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POLITICS AND MOTHERS' ASSISTANCE

A beginning has been made at what some believe will be complete reorganization of the Centre County Mothers' Assistance Fund Board. Already one of the women who has served with ability for a number of years has been replaced by another who has had no experience, whatever, in welfare work; two others have been notified that they are to be removed and a fourth member of the Board has declined to accept re-appointment at the hands of the Governor.

Ever since its organization, fourteen years ago, this Board has been one representative of the State that has been outstanding in the character of its personnel; unusual in the intelligence, ability and will to work of every member. The women composing it have been representative of the best in the moral, social and business activities in our community. There has never been a question as to the excellence of their administration. Rather, there has been a source of wonderment at the devotion and personal sacrifices they have cheerfully made to carry it on. The board has been composed of women who would spurn the suggestion that politics should weigh in the balance of their judgment; women who have filed no personal expense accounts so that the ten per cent allowed them might go to those in need; women who have given up many more pleasurable activities in order that they might devote their full time to the work they have so splendidly carried on.

Mrs. E. H. Harris, of Snow Shoe, has already been replaced by Mrs. Ruth Crain, of Port Matilda. Mrs. John S. Walker, of Bellefonte, and Mrs. G. S. Frank, of Millheim, both of whom have been on the board since its organization, have been notified that they are to be dropped. Their successors have not as yet been announced, but it is rumored that Mrs. William Young, of State College, and Mrs. Arthur Dale, of Bellefonte, will replace them.

Inasmuch as the three members who have been retired are exceptional in ability and qualification even among such an exceptional group as comprises this Board, the loss of their services to the worthy dependent mothers of Centre county is serious. It is a terrible price to pay for what must be the gratification of the petty spleen of some-one who has access to the Governor's ear.

The disruption of this splendid agency of the County and State, no matter what may be said by way of justification by those who have motivated it, is an insult to the County. It outrages decency and those who have been parties to it should be pilloried by public scorn until they hang their heads for shame.

THE GOVERNOR HAS ANOTHER BOGEY

Just why there should be any uncertainty as to the state of the finances of the Commonwealth is a matter of interest. If the State's accounting system is as comprehensive as that of an ordinary business concern there should be no difficulty in ascertaining, at any moment, just what its resources are. Yet there is a continual wrangle between the Governor and the State Treasurer about the matter.

A few weeks ago Governor Pinchot announced that revenues were falling off so rapidly that it would be necessary for him to make serious cuts in appropriations made by the Legislature in 1931, to carry charitable and educational institutions over the biennium. Of course the announcement threw the trustees of such institutions into a panic. They had made their plans on the assumption that funds would be forthcoming to carry them to completion and, in many of them, contracts had been entered into that cannot be broken.

It is an unfortunate situation, but no sooner had Governor Pinchot made the disturbing revelation than State Treasurer Martin authorized publication of the statement that the actual receipts for the year June 1, 1931, to June 1, 1932, the first half of the biennial period on which the Governor has based his scare, were some six million dollars in excess of the budget requirements. To be exact the receipts were \$85,283,218 whereas the budget for 1931-1932 required only \$79,587,264.

From these two conflicting estimates of the State's resources only one conclusion can be arrived at: Either State Treasurer Martin is an incapable book keeper or Governor Pinchot is indulging in loose talk. In the light of his many misleading statements in the past most Pennsylvanians will be inclined to accept the Governor's view of the situation "with a grain of salt."

It has been a hobby of his to take exception to statements made by the fiscal officers of the State. In his first administration he and his present Superintendent of Highways, Samuel S. Lewis, who was then State Treasurer, devoted much of their time to quarreling over how much was in the Treasury and how much more revenue might reasonably be expected to find its way there. Then the Governor was in high esteem in Pennsylvania. The masses believed he had put up the moon and in such a state of mind, of course Lewis was wrong. Time, however, revealed that Lewis was right.

And so it may be that Treasurer Martin, and not Governor Pinchot, knows best just what the State's condition is today. It is natural that he should, since he is its bookkeeper.

Assuming that he does and assuming that the State's income last year exceeded by six million dollars the authorized expenditures what motive can the Governor have for throwing a scare into the institutions that are dependent on the State's bounty?

It is likely that when May 31, 1933, arrives it will be found that revenues have been adequate to meet the \$79,587,264 of expenditures that have been authorized for the year. The surplus of the 1931-'32 period justifies the hope, at least.

In any event the possible deficit will be so small that it seems only Pinchotesque to be crossing the bridge before we have come to it.

The most serious blow that the Eighteenth Amendment has suffered was delivered on Monday, when John D. Rockefeller Jr., made a public statement to the effect that he has come to the conclusion that it's outright repeal is for the best interest of the country. Mr. Rockefeller is only one of one hundred and twenty million people, but he happens to be the active head of a family that boasts of three generations of absolute teetotalers and which has given a third of a million dollars to bring about the legislation that he now believes has resulted in more harm than good.

The Garner bill providing for a bond issue of \$2,300,000 for public works passed the house of Congress on Tuesday by a vote of 216 to 182. The majority it received is significant in that it reveals that the Speaker has not lost prestige, as his opponents would have the country believe, and that the members of the house saw little of virtue in the bill which President Hoover had presented.

FIFTY YEARS AGO IN CENTRE COUNTY.

Items taken from the Watchman issue of June 16, 1882.

Editor's Note.—We must have been ill at this time fifty years ago for we find a paragraph in the file of the Watchman, over which we are poring, which would indicate as much. It notifies Bellefonte subscribers to call at the post-office for their papers this morning because "our carrier is too ill to make his usual round of the town." We are the person referred to, since we carried the Watchman at that time. We don't recall what malady we suffered, but we do wonder what good the writer thought the notice referred to would do the subscribers. How could they find out that they were to go to the post-office for their paper from an article that couldn't possibly reach their eye until after they had gotten it?

—Mr. Walter Bayard, of Green's drug store, represented the Bellefonte druggists at the meeting of the Pharmaceutical Association in Altoona on Tuesday.

—The 21st of the present month will be the longest day of the year and we haven't had a real hot one yet.

—Bellefonte borough has just passed an ordinance making it "unlawful for any person or persons to ride on horseback or to drive with any wagon, buggy or other vehicle over any bridge or bridges within the Borough of Bellefonte faster than a walk."

—Ben Beaver, late mail carrier between Bellefonte and State College, has given up his stage and accepted a place in the Sechler grocery. Mr. Page, late of the Meiss store, up town, has also joined the clerical force at Sechler's.

—John Barnes has bought Daniel Derr's plumbing equipment, which, added to that of his own, puts him in position to continue extending his business.

—A base-ball nine from the State College, in this county, knocked the stuff out of a nine from Lewisburg university, at Williamsport, one day last week.

—Clement Dale Esq., of this place, accompanied by his father, left for the west on a visit to friends on Tuesday morning last.

—The other day a rat in the "Republican" office ran up Brit Steele's pantalon leg. Of course there was terrific excitement and a great hub-bub in the place until editor Tuten grabbed a poker and started to belabor the rodent. His marksmanship wasn't very good, however, for he hit poor Brit's leg ten times for every blow that landed on the rat. While the rat was finally killed Brit came so near meeting the same fate that he is now on crutches.

—Farmers Mills is the name of the new post-office in Centre county and J. S. Auman is the postmaster.

—Mrs. Sophia McEwen has been appointed postmistress at Hublersburg.

—A little son of William Peltz, of Madisonburg, fell from the trestle of Fouts and Elliott's sawmill, last Wednesday, and was killed. It was quite a long fall and the boy landed on the back of his head.

—One man at market, on Saturday morning, had seventy dozen eggs for sale.

—The mercantile establishment of Isaac Guggenheimer & Co., in this place, was closed by the sheriff on Saturday. The firm confessed judgment in the sum of \$13,000.00 to Mr. Hirsch, of Lancaster.

—Rev. W. W. Hicks, formerly pastor of the Methodist church in this place and now living in Washington, D. C. is spiritual advisor of Guiteau, the assassin of President Garfield. This is about the most unfortunate thing that has yet happened that poor devil, and the prison authorities are to be censured for thus imperiling his chances of Heaven. Hicks was a Florida scallawag and while here had about as much religion as Bob Ingersoll.

—Mr. W. T. Bair, of the Philadelphia Journal, paid his first visit to Bellefonte last Tuesday.

—A surprise birthday party was held at the Paul D. Fortney home, on east Bishop street, last Saturday evening. It was in honor of Mrs. Albert Quick and the evening was devoted to "500." The guests present were Mr. and Mrs. Albert Quick and son, Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Houser, Mr. and Mrs. George Hazel, Miss Verna Smith and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Fortney and son David.

—Home grown strawberries were fairly plentiful at the curb market, Wednesday morning, at 18 cts. a box or two for 35 cts. While the berries were damaged by the frosts and freezing weather late in April and early in May the crop still promises a good yield, according to growers, if sufficient rain falls to mature the berries.

—Miss Caroline M. Valentine has presented to the Centre County hospital land for the site of the proposed new home for the nurses of the institution. The plot comprises nearly an acre and lies to the south of the hospital property. The gift is a memorial to Miss Valentine's sister, the late Anna J. Valentine.

—The Woman's Club of Bellefonte will hold a bake sale in the Variety shop Saturday, June 11. Their very good pastries and other foods, to be sold at reasonable prices, should be an inducement for you to do your over Sunday buying from them. The sale will open early Saturday morning.

A HODGE-PODGE OF NEWSY INCIDENTS

We wonder how many people living in Centre county today can recall with any degree of exactitude the Etlinger tragedy, at Woodward, a little over thirty-six years ago. We know one man, at least, who does, and that is John P. Condo, of Spring Mills, who was sheriff of Centre county at the time.

The tragedy was one of the most horrible ever enacted in Centre county. William R. Etlinger, a woodsman, was a regular terror in his home community. He had served one term in the county jail for aggravated assault and battery. A big, rawboned man, high-tempered and irascible by nature, he was disliked and feared by all his neighbors. During the winter of 1895-'96 he had a fight with his father-in-law, Benjamin Benner, and hit him on the head with a piece of stove wood, cutting a large gash in the scalp. A warrant was sworn out for his arrest on the charge of aggravated assault and battery but the constable of Haines township refused to attempt the arrest.

At that time borough and township elections were held in February and John Barner ran for constable in Haines township on the platform of arresting Etlinger, if elected. He was elected and several days after he was sworn into office, armed with a warrant and accompanied by C. G. Motz and John Hosterman, Barner went to the Etlinger home, located at the eastern end of Woodward, and found the doors locked and windows fastened. He forced open a door and going inside the three men found that Etlinger, his wife and two children had gone upstairs and had locked the stair door. Barner demanded admittance on the threat of breaking down the door and Etlinger told him if he broke open the door he would do so at the peril of his life. Seizing an axe Barner broke out one panel in the door and was in the act of crawling through when Etlinger fired two loads of buckshot into the constable's head and body. Later he went down the stairs and cut his throat, ear to ear. Motz and Hosterman beat a hasty retreat.

This was on the morning of March 5th, 1896, and at that time there was no telephone connection with Woodward. There were few telephones at Millheim and one or two at Coburn. It was also before the days of automobiles and the only communication with Bellefonte was a drive of seven miles from Woodward to Coburn and by Western Union telegraph from Coburn to Bellefonte.

As soon as word of the killing was noised about Woodward a courier was dispatched to Coburn to send an appeal to Sheriff Condo for assistance. In the meantime every available man in the vicinity of Woodward, armed with rifles and shotguns, surrounded the Etlinger home to keep him from escaping. But he made no effort to escape. However, he took pot shots at every man who got within shooting distance, slightly wounding two men.

When Sheriff Condo received word of the tragedy he quickly gathered together an armed posse, which included the late Col. H. S. Taylor and James Cornely. The posse, about twenty-five in number, went to Coburn by special train and were conveyed from there to Woodward in sleighs and sleds. It was almost dark when they got to Woodward and Sheriff Condo stepped out in the open and called to Etlinger to come out of his house and surrender. A shot in his direction was the only answer. Col. Taylor, who personally knew Etlinger, attempted to temporize with him but a bullet whizzed past his head and he beat a retreat.

The posse then attempted to shoot it out with Etlinger and round after round of ammunition was fired but at regular intervals an answering shot would come from the house telling that Etlinger was still very much alive. The siege was kept up all night and about nine o'clock on the morning of the 6th, Jommy Cornely volunteered to set the house on fire as the only means of breaking the siege. While the guards kept up a desultory gunfire from the front of the house Cornely crawled up in the rear and applied an oil-soaked torch. It was only a few minutes until the entire rear of the house was ablaze. A short time later watchers saw an outside cellar door being pushed slowly open from the inside and one of the Etlinger children pushed out. Then came the other child, followed by Mrs. Etlinger. The woman was unarmed and she told the men her husband was ready to give up.

The sheriff called to him to come out and he slowly emerged from the cellar with a revolver in his hand. A dozen guns covered him and he was ordered to drop the weapon and throw up his hands. Instead of complying he raised the revolver and sent his last bullet crashing through his brain, dropping dead in his tracks.

The story of the tragedy or such meagre details as could be gathered owing to no direct communication with Woodward, made the first page of every eastern city newspaper, but how different it would be now. Telephones, automobiles and airplanes would get every scene of such a tragedy to the outside world within ten minutes after it was enacted.

We have also progressed in other ways. For the year 1896, the time of the Etlinger tragedy, the total expenditures of Centre county were \$73,778.96. The Sheriff, that year, drew \$1692.17 from the county and the prothonotary \$352.85. The court costs were 5540.28 and it cost but \$3813.65 to make the triennial assessment.

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PATIENTS TREATED AT COUNTY HOSPITAL

Cary Wyland, of Bellefonte R. D. 5, was admitted last Monday as a surgical patient.

Charles Miller, 7 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Miller, of Bellefonte R. D., became a medical patient last Monday.

James Kramer, of Pleasant Gap, a surgical patient, died at the hospital last Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester McKinley, of Spring Mills, are receiving congratulations upon the birth of a daughter, at the hospital last Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Glenn, of State College, are the proud parents of a son, born at the hospital last Tuesday.

William Meyers, of Nittany, was discharged, Monday, after being a medical patient for 293 days.

Margaret Carver, of Bellefonte, a medical patient, was discharged last Monday.

Mrs. Harry Barto, of Julian, was discharged Tuesday after undergoing medical treatment.

Henry, 7 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. John Shindler, of Milesburg, was discharged Wednesday after undergoing surgical treatment for a day.

Mrs. William Snyder, of Boggs township, became a medical patient Tuesday.

Mrs. Orvis Taylor, of State College, was discharged Saturday after having undergone surgical treatment since Tuesday.

Mrs. Helen Bitner, of Boggs township, was admitted Wednesday for treatment.

Joseph, Emil, of Bellefonte, was admitted Wednesday for surgical treatment and was discharged Saturday.

Vincent Kane, of Bellefonte, was discharged Sunday after undergoing surgical treatment for several days.

Mrs. James Confer, of Orviston, was discharged Sunday. She had been a surgical patient.

John Henry Bullock, 19 months old son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bullock, of Bellefonte, was discharged Wednesday after undergoing medical treatment.

Mrs. Mary McCool, of Spring Mills, was admitted for surgical treatment last Thursday.

Harold Custer, of Connellsville, a student at Penn State, was discharged Tuesday after undergoing surgical treatment.

William Smeltzer, of Bellefonte, was admitted Friday for surgical treatment.

John H. Raymond, of Milesburg, became a medical patient Saturday.

Emily J. Shultz, of Curtin, was admitted Friday for medical treatment.

Mr. and Mrs. George H. Frucher, of State College, are the proud parents of a son, born at the hospital on Saturday.

A son born to Mr. and Mrs. Henry D. Ellis, of State College, died at the hospital, several hours after birth.

Fred C. Miller, 9 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Miller, of Spring township, was discharged Sunday after receiving medical treatment.

There were 35 patients in the hospital at the beginning of the week.

Chief Burgess Howard M. Freeze, of Danville, is playing in hard luck. Though he holds the highest office in the borough he is only a laboring man. Last year he collected and turned into the borough treasury over one thousand dollars in fines and licenses. For some months past the Burgess has had hard sledding to get along. Work has been scarce and he couldn't get anything to labor at. He applied for work on the streets and with the water department but was refused by the men in charge. Then he applied to the borough council. He didn't demand a salary but asked that he be given a share of the borough work. A meeting of council was held last Friday evening and the Street and Water committees were instructed to give His Honor work whenever possible.

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COUNTY SUNDAY SCHOOLS TO MEET IN MILLHEIM

The sixty-third annual convention of the Centre County Sabbath School Association will be held in St. John's Lutheran church, Millheim, next Monday and Tuesday, June 13 and 14.

The sessions will open Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock, with president C. C. Shuey, presiding, and close with the evening meeting on Tuesday. The program follows:

MONDAY AFTERNOON
2:00—Registration of delegates
2:30—Worship service, Rev. A. C. Paulhamus, pastor Millheim Evangelical church
2:45—Address of Welcome, M. O. Stover Superintendent Millheim Lutheran Sunday school

Response—J. F. Wetzel, president District No. 11
3:00—Conferences:
Children's division—Mrs. F. M. Fisher, Leadership training—R. Stanley Kendig, Penna. State Sabbath School Ass'n Staff
Adult's Division—Walter E. Myers, Penna. State Sabbath School Ass'n Staff

Special Music
4:00—Address—Walter E. Myers
4:30—Announcements and adjournment

MONDAY EVENING
(Presiding officer—S. W. Gramley, Vice Pres. Centre Co. Ass'n)
7:30—Worship Service, Rev. H. A. Pruyn, pastor Spring Mills Methodist church
Anthem—Choir St. John's Lutheran church

7:50—Address, "The Home Contribution to the church"—R. Stanley Kendig Flynn
8:30—Address "The Challenge of Religion to the Youth of Today"—Rev. E. H. Brewster Penna. State Sabbath School Ass'n staff

Anthem, Men's Quartette Offering Announcements Benediction

TUESDAY MORNING
(Presiding Officer, C. C. Shuey)
9:00—Registration of delegates
9:30—Worship Service, Rev. G. A. Fred Griesing, pastor Aaronsburg Reformed church
9:45—Camp Kanawata—Ruth Bechtel
10:00—Young People Conference, R. Stanley Kendig
Open Forum—Rev. E. H. Brewster
11:00—Question Box

TUESDAY AFTERNOON
(Presiding Officer—Mrs. J. R. Miller, Y. P. Division, 12th District)
2:15—Worship Service—Rev. Paul Miller, pastor Rebersburg Evangelical church
2:30—Address, Rev. W. C. Thompson, pastor Bellefonte Presbyterian church
Special Music
3:15—Business Session

TUESDAY EVENING
(Presiding Officer—E. R. Shreckengast, past president 12th District)
7:30—Worship Service, Rev. A. J. Miller, pastor Rebersburg Reformed church
Anthem Men's Choir of St. John's Lutheran church
Address Dr. W. R. Heaton, Centre County Coroner
Offering Anthem, Men's Choir Address, Rev. Homer W. Tope, D.D. Installation of Officers Benediction

—On Tuesday morning several carloads of young people, mostly girls who had all the earmarks of High school students, from Poplar Grove, Ohio, stopped for a brief period in Bellefonte while the girls loaded up with lollypops, provisions, Etc. They were evidently on a camping trip as the rumble seat of one of the cars was filled to overflowing with loaves of bread and paper bags containing fruit and other provisions. Most of them were clad in pajamas that reached to the ground and we naturally wondered if all the girls in Ohio wore such extremely long "pants."

IN BELLEFONTE CHURCHES

ST. JOHN'S REFORMED CHURCH
Next Lord's day Children's Day service will be observed in the morning. Preparatory service in the evening.
Robert Thens, Pastor.

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
9:30 A. M., Church school
10:45 A. M., Children's day service with program presented by the Beginners' and Primary departments.
7:30 P. M., The vesper service and sermon: "Helping Others Without Money."
Clarence E. Arnold, pastor.

METHODIST CHURCH
Church school session, C. C. Shuey, Supt., 9:30. Big study: Goal attendance, gifts to Children's day fund. At 10:45, an extensive program by representatives of the school's departments. Miss Kathryn Kingsley tells the story, then the children, trained for special parts, begin their exercises which are very attractive. Primary, junior and other departments share in the impressive events. Baptism of children. Reception of members. At 7 the very charming pageant will be started. This is an exceptional program and will please the people.
Rev. Horace Lincoln Jacobs, Pastor.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.

Clair O. Bickle and Helen L. Smith, both of Warriorsmark.
Paul Peter Kaspick and Luella Martha Hinska, both of Osceola Mills.
Earl Ebersole Espenshade, of Bellefonte, and Edwina Elizabeth Ulrich, Millheim.
William L. McClellan and Mary V. Schantz, both of Oil City.
Russel Hoy Weaver and Margaret Isabel Sampsel, both of Pleasant Gap.
Andrew Vangor and Anna Point, both of Clarence.