



HARRISBURG NEWS LETTER.

Republican Leaders See Guffey's Chances if Nominated, for Winning in November Growing Brighter.

With the close of the Third Liberty Loan campaign on Saturday, Joseph F. Guffey, of Pittsburgh, formally opened his campaign for the Democratic nomination of Governor of Pennsylvania and on Tuesday, May 7th, started on a tour of the larger cities in the state accompanied by his running mates on the straight Democratic ticket.

In the two weeks remaining before the day of the primary election Mr. Guffey will endeavor to meet as many of the Democratic workers in the state as possible. The one thing that friends of Mr. Guffey are anxious to guard against is spath among the Democratic voters at the primary election because of the apparent unanimity of the leaders on the Pittsburgh candidate.

Every registered or enrolled Democratic voter in Pennsylvania is being urged to go to the polls on May 21st and it is expected that a substantial showing will be made, although not perhaps proportionately as high as in the Republican primary where a bitter fight has developed between the two leading candidates.

One noteworthy feature of the developments of the past week is the awakening of the Republican leaders, both in Philadelphia and Pittsburgh, to the fact that Mr. Guffey, if nominated, has an excellent chance of being elected.

Whether Sprout or O'Neil gets the nomination on the Republican ticket there is going to be a real fight with the Democrats at the general election campaign," said a prominent leader of the Republican party in Pennsylvania. This sentiment is being echoed by Vere men in Philadelphia and by all observers who are "on the inside" of things political.

Joseph F. Guffey, who undoubtedly will be the Democratic nominee for Governor of Pennsylvania after the primary election on May 21, has a record both as the manager of the gas corporation employing thousands of men and as a leader in the Democratic party in Pennsylvania and the United States that will make him a formidable contender in the gubernatorial campaign.

Full energy and initiative, with a personality that pleases and wins friends by the score, Mr. Guffey will set the pace once the nominations are officially acted upon by the voters at the primary. His resignation as president of the Equitable Gas Company of Pittsburgh is significant of his determination to make a winning fight.

At the head of that corporation and as general manager of the Philadelphia Company he has always fostered and maintained harmonious relations with the thousands of employees under his control. The fact that neither of these companies has experienced any labor troubles since Mr. Guffey assumed their management is the best evidence of his appreciation of the rights of labor.

Mr. Guffey's entrance into politics follows many years spent in furthering the work of various organizations that had for their purpose the relief of those less fortunate in life. A deep study of this economic problem revealed to him that its real solution lay in the legislative and executive powers of a state government.

Should he be elected governor it will be his aim to have such legislation enacted as will strike at the roots of the system which fosters poverty and suffering among our citizenship.

Motor Bus Kills Little Girl.

Mary Ellen Stoner, the six year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Scott Stoner, of Williamsport, was struck and almost instantly killed Wednesday evening last about 8:45 o'clock at the corner of West Fourth and Walnut streets, Williamsport, by the motor bus owned by the Updegraff hotel and driven by William E. Wyckoff, of 55 East Third street. Wyckoff drove to the city hall and reported the affair to the police and was detained on a charge of manslaughter pending the result of the inquest.

The Turkey is Disappearing.

Warning was given this week by the bulletin of the state department of agriculture that the domestic turkey is disappearing in Pennsylvania and if steps are not taken to raise more of the great Thanksgiving day bird that the day will be at hand when the November holiday will no longer have it as the chief feature.

The department has made tests in seven different counties which have shown, it is stated in the bulletin, that turkeys can be successfully raised.

The department is also calling upon farmers generally to stop erosion of soil as a war measure.

Quit doing your bit; do your best.

VOCATIONAL EDUCATION IN PENNA.

A Series of Articles Leading Up to the Gregg Township Vocational School at Spring Mills.

[By Prof. W. W. Rettz, Supervisor of Agriculture of the Gregg Township Vocational School.]

PART I.

Pennsylvania was one of the pioneer states in vocational education. Only Massachusetts, New York and Illinois did anything before she took it up. She is also credited with having one of the best organized and most substantial vocational laws from a practical and pedagogical view point. This is largely due to the fact that it was formulated by gleaming the best that was in the laws of those states which preceded her.

It was in 1913 that the Pennsylvania Legislature enacted the Vocational Education Law and provided State aid for such vocational schools and departments as are approved by the State Board of Education. The law is two-fold in its purpose. In the first place it clearly defines what shall be included under vocational education and secondly, it attempts to assist in establishment of such schools by offering attractive aid.

Inasmuch as the vocational education law provides an apportionment of money separate and distinct from that appropriated for general education, it is reasonable to believe that some form of education different from general education was contemplated. In defining vocational education, the act states that its controlling purpose is the fitting of the individual for efficient service and profitable employment in the industries, in the home and on the farm, in contrast to general education whose purpose is the all around development of the individual, the preparation to live well and to appreciate the fine things of life, art, music, literature, science, etc.

It also distinctly contrasts Manual Training and Domestic Science with Vocational Industries and Household Arts. The first two belong under general education because they aim at the all around development of the individual, and have no claim on the special appropriation.

Three phases of vocational work are provided for—industrial, household arts and agriculture. The industrial vocational work is intended for industrial centers where if a sufficient number wishes training in any particular wage earning pursuit or trade, a school may be established. The agricultural course is distinctly for rural communities where agriculture is the principal pursuit. The household arts course is adapted to any community and should be established wherever an industrial or agricultural course is found.

Also three types of schools are provided: the day school, the evening class and the part time or continuation class. The day school is intended for individuals above fourteen years but of school age. The evening class is open to any individual over fourteen years of age. The part time or continuation class belongs to the day school but is distinct in that arrangements are made with some industrial concern whereby the pupil may be in school a week or two at a time and in the employ of the industry a similar length of time pursuing the trade and receiving compensation. Usually two boys alternate in this program, thus keeping the position in the industry occupied. In all of the schools the practical work must occupy from fifty to seventy-five per cent. of the time.

The product of the shop must have commercial value and produced in a shop atmosphere by commercial processes. In the same way, the products of the agricultural and household arts courses must have practical value and should be put to practical use.

It is not the purpose of the law to slight the more important of the academic subjects, so it provides that two academic subjects must be carried, besides the vocational works. One of which must be English throughout the four years. The others may be optional so far as the schedule of the school will permit. Bright pupils can easily carry three extra subjects and where this is possible it is to be recommended.

No school will be approved by the Board of Education to receive state aid, unless it is a first grade High school or its equivalent. Those requirements are, that it shall have a four year course of nine months each, and employ at least three teachers. When any one of these courses is added to a High school it is known as a Department of that school. When two or more of these courses are established separate from or replace a High school they are known as a Vocational School.

CENTRE HALL SCHOOL BOARD ELECTS NEW PRINCIPAL.

Prof. L. J. Bartlett to be in Charge of High School Next Term.

The Centre Hall school board, at a regular meeting held last Friday evening, elected Prof. L. J. Bartlett principal of the High school for the 1918-1919 term. The salary was fixed at \$125.00 per month. No other teachers were elected at the meeting.

Prof. Bartlett is a Bucknell University graduate and for the past two school terms served as principal of the Haines township High school at Aaronsburg, where his school work was of such a high standard as to merit the approval of every patron in that section who is interested in good schools.

Following the close of the term at Aaronsburg, a few weeks ago, Prof. Bartlett left for Perth Amboy, New Jersey, to fill a vacancy in the High school at that place, until the end of June. It might be said, incidentally, that Prof. Bartlett was tendered a permanent position at that place at an attractive salary, but declined, to accept the Centre Hall principalship.

He is a married man with a family, and will come to Centre Hall as soon as a suitable house can be procured.

No Pheasant Hunting in Centre County.

Centre county will likely be closed to pheasant hunting for a period of two years. A petition praying for such action was sent to the Game Commission by 203 sportsmen of this county, which is considered a sufficient number to have the desired effect.

Local hunters fully realize that in order that this noble bird may not be entirely exterminated a short closed season is imperative, and this for two reasons: Natural causes have reduced the number of pheasants greatly within the past few years; and the fact that forty counties, including the neighboring counties of Centre, have already closed their counties to the hunting of pheasants, has resulted in a greater force of hunters searching the woods of this county for the bird. There is no better evidence of the motive of such "sportsmen" for having their counties closed than this; it is not because of the interest they take in perpetuating the species but because of a purely selfish reason.

Two Barns Burned at Aaronsburg.

Last Thursday morning at ten o'clock, the barns of Georges N. Rupp estate and W. K. Haines, located at the east end of Aaronsburg, were totally destroyed by fire. It is said that boys playing with matches in the Rupp barn caused the fire. With the Rupp barn were consumed a cow, beefsteer, calf, four pigs and a lot of implements, while Mr. Haines lost a complete set of carpenter tools in the destruction of his property.

No insurance was carried on either structure, although the live stock and implements in the one barn were insured in the Farmers Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Centre county, of which F. M. Fisher is secretary.

Homan-Long.

Ralph Geyer Homan, the second son of Mr. and Mrs. William Homan, of near Centre Hall, and Miss Ethel Leona Long, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Long, of Penns Cave, were united in marriage on Saturday, the 27th ult., at the Lutheran parsonage in West Milton, by Rev. B. F. Bieber, a former pastor of the groom. The following day they returned to the groom's parental home where the newlyweds expect to reside for the present, the groom assisting his father in tilling the large farm and thus doing a big "bit" in these strenuous times.

Back from the Southland.

Mr. and Mrs. David J. Meyer, the latter part of last week, returned from the sunny south, where they spent the past several months with their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. McCormick, at Columbus, South Carolina. As much as they like the south, there still is no place like home.

Received High School Appropriation.

F. P. Geary, treasurer of the local school board, on Saturday morning received from the treasury department a check for \$400, representing the state appropriation for maintaining a High school of the third class in this borough.

The First Fighting Man.

The first fighting man, that is, the first of our boys to belong to a unit that will find its way in the trenches, is John Elliot Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. David Frank Smith, of Centre Hall. He belongs to Co. D, 60th Regt., and is every bit a soldier. Word was received of his safe arrival in France at the close of last week.

BACCALAUREATE SERMON.

High School Graduating Class and Citizens Hear Enthusiastic Sermon by an Enthusiastic Speaker.

It was a sermon worth while delivered Sunday evening in the Reformed church, to a representative audience, by Rev. R. R. Jones. It was the baccalaureate sermon, class of 1918 of the Centre Hall High school. Rev. Josiah Still and Rev. James Shultz lent their presence and aid, and a large choir rendered several selections, while the audience joined so heartily in the singing of the hymns that it brought favorable mention by the speaker previous to his address on the importance of visions and ideals, using as his text the words found in Joel 2: 28. He cited several examples of individuals who had a vision, which was later realized to the benefit of humanity:—Columbus discovering America, Robert Fulton giving the world the steam-boat, and the Wright brothers giving to the world the airplane. These were ideals, visions at first.

Nations as well as individuals have their ideals. Strength was the characteristic mark of the Romans, beauty of the Greek, and religion of the Hebrews. Then addressing the graduating class, the speaker said, "Your ideals make you, and you help to make the National ideal."

The speaker said that there were four strong currents in the life of our nation.

First, The desire to make money. European nations, especially Germany, believed this to be the one ideal of the American people. Under this delusion, Germany believed she was safe in throwing international law to the winds; she believed America would suffer any indignity before she would sacrifice her dollars. The speaker said he believed that inordinate desire for wealth had reached its summit; from now on it would influence our life less.

Second, The love of liberty. No people on earth so fond of liberty as the American people.

Third, The love of country. Times of peace did not bring this trait out prominently, but the present war surprises all men. A liberty loving people, living in a free country, submitting to conscription, price fixing of commodities by the government, embargo on various goods, food-control by the government. Not only permitting such laws and regulations, not only enduring this but assisting to their utmost. There is not a brighter example in the annals of liberty.

Fourth, A desire to serve others, to help others. The speaker cited as example, the Spanish-American war to free Cuba, return of indemnity to China, and our entrance into the present World War. The speaker hoped that love of freedom, love of country, and love of service would grow into one glorious national ideal.

The War Board Meeting.

The War Board meeting, held in the Grange hall on Saturday evening under the auspices of the War Board of the State P. O. S. of A., was a great success so far as attendance and the enthusiasm shown was concerned. William I. Swoope, Esq., prominent attorney of Clearfield, and Republican candidate for Congressman-at-large, was the speaker of the evening, and the consensus of opinion was that his talk was the best thing for Uncle Sam's Liberty Loan campaign that has yet been uttered from the local rostrum. A salient point in his argument for standing back of the boys at the front in the Liberty Loan was this: If the worst should happen and our boys should return home, they will point the accusing finger at you and say: "We needed guns, and you did not supply them. We needed food, and you did not save it. We needed ammunition, and you did not give money to buy it." Mr. Swoope said much in his short talk, the brevity of it being the only drawback. His audience eagerly absorbed every word and appeared hungry for more.

Mr. Rogers, the blind musician, delighted his audience again with his harmonica and auto harp playing. J. W. Yelsley, state organizer, was present and presided at the meeting.

The Pink Label This Week.

The Pink Label which appears on your paper this week shows credit on subscription for the first time since the last pink label appeared. If you paid during that period of time and failed to get proper credit, notify this office at once. If the figures are not to your liking for any other reason, get busy and see the editor in person or mail him the amount due, for there never was a time when the hard cash was more needed than at present. These are not idle words, and we trust that those subscribers who remain in arrears will hasten to square up.

Death of a Veteran.

Moses Gilbert, one of five brothers who served in the Union cause in the War of the Rebellion, died early Monday morning at his home at Wolfe Store. At midnight Mr. Gilbert complained of pains in the chest; after kindling the fire for breakfast he sat down and in half an hour was dead.

Deceased was born in Union county August 13, 1846, making his age seventy-one years, eight months and thirteen days. The five brothers who enlisted in the Civil war were Manasser, John, Noah and Moses (twins), and Jacob. All returned home honorably discharged except Noah, who was killed at Po River, Virginia. This is a record of which, beyond any doubt, no other family in Centre county can boast. The deceased and his twin brother were but sixteen years of age at the time of their enlistment.

Deceased married Amanda Frantz. To this union were born ten children, all living but one: Mrs. Hugh Kaylor, of Beech Creek; Mrs. John Spangler, of State College; Mrs. Harry McCool, of Wolfe Store; Mrs. C. F. Harter, of Madisonburg; Mrs. Charles Zimmerman, of Aaronsburg; Thomas, of Wolfe Store; Edward, of Loganton; William at home; Charles, at Loganton. Two brothers are living: Manasser, of Rebersburg; Henry, of Aaronsburg, and one sister, Mrs. Lavina Laming, of Clearfield county.

Mr. Gilbert was a member of the United Evangelical church. Rev. Bingham, of Howard, a former pastor, and Rev. J. D. Hunsicker, of the Reformed church, will officiate at the funeral services this (Thursday) morning in the Reformed church at Rebersburg. Burial in the Union cemetery.

Centre Hall Has Boy Scouts.

Through the interest and initiative of Rev. J. A. Shultz, the United Evangelical minister in this place, who himself is a regularly commissioned Boy Scouts Master, an organization of the Boy Scouts was formed in Centre Hall last week. Eighteen candidates are on the roll and its expected that many more will be added in the near future.

The Boy Scouts movement is so commendable and the organizations have sprung up in so many sections of the country that the only reason that Centre Hall failed to have its boys organized was because the initiative was lacking.

Rev. Shultz was commissioned a Boy Scout Master while located in Bradford county, and has made application to have his commission transferred to this district. The scout master will call the boys together every Monday evening at his home and instruct them according to the rules as found in the Boy Scouts manual. As the lads become proficient in various lines of work, they are promoted to a higher scout class. The scout roll is as follows:

Franklin J. Heckman, Reuben K. Zett's, Earnest A. Frank, Harold H. Keller, Harvey W. Fink, John P. Shultz, Frederick Moore, Newton Crawford, Franklin P. Runkle, Daniel S. Smith, Paul S. Fetterolf, Franklin H. Ruble, Albert L. Emery, William D. Sweetwood, Harry R. Gross, Howard E. Emery, Ralph E. Emerick, Albert I. Smith.

Long-Settling.

Herman George Long and Miss Ida Hettinger, both of Harrisburg, were united in marriage on the 18th ult., in the city of Harrisburg. They spent their honeymoon at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. Belle Hettinger, near Spring Mills, returning to Harrisburg on Monday. The groom is employed by the State Department of Agriculture in operating one of the numerous tractors which the department has put in operation on farms throughout the state.

Cost of Shoes May Go Down.

The price fixing committee of the War Industries board last week fixed the maximum price of the present stock of peaked and country hides at that prevailing April 24 this year. By thus establishing the raw material market, officials think a reduction in the cost of shoes will be effected.

The complete schedule of hides and skins, prices fixed by the committee recently, contains some fifteen hundred different prices. They are for the kill of May, June and July. While somewhat higher than their differential value of present stock and present market prices, the prices are declared by the committee to be reasonable. Full control by the government over all imported hides and skins, through its import license system, caused the committee to fix the prices for imported hides the same as for the domestic hides.

Tanners will be called by the price fixing committee at once, with a view of establishing fair and equitable prices on leather.

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS.

To-day (Thursday) is Ascension day.

Mrs. W. B. Mingle returned to her home in Centre Hall after spending the winter in Philadelphia.

The Bellefonte school board took action last week in abolishing the German language in the public schools as a course of study.

The record price of farm land in Lehigh county was reached last week when a farm of seventy acres sold for \$125,000, an average of \$1,780 an acre.

George Long, of Spring Mills, painted the residence of F. M. Fisher, on the exterior last week, greatly improving the appearance of the property.

Andrew J. Lytle, of State College, fell from an apple tree, one day last week, as he was sawing off a limb. Besides being badly shaken up he had a rib broken.

The Masonic Lodge of Lewisburg has purchased the postoffice building on Market street, that place, which will be remodeled into a lodge home. The price paid was \$10,500.

Mrs. George B. Waite, of Rebersburg, who is suffering from a complication of diseases, was conveyed to the City hospital, Williamsport, for treatment. Dr. C. S. Musser accompanied her to that institution.

Rev. Samuel Moody, formerly of Martinsburg, and Mrs. Moody (nee Miss Savilla Resrick), are now located at their new home in Benton, this state, where Rev. Moody begins his labors in a new Presbyterian field.

Messrs. David A. Deitrich, of Hubersburg, and Anson A. Shirk, of State College, have qualified to become second lieutenants. They are Camp Meade boys, and took training in a school connected with that camp. In the greatest patriotic demonstration ever witnessed in Lewistown, Luzanne Silvercray, a Belgian girl twenty years of age, recited the great devastation wrought to her beloved country by the Hun, at a meeting last Wednesday night.

Although at war there is no intention to neglect the education of the young, consequently the summer school for teachers at State College will go on as usual. Six hundred teachers have already signified their intention to attend the school.

The third precinct in Ferguson township has been formed, and will be designated North precinct, with its voting place at Strouble Station. The first election board will be composed of Ezra Tressler, judge; W. Homer Walker and W. K. Cori, inspectors.

Last week a man well filled with booze solicited funds at several homes in various parts of Centre Hall. No one should permit himself to be imposed upon; there is no need now for any one to beg. The hobo and beggar needs to be closely scrutinized, and in nearly every case should be placed under arrest.

Adam Garner, aged about six years, son of Fred Garner, had a narrow escape from drowning Sunday, when he fell into the pond on the Hamilton farm, says the State College Times. He and several boy companions were playing about the pond when in some manner young Garner slipped and fell into the pool, but was rescued by John Poorman, aged about nine, who with his parents reside on the farm.

The first arrest for violation of the draft summons in Millin county was made last week by Sheriff Davis who made a trip to Reedsville and took into custody David B. Hosteller, an Amishman, who failed to respond to the summons of the local draft board. Mr. Hosteller was taken from his bed by the sheriff and escorted to a somewhat less comfortable cot in the county jail there to await a disposition of his case.

To meet the war needs of the country, sheep and cattle will be grazed on the National Forests in increased numbers this year. Half a million more sheep and nearly a quarter of a million more cattle will be taken care of than last year, according to the officials of the Forest Service. This will bring the total number of stock grazed under permit to about nine million sheep, 2,360,000 head of cattle, and 51,000 swine.

Positions are open for hundreds of trained men and many women in the Ordnance Department of the Army, and the United States Public Service Reserve is endeavoring to recruit the quota assigned to Pennsylvania. Positions range from clerkships to highly technical posts and salaries are from \$1000 to \$4500. Applicants are requested to communicate immediately with the nearest Director of the Public Reserve. Men in Class I of the draft are not eligible for these positions.