

**PATIENTS TREATED AT CENTRE COUNTY HOSPITAL.**

John Nodeaky, of Clarence, was discharged on Monday of last week, after undergoing medical treatment.

Mrs. Walter A. Dreibelis, of State College, was admitted on Monday of last week for medical treatment.

John Baillie, son of Mrs. Mary C. Baillie, of McDonald, Pa., was admitted on Monday of last week for medical treatment and was discharged on Wednesday.

Mrs. George Rider, of Bellefonte, was admitted on Monday of last week as a medical patient.

Herman Peters, son of Mr. and Mrs. I. E. Peters, of Fleming, was discharged on Tuesday of last week, after undergoing medical treatment.

Sarah L. Lindenmuth, student nurse at the hospital, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Lindenmuth, of Fleming, became a medical patient on Tuesday of last week, and was discharged on Saturday.

Mrs. Joseph Thompson, of Bellefonte, was admitted on Tuesday, of last week, as a medical patient.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Trihold, of State College, are rejoicing over the arrival of a son born at the hospital last Thursday.

Mrs. Harold Shirk and infant daughter, of State College, were discharged on Wednesday of last week.

Mrs. Irene K. Kalhenberg, of State College, and infant son, were discharged on Wednesday of last week.

William R. Campbell, of Milesburg, was discharged last Thursday, after undergoing medical treatment.

Mrs. Lewis Haupt and infant daughter, of Bellefonte, were discharged last Thursday.

Robert M. Grove, of Bellefonte, R. F. D., was admitted last Thursday as a surgical patient.

Dorothy G. Breen, of State College, was admitted on Thursday as a medical patient.

Glade C. Horner, son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel H. Horner, of Centre Hall, was admitted on Thursday as a surgical patient.

Mike A. Novish, of Clarence, was admitted last Thursday for surgical treatment and died the same day.

Mrs. George Brown, of Bellefonte, was admitted last Friday for surgical treatment.

Lester C. Miller, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Miller, of Howard, was admitted on Friday as a surgical patient and discharged on Saturday.

Mrs. Emma B. Smith, of Bellefonte, was admitted on Friday for medical treatment.

Mrs. Irvin Hackett, of Bellefonte, was discharged on Saturday after having been a surgical patient.

William Bottorf, of Bellefonte, was discharged on Saturday after undergoing medical treatment.

Mrs. George Faulkrod, of State College, was discharged on Saturday after undergoing medical treatment.

Miss Helen R. Hackett, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hackett, of Bellefonte, was discharged on Saturday after undergoing medical treatment.

Franklin C., son of Mrs. Rella Houser, of Bellefonte, was discharged on Saturday after having been a surgical patient.

Mrs. Alma M. Lucas, of State College, was discharged on Saturday after undergoing medical treatment.

Mrs. Guy Stearns, of Bellefonte, R. F. D., was admitted on Saturday for medical treatment.

Mrs. Gray Houser, of Bellefonte, R. F. D., was admitted on Saturday as a patient.

Mrs. Glenn Wasson and infant son, of Harrisburg, were discharged on Sunday.

I. R. Baumgardner, of Bellefonte, was discharged on Monday after undergoing medical treatment.

There were forty-five patients in the hospital at the beginning of this week.

**ANCIENT SUGAR GROVE YIELDING MAPLE SYRUP.**

The old sugar grove situated on the "Velled Lady Cavern Farms" in Brush valley, Centre county, Penna., and comprising about 40 giant trees, four feet or more in diameter, which were planted about 100 years ago in a great arch, fronting the ancient Grenoble Village, now gone and almost forgotten, have been tapped and are now running fine sap.

These giant sugar trees are yielding a barrel of sap daily, which is being boiled down into delicious maple syrup by the owner, G. Edward Haupt.

**How Could the Town Grow?**

An inquirer asking Rastus about his native village:—

"Rastus, how many people live in this town?"

"'Bout 4,000 people, suh."

"How long you lived here, Rastus?"

"'Bout 40 years, suh."

"How many people when you came here?"

"'Bout 4,000 people, suh."

"You mean to tell me there were 4,000 people 40 years ago, and only 4,000 now? Hasn't the population grown? Have no people moved in; no babies been born?"

"Yeas, suh, Yeas, suh—babies been born, but you see it is this way: Every time a baby is born, some one leaves town."—Practical Printer

**THE COMMUNITY AND ITS BANKS**

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While upon the individual bankers there rests without qualification the direct responsibility for the prudent, honest conduct of their institutions, nevertheless the soundness of banking as a practical matter of fact is a community problem in which the public has a part to play as well as bankers and government officials charged with the supervision of banks.

In the first place, the assets of a bank, outside its government bonds, consist mainly of loans to business men and of investments in securities created by corporate enterprises. The deposits of a bank are not kept in the vaults as idle cash but are employed in these loans and investments to earn the money to pay the expenses of the bank so that it can render services to its customers and also pay them interest on such deposits as bear interest. If there were no such thing as unsound business men or enterprises there would be no such thing as unsound assets in a bank.

It is of course the unquestioned duty of the banker to choose only sound loans and investments, but the difficulty of such judgment, and human judgment is never infallible, is plainly increased in such times and under such conditions as we have been passing through, with many businesses not making expected earnings and therefore hampered in meeting their obligations. Unfortunately some investments and loans created by persons outside the banks which found their way into the banks in a relatively few instances have reflected the unwise business policies and conditions that became more than usually prevalent in our business activities and contributed to the difficulty of banking. The vast bulk of bank assets, however, are 100 per cent sound above all question.

**"Hard Boiled" vs. "Easy" Banker**

In another aspect the people of the community have a part to play in maintaining the soundness of their banks, and that is through the medium of patronage. The existence of a bank is dependent on public patronage. If only those banks were patronized in which the most careful policies were practiced and the most conscientious and able men in charge, it would go far toward maintaining the standards of banking. If business men in a community when refused loans by their banks for good and sufficient reasons because conditions are not favorable, thereupon withdraw their business to banks where less careful methods prevail, they clearly contribute to the creation of a less sound banking situation.

Also if, in the heat of competition, a banker offers higher interest rates or more free service to attract customers than the earnings of conservative banking justify, and is encouraged by the patronage of the public as against a more conservative bank, obviously the public is again playing a part in bringing about a less sound banking situation. It is an unfortunate fact that the banker who is strict, "hard boiled" if you please, is liable to be less popular than the "easy" banker, and by that same token the public itself has a voice in influencing the character of banking. Also it is the public in the end which pays the main part of the penalty if unfortunate results follow.

Still again the public can exert an influence in shaping the character of banking by supporting the purposes of bankers to maintain intelligent, independent, honest banking supervision by the public banking departments through insisting that this function of government shall be kept as free from political influence as the judiciary itself and shall be manned only by men of the highest ability and character.

In still another way can the people themselves contribute to maintaining the ability of their banks to meet their obligations, and this is by granting them the fullest possible confidence. As I said, the deposits are not kept as cash but are invested in loans and securities. Even the soundest assets of this type require some time to reconvert at full value into cash deposits. In many cases of bank troubles the only thing wrong with a bank was an unduly suspicious and apprehensive state of mind in its customers created by no act or condition of its own but by baseless rumors which sometimes led them to destroy the value of their own deposits by demanding them immediately, forcing a bank to sacrifice its assets and otherwise disrupt its financial operations.

**Bankers Help**

During the year 1930 the Bankers Association of Langlade County, Wisconsin, worked out the finances for a cooperative milk plant, which entailed the raising of \$100,000, and also sponsored an active 4-H-Club campaign that culminated in an "Achievement Day" program, in which upwards of 400 young people participated. The increase in the number interested in this work was 200 per cent over the past two year period.

**WAR GAME TO AMUSE UNEMPLOYED MEN.**

A new game by which persons suffering from depression and unemployment may ease their minds by conducting a full-fledged war, has been devised by Charles Fort, the anti-scientist, in whose honor the Fortean Society was organized.

Fort has set up what he calls supercheckers, in his Bronx apartment.

The board consists of 1,200 squares and 700 men, although Fort is planning a board large enough for 2,000. Each "man" is a small square of cardboard with a carpet tack attached for a handle.

The game differs from run-of-the-mill checkers in that each player makes mass movements, flank attacks, night forays and bombardments.

One player has the privilege of making as many moves as he likes, the number of men moved and the number of squares covered figuring in the count.

In his first move, Fort sent out a squad of about 10 men for a flank attack and a count of 60. Then the opponents may take 60 moves to annihilate the attacking party.

A game may last for days, even weeks, so that Fort considers it well suited for people who are out of jobs and spending a lot of time around the house.

Fort is in the midst of a mighty battle now, being opposed by Benjamin Decasseres, essayist and critic, who has become a supercheckers fan. They refer to each other as "Napoleon" Decasseres and "Caesar" Fort. Tiffany Thayer, novelist, who also plays quite a bit with Fort, is called "Hannibal" Thayer.

"There's a little of the Napoleon feeling in all of us, I think," Fort said, "and that's why the game is attractive."

**GAME BOARD TO GIVE OUT PHEASANT EGGS.**

This year the Game Commission will again distribute ring-necked pheasant eggs to those sportsmen and farmers interested in raising these birds for re-stocking purposes, and Game Protectors have already been furnished application blanks for this purpose. Persons desiring eggs should communicate with their local Game Protector at the earliest possible date as delay might result in disappointment. Applications will be kept on file in the order received and those persons who wait until the last moment to file requests are likely not to receive any eggs. It is understood that all birds raised from eggs supplied by the Game Commission must be released on lands that are open to public hunting.

Inasmuch as all rabbits contracted for by the Game Commission for restocking this winter have been received and released sportsmen are advised that it will be impossible to honor any additional applications this year.

**PHILADELPHIA MURDERER ELECTROCUTED MONDAY.**

Thomas F. Martin, 27 years old, convicted Philadelphia murderer, was electrocuted at Rockview penitentiary, on Monday morning, but his execution did not cause even a ripple of excitement compared to the executions of Irene Schroeder and Glenn Dague a week previous. Martin was convicted of killing C. Cameron Cook, a bank messenger, in Philadelphia, on December 6th, 1929, and stealing a bag containing \$34,000 in cash which the messenger was carrying from the bank to one of its branch offices. He was one of a gang of five implicated, and when taken to the chair, on Monday morning, he declared he and Thomas McCaffrey, one of the bandits who escaped and has never been captured, were innocent of the shooting of Cook. The other members of the gang drew life sentences.

**FACTS ABOUT BELLEFONTE'S NEW FEDERAL BUILDING.**

Several weeks ago the Watchman announced that a new federal building is in prospect for Bellefonte, an allotment of \$125,000 having been made by the United States government for that purpose. It now develops that the building is to have approximately 6000 square feet of room, 4890 square feet for the post-office and 800 feet for internal revenue. It is to be one story with a basement and attic, faced with brick and trimmed with stone. The present building erected by the White brothers has 3000 square feet of floor space, so that the specifications for the new building will mean one just twice as large. This is one thing that will have to be taken into consideration in looking about for a site for the new building.

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**FOREST DENUDING BLAMED FOR DROUGHT**

The possibility that recent drought years may have been caused by the systematic destruction of forests is arousing conservationists to demand a nation-wide program of reforestation.

Experiments here and in Russia indicate there is a definite relation between drought and forest denudation. In Russia experiments covering 50 years were made, showing that on lands surrounded by forest strips the rainfall was three inches heavier than upon the open prairie.

This ratio of four to one was constant in four out of every five years. On fields protected by forest strips 11,500 more cubic feet of water fell per acre than on the steppes, natural grasses grew more luxuriantly and rye and oats grew from twice to four times as productively.

Studies conducted by Raphael Zon, director of the Great Lakes forest

experiment station at St. Paul, indicate the same relationship. Zon found that forests cause greater evaporation of moisture than the open sea itself.

**TO PLANT A TREE FOR EACH GOLD STAR.**

Every soldier who gave his life for his country in the World War would have a tree planted in his honor if the plans of the American Legion department of Texas works out.

The trees would be planted by

the local legion posts and supplied free through co-operation of the legion headquarters and the Texas state forest service. The tree planting would be an annual affair.

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