of representatives of the Centre and Clearfield league to be held in Philipsburg next Monday night for the purpose of making overtures for admission into the league.

Of course at this time there is no predicting what the outcome will be. Developments in the Centre and Clearfield league have not yet reached that point where it has been decided just what teams of the old league will come in this year, and whether there will be a place for Bellefonte or not.

One thing is sure, the old Susquehanna league is a thing of the past and if Bellefonte is to have a ball team this year it will be necessary to make new affiliations. Whether a connection can be made with the C. and C. league will not be known until after Monday night's meeting in Philipsburg, but if such should prove to be the case it would undoubtedly be to Bellefonte's advantage and also put new life into the organizations across the mountain. It is a well known fact that there has always been a keen rivalry between Bellefonte and Philipsburg, as well as other towns across the mountain, in all kinds of sports, and if they are again hitched in a ball league it should result in redoubled interest for all concerned.

MEN'S CLOTHES TO BE NOT SO LOUD IN COLORS.

Colorful "gents" who have been arraying themselves in shirts, ties and socks that make the rainbow look like a phony nickel, will have to pipe down or be entirely out of style.

The epidemic of vivid green, purple and yellow shirts, ties that screamed, and especially the hats with a brilliant rooster feather stuck in the band is over according to Joseph H. Pinto, of New York, president of the National Association of Retail Clothiers and Furnishers.

"Color restraint is the key word of fashion to the well-dressed man of the forthcoming spring and summer," said President Pinto.

Men will never go back to sombre black again, but they will agree on a

Rye, once an important crop in the county, is now being produced on a very small scale while oats is increasing in importance as a grain crop and wheat is being produced on about the same scale as 80 years ago. Other interesting statistics based upon U. S. census figures and State estimates for three periods centering around 1844, 1884, 1924 are given in the following table, the figures for the value of orchard products being reduced to the 1913 base by means of index numbers:

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THE COST OF COAL IN HUMAN LIVES.

According to a dispatch in the Pittsburgh Press from Fairmount, W. Va., one man in every four employed in the bituminous coal mines of the United States in 1926 either was killed or injured, and this is one of the prices which the mine workers pay for the disorganized coal mining industry, according to Van A. Bittner, chief international representative of the United Mine Workers of America in Northern West Virginia.

Bittner declares that the average operator, suffering from keen competition, is unable to take even normal precaution to safeguard the life and limbs of his men."

He adds: "The report of the Bureau of Mines of the United States shows that 2,500 men employed in the bituminous coal mining industry in 1926 lost their lives and that more than 275,000 were injured.

"The obligation of the coal mining industry to the public is to produce coal at a fair price to the consumer. The duty of the public to the coal mining industry is to pay a fair price to the producers of coal for the service rendered. The coal miner who produces coal for the comfort of society is entitled to a wage that will allow him and his family to live in accordance with recognized American standards.

"The American public must be brought to realize the tremendous service rendered by the producers of coal.

"In the mines in West Virginia alone in 1927, 595 men were killed and 2,674 were injured. This death injury rate is appalling and must be given proper consideration by the consumers of coal.

"Under these conditions no set of men in American industry are entitled to higher wages and better standards of living for themselves and their families.

"It is the duty and solemn obligation of the American people to realize and consider all of these elements in the bituminous coal mining industry."

ADVICE ON PRUNING SHRUBS AND TREES.

Now that spring is here, pruning shears of various shapes and makes are located and again brought into the light of day to serve their annual duty.

"How many of us realize what we are doing when the cutting is begun?"

If the growth of a tree or a shrub were similar to the growth of the hair on our heads, then their "bobbing," would be an easy matter, but as plant growth differs greatly from hair growth we should govern the pruning of both accordingly.

The first question that should come to mind when the pruner approaches a tree or a shrub with a saw or a pair of pruning shears in hand is, "What is the purpose of that particular tree or shrub?" The second question is "Why prune it?"

If the answer to the first question is that the tree or shrub is grown for flowers, this important fact should be remembered in pruning. Pruning only for two reasons—(1) to produce more blooms, or (2) to reduce the size of the plant—answers the second question.

Will merely cutting the top of the plant or "bobbing" it result when these answers are clearly in mind before tackling the plant to be pruned? Or will the parts of the plant which should be removed in order to serve the purpose for which it is being grown be selected more carefully?

INTERESTING ITEMS FROM THE PENNSYLVANIA NEWS.

With a record of but one minor injury—back in the "link and pin" coupler daps—and that through no fault of his own, Thomas S. Minary, Jr., Safety Agent of Tyrone division, has set a fine example for the office he so ably represents. He has been in the service on Tyrone division for over forty-eight years, starting his career as a messenger, working as car cleaner, freight brakeman, flagman and conductor. His promotion to the position of Safety Agent recently was merited.

He is a very busy man attending the various safety meetings on the division; going here and there bettering conditions; talking with the children in the public schools; keeping a line on practically every division activity, and numerous other duties. Mr. Minary is a son of the late Thomas S. Minary, who was one of the old original yardmasters in East Tyrone back in the 80's. His brother, William F. Minary, retired the first of this year after a long and conscientious service as a passenger conductor on this division.

He was a Sunday School superintendent of the Lock Haven Lutheran church for a period of twenty-five years, and is at present active in that church as a Sunday school teacher.

William C. Snyder, passenger conductor, Tyrone, completed 50 years of service on March 12 and received the gold button. Mr. Snyder has been continually in the train service for fifty years, having started as a freight brakeman and come up through the ranks, switching into the passenger class in April 13, 1891. Mr. Snyder will have over a year to serve, as he is not eligible for retirement until June, 1930.

Clyde Baughman, Tyrone; Curtis W. Solt, Hannah; John E. Pike, Woodland; John H. Garland, Sandy Ridge; R. F. Artz, Port Matilda, and G. R. Patton, Port Matilda, all extra operators on the Tyrone division, have benefited materially by a recent order issued and are now full-fledged operators on the Philadelphia Division, reporting out of Harrisburg.

Zack Steele, conductor, Tyrone, has been bothered with a rat in his cellar for over a year. Although every known means has been resorted to to get this wily rodent, he still occupies his cellar kingdom in the Steele home. Has anyone a suggestion?

I CAN'T.

"I Can't" lacks in nerve: he's too faint of heart To pitch in like a man and do his part. He's none of the spirit that fights and wins He admits he's beaten before he begins.

"I Can't" sees as mountains what bolder eyes Recognize as mole hills: ambition dies, And leaves complaining in helpless wrath When the first small obstacle blocks his path.

"I Can't" has a notion that, out of spite, He's being cheated of what's his right. The men who succeed, by hard work and pluck He envies, and sneers at as "Fools for luck."

"I Can't" is a loafer, who won't admit That his life's the mess he has made of it; The treasure that's sparkling beneath his eye He thinks he can't reach—and won't even try.

"I Can't" has a feeling the World's in debt To him for a living he's failed to get; But, given a chance to collect, he'll rant About past failures and whines, "I Can't." —Charles R. Barrett.

Bees Buzz Busily for 800,000 in U. S.

More than 800,000 people in the United States are keeping bees and the value of the honey crop runs from \$40,000,000 to \$50,000,000 annually, figures compiled by H. F. Wilson of the agricultural staff of the University of Wisconsin reveal. Wilson says beekeeping has splendid prospects for the future and great possibilities in almost every State. However, he insists, the industry lacks leadership and finance.

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- Fine ground Alfalfa - 2.25 per H.
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