



HARRISBURG NEWS LETTER.

Governor in Favor of Reapportioning Legislative Districts.—Would Create a Tangle at Present Time.

With characteristic eleventh-hour activities Governor Brumbaugh is considering calling an extra session of the legislature before the primaries. According to his private secretary, Wm. H. Ball, he is much interested in a reapportionment of the Congressional and legislative districts of the state and in the federal prohibition amendments. He has also been asked to include in his proclamation the subject of mine caves, and probably other requests will be received to include other subjects.

The governor lays stress, through his representatives at the Capitol, on the necessity for the reapportionment under the population figures of 1910, although two regular sessions of the legislature were held during his term and no effort was made to reapportion the State. The State was last apportioned in 1906, six years after the decennial census of 1900. Not only was there no effort made by the present governor to reapportion the State during his term when the legislature was holding its usual session, but his party, the Republican, allowed 1911 and 1913 to go by without any real effort being started. A bill was introduced in 1913 but it died in committee.

The governor has been scolding out "sentiment" for the special session from Palm Beach and other Florida resorts where he has been spending a few weeks with Congressman Vane and Secretary of the Commonwealth Woods. His only comment upon the question while there was that he "would attend to the matter when he got back".

However, his private secretary has been active during the past week or so. He says the governor has been much interested in the autobiography of the late Governor Pennypacker who wrote of his experience in calling the special session of 1906. Mr. Ball also wrote recently to W. Harry Baker, secretary of the State Senate, asking for a list of members of the Senate who have died or resigned. He said that a certified list of members is required of those members "who will not be able to sit in a special session of the legislature."

In all his public speeches upon the liquor question Governor Brumbaugh has been insistent that he is opposed to the liquor traffic. During his campaign he spoke, upon occasion, as a strong advocate of local option, but he did not raise a finger, until it was too late to wipe his name off the ticket, to prevent his selection as the gubernatorial candidate of the Personal Liberty Party, a mushroom organization formed to get the liquor vote for Brumbaugh. If his sincerity were questioned then it was still more in doubt a few years later. After the defeat of local option in the legislative session of 1915, the governor threatened with very emphatic words to go out into every district where a liquor legislator, a candidate for re-election, bobbed up his head at the primaries or the general election in 1916. That he did not do it and that the local option bill of 1917 was defeated are to-day well known facts.

Now, the governor is strong for prohibition, now, Governor Brumbaugh played the same game in appointing an associate judge of Sullivan county recently that he did when he took no steps to prevent the liquor men's Personal Liberty Party from putting his name on their ballot—until it was too late to take his name off the ticket.

The license court in Sullivan county was held the second Tuesday in February. It had been listed for a year and the date was known. Judge J. P. Miller, associate judge of the county, was billed last December. The month of January was allowed to pass without action on the part of the governor, although delegations from the county kept him well informed of the timber he had to draw from and of the approaching license court. February 12 was license court day in Sullivan county and still there was no appointment. The governor had gone to Palm Beach to play golf and talk politics. February 14, two days after the usual number of liquor licenses had been granted in Sullivan county, the governor's office at Harrisburg announced that E. S. Chase had been named as judge. No explanation was obtainable why the appointment had been held up for weeks. A judge had died a short time before in Allegheny county and an appointment was made within a day after his funeral.

Chase was appointed as an ostensible "dry" judge, and his prompt appointment would have added Sullivan to the dry list. But the Governor doesn't set dry, he only talks it.

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COUNTY TEMPERANCE LEAGUE MEETS

Prof. I. L. Foster, of State College, Made County Chairman.—State Superintendent Swift Speaks.

The Centre County Temperance League and the W. C. T. U. of Centre County held a joint meeting in Petrikin Hall, Bellefonte, last Thursday at 2 p. m. The Temperance League elected the following officers for the ensuing year: Prof. I. L. Foster, of State College, president; A. L. Wright, of State College, secretary; Rev. R. R. Jones, of Centre Hall, treasurer. The large and enthusiastic audience present attested the interest of the people of Centre county in the main subject of discussion, which was the ratification of the National Prohibition Amendment.

Dr. Swift, the State Superintendent of the Anti Saloon League, was present and addressed the meeting. He gave statistics which showed how few of the voters cast their ballots at the primaries. If, said he, the church people can increase their enrollment for the primaries by ten per cent, Pennsylvania will ratify the amendment at the next session of the Legislature.

Rev. C. H. Brandt, the Anti-Saloon League Superintendent of the Altoona District, suggested that the W. C. T. U. take charge of the business of seeing that all the voters in the county are enrolled before March 20—the date for the closing of the enrollment.

The W. C. T. U. voted to do this, and the men present promised to assist in every way possible. A delegation from the Intercollegiate Prohibition League of Pennsylvania State College said a band of their members would assist in a thorough canvass of the entire county. Mr. Harvey, President of the Centre County Sunday School Association, promised to see that all the Sunday Schools of the county stood by this movement. He also offered the use of his automobile for those who wished to canvass the outlying districts. Nearly all those present promised to do their part so that the enrollment in their respective churches was complete before March 20. The interest and excitement throughout the meeting were intense, which augurs well for the temperance cause in the coming campaign.

In the evening a meeting was held in the court house, which was addressed by Dr. Swift, who presented many new thoughts on the subject.

Letter From France.

The following letter from France was recently received by W. O. Rearick, of Millroy, from his youngest son, Miles, a former Centre Hall boy, and will be read with interest by many Reporter readers:

"Somewhere in France" Jan. 22, 1918.

Dear Father:— I have been moved about 150 miles from our former location, but continue addressing my mail as heretofore, for I hardly know if I will be here permanently or not.

We are assembling trucks and when we get this lot assembled we may go back to where we were. They are Garford trucks of ton and a half capacity, and are good machines.

We are quartered at a hotel—12 francs a day, which is equal to about \$2.31. We sleep on feathers one and one-half feet thick. I can't say much for the food, but suppose after I get accustomed to it I will be leaving.

I have not received any mail yet, and am getting rather anxious to hear from you; but I am in good hopes.

I made an allotment of \$15.00 per month to be sent to you. I don't know if it will start this month or next.

I met Roy Puff, from Centre Hall, last night. He told me young Shoop from Reedsville, was in his company. I shall try to locate him.

I am well and sleep fine in "bon lit de plumes" (good feather beds.) Bon Nuit (good night), Votre fils (your son), MILES.

54 Plus 10 Equals 28 (C).

A Millroy county youth, aged twenty-two years, claims a record of fifty-four years of industrial activity along various lines, according to figures found on his questionnaire.

In appealing to the draft board at Harrisburg against being placed in class No. 1 by the local board this man filled out one of the pages on his questionnaire devoted to occupational accomplishments in this manner: teamster 10 years; horse shoer 5 years; student 5 years; teacher 4 years; farmer 12 years; auto driver 3 years; truck driver 3 years.

These varied activities dated from the time the young man was 10 years old. Fifty four years plus ten years equal 22 years is a rather dense mathematical calculation but it evidently satisfied the appeal board for the petitioner's claim was allowed.

CENTRE COUNTY BOOSTS SALE OF U. S. AND T. STAMPS.

County Chairman Regrets Indifference on Part of Many Centre Constables Who are Lagging in Patriotic Duty.

From the weekly report, received at this office, from the National War Savings Committee, for the week ending February 16th, 1918, I find that Centre County had an increase of 13 cents per person, for that week.

Instead of being next to the lowest of per capita sales for the previous week, there were only four counties having a larger per capita for the week ending the 16th instant, and only one having the same as Centre. The counties mentioned last week as having received over \$1.00 per person, made good advances during the week. Centre county has now received 68 cents per person, from all reports submitted to the 16th instant.

The Centre Hall public schools have organized the second War Savings Society in the county.

Although our county is expected to form 140 of these societies, we find that since the 1st of February, only two have been organized.

It is to be exceedingly regretted that reports from several postmasters, living in certain prosperous parts of the county have reported, personally, to this office, that they have not been able to sell a single Thrift or War Savings Stamp. The people can scarcely understand this attitude on the part of those in the county who fall to be interested in the welfare of their Government in the protection of the boys who have gone to the front. This campaign is being waged all over our land. It is not a campaign in which a few of us should become interested, but it is the kind of work that every man, woman and child must take some part, and loan a portion of their funds to the Government.

With the hope that there will be a continued increase in the sales of those Government securities, I am,

Very truly yours,  
W. HARRISON WALKER,  
Chairman War Savings Committee  
for Centre County, Pennsylvania,  
Bellefonte, Pa.,  
Feb. 25th, 1918.

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

NEW COMMITTEE WILL MOBILIZE COLLEGES FOR TRAINING OF TROOPS

It is estimated that within the next six months 75,000 to 100,000 men will be given intensive military training in schools and colleges. They will be drawn from the armed forces of the Nation, men now in training camps or about to be called, and registrants under the selective service law.

With a view to mobilizing the educational institutions of the country for this special training there has been created in the War Department a "committee on educational and special training." It will encourage and arrange for the technical education of men needed by the several branches of the Army.

LITTLE CORN HELD BY DEALERS IN EAST AND SOUTH

Small stocks of corn in the hands of dealers in New England and other eastern and southern States, with the exception of Delaware, Maryland, and Virginia, where surpluses were produced, are indicated by reports to the Department of Agriculture. Actual available supplies in the southeastern States are said to be greater than ever before, although the amount of corn in the hands of distributors and other dealers is much below normal.

Most districts in the southeastern States have sufficient supplies for local needs, while dealers in many places, especially Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia, and Florida have shipped large quantities of corn to the larger markets.

IMPORT OR EXPORT OF ANY COMMODITY NOW REQUIRES LICENSE

No commodities may now be exported from the United States nor imported, without license. According to a statement by the War Trade Board the military and tonnage situations have made increasingly apparent the necessity of instituting a complete and thorough-going control of all exports and imports.

Licenses for the export or import of opium, bullion, currency, evidences of debt or of ownership of property and transfers of credit will be issued by the Treasury Department; licenses for all other exports and imports, including merchandise, bankers, ships' supplies, etc., will be issued by the War Trade Board.

R. C. Palmer Seriously Ill.

R. C. Palmer, an esteemed citizen of Harris township, is lying critically ill at his home near Linden Hall, as a result of a paralytic stroke which has deprived him of his speech besides affecting the entire right side of his body.

Mr. Palmer was in the act of stabling his horse on Saturday morning, and after remaining in the barn unduly long his good wife went to investigate and was shocked to find his limp body lying against the manger. She summoned the aid of her neighbor, Mr. Irwin, and together they carried Mr. Palmer to the house and procured a physician, who found his patient in a serious condition.

Up to the time of writing this article Mr. Palmer has continued in a semi-conscious condition, having taken little or no nourishment since being stricken. Mr. Palmer is but fifty-three years of age—a comparatively young man—and his many friends trust that he may be fully restored to his former strength.

Spring Mills Red Cross Active.

Since the organization of the Spring Mills Auxiliary of the Red Cross, the following articles have been made and sent in to the State College Chapter: 42 sweaters, 10 mufflers, 19 pairs wristlets, 2 pairs socks, 1 helmet, 145 towels, 22 dozen pillow cases, 1 dozen surgical wipes, 6 dozen triangle bandages, 7 dozen split bandages, 875 shot bags.

Among the recent new members secured are Messrs. George Sweeney and Pealer Rossmann.

The above report speaks volumes for the patriotism of the Spring Mills workers, who are more than doing their bit for the comfort of the soldiers and the alleviation of suffering.

Deaths of Centre Constables.

Amos O. Tysor, formerly of Furguson township, at Greensburg. He was aged seventy-seven years.

Lanning Irvin, of Union township, aged sixty-four years. Death was caused by a kick from a cold.

Rev. John Hewitt, Cold Water, Michigan, formerly pastor of the Episcopal church in Bellefonte.

WAR-SAVING STAMPS SELL AT RATE IN EXCESS OF SAVINGS BANK ACCUMULATIONS

Treasury receipts from the sale of war-savings stamps are running at the rate of \$11,000,000 a week. Savings bank deposits in the last few years have been increasing at the rate of \$700,000 a business day. Treasury receipts show the American people are putting their small savings at the service of the Nation through war-saving stamps at a rate far in excess of pre-war savings bank accumulations.

Two billion dollars of war-savings securities will be issued. If these are all sold this year the Treasury will receive about \$1,650,000,000, and at the end of five years the Government will repay the loan together with \$320,000,000 in interest.

NINE TESTS ARE USED TO PROVE PHYSICAL FITNESS OF MEN IN CAMPS

The director of athletics at one Army camp has arranged a program as a means of determining the relative athletic caliber of the companies in the division. Each man is required to pass in eight of the following tests to obtain a positive mark for his unit:

- Jump 8 feet from a standing position; chin 10 times; clear a bar at 4 feet 2 inches; throw a twelve pound shot 33 feet; climb a 20-foot rope in 15 seconds; dash 50 yards in 7 seconds; run a mile in 6 minutes; lift a 60-pound weight over the head with one hand; sit up from a supine position with a 50-pound weight suspended from the back of the head.

CARTOONISTS' WORK WILL BOOST THIRD LIBERTY LOAN

The work of the foremost cartoonists of the country will be used during the sale of Third Liberty loan bonds. Drawings will be used in a wordless booklet and a daily cartoon service.

The booklet, containing all of the cartoons, will be distributed by millions. It will consist only of drawings. The cartoons will also be divided evenly between afternoon and morning papers.

FEDERAL FARM LOAN BOARD DOES NOT EMPLOY ASSOCIATION ORGANIZERS

News of schemes to swindle farmers by men advertising to be authorized farm-loan association organizers is met

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TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS

Did you buy a "Smileage Book"? To-morrow (Friday) is the first day of March. Lion or lamb, which will it be?

Miss Rebecca Kreamer spent several days the past week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Kreamer, at Lewistown.

The Hagen carpenters, under John F. Hagen, recently finished remodeling the interior of the Jacob Musser home, in Brushvalley.

Public sales nearby within the next week are: J. R. Hershberger's on Monday, March 4th, and G. W. Potter's, Tuesday, March 5th.

State College borough has \$6,400 delinquent taxes, some of which date back to 1914, according to a report made at the last council meeting.

Potter township is on the look-out for a public school teacher to take the place of Mrs. Edgar Kimmey who resigned her position upon becoming a bride.

John Catherwood, station agent at Pennsylvania Furnace, has tendered his resignation, to take effect to-morrow. The railroad man will embark on the mercantile business at Osceola.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. and William Swartz, at Old Fort, on Wednesday night of last week. The father, as a member of the Ambulance Corps, recently arrived in France.

Figures on the sale of War Savings Stamps, for the week ending February 16th, show that Centre county increased its per capita sales to 68 cents. Union county leads in the state with \$3.12 per capita.

Emmett Brooks, farmer on the C. D. Bartholomew farm west of Centre Hall, following his sale on March 29th, will move to State College where he will be employed on the Pennsylvania State College farm.

Orrie A. Jamison, after spending a few months in Centre Hall and vicinity, returned to Monro, Wisconsin, on Monday, to get ready for the spring work on a large western farm where he has been employed for a number of years.

W. Harrison Walker, Esq., chairman of the committee having in charge the pushing of the sales of the Thrift Stamps and War Savings Certificates, is making every effort to have Centre county fill its obligation to the government.

Deemer T. Pester, assessor of weights and measures for Centre county, has filed his report for the year 1917, showing that he examined 646 scales and measures. Of this number 525 were found to be correct, 50 were adjusted and 67 were found incorrect and condemned.

The Government wishes to enlist every man, woman and child of the nation in war-savings service. When an individual buys war-savings stamps he enlists in the production division of the nation, thereby supporting and backing up the fighting division which is in France and on the sea.

Dr. Samuel G. Dixon, Commissioner of Health, is seriously ill in the University hospital in Philadelphia, and in order to conserve his strength, his physicians have requested that he discontinue for the present his writing of "Health Talks" which he has prepared weekly for the press of Pennsylvania for several years.

Daniel Siegal, of Spring Mills, was a caller at this office one day last week and so that his daughter, Miss Mary Siegal, might keep in touch with the news from home, had her name placed on the Reporter list. Miss Siegal is a trained nurse in the U. S. Base Hospital, Camp Douglas, Fort Sill, Oklahoma.

While watering his horses one day last week Lanning Irwin, well-known overseer of Boggs township poor farm, was kicked in the stomach and severely injured by an unruly animal. He managed to walk to the house and a physician was summoned at once, who saw at once that Mr. Irwin could not recover from the injury and did all he could to ease his intense suffering. He passed away on Wednesday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Musser, of Millheim, recently received a letter from their son, P. Byron Musser, from "Somewhere in France", who says that the trip across the Atlantic was enjoyed by all the boys. The section of France where the boys are located is noted for its absence of wooden buildings, says young Musser. Everything is built of stone, and lots of homes are built like caves, with chimneys extending out of them from the hillside. Tobacco may be purchased at a cheaper rate than in the States, but cabbages are sky-high, he says.

Charged with the murder of Russell McKelvey, aged 25, of Duncannon, Jacob Sterner, 75 years old, was lodged in the Perry county jail, New Bloomfield, Thursday. Constable Sterner endeavored to serve a warrant for the arrest of McKelvey on a criminal charge, when McKelvey started to walk away. Sterner drew a revolver and fired shooting McKelvey through his spine. Sterner has been constable of Duncannon the past thirty years and is a Civil War veteran.

Soldier Boy Dies at Augusta. Lester Breon, originally a member of Troop L, of Bellefonte, and later transferred to the signal corps, died at Augusta, Georgia, a telegram to that effect being received by the young man's father, John Breon, of near Zion, on Monday morning.

At the Reformed parsonage in Centre Hall, on Wednesday evening of last week, Dewey Neff, of Tusseyville, and Miss Anna Stuart, of Spring Mills, were united in marriage by Rev. R. R. Jones.

Canning Factory Hums Again. Duncannonville, a little town in Blair county, was a field which nearly realized many thousands of dollars for a set of J. Rufus Wallingford "get rich quick" swindler, who promised ready returns 200 per cent. profits from a war-time canning industry. \$10,700 was raised, but the victims became suspicious at the eleventh hour and accordingly retained counsel to fight for every penny subscribed. Thirty-two prominent men of the community subscribed to the stock, the amounts varying from \$100 to \$500 each.

The suspicions of the victims first became aroused when the advance agent's big claims were discounted by his colleagues who arrived later on the ground to close up the deal after the stock had been subscribed. The subscribers became indignant when told that the company would not make good for any verbal promises; that only what appeared in writing would be considered. But it was the verbal promises which proved the bait for the unsuspecting populace, and on the strength of that they placed their signatures to the certificates.