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### PRaise FOR LOCAL P. M.

#### Centre County Led in Third Federal District in Sales of W. S. S. During 1920.

The following was forwarded to the Reporter from the Saving Division of the Third Federal Reserve District, from its Philadelphia headquarters, over which George E. Lloyd is the efficient saving Division Director:

Centre County leads the Third Federal Reserve District in per capita sales of Government Savings Securities which are considered one of the best media in promoting popular thrift and economy in a practical way. In 1920 the people of this county saved and invested in these absolutely safe securities the amount of \$90,430, making a per capita of \$2.06, the highest in the District.

Among many postmasters who championed Uncle Sam's stamps, has been S. W. Smith, postmaster at Centre Hall. He is an all round booster. Like Mr. Rowles of Philipsburg and others in the county, he has been pushing the teaching of thrift in a practical and effective manner; already during the first two months of this year, he has sold stamps to the amount of \$2405 in Centre Hall.

"The people in and about Centre Hall," stated W. Harrison Walker, Assistant to the Director of Savings Division with his branch offices at Bellefonte, "fully appreciate the value and importance of the saving movements with Thrift and Savings Stamps as a means to attain a high degree of personal reserve through the regular practice of thrift. Centre Hall with its vicinity is an agricultural district. The people are thrifty. They have always stood behind the Government in its time of stress. They bought bonds to the limits and they bought more stamps than any other locality I know of. Postmaster Smith and like citizens deserve high credit for their spirited promotion of all worthy causes of the country and their respective community, both in time of trouble and in time of peace."

Director George E. Lloyd of the District Office at Philadelphia, congratulating Postmaster Smith, says that according to the report of the National Offices "we have reached the mark we shot at in February sales as the daily statement of the United States Treasury for February 26th shows \$3,143,150. This is a very good indication that the people of this country realize the dire necessity for savings. The man out of work now knows the value of a fund saved for emergencies and when he again returns to work he will be grateful to find Savings Stamps and Certificates which make it easy for him to save. Moreover, our school educators are coming to the point of full appreciation of the value of Government Savings plans for furthering thrift as a practical means for permanent habit formation both in children and through them, carrying the message home to the adults."

**Early Hatched Chicks Give Better Returns.**  
Given the same feed, care and management, chicks hatched the first part of March will weigh more when they are four months of age than those hatched the first of May when they are four months old. The rate of growth of a chick is greater during the first four weeks of its life than at any other. It never pays to hatch in the summer. The chicks should be hatched early enough so that they have a good start before hot weather sets in.

A second reason for hatching early is that the pullets will be begin to lay in the fall when egg prices are highest. May and June hatched chickens usually do not lay heavily until egg prices begin to drop during the spring, say poultry specialists at the Pennsylvania State College.

Because early broilers bring a high price is another good reason why it pays to hatch early. By hatching in March and April the farmer is enabled to give his full time to other spring work.

For the egg breeds, such as Leghorns, Anconas, and the like, the chicks should be hatched not later than April 20th under Pennsylvania conditions. Probably the best time would be from April 1st to the 15th. In the case of heavier breeds such as the Rock, Wyandottes and Reds, the chicks should be hatched during the latter part of March and the first week in April.

The reasons for early hatching may be summed up as follows: Early hatched chicks grow rapidly and have more vigor; they are less liable to die from lice and disease; they have a longer growing season; the pullets lay when the hens are moulting; they mature by early fall and thus lay high-priced eggs. Give early hatching a trial this year.

**Transfers of Real Estate.**  
Lola M. Ulrich to Hattie Ulrich, tract in Gregg Twp.; consideration \$1,625.  
Miffin R. Moyer, et ux, to Charles B. Mallory, tract in Rebersburg; consideration \$200.  
Margaret S. Rhone's heirs to William Brooks, tract in Centre Hall; consideration \$2,500.

## HEALTH SCHOOL

### Pennsylvania State Department of Health.

#### Questions.

1. What is the high limit of temperature for a schoolroom?
2. Why should window blinds be open out of school hours?
3. What is the objection to the feather duster?

#### THE SCHOOL JANITOR

The janitor of the Sampleville schools had a wooden leg.

That is the reason he was janitor; and that because he was brother-in-law to the Secretary of the School Board.

Sampleville was a fourth-class school district, which means its population was something less than five thousand.

Mr. Carter, the new Principal soon discovered the Janitor was not qualified, either by experience or understanding, to properly perform the duties of his position, and asked for his removal, the wooden leg was, of course, no disqualification, but he insisted that the selection of such an important school functionary should be made for a reason and not on account of an excuse. The School Board refused to make the change, and Mr. Carter being a Philosopher undertook the next best thing—the instruction of the Janitor. He asked in turn each of his teachers to do this, but they were all as ignorant of Health matters as was the Janitor.

Mr. Carter, who was somewhat of a diplomat, called a conference of his teachers, including the Janitor, and told them as they, with him, were accountable for the health of the children in their charge, he assembled them for the purpose of discussing and putting into effect every possible means to promote School Health.

He called attention to the heating plant, a good one—dry air—the cold air brought through a tight shaft from the outside to the heating chamber. The air did not pass through a sheet of water, according to the most approved system, before entering the furnace, but the outside intake was above the surface of the ground and covered with several layers of cheese-cloth to keep out the dust.

"Every one knows the danger from dust," he said. "When breathed into the lungs, it not only acts as an irritant to the air passages, but often carries dangerous disease germs. The Janitor stands on the front line of our defense. We want him to keep the outside opening of the air intake covered, to change the cheese-cloth when necessary and to look out for breaks and loose joints in the pipe. The school code requires a thermometer in every room, but a thermometer is valueless unless used. Each teacher must appoint a Monitor to record the temperature every hour. These records must be sent to the office of the Principal at the end of each day. The temperature must never be higher than seventy (70) degrees."

The matter of lighting and seating were passed over, but Mr. Carter spoke of the germ destroying property of air and light and directed that at the close of each school day windows should be thrown open and the school house thoroughly aired and that at all times out of school hours which includes Saturdays and Sundays all blinds should be wide open.

The Janitor, interrupting, apologized for going back to the subject of dust, but suggested as mud carried into the school room on the children's feet afterward becomes dust, it might be well to have a mud scraper on the outside step. "Last week I wore out two brooms in sweeping," he said.

"Good," said Mr. Carter. "We will have the scraper, we will also put the brooms in the discard."

The Janitor shook his head. "How can we sweep without brooms?"

"Use a soft bristled brush."

"It won't take up the dirt, especially where the floor is roagh."

"We will oil the floor and before sweeping, sprinkle it with dust down—if we can't get that we will sprinkle with dampened saw-dust, which is always available."

"I suppose I might as well throw away my feather duster, then," answered the Janitor; "as there won't be any dust."

"Oh, yes, there will be some dust, but you may throw away your feather duster just the same."

Mr. Carter then explained that the feather duster does not remove dust, but merely alters its position.

The ideal duster is a slightly dampened cloth which removes as well as cleans.

"We will continue the discussion at another meeting," said Mr. Carter, "at which time we will take other subjects, for the present we will put into practice the two principal topics discussed—the keeping down of dust and the keeping down of temperature. From now forward let our slogan be 'No dust and the room temperature never over seventy.'"

The robins are here.

## STATE COLLEGE ADDS FARM MACHINERY DEPT.

Will Ask Legislature for \$200,000 for New Building.—Tractors and Power Machines for Instructional Purposes.

An added service to the farmers of Pennsylvania is seen in the establishment of a department of farm machinery in the school of agriculture at the Pennsylvania State College. Prof. R. U. Blasingame, connected with the agronomy department of the college for a number of years, who is well known as a specialist on all kinds of farm machinery, has just been appointed as head of the department.

The legislative budget presented by the college trustees asks \$200,000 for the erection of a modern laboratory, where it is planned to give instruction with the best facilities and equipment possible. According to Dr. R. L. Watts, dean of the agricultural school, "No better news could be heralded from our school at this time, for never in the history of our country was it so important to apply the principles of engineering to every phase of farming and rural life."

The new department will function in a very broad field. With a commodious building, numerous tractors and power machines will be available for instructional purposes. The department will expand its efforts in the drainage of farm lands, one of the vital problems of thousands of Pennsylvania farm owners. The department will also be able to increase its work in the construction and equipment of farm buildings, and in teaching the advantages of modern improvements in the farm home thru extension representatives.

#### Baby Daughter at Lutheran Parsonage.

Rev. Melvin C. Drumm, the local Lutheran minister, is just stepping it off a little brisker and his smile is considerably broader than usual, all because he has come into the dignity of "papa" since Tuesday morning when a dear little baby girl made her appearance at the Drumm home. Mother and babe are doing nicely, and there is joy all around.

#### Literary Program in Grange Hall.

Tuesday evening, March 15, the Centre Hall High School will render the following literary program in Grange Hall, to which the public is cordially invited:

Song by school.

Opening address and reading of minutes.

Debate on Labor's Share in Industry: Affirmative—Ellen Burkholder, Stanley Brooks. Negative—George Reiber, Martha Yearick.

Music by school.

Play, "Our Auld Aunt."

Song—vocal duet.

Offering.

Song by girls.

Closing song, by school.

#### Balsburg High School Report.

The following students made an average of 70 per cent or more in each subject for the month of February:

Senior class—Maranda Bohn, Rebecca Meyers, Esther Callahan, Paul Durner, Harold Fisher, Hammil Kline, Richard Gehlen, Elwood Stover. Junior class—Ruth Royer, Russel Bohn, William Smith, Mildred Gingrich, Hester Lonberger. Freshman class—Abner Acker, Margaret Rosman, Helen Glasgow, Verda Judy, Faye Bohn, Anna Hauser, Paul Roberts, Harold Ishler, Kenneth Ishler, Glen Zong, John Mothersbaugh, Elwood Harper, Rufus Sharer, George Miller, Joseph Shutt, Kattieleen Stephens, Sara Kinnefelter, T. A. Williammee, prin.

Eighth Grade—James Bohn, Kathryn Gingrich, Robert Isenberg, Velma Johnsonbaugh, Emma Johnsonbaugh, John Kline, Gladys Lucas, Fred Ross, Elwood Smith, Rosman Wert.—Ruth Smith, teacher.

The curfew law is being enforced in Philipsburg, and kiddies under 16 years of age are expected to be off the streets and in their homes by 9 o'clock in the evening.

## "EPITAPHS IN THE GRAVE-YARD OF FAILURE"

Why do people fail?

Does God want us to fail?

Who fails?

Come to the LUTHERAN CHURCH SUNDAY NIGHT and hear this sermon by the Pastor, Rev. M. C. DRUMM

#### \$10,000 for "Bob" Jones.

Evangelist "Bob" Jones, who has opened a campaign at State College, left Steubenville, Ohio, last week, after a most successful evangelistic campaign of five weeks' duration.

The Steubenville-Herald-Star says: "For the many blessings he brought to the community, for the spiritual and moral uplift, the awakening of the churches, a new inspiration to the forces of Christianity and in recognition of his earnest, untiring and fruitful efforts, a grateful people of Steubenville and vicinity, opened their hearts in thanksgiving and made the evangelist a gift of \$10,000."

Before leaving the tabernacle at the close of the final service, "Bob" was presented with a draft for \$9,500 and the remainder will be forwarded to him later. Announcement was made by the finance committee that the free will offering amounted in exact figures to \$9,789.70, with several hundred dollars yet to be turned in by some of the churches.

To prevent backsliding on the part of the thousands who gave "Bob" their promise to lead better Christian lives, the evangelist set forth six rules to be followed. They are:

(1)—Read the Bible at least 10 minutes every day.

(2)—Pray alone in secret at least twice every day.

(3)—Go to church every time the doors open, and don't miss prayer meeting.

(4)—Testify for Jesus every time you have the chance.

(5)—Pay one tenth of your income to God.

(6)—Don't worry about your feeling, trust God and do your duty.

#### Chicken and Noodle Supper in I. O. O. F. Hall.

On Wednesday evening of next week (March 16) from the hours of 5:30 to 10 p. m., a grand chicken and noodle supper will be served to the general public in the Odd Fellows' hall, Centre Hall.

The price of the supper is thirty-five cents, the low price being made possible only because the large number of chickens and generous supply of homemade noodles were donated by the families of the Odd Fellows.

The three-link fraternity and their sister organization—the Rebekahs—are preparing this supper to derive funds to liquidate the debt on their lodge home. You may be sure of a satisfactory supper, prepared just like any one of the good ladies of the order would serve you at her own home. Besides chicken and noodles there will be many tempting side dishes; in all, a supper well worth \$1.00 to \$1.25 a plate, instead of 35 cents. Cake and ice cream will be on sale also.

Come with your family to this supper and thus show your willingness to support one of the strongest and best institutions of the town. This is no appeal for charity; you will get double your money's worth for every cent spent.

Get good and hungry—then come.

#### Killed 15 Foxes.

Messrs. Archie Moyer and William Hoy, of Centre Hall, have been ridding the country of foxes this winter, and up to the present time have succeeded in killing fifteen. Most of the foxes were shot on Nittany mountain and were of the red and grey varieties.

#### Horses Still Big Factor in Pennsylvania Farm Life.

While the advent of the automobile and motor truck have practically driven the horse into the discard in the cities and larger towns of Pennsylvania, Old Dobbin is holding his own remarkably well in the rural sections, against the onslaughts of modern inventive genius.

More than half a million horses are still employed on the farms of Pennsylvania, while during 1920 the number decreased only 15,000, a decline of 3 per cent. On January 1, 1921, there were 539,957 horses on the farms of the state representing a total value of \$55,141,507 as compared with 554,016 horses on January 1, 1920.

The average farm horse on the first of the present year was worth \$102.

In Centre county the estimate number of horses is 8,433; the average price per head is \$104.00, for a total value of \$877,032.00.

#### M. E. Conference Meets March 16.

Arrangements have been completed for the fifty-third annual session of the Central Pennsylvania conference of the Methodist Episcopal church, which will convene on Wednesday, March 16, in the Newberry M. E. church. Already a program which it is believed will be one of the most interesting ever presented, has been arranged for.

Bishop William Fraser McDowell, of Washington, D. C., will preside at the conference, which will act on two amendments to the constitution. The first is to admit laymen to the general conference. The other will change the name of "quarterly conference" to "church conference." The laymen will hold their meetings in St. John's United Evangelical church at Newberry.

## THE DEATH RECORD.

**KURTZ.**—Mrs. Anna Kurtz, widow of the late Hon. Frederick Kurtz, passed away at four o'clock on Tuesday morning of last week at the home of her son Charles R. Kurtz, near Philadelphia, following a few days' illness with a complication of diseases due to her advanced age.

She was a daughter of William and Rebecca Harter and was born near Aaronsburg on Sept. 6th, 1835, hence had attained the venerable age of eighty-five years, five months and twenty-five days. She was married to Frederick Kurtz when a young woman and the greater part of her life was spent in Centre Hall where her husband edited The Centre Reporter for many years. About twenty-one years ago Mr. and Mrs. Kurtz went to Bellefonte, and eight years ago Mrs. Kurtz went with her son to his home at Overbrook.

Deceased was a life-long member of the Lutheran church and one of those kindly, old-fashioned women whose home was always open alike to friend and stranger and who was only supremely happy when ministering to the wants of others.

Her husband preceded her to the grave about nine years ago, but surviving her are two sons, Charles R. Kurtz, of Overbrook, and J. Fred Kurtz, of Lewisburg. She was one of a family of twelve children, seven of whom survive, as follows: Mrs. Lewis Mench, of Aaronsburg; Mrs. Levi Murray, of McKees Rocks; Mrs. S. M. Campbell of Millheim; Daniel H., Harter, of Sterling, Ohio; Andrew J., of Rockford, Ill.; Aaron H., of Harrisburg, and Thomas H., of Bellefonte.

The remains were taken to Bellefonte on Thursday evening and taken direct to the Union cemetery where burial was made in the Kurtz lot.

**HARRISON.**—Mrs. Mary J. Harrison, an aged lady of near Pleasant Gap, passed away on Wednesday morning of last week, from infirmities due to her advanced age,—eighty-two years. She died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Hoover, the only surviving daughter. There also remains one son. She was the mother-in-law of Mrs. Anna Grove Harrison, of Centre Hall. Burial was made at Pleasant Gap on Saturday morning.

**SHRECKENGAST.**—Adam Shreckengast died Monday of last week at his home in Millheim.

About four years ago he fell from an apple tree and since then has been in poor health. Since November, 1920, his condition was such that he spent most of his time in bed; he grew gradually weaker until death.

Mr. Shreckengast was a son of Philip Shreckengast and was born in Sugar Valley, near Tylersville, January 15, 1852, and therefore reached the age of sixty-nine years, one month and three days.

Two wives and four children preceded him to the world beyond. He is survived by his wife, four sons and one daughter.

Funeral services were held Thursday afternoon at his home and interment made at Millheim.

**WEISER.**—Mrs. Catharine Weiser, widow of the late Henry H. Weiser, died Saturday night, 26 ult., at her home in Millheim, at the advanced age of eighty-seven years, ten months and twelve days.

About a year ago gangrene developed in one of her feet, but the disease was checked by medical treatment, only to develop in both feet some weeks ago. For several days she was unconscious and passed away at the time stated above.

Burial was made at Millheim on last Thursday.

#### Judge Quigley Grants 13 Liquor Licenses.

The Court on Wednesday morning of last week granted renewals of 13 liquor licenses in Centre County, as of April 1st, all subject to the provisions of the Volstead act. Two licenses, Augustus Kline, of the Garman House, and Henry Glinz, of the Haag House, both of Bellefonte, were held over pending decision of their cases before the U. S. Court.

Those granted were as follows: Philipsburg—Philipsburg Brewing Co., wholesale; Joseph Dugan, Sr., Continental Hotel; William M. Bowes, Farmers Hotel; Frank W. Grebe and Wm. D. Grebe, The Passmore House; William H. Hindle, The Central Hotel; George W. Miller, Coal Exchange Hotel; Kondrat Juschik, the Ramsdale House, Millheim—J. R. G. Allison, National Hotel.

Snow Shoe—W. B. Hall, Washington House. Rush Township—George A. Bezilia, Casanova Hotel; J. B. Dagan, The Sandy Ridge—House. Snow Shoe Township—John M. Kachik, Clarence Hotel; Andrew Chambers, wholesale.

## TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

### HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS

Three and one-half inches of snow fell last Friday night.

This week closes the sixth month of school in the borough.

Chicken and noodle supper in the Odd Fellows' hall next Wednesday evening.

There are no less than seven properties for sale in Centre Hall at the present time.

A carload of trout were received at Philipsburg last week and were distributed in nearby streams.

Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Gingerich, of Arch Springs, visited the C. W. Slack family, in town, last week.

Kryder Frank purchased the three lots of J. H. Knarr, situated in Centre Hall borough, last week.

John S. Slack, of Centre Hall, is in Williamsport where he is a student in the Williamsport Commercial College.

J. J. Tressler, one of the Reporter's valued subscribers from Oak Hall, favored the office with a call on last Thursday.

The school board of State College borough is advertising the sale of \$20,000 worth of school bonds, bearing 5-1/2 per cent interest.

Rev. J. F. Bingman attended the Central Pennsylvania Conference of the United Evangelical church, in session at Wrightsville the past week.

Amos Miller, who died in Lycoming county last week, had a great record as a hunter. During his life time he killed eighty-six deer and a number of bear.

Your attention is called to an advertisement by C. E. Flink, local dealer in Case tractors and other Case farm machinery. Don't buy until you have Mr. Flink show you the merits of his line.

Mrs. Catherine Baumgardner, of Pleasant Gap, attained the ripe old age of ninety-three years last Friday, and her sons and daughters were at home that day in celebration of the event.

Harry Alters, a former Centre Hall boy, has embarked in the mercantile business in a co-partnership with L. Scott Stover. They have purchased the well-known Sechler grocery store, in Bellefonte.

The wholesale prices of vegetables and fruits are so low in New York markets that many producers who shipped produce there received nothing in return but a bill for the balance due on the freight charges.

W. F. McKinney, of Potters Mills, the ranger and fire warden of the Seven Mountains State Forest, was a caller Monday morning and reported the mountain road in the worst condition within any time of his knowledge.

George Michael, of Milroy, spent over Sunday with friends in Centre Hall. Mr. Michael drove his Ford roadster over the Seven Mts. just previous to the big snow a few weeks ago and was unable to return home with it until this week.

John F. Hagan, the boss carpenter, of Farmers Mills, made his annual visit to this office on Thursday, and advanced his subscription a year. Mr. Hagan expects another busy season in the building trade as soon as weather permits such work.

Dr. H. H. Longwell is taking a special course in the most approved treatment for hernia, at an institution in Des Moines, Iowa, and will be gone from Centre Hall for a month, or longer. During his absence his practice is being looked after by Dr. G. I. Yearick.

The contributions to the Near East Relief, by the various societies of the Lutheran church, of Centre Hall, have been brought up to \$100.00 mark. The Woman's Missionary Society pledged \$5.00 and the Luther League the remainder—\$7.75—which, added to the previous report of \$87.25, brings the total to \$100.00.

The Farm Bureau will hold a series of meetings during the week of March 14-19 at which time H. D. Monroe, poultry extension specialist, will discuss better methods of feeding and caring for young chicks. Meetings will be held at the C. R. Neff farm on Wednesday, March 16, at 10 a. m.; 2 p. m., at M. T. Zuber's at Spring Mills; on Friday, March 18, 10 a. m., at Sam Wasson's, Lemont. Your poultry troubles will vanish if you will arrange to attend one of these meetings.

The Meistersingers—male quartette—completed the Centre Hall lecture course for the season of 1920-21, on last Thursday evening, with a very creditable performance. Their quartette singing left nothing to be desired, and their program comprised, humorous, popular and sacred selections. In the latter class the most beautiful number was that ever-pleasing hymn, "Lead Kindly Light." This song has the peculiarity of lending itself to various musical arrangements, and the singers made the most of it in a delightful way.