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GET READY FOR INCOME TAX.

Single Men With \$1000 Income and Married Men With \$2000 Income, Must Meet Officer at Bellefonte in February.

It will require a small army of men to take the income tax returns of persons subject to the new law. Collector of Internal Revenue Kirkendall announced that last week forty officers will start from his headquarters on January 1st and on January 2 every one of them will be on the job in the county assigned them, to meet the people and help them make out their income tax returns. The officer assigned to Centre county is due to arrive here on February 1st and to remain until February 15th, both dates inclusive. He will have his office in the Court House in Bellefonte, where he will be found every day of the dates stated.

It will be well for every unmarried person whose net income for 1917 is \$1,000 or over, and every married person living with wife or husband whose net income for 1917 is \$2,000 or over, to call on the income tax man and learn whether or not they have any tax to pay. Collector Kirkendall said today: "The person subject to tax who does not return in the time prescribed is going to regret it. The Government will get after all income tax slackers."

"There's hardly a business man, merchant, or professional man who won't have to make return of income. Farmers, as a class, will have to pay the tax. The safe thing to do is for every person who had a total income of \$1,000 or \$2,000 as the case may be and who is not sure about what deductions the law allows him, to play safe by calling on the income tax man."

"The man in the field will have forms for everybody and persons who expect to call on him need not trouble themselves to write to my office for forms."

To Enforce New Dog Law.

Every dog in every township, borough and third class city of Pennsylvania will have to be licensed and kept under restrictions laid down in the new dog law which becomes effective on January 15 and which will be vigorously enforced by county commissioners, Secretary of Agriculture Charles E. Patton, and police officers. The new law which is expected to prove a big factor in the increase of sheep and other livestock in the State provides that the owners of all dogs over 6 months of age must obtain license from the county treasurer or justice of the peace, and the metal license tag must be worn by the dog at all times. Night straying is prohibited and the owners of dogs must between sunset and sunrise, keep all dogs confined or attached to chain or under reasonable control. It is unlawful for any person to harbor or keep about his premises any unlicensed dog.

Any person may kill any dog which he sees in the act of pursuing, worrying or wounding any livestock, or attacking human beings whether or not such dogs bear the proper license tag required by provisions. There shall be no liability on such persons in damages or otherwise for such killing. Any unlicensed dog that enters any field shall constitute a private nuisance and the owner or tenant of such field or their agent or servant may kill such dog while it is in the field without liability or responsibility of any nature for such killing.

It shall be the duty of every police officer to seize and detain any dog or dogs which bear a proper license tag and which are found running at large and unaccompanied by its owner or keeper. The owner of a dog so detained shall be notified to claim such dog within ten days, and shall pay all reasonable expense incurred by reason of its detention before the dog is returned. If, after ten days from the giving of such notice such dog has not been claimed, such chief of police or his agent, constable or high constable shall dispose of such dog by sale, or by destruction in some humane manner. It shall be the duty of every police officer to kill every dog which does not bear a proper license tag. For failure to perform his duty under the provisions of this act, such police officer shall be liable to a penalty of \$200 for each offense. For the performance of this duty he shall be paid the sum of \$100 for detaining a license dog and the sum of \$100 for killing a dog.

Whenever any person sustains any loss or damage to any livestock or poultry by dogs or any livestock of any person is necessarily destroyed because of having been bitten by such dog, complaint for damages should be made in writing to the township auditor or to any justice of the peace, magistrate, alderman of the township, town, borough or city. On establishment of such claim as provided for by this law, payment shall be made from the county funds to the proper person. If the owner of the dog or dogs doing the

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PROF. HECKMAN RESIGNS PRINCIPALSHIP OF SCHOOLS.

Leaves Centre Hall to Accept State College High School Position.—Prof. C. R. Neff to Finish the Term.

Following the close of school Friday preceding the Christmas vacation season, Prof. W. O. Heckman resigned the principalship of the Centre Hall borough schools. Prof. Heckman had been tendered the position of principal of the State College High school, made vacant through the resignation of Prof. W. Grier Briner, and his request to be released from his contract with the local school board was granted at a special meeting of the board held on Friday evening. The State College proposition will pay Mr. Heckman \$1500 for a nine months' term of school. The financial advantage accruing from the acceptance of the offer, while a big factor itself, is not of so great importance as the prestige Mr. Heckman will gain through teaching a High school of the State College class. It is regarded as a stepping stone to better and greater things for the ambitious young school teacher and only the best wishes of his friends go with him.

Prof. Heckman was teaching his third term in the local High school and was meeting with signal success. His graduating classes were proof positive of this success. He was respected by patrons and scholars alike, and as an indication of the esteem in which he was held by his scholars, he was presented with a gold coin by them on the day which terminated his teaching here.

Prof. Heckman moved his family to State College last Thursday and began his school work there on January 1st.

PROF. NEFF WILL FINISH TERM.

Following Prof. Heckman's resignation the school board elected John W. Corman, of Spring Mills, to complete the term, but a few days later the board received word from Mr. Corman of his inability to take the school owing to plans concerning the management of the home farm.

Miss Fisher's Engagement Announced.

A very pleasant social event took place last Thursday evening at the home of Miss Lola M. Ulrich, at Penn Hall, leader of the Y. W. C. A., when she tendered a Christmas party to her club—Penn Hall and Spring Mills. The evening was spent in games and contests, prizes being awarded the winners of the contests. At an appropriate hour the guests were invited to the dining room where a beautifully decorated table awaited them; the color scheme carried out being pink and white. During the serving of the different courses the engagement of Miss Sara L. Fisher, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank M. Fisher, of Penn Hall, to E. Roy Corman, of Spring Mills, was announced.

Fire at Osceola's Third Fire.

The town of Osceola, near Phillipsburg, was visited by the third fire in as many months, last week, and all have resulted in great property loss. The latest conflagration wiped out the Odd Fellows' building and two residences. The fire originated in the Odd Fellows' building and is thought to have been the work of an incendiary. The total loss was fully \$35,000, with insurance to an extent of nearly half that sum.

Damage by Dog.

The enforcement of this law lies with the Secretary of Agriculture, county commissioner and police officers. The term police officer shall mean any person employed or elected by this Commonwealth, or by a municipality, county or township and whose duty it is to preserve peace or to make arrest or to enforce the law. The term includes, game, fish and forest wardens.

Any person violating or failing or refusing to comply with any of the provisions of this act shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be sentenced to pay a fine not exceeding \$100.00 or to undergo an imprisonment not exceeding three months, at the discretion of the court. Any complaint of failure to enforce the law should be made to the county commissioners and to the Secretary of Agriculture.

LETTERS FROM FRANCE.

Boyd Smith, of Potters Mills, Writes from Within Forty Miles of French Front.

The following is a portion of a letter received from Boyd Smith by his father, Emanuel Smith, at Potters Mills, which will be of interest to many of the Reporter readers. The letter bears the date of Nov. 27.

Your letter was certainly appreciated and was the first mail received since my arrival in France a month ago. It is beginning to seem like home; we have our bunk-houses up and eat tables. The food is good and the supply sufficient. On Thanksgiving we are to have turkey and geese served us. That is not so bad for being in the land of war and famine.

You asked me where we were located but I cannot give the location, except to say that we are about forty miles from the front. Some of the boys go to (name of city or town erased by censor). I expect to see some of the sights and buy some relics when I get my furlough.

You asked in your letter what I had to do. Well, all I have to do is get out of bed at 5:50; breakfast, after that we stand reveille, then go to work on the road to noon; dinner; go to work at one o'clock and quit at 5:30, supper. In other words, we sleep, eat and work. I can work and sing now, so you see I have improved in spirit since my last letter to you.

I took out a \$5000 life insurance policy in your favor.

We are well above the sea-level here, and the climate is much like that at home. We have had plenty of rain and about one inch of snow, but I don't believe it is quite as cold here as at home, so it is just cold enough to work.

Write often and tell the rest to write too.

Your son,

BOYD SMITH,

Co. D, 10th Engineers Forest Regt., American Expeditionary Force, France.

Officer W. N. Keller Writes.

Co. F, 323rd Infantry Camp Jackson, S. C.

Editor Reporter:

My first week in the National Army proved very interesting. So far I have had the occasion to act in the capacity of drill master, insurance agent, physical director, school teacher, lecturer, Bible class teacher and a great life it is. Yesterday I was out for holly and mistletoe, and while in the woods I picked a quart of nice huckleberries for evening meal.

Am awfully busy, but like the work. With best wishes, I am,

Yours,

NED KELLER.

Some Below-Zero Weather.

Although the present winter season has practically only begun, it has already established for itself a record for below-zero weather that is greater than last year's record for the entire season. While last winter gained a reputation for being a solid winter, only on three occasions did mercury drop below zero and then only for three degrees. On January 27 one below zero was recorded and during February only twice did mercury drop below the 0 mark, and at neither time did it go farther than three below. December, 1917, saw five days of below-zero weather, according to the official thermometer in charge of the Reporter. Saturday night, last, was the coldest during the month, eleven degrees below zero being recorded. Sunday night mercury dropped to six below, and on three other nights fell to one below.

Boys Best Market.

Wallace Horner, son of George Horner, purchased the meat market at Pleasant Gap from Clayton Gettig, taking possession on New Year's day. Mr. and Mrs. Horner for the past year lived at McKeesport, but are now located at their new residence. Mr. Horner is a practical butcher and will undoubtedly prove a success in his venture.

Burns \$300 and Is Jailed.

Joe Carlow, a young Italian living in the Lewistown Narrows, burned up ten \$20 gold backs the day before Christmas, because, he said, "A man is better off without money if he can't spend it having a good time." To show his friends that he meant business he held them off with a brace of guns in real wild west style while he applied the match to the yellow backs. He is now lodged in the Mifflin county jail.

Back to the Simple Life.

"Go back to the simple life, be contented with simple food, simple pleasures, simple clothes. Work hard, pray hard, sleep hard. Work, eat, recreate and sleep. Do it courageously. We have a victory to win."—Hoover.

YULETIDE WEDDINGS.

McCool-Ripka.

On Tuesday evening, December 18, at the United Evangelical parsonage in Millheim, by Rev. W. H. Brown, Charles Luther McCool, of Spring Mills, and Miss Grace Irene Ripka, of Centre Hall, were united in holy wedlock. The groom is a son of Mr. and Mrs. David McCool, and at the present time holds a good position in the milk condensory plant at Spring Mills. The bride is a well-known young woman, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Ripka. Both enjoy the esteem of a wide circle of friends who wish them joy and prosperity.

The newly married couple have no plans for the immediate future, Mr. McCool being subject to the military draft.

Miller-Tressler.

Charles McElroy Miller and Miss Margaretta Tressler were united in marriage at the United Evangelical parsonage in Centre Hall, by Rev. F. H. Foss, on Saturday afternoon, December 22nd. The bride is a daughter of J. Wesley Tressler, west of Centre Hall, and has been located at State College for some time, engaged in the milliner trade. The groom is a sturdy young farmer, the oldest son of Mr. and Mrs. M. N. Miller, of Tusseyville.

The young couple contemplate beginning housekeeping in the spring. Their many friends extend sincere congratulations.

Harshbarger-McCool.

Max Harshbarger, of Altoona, and Miss Katie McCool, of Spring Mills, were united in marriage by Rev. Fred W. Barry, at Cumberland, Maryland, on Christmas day. The groom, with his brother, Harry Harshbarger, is engaged in the dairy business at Altoona, and is meeting with marked success. The bride for the past several years taught school and during vacation was employed at the Centre Hall hotel. Owing to the fact that Mr. Harshbarger is within the age which subjects him to the military draft, the newly wedded couple will not consider beginning housekeeping at present.

Bohn-Yarnell.

On December 24, at the Reformed parsonage in Boalsburg, George J. Bohn and Miss Ruth Yarnell were united in matrimony by Rev. E. C. Stover. Mr. Bohn is head clerk in Ross' store, Lemont, and the bride is the accomplished daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Neuton C. Yarnell. Both parties are well known and have the best wishes for a happy wedded life.

Child No. 12 Is Born.

A baby daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. John Ruble, in Centre Hall, on the day before Christmas. The new addition brings the total number of children in this family to twelve—all healthy, normal children.

Surprise Party.

More than four score neighbors and friends gathered at the home of J. A. Fortney, at Tusseyville, last Wednesday evening, to help celebrate his forty-fourth birthday anniversary. The plans of his good wife, from her starting him on an errand to his returning home at an hour when the guests had all assembled, proceeded without a hitch, consequently Mr. Fortney was "beside himself" when he witnessed the sea of faces upon his return home. All enjoyed a delightful evening, during which choice refreshments were served by the hostess. Those present were:

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Musser, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Musser, Mr. and Mrs. William Kline, Mr. and Mrs. Martin Keller, Mr. and Mrs. David Glasgow, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Colyer, Mr. and Mrs. William Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Harry McClellan, Mr. and Mrs. John Wert, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Wert, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Markle, Mr. Homer Walker, Mr. and Mrs. George Horner, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Fortney, Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Sharer, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Markle, Mr. and Mrs. John Horner, Mrs. Edward Williams, Mrs. Walker Shutt, Mrs. William Harshbarger, Mrs. James Swabb, Mrs. George Seaton, Mrs. Anna Klinefelter, Mrs. Ella Hettinger, Mrs. George Markle, Stella Markle, Carrie Markle, Irene Tressler, Maude Horner, Mae McClellan, Hazel McClellan, Margaret Keller, Leora Allen, Anna Maris, Allos Glasgow, Britamarte Fortney, Minnie Shutt, Bessie Young, Isabelle Horner, Mary Decker, Roy Seaborn, James Seaborn, Bethard Keller, Ralph Keller, Fred Oaman, Grant Kline, Edgar Hess, Bruce Horner, Harry Horner, Earl Horner, Roy Markle, J. Thomas Markle, Jack Markle, James Fortney, Wilson Lucas, Hamel Kline, George Musser, Earl Musser, George Taylor, John Hettinger, Harold Horner, Robert Birchfield, Rufus Sharer, Leroy Sharer, Bruce Sharer.

DEATHS.

Mrs. Lizzie A. Gingerich, wife of Samuel Gingerich, passed to the great beyond, Friday afternoon preceding Christmas, at her home west of Centre Hall, after a prolonged illness of dropsy and heart trouble. On that day she appeared apparently in better health than for some time, and enjoyed several hearty meals. Mr. Gingerich was assisting a neighbor at work and shortly after the noon hour felt positive that he heard his name called from the direction of his home; some distance away. Although none other appeared to have heard the call, Mr. Gingerich, filled with apprehension, hastened to his home and inquired of his wife whether she had called. Her response was, "No," and a few moments later life departed from her.

Deceased was the daughter of Henry and Rebecca Houtz and was born in Harris township, March 31, 1867, making her age fifty years, eight months and twenty-one days. Her marriage to Mr. Gingerich occurred November 8, 1891. One child was born to their union, having died in infancy. The husband and the following brothers and sisters survive: Mrs. Ellen Ross, Mrs. Lillie Houser, of Linden Hall; Mrs. Ed. Cunningham, of Bellefonte; George H. Houtz, of Toledo, Ohio, and Elmer E. Houtz, of Boalsburg. Mrs. Gingerich was a faithful member of the Lutheran church at Centre Hall and was an active worker, while health permitted, in its various endeavors. She was of a most kindly nature and a host of sorrowing friends attest to her Christian life.

Funeral services were held in the Lutheran church on the day before Christmas, Rev. D. S. Kurtz, her pastor, officiating. Burial followed in the local cemetery.

Mrs. Rachel Amelia (Bozzer) Deitzel, widow of John Deitzel, died at her home near Tusseyville, on the 18th ult., of infirmities incident to old age. She was born in Heilborn, Germany, September 14, 1832, hence was aged eighty-five years, three months and four days. Her parents died when she was a child, and at the age of fourteen she came to this country and settled in Philadelphia, where she met and married John Deitzel, about sixty-five years ago. After a few years they came to Centre county, locating at Pleasant Gap where they conducted a general store, going from there to Tusseyville where she lived on what is now the old homestead, for fifty-three years. Her husband died seventeen years ago.

Surviving her are the following children: Josephine and Mrs. George A. Eberhart, of Bellefonte; Mrs. George B. Markle, of Jeanette; Rev. S. H., pastor of the Reformed church at Pleasant Unity; and Mrs. Sadie Neff, at home. Also fourteen grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

Deceased was a member of the Reformed church at Tusseyville, in which the funeral services were held Saturday morning, burial being made in the adjoining cemetery, Rev. R. R. Jones officiating. All the children were present at the funeral.

George E. Greninger died at his home in Rebersburg on Monday, December 24, following a week's illness with pneumonia. For a number of years he was engaged in farming in Stephenson county, Illinois, his wife, who was Hattie Hess, being a native of Orangeville, the same state. In 1914 Mr. Greninger moved back to Rebersburg, his native town. His parents are dead, but his wife and four children survive; namely, Edna, Paul and Blanche, aged respectively six, four and two years. The following brothers and sisters are also left: B. McClellan, of Freeport, Ill.; Edward T., of Rebersburg; Mrs. George Winkleblich, of Aaronsburg; Mrs. John Grader, of Spring Mills, and Mrs. George Wise, of Rebersburg.

Deceased was aged forty-nine years, nine months and fourteen days. Funeral services were held Thursday of last week, Rev. Hunsicker, of the Reformed church, and Rev. Manevel, of the Evangelical Association, officiating. Interment in the Union cemetery, Rebersburg.

Florence, the six month old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Swab, of near Colyer, died on Christmas day and was buried on Thursday, interment being made in the Zion cemetery, near Tusseyville.

Froze to Death.

George Nickell, aged eighty-four years, was found in the woods near Harleton on Sunday afternoon preceding Christmas, having froze to death. He was a salesman and it was while making a trip afoot in that locality that he wandered over the snowy fields and roads and apparently became lost.

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS

Lewistown will conserve fuel by having lightless nights.

A good many lizzies had a rest during the latter part of the old year.

Mifflin county, on Friday, sent thirty-seven selected men to Camp Meade. The auditors' statement of the finances of Potter township appears in this issue.

Miss Isabel Rowe, who is teaching school at South Bethlehem, spent the vacation period at her home in this place.

All posters relating to the Second Liberty Loan bonds should be taken down at once. They may be destroyed.

The State Highway's method of opening the state highways is rather slow. It really depends on the traveling public to "beat it" down.

Mrs. Tobs Krentzman, who had reached the age of one hundred years, died while at the supper table. She had been in good health. Apoplexy caused her death. She was a resident of Lewistown.

James Frohm killed five foxes—three of the red variety and two gray—within the past week. Besides the ten dollars which he realized on the scalps, the pelts netted a handsome sum.

Elston Snyder, oldest son of Rev. and Mrs. S. A. Snyder, former residents of Centre Hall, has enlisted in the medical corps of the army and was transferred to the Walter Reed General Hospital, District of Columbia.

Miss Mary Delinda Potter, teacher of the Dalton, Lackawanna county, schools, and Miss Ida Sweetwood, student at the Bloomsburg State Normal, enjoyed the Christmas vacation period at their homes in this place.

To aid those having income tax to pay, the Government will have a representative at Bellefonte, continuously from February 1st to February 15th, in the court house, where he may be consulted any time by persons interested.

F. V. Goodhart had two funerals last week. On Monday he buried Mrs. Samuel Gingerich and on Friday he had complete charge of the funeral of George Greninger, of Rebersburg, who was buried in the Rebersburg cemetery.

The remodeled pipe organ in the Lutheran church at Lewistown was used for the first time on Sunday. The instrument is the largest and most complete one in Central Pennsylvania, having 1454 pipes, exclusive of harp and chimes.

Pennsylvania has furnished more than double its quota of men for the United States army, and a larger number than any other state in the Union. Up to December 15th the actual enlistments since April 1st were 37,674, the quota being but 15,330.

Prof. D. O. Eiters reports four vacancies in the schools in the county, most of which have resulted from the draft call. The schools without teachers are: One at Potters Mills, one at Unionville, one in Benner township, and another near Pine Grove Mills.

Carl A. Auman, who for several years was employed as a clerk in the Penns Valley bank, at Centre Hall, quit his work there on Monday to accept a position with the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, at Altoona, in their offices. He left Centre Hall on New Year's day.

The Reporter returns thanks to those subscribers who during the Christmas season remitted on subscription and in that way helped to make the day more cheerful. Now during the first days of the New Year, let others come along and help the good old Reporter so it will be able to do its bit in the many lines of work now required.

Thomas Fanning, said to be from Bellefonte, performed a series of di Joes that will likely land him in the Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, prison. The Freeport (Ill.) Bulletin states that Fanning's late offense was to desert the new National Army. He had been located at Camp Grant, Rockford, Illinois. He was captured near Freeport. He claims to have served under Carranza and fought against Villa. He is only twenty-one years old.

In an extended article in the Freeport Daily Journal-Standard, J. M. Stiffler, the practical farmer and writer on agriculture, heartily endorses the county farm agent movement. He states that about 27,000 counties throughout the United States have organized for co-operative extension work in agriculture and home economics, and less than 3 per cent. of all the organizations established have abandoned the project. Mr. Stiffler is a Potter township product, and one who has been successful in farming and accumulating wealth.