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**CHURCH APPOINTMENTS.**

Presbyterian—No service, on account of scarcity of coal.

Lutheran—Spring Mills, morning; Centre Hall afternoon; Tusseyville, evening.

Reformed—Centre Hall, Sunday school and church service in the morning. This is done to save fuel.

**POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CONGRESS.**

We are authorized to announce the name of Wm. E. Tobias, of Du Bois, Pa., as a candidate for the democratic nomination for the office of representative in Congress for the 21st district of Pennsylvania. This district includes Cameron, Centre, Clarfield and McKean counties. Primary election Tuesday, May 21st, 1918. Post office address, Du Bois, Pa.

**SECRETARY BAKER'S REPORT.**

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work rebuilding the French railroads, the work of the Red Cross and the thousand and one activities which have marked the conduct of our officers and men on the other side. One of the most interesting sections of this comprehensive and inspiring report deals with the almost daily changes which necessitates corresponding changes in the war program. He shows that today's plans may be worthless tomorrow, that weapons which are worth while today may be unserviceable tomorrow.

The reticence which has been the policy of the war department from the beginning, a reticence which furnished opportunity for criticism, is accounted for by the secretary upon the ground that it is justified and demanded by motives of military expediency. He denies that the German military command has definite knowledge of the number of American troops now in France, declaring that he has good authority for believing they are befogged concerning the matter and he justifies his silence by pointing to the example of France and of Great Britain. Nowhere will his statement to congress be inspected with more interest than at the headquarters of the German emperor, and there is reason to believe that it will become the occasion of the serious thought of the Kaiser and all other enemies of the freedom of mankind.

It is the plain duty of American citizens, in face of the remarkable achievements of the war department, overcoming as it has tremendous difficulties in so brief a time, to stop grumbling and resume boasting. There is general unanimity in support of the government's policy of prosecuting the war. It is now shown conclusively that there has been little genuine ground for unfriendly criticism. Our war department has done marvelous things during the last few months; suppose we give it our entire confidence; our enthusiastic support.

**Says Small Farms in Penna. Are Bad for Agriculture.**

In face of the present labor situation the farmers of Pennsylvania are favoring the small farm where the operator is able to do most of the work. This in a measure may dodge the labor problem but is suicidal to the agricultural interests of the state. It is a reversion of progress that has as its ultimate end the Chinese farm where the growing of crops is done largely by human labor and where the farmer by hard work can get enough to eat and have a small surplus for his city brothers.

It is the other extreme that furnishes the greatest surplus for people who are not farmers. On the large farm more acres of crops are handled per man, horses are used more efficiently, and one can afford to own improved machinery without having too much of his capital tied up. On such a farm one man drives four horses and saves the other driver's labor.

It would be far better, says D. S. Fox, of the Pennsylvania State College, for two men to farm in partnership rather than to divide a farm. There may not be money enough for two men on the farm but there is less when the farm is divided.

**New Red Cross Members.**

Mrs. John C. Rossman.  
H. W. Kreamer.  
William A. Arney.  
William Bailey.

Does father work on Monday?

Patriotic concert, to-night.

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**Trains Running Late.**

Trains were running late on Tuesday; no mail went out from Centre Hall. The morning train from the east, on Monday, did not get to Centre Hall until near noon, and the afternoon train from the east came along between eleven and twelve o'clock Tuesday night. The afternoon train east from Bellefonte, on Monday, got to the White Station, or Grange Park, just a half mile west of Centre Hall station, about four o'clock, and lodged there until between four and five o'clock, Tuesday a. m. The trains passed at the station and again lodged in snow banks on either side of the station. The east bound was dislodged at 3:30 p. m. and the west between nine and ten o'clock p. m. Both the regular trains had double-headers, had also the snow plow that helped to dig them out. A large number of men with shovels was the force that finally dug out the trains.

**Water Notice.**

Owing to the shortage of water in the borough reservoir, all persons are cautioned against leaving spigots open during the night. The use of water washing machines must be dispensed with for the present. Inside leaks should be repaired at once and to enforce such action the water commissioner will shortly make a house-to-house canvass in regard to this matter. The water situation has reached an alarming stage, and it behooves every citizen to do his part toward conserving the supply.

**By Order BORO COUNCIL.**

**Marriage Licenses.**

Noah M. Hahn, Pine Grove Mills  
Mary H. Cox, Blanchard  
Earl L. Conway, Woodland  
Eugene Derbique, Phillipsburg  
Irvin R. Miller, State College  
Olivia E. Gentzell, State College  
Gurney R. Boob, Millheim  
Mildred B. Malz, Millheim  
Henry W. Brimmer, Rock View  
Bertha A. Hayes, Bellefonte

Letter from Ohio.  
Lorain, Ohio,  
January 28, 1918

**Editor Reporter:**

We are having an "old-fashioned" winter here, mercury sticking around zero for many days since the beginning of December. Eight degrees below has been the coldest. Lorain is booming; that is, as far as it can with the great scarcity of men and coal. Food prices are high, and here, as everywhere else, food is scarce. Here are a few prices we are asked to pay: Bread, 1 1/2 lb. loaf, 13c; potatoes \$2.00 per bushel; lard, 35c lb; beef—round steak, 28c; smoked ham, 40c; butter, 56; eggs, 65c; milk, 12c quart.

With best wishes to the Reporter and all our friends in Centre county, I am,

Yours truly,  
M. J. BARGER.

**Pine Grove Mills.**

Most of the traveling is done through fields.

Last Monday Charles Sunday flitted to the J. C. Homan farm, as helper.

Henry McWilliams is arranging for an extended visit to his sister's home in Lancaster.

J. F. Kimpfort and Grant Charles, of Bousburg, registered at the St. Elmo for dinner, Sunday.

Hugh C. Dale, with his two-in-hand in a sledding party attended Pomona Grange at Centre Hall last Thursday.

A. C. Keplar and wife spent several days in Altoona.

Miss Sadie Glenn, who has been quite ill for several weeks, is recovering at her home at Balleyville.

On account of the deep snow lumbering is at a standstill on the old Tussey mountains. Logs out in the early fall cannot be freed and mills are idle.

Last week F. B. Tate resigned as teacher of the township school to accept a position in a large creamery near Pittsburg.

Mrs. Samuel Hess, who has been under treatment in the Bellefonte hospital, has fully recovered and expects to return home this week.

Mrs. J. A. Peters was taken to the Bellefonte hospital on Thursday and underwent a surgical operation Friday.

At last report she was doing well.

Jacob Reish, who has been in bad health for most of the winter, has decided to quit the old farm and retire. His son, of Hollidaysburg, will take the place.

Jacob Reish and Daniel Harpater were both compelled to kill one of their best horses last week because of having received broken hind legs by kicks from other horses.

Elmer Barr, a former Pine Grove boy who has been in the west for thirty years, is visiting relatives in this section, with headquarters at the home of his brother, Postmaster David Barr.

Paul Bailey, of Altoona, was on Friday called to the bed side of his mother who is suffering from a broken hip, caused by a fall last Tuesday. On account of her advanced age her recovery seems doubtful.

Mrs. Ralph Musser and baby girl are visiting Grandpa W. E. McWilliams at Rock Springs. He has just returned from the Johnstown hospital where he underwent a surgical operation.

**WEEKLY WAR NEWS DIGEST**

Stories of Activities and Conditions Throughout the United States and on the Battle Fronts, from Washington, D. C.

**LABORERS FROM PORTO RICO AND VIRGIN ISLANDS FOR FARM AND RAILROAD WORK**

The Department of Labor is arranging to bring into the United States 110,000 laborers for railroad and farm work, from Porto Rico and the Virgin Islands, according to Louis F. Post, assistant secretary of the Department of Labor.

Mr. Post declares there is no necessity for importing common labor from Mexico or China. Porto Rico is an agricultural territory and yet has a density of population exceeded by only three States. A considerable surplus of workers exists on the island. It can furnish 100,000 laborers, and the Virgin Islands can send 10,000 more.

Arrangements are being made to bring over 50,000 men as soon as tonnage is available.

**WORLD'S SUPPLY OF SHIPS NOW ABOUT 20 PER CENT SHORT OF NORMAL**

The Food Administration estimates the total number of ocean-going vessels now afloat at 30,000, having a gross tonnage of 45,000,000 tons. Losses of shipping during the war have totaled about 8,788,090 tons, and the supply of ships is about 20 per cent short of normal.

Shipbuilding in France has been at a standstill since the beginning of the war; England's output is less than normal; Japan is hampered by lack of material; the American ship supply is only beginning.

**WAR SERVICE EXCHANGE WILL GIVE INFORMATION REGARDING ENLISTMENTS**

One of the functions of the newly established war service exchange will be to answer inquiries of persons desiring to serve in the Army. It will also keep informed of needs of the various branches of the service as to personnel, and direct suitable persons as to where and how to apply, and will cooperate with the Department of Labor and other agencies in locating and supplying men needed for special purposes by the various branches of the service.

Inquiries regarding enlistment opportunities, etc., should be addressed to the war service exchange, room 629, State, War, and Navy Building, Washington, D. C.

**2,000 MEN EXPERIENCED IN HANDLING HORSES WANTED FOR VETERINARY CORPS**

For work in the enlisted Veterinary Corps, 2,000 men not subject to call under the selective-service law are wanted. They will be assigned to duty in veterinary hospitals and for other purposes in the corps. Service overseas can be expected shortly.

There is particular demand for veterinary and agricultural students, farmers, stablemen, and others accustomed to handling horses. A few men of the following occupations will also be accepted: Horseshoers, saddlers, pharmacists, cooks, typist, and stenographers.

Pay for enlisted men and noncommissioned officers range from \$30 to \$56 a month, food, clothing, and quarters. Applications for enlistment can be made at any Army recruiting office.

**SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE URGES CONSTRUCTION OF ROADS OF MILITARY VALUE**

Secretary Houston, of the Department of Agriculture, has set forth the policy which he thinks should be followed in highway construction during the war:

"So far as it is practicable to do so, this department will urge the maintenance of the highways already constructed; the construction and completion of those highways which are vitally important because of their bearing upon the war situation or for the movement of commodities; the postponement of all highway construction relatively less essential or not based upon important military or economic needs. The department is preparing to suggest to the State highway departments the preparation of a schedule of work for the Federal aid projects for 1918 in the line with this policy."

Road construction and maintenance in the United States involve an annual expenditure of about \$300,000,000.

**FEED MANUFACTURERS AND DEALERS MUST SECURE LICENSES BY FEBRUARY**

Manufacturers of and dealers in commercial feeds for livestock, cattle, and hogs must secure licenses under the Food Administration by February 15. This covers baled hay, shelled and ear corn and many other commodities intended for use as feeds or as ingredients in mixed feeds. The only exceptions are for millers manufacturing bran and dealers in coarse grains, who have already been placed under Food Administration licenses.

Applications for license should be addressed to the license division, Food Administration, Washington, D. C., specifying the nature of the business to be licensed.

**LARGE AUSTRALIAN ESTATES TO BE CUT INTO SMALL FARMS FOR RETURNED SOLDIERS**

A recent report made by the United States consul in Tasmania, an island State of Australia, included the following:

"The general scheme for the repatriation of returned soldiers contemplates placing them upon the land. At a recent conference between the Commonwealth and the State authorities, it was decided that each State would have to find the land, while the Commonwealth Government would advance up to \$2,433 to improve the holding of each returned soldier and to procure the necessary stock and implements. In this State it was deemed that the Crown lands would prove too difficult to improve to attract returned soldiers, and it was decided to purchase large estates and divide them up into small farms and to use the money advanced by the Commonwealth Government for building, fences and tools. The money expended by the State in purchasing the land as well as the money advanced by the Commonwealth for improvements, is a lien upon the property and must be repaid in small annual payments. It was also decided by the Commonwealth to advance money to returned soldiers who may desire to return land. Bills will be introduced into the various Parliaments at once so that the scheme can be put into operation throughout Australia."

**GEN. FERRISS PRAISES AMERICAN FIGHTING MEN IN FRANCE**

In a recent communication to Secretary of War Baker, the commander of the American Expeditionary Forces said:

"There has never been a similitude of men to lead as clean lives as our American soldiers in France. They have entered this war with the highest devotion to duty and with no other idea than to perform these duties in the most efficient manner possible. They fully realize their obligation to their own people, their friends and country. A rigid program of instruction is carried out daily with traditional American enthusiasm. Engaged in healthy, interesting exercises in the open air, with simple diet, officers and men, like trained athletes, are ready for their tasks. Forbidden the use of strong drink and protected by stringent regulations against sexual evils and supported by their own moral courage, their good behavior is the subject of most favorable comment, especially by our allies. American mothers may rest assured that their sons are a credit to them and to the Nation, and they may well look forward to the proud day when on the battle field these splendid men will shed a new luster on American manhood."

**NEW COURSES ADDED TO MENTAL TRAINING CAMPS AND CAPACITY IS INCREASED**

Ten new sections are included in the courses for officers in medical training camps at Fort Oglethorpe, Ga., and Fort Riley, Kans. Fort Riley has a capacity of 7,000 men, and enlargement of the school at Fort Oglethorpe to the same size has been authorized, its present capacity being 5,000. The ultimate needs of the Medical Department of the Army look to training camps with capacities totaling 35,000 to 40,000 officers and men.

There have been graduated from medical camps since June 1, or are now under instruction, about 9,000 officers and 20,000 enlisted men. Various groups now in active service have been trained, including officers and men to operate ambulance companies, field hospitals, evacuation hospitals, base hospitals, and hospital trains.

**DIRECTOR GENERAL OF RAILROADS WILL ISSUE NO LIST OF "INTERNATIONAL" FARM PRODUCTS**

No list of nonessential farm products to be denied transportation facilities, has been prepared by the Director General of Railroads, and the issuance of such an order is not contemplated.

It is believed that under the plan now being formulated it will be possible to provide adequate transportation for farm products this year. Farmers are instructed to place orders for cars when needed with local freight agents as heretofore.

**RAILWAY SYSTEM OF UNITED STATES IN THREE DIVISIONS**

For purposes of operation railroads of the United States have been placed in three divisions, as follows:

Eastern railroads—The railroads in

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**LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT**

EXECUTRIX'S NOTICE—Letters testamentary on the estate of Philip H. Meyer, late of Centre Hall Borough, deceased. Letters testamentary on the above estate having been duly granted to the undersigned, she would respectfully request any persons knowing themselves indebted to the estate to make immediate payment and those having claims against the same to present them for settlement. MRS. F. H. MEYER, Executrix, Centre Hall, Pa.

Kessler, the Millheim merchant, offers great bargains in his January reduction sale. Here is a chance to secure real bargains. adv.

THE MARKET.  
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Eggs ..... 36

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Guard your Health against the many dangerous ailments incident to winter. Keep warm and dry, is safe and sane advice.

In the interest of your bodily warmth we can take care of you with a large assortment of

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Remember, it is our aim to keep our store inviting and interesting to you at all times. We strive to do this by constantly adding new lines which the ordinary country store feels it "unnecessary" to handle. It is our way to try to please you.

Visit our store; you are more than welcome.

**C. M. SMITH**  
The Big Quality Store of Penns Valley  
CENTRE HALL

**KESSLER'S GREAT MID-WINTER REDUCTION SALE**

We are offering our Ladies' Fine Plush, Broadcloth and Velour Coats at Practically Half Price

Also, Men's Fine Trench Suits and Overcoats are Reduced as well.

We are compelled to make this cut price on account of the great blizzard during the month of December, which checked our sales, and now we are overstocked. We are forced to offer bargains so that we may quickly reduce this surplus stock.

We advise you to buy whether you are in immediate need or not, for merchandise will almost double in price until next fall and winter.

Now is your chance to get real bargains. Go take advantage of it at

**KESSLER'S DEPARTMENT STORE**  
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