

HEAD OF FAMILY GETS \$2,000 EXEMPTION.

Net Incomes of \$1,000 or Over if Single and \$2,000 or Over if Married Must Be Reported.

Single persons though required to file a return if their net income for 1920 was \$1,000 or more, are, if they are the heads of families, granted a special exemption under the revenue laws. Such a person is defined by Treasury regulations as "a person who actually supports and maintains in one household one or more individuals who are closely connected with him by blood relationship, relationship by marriage or by adoption, and whose right to exercise family control and provide for these dependent individuals is based upon some moral or legal obligation." Such persons are allowed the exemption of \$2,000 granted a married person. In addition, they are allowed a credit of \$200 for each dependent under 18 years of age or incapable of self support because mentally or physically defective.

HUSBAND AND WIFE.

A married person living with husband and wife can not claim an additional \$2,000 exemption as the head of a family. His or her exemption is based upon the marital status, irrespective of the support of others living in the same household. The additional \$200 credit for dependents does not apply to the husband or wife of a taxpayer. For example if a married man supports a father who is incapable of self-support, he is entitled to the \$200 credit for such person. If through force of circumstances he supports his wife away from home he is entitled to the \$2,000 exemption allowed a married person but not to a \$200 credit for a dependent.

A son who has left home but who sends his mother more than one-half the sum required for her support is entitled to the credit, provided the mother cannot support herself. Otherwise the amount must be considered as a gift and, therefore, the credit is not allowed. A son living at home and supporting his father, mother, or other relative may claim the \$2,000 exemption allowed the head of a family, but not the \$200 credit unless such relative is under 18 years of age or incapable of self-support.

Will Start Classes in Home Nursing.

Girls of high school grade in State College, Centre Hall, Millheim and other towns in the State College district of the Red Cross, will be offered a chance to take a short course in Home Nursing and care of the sick, to be given by Mrs. Maud C. Jones, the public health nurse of the district.

This announcement is made by Margaret A. Knight, dean of women at the Pennsylvania State College, who is chairman of the Red Cross Nursing Activities Committee. She requests that all high school girls in the district desiring to take advantage of this free course advise her of that fact immediately. The course will start early in February and will consist of fifteen lessons of 1-2 hour each. A Red Cross certificate for home nursing will be given each student upon completion of the special course.

In this work Mrs. Jones will cover every phase of home nursing that it is possible for the novice to accomplish. The course is especially valuable in leading to further study of general nursing. Classes will be started in sections where six or more girls make application for it.

In order that the younger generation of the district might maintain a maximum strength and condition of health for the fight in life, special efforts are being made by Mrs. Maud C. Jones, the public health nurse of the State College district of the Red Cross, to instruct them in proper nutrition methods. She is now making a tour of the district in which she weighs all the school children and compares their actual weights with normal standards. If the child does not appear to check up with these standards, Mrs. Jones offers suggestions to the child and talks frankly with his parents regarding the importance of maintaining the best of health and normal conditions. Thus far this work has met with the best cooperation on the school children and their parents, and is expected to bring forth excellent results. Mrs. Jones considers this one of the most important branches of her work, and there never is a day goes by that she is not in some way aiding a number of children of the district to obtain better health. During the month of December the public health nurse made a total of 66 visits in the round of her duties. Six of these were to schools where she gave health talks.

Deaths of Centre Countians.

Hammond Sechler, aged Bellefonte groceryman, died on Monday of last week, aged eighty years.
Miss Sarah McKinney, at Bellefonte, aged sixty-eight years.
Miss Elizabeth Taylor, daughter of Col. H. S. Taylor, of Bellefonte, died in the Mercy hospital, Pittsburgh, of heart infection, aged twenty years.
Reuben T. Comley, Bald Eagle Valley farmer, aged seventy years.

PENNA FARMS DECREASE.

Loss of 17,000 Farms in Ten Years No Cause for Alarm, Says Dean Watts, of State College.

The decrease of more than seventeen thousand farms in Pennsylvania during the past ten years is nothing to worry about with respect to farm crop production, according to Dr. R. L. Watts, dean of the agricultural school at the Pennsylvania State College, commenting recently on the farm census figures for 1920. Only seven counties in the state show an increase in the number of farms over the 1910 census, and these are said by agriculturists at State College to be due to the great reduction in the size of many Pennsylvania farms, as more intensive methods are introduced.

"Crop production records in Pennsylvania for the past ten years show an increase of approximately ten per cent rather than a decrease as might be expected through the loss of thousands of farms," said Dean Watts. "Production has been maintained with a greatly shrunken rural population only through the application of scientific principles of agriculture, the daily and agricultural press, community cooperation and the use of labor saving machinery. We need not worry about a smaller number of farms because every known effort is being pushed for maximum crop production. Material aid comes every day from the agricultural experiment station, the college and its hundred extension field workers applying the principle of making two blades grow where one grew before. With even greater reduction in the number of farms, it is safe to say that modern methods and appliances will continue to supply Pennsylvania's demands."

According to the 1920 farm census, greatest loss in the number of farms in Pennsylvania was suffered by Allegheny county, a total of 1013. Susquehanna 713, York 642 and Crawford 594. Most of these are either close to industrial centers or in poor farming districts, which may account for their greater losses.

The biggest gain in the number of farms was recorded for Lancaster county where there are now 11,306 farms of three acres or more in size. The increase of 47 farms in ten years is attributed to the splitting up of large farms into small sections in this highest producing county in the state. The same practice was probably followed in Cumberland county where there was a gain of 72 farms for a total of 3115. The only other counties to show gain were: Butler, 200 reclaimed oil fields; Lackawanna, 6; Northumberland, 55; Westmoreland, 81; and Carbon 15.

Another viewpoint on the great decrease in the number of farms is the large extent to which farms in all parts of state were combined. While a large number have been abandoned by farmers moving to the cities for easier hours and more pay, the joining of two or more farms into one has been practiced to a great extent.

Pennsylvania now has 202,356 farms, as against 219,295 ten years ago. This is a loss of 17,039, or 7.8 per cent. There was a loss of 4,933 from 1900 to 1910 or 2.2 per cent. There are 6,449,998 farms in the United States, an increase of 88,496 over the 1910 figures. Western States report the greatest increase.

Added to Church Roll.

During the past week Rev. M. C. Drumm added fourteen new members to the Lutheran church at Farmers Mills through catechetical instruction. At Georges Valley ten new members were added the past week, or a total of eighteen since the beginning of the new year.

Announcement of Services.

Communion will be held in the Reformed church, Boalsburg, on Sunday Jan. 30th. Services will be held during the week, beginning Wednesday evening, Jan. 26, Rev. A. S. Glessner, of Greenville, Ohio, will preach during the week and Sunday. Come and hear him.—Rev. S. C. Stover, pastor.

Shot While at Butchering.

Chester Andrews, aged nine years, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Andrews, of near Hughesville, was operated upon Thursday, at the Williamsport hospital for the removal of a bullet from his body. The lad was accidentally shot while a spectator at a butchering on Wednesday.

CENTRE CO. AUTO SHOW.

January 29-February 5 Dates for Holding First Show in the County.

As announced last week, the Centre county auto dealers have decided to hold an automobile, truck and tractor show in the Bellefonte armory. The show days will be January 29 to February 5. This will grant all those interested in passenger cars for business or for pleasure an opportunity to see the very latest models in these cars. Then, those who are interested in trucks will have the chance to see various makes of trucks, both light and heavy, along side of each other, thus giving an excellent chance to compare the merits of the different makes. Again, the latest development in tractors will afford the interested parties the best in the market.

One will not need to venture to the big cities to see the best in automobile vehicles. Several of the dealers are having special representatives from the factories to be on hand to give the very latest details in the mechanism of the engines, etc. Also many of them are going to the larger shows in order that they may secure the latest ideas in display, so as to make the exhibition appear as near the largest shows as possible in every detail.

They have arranged special days to take care of the various districts of the county, and they are as follows:

Saturday, Jan. 29th, opening day.
Monday, Jan. 31st, Penns Valley day.
Tuesday, Feb. 1st, State College day.
Wednesday, Feb. 2nd, Snow Shoe and Philipsburg day.
Thursday, Feb. 3rd, Bellefonte day.
Friday, Feb. 4th, Bald Eagle Valley day.
Saturday, Feb. 5th, Nittany Valley day.

Special music and features will be arranged for these various days and large sectional representation from these sections is anticipated. The director of the show has been assured that some sections are coming with their bands with the view of outdoing the other sections.

The school children will be given an opportunity to secure prizes for the best essays on "Why I want to attend the Centre County Auto Show."

The following dealers will have exhibits of different models of cars, trucks and tractors:

State College, C. E. Snyder, H. M. Myers, Decker and Harper; from Centre Hall, Boozer and Smith; from Millheim, C. H. Breen; from Spring Mills, Decker Bros.; from Snow Shoe, John Confer; from Philipsburg, Demi and Goss, Paul Gulick; from Bellefonte, Geo. A. Beezer, Betty Motor Car Co., Krader Motor Co., Wynn's Garage, S. H. Poorman, Emerick Motor Car Co.

The show will be of interest to not only the car owners but to everyone in the county, for the automobile vehicle has come to stay and must play its part in our transportation system.

Fire Destroys Business Section of Madera, Clearfield Co.

Fire, which started about one o'clock Friday morning in the Liberty Trading Company's building, resulted in the destruction of the business section of Madera, Clearfield county, and for a while threatened the whole town.

One person, a fireman, Ambrose O'Connor, of Houtzdale, was injured. He was struck on the knee with a brick from one of the buildings in the path of flames which was dynamited. Thirteen buildings were destroyed, entailing a loss of a quarter of a million dollars.

A call for assistance was sent to Philipsburg about 1:45 in the morning, and the big motor pumper was sent to the scene.

The following buildings with most of their contents were destroyed:

Liberty Trading Company, hardware and clothing; Wm. P. Cornely's residence; the old Cornely homestead; Hileman hotel, Edward Hall, proprietor; Charley Cornely's general store and residence combined; the Joe Gowdy, restaurant, with dance hall overhead, sold the day previous to Olie Johnson; Milton Shoff's moving picture house; Charley Spiece's pool room and barber shop; the Madera Times printing office, Cosmo Maneno's store, along with a small building adjoining; the Dr. Cornely building in which he had his office, and where Chas. Haines' jewelry store also did business, the Haines residence being on the second story; Bert Kephart's pool room and barber shop; Samuel Maneno's residence. Dr. S. J. Miller's drug store was only slightly damaged.

Wonderful work was accomplished by the Houtzdale firemen, who being nearest the scene, were first to reach there.

Hall Association Elect Officers.

At a meeting of the Centre Hall Odd Fellows' Hall Association, held one evening last week, the following officers were elected for 1921: President Geo. H. Ewerick; vice president, T. L. Moore; secretary, V. A. Auman; treasurer, H. H. Mark; directors, E. W. Crawford, J. H. Knarr, Clyde Dutrow.

Odd Fellows Hold Annual Banquet.

Odd Fellows, their families, and visiting members of the three-link fraternity, to a number exceeding three hundred, assembled in the Grange hall last Thursday evening on the occasion of the anniversary celebration and banquet of the Centre Hall lodge No. 895, I. O. O. F.

The Rebekahs—the ladies' branch of the order—put the crowd in good humor with a farcical two-act play, following which the throng gathered on the second floor of the hall in order that preparations could be made below for satisfying the inner man. When the word came that all was in readiness, the crowd in double column marched into the lower room and gathered in social groups, after which numerous waiters passed among them, distributing the dishes of chicken and cheese sandwiches, pickles, ice cream, cake and coffee. The appetites of the crowd were most certainly satisfied, for over a thousand sandwiches had been prepared and the major portion of them were consumed.

The gathering was informal in every sense of the word, and the gregarious nature of man was shown by the reluctance with which all left for their various homes long after the "eat-in" party had broken up.

Three Inches of Snow.

Three inches of snow, followed by sleet and rain, last Friday, gave the first appearance of real winter. Like last year Old Boreas was up to his old tricks turning the blower on following a snow fall, but this time the hard crust formed by freezing of the rain, kept the snow at its original depth in all sections, keeping the roads open and permitting the rural mail carriers getting through.

Broke Three Ribs in Fall.

Merchant G. R. Meiss, of Colyer, has been attending to business under extreme difficulties for the past week or more, on account of suffering from three broken ribs sustained in a fall in going from the house to the store. The injuries kept him confined to the house for several days, but he is again behind the counter, although still suffering much pain.

Nine Sermon Lectures.

Rev. M. C. Drumm, pastor of the Penns Valley Lutheran Church, has announced the subjects of a series of nine sermon lectures to be delivered in the Centre Hall Lutheran church during evening services from Jan. 30th to June 19th. The schedule follows:

Jan. 30, "The Young Man Who Fell from the Third Story Window."
Feb. 13, "The Young Man Who Came to Himself."
Feb. 27, "That Tongue of Mine," or "Some Idle Gossipers."
Mar. 13, "Epitaphs in the Graveyard of Failure."
Mar. 27, "Inscriptions in the Hall of Fame."
Apr. 10, "The Handwriting on the Wall."
Apr. 24, "Some Big Fools."
May 8, "The Scarlet Thread in the Window."
June 19, "The Meaneast Man in the World."

A Live Wire.

Centre county friends of Dr. Alfred Beirly, the music composer, of Chicago, Ill., will be interested to know that he is one of that big city's wide-awake business men and live wires. Proof of this is apparent in numerous newspaper articles which have come to the Reporter's desk recently. One of the doctor's avocations is practical city planning, and a suggestion he recently made in connection with handling the city's tremendous street traffic more systematically has won the endorsement of Chicago's mayor, the honorable gentleman substituting Dr. Beirly's plan for his own. The Chicago papers, with a circulation aggregating 1,400,000, all printed Dr. Beirly's article, which resulted in crystallizing opinion in favor of his plan.

The doctor has lately designed a new flag for the city of Chicago, and it will be introduced in the City Council. Many have expressed their favor of it, so it will likely be adopted. Dr. Beirly is one of 7,000 members of the Chicago Association of Commerce, and in its weekly journal, the "Chicago Commerce," may often be found valuable suggestions for city betterment from the pen of Dr. Beirly.

The Dr. has begun a piece of work which when completed will cause his name to endure as an artist and practical city builder. Plans are well under way for building a 300-foot-high shrine to Abraham Lincoln, at the spot where in 1860 he was nominated for president. The doctor has made a plausible drawing of the shrine and has promised to give Reporter readers, at some future time, a more complete account of its building.

Ban on Sunday Funerals.

The Shamokin Cemetery Association at a meeting last week decided not to permit Sunday funerals in the future, except in cases where rules of the state board of health make it necessary. The action was taken upon petition of Shamokin ministers.

LETTERS FROM SUBSCRIBERS.

Much Idleness in Ohio.

Akron, Ohio
Jan. 10, 1921.

Editor Reporter:

Enclosed find check for \$1.50 to boost my subscription ahead.

I am always glad to get the news from home, having graduated from the Boalsburg High school in 1919, and the Monday after graduation, I went to Akron, there finding an office job with the W. E. Wright Co., as accountant. I find that they are a good business firm to work for. They deal in building material of all kind, feed, seed, farm implements, and coal, which is the best seller on the market in the winter. Soft coal sells at \$8.00 and egg coal at \$19.00; chestnut at \$17.00. The company delivers from three to four carloads a day to various parts of the city. Then, too, the company has five branches around in the city, and all their business is carried on through the main office.

Work is very scarce around through the city; the rubber companies are only running on a small scale, and there are no signs of them picking up yet.

We are having regular spring weather and if it keeps up, the grass will soon be getting green. It sure is a blessing that we have had a mild winter so far, as there are so many men layed off, and cannot afford to buy coal or even things for on their own table.

Best wishes to all Pennsylvania friends.

CARL H. BOHN.

Narrow Escape from Burning.

McConnell, Ill.,
January 12, 1921

Editor Reporter:

I wish to write a few words concerning a close call my wife and I had from being burned to death, a week ago last Saturday, in our new home. Our gasoline lighting system sprung a leak and the gasoline ran onto the cellar floor, and when we went to the cellar with a light to hunt the trouble the gasoline caught fire and this was followed by an explosion. The cellar became ablaze all over, and we were right in the midst of it. Fortunately we escaped without much injury. Mrs. Jordan received burns on her hands and arms which required the attention of a doctor. As for me, my hair and eyebrows were burned, but as soon as I could get my composure I hastened to get water and did succeed in getting the fire under control before the neighbors arrived. The woodwork in the cellar was badly burned and the asbestos covering on my heating pipes was damaged, but that was about all, and for this we are truly thankful.

At present we are having nice weather; no snow now but we had sleighing some time ago. Some things seem to be getting back to normal again. Hogs and grain are away down.

Wishing all the Reporter readers a prosperous New Year, I am,

Yours truly,
J. H. JORDAN.

A Whiff of Perfume.

Crystal City, Mo.
Jan. 10th, 1921.

Editor Reporter:

Enclosed please find check for another year's subscription to the Reporter. Each issue of your paper brings me enough news of the people and community of my younger days to pay for a year's subscription. I would not be without the Reporter.

Yours very respectfully,
J. K. HOSTERMAN.

Inch of Snow in Virginia.

Farmville, Va.
Jan. 10, 1921.

Editor Reporter:

Please find enclosed check to pay up arrears on my subscription and carry me forward some.

Last night we had our first snow fall of this winter. But it was only a fall of about one inch and will probably be all gone by tonight, as the ground is not frozen.

Yours very truly,
P. BLISS MEYER.

Presbyterians in Lead in Penn State Student Body.

A recent canvass of the student body at the Pennsylvania State College in which the religious preference was included, showed that Presbyterians head the list with a total of 720 followers out of the total enrollment of 3000 men and women. The Methodists are a close second with 642, and the next eight highest are, Lutheran, 394; Roman Catholic, 271; Reformed, 220; Baptist, 121; United Presbyterian, 47 and United Brethren, 39. Greek Orthodox is at the bottom of the list with but one representative. One hundred fifty six would give no preference.

A little push will sometimes get you farther than a big pull.

Don't depend upon others. Even the man who blows his own horn has to be his own tooter.

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS

Score one for prohibition: Centre county's jail is empty!

The first half of the borough school term closed last week.

To-night (Thursday) the Boalsburg lodge of Odd Fellows will hold their anniversary banquet.

Assistant superintendent of schools of Centre county, M. F. Pletcher, visited the schools in Centre Hall one day last week.

Robert I. Smith is suffering from the effects of a carbuncle on the back of his neck, which has caused him to lay off work.

Windom E. Bartsch, of near Centre Hall, calls attention to giving his services as an auctioneer, by an ad. in this issue.

Fred Lose, formerly of Pleasant Gap, and lately of Sandy Ridge, has accepted a position on the police force in the Pittsburg district.

George W. Rowe, of Boalsburg, attended the Odd Fellows' banquet, on Thursday night, Mr. Rowe continuing to hold his membership at Centre Hall.

The annual statement of the Farmers Mutual Fire Insurance Co. of Centre County, F. M. Fisher, secretary, appears in this issue and shows a healthy condition of finances.

Prof. W. V. Dennis, the director of the Gregg Township Vocational School at Spring Mills, recently resigned his position there to accept one at State College.

E. C. Zerby, of near Penn Hall, was a business caller at this office on Saturday. Mr. Zerby has been farming for thirty years at one place, formerly the Meyer farm, but now his own.

A fountain pen was found on the Pine Stump school premises. The person to whom it belongs may have same, upon proving property and paying for this ad. and calling upon Hugh Ralston, teacher.

Changing their idea with reference to Centre county women serving as jurors, the jury commissioners have placed the names of fifty women in the jury wheel, and these will be called for jury service during the present year.

About a hundred young people gathered at the home of Roy Garbrick, west of Centre Hall, last Wednesday night, where they enjoyed themselves in a social way. They reported the hospitality of the Garbrick home as being strictly O. K.

Miss Ruth Osman, of Glen Iron, is at the home of her sister, Mrs. Fred Slack, east of town, where the Stork left a baby girl, over a week ago, for Mr. and Mrs. Slack. The new arrival is the second child in the family, and both are girls.

Keep in mind the speaking contest in Grange Arcadia under the auspices of the local W. C. T. U. All the senior class in the High school will participate. A most delightful evening is in store for all who are interested in the progress of young people. No admission charged.

George Seanson, who operates the large farm near Linden Hall, known as the Van Tries farm, favored the Reporter with a call on Saturday, boosting his subscription ahead to 1922. The Seansons carry on farming on an extensive scale, and make every acre produce its greatest amount.

Asher C. Stahl and brother, Bruce Stahl, came home last week for a few days and enjoyed meeting their many friends at the Odd Fellows' banquet. The Reporter is pleased to note the success of the former who is in the butcher business in Altoona, enjoying an exclusive trade which is fast placing him on Easy street.

Miss Anna Therese Devault, fourth number on the Centre Hall Lecture Course, appeared in Centre Hall last Friday evening and gave a very satisfactory entertainment. Miss Devault is a reader of more than average ability, and the mere fact that she was able to please a critical audience with a program consisting entirely of readings, is in itself sufficient evidence of her mastery of this art.

Omar Kauwell, who will be remembered as living with the Frank Gfrerer family about ten years ago, when a mere boy, made his first visit to Centre Hall last week in that time, being entertained by Ralph Luse. Six years of soldier life in Uncle Sam's army has had the effect of bringing Omar to full manhood, fully equipped to battle with life. He first saw service, in the cavalry, on the Mexican border, and later was sent overseas, where he was under fire of the heavy German artillery. While in France he suffered a severe attack of the flu. Two of his younger brothers also saw service "over there" and one made the supreme sacrifice, being buried in France. The other is still with the American army in Germany, and is stationed at Coblenz.

