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LIET. "NED" KELLER ASSUMES NEW ROLE.

As Athletic Officer He Stages Boxing Exhibition for General Pershing and Prince of Wales.

Lieut. W. Ned Keller, of Linden Hall, whose achievements in the World War make all Penns Valley proud to own him as a native son, has assumed a new role in France as an athletic director. His ability along this line was clearly shown in his college life before entering the war.

In a communication to this office Lieut. Keller writes as follows:

Mussey-Sur-Seine, March 3, 1919.

Friend "Ted" —

In my present capacity as Division Athletic Officer, I have had the pleasure of seeing some fine foot ball games that would put Yale and Harvard to shame. Everyone is busy trying for the Allied meets to be held in June and July. Hope to stay for them. I took my Division team of "pugs" to Paris on February 16th where I put on a boxing exhibition for General Pershing and the Prince of Wales.

Regards, NED.

Miss Anna Stover, Red Cross Nurse, Writes from France.

(Letter to her mother, Mrs. Sarah Stover, of Centre Hall.)

St. Nazaire, France, Feb. 23, 1919.

Dear Mother:

I am cross! Wanted to go for a walk, but it is raining so hard I must stay at home.

Just came off duty; have been working on German prisoners of war for several days. They are not very hard to take care of as none of them are very sick. But one of the girls told me today that I was going back to my old ward again in a day or so.

Had a very lovely trip up to Nantes on Friday. I left here Thursday evening and arrived there at 6:30 p. m. There was a Captain on the train and he went with us and helped us locate a hotel and we had a very fine hotel and they treated us very nice. We got our room assigned to us and were put in an automatic elevator and sent up to the floor on which our room was. Then the maid met us and we had one grand time trying to make her understand which was to be our room. We just wrote it on the walls. At last she understood us. We took all our meals there and they were very good. I will tell you what we had for dinner; it was all served in courses and was long drawn out. (I like mine all bunched together.) First course, potato salad; second, shell fish; third, fish; fourth, meat and potatoes; fifth, cheese, roasted chestnuts, coffee. They served plenty of each. The French people don't serve as many vegetables as the Americans.

We visited the Art Museum and they claim it is one of the best in France. The paintings are wonderful; there are ancient and modern pictures and they are all so true to nature that I could never understand how any one could bring out nature so beautifully. And the sculpture work was one of perfect wonder.

We visited the old cathedral that was started in the fourteenth century and finished in the eighteenth century. It was very nice and there were a great many altars in each. The sculpture work and paintings were very good. The old chateau is an old historic building and is one of interest but we didn't have much time to spend there as we had used up to much in the museum and our time was limited. I didn't do much shopping, only bought a few handkerchiefs and am going to send some home to the folks at Centre Hall.

This is almost the last of February. I suppose you people will soon be talking garden, house cleaning, new hats and dresses.

They are holding church service at the Red Cross hut to-night; don't think I will go as I still have three more letters to write and this one is the third already. So I guess I will close. With lots of love to all. I remain,

Your daughter, ANNA.

From Corp. Claude Whitehill, American Expeditionary Forces, February 28, 1919.

Dear mother and all:

Just a few lines to let you know that I received your letter and was glad to hear from you. I am writing this letter in the guard house while my relief is out on post, and I have to do something to pass the time away.

Well, mother, the latest dope that we have is that we will be home about the first of June. It seems like a long time yet to me but we cannot all come at once.

You wanted to know if I had received any of the Centre Hall papers. I received one a couple of weeks ago; that was the first one and the last. I saw in that paper that Elliot Smith from Centre Hall was home. I sure would have

liked to have been there for that party.

We are sure having some rain over here this spring. I guess it has rained every day here for a month and you can imagine about how much mud there is to tramp through. I think that I will go to a foot ball game to-morrow—if it don't RAIN.

Well, I am going to write on Sunday again, so I will make this a short one and say good-bye.

Well as I haven't got my other letter sent yet and received another one, I will add a little more to this one and send them both together. Your letter found me in good health.

How are Maurice and Roy Mc getting along with their trapping? They sure must be having some time. About the cooties—it wasn't because I didn't have them that I did not tell you anything about them. We have them as big as cows over here and they are great pets. I can tell you most about it when I get home.

You said the boys back there have lots to say, well they will not be in it all when we come back.

Say, have you had "Ducey" hooked up yet? If you didn't, that will be a job for me when I come home. It is after nine o'clock and am getting sleepy so I will close for this time.

Erize Le Grande, France.

March 9th, 1919.

Just a few lines in answer to your letter which I received yesterday while I was on guard. Was very glad to hear from you but very sorry to hear that father was sick.

I also received the pictures, and they were fine; the thing made me about half home sick to see all the boys in civilian clothes.

Well, you wanted to know what we are doing over here these days. We are not sleeping—we are drilling and on guard duty and learning how to stick out our chests when we go marching up Broadway.

I think that I will get a seven-day furlough in a couple days. It will be the first one since I was home and that has been about nine months ago. I am entitled to a-cross and I hope that I will get it before long—that is, across the sea, ha! ha! If nothing happens I think I will be home some time in June and that will seem a long time in this rainy county.

Oak Hall must be making some changes—so many people moving in and out. I will be lost when I get back.

Well, mother it will be eight months in a couple days since I landed in France. It doesn't seem that long to me but the time seems longer now than it did when the war was on.

I suppose by the time this letter reaches you the farmers will be busy with their spring crops. I think I will be back in time to help cut the winter wood, any way.

I forgot to tell you that we had chicken for dinner last Sunday, and it sure did make a hit with us boys. I am going to have dinner today with some Frenchmen.

Well, I guess I have told you all that I can think of for the time so I will close; your son,

CPL. CLAUDE WHITEHILL, Co. A 314th Inf. American E. F. France

Not A Dead Issue.

The defeat of the Rorke Sunday evening concert and motion picture entertainment bill in a legislative committee does not mean that the effort to break through the legal defenses of a sacred Sabbath in Pennsylvania is dead. The Rorke bill is not entirely eliminated. A strong effort will be made by its friends in the legislature next week to force it out of the hands of committee which has placed official disapproval on the measure and get it upon the house calendar. That would be a victory for the forces attacking the blue laws, as they could then make that a starting point in an assault two years from now. For this reason the bill must not be allowed to raise its head in the house.

Again there is the Powell bill, which provides for a blanket repeal of the Pennsylvania blue laws, now lying dormant in committee. There is danger in this bill which was introduced during the early days of the present session, until the close of the legislature. Thus there is need for vigilance all along the line to prevent a rupture in these time-honored statutes by interests seeking to increase their income through Sunday amusements and using the cloak of liberalism to accomplish their purpose.

Republican filibusters in the Senate won a great victory when they prevented the enactment of \$3,000,000,000 of appropriation in the last days of the Sixty-fifth Congress. They defeated the hopes of thousands of soldiers and sailors for whom the administration was attempting to provide homes on reclaimed land. How will these fighters take this "defeat"—the first the American doughboys have experienced?

Red Cross Clothing Drive.

The Centre Hall Red Cross auxiliary has been asked to take part in a great nation-wide drive for used clothing for the benefit of all the European countries except the Central Empires.

Every kind of garments for all ages and both sexes is urgently needed. In addition, piece goods, cotton flannel, etc. Since the clothing will be subject to the hardest kind of wear only garments of strong and durable material should be sent.

Clothing should be sent to the home of Mrs. Isaac Smith, not later than Friday of next week, (April 11th.)

For Soldier Boys

Every Centre county soldier boy is hereby requested to send to W. Harrison Walker, Bellefonte, Pa., his name, address, rank and also information as to whether or not he was in active service "Over There."

During the Victory Liberty Loan commencing April 21st, 1919, "Our Boys" will be the "Guests of Honor" at all public meetings to be held in the County, and those who were engaged in overseas service will be expected to give brief talks concerning their various experiences. A schedule of meetings is now being prepared, but will not be completed until April 8th, in order to give time to our boys to send the information as herein requested.

Communicate either by letter or telephone the above information at once.

Centre 3rd. in W. S. S.

Centre county continues its position as third in the counties comprising the third Federal reserve district in the sale of War Savings Stamps. The per capita amount sold up to the closing of the week of March 22, is \$1.01. This is exceeded by Clinton county going one cent better than Union with a per capita of \$3.91, Chairman Walker is confident Centre will again go over the top.

"No Beer, No Work."

(From Huntingdon Monitor)

It might be a good idea for the Government to send the "No Beer, No Work" element to the country where they can get all the beer and work they need, and that is to Europe. It was this same Irish-German element in the Union Labor ranks which was consistently disloyal to the United States in the late war. It was also this element that took refuge in munition plants and shipyards along the Atlantic seaboard to escape military service. This "No Beer, No Work" element is the Bolsheviks of America and its carcasses are worth more than its services.

Farm Loan Association Organized.

Through the efforts of the Centre County Farm Bureau a meeting was called Wednesday of last week to consider the formation of a Farm Loan Association. Mr. White, head from the Federal Land Bank of Baltimore, was present and gave a thorough talk on the formation of a Farm Loan Association in Centre County. After the subject had been thoroughly discussed it was moved that an Association be formed known as the Centre County National Farm Loan Association.

Twenty men signed up as charter members for applications amounting to over \$72,500.

Nelson E. Robb, of Bellefonte Trust Co., was elected secretary-treasurer, and James C. Furst was appointed attorney.

A board of directors and officers were chosen as follows: President, F. H. Clemson, Stormstown; vice president, J. J. Markle, State College; H. S. Hagen, Yarnell; George B. Thompson, State College; James C. Smith, State College.

The applications will be acted upon within the next week after which a committee of three appraisers together with an appraiser from the Federal Land Bank will visit each place and make an appraisal. After this it will be but a matter of three or four weeks until the money will be forthcoming for those who have been successful in getting a loan. Anyone can make an application for a loan at any time by applying to Mr. Robb, secretary-treasurer of the association.

Woodmen Face Bankruptcy.

A convention to save the Modern Woodmen of America from financial difficulties met at Chicago last week. A. R. Talbot, head council, described the situation as critical. In October 1918 he said, the society had a general fund of \$10,000,000 in securities. This has dwindled to \$640,000 owing to the ravages of influenza and pneumonia, he explained. War claims also figured.

During the war the society by a special assessment, raised a fund of \$5,000,000, out of which all war claims were met, and there remains in this fund \$3,000,000, the speaker stated. The war claims, he said, were as nothing compared to those due to influenza and pneumonia.

Have you sent your new address to the Reporter?

ORPHAN BUILDING FOR LEWISBURG HOME.

New Unit for Evangelical Home to be Built Soon.—\$10,000 Gift.

Another unit will be added to the group of buildings at the United Evangelical Home, north of Lewisburg, in the erection of an orphan building. Just what time work on the erection of this building will begin is not known now, but it is expected that the building will be started next spring at the latest.

George H. Garnet, of Allentown, a member of the United Evangelical church, has given \$5,000 toward the erection of this building and has added \$5,000 to the sum of for maintenance, making a gift of \$10,000 to the Home. Mr. Garnet is philanthropically inclined and had in mind the building of an orphanage himself. When he learned of the good work being done at the local institution and of the need of an orphan building to care for the little folks, he gladly contributed this sum and gave the management the assurance that other gifts from him would be forthcoming.

Bills to Aid Prohibition.

Drafts of a new bill to regulate prohibition in Pennsylvania have been prepared by Representative John W. Vickerman, of Allegheny county, for introduction into the house of Representatives. The new measure will be considered along with the Fox bill in a house committee and Mr. Vickerman says it will not conflict.

The Vickerman idea is to have the law enforced by a prohibition commissioner with deputies. Each deputy would be assigned to a district and have power to issue licenses for sale of liquors by druggists with authority to revoke for violation to make investigations of reports of the violations and to take samples and administer the law.

Tyrone Rural Motor Express Company.

An application has been made to the Public Service Commission, at Harrisburg, for a certificate of public conveyance for what will be known as the Tyrone Rural Motor Express Company. By means of auto trucks the company expects to carry express over the following routes: Commencing at Tyrone and running by way of Nealmont, Warriors Mark, Seven Stars, Graysville, Baileysville, Rock Springs, Pine Grove Mills to State College. The second route will commence at Huntingdon and run by the way of Alexandria, Water Street, Franklinville, Seven Stars and from there over route number one to State College. The application is being made through Robert H. Gilbert, Jr., of Tyrone, and the hearing will take place in Harrisburg on April 9th at 9:30 o'clock.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL.

A baby girl was born to Mr. and Mrs. Ralph E. Dinges, on Monday morning.

Rev. and Mrs. E. Roy Corman accompanied Mrs. F. M. Fisher to her home here, on Monday, after a short visit at Cresona.

Mrs. John S. Hosterman and son Jack, of Danbury, Connecticut, were arrivals in Centre Hall last week for a short stay at the Dr. G. W. Hosterman home.

There is considerable speculation who will be Merchant and Postmaster C. W. Swartz's successor at Tusseyville. About the only sure thing known is that Mr. Swartz will have a successor.

Several parties known to the Reporter desire to purchase good homes in Centre Hall. This indicates that if you are contemplating putting your home on the market, advertising would be wise.

Al. Bradford and Paul Bradford, of near Milroy, were in town Thursday to visit their father, George W. Bradford, who through illness has been compelled to remain at the home of his daughter, Mrs. John A. Martz.

A few movings not mentioned last week: Fred Slack moved into part of the Colyer home, at the station; Archie Moyer moved into one of the Sara McClenahan properties on the hill; John Rudy, moved from Potter township to the home vacated by Harry Weaver, on Church street.

Bruce Stahl, who is employed in Altoona, was home over Sunday. He reports that his brother, Asher Stahl, is doing a nice business in his recently-acquired meat market. Mr. Stahl has had large experience in the butcher business and his friends here wish him success in the management of his own business.

Mrs. Kate Bachman, of Lebanon, accompanied by her son, John Bachman, are guests at the home of the former's aunt, Mrs. Susanna Spangler, in Centre Hall. Mr. Bachman just returned from a ten months' service in France in a machine gun troop. He got through without a wound, but a close shave. A compass carried in the watch pocket in his breeches deflected a Hun bullet, and just put enough kink in the instrument to make it a valuable keepsake.

HIGHWAY CONTRACT BIDS.

Bids for seventeen State highway contracts, all but one of them for primary routes were opened at the State Highway Department Saturday. Awards will be made later. Low bidders on the contracts in Centre and Clinton counties were as follows:

Centre county—Route 57, Phillipsburg borough, 676 feet: Gifford & Pritchard, Phillipsburg, \$12,891.19.

Clinton county—Route 106, Chapman township, 13,740 feet: Miller Construction Company, Punxsutawney, \$108,747.20.

Licenses Granted.

Liquor licenses have been granted to the Old Fort and Rebersburg hotel stands. At the Old Fort J. M. Moyer, of Potters Mills, has become the landlord.

The liquor license fees are being paid for by the month.

Boys from "Over There" Arrive.

Two boys made their appearance in the states on Friday, one in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Homan, east of Old Fort, and the other enlivens the home of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Rimmer, at Tusseyville. Good luck to these young men.

Man Drowned in Spring Creek.

More or less excitement was caused in Bellefonte about noon Sunday a week ago by the discovery of the body of a man in Spring Creek, nearby the falls, a short distance above the High Street bridge. On being taken from the water the body was identified as that of James Reed, aged thirty-eight years, of Bellefonte, son of William Reed, a coroner's jury, following a hearing Monday morning, returned a verdict that death had been due to drowning, and that it was the result of an accident.

School Report—Sixth Month.

Report of Primary school for 6th month ending March 28. Number in attendance, males 18, females 19, total 37, average attendance, males 15, females 18, total 33. Per cent attendance, males 89, females 94, total 92. Those present every day during month are—Myrildith Coldron, Bruce Knarr, Fred Luse, Paul Martz, Philip McClenahan, Robert McClenahan, Thelma Brungart, Dorothy Emerick, Catherine Martz, Ethyl McClenahan, Margaret McClenahan, Helen Odenkirk, Estella Ruble, Genevieve Ruble, Margaret Rudy, Sarah Runkle and Catherine Smith. Those who have not missed a day during the term are—Myrildith Coldron, Ethyl McClenahan, Margaret McClenahan, and Genevieve Ruble.—Helen Bartholomew, teacher.

Grammar school, for month ending March 28: Number in attendance—girls 11, boys 16, total 27. Per cent of attendance—girls 89, boys 94, average 92 per cent. Those not missing any days during the month are: Ethel Frank, Anna Garis, Agnes Geary, Charlotte Keller, Florence Krape, Vianna Zettle, Florence Zettle, Theodore Breen, Albert Emery, Paul Fetterolf, Franklin Ruble, Paul Smith, Daniel Smith.

Ethel Frank, Florence Zettle, and Albert Emery have not missed any days during the term.—Isabel Rowe, teacher.

Freight Train Strikes Auto at Montandon.

Earl Goodman, of Mazeppa, narrowly escaped instant death at the crossing near the Pennsylvania station at Montandon about 8:30 p. m. Wednesday evening, when his Ford auto was struck by a northbound freight train.

Goodman was traveling toward Montandon and had reached the crossing when the big freight engine loomed into view. With rare presence of mind Mr. Goodman turned his car sharply to the left, the train side-swiped the car. The car was dragged a distance of thirty feet when it overturned, pinning Mr. Goodman beneath it, and lay on the southbound track in the path of a fast express train which was due about that time, it being in sight when the accident happened. Some of the trainmen from the freight train holding it until the tracks could be cleared.

Had Mr. Goodman not had presence of mind to turn his auto sharply to the left when he saw the freight there would have been a head on collision and without doubt he would have been instantly killed.

Mr. Goodman was removed to the home of Henry Rean nearby where his injuries were dressed by Lewisburg physicians, and was later taken to his home at Mazeppa.

Storm Blows Down Big Stack.

The 130-foot smoke stack at the Milton power plant of the Northumberland County Gas and Electric Co., was blown over Friday afternoon by the high gale that swept over this section of the state. The huge stack, which is six feet in diameter, fell between the power plant and the Hallman home adjoining, tearing down wires and doing much other damage. No one was injured.

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS

Jurors will get \$4.00 a day under the provisions of an act recently passed by the State Legislature.

The Moller brothers will begin the manufacture of a light automobile in Lewistown within a very short time.

Although everybody seems to have had a most delightful time moving, few will care to repeat the pleasure in less than a year.

Now they have it that the concrete road from Bellefonte to a point in the mountain beyond Pleasant Gap will be built after all—and that this summer. Everybody hopes it's true.

Misses Isabel Rowe, Verna Rowe, Ruth Smith, Lillian Emery, and Hazel Emery—a quintette of Centre Hall's handsome young ladies—made a trip to Altoona, on Saturday, to learn the latest fashions in dress.

Roger, the four year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Bloom, of West College avenue, State College, on Monday of last week fell into a bucket of hot water and was severely scalded. He will no doubt recover.

Begin right now to swat that fly. Take a whack at the first one that appears. Swat him good and hard, swat him good and hard, swat harder at the second one, and maybe there will be no third and fourth ones.

John M. Booth, of Millheim, and Elmer Weaver, of near Madisonburg, who were in active service with the American expeditionary forces in France, landed on U. S. soil a week ago, and are now stationed at Camp Dix, N. J.

If the "Thirty-second Degree Tightwads" were to organize locally there might be a much larger charter membership than would work for the good of the community. Please, sir, if you are not a candidate for membership, don't wear your button so conspicuously.

After a precipitation of more than a half inch of rain, last Thursday, the weather suddenly took a turn winterward, mercury dropping below freezing and snow and storm combining to make it the most disagreeable day and night since possibly the beginning of the winter season.

The local Boy Scouts will try to give you a creditable entertainment in the Grange hall to-morrow (Friday) night in presenting their 2-act play, "The Making of Larry." Don't withhold your support, but go and thereby show a boosting spirit toward the boy scout movement.

It is not a bit too early to clean up the rubbish about your premises. Of course, there may be little or none visible, but to avoid mistake, give your back yard and the alley bounding it a thorough looking over. Once a resident of Centre Hall sees it he will immediately do the rest.

Last Thursday snow left many snow banks through Brush Valley that as late as Saturday and Sunday puzzled auto drivers to get through them. The snow drifts were higher than this snow than any previous during the winter just past. And then to think, the snow fell after the advent of spring!

John C. Barclay, postmaster at Clearfield, died suddenly Wednesday of last week, from apoplexy. He was aged sixty-nine years. His commission as postmaster would have expired the following day. He had refused reappointment owing to the great responsibility of the office occasioned by being a central accounting office like that in Bellefonte.

If you moved into a new location and are being served on a rural mail route, be kind enough to write the names of all persons receiving mail in your mail box on a slip of paper and give it to the carrier or drop it into the mail box. This applies to anyone anywhere in the United States who changes his address and locates in a district covered by free rural mail delivery.

Samuel Poorman, son of S. I. Poorman, a former Centre Hall boy who for some time has operated the Pleasant Gap garage, sold his garage to John Weaver and April 1st opened a new sales room for Overland cars in the room formerly occupied by the Harper grocery, in Bishop Street, Bellefonte. Mr. Poorman has been handling Overland cars for several years and expects to redouble his efforts along this line during the coming summer.

The Mill Hall public school building was almost totally destroyed by fire Monday morning of last week. The blaze was caused by an overheated flue. Lock Haven firemen rendered valuable assistance, but the building was so badly damaged that it will have to be rebuilt. The loss is estimated at \$12,000 to 15,000, with \$8,000 insurance on building and furniture. The building was erected twenty years ago. When the roof was about burned off, a bell weighing about 500 pounds dropped from the tower to the basement.