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THE TALBOT FUND DISTRIBUTION.

The Treasurer of Centre county is mailing checks to the thirty-six poor districts in the county covering the allocation of the \$18,435.47 received for December, January and February from the State Treasurer as Centre's proportion of the appropriation made under the Talbot Act, passed at the recent special session of the Legislature, for unemployment relief.

There has been considerable confusion as to how this gift from the State may be legally used. The wording of the Act is very clear in that it is designed for the relief of the unemployed and not for the support of those who were known as habitual dependents on the various poor districts prior to its enactment. The question arises as to whether a fine line of distinction must be drawn between those who were more or less dependent on public charity prior to 1931 and those who have been forced to seek aid because of lack of employment since the depression set in.

It would seem that the latter class can be the only beneficiaries of the Talbot Act. This determination of it is supported on the theory that the Act was not passed for the purpose of relieving the poor districts of the counties of the State from their normal burdens of supporting the indigent, but to aid them in meeting present abnormal conditions.

On page 3 of this issue will be found a table showing the condition of the various poor districts of the county as of 1931; the property valuation, the millage laid, amounts received and paid out, as well as other interesting data.

From this table it will be seen that some districts in the county have had a far heavier self imposed burden of supporting their poor than others. In fact the rate of millage in five of them has been one per cent of the assessed valuation of their property, while in two no poor tax at all has been levied.

Of course emergency demands occasioned by the depression are likely to be relatively as great in those districts that have heretofore had few, if any, poor to support as in the ones in which there have always been many more or less dependent on public charity.

The allocation of the fund was not made on the number of poor in each district. It was based on the number of unemployed who might need relief, as reported by the Overseers of the Poor of the county, not more than a month ago. It is probable that some of the former were included among the latter.

However the fund is applied it can't go far toward relieving any real distress there may be, because the total amount is only \$8.54 per unemployed person. It will help, of course, but it will be only a drop in the bucket if conditions continue long as they are.

To be forewarned is to be forearmed and because no one can foresee just when there will be such a revival in business as will put all the unemployed back to gainful pursuits the present is the time for the Poor Overseers of the county to estimate future demands and provide for them through adequate taxation. In Port Matilda borough and Half Moon township, for instance, no poor tax has been levied, yet the former reports forty-three unemployed persons and the latter twelve. If the depression continues these heretofore self-supporting residents naturally must call on their more fortunate neighbors for help and they have every right to expect it to be forthcoming from a fund which the law authorizes every corporate unit in the State to establish through a levy of enough tax to provide for its own poor.

A general warning has been sent out by hospitals and the medical profession as to the overcrowded condition of the nursing profession. In many cities it is reported that professional nurses are actually in bread-lines. In one that we know of a large hospital is providing one meal a day for as many of the unemployed as it can and in a number of cases that meal is the only one the beneficiaries have. So many of the hospitals in the land are training nurses that the point of saturation of the profession would, inevitably, have been reached in a few years, but the depression has been responsible for its precipitation. While classed as a necessity a trained nurse, because of the high cost of the service, is an economic luxury. Only those above the average means ever could actually afford to employ one, and since it has been the people who have been better off who have been hit hardest by the depreciation in bonds and stocks and the passing of interest and dividend payments nurses have become a luxury to be forgone even by them.

Owen D. Young's removal of himself from the field of possible nominees of the Democratic party for President is regrettable. While Mr. Young was never regarded as an active candidate for the honor it was generally hoped that he might be a receptive one. There is no scarcity of available presidential timber in the party, but inasmuch as there is premonition of difficulty in selecting one from the several leading candidates at present in the field it was reassuring that the exigencies of convention strategy direct attention to a "dark horse" there was one of Mr. Young's caliber to be groomed for the race.

Tuesday's primary in New Jersey gave all the delegates to the Democratic National convention to Smith. While they were not pledged to the former Governor of New York they are the slate set up by Mayor Frank Hague, of Jersey City, who is his good friend and that means that they will be with Smith, as long as he might want their support. More important than that, however, is the probability that should Smith take himself out of the race he will be in position to say where the New Jersey votes will be thrown.

It is inconceivable that there could be such people in the world as those who have undertaken to exploit themselves through the sorrow that has befallen Col. and Mrs. Charles A. Lindbergh. The actual kidnapers, inspired by innate criminal instincts, are little more to be condemned than those of supposedly higher moral fibre who willfully deceived the searchers for the stolen baby.

The strong Cook Academy baseball team will play the Bellefonte Academy, on Hughes field, this (Friday) afternoon at 3:15 o'clock, and next Wednesday afternoon, at the same hour, the Danville High school nine will be the Academy's opponents. The admission price to these games will be 25 cents. The Danville team, by the way, has been coached by A. J. Sharidan, an ex-Tri-State pitcher.

Last Friday afternoon E. G. Way, of Unionville, parked his car along the side of the highway, near that town, while he went into a house to call on a friend. When he was ready to leave he pulled out into the roadway without looking to the rear and his car was run into by a highway truck driven by Millard Solt, of Bellefonte. No one was injured but both the car and truck were damaged.

FIFTY YEARS AGO IN CENTRE COUNTY.

Items taken from the Watchman issue of May 26, 1882.

The Register and Recorder of Huntingdon county fell off his bicycle one day last week and broke an arm.

George DeGarmo, proprietor of the restaurant in Snow Shoe, was in Bellefonte on Tuesday, and reported that winter was on its last legs out there.

Mr. Frank McGowan, of Snow Shoe, and Miss Tillie Hazel, of Roopsburg, were married in the Catholic church in this place on Tuesday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. William T. Spear, of Pleasant Gap, moved to Bellefonte on the first of April and have taken up their residence on west Lamb street.

How it rained on Monday afternoon and all that night. The gates of the heavens were opened and the floods descended with amazing copiousness.

Our friend Bartruff has moved into his new building near the Big Spring, from his abandoned Bishop street shops. John has plenty of room now for the manufacture of carriages, buggies and wagons, as well as for their display.

Mrs. Hannah Chambers, relict of the late James Chambers, died at her home near the Big Spring on Monday morning. She had suffered for a long time with consumption.

Business is extremely dull now and probably will remain so until after corn planting and, possibly, until after harvest.

J. Harbison Holt, of Snow Shoe, was badly hurt last Tuesday. He and some other men were building a platform on a tree from which to watch a deer lick. They were up about thirty feet and Mr. Holt lost his balance and tumbled to the ground. He is reported to be quite seriously injured.

The Bellefonte public schools will close today, Friday. The primary schools will have their closing exhibition this morning so they can be finally dismissed at noon. The higher grades will give their entertainment during the afternoon and be dismissed at its conclusion.

Mr. Al Garman, of this place, second son of Mr. Daniel Garman, proprietor of the Garman house, made himself happy for life, on Tuesday evening, by taking to wife Miss Ella Cowdrick, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. W. Cowdrick, of east Linn street. The ceremony was performed at the home of the bride and there were no guests other than members of the immediate family of the young couple. As Mr. and Mrs. Cowdrick had been unexpectedly called to the bedside of the latter's sister, who is very ill, Mr. and Mrs. Garman took no honeymoon other than to take possession of the Cowdrick home during the absence of the bride's parents. The calthumpians were on hand early in the evening and made an awful racket.

Wheat is 1.30, corn .80, oats .50, eggs .15, bacon .12, ham .12 and butter .25.

"HONEST PEGGY" WILL BE PRESENTED DOWN AT RED ROOST.

"Honest Peggy," a one-act play, will be presented by the Pleasant View Health Club, on Friday evening, May 27, at 8:00 o'clock in the Pleasant View union chapel, at Red Roost. This is a benefit program, the proceeds of which will be used for physical aid for members of the club, as well as for any other health use. The program will consist of monologues, a health skit, songs and music, beside the one-act play. The admission charges will be 10c for children under twelve years and 25c for all over that age.

GET YOUR LAWN MOWER IN SHAPE TO CUT GRASS

There is nothing more annoying than a dull lawn mower. After you have worked hard to cut the lawn grass it is discouraging to discover that it is full of "cat steps" and other muffs that a mower that is not sharp and properly adjusted is sure to leave. If yours is that way take it to Swartz's machine shop, on Race street, at the rear of the Penn Belle, where it will be sharpened for only 75c and any needed repairs made at cost.

Grass shears, scythes, cycles, hatchets, axes, knives and all edged tools are sharpened right at Swartz's. Why worry with dull tools when sharp ones are such a pleasure to work with?

TWO WOMEN INJURED IN AUTO ACCIDENT

A car driven by Benjamin Savercool, of State College, and containing in addition to himself Mr. and Mrs. Jeremiah Sauers, Mrs. Lenora A. Shadow and a young girl, was wrecked against a telephone pole this side of Lemont, between eight and nine o'clock on Tuesday morning, when the driver attempted to turn to the side to pass another car. The two women and Mr. Savercool were brought to the Centre County hospital. The women sustained lacerations of the head and body but no serious injuries. Savercool's injuries were minor and he left the hospital after being treated.

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A HODGE-PODGE OF NEWSY INCIDENTS.

The State Department of Agriculture is predicting the passing of the old apple tree, giving statistics to show that in five years, from 1925 to 1930, over 54,000 farmers in the State had cut down their apple orchards without planting a new one. Looking back to our boyhood days we do not wonder that so many orchards were converted into firewood. We can recall many of them, covering from four to ten acres of ground, and most of them with not over two or three trees bearing the same kind of fruit, and most of it a variety that could not be marketed now. There were the oats apple, the golden pippin, the rambo, baldwin, pound apple, watermelon apple, Rhode Island greening, and many varieties we cannot recall, but we tried them all. The rambo was a fine eating apple and the golden pippin was also worth the picking. But of them all the Baldwin still sticks as an excellent marketable variety. The delicious, wine-sap and Stayman's winesap are among the leaders today.

During 1931 Centre county's apple crop totaled 145,920 bushels. A large percentage of it was converted into cider because that was about all the apples were fit for. During the fall all handpicked fruit sold for a dollar a bushel. In fact that was the price throughout the winter, and the farmer who had an orchard of good fruit had no trouble disposing of its product.

Take the Greib fruit farm down at Lamar. They have an orchard of select varieties, the Stayman winesap predominating, and though they had thousands of bushels they sold them all. The big crop on the Fisher fruit farm, near Unionville, was exhausted late in the winter. The crops from the experimental orchards at State College were disposed of without any trouble, all of which goes to show that an apple orchard of good fruit, properly taken care of, will yield a marketable crop that will help out with the financial income of any farm, and why so many farmers are cutting down the old apple tree and not planting a new one in its place is hard to understand.

In Centre county there are many orchards that are not worth the ground they occupy, but before they are cut down new orchards ought to be planted and allowed to develop to the bearing stage.

Several days ago we saw a bunch of fishermen feeding their old bait, dead night crawlers and minnows to the big trout in Spring creek. They were not trying to catch the trout, simply disposing of the bait they had no further use for, but the trout refused both the crawlers and the minnows. They would make a dash for them when thrown into the stream but would stop in apparent disgust when they got close to them, all of which proved that the big trout are not only discriminating but rather choicy about their eats.

Fishnet stockings are here. We saw a pair of them, on Sunday, and our only impression was, why wear them?

Only nine more days after today and the 1931-'32 school year in Bellefonte will be over. After nine long months of it we opine that both teachers and pupils will be glad it is over and a summer vacation at hand. But the boys and girls of this year's graduating class who have no intention of going to College are the ones who will be up against a stiff proposition in finding suitable employment at the present time, when so many experienced men and women are out of a job.

Philipsburg residents are complaining about a swarm of little ant-like flies that have invaded that section, and are at a loss to know how to classify them and whether they will prove a destructive insect. We have them on this side of the mountain, too. Automobileists who drive at night complain about them literally covering the windshield, but so far there has been no evidence of destructiveness on their part, whether they came or when they'll go.

MANY BELLEFONTERS AT ALTOONA SERVICE

Saint John's Episcopal parish, Bellefonte, was well represented at St. Luke's church, Altoona, on Whit-sunday, when the Lenten offering of the parishes of this Archdiocese was presented at the altar.

Sixteen automobiles carried about one hundred church school children, teachers, officers, acolytes and parishioners to the service held Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock. The large church was crowded to capacity and a massed choir of more than 125 voices headed the procession into the church.

Shortened evensong was sung with the Bishop of Harrisburg as preacher. The presentation followed the sermon. Father Gast, of Saint John's, Bellefonte, acted as master of ceremonies in place of the rector of Altoona, who is ill. The Rev. Fathers Gottschall, Frear, Sherwood and Parchment assisted in the service.

BOROUGH COUNCIL HELD BRIEF SESSION

Up to the present time borough treasurer J. L. Carpeneto has been unable to secure a bond notwithstanding the fact that borough council reduced the amount of the bond from \$20,000 to \$10,000. But it is not so much the treasurer's fault that he has not posted a bond as it is the requirements of bonding companies, according to a letter read at the meeting of borough council on Monday evening. The companies now require the president and secretary of council to stipulate the bank in which the borough treasurer must keep his funds; that the bank put up a depository bond equal to the amount of the treasurer's bond or deposit gilt-edge collateral with another bank sufficient to cover the bond. The Finance committee of council has been doing everything possible in assisting the borough treasurer in securing a bond but so far has accomplished nothing definite.

The Street committee reported various repairs and the collection of \$30 for a sewer permit and \$18.60 from Miss Anna McCoy toward the expense of laying a sewer from her home, on Curtin street.

The Water committee reported a few minor repairs and the collection of \$613.63 on water taxes and \$8.70 for rent of garages. The committee also stated that contractor C. A. Talbert has filed his bonds and is getting his material on the ground to repair the reservoir. While the reservoir is being repaired the town will be supplied by pumping into the mains and a safety valve has been placed on the pipe at the reservoir to assure a supply in every part of town as well as to regulate the flow and pressure in the mains.

The Finance committee reported a balance in the borough fund of \$3553.68, which included a check for \$1000 received on Monday from former tax collector Sarah M. Love, and a balance of \$1006.98 in the water fund. A water department note for \$2250 and borough notes for \$4900 were renewed and a borough note for \$1000 ordered paid when due.

The Town Improvement committee presented the request of Mrs. Dobbler for a permit to erect a garage on the Mrs. John Porter Lyon property, on Curtin street, which was granted.

The Special committee presented the request of residents of Willow-bank street that Hill alley be repaired and the matter was referred to the Street committee.

The Street committee reported that residents of Halfmoon Hill are persistent in their demand for a street light and the matter was referred to the committee with power.

Borough bills for \$784.80 and water department bills for \$721.54 were approved for payment, after which council adjourned.

DECLAMATORY CONTEST AT BELLEFONTE HIGH

The members of the Junior class of Bellefonte High school are preparing for the annual declamatory contest to be held the week of commencement. They are competing for the prizes awarded each year by Col. W. Fred Reynolds to the boy and the girl who are adjudged the best speakers. The competitors include Betty Woomer, Gladys Sampson, Mary Hartle, Margaret Miles, Helen Myers, Roy Wilkinson, Norman Kirk, James Bair, Philip Mabus and Calvin Purnell.

WHAT MUSIC?

When walking in the corridors of the Bellefonte High school for the past week or so, one might at any time hear the expression "They are fine musicians." This refers to the popular ten piece band directed by Randolph Houck. The musicians are all lively and spirited, and they are willing to play at any time in the future for festivals or other social activities at very reasonable terms. Engagements can be made by calling 456-J. Some of their favorite selections were written by the late John Philip Sousa.

JOHN BARRYMORE, STAR, ON CATHAUM SCREEN

The remarkable return to popularity of John Barrymore this year, as attested by his brilliant showing in "Arsene Lupin" and "Grand Hotel," will be still further advanced following his latest picture, "State's Attorney," which is to be the Cathaum theatre, State College, attraction on Monday and Tuesday of next week. America's foremost romantic actor portrays a modern day role, and you are in for a treat.

You will see him as the attorney who wins juries with tricks—and women with love. One day he is a counsel for crooks—the next, as the State's attorney, he hunts them down. But in love—he's an outlaw always! Whether he is in the courtroom, with a dramatic plea, or in the boudoir for a romantic moment, Barrymore is at his best, which means brilliant entertainment.

—Among the nine nurses to be graduated at the Lock Haven hospital, on Tuesday, June 7th, are Miss Emma Tice, of Howard, and Miss Vera Weaver, of Bellefonte.

STATE HIGHWAY WORKMEN DESPOIL OLD BEER VAULT AND RILE THE OWNER

State highway workmen are making some improvements on the Buffalo Run valley road—widening out the narrow places and eliminating a few sharp curves. Out at Roopsburg they dug about four feet off the point of the hill just this side of the Mrs. Mary Kane home, and in doing so dug out a corner of the old beer vault in which the brew of the one time famous Roopsburg brewery was properly aged.

Mrs. Kane, who owns the property, was away at the time. She has been planning for some time to convert the old vault into a mushroom farm and when she returned home and discovered just what had been done to her property, and that the nicely squared stone taken out of it had been used to construct a retaining wall along Christ Beezer's barnyard, there was "h—!" to pay and no pitch hot."

But at last reports a truce has been declared. Highway department officials and the County Commissioners have agreed to restore the vault so it can be converted into a mushroom farm and Mrs. Kane has offered no further resistance.

HOSPITAL BOND ISSUE MEETING WITH SUCCESS

Thirty Centre Co. investors have already taken advantage of the opportunity to make a good investment in a local institution and have purchased to date Centre County hospital bonds aggregating \$20,000.00. These bonds are part of the \$70,000.00 issue being sold at this time for the purpose of retiring the present issue of \$30,000.00 and the building of a new nurse's home.

The bonds are issued in denominations of \$100.00, \$250.00 and \$500.00, and are tax free. The interest rate is six per cent and payable by detachable coupons, which will be honored at any Centre county bank every six months. With the completion of the new nurse's home the properties and building of the hospital will have an appraised value of \$190,000.00 or nearly three times the value of the bond issue. In view of this fact, it is apparent that the wisdom of investing in these bonds is unquestionable, and the trustees are confident that the entire issue will be sold in a very short time.

Bonds can be purchased through your local bank. The hospital board especially recommend this issue as a gilt edge investment for fraternalities, lodges, fire companies, and for the small conservative investor, as well as the individual who has larger amounts to invest.

BIG DOUBLE CIRCUS HAS VAST PROGRAM

The colossus of all amusements, Ringling Bros and Barnum & Bailey Circus is definitely scheduled to exhibit in Williamsport on Wednesday, June 2.

The No. 1 advertising car, the first of three in advance of The Greatest Show on Earth, is now in that vicinity. Billposters, banners, lithographers, radio men and press agents are heralding the great event, and soon everyone will be planning for a gala visit to the world's largest "big top," the center of the biggest canvas city ever assembled to thrill, entertain and amuse a great and discriminating populace.

Traveling on four trains of double-length steel railroad cars, the giant of super-circuses will bring 1600 people, 1009 menagerie animals, 50 elephants, 700 horses and a herd of the largest and tallest giraffes ever exhibited.

Pre-eminent features are many. A tribe of monster-mouthed Ubangi Savages from the jungles of equatorial Africa are presented this season by popular demand.

There are 800 performers and 100 internationally celebrated and beloved clowns. The Ringling Bros and Barnum & Bailey horse fair has become a feature amazing in its appeal throughout the North American continent.

IN BELLEFONTE CHURCHES

ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL
Saint John's Episcopal church will have a special service of induction this Sunday evening at 7:30, when five boys will be admitted to the local guild of the national order of Saint Vincent. These boys have been probationers for nearly a year and will become members of the national guild of acolytes at this service. The boys who will be inducted are Elwood Bastian, William Cox, George Curtin, Neil Gray and Jack Wilkinson.

The order of service will be shortened evensong, sermon by the Rev. Thomas Worrall, rector of Saint Mark's church, Lewistown, ceremony of induction and special music.

The music will be sung by both the parish and junior choirs, augmented by guest singers from the community. Soloists will be Miss Rebekah Valentine, soprano; Mr. Jack Yeager, tenor; and Mrs. Louis Schad, violin; Mrs. Paul Beaver, directress and organist.

EVANGELICAL CHURCH

9:15, Sunday school
10:30, Morning worship, "Be of Good Cheer."
6:30, E. L. C. E.
7:30, Evening worship, "For Such a Time as This."
A. Ward Campbell, minister.