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## MEMORIAL FOR THE BOYS ENLISTED IN WORLD WAR.

**Proposition Put Up for Approval  
Looking Toward Accomplishment of a Desire Cherished by Every Good Citizen.**

Assuming that we all agree that Centre Hall and Potter township wishes to honor the boys who enlisted in the World War by the erection of a suitable tablet, a working head to accomplish this desire must be formed. It must be formed from among the citizens of both districts who are representative in character. This can not be better done than by having a committee man appointed from the various organizations within these districts, upon which committee men will rest the responsibility of forming an organization for soliciting funds, securing names of enlisted men, selecting and purchasing a suitable tablet, erecting it on a site designated by the borough council, and arranging definite plans for its unveiling.

If this proposition meets approval the Reporter asks that committee men be appointed by the following organizations:

Centre Hall: Reformed, Lutheran, Methodist, Presbyterian and United Evangelical Sunday-schools.

Tusseyville: Union Sunday-school, Zion Hill: Evangelical Sunday school.

Spruceytown: Methodist Sunday school.

Knights of the Golden Eagle.

Odd Fellows.

P. O. S. of A.

Progress Grange.

Of course, it is understood that after the appointment of these committee men they lose their identity as members of the organization and become representatives of the people, thus forming in a really democratic way a committee that is free to act in the best interest of all. So that the committee may meet on Friday night, January 30th, it will be necessary for organization presidents, in some cases, to appoint a committee man at other times than at a meeting of the organization, but since the organization assumes no responsibility whatever and is not even represented as such, there can be no objection.

The committee is invited to meet at the home of the senior editor of the Reporter, Friday evening, January 30, 8 o'clock.

## DIRECTORS OPTIMISTIC.

**Slight Shortage in Funds at Sunbury  
I. O. O. F. Home Does Not Dismay Directors.**

Although confronted with a deficit instead of a small balance as is customary, directors and trustees of the Central Pennsylvania Odd Fellows' Home Association, who met at the Orphanage East of Sunbury Wednesday of last week, were most optimistic on the outlook for the coming year.

Directors, trustees, representatives of the Grand Lodge, of the Grand Encampment, of the Rebekah Assembly, to the number of forty were present.

Reports of President J. W. Stroh, and of the various committees were read. Recommendations of the president with regard to the new buildings at the Orphanage and the necessity for increased financial aid were concurred in. These matters will be placed before the Grand Lodge when it meets in Wilkes-Barre in May.

Although for many years there has been a small balance in the treasury of the association, the present fiscal year will end with a deficit, owing to greatly increased costs of maintenance. The need for an increase per capita tax upon members of the lodge to support the home is so evident that action to this end by the Grand Lodge is assured.

A fine spirit was manifested by those attending the meeting and the outlook was declared to be most optimistic.

The Army Recruiting Station at Williamsport, is now authorized to accept qualified applicants for special assignments to any of the first seven divisions of the regular Army. This gives opportunity for men with or without previous service to enlist in either the field artillery, infantry, medical corps, engineers or signal corps with the privileges of special assignment to either the first division at Camp Taylor, Louisville, Ky.; and division, Camp Travers, Texas; 3rd Division, Camp Pike, Ark.; 4th Division, Camp Dodge, Iowa; 5th Division, Camp Gordon, Ga.; 6th Division, Camp Grant, Illinois, and Camp Pickett, Kansas, for the 7th division.

There are still a number of vacancies for men desiring to enlist for service in Panama, Alaska and the Philippine Islands.

Men interested, should write to the Army Recruiting Officer as the above address.

## 800 Miles Road for 1920.

Eight hundred miles of durable road is to be built in Pennsylvania this year, according to a recent announcement by Commissioner Sadler.

## Hon. Small's Great Lecture.

Although he has traversed the whole United States and been in three-fourths of all the counties in the country, Hon. Sam W. Small, of Georgia, made his first appearance in Centre Hall last Wednesday evening, in all his thirty-five years of continuous service in the cause of national prohibition. Twenty-four thousand miles a year, he says, he travels, and speaks in something like 250 cities and towns in the same time. At the age of sixty-nine years he is still "going strong" for the cause.

His lecture here on "Is our Civilization a Failure?" was one of eloquent oratory, biting sarcasm and delightful wit. Notwithstanding the fact that the booze forces have been decisively defeated, Hon. Small still delights in throwing hooks into their most vulnerable parts; force of habit, no doubt, from his thirty-five years of keeping at it.

The United Evangelical church was the scene of the meeting and a well-filled church of all ages greeted the great and only Hon. Small. It is doubtful if the liquor forces have a more formidable foe than he, and to prove their dislike for him, he carries the scars made by bullets and knives upon his body in an effort to put him out of the way.

Hon. Small carries a pamphlet edition of the Constitution of the United States in which is written the 18th Amendment, relating to national prohibition, and speaking of its positive fixture there,—which the liquor gang doubt—wished to know who would "take it out"? Being a lawyer of great prominence, he blasted the last hopes of the "wets" who looked to the United States Supreme Court to restore the goods back on the shelf and counter. Tampering with the constitution of the United States is not the business of even the highest court, he said in effect.

Hon. Small's delineation of the new Uncle Sam, as he awakened on the morning of January 17th, realizing the new order of things, and after a great deal of preparation and fixin' as to his personal appearance, faces the situation with a smile, showing unmistakable signs of the true patriot that he is, was ludicrous to the extreme.

The thought-producing part of his great lecture was that the United States, in its adoption of the prohibition amendment, must face the test, not only before all the nations of the world but before God Almighty himself. Prohibition is in answer to prayer, says Hon. Small. The Almighty has responded and it now remains for His people to see that it is enforced.

## LOCAL AND PERSONAL.

Infected milk is supposed to be the cause of twenty-five cases of typhoid fever at Braddock.

Miss Verna Frantz accompanied Miss Kimpton to Pleasant Gap, last week, where she will be engaged in dressmaking.

The widow and family of the late John Ruble desire in this manner to thank all kind friends who gave aid and comfort in their recent bereavement.

Mrs. Chas. W. Pennington, sister of W. J. and T. L. Smith, had the misfortune to break her leg in falling down the stairway at her home in Bellefonte, on Monday.

Miss Helen Brubaker again returned to Philadelphia where she has taken up nursing as a profession in the Children's hospital. It will be recalled that she was stricken with scarlet fever and was at her home here to recuperate.

Dr. John A. Hardenbergh went to Philadelphia Friday to attend the funeral of his mother-in-law, Mrs. Harry Foster, which occurred on Saturday afternoon, says the Milleheim Journal. He returned home on Tuesday evening.

If any one is itching to boost a suitable marker for the World War soldier boys, the Reporter will be pleased to give space to their tentative propositions or subscriptions. Don't be backward, come right up before the public and make your bow. There ought to be some handsome subscriptions from the pockets of some of our good citizens.

The growth of the business of the Farmers Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Centre County is reflected in their annual statement which is published in this issue. The insurance written during the past year totalled over a million dollars and the risks in force today amount to over four and one-half millions of dollars.

The local P. O. S. of A. did a decidedly commendable thing when at a recent session it agreed to pay sick benefits to its members who were sick during their enlistment in the World War. The regulation applies to A. E. F. men as well as to members at local training camps. This is putting into action a really patriotic spirit of which the camp in years to come may always feel proud. While speaking of the local camp, it may also be said with credit that the widow of John B. Ruble was paid in insurance to the amount of \$250 a few days after his death, this being one-half of the insurance to which she is entitled.

## GREIG TOWNSHIP WOMAN A VICTIM OF BURNS.

**Miss Alice Heckman a Living Torch in Her Night Robes.—Thought to Have Struck Match in Dark.**

Miss Alice Heckman, aged fifty-eight years, is dead at the home of her brother, A. P. Heckman, near Penns Cave, a victim of burns.

Miss Heckman was brought home last summer from Mennos, South Dakota, after having sustained a paralytic stroke at the home of John Hosterman, to which place she had gone a year previously to work. Since the start of her illness she was given every care at the hands of her brother's family. On Monday morning Mr. Heckman, as usual, was the first one of the family to arise, and after kindling the kitchen fire, left for the barn to do the morning's work.

Surviving her are her husband and one son, Robert, of Colyer; also these brothers and sister: Thomas Boal, State College; Frank, of Altoona, and John, of Peru.

**ECKENROTH.—William Earl Eckenerd died at his home at Pleasant Gap on Monday morning, of Bright's disease, the direct result of influenza, from which he suffered a year ago, and from the effects of which he never regained full health. His wife, a Miss Hoy, died a year ago, when the epidemic was at its height. Deceased was a carpenter by trade, and aged thirty-two years and seven days. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Eckenerd, of Pleasant Gap, survived. Funeral services were held on Wednesday and burial made at Pleasant Gap.**

**KOONSMAN.—Mrs. Catherine Koonzman, aged about sixty-seven years, died at her home in Lewistown, Friday night, 11:45 o'clock. She was ill since before Christmas, her last illness being due to heart trouble and grip. During her last days she was almost blind from cataracts on her eyes.**

She was the widow of William C. Koonzman whose death occurred nine years ago. Her maiden name was Catherine Treaster, and she was born in Centre county. She spent her girlhood days in Lewistown.

She leaves two sons, Cleveland C. Koonzman, of Gary, Ind., and Perry Koonzman, of Potters Mills, and Mrs. Warren Himes, of St. Catharine, Ontario, Canada. During recent years she lived with her 17 year old grandson Thomas Rippka who cared for his grandmother faithfully.

She leaves also a number of step-children and other near relatives, sisters and brothers. She was a member of St. Mark's Episcopal church, Lewistown, and enjoyed the high respect and loving esteem of her numerous friends and neighbors.

## 1919 Birth and Death Record.

According to a compilation of the figures in the birth and death record of Centre county in the year 1919, there were 1056 births against 577 deaths, the grand old Stork making it almost two to one over the Grim Reaper. Centre Hall borough scored eleven births against only three deaths during the whole year. Only two other districts in the county showed a higher proportion of birth over deaths than did Centre Hall—Patterson township with 10 to 2, and Howard township, with 22 to 5. The highest number of births is recorded by Rush township—161, while Bellefonte shows the greatest number of deaths, with 86.

Bird Stork's visitations to Centre county families, during the past four years, has kept at almost an even figure; in fact, in 1918 and 1919 he carried the same number—1076—bits of precious humanity. In 1917 he made three less trips, but kept up the high average by having made 1077 visitations the preceding year. The total deaths last year was 368 less than in 1918, the year before the "flu" epidemic scored heavily.

**The Wabash Again.**

Talk of building a railroad on the old Wabash survey through Penns Valley is again being heard. The line talked of now is to start at Harmony, on the western border of Butler county, and is to lead to Allentown, crossing Centre county on the south side of Penns Valley along the Seven Mountains through Georges Valley, south of Coburn, keeping on top of the mountains where the L. & T. have tunneled. Harmony is due east of Centre Hall, and Allentown is a bit south east.

## Sailor Boy Writes from Turkey.

Thomas Horner, son of the late Rev. A. J. Horner, of Youngsville, add formerly of Colyer, who is serving in the United States navy, writes his mother under recent date from Constantinople, Turkey. He expressed the belief that his ship, the U. S. S. Galveston, would be in American waters by January 1st. Speaking of the celebration of a holiday aboard ship, he writes, "We had quite a time here Thanksgiving. They had church on the ship, and the captain gave a speech. He said we ought to be thankful for the good news that we are going back to the States the first of the year,—and we surely are. I did not go to church myself; I was busy getting our dinner, and a fine one it was. It consisted mostly of Roast turkey in Turkey". We had what you would call a regulation Thanksgiving dinner, but the cranberry sauce, and the commissary steward couldn't get them here.

**His Consideration.**

"Now, gents," with elaborate sarcasm said the proprietor of the Right Place store in Petunia, addressing the prominent and influential leaders that infested his emporium, "I have placed a batch of comfortable pine boxes around on the shady side of the store, where you can sit and spit and whittle and cuss the government and argue about nothing from morning till night, and not be disturbed by customers trying to edge around you to buy something or talk over a little private business with me without having your mouths stuck into it."

**Kapone Day.**

## THE DEATH RECORD.

### The Death of John Barleycorn.

By G. B. Auten.  
United States of America,  
Jan. 16, 1920

John Barleycorn died here today at an advanced age. John had a slight attack of prostration several years ago, and later on Local Option set in and poor John kept growing weaker. Last July he was obliged to close his business. His friends spent large sum of money to save him, but his course was run, he passed away today.

John Barleycorn was born in a foreign country more than five thousand years ago and immigrated to this country with the early settlers. The greater part of his life was spent in supplying inmates for penal institutions, insane asylums, orphans' homes, poor houses and grave yards, also took an active part in disturbances of all kinds. John was a charter member of the Royal Order of Snakes. The deceased is survived by two sons, Patent Medicine and Near Beer. Funeral will be held at 12:01 a.m. January 17th. A strong guard will be placed over his grave to prevent his friends from trying to dig him up. His two sons will be watched closely to prevent them from developing any of their father's bad habits.

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**Capt. "Dick" Taylor Lands Government Job.**

Capt. "Dick" Taylor, of Bellefonte, has accepted a \$2500-a-year position with the Department of Justice, Washington, D. C.

The announcement of Capt. Taylor's appointment was made Thursday by Col. J. L. Spangler upon receipt of a telegram from Attorney General Palmer announcing that the position was open for the distinguished young Centre county soldier.

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### Subscriber Writes from Cleveland, O.

Milton S. Benner, well known hereabout, writes the Reporter under the date of January 12th, from Cleveland, Ohio, as follows:

The label on my paper does not look very good, so I enclose money order for three dollars; please credit we with same.

Everything is gliding along pretty good out here, but on last Thursday night we received a snow fall of about fourteen inches and things are sort of blocked in the city. The snow is so deep at the side of the streets that if a car gets in it finds a hard time getting out.

This is getting to be some city.

Yours truly,  
M. S. BENNER.

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### Inspector Pearce Makes Report.

D. T. Pearce, inspector of weights and measures for Centre county, sends the Reporter the following report for 1919, for publication:

5 mine scales were sealed and 1 condemned; 7 wagon scales sealed, 4 condemned, 1 adjusted; 28 other platform scales were sealed, 14 condemned and 3 adjusted; 10 counter scales sealed, 2 condemned; 5 spring balances sealed, 2 condemned; 49 computing scales sealed, 3 condemned, 12 adjusted; 5 beam scales sealed, 1 condemned, 1 adjusted; 2 dry measures sealed, 1 condemned; 5 liquid measures sealed, 3 condemned, 2 gas pumps sealed, 7 condemned and 15 adjusted; 159 avordupois weights sealed, 19 condemned, and 32 adjusted. Mr. Pearce made four prosecutions during the year, but had nothing special to report, his work in 1919 being mostly of a routine order.

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### Wedded Sixty-three Years.

On Monday of last week, Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Bowersox, of Pine Grove Mills, quietly celebrated their sixty-third wedding anniversary. They are probably the longest wedded couple in Centre county.

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### POTTERS MILLS.

John Hoar, the blacksmith of this place, was badly hurt by a horse on Monday of last week. All hope for his speedy recovery.

Emerson Ennist went to Mifflin county Tuesday, where he is employed as a puddler at the Logan Iron works.

Potters Mills members of the Centre Hall I. O. O. F. lodge had a very pleasant time Thursday evening and enjoyed the "good eats" that were served them.

The dance at the Eutaw House was almost a failure Wednesday evening of last week on account of the storm.

Clarence Keifer had a good sale, January 14th, and then went to Jeanette. His home was purchased by Lloyd Leister.

One day last week William and Charles Foust paid a visit to their old friend, Walter Garrity.

W. E. Montgomery's smiling face was seen in Potters Mills last Thursday.

Ralph Sweeney paid a visit to his parents on Friday.

The Centre Hall girls visited the Potters Mills school Thursday afternoon.

Sarah Ennist, of this place, is confined to the house with a very sore throat.