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\$475,000 IS CENTRE'S FIGURES ON SECOND LIBERTY BOND LOAN.

Center county, exclusive of the Phillipsburg territory, subscribed \$475,000 toward the Second Liberty Bond Loan. Phillipsburg, which did nobly by subscribing a large sum, was credited to Clearfield county, whereas had her funds been credited to Centre county, this county's allotment of \$600,000 would have been over-subscribed. The results are most gratifying and indicate that the people are back of Uncle Sam not only with their hearts but with their money as well.

Reports from all over the United States show big figures on the loan, and it is expected that the \$3,000,000,000 asked for will not only be fully subscribed, but that the figures will reach the amazing total of \$5,000,000,000.

The Penna Valley Banking Company took 121 subscriptions for a total of \$24,650.

State College subscribed \$67,500. Millheim Banking Company received \$20,000 while the Farmers National Bank, in the same place, received \$16,000 in subscription.

A list of the Liberty Bond holders at the local bank is appended:

- Harry A. Neff
- John H. Neff
- Mary C. Neff
- Lillian Alexander
- Daniel Daup
- John W. Bradford
- William D. Bartges
- Jacob Sharer
- Susanna Spangler
- William F. Keller
- E. S. Ripka
- H. C. Firk
- Miriam K. Huyett
- T. F. Delaney
- William L. Musser
- Harold M. Musser
- Anna Mabel Allison
- Harold H. Keller
- Frank Grerger
- George M. Boal
- Mary Dauberman
- William Grerger
- Christ D. Keller
- John Barnaby Still
- Rev. Josiah Still
- Leila M. Magee
- C. R. Neff
- Laura S. Runkle
- Vera M. Zettle
- E. J. Igen
- Mrs. Mary Stump
- Cora A. Luse
- F. F. Palmer
- Mrs. Gardner Grove
- Mary Grove Williams
- William M. Allison
- Mrs. Ellen Jones
- W. Abner Alexander
- David J. Meyer
- G. W. Hosterman
- R. P. Campbell
- H. Clay Campbell
- C. W. Swartz
- E. M. Huyett
- Adam C. Ripka
- Anna C. Grove
- J. J. Arney
- George E. Bryan
- Samuel S. Stump
- Eliza J. Stump
- W. H. Homan
- Helen Luse
- Carrie Gettig
- L. J. Burris
- Philip Durst
- John Homan
- H. B. Frankenberger
- Clyde Dutrow
- G. F. Emerick
- P. L. Dutrow
- Frank A. Carson
- Kathryn W. Carson
- Gladys Jones
- Richard Smith Bailey
- J. T. Potter
- M. Delinda Potter
- Mrs. H. F. Bitner
- Lynn N. Bitner
- W. F. Fetterolf
- D. G. Wagner
- M. H. Bartholomew
- Calvin F. Emery
- W. S. Brooks
- W. O. Heckman
- Cyrus Brungart
- D. R. Bushman
- William Frazier
- Joseph Carson
- Calvin Thomas
- Rebecca Derstine
- James Cloyd Brooks
- Michael C. Delaney
- Margaret Thomas
- Jennie Thomas
- Mrs. W. W. Reitz
- Max Herr
- J. C. Rosman
- Thomas L. Moore
- J. K. Bitner
- Elizabeth P. Bitner
- Paul D. Swabb
- Mrs. Paul D. Swabb
- Wallace N. Igen
- Edith R. Booser
- Vera G. Heckman
- Fernie B. Heckman

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GOOD RESULTS SHOWN ON ABANDONED FARM EXPERIMENTS.

Pennsylvania State College, With Citizens, Will Meet at the Experimental Plots, Near Snow Shoe, on November 9.

The Pennsylvania State College fertilizer experiments on abandoned farm land near Snow Shoe, Centre county, are showing most striking results of great economic importance. Because there are 12,500,000 acres of this general type of soil in Pennsylvania, the experiments are of unusual significance at this time when the food problem is so serious.

State officials, trustees of the college, press representatives and prominent citizens are being invited to a meeting at the experimental plots, November 9, the day before Pennsylvania Day at the College. Autos will be provided to convey the visitors from Bellefonte to Snow Shoe and return, leaving Bellefonte at 9:45 a. m. after the arrival of the morning trains from the east and west.

Letter from Subscriber.

In a letter from Rev. S. G. Shannon, well known to many Reporter readers, and who is now engaged in the real estate business at Norwood, Delaware county, we take the following: "I would not like to be without the Reporter, as it brings the news from our old home, though I suppose I would not know the place, since all my associates and acquaintances are dead. I have just passed through a severe affliction—commencing with a gripe and resulting in endocarditis. My life was despaired of—no one thought I would ever rally, but it pleased the good Master to bless the means used and I am able to be around again. Am very weak yet, but am able to walk out and look at the flying machines as they pass over my head. The aviation school at Essington is only about two miles from us and we can hear and see the aeroplanes every day, over head, reminding us of the great World War, where I have two grandsons, and a host of acquaintances in camps at different places, and some on the ocean, and some in France."

Liberty Loan Meeting.

The meeting held in Grange Arcadia, Thursday evening of last week, to boost the second Liberty Loan bond sale, proved a success. The meeting was called to order by former Sheriff Cyrus Brungart, and after singing a stanza of America, Rev. D. S. Kurts offered prayer. The first speaker was Prof. W. O. Heckman, principal of the High school, who was followed by Prof. J. T. Marshman, of State College. Then Prof. C. R. Neff spoke briefly, after which the audience was solicited for subscriptions. The last speaker was John L. Holmer, of State College. The speakers were all optimistic as to the success throughout the states of the bonds being over-subscribed and the final outcome of world war.

Honor for Dr. Radcliffe, Noted Specialist.

Dr. McCluney Radcliffe, a surgeon at the Wills Eye Hospital and at the Presbyterian hospital, Philadelphia, who spent his youth in Mifflin county, and is well known in and about Centre Hall, has been signally honored by being elected governor of the Philadelphia Medical Club. Dr. Radcliffe's election to the important post came entirely unlooked for and is a tribute to his high standing in his profession and in the estimation of his colleagues.

Williamsport Commercial School.

The United States Government needs 10,000 stenographers and bookkeepers. Salaries \$1,000 to \$1,200 to begin. We are asked to recommend graduates. We need more graduates. Business men want office help. 71 calls already received this fall term. Send for catalogue at once. Enter any time. Winter term begins January 2nd.

F. F. HEALEY, Proprietor.

- (Continued from previous column.)
- William B. Hanna
 - Mrs. Chas. Arney
 - Carl Auman
 - Lottie C. Keller
 - Harold O. Alexander
 - Lena M. Emerick
 - Martha Booser
 - Philip McClenahan
 - Robert McClenahan
 - Mrs. Savilla Foreman
 - R. D. Foreman
 - C. M. Arney
 - Freda Bailey
 - S. W. Smith
 - Homer L. Neff
 - Mrs. W. R. Neff
 - B. Gardner Grove
 - Penna Valley Banking Co.
 - Grant Charles
 - Gertrude Spangler
 - W. H. Potter
 - Samuel E. Weber
 - J. W. Decker
 - F. A. Leister
 - Ralph Luse

BOALSBURG LAD WRITES OF LIFE IN HOSPITAL CORPS OF NAVY.

John K. Stover Says Fighting Micro-organisms is Ofttimes Worse than Facing Torpedoes and Steel.

The following very interesting letter has been received from John K. Stover, son of the Rev. S. C. Stover, of Boalsburg. The young man is in the service as a Hospital Corpsman.

To my friends and people of Centre County:

For the while past I have been reading of boys from Centre county enlisted in the service, all of whom have written of army life. Now here is a description of the life of a "Navy Man."

I am enlisted as a Hospital Corpsman in the Hospital Corps of the Navy; this being the trend of my work, in civil life. I have found my new life a very interesting and pleasant task. I am now stationed in the Naval Base Hospital at Philadelphia.

At present we have about 500 patients in the hospital, all of whom are either sailors, marines or soldiers. We treat all kinds of diseases. The most common ones are such as Typhoid fever, malaria, spinal meningitis, mumps, tuberculosis, cancer, measles, appendicitis, paralysis, insanity, etc.

The first duty of the Hospital Corpsman is cleanliness. Cleanliness of person and cleanliness in the hospital is of paramount importance. We have the care and nursing of all patients. Very often is a patient's life indirectly dependent upon a Hospital Corpsman. This makes our position a very responsible one. We have the charge of cleansing and redressing the wounds, sore, and operative cases. We aid and assist surgeons in the operating room. Our work in the dispensary and laboratory is also very interesting as well as instructive.

We do not have military training. Our training consists in fighting micro-organisms, which as you may know, often cripples a whole army or battleship, worse than torpedoes or shells. We are thoroughly trained in the combatting and the destruction of all microbes and germs the caring of the sick and wounded. The essential thing is the care of our own health, that we are strong and immune to any disease or contagion with which we come in contact. We are fighting enemies all the time, both aggressive and defensive.

Hospital Corpsmen have the privilege to see all autopsies, but this is no place for an effeminate man. To witness the autopsy of a man you have known during his illness is very hard for some of our men. We have some very undesirable experiences, but we hope to profit by them, and thus prepare ourselves to serve our country to the highest extent.

Censorship refuses to give any definite time when some of us will be shipped. Some may be called within the next few weeks, and again there may be a longer delay. We are doing a wonderful work here and hope to be of greater usefulness in time to come.

As to our time off and on duty, we have two watches, viz: Port and Starboard. I am on the Starboard watch. One day I go on duty at 6:30 a. m. and get off at 3:00 p. m. the same day. Next I go on duty at 8:00 a. m. and off at 9:00 p. m. When my short day falls on Sunday, I am off at 10:00 a. m. and when it falls on Wednesday or Saturday, I am off at 1:00 p. m. When we are off duty we are permitted to leave the grounds until time to report for duty, which is 8:00 a. m. next morning. Our nights in, that is, the day we work until 9:00 p. m., we may be called any hour of the night for a night watch. This watch is three hours long, and often breaks up a good night's sleep, as we never know when we may be called.

We are called at 6:00 a. m. and by 6:30 we have to be up and dressed and have our beds made and quarters in shipshape. We stay in tents 16x16, four in a tent. Last week the four of us in our tent had a very drowsy morning and we slept 15 minutes over time; as a result we spent one week confined to quarters. Since then we all hit the deck promptly at 6:00 a. m. We do not have any stoves in our tents but plenty of blankets. I enjoy sleeping out, but that "Hit the deck" in the morning when the cold wind is blowing a 50-mile clip is not such a pleasing feature.

The best of all is wash day. We have to wash our own clothes, except bed-clothes. We are required to be dressed in white, while on duty; so you see that we have some big wash. Our equipment for washing is a board table, scrub brush, and a cake of soap. Some of us make quite proficient washwomen, while others are not quite satisfied with their role.

Our eats are excellent. We call it "Chow". We have breakfast at 7:00 a. m., dinner at 12:00 noon and supper at 5:00 p. m. We get good substantial "Chow" at all times. We get some

dainties for dessert, such as ice cream, pie, rice and breadpudding and fruits.

We have all good healthy men in our corps. This is mostly due to the high entrance qualifications; also to the training we receive as to the care of our own health.

My next move will be for duty either on a battleship, torpedo-boat, base hospital in France or detailed with marines. I am ready to go anytime and anywhere where duty calls and will do my best in the service of my country.

I would be glad to hear from any friend that finds time to write. Letters are very gladly received by any sailor or army boy. I am,

Yours in service,
JOHN K. STOVER,
U. S. Naval Base Hospital
Philadelphia, Pa.

LETTERS FROM CAMP HANCOCK.

Private William Bailey Promoted to Corporal, Boys Purchase Many Liberty Bonds.

[By CORPORAL WILLIAM BAILEY]

Camp Hancock, Augusta, Georgia, October 26, 1917

Today we had a holiday, for the benefit of the Second Liberty Loan, and so I subscribed for a second bond, as did many others. Lieutenant Harvey holds the record with eight bonds.

A few days ago new "non-coms" and first-class privates were appointed by the captain, and I have been advanced to the position of corporal.

Last Monday we started our new drill. Here is the program: Start drill at 7:30 a. m., quit at 11:30; start at 1 p. m. and quit at 5:30 p. m. How is that for hours? "Non-coms" are now being taught the mechanism of our new machine guns—the Vickers, and since I am desirous of learning its construction, I will have to lay aside the clerical duties of the troop to attend gun school for a time.

Yesterday we were all allowed to go to town to take in Barnum & Bailey's circus. It sure was great. Next Saturday Jess Willard's big show will be here.

With best regards to all the folks back home, I will close.

[By PRIVATE JOHN GARIS]

We had a very interesting caller here from Bellefonte, last week. It was Mrs. Harry Keller, who has two boys in our troop. It made all the boys feel good to see how the Keller boys felt over a visit from their mother. Of course, we can't all have it that way, but nevertheless we surely appreciate the tokens of love in the shape of good things to eat which come our way from back home. It makes us feel that we are not forgotten.

Lieutenant "Dick" Taylor is on the job all the time and is certainly making a lot of good soldiers, good wood choppers and good cooks out of this outfit, and as far as I am concerned I don't care to ever see a tin pan or an axe when I get back home.

Best regards to all from a friend in the land of cotton.

How to Exchange Old Bonds for New.

If you hold 3 1/2 per cent. Liberty bonds and wish to exchange them for 4 per cent. Second Liberty Loan bonds carry them to any Federal Reserve Bank or to the Treasury Department at any time on or after November 8 and to May 15, 1918, and say so. After May 15 it will be too late.

If you make the exchange before Dec. 16 you will not have to pay the Government any difference in interest between 3 1/2 per cent. and the 4 per cent. your new bonds draw.

If you turn in your first Liberty bonds around November 8 you will get your new 4 per cent. in exchange quickly and begin drawing the 4 per cent. interest on Nov. 15.

If you have not yet received either an interim certificate or a first Liberty bond you must have the person, bank or agency through which you are purchasing bonds of this issue attend to the exchange for you.

Dog Tax.

According to an act, on or before the 15th day of January, 1918, and on or before the 15th day of January of each year thereafter, the owner of any dog six months old or over shall apply to the county treasurer, either orally or in writing for a license for each dog owned or kept by him. Such application shall state the breed, sex, age, color and marking of such dog, the name and address of the last previous owner; and shall be accompanied by a fee of not less than one dollar, nor more than two dollars, for each male dog and each spayed female dog; and by a fee of not less than two dollars, nor more than four dollars for each unspayed female dog. The license fee shall be the only license or tax required for the ownership on keeping said dog or dogs. All license shall be void upon the 15th day of January of the following year.

DEATHS.

John E. Ripka died at his home in Decker Valley on Wednesday, of shaking palsy, superinduced by injuries sustained in a back wreck six years ago. His death follows that of his elder brother, William H. Ripka, who died at Middleburg six days previous, and marks the first deaths in the family of eight children. Deceased was born in Georges Valley, December 20, 1844, the son of the late Charles Ripka, and was in his seventy-third year. He was a skilled wood mechanic in his earlier life. Politically he was a staunch Democrat.

His wife, who was Annie Neff, of Potters Mills, survives with seven children, namely: Steward W., of Pleasant Gap; Charles J., Jared B., Mrs. Wm. B. Musser, Ezra C., Irene H., of Spring Mills; Lloyd E., of Pine Grove Mills. Two brothers—Adam C., of Centre Hall, and Samuel, Millheim, and four sisters—Mrs. J. L. Tressler, of Centre Hall; Mrs. J. H. Malze, of Millheim; Mrs. E. E. Crater, of Spring Mills, and Mrs. T. L. Decker, of Millroy, also survive as well as sixteen grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at his late home on Saturday morning, and burial made in the Mountain cemetery in Gregg township, Rev. Miller, of the Evangelical church officiating.

The relatives and friends from a distance who attended the funeral were: Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Ripka, and daughter Grace, Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Ripka, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Tressler, Mr. and Mrs. Frank P. Floray, Centre Hall; W. W. Ripka, Harrisburg; George A. Ripka, Nittany Valley; Mr. and Mrs. Stewart W. Ripka, and three sons, Clyde Ripka and two sons, Pleasant Gap; Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd E. Ripka and son, Pine Grove Mills; Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Malze and daughter Cora, Samuel Ripka, John W. Confer, Mrs. Mary Tressler and Mrs. Emma Keen, Millheim; Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Decker and Harvey Decker, of Millroy; Mr. and Mrs. Bruce W. Ripka and son Dean of Centre Hall; John L. Ripka and Jonas Kustoboarder, of Bellwood; Mr. and Mrs. George Gentzel and Daniel Ripka, of Spring Mills.

A pall of gloom spreads over the home of Mr. and Mrs. James Harshbarger, at Stone Mill, because of the death of their only daughter, Bertha Harshbarger, aged thirteen years and nine months, whose death occurred at the Bellefonte hospital on Saturday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock. The girl was afflicted with diabetes mellitus and was ailing several months. A short time ago appendicitis developed and when her sickness took a serious turn it was decided to have an operation performed at the Bellefonte hospital. She was removed to that institution on Friday, but owing to her physical condition it was deemed best to delay the operation. Death relieved her of her intense suffering the next day.

Besides her parents, two brothers, Clyde and Ralph, mourn her loss. Funeral services were held on Tuesday morning by Rev. R. R. Jones of the Reformed church and burial made at Tuseyville.

New Court Order.

The Centre county court made a new ruling on Monday relative to the time for holding future sessions of December court. The time has been changed from the first week in December to the second week in the month. Hereafter instead of court being called for two weeks it will be called for "one week or more, as the business of the court may require."

FOLKS WE ALL KNOW



Is the Wild Rabbit going to Bite the Hunter? Well, hardly, but he isn't Skeered, for the Hunter has shot at and Missed him a dozen times the past two years. The Hunter will walk twenty-two miles and kill a Sparrow, two Ground Hogs and a Farmer's Cow. Tomorrow, he will be all Lamed Up.

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS

Next Tuesday is election day. Get out the vote.

Bonds will buy bacon, beans, and blankets for the soldiers.

Potatoes wanted; will pay highest cash price.—D. C. Mitterling, Centre Hall, Pa.

H. G. Hartline, formerly baker at Millheim, is a guard at the Rock View penitentiary.

A large flock of wild geese passed over town on Wednesday evening, on their way south.

Pennsylvania Day will be observed at Pennsylvania State College, Saturday, November 10th.

Harvey Royer, a Potter township charge, was taken to the Danville hospital last week by 'Squire Cyrus Brungart.

Harry Confer, the mail carrier between Coburn and Rebersburg, will do business from now on with a four-cylinder Reo car.

In order to enter the railroad service at the Coburn station, Stuart Hosterman quit the Coburn grain and creamery company.

John Bubb, who will retire from the farm at Red Mill, recently purchased the C. E. Boob property in Millheim, and will occupy it next spring.

Farmers week, at State College, will be held this year the latter part of December, opening Wednesday, December 26, and closing the following Saturday.

Former Congressman A. Mitchell Palmer has accepted the appointment of custodian of alien property, and to do so resigned as a member of the district board of draft appeals.

Rev. N. L. Horn, pastor of the Reformed church at State College, was elected to serve the Reformed charge at Lewistown, the election being held by Rev. R. R. Jones at that place on Sunday morning.

The Howard Hustler was sold at Sheriff's sale a few days ago. The Hustler had a hard-luck story on hand from the very beginning, but struggled along for about thirty years before being finally closed out.

A section of the Barnham works is suffering from a shortage of coal, according to reports from those from here who are employed at the works and whose pay envelopes have sustained a cut because of the resulting slack in work.

The three cent letter postage and two cent postal card rate will go into effect Friday, November 2nd. The county papers have been in error in stating that the new rate went into effect after November 2nd. Omit the after and you will have it November 2nd, which is correct.

John Bubb, of Colyer, while gunning for grey squirrels last week, came across a large red fox, which he killed. Besides the bounty of \$2.00, Mr. Bubb will realize from \$8.00 to \$10.00 on the pelt. Foxes are unusually plentiful this year and are doing considerable killing of chickens in the valley.

The percentage of casualties in the war is not so high. The first contingent of Canadian troops has been in the forefront of many battles. Of the 33,000 who went over in 1914 there are more than 30,000 alive today. Moreover, it is claimed that they are better in health and in every way than when they went abroad.

Mr. Hoover is contemplating changing Thanksgiving day from a day of feasting to a day of fasting and the change might be a welcome one to those dyspeptics who have paid up on the following days for a few hours' table pleasures of the holidays. Besides there are no turkeys within the reach of anybody but fortunate farmers or multi-millionaires.

Stop your engine when you take in gasoline. One gallon of gasoline vaporized has a tearing power equal to eighty-three pounds of dynamite. Five gallons of gasoline will generate 8,000 feet of gas. Gasoline is a petroleum product more powerful than dynamite; as sure to explode under conditions as nitroglycerin; as deadly as cyanide of potassium and as innocent looking as water, but never fool proof or danger free.

Messrs. D. W. Bradford and William H. Homan motored into the Seven Mountains last Wednesday to release the little buck fawn which Mr. Bradford had in his keeping for a day, and which he found on Grange Park where it sought refuge from the dogs. The little deer was released at Perry McKinney's place, above Potters Mills and at first was somewhat bewildered after having been estranged from its regular habitat, but once it got the scent of the wilds it started off with the dash which has caused the deer to be known as the fleet-foot.