

HAVE FAITH IN OUR LEADERS

A rump organization set up by Mr. Joseph Guffey, of Pittsburgh, has been trying to asperse the motives of Sedwick Kistler, Roland S. Morris, John R. Collins and Judge Harry C. Niles, a quartet of Democrats who are an honor to our party. The four gentlemen are candidates for delegate-at-large to the coming Democratic National Convention. Mr. Guffey would like to see them discredited by defeat so that he might again become boss of the organization in the State.

In order to accomplish that end he is resorting to every channel of publicity to convince the Democrats of Pennsylvania that they are opposed to the candidacy of Governor Franklin D. Roosevelt. The stand they are taking with regard to being bound by primary instructions is entirely impersonal. They are for or against no one of the several receptive candidates for President. They merely want to be free from any obligations so that if they are sent to Chicago they can view the possible chances of a candidate for our party in June, rather than be bound by April estimates of availability.

No matter what their stand, it is the duty of the Democrats of Pennsylvania to elect them delegates-at-large. They have betrayed no trust as the constituted leaders of our party through the years they have been the dynamic force in its organization and we are sure they would betray none in the National Convention.

In answer to those who have ulterior motives in attacking their candidacy they have just issued a public statement which the Watchman herewith publishes:

"The undersigned, who have ventured to submit their names to their fellow-Democrats as candidates for delegate-at-large to the Democratic National Convention next June, desire to state very briefly the reasons why they ask to be sent unpledged to any particular candidate for the Presidency."

"We all realize that our country faces an economic situation of unprecedented seriousness and difficulty. Continued business depression, wide-spread unemployment, an unbalanced Federal budget and a world-wide spirit of unrest—all present a challenge to the constructive genius of our people and to the continuance of our Democratic institutions. We are confident that the American people who for more than two years have suffered with rare patience under these conditions will meet the problems arising out of them with characteristic judgment and sanity. We are equally confident that they will turn to the Democratic party as the instrument to accomplish their ends after their three year's experience with a disappointing and feeble Republican leadership which has been consistently unable to appreciate the gravity of the situation or to cope with it. As Democrats we are proud that our party was never better equipped than it is now to meet the new call to service. During the past decade the party has developed a large number of men in the halls of Congress, in the governments of our several States and in private enterprise who have shown a rare capacity for National leadership. It is clear that the Democratic voters are not yet certain which one of these outstanding men could best represent our party in the issues of future policy which are rapidly taking form. The leader we need should be chosen by our party in convention assembled and not forced on the voters by highly organized personal campaigns. This is not a time for primary contests which so often leave wounds that are hard to heal, but rather for the fullest co-operation and considered judgment. This year, above all others in the past, calls for a National Convention where representatives of the voters may counsel together unshackled and unpledged. Never was the need for such counsel greater than it is now. That is the reason we are bold to ask the confidence of our fellow-Democrats at our party primaries in April. In this great national crisis we ask for freedom of action. We pledge you our best and most disinterested judgment. *We are against no candidate thus far mentioned.* We are for that man who will most adequately represent the policies of our party as they are framed by the Convention to meet the issues as they may become more clearly defined. In a National Convention Pennsylvania has an important part to play. We feel that it should be a disinterested party which should aim to serve our country in a critical time, freed from petty questions of local leadership or political advantage. In this spirit we submit this statement and will cheerfully abide the judgment of our fellow-Democrats."

EVERY DOLLAR FOR THE NEEDY

It is not often that we have found anything in a Pinchot administration to commend. We welcome the opportunity his Attorney General gives us to prove that we are as ready to praise as to lampoon. Mr. Schnader might be merely playing dog in the manger, but whether he is or not we are with him on his ruling that none of the ten million dollar Talbot appropriation for the relief of the unemployed in Pennsylvania should be used for administrative expenses.

Every community in the State has a legally constituted poor organization as well as numerous church, fraternal and lay welfare societies. The latter have been engaged in this labor of love for years. They know best the communities in which they have been working and they would resent even a suggestion that any of their members would accept compensation for service that is the expression of their love for humanity.

Others may think as they like. Gen. Schnader's motives might not be as pure as we would have them be, but there should be no tolerance of those who would tap the life giving stream that Pennsylvania will soon start flowing to its needy citizens.

Governor Pinchot, in a letter to editors of Pennsylvania newspapers, admits that in the fourteen months he has been in office eight hundred and forty-two new officials have been added to the State's payroll, thereby increasing the cost of our government by over one million dollars a year. The Governor justifies this enormous increase of burden on the backs of tax payers by claiming that there is so much more to be done now than Governor Fisher had to do that the increases were necessary to keep the government functioning properly. Without indulging our inclination to dissect, *seriatim*, the explanation he offers we merely throw this column open to the Governor or any of his advocates who want to attempt to show that Pennsylvania is any better off under his guidance than it was under John Fisher's.

Jules Jusserand, former French Ambassador to the United States, in justifying his country's opposition to disarmament and continued building of fortresses on her northern frontier, asked an American, who was discussing international relationship with him: "Will you change your neighbors? Take ours and give us the Canadians." M. Jusserand unwittingly, perhaps, pays us a very pretty compliment, and at the same time lays France open to the suspicion that she hasn't been as four-square with her neighbors as we have been with ours.

Talks with the Editor

This column is to be an open forum. Everybody is invited to make use of it to express whatever opinion they may have on any subject. Nothing libelous will be published, though we will give the public the widest latitude in invective when the subject is this paper or its editor. Contributions will be signed or initialed, as the contributor may desire.—ED.

A Check and a Word of Cheer.

Johnstown, Pa., 4-1-32

Dear Friends:
This is not an April fool and—depression or not—we've got to stick to our old friend "The Watchman." It has come to our home ever since I was a child and into this home for forty-five years, so that we look upon it as a member of the family.

I do hope you are not feeling these awful times like thousands who are out of work in this city.

Sincerely,
BLANCHE WEAVER.

ESCAPED PRISONER CHANGES HIS MIND AS TO CHANGE OF VENUE

Thomas Lewis, escaped Rockview prisoner who three weeks ago refused to plead guilty and demanded a change of venue so he could get a fair trial, changed his mind and went into court, last week, and entered a plea of guilty. He was sentenced to serve ten to twenty years in the penitentiary after he has completed his original term.

Michael Flannigan, charged with aggravated assault and battery by Roland Fye, was found guilty and sentenced to pay the costs, a dollar fine and serve thirty days to one year in the county jail.

William Cartwright, of Philipsburg, charged with breaking, entering and larceny by Frank L. Snyder, was found not guilty.

Robert M. Rudy, of State College, charged with larceny by W. J. Graham, State highway patrolman, was also found guilty.

The case against John Petriskey, for a violation of the game laws, was dismissed and the costs put on the county.

H. B. Walker, violator of the vehicle code. Case dismissed and the costs put on the county.

For failure to pay a court order for support Herbert Hollobaugh was sent to the Allegheny county work house for 3 to 6 months.

D. A. R. ENTERTAINED AT STATE COLLEGE

The Bellefonte chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, held its regular monthly meeting in the parish house of the Episcopal church, at State College, on Thursday evening of last week.

After the business session the members were entertained with a one act play, "The End of the Trail." Since it was a story of Revolutionary times attics produced treasures which added much enjoyment to the play.

Mrs. Hodgkiss played the part of Mrs. Crabb, who bossed her husband, a mid-spoken farmer, played by Mrs. Fletcher. Bill Soners, their hired man, an American spy, was played by Mrs. Anthony. Marion Crabb, with whom Bill was in love, was portrayed by Mrs. Gravatt. Jennie, the little heroine, who saved them all, by Betty Wilde. Capt. Martin, an American officer, and Capt. Smithson, a grenadier, were played by Mrs. Ferguson and Mrs. Koo. Among the out of town members present were Mrs. Edwin Erle Sparks, Mrs. Carvel E. Sparks and Mrs. H. H. Havner.

The hostesses were Mrs. E. E. Frear, Mrs. Joseph Kalbfus, Mrs. P. B. Breneman, Mrs. R. D. Anthony, Miss Lucretia V. T. Simmons and Mrs. S. W. Fletcher.

J. O. PETERS CELEBRATES SIXTY-EIGHTH BIRTHDAY

Last Sunday, April 10, relatives and friends of J. O. Peters gathered at his country home "Cold Spring Farms," near Stormstown, to celebrate the sixty-eighth anniversary of Mr. Peters' birth.

A fine dinner was served and the occasion proved most enjoyable to all who were there. Of course congratulations and expressions of hope that the host would be spared to enjoy many more such auspicious events were general.

Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Peters, Betty Jane and Lois; Mr. and Mrs. George L. Peters, Beulah, Wilma, Laura and George Jr.; Ellis Peters, Mrs. T. V. Stevens, Ralph and Edwin Moran, Mrs. C. C. Kunes and son Robert, Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Miller, Scott Peters, Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Zimmerman, Glenn and Philip Guiser.

Daniels Peters and Dorsey Gunsalus, of Nittany; Mrs. John Kimick and Miss Lenore Powell, of Altoona; Miss Ruth Peters, of Williamsport; Mr. and Mrs. Homer Hall, of "Ivan Hall," Frank Peters, of Milesburg.

The Catholic Daughters of America will hold a card party in their rooms, over the B. and E. store, on Allegheny street, Bellefonte, this evening, with play starting at 8:30. Admission will be 25 cts. and everybody will be welcomed.

FIFTY YEARS AGO IN CENTRE COUNTY.

Items taken from the Watchman issue of April 14, 1882.

—We had a magnificent thunder storm and splendid rain here on Wednesday evening.

Mr. Cal. Weaver, of Penn Street, is building an addition to his house.

—The bill car for Batcheller and Dorns' circus arrived in town on Sunday and immediately the boys became greatly excited.

—The first annual ball of the Bellefonte Fencibles, Co. B., came off with great success Friday night. There were fifty couples in the grand march, and Gen. Beaver, Col. D. S. Keller and Dr. Geo. F. Harris, of the general staff, were present to view it.

—James Rowan, aged 72, died at his home in Union township on April 6.

—Mrs. Kane, an old lady of Hecla Furnace, Walker township, died on Sunday last and was buried in the Catholic cemetery here, on Tuesday.

—On Tuesday, March 28, Albert, son of John Todd, of Philipsburg, fell into a tub of scalding water and after two weeks of intense suffering death came to his relief. He was only about two years old, but an unusually bright and interesting child.

—A. W. Reese is putting up a crane on Main street, Port Matilda, for use in loading charcoal. He expects to put up another soon. That, with one already in use, will make three; showing that the charcoal business is rushing.

—The car works sent a long train of new cars away on Tuesday.

—The Friendship Hook and Ladder Co., of Tyrone, has invited the Logan Hose company of this place to be its guest at dinner if it should decide to attend the big Fourth of July celebration in that place.

—At the regular meeting of the Odd Fellows lodge of this place on the night of April 6th, William B. Rankin was elected noble grand; W. I. Fleming, vice-grand; W. B. Pontius, secretary; A. V. Smith, assistant secretary, and H. H. Benner, treasurer.

—The Bellefonte car works are to be increased to a capacity of one hundred cars a day. The nail works are in full blast and the glass works have resumed operations.

—W. E. Burchfield expects to open a grocery store in the storeroom in the new Centre County bank building. His stock is bought and part of it has arrived already.

—There isn't a vacant house in Bellefonte and one can't be gotten for love or money.

—The aurora borealis or northern light displayed itself brilliantly Sunday night last.

—Harry Teats, so long connected with the Sechler & Co. grocery store, has severed his connection there and will go into the business on his own account. He will have his store in the McClain block, two doors west of the Watchman building.

—J. H. Vosburg, Esq., once a resident of Bellefonte and court reporter here, died in Philadelphia last week. He had been living in Tyrone since leaving here and went to Philadelphia for treatment for subacute meningitis.

—The affairs of Miss Clara V. Milliken, Bellefonte heiress, and Courtland De Lacy Evans, her nineteen year old suitor from Plainfield, N. J., are being discussed generally as a result of a suit brought to dissolve a deed of trust which she made to her uncle, Col. James Milliken, which put him in control of her property amounting to \$100,000.00 or more. It appears that the father of young Mr. Evans thinks the deed ought to be dissolved before his son marries Miss Milliken. He avers that he is not after her money because he will have as much in his own right as she will have, but since she has attained her majority she is capable of managing her own fortune. The case was tried in court here, then appealed to the Supreme court, which has just ruled that undue influence was not used to persuade Miss Milliken to make the deed and, therefore, it could not be dissolved.

—The ladies say that the most beautiful millinery goods in Bellefonte are at Miss Mary McBride's shop at the corner of Allegheny and Bishop streets.

BOOKS FOR SAILORS

Will everyone who has books to spare please put them in a convenient place this week, so they can be collected by the Boy Scouts. When the books are ready, telephone Mrs. John Blanchard, 424J, and they will be called for if you cannot deliver them yourself. The collection barrels are at the Y. M. C. A. and in the lobby of the Richelle theatre.

All books are accepted. Even old school books but no magazines. Trained librarians pack the books in Philadelphia and those not suitable are sold to help pay the freight. It is hoped that collections can be completed and sent by April 18th. Sailors like to read, so please share some of your used books with them.

—What is expected will prove a very interesting entertainment has been arranged for St. Paul's A. M. E. church, in this place, on Friday evening April 22, at 8 o'clock. At that time a group of colored students from the Pennsylvania State College will present a program of spirituals and other concert music. The boys are said to be quite talented and offer entertainment that is unique and clever. Admission is only 25 cents. The N. B. club committee of the church will be in charge and serve refreshments at a small extra cost.

A HODGE-PODGE OF NEWSY INCIDENTS

A rumor is current on the streets that some Bellefonte merchants are taking advantage of a recent rule adopted by the Bellefonte banks to charge customers from 10 to 25 cents for cashing checks. We cannot vouch for the authenticity of the rumors but if it is true it is probably because of a misapprehension on the part of the merchants as to the action of the bankers. The action referred to was decided upon at a meeting of officers of the three Bellefonte banks held on the evening of April 1st. At that time they decided to make a charge of 25 cents for cashing checks for individuals not customers of the banks and whose checks would have to be sent through the regular channels for collection. No charge, however, will be made to customers on checks put in on their regular accounts. A charge of 50 cents, however, will be made to the drawer of a check whose account has not sufficient funds to meet it. The banks also decided to make a charge of 25 cents for the small check books and \$2.50 for the large ones. All these charges have been in effect at State College for some time past, and so far as we have been able to learn have worked no hardship on any customer of the banks.

Residents of north Spring street are having their own radio troubles just now, and are at a loss to account for it. One owner has filed a lengthy complaint with the West Penn Power company in which the belief is expressed that it is due to the building operations at the company's new garage, on Lamb street. Others think it is due to oil burning furnaces while some have a sneaking suspicion that an amateur broadcasting outfit is being manipulated in that neighborhood. One thing is certain, and that is that most of the radios are like a deaf and dumb man during the day time but all right at night. The West Penn radio trouble hunter has been trying to locate the cause this week.

As everybody knows we had an unusually mild and open winter but we have evidence to prove the fact that the spring season is from two to three weeks later than last year. We had our first fresh rhubarb pie, out of our own garden last year, on March 26th, and it will be several days yet before rhubarb in the same bed will have attained pie growth. So there you are.

And now the authorities at Washington are aiming to balance the budget by cutting out expenditures instead of further increasing taxes. One of the big reasons is that they can't find anything else to tax.

Coincident with the tax-raising question a story comes from Lock Haven that when a certain merchant in that city, who does considerable advertising through the mails, learned that letter postage was to be increased to three cents he rushed to the post office and laid in a large supply of 2-cent stamps in the belief that as long as they lasted he would escape the three cent rate.

When you see them on the street you can't tell from their dress whether they are the "Governor's lady or Mrs. O'Grady," but the illusion is dispelled as soon as they open their mouth and start talking. When it comes to profanity and obscene language the boys don't have a thing on some of the girls that travel the streets of Bellefonte; and the younger they are the more proficient.

We would just like to know how many men and women would have stayed away from the Butler meeting, last Saturday afternoon, had they known for a certainty that the Governor wouldn't be there.

And we might add that "Little Phil" Womelsdorf did it very graciously when he introduced the "Fighting Marine," even if he didn't get him located in the right county.

And another thing we'd like to know is the why and the wherefore of the Governor's mysterious visit to Bellefonte the night before the meeting; slipping in quietly, spending the night at The Markland and then hastening on his way to Harrisburg early Saturday morning before anybody had a chance to learn of his presence in town.

But the agony will soon be over. Only eleven more days until the primaries and then we'll know whether it will be the "Fighting Marine" or "Puddler Jim." However, we're more interested in seeing how far the sage of State College is going to get on his wet plank for Congress. The wet plank, however, is only a minor part of his platform, as he has a number of planks in it that should cause every voter to pause and consider before casting his ballot.

Before you read this column trout fishermen will be up and at it and for the best fish story turned in to the writer we'll give a quart—of milk.

—Horses sold very good at the Jodon sale at Pleasant Gap, on Monday. A grey team brought \$425, and the lowest was a roan mare that brought \$132.50.

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR HELD A DIVISION CONCLAVE

LAST FRIDAY EVENING

Many prominent Masons from Centre and adjoining counties were guests of Constans Commandery, No. 33, at a conclave of the Tenth division, last Friday evening. All told about 150 knights in full regalia representing five States, were present.

A six o'clock banquet preceded the order of business which was called at 7:30 o'clock. The beautiful Order of Malta degree was put on in full form before the grand commander, Clyde P. Love, of Harrisburg. This was the third time in its history that this degree has been put on by Constans Commandery. The Commandery has had a very successful year so far as the increase of members is concerned, a class of fifteen having been initiated at one time. The work of the degree team was very favorably commended by the grand commander.

Incidentally, Bellefonte led the State, last year, in the percentage of increase in the chapters of Royal Arch Masons, Councils of Royal and Select masters, Bellefonte is the smallest town in the State to maintain the four York Rite bodies in Masonry, and all of them a success. They are the Bellefonte lodge, No. 268, Ancient York Masons, Bellefonte chapter, No. 241, Royal Arch Masons, Nittany council, No. 57, Royal and Select and Select Master Masons, and Constans Commandery, No. 33 Knights Templar. The chapter and commandery have memberships in excess of 325, while that of the lodge and council are slightly less.

At the completion of the work, last Friday evening, addresses were made by grand commander Love, division commander George L. Benner, of Curwensville; grand marshal Robert Cunningham, of Philadelphia, and past grand commander W. I. Fleming.

Among the visitors who were present were Rufus T. Strohm, of Scranton, a former resident of Bellefonte; Thomas J. Lee and Samuel Wigton, of Philipsburg. The officers of the commandery, installed last week, are as follows: Commander, Earl S. Orr; generalissimo, Arthur H. Sloop; captain general, Robert A. Kerstetter; treasurer, W. B. Rankin; recorder, George T. Bush. A number of the members of Constans Commandery have held offices in the State commandery.

—Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Dawson, of Philadelphia, Pa., announced the engagement of their daughter, Miss Gertrude Louise Dawson and Mr. Henry J. Lyman, son of Mr. and Mrs. George E. Lyman, also of Philadelphia, on March 26th. Mr. Dawson was born and spent the early days of his life in Bellefonte. Miss Dawson spent numerous summers here with her grand-parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Griffith, deceased.

—The Ladies Aid society of the Lutheran church will hold a bake sale in the H. P. Schaeffer hardware store, tomorrow (Saturday). All kinds of baked goods will be on sale.

POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

DEMOCRATIC TICKET

DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE FOR DISTRICT DELEGATE TO THE THIRTY-THIRD CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

To the Democratic Voters of the Twenty-third Congressional District: I hereby announce my candidacy for District Delegate to the next Democratic National Convention from the Twenty-third Congressional District of Pennsylvania.

Personally, I am in favor of the nomination of Hon. Franklin D. Roosevelt as the Democratic candidate for President. I have, however, made the declaration in my petition that I will abide by the preference expressed by the Democratic voters at the primary, and should Ex-Governor Alfred E. Smith receive the highest number of votes cast in the District, will keep my pledge and support him.

ROBERT A. HENDERSON. Altoona Pa.
FOR CONGRESS

We are authorized to announce that Frederick B. Kerr, of 805 south Second St., Clearfield, Pa., is a candidate for nomination for Congress in the Twenty-third Congressional District of Pennsylvania, composing Blair, Centre and Clearfield Counties, subject to the rules governing the Democratic primaries to be held on April 26, 1932.

DISTRICT NATIONAL DELEGATE

To the Democratic voters of the 23rd Congressional District Counties of Clearfield, Centre and Blair.
Bernard J. Clark, of Altoona, Pa., solicits your votes and your influence on Primary Day, April 26, 1932, to enable him to assist in nominating the next president of the United States.

REPUBLICAN TICKET

FOR CONGRESS

We are authorized to announce the name of Floyd G. Hoenstine, of Hollidaysburg, Blair county, Pa., as a candidate for nomination on the Republican ticket for Congressman from the Twenty-third District composed of Blair, Centre and Clearfield counties, subject to the rules governing the Republican party at the primary April 26, 1932.

We are authorized to announce that Eugene H. Lederer, of State College, Centre County is a candidate for Representative of the 23rd Pennsylvania Congressional District subject to the decision of the Republican voters as expressed at the Primaries April 26, 1932.

COUNTY CHAIRMAN

We are authorized to announce that Bond C. White, of Spring township, is a candidate for Chairman of the Republican County Committee of the decision of the voters of the party as expressed at the Primaries to be held on Tuesday, April 26, 1932.

DISTRICT DELEGATE TO NATIONAL CONVENTION

We are authorized to announce that Charles P. Long, of Spring Mills, is a candidate for delegate from the 23rd Congressional District to the Republican National Convention, subject to the rules governing the primary to be held April 26, 1932.