



REDEMPTION OF W. S. S.

Will Be Exchanged for Treasury Savings Certificates at Better Rate of Interest Than Paid in 1923.

Beginning December 1, 1923, local post offices will accept 1923 War Savings Stamps due on January 1, 1924, for payment on that date, or they will exchange these stamps for a new issue of Treasury Savings Certificates dated January 1, 1924.

In order to avoid the rush at the last moment, it is urged that the holders of 1919 Stamps present them for redemption or exchange as early as possible. Checks for 1919 Stamps presented for cash before the first of the year will be mailed by the Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia to the owners about January 1st.

New certificates, however, will be issued in exchange wherever possible, immediately upon presentation of the 1919 War Savings Stamps. A holder of \$100 in 1919 War Savings Stamps, for example, can now get \$125 in new Treasury Savings Certificates; for \$500 in 1919 Stamps a holder can now get \$625 in new Certificates; and for \$1,000 in 1919 Stamps a holder can now get \$1250 in new Certificates.

The new Certificates are issued in denominations of \$25, \$100, and \$1000 (maturity value), and sold at the prices of \$20 for a \$25 certificate; \$80 for a \$100 certificate; and \$800 for a \$1000 certificate. This new offering, it is stated, will afford the holders of the maturing securities an opportunity to continue their investment in an attractive Government security, and should further encourage thrift among small investors.

You will note that the certificates sold during 1923 were at the rate of \$20.50 for \$25.00, and \$82.00 for \$100.00. The current rate of interest is better than this.

Plant Forest Trees.

Figures compiled by the Pennsylvania Department of Forests and Waters show that large areas of idle land exist in every county of the state. Most of this land is good for only one crop, and that is a crop of forest trees. A considerable acreage of the land must be planted to forest trees to make it productive.

Some of this idle forest land is located in remote places and a large part of it is found on farms. Many farmers hesitate to start forest tree planting because they do not know what trees should be planted nor how the planting should be done. It is part of the work of the Department of Forests and Waters to assist persons in planting forest trees. Your district forester, T. C. Harbeson, located at Millroy, has had special training in tree planting work. He understands how and where trees should be planted, and will be glad to tell you how to get results. If you possibly can, go to see him or you may drop him a line or phone him. He may be able to visit your property and tell you what to plant, where to plant, and how to do the work.

SPRING MILLS

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Grove spent a few days with friends here recently. Mrs. Zuber spent a week with her sister, Mrs. Musser, at Madisonburg. Mrs. Ruth Wilkinson was to Altoona for a few days.

William Rokey, of Altoona, was a visitor at the Mrs. A. N. Finkle home. Austin Long and family were to Boalsburg on Sunday.

Mr. Price and family, of Yergertown, were in town Sunday.

Mrs. Kleckner, of Lewisburg, visited her brother-in-law, Samuel Condo, a few days last week.

Mrs. Mary Shelly, of Altoona, was a visitor at the home of Miss Mabel Allison.

Daniel Siegal, who is employed at Jersey Shore, was home to help butcher last week.

The teachers of the Vocational school spent Thanksgiving vacation at their respective homes.

Miss Delia Morris, a student in Susquehanna University, was home over the Thanksgiving season.

Charles Hogerman and son, of Buffalo, are spending the hunting season at Sumner Vonada's.

Bethard Keller and wife, and Charles Corman and family, all of Altoona, paid a visit to the O. T. Corman home, last week.

Richard Gentzell and family, of Altoona, and Grover Gentzell and family, of Harrisburg, spent Thanksgiving with their parents Mr. and Mrs. George Gentzell.

A sad accident occurred on Monday when Donald, two-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Zettle, of Georges Valley, fell into the well of Nathaniel Zettle and was drowned.

One class of men who are not "passing the buck" are in the mountains this week.

THE PHILIPPINE QUARTET.

Coming to Centre Hall as Second Number of Lecture Course, Tuesday, December 11th.

The Philippine Quartet is the second number on the Centre Hall Lecture Course and will appear in Grange Arcadia, Tuesday evening, December 11th.

The Philippine Quartet gives a most delightful and unusual program; the Filipino has a music with a charm all its own, and he plays some of this music on instruments that are peculiarly his own. To the program rendered by these new American citizens are added American stringed instruments which supplement the varied and fascinating entertainment rendered. Mr. Gracioso Ne Pomuceno, a native Filipino, is manager of this company. This number was highly received by audiences throughout the West during the past year, where it was known as "Napomuceno and his Band." The same personnel will render the program here.

The Philippine Quartet gives a most program which will be an enjoyment to all and in addition will carry away a better understanding of the Philippine people.

Admission at popular prices. Don't miss this rare musical treat. In Grange Arcadia Centre Hall, Tuesday evening of next week (December 11).

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

A Christmas program will be rendered in the Methodist church of this place on Monday evening, December 24.

Mrs. P. McManus, of Harrisburg, paid her annual fall visit to her brother, William Bower, and family, near Potters Mills.

Very few people from Centre Hall and vicinity, regardless of age, spend an evening in Bellefonte, unless they have a special engagement, who do not face the screen in one of the two places in that town.

At a meeting of the board of directors of the First National bank, Bellefonte, on Tuesday, Dr. David Dale was elected a director to fill the vacancy occasioned by the recent death of Edward H. Richard.

The Centre Hall railroad station is being taken care of by C. E. Eyster and F. L. Palmer, both of Watsontown, extra agents until W. F. Bradford and D. Milton Bradford return from their hunting camp in the Seven Mountains. Mr. Palmer is a son of the late Richard Palmer, and was reared near Linden Hall.

Among the hunters from Shamokin who are in the Seven Mountains is L. C. Runkle, who is with Bradford party. Mr. Runkle is connected with a products company, their chief products being vinegar, mayonnaise dressings, buffalo cubes, Maraschino cherries. Previous to going to the mountains he stopped at the Runkle hotel.

Mrs. Miley Coffey, of Beech Creek, is anxious to know the whereabouts of her husband, who left home two months ago to work at Burnham and since then has received no word from him. Coffey formerly worked at the brick works at Beech Creek and always bore a splendid reputation. His wife and four children are still living at Beech Creek.

On Halloween night a lot of boys placed obstructions in the highway near Aaronsburg, which resulted in the boys being rounded up by a state police and brought before Justice Stover, of Aaronsburg. The boys were all fined \$10 and with 1.00 costs made the sum \$11 for each to pay. The obstructions were run into by J. Fred Kurtz, of Lewisburg, who reported the affair to the state highway department.

A Ford coupe driven by Dr. John Sebring, of Bellefonte, took fire and everything inflammable about it was burned. The doctor cannot account for the fire unless the radiator sprung a leak, kerosene having been used in it as an anti-freeze. The doctor was driving through the country when the car filled with smoke and this induced him to make an investigation, flames bursting out immediately upon his leaving the coupe.

On Thanksgiving day a surprise chicken dinner was served to the following guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Weaver, near Centre Hall: Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Throssel and Randall Throssel, of Millheim; Mr. and Mrs. William Keene and four children, of Altoona; Mr. and Mrs. M. I. Shively, Me. and Mrs. John Throssel and daughter Betty, of Millheim; Mr. and Mrs. Krumbine and Miss Mamie Shirk, of Northumberland; Mr. Erdley, of Wilkes Barre; Mr. and Mrs. Fred Rimert, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Rimert and daughter Margaret, of Bellefonte; and the Misses Cora Armstrong and Mildred Stover, of Tusseyville.

The regular session of December court will open Monday.

DEATHS.

DECKER.—Stuart Decker died at his home in Georges Valley, on Saturday night, from dropsy and other complications. Interment was made in the cemetery connected with the Georges Valley Lutheran church, Tuesday afternoon. Rev. M. C. Drumm and Rev. W. H. Haney officiating. His age was 57 years, 11 months and 29 days.

The deceased was a son of John D. Decker, of near Potters Mills, and is survived by his wife who before marriage was Miss Ida Ertle, and two sons, Biron, a student in Penn State College, and Chester, at home. Also these brothers and sisters: Thomas, Milroy; Ellen, now Mrs. Frank Boal, Pleasant Gap; Martha, now Mrs. Robert Pierson, Altoona; Logan and Alice, who are half-brother and half-sister of the deceased, live with their father, near Potters Mills.

Mr. Decker for many years was employed in the railroad shops at Altoona, but upon the death of his father-in-law, Samuel Ertle, he removed to the Ertle farm, inherited by Mrs. Decker, where he then engaged in farming.

MESMER.—Ameia Mesmer, wife of John Mesmer, died at her home at Green Grove, near Penn Hall, on Thursday of last week, of diseases incident to old age, she having reached the ripe age of 84 years, 4 months and 16 days. Funeral services were held on Saturday morning by Rev. M. C. Drumm, and interment was made in the cemetery at Georges Valley.

The husband and one son survive; also one brother, seven grandchildren and eleven great grandchildren.

This is the Mesmer family whose home was destroyed by fire last spring.

ZETTLE.—David H. Zettle, a former resident of Centre county, passed away at his home at Bennett, Nebraska, of heart trouble. He was the son of George and Rebecca Zettle and was born near Centre Hall 76 years ago. He was united in marriage to Miss Hattie Kerlin, formerly of Bellefonte, who survives with two children: Lloyd, of Bennett, Nebraska, and Elsie, at home. These brothers and sisters also survive: William, of Tyrone; Mrs. Susan Peters, of Pine Grove Mills; Mrs. Jennie Shuey, of Dalton City, Ill.; Mrs. W. J. Musser, of Bellefonte; Mrs. William Grove, of Lemont; Samuel, of Pleasant Gap, and Mrs. Alice Thomas, of State College. Interment was made at Bennet, Nebraska.

BOWERSOX.—Mrs. Elizabeth Ellen Bowersox, relict of the late Philip Bowersox, died at the home of her son, William F. Bowersox, near Rebersburg, aged 83 years, 5 months and 23 days.

The husband died nearly twenty-seven years ago but she is survived by three sons—William F., of near Rebersburg; Howard, of Woodward, and Thomas, of Millheimburg.

Funeral services were held in the Evangelical church at Woodward, conducted by Rev. C. B. Snyder. Interment was made in the cemetery at Woodward.

WILCOX.—John Raymond Wilcox died at his home in Millheim after a lingering illness of diabetes aged 37 years, 3 months and 14 days.

He is survived by his wife, who before marriage was Ida May Bressler, and four children—Marion, Elwood, Berice and Charles.

NOLL.—James B. Noll died at his home in Pleasant Gap early Thursday morning of last week, aged about sixty-five years. After his first marriage to Miss Charles he lived for a long time in Milesburg, but later located at Pleasant Gap, where he was engaged as a time burner with the American Lime and Stone company.

He is survived by his second wife and four children: Prof. Irvin O. Noll, of Landdowne; Harry, of Pittsburgh; and Gilbert and Pauline, at home.

SHIRK.—Mrs. Mary Shirk died at her home in Hartley township on May 11, 1856. Her husband preceded her to the grave a number of years ago. She is survived by the following children: Mrs. Clara Smith, of Troy; Miss Annie Shirk, of Hartleton; Mrs. Schure, of Hartleton township; Clayton Shirk, of Hartleton; N. W. Shirk, of Millmont; Steward and LeRoy Shirk, of Hartleton. Also the following brothers and sisters: Mrs. Gellinger, of Lewisburg; John Weidenau, of Hyland, Kansas; Calvin Weidenau, of Laurelton; and Daniel Weidenau, of Selinsgrove.

Interment was made at Laurelton.

The regular session of December court will open Monday.

CHILD DROWNS IN WELL.

Donald Zettle Falls into Grandfather's Well After Escaping Vigilance of Grandmother.

Escaping the vigilance of his grandmother, Mrs. Nathaniel Zettle, Donald William Zettle, aged two years and nine months, fell into a twenty-foot well and was drowned. The sad ending of the little child's life occurred at noon, on Monday. The mother of the little boy, Mrs. Charles Zettle, a few hours previous, had gone to the home of Mrs. Stuart Decker, a neighbor, whose husband lay a corpse, to give aid in preparing for the funeral the next day, leaving the boy with the grandmother. In joyful glee the child played about the premises of the grandparents as it had often done before, and although a close watch had been kept on it, the child eluded the watchful eye and disappeared. Noon came, and then the call for Donald, but no response; a hurried search, but in vain; a hasty journey to the Decker home where the mother was giving aid and comfort, and breaking of the news of the child's disappearance! Almost instantly the mother cried, "The well!" and to the well they went, and the water in the well held the loved one fast in death.

A ladder ten feet long was all that was available to reach a depth twice its length. The ladder was dropped to the bottom and it fell to the lot of Biron Decker to scale the side of the well until the ladder was reached, and descending this child was picked up and as tenderly as possible carried to the surface and efforts made to resuscitate it. The father was apprised of the sad event while in a hunting camp.

Donald William was the youngest child of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Zettle, of Georges Valley, and is survived by the parents and two sisters. The funeral will be held this (Thursday) afternoon; interment in Georges Valley cemetery.

Church Services Well Attended.

The Thank-offering service in the Reformed church at Aaronsburg was well rendered and well attended. Those from a distance present at the service were Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Maitz and son William, Roy Mull, of Sunbury; Miss Greer, of near Shamokin; and Perival Hollenbach, of Selinsgrove.

The services in Coburn Reformed church were well attended last week. Rev. F. H. Daubenspeck of the Lutheran church gave a very inspiring and admonishing discourse on Tuesday evening. Special musical numbers consisting of anthems, male quartets and a solo were a feature of each service. Seven young people were received into the church by confirmation.

The services held in the Aaronsburg Reformed church two weeks ago were well attended. Only once was the attendance below one hundred and then it was ninety-nine. The highest attendance was 153 on Thursday evening. Revs. W. A. McClellan and J. H. Daubenspeck preached on Monday and Thursday nights, respectively. Two were added by letter and ten by confirmation.

POTTERS MILLS.

Miss Beatrice Bubb spent a short vacation with her grandmother, Mrs. Waldshorn.

P. C. Frank toured to Montandon on Monday to visit his brother, Henry. Charles Baldwin, of West Chester, was the successful one, killing a two-year buck.

We congratulate Edward Foust on killing the first deer reported.

Miss Helen Palmer is one of the many cooks at the hotel during hunting season.

The bazaar, Saturday night, proved quite successful.

Vena Hanna paid a delightful visit to this burg.

Why did Lewis Garbrick buy a dust cap at the bazaar?

We rejoice to say the Ducks were again with us over the week-end—Kathryn and Mildred. A full home; a happy home; a full house, at the Rutaw House.

Photoplays at Scenic and Opera House.

At the Scenic, Bellefonte, Thursday, Dec. 6, Margaret Courtot in "Steadfast Hearts," a Goldwyn production in a play of hearts, with a fine supporting cast, that will please lovers of the drama. Also, Pathe news and review, Friday; Renee Adoree in "The Six Pity," is a simple story replete with main street of the farm. Also, the first episode of "The Steel Trail," Opera House, Nov. 30 and Dec. 1; Al star cast in "The Acquittal," a fine 7-reel melodrama. Also, Al St. John comedy.

The Millheim Journal added an extra column, making it a seven instead of a six-column eight-page paper.

Neff-Royer.

On Thanksgiving Day C. Robert Neff and Miss Marion Royer, both of near Centre Hall, were united in marriage by Rev. B. F. Bieber, at the Lutheran parsonage, in Muncy, the minister having been a former pastor of the bride.

The groom is a son of Mrs. C. E. Neff, and for the past few years has been engaged in teaching public school at Axe Mann, and the bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Elmer Royer, who also took up school teaching after graduating from the local high school and later became a telephone operator in the Bell exchange, in Centre Hall.

The couple have gone to housekeeping in a part of the double house of A. W. Alexander, in Centre Hall.

Morgan-Gibson.

Louis Benjamin Morgan and Miss Margaret Irene Gibson were married on Thanksgiving Day, in a Presbyterian church, Pittsburgh, by Rev. Love, the bride's pastor. The bride was given away by a brother, and Mrs. Michener was the matron and her husband the groom's best man. After the ceremony the wedding breakfast was served in a private dining room in Fort Pitt hotel. There were eighteen covers.

The couple left for a short wedding trip to Niagara Falls. After the fifteen-day couple will be at home to their friends at 637 Hillsboro street, Pittsburgh, according to an announcement sent out by Mrs. DeEtta Gibson, mother of the bride.

The groom is the only son of Mr. and Mrs. L. Ray Morgan, of Homestead, and like his bride is employed by the Atlantic Refining Company in their main office in Pittsburgh.

Herman-Derk.

William H. Herman, of Altoona, and Miss Mary E. Derk, of Northumberland, were married at the home of the parents of the bride, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Derk, in Northumberland, on Thanksgiving Day. On their way to their home to Altoona the young couple stopped for a day at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Colyer, in Centre Hall, where the groom has frequently visited in the past.

The C. H. H. S. Societies.

The Centre Hall high school pupils by lot divided themselves into two groups, each forming a literary society, one naming itself Lincoln and the other Marshall. The first public meeting was held Wednesday night in the Grange hall, the pupils participating having been selected from both of the organizations, the plan being that the public exhibit of their skill should always be joint affairs.

Every pupil who participated in the program did himself or herself much credit. The paper read was spicy and furnished much amusement; the music—instrumental and vocal—was the best ever; the tableaux, illustrating important events in history, beautiful, and the playlet, besides demonstrating that a woman can keep quiet (for money) brought out unlooked for stage ability.

Offerings at Evangelistic Meetings.

The offerings received during the meetings conducted by the blind Evangelist, J. H. Magonigal in the local Methodist church, which recently came to a close, were as follows:

Plate offering \$ 25.09
Free will offering 106.42

Total \$141.51

Conducting Singing School.

The old-time singing school is coming back, at least in five quarters of Centre county where Luther Musser, of Penn Hall, has sway. Mr. Musser has long been in this kind of work and is meeting with continued success. The singing schools are being held at Pine Grove Mills where the class numbers sixty; at Pine Hall there is a class of ten less; Pleasant Gap and Farmers Mills each have a class of forty; and Spring Mills held its first session with about the same number.

Honey in Church Walls.

Some time ago it was mentioned that Col. T. D. Boal, of Boalsburg, had purchased the village of Scotia, a prosperous ore-mining town more than twenty years ago. Among the buildings was a little church. Within the past ten days an investigation was made that revealed a large quantity of honey between the outer and inner walls of the building. It is estimated the honey weighed not less than 550 lbs.

Apple wood is being purchased by E. H. Zimmerman, a Millheim lumberman, and one of the largest logs secured for some time was one cut on the Jerome Moyer farm, near Rebersburg. The tree, one of three large ones sold, measured forty-eight inches in diameter.

Why not the Reporter for a Christmas gift?

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS.

Miss Margaret Emery spent a few days with friends in Lewistown.

Three hogs killed by L. E. Stover, of Millheim, dressed 502, 485 and 420 lbs.

Kennors, of Millheim, propose opening a brunch clothing store at State College.

Prof. L. O. Packer, who is connected with the Pittsburgh public schools was at his home in Centre Hall over the Thanksgiving season.

George Searson and son, James, of Centre Hall, are with the Rileys, a Boalsburg hunting club, in the Bear Meadows.

John H. Horner, of near Tusseyville, lost a valuable cow by death, on Sunday. It is the second cow to die within a short period of time.

Miss Miriam Huyett, a senior in Susquehanna University, at Selinsgrove was at her home in Centre Hall during the Thanksgiving period.

The topping over of a straw stack resulted in the death of three cows and injury to a fourth belonging to T. W. Moore, a farmer in Millin county.

Public sale of household goods and poultry supplies at the feed store of C. D. Bartholomew, in Centre Hall, Friday, December 14th, at 1 P. M. See posters.

Mr. and Mrs. F. K. Carter, of Williamsport, came up to Zion last week, and then came over to Centre Hall on Saturday and remained until the beginning of the week.

Frederick Moore, a freshman in Dickinson College, Carlisle, as at his home in Centre Hall during the short vacation granted the students over Thanksgiving.

Twin babies—a boy and a girl—were born to Mr. and Mrs. Paul J. Meyer at the home of Mrs. Meyer's parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Musser, in Millheim. The mother and babes are getting along well.

Guy Springer, of Akron, Ohio, well known by many about here, is with the Akron hunting party, who have headquarters at the Woodward House, at Woodward. They will remain over the deer hunting season.

A doe deer was found in Musser's gap, near Pine Grove Mills, and was later taken in charge by William Hoy, a local game warden, and brought to his home above Centre Hall. The carcass was later taken to the Phillipsburg hospital.

Dr. and Mrs. J. R. G. Allison, of Millheim, on their way to Bellefonte, on Saturday, stopped with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Runkle, at the hotel, for dinner, and before leaving the former called at the Reporter office on a bit of business.

William Hoy, who has been a tenant on the Kennedy farm west of Centre Hall for a number of years, purchased a farm near Hubbersburg and will move onto it next spring. John Saint Clair, now living on the Brockerhoff farm east of Old Fort, will likely succeed Mr. Hoy as tenant.

Farms are not attractive in Millin county to money investors. The E. T. and W. D. Taylor farm, containing 160 acres, having on it a stone house and large barn, located on the State highway less than a mile east of Resville, found no bidders when put up at public sale a week ago.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Keefer and children, of Youngwood, and Mrs. Getchell and children, of Unionville, were arrival at the Cyrus Brungart home last week. Mr. Keefer is a member of one of the local hunting clubs and is in the Seven Mountains this week chasing the fleet-footed deer.

Jeanette Lucile is the name given to a daughter born to Mr. and Mrs. James B. Lingle, of Hopewell Junction, Emmadine Farms, New York, in the Poughkeepsie hospital. The birth occurred day before Thanksgiving. A telegram to this effect was received here by the grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Lingle.

Edward Riter, of Centre Hall, is operating a well drilling machine on the Louis Biddle farm below the aviation field east of Bellefonte. The outfit is owned by Wayne Snyder, of Lewistown, who is operating a second machine in Millin county. The shortage of water in wells and streams is causing many farmers to resort to drilling wells for their water supply.

The truckmen on the division taken care of by Levi Hartley, which extends to below Spring Mills, went back to work Monday morning. Two of the men, Joseph Hartley and Grover C. Weaver, had been given a furlough prior to the lay-off of two weeks given all employees on the branch and of course have not yet been called back. The truckmen are John Marts, Robert I. Smith and Jeremiah Shunk.