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Chairman Walker's Report.



The report of sales of W. S. S. and T. S. of the Benjamin Franklin (1919) Series, so far as Centre county is concerned, was \$9c. per capita on March 1st, 1919.

From the reports received from the several postmasters in the county for the months of January and February, will be noticed the fact that many people are not, as a general rule, purchasing many stamps, and it is evident that in certain localities the postmasters and authorized agents are not urging sales. No special effort has been put forth by any person in the county, so far as your chairman is informed, to sell W. S. S. in large numbers. The "Systematic Saver" of 1918 is the person who is now taking advantage of this real government security.

Two months of the campaign have elapsed and unless the several district chairmen, bankers, authorized agents, postmasters and others, will devote a little of their spare time in interesting the public generally, the per capita will be at a standstill, and the standing of our county will in a short time lose its enviable position.

Union county now has over \$5.00 per capita and is first in the list of counties in the State. It has been said that the people in certain localities feel it their duty to buy W. S. S. and T. S. the same as to buy food, clothing and other necessities of life, and it is among that class of people that large sales are being made, as well as the "systematic saving" idea is becoming definitely fixed.

The post office report on the sales of W. S. S. in 1919, shows Centre Hall to have purchased 64 W. S. S. in January, 87 in February, or a total of 151 up to March 1st. For the same length of time nearby post offices had sales as follows: Spring Mills, 230; Boalsburg, 87; Linden Hall, 7; Millheim, 4; Tusseyville, 18; State College, 424.

"Head of Family" Meaning Defined.

A statement issued recently by Collector of Internal Revenue, B. F. Davis, defines the exact meaning of the designation "head of family," such person being allowed the \$2,000 exemption granted a married person in the filing of an income tax return.

"A head of a family" said Collector Davis "is a person who actually supports in one household one or more persons closely connected with him by blood relationship, relationship by marriage or by adoption. Whether in the absence of continuous residence with his dependents a person is the head of a family depends upon the character of the separation.

"If the benefactor is absent on business or on account of military or naval science, or a child or other dependent is absent temporarily at school or on a visit, the common home being maintained, the exemption of \$2,000 applies. If, however, the dependent continuously makes his home elsewhere the benefactor, irrespective of the question of support, is not the head of a family.

"In the case of man and wife, the joint exemption of \$2,000 allowed a married couple replaces the individual exemption allowed each only if they live together. Unavoidable absence of a wife or husband at a sanatorium or asylum on account of illness does not preclude claiming the exemption. If, however, the husband continuously and voluntarily makes his home one place and the wife at another each must file an individual return of net income of \$1,000 or more, and each is assessed on the amount of net income in excess of \$1,000.

"A person under twenty-one years of age or under the statutory age of majority where he lives, whatever it may be, is required to render a return if he had a net income for 1918 of \$1,000 or more, or guardian may render the return for him. The earnings of minor children dependent upon a parent should be included in the parent's return of income."

Change in Postal Rate July 1st, 1919.

On and after July 1st, 1919, the rate of postage on all matter of the first class will be the same as the rate before October 2nd, 1917.

That is, the rate for letters will be two cents for each ounce or fraction thereof, instead of the present rate of three cents.

The rate for single postal cards will be one cent for each card instead of the present rate of two cents.

Ford Promises Cheaper Automobiles.

Henry Ford has announced that on his arrival at Detroit, from his trip to California, he would perfect plans for the manufacture, by a new corporation, of a cheaper automobile than any now extensively marketed. Mr. Ford said he had designed the car while "resting" at Altadena, near Los Angeles.

Bellefonte Jeweler Scares off Hold-Up Man.

The sight of a gun poked into his face by a stranger who demanded his money and his jewelry, did not alarm Frank Galbraith, a Bellefonte jeweler, to the extent that he lost his head and thus become an easy mark to a would-be robber.

Mr. Galbraith faced such a situation late Friday night when all alone in his little shop to the rear of the Lyric theatre on Bishop street. Mr. Galbraith was busily at work when he suddenly heard the words, "I want your money and your jewelry." Raising his head he looked directly into the muzzle of a revolver, in the hands of a man not twenty-five years of age, and a total stranger.

"Do you want all that's in the drawer, too?" he asked.

"Yes," replied the robber, "and be quick about it." Galbraith went to the money drawer, opened it and jerked out a revolver about two sizes bigger than one the burglar had, whereupon the latter exclaimed, "Don't shoot," and in two jumps was through the door and made good his escape.

Letter from M. M. Condo.

Greensburg, Pa.,
March 6, 1919

The Centre Reporter,
Centre Hall, Pa.

Editor Reporter:

We have been receiving a great many letters from friends in and around Centre Hall in the past few weeks which on account of illness we have been unable to answer; so if you will be kind enough to publish this letter we will be glad to have you do so. Mrs. Condo was not well when we came out here and, of course the trip did her no good. At present we are slowly recovering from an attack of the flu. I have been sick for about three weeks, during which time we have been at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Price, and, of course, get good attention. As soon as we are able we expect to come to Centre Hall for a few days, probably between the 1st and 10th of April. Dr. C. E. Pierce, who has been attending us, just returned a short time ago from Georgia where he had been with our soldier boys for the past eighteen months.

One of our daughters, Mrs. T. L. Curry, has been in the Westmoreland Hospital for the past three weeks. She is only a few squares from us but we have been unable to go to see her. We expect to go to Vandergrift in a week, and in case any one wishes to write, a letter will reach us at 161 Columbia Ave., Vandergrift, Pa.

The rest of the children are well.

With best regards to all our friends,

I remain,

M. M. CONDO.

"Bob" Keller Writes from France.

The following letter has been received from Robert J. Keller, a former Centre Hall boy, whose home address is Ingram. He is with the A. E. F. in France.

Villion, France,
February 16, 1919.

Dear Friend Ted:

This is my ninth month over here. I have gone through all the drives unwounded, and I consider myself pretty lucky.

Just got back yesterday from a seven day leave to Val Les Bans, a French summer resort. This is a small village in which we are now located.

Will close for this time. Would be pleased to here from you. My address is—

(Pvt.) R. J. Keller,
Co. D, 319 Inf., 30 Div.,
American E. F.

Civil War Hero Is Dead.

David Trutt, a Civil war hero, who knocked the Confederate flag from Fort Sumpter in the first battle of the great rebellion, died in Sunbury, on Saturday.

He was born in Winfield, Union county, July 15, 1837. He enlisted in the Northern army and served from 1861 to 1865 as a member of Co. D, 52nd Regt. of Pennsylvania Volunteers Heavy Artillery.

When Fort Sumpter came in possession of the Rebel forces, the Northern men tried to recapture it. The artillery had been firing on the Confederate flag for two days but failed to dislodge it. Finally Trutt made the claim that he could bring the flag down and when the cannon was turned over to him he made good on his second shot, knocking the flagstaff clean off the fort.

House Passes Bill Increasing Pay of Legislators.

The West bill increasing the pay of members of the State legislature from \$1,500 to \$2,500 for each regular session was passed in the house last Wednesday, amid considerable hilarity. Mr. Williams, of Tioga, demanded a verification of the roll during which several members changed votes.

"Billy's Aunt Jane", a school play, will be given at Boalsburg on Saturday evening. Don't miss it.

BOALSBURG SCHOLARS TO GIVE PLAY.

"Billy's Aunt Jane", a 3-Act Comedy, to be given in Boal Hall, Saturday Evening.

The junior and senior classes of the Boalsburg High school are preparing to produce the three-act comedy drama, "Billy's Aunt Jane", in Boal hall, Boalsburg, on Saturday evening of this week. The scholars are anxious to place a piano in the school and are taking this means to raise funds toward the purchase of it.

The play abounds in humor and is sure to delight the audience. The cast of characters follows:

CHARACTERS.

Professor Stephens - Pres. of Bellmore College.
Grant Kline
Billy Blakesley - A Popular Bellmore Student
Paul Coxy
Tom Burke - Billy's Roommate
Carl Bohm
Ralph Peters - Billy's Classmate
Frank Hosterman
Harry Hunter - Billy's Classmate
Lester Brouse
Philander Wells - A Mining Expert
Roy Searson
Deacon Podger - A Tight-fisted Farmer
Russell Bohm
Sam Johnson - A Colored Chore Boy
Harold Fisher
Mrs. Jane Briggs - Billy's Aunt
Rebecca Close
Miss Wiggins - A Maiden Lady
Dorothy Lonberger
Dora Grant - Anna Rishel
Alice Moore - Larue Ishler
Bertha Wright - Myrtle Houtz
Anna Moxley - Emeline Hess
Students at Bellmore
Katie Murphy - A Hired Woman
Mary Hazel

Time—The Present.

Place—Bellmore College & Buxton, U. S. A.

ACT I.
Scene—Sitting-room of College Boarding House.

ACT II.
Scene—Sitting-room at Aunt Jane's Home.

ACT III.
Scene—The Lawn at "Cosy Nook Camp".

Turn Clocks Ahead on March 30.

The Daylight Savings bill is still a law. The clocks of the country will be set ahead one hour March 30.

When the Senate adjourned without having acted on the Agricultural Appropriation bill, to which a repeal of the Daylight Saving law was attached as a "rider", it is left the extra hour of summer sunlight law on the books.

Reformed Churches To Raise \$6,000,000.

The general synod of the Reformed churches of the United States was opened at Altoona last Thursday with three hundred delegates, ministers and laymen, in attendance. The present session, the first since 1891, was called to consider matters relating to the reconstruction period following the war.

The Reformed churches will be asked to raise \$6,000,000 during the next five years. Of this sum \$1,115,700 will go to foreign missions; \$1,000,000 to home missions; \$2,125,000 to colleges, seminaries and \$10,000 to assist European churches.

A committee of sixteen, of which the Rev. Dr. C. E. Kreitz, of Reading, is chairman, was appointed to plan the campaign.

FRUITTOWN.

Edward Horner is moving this Thursday from this place on to a dairy farm near State College.

Mr. Reiber returned home last week after spending a few days with his son in Johnstons.

Anna Reminger, of this place is visiting among friends and relatives at Spring Mills and vicinity.

Anna Fohringer went to State College last week where she will be employed for some time.

Mrs. William Jordan spent several days last week with her brother Thomas and family, near State College.

William Bubb, who is employed at the Standard Steel works at Burnham, spent last week at the home of his parents in this place.

Wilbur Holderman, who was just recently discharged from training camp, spent last week with his brother Arthur, in this place.

Norman Fleisher, of Camp Lee, Virginia, spent some time last week at the home of his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Fleisher.

C. S. Thomas is spending some time with relatives in Brooklyn, New York, and will be accompanied home by his wife who spent the winter months with her mother at that place.

While cutting wood, one day last week, M. H. Smith, of Millheim, had the misfortune to have his axe glance and cut off a large piece of flesh from the ball of the left thumb.

FARMER REGAINS LOST SIGHT.

John Kreider, of Snyder County, Blind for Seven Years, Suddenly Regains Sight.

Blind for seven years, John Kreider, of Kratzville, Snyder county, suddenly exclaimed one morning this week, as he gazed from the window, "mother, I can see!"

While chopping wood at his home seven years ago, Kreider was struck in the eye with a flying chip. The eyeball was penetrated and he went to Philadelphia, where he underwent an operation in which the eye was removed.

A short time later the other eye became affected and lost the power of vision, and he was left totally blind. When he went around the house, or premises, it was necessary for another person to lead him. He could do nothing on his farm and had to employ a farmer to do the work for him.

He arose the other morning and was filled with wonder when he looked from the window and saw the fields and trees and hill taking form before him. As the outlines grew distinct, he looked about the room, and saw the familiar bed, furniture, carpet and hangings.

He was overjoyed and exclaimed again and again "I can see."

The news spread about the neighborhood and soon all of Kratzville was talking of the strange recovery. Kreider expects to get back into active work on his farm, as soon as spring opens up.

The Doughboy, Not the "Y", was Wrong.

The doughboy's lordly indifference to French money—for he simply would not bother to learn about francs and centimes—was one of the prime reasons for the accusation that the Y. M. C. A. overcharged in its canteen service in France. Stories are now coming back to the United States which show that because the American soldier thought in American money while the Y. M. C. A. dealt in French money misunderstandings arose, and the "Y" suffered criticism in consequence.

In appearance the French franc looks much like the American quarter, and unconsciously one feels that it should have the same purchasing power. Its actual current value, however, is about seventeen and one-half cents. When used in a Y. M. C. A. canteen to purchase a standard article whose pre-war price had been ten cents, and to whose increased cost the "Y" was forced to add five cents for ocean transportation, it yielded the soldier so little change that unless he took all the facts into consideration he felt he was being robbed.

Also, when the doughboy read the price of an apple, for example, as "25 cts." and thought that the Y. M. C. A. was charging him a quarter, he had quite a right to feel abused—until he remembered that "cts." is the French abbreviation for centimes and that twenty-five centimes equals five cents. Often he didn't remember, however, and that is one reason why the Y. M. C. A. has been said to overcharge.

Grays Appeal for New Trial.

W. G. Runkle and Ellis L. Orvis, Esqs., last week filed an application in the Superior court praying that a new trial be ordered for I. G. Gray and his two sons, George and Clyde, and requesting the court to direct that they be released on bail provided the necessary bond is furnished. In filing their application the attorneys state that new testimony has been discovered which they consider very important and which they believe would bring about an acquittal of their clients if a new trial is granted them.

In pursuance of the above appeal the court has requested prothonotary D. R. Foreman to prepare a complete record of all the cases and have it ready by April first. When it is considered that there are over five hundred pages of typewritten testimony in the three cases, an idea can be had of the job Mr. Foreman now has on his hands. The records must not only be assembled but printed in book form so that the evidence can be submitted to the higher court.

Union County Want Farm Bureau.

Union county farmers will ask the county commissioners to give them an appropriation to pay the expenses of an office and traveling expenses of a Farm Bureau Agent. Other counties in this section of the state have a Farm Bureau Agent, they declare, who acts as an advisor to the farmers and the Union county men feel that such a move is of great benefit to them.

Petitions will be circulated for signatures favoring a farm agent for Union county, and when these petitions are signed they will be presented to the county commissioners asking them for an appropriation of \$1500, or as much as may be needed to pay the office and traveling expenses of a Farm Agent or Advisor for one year.

The salary of the Farm Agent is paid by the state and Federal government.

THE DEATH RECORD.

Mrs. Carrie Wolf Dies in West.—Body Brought to Centre Hall for Burial.

WOLF.—The death of Mrs. Carrie E. Wolf occurred at Colorado Springs, Colorado, on Saturday, two days after her seventy-fifth birthday anniversary. A telegram of her death was received by her niece, Mrs. John C. Rossman, in this place, at whose home the deceased spent the greater part of last summer. She had been in ill health for three months preceding her death.

Mrs. Wolf was formerly Miss Carrie Working and was born and raised below Centre Hall, a number of her relatives being buried in that section. For the past eighteen years she lived in the west. Two sons survive—E. J. Wolf, of Kansas City, Kansas, and R. Bruce, of Colorado. They will accompany the body to Centre Hall, and burial will be made from the local Presbyterian church this (Thursday) morning.

Mrs. Mary Dinges, of Centre Hall, is a sister-in-law of the deceased.

BROWN.—Mrs. Anna Brown, widow of Nathaniel Brown, passed away at the home of her son, William A. Brown, at Huntingdon, on Monday. She was past seventy-eight years of age and knew little or no illness all her life. A few days prior to her death she suffered a paralytic stroke which resulted fatally.

Deceased was Miss Anna Dunkle, daughter of Jacob and Mary Dunkle. She was born near Spring Mills and lived there practically all her life. Two years ago her husband died and it was then that she was removed to Huntingdon to make her home with her son, the only surviving child. There are no brothers nor sisters left in the Dunkle family.

Mrs. Brown was a consistent member of the Lutheran church all her life. The body arrived in Centre Hall on Wednesday, by train, and was conveyed to the Union cemetery at Farmers Mills for interment, Rev. D. S. Kurtz officiating.

HELMS.—Mrs. Dorothy Helms died at the home of her mother, Mrs. G. D. Armbruster, at Farmers Mills, Wednesday evening, from tuberculosis. She was aged thirty-five years. She first took sick at Altoona. Later she went to Colorado, where she remained for six months or more. On her return from the west she came to the home of her sister, Mrs. James Bilger, and about Christmas returned to the home of her mother, where she died as noted above.

Interment was made in the Farmers Mills Union cemetery, on Saturday, Rev. D. S. Kurtz officiating.

MUSSER.—Miss Rebecca Musser died at the home of her brother-in-law, George M. Stover, at Aaronsburg, last Thursday, aged seventy-four years and twenty-one days. She had suffered from dropsy for a long time. Burial was made at Wolf's Chapel, on Sunday, beside her parents. Rev. Donat, pastor of the deceased, officiated, and services were held in St. Peter's Reformed church.

SHOOK.—Milinda C. Shook, wife of H. P. Shook, of Williamsport, and a sister of D. J. Meyer, of Centre Hall, died on February 27th, from apoplexy. She was born March 9th, 1845, at Meyers Mills, Haines Township, this county. In January, 1897, she married H. P. Shook. Burial was made from her late home at Williamsport, on March 3rd.

THRIFT TO BE TAUGHT IN THE SCHOOLS.

It is now probable that thrift will be taught as a part of the regular course in the schools of the country, with a specially prepared set of text books. In fact a start along this line has already been made. The War Savings Division of the Third Federal Reserve District has approved of the idea and appointed a committee to work on a plan for submission to the state school authorities.

The school authorities of the country were urged to join in the government campaign to make thrift a happy national habit in a telegram sent today by Secretary Glass of the Treasury Department to the National Education Association in convention at Chicago. Secretary Glass asked that the teaching of thrift be made a part of the school curriculum during the present year.

Sunday fishing, Sunday base ball playing and Sunday "movies" are all before the State legislature.

Pity poor Henry Ford. His income for 1918 was so seriously affected by the war that his income tax figures about one million dollars less than the year previous.

There is no reduction in coal prices coming, at least, not yet. Instead of the usual fifty cent reduction April 1, present prices will be effective until May 1st. On that date the price will increase ten cents a month every month for five months.

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS

We'll all save the day light and be delighted to do so.

Harry Weaver, of Altoona, was in Centre Hall on Saturday.

Harry Confer, of Rebersburg, shipped a carload of horses from Coburn station, last week, to Washington, D. C.

A small supply of postage stamps and envelopes kept on hand constantly, will be found of great advantage.

Compared with a few years ago there are not nearly so many "ponies" sold at horse sales. And later on they will be less and less until finally there will be none on the market.

There will be more sociability during the period between now and a certain Tuesday in November than for several years past. That smile is great and winning.

Rev. T. Hugh MacLeod, pastor of the United Brethren church of Bellefonte, has tendered his resignation to accept a position under the government, in the war risk insurance bureau.

The knitting mill at Millheim, after being closed down for several weeks, started on Monday morning and the employees will be given three days work a week until conditions improve.

A bill established as a state song the work of Dr. Will George Butler, of Mansfield State Normal school, was favorably reported to the State Legislature last week. It is entitled "Pennsylvania of Mine."

The Columbia Sextette will undoubtedly prove one of the finest musical treats in many seasons. Lecture course patrons should remember the date, of the appearance of this number in Centre Hall—Wednesday, March 13th.

Better get your income tax sheet fixed up. You have prospered during the past year, and much of the profit you made is directly or indirectly due to the world war, so why kick when asked to chip in the hat? Come up to the line, give a true account of your income, and pay the price that every man who doesn't have an income tax to pay wishes he had.

The Lewistown Pure Milk Company is the name of a proposed new industry in that city. The company will be capitalized at \$100,000, and application for a charter has already been made. The new plant will contain all the modern machinery necessary for the bottling of milk and making cheese. Later the company will produce condensed milk in large quantity.

Clarence Brungart, the mail carrier between Bellefonte and Lock Haven, was last week granted a certificate of public convenience by the Public Service Commission to operate one car between Bellefonte and Lock Haven and carry passengers to and from any of the intermediate points. The granting of the certificate had been contested by the Emerick Motor Bus Line company.

Be careful to put A. E. F., which as you know is an abbreviation for "American Expeditionary Forces," on all letters addressed to soldier boys anywhere in service abroad. A three cent stamp is the proper postage on letters addressed to France. If the A. E. F. is not used, the postage rate is five cents, and your letter is treated as addressed to a tourist or native of France.

Several slight cases of scarlatina have developed at the Odd Fellows' Orphanage, near Sunbury. The victims are being cared for in the infirmary and are getting along nicely. Supt. Chubbuck says there is no cause for alarm and that every precaution has been taken to prevent the outbreak of a serious epidemic. One of the victims has about completely recovered, but is being kept under quarantine for several days longer as a measure of precaution.

L. T. Stees, secretary of the Funeral Benefit Association, of Philadelphia, whose company insures the members for something like one thousand P. O. S. of A. orders, was in Centre Hall Thursday of last week, and attended a meeting of the local P. O. S. of A. on that evening in the interest of his company. It was his first trip to Centre county and it required a good many adjectives to express himself on the beautiful scenery and the rich appearance of this agricultural section.

Miffin county has decided upon the name "Kishacoquillas" for the ship she has been asked to name in recognition of her good work in the Fourth Liberty Loan. The one to christen the vessel is Miss Charlotte Skinner, who won the honor by a large vote. The name Kishacoquillas and Miffin county are so closely related that it would have been impossible to have decided upon a more appropriate cognomen. Miffin county intends, too, to establish a precedent by breaking away from the conventional form of using champagne on the vessel's bow and instead have the sponsor break a bottle of water taken from Kishacoquillas creek.