

**DICTATORS CAN'T SUPPRESS.**

Every Active Editor is Entitled to Great Credit for What He Does Not Print.

The country weekly is many times as influential in proportion to their circulation as the big city dailies because they are closer to their readers. In their restricted field they are also able to assemble the facts with greater accuracy in less time and consequently their readers quickly give to them the place of honor in selecting their reading matter.

People demand facts; facts can be given only through a free and untrammeled press. The institution of the freedom of the press is so firmly established in this country that any attempt to curtail it instantly arouses public resentment. Lovers of freedom know that in a free press vigorous and active lies the progress of the nation.

No better recognition of this can be found than in the fact that, when a dictator arises in any part of the world, his first action is to muzzle the press. No dictator can make progress without the aid of a censorship of the press, including both news articles and editorial opinions.

The really patriotic citizen does not endeavor to abuse an editor who may publish something which he may not fully understand, or try to punish a newspaper for printing something he may not like. Probably the editor is still entitled to a sincere vote of thanks for not publishing other facts about which he may be fully informed, and about which he says nothing, even when falsely accused.

The editor who takes an active part in the life of his community usually has a "morgue" full of information that he would much rather keep in cold storage. But when it is demanded by those who do not always appreciate the effect of what they are asking he cannot be blamed for giving it to them.

Every active editor is entitled to a great deal of appreciation for what he does not print. No one knows this better than the chaps, who when they get into trouble, ask for sympathy and consideration because of their family. Usually, too, they are the same chaps who seldom had any thought of the families of others, when they had an end to gain, and were not any too choosy in the methods used to attain it.

**WHY NOT PAY TAXES!**

It would seem to be a sound principle that every adult citizen of our country who is a voter and not a pauper should pay taxes. A prominent and successful pioneer business man of the West calls our attention to the published statement that 2,700,000 government employees do not pay a cent of tax.

There seems to be a general rule that state, county and municipal employees do not pay a federal income tax, and federal employees escape all war and other income taxes levied by states. The question arises, why should public officials in the employ of the federal, state, county or municipal government not pay income taxes or any other taxes just the same as any other employes? Certainly they should not be exempt from taxes on the ground that they have to work so much harder for their salaries than other employes.

As a general rule employes in the public service do not work as hard nor have as long hours as those in private employment. Public officials are all more or less in the class called politicians and nearly all favor a bonus for the ex-soldiers.

The army of 2,700,000 well paid public employees receive salaries totaling \$3,500,000,000 a year upon which the government is said not to collect a cent of tax. Why not let this class, now said to be largely exempt from taxation, pay the bill for the service men's bonus? It seems to be very easy to vote bonuses, heavy taxes, and large appropriations when you don't have to pay any of it yourself.

The Republican newspapers are fearful that Mr. McAdoo will be the Democratic standard bearer in the march to the White House, next March 4th, and have already begun their abuse of him. If he were to betray his party, every Republican editorial column in the states would devote its space to acclaim his statesmanship, and especially the valuable service he rendered during the World War. Ford, in the eyes of the Republican editors was an ignoramus until he made the statement that Coolidge was good enough for him.

Farmers and Poultry Raisers: Are you getting your share of eggs? Are you getting the highest prices for your eggs? Our purchasing system enables us to sell HIGH GRADE Laying Mash at ROCK BOTTOM Prices and our breeding system assures you ABOVE MARKET PRICES for the right kind of eggs. Let us serve you.—A. E. KERLIN AND SON.

**PRESIDENT THOMAS SAYS FARMING OFFERS REWARD****Too Much Talk About Hardships and Financial Returns of Agriculture.**

On the opening day of the annual state farm products show, an optimistic view of Pennsylvania agriculture was held by Dr. John M. Thomas, president of the Pennsylvania State College, in his annual report addressed to state officials and the legislature, given at a meeting of the college board of trustees held in Harrisburg.

It is a large undertaking to convince the average farmer that he is being adequately rewarded when drilling the soil. He is not skeptical, he knows. The occupation is healthful, truly healthful, but there are other occupations that are healthful and at the same time remunerative.

"There is too much talk about the hardships and poor financial returns of agriculture," the Penn State executive said in his report. "It is no wonder that current agitation has had a tendency to discourage education for agriculture. The truth is that by and large no industry in the country offers a more healthful life, a more contented mind and a steadier and surer financial reward than farming by American machinery and in accordance with the best modern practice. It is time to exalt the advantages of farm life and to encourage more youth of Pennsylvania farm homes, the best agricultural population in the United States, to direct their education towards agricultural pursuits."

The Reporter could point out several farmers who got their inspiration at Penn State and set out to outdo the ordinary plowman and got nowhere but in debt. Let the farmer have a chance to sell at a profit—education and contentment will follow, in fact.

**The Old Turnpike.**

Measures are being taken by the American Legion at Milliflburg to put back the old Lewisburg-Bellefonte turnpike between Milliflburg and Old Fort from a secondary to a primary state highway, the backward turn of the standing of the road having been accomplished without notice or apparent reason. In speaking of this movement, the Milliflburg Telegraph has this to say:

The matter of the present status of the State Highway between Bellefonte and Lewisburg was then taken up. At the present time this stretch of road (which is a portion of the old post road between Erie and Philadelphia) is listed in the secondary plan. Previously it was in the primary plan. No one knows how or why it was changed. But they do know that as long as it is listed in the secondary plan, we will get no more concrete road, or will not have use of a snow plow in case of heavy snowfall. The Legion Post have interested themselves in the matter, believing that every citizen will benefit by having the road changed back to the Primary Plan. Under its present status we will get no part of the Fifty Million Dollar Bond Issue which the citizens of this county helped pass at the last election. The Legion plans to, with the backing of the voters of Union and Centre counties, make an effort to have the status of the road changed back to where it belongs, and then to have that part of the road from Hartleton borough to the State Institution concreted. A meeting has been arranged for, to be held in the Legion rooms in Milliflburg, on Tuesday evening, Feb. 5, at eight o'clock, at which time the committees from the Legion Posts in Milliflburg, Lewisburg, Millheim and Bellefonte will meet to form definite plans. Senator Chas. Steels, Hon. J. M. Gundy, Judge D. R. Pursley, ex-Judge Johnson, Hon. Chas. Wilmer, the County Commissioners of Union and Centre counties, Judge Quigley, Carl Motz, and others have been asked to attend this meeting, at which plans will be formed and then presented to the citizens of the two interested counties for their endorsement.

**Five Escaped Steers Killed.**  
Armed with high-powered rifles, a posse of twenty-five farmers rounded up, near Wolverton Station, and killed five Hereford steers that had escaped when they were being unloaded from a train at Weigh Seates near Sunbury. The animals furnished the hunters a number of exciting minutes as they were inclined to be wild. They were dressed at the scene of action and turned over to Galen Clark, of Irish Valley, to whom they were consigned.

**Vote for School Bonds.**

Lewisburg voted about seven to one in favor of bonding the borough for the erection of a high school. Conditions there are very similar to those in Centre Hall. The first structure in Lewisburg like here is to be a unit, additions to be made later. The school board also provided sufficient ground not only for school but for athletic purposes.

**Re-Dedication of Lutheran Church.**

As was announced last week the local Lutheran church was re-dedicated on Sunday, services having been held both forenoon and evening. The morning sermon was by Dr. W. E. Fischer, of Shamokin, who for a period of eighteen years was the pastor of the church and under whose pastorate the edifice was erected in 1885 and was free of debt when he resigned to accept his second field of work in Shamokin, thirty years ago. The sermon text was taken from II Tim., 3rd chapter, latter part of the 15th verse: The Holy Scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Jesus Christ. It was a masterful 20th century exposition of the Scriptures. It placed the Bible, just as it is, the first and foremost of all things in the world today.

At the conclusion of the sermon Dr. Fischer and Rev. J. M. Reasick, also a former pastor, formally re-dedicated the edifice and then the latter made the appeal for funds. The total expenditure for repairs was \$2900. The sum of \$1,000 was voted from a fund set aside definitely for a pipe organ by the Sunday School toward the liquidation of the debt, leaving to be collected from the members, \$1,900. The pledges received were \$1,100, and at the night session about \$400 more was pledged.

The sermon in the evening was delivered by Rev. B. F. Bieber, also a former pastor, now of Muncy.

In the afternoon a re-dedictory service was held at Georges Valley church known officially as Holy Cross church. A number of improvements on the interior of the church had been made, among them an enlargement of the pulpit platform. An other addition was an organ, presented by the heirs of A. N. Finkle. The sermon was by Rev. J. M. Reasick, Rev. Bieber and Rev. Fischer also having participated in the services.

**Farm House Burned.**

The dwelling house on the Howard Stubble farm, one mile south of Zion, was totally destroyed by fire on Friday night, the flames breaking out about nine o'clock. The family was at a local gathering, and when they returned home the house was on fire on the inside, but had not broken through the outer walls. It was impossible to enter it on account of the dense smoke. Neighbors soon gathered and by hard work the barn standing nearby was saved from destruction.

The loss is quite heavy. There was insurance held on the house by Mr. Struble to the amount of \$2500—\$1500 in the Farmers Mutual and \$1000 in the Sugar Valley company. Mr. Krape also held \$500 insurance on his personal property.

Mr. Krape had been living on the farm as a tenant for several years and a short time ago entered into an article of agreement with Mr. Struble to purchase the place, \$500 having been paid on the agreement, which calls for full possession April 1st. Mr. Struble is now in Florida.

**Wion Home Sold.**

The double house opposite the school house, erected by Rev. J. K. Miller, and owned by the late Daniel Wion, was sold by the heirs through a verbal agreement to Lanson Burris, the consideration being \$3000. Mr. Burris, who for many years has been farming the Mrs. F. O. Blair farm, west of town, expects to occupy the portion of this house in which Mr. and Mrs. John F. Kramer now live. Charles E. Flink, the tenant in the west section of the house, expects to remain there under the new owner.

**Photoplays at Scenic and Opera House.**

At the Scenic: Thursday, Jan. 31—Elaire Hamerstein in "One Week of Love," a story full of thrills, with beautiful scenery, and stars that everybody likes. A picture that will please you. Also, Pathe News and Review, always interesting.

Friday, February 1—Gladys Walton in "Near Lady" is a story of a manufacturer whose father got rich by inventing a sausage machine and the social climbing is great. Also, the ninth episode of "The Steel Trail."

**Transfers of Real Estate.**

E. K. Keller, et ux, to Orlin Brooks, tract in Spring twp.; \$17.50.  
J. D. Keller, et ux, to Arthur E. Loeb, tract in State College; \$650.  
Potter Twp. School District to William Reber, tract in Potter twp.; \$1.  
John L. Holmes, et al, to Leroy C. Smeiter, tract in Ferguson twp.; \$500.  
Marion R. Hingsworth to Henry S. Hingsworth, tract in Ferguson twp.; \$2,500.  
James R. Sommerville to George H. Barnes, tract in Phillipsburg; \$11,000.  
Joseph K. Confer, et ux, to Ellen M. Gentzel, tract in Gregg twp.; \$550.

Be sure that your car shows the yellow license plates to-morrow.

**DAMAGE TO CROPS BY GAME DISCUSSED AT FARM MEETING****Deer Doing Much Damage to Orchards Declares Huntingdon County Man Sportsmen's Side Presented.**

Differences between fruit growers and farmers on one side and sportsmen on the other regarding the damage to crops caused by deer and other game were explained to each other one night last week by representatives of both sides, at a meeting of the State Horticultural Association of Pennsylvania.

John A. Runk, of Warrior's Ridge, Huntingdon county, himself a sufferer from damage by game, led the discussion of the farmer's viewpoint and was joined by other agriculturists of the South Mountain district. He said he appreciates the viewpoint of the sportsmen in gunning for game, and would like to see game plentiful, but that it is not fair to the farmer to have his crops damaged by the game. Deer, especially, he said, have been doing much damage, nipping terminal buds on twigs and stripping bark from fruit trees as well as damaging young grain. If the game is to be kept for the benefit of the sportsman, he said, it is only fair that the sportsman should protect the farmer's crops from destruction and reimburse the farmer if they are destroyed.

During the last eleven years he himself has lost about \$22,000 in orchards, due to damage by deer, he said. Because of the prevalence of deer in the mountains of Huntingdon county, the county is losing its standing in orchard cultivation, he added, and no new orchards are being added.

He commended the action of the legislature in having the state assume a portion of this responsibility by co-operating with the fruit grower in erecting fences to protect orchards and crops.

The value of game as food and for welfare and recreational purposes was explained by Seth E. Gordon, secretary of the state game commission, who talked from the viewpoint of the sportsman.

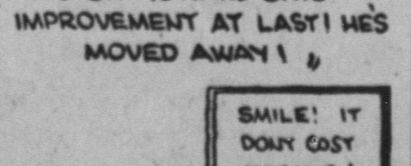
"It has always been the policy of the game commission to refrain from increasing game in any section to a point where material depredation to cultivated fruit trees or crops would result," he said. He explained the plans of the commission to have deer trapped in the South Mountain section to thin it out where too plentiful without destroying the animals. Restocking has not been practiced in sections where it is found that game abounds of its own accord, to prevent damage, he added.

The state should assume responsibility for damage done by wild life if it propagates and protects, Deputy Secretary of Agriculture John M. McKee said, especially if the state is negligent in preventing the protected game from damaging private property. The drift of feeling is in that direction, he said, pointing to the bills of the last legislature to pay damage done by bear to bees and honey up to \$5,000, and to permit the state to participate on a 50-50 basis in building protecting fences.

Four recommendations were made by Deputy Secretary McKee to remedy the situation: First, have the state limit the number of game by having special or longer open seasons, or trapping and removing game; second, have the state aid in fencing farm land to protect private property; third, alter the law permitting the killing of game doing damage, so that the game need not be detected in doing the damage, but be found on the land in the period the damage is done, with the change that the killing be done by game wardens (Continued on inside page.)

**BILL BOOSTER SAYS**

AWAII HAWAII OLE ASE DOOLITTLE, THE TOWN KNOCCKER, HAS DONE HIS BIT TOWARD CIVIC IMPROVEMENT AT LAST! HE'S MOVED AWAY!



Center County Association of Philadelphia Birthday Party. Twenty years old and the party is to be held on Thursday, February 25, at the Bellevue Stratford, Philadelphia. Invitation are to be sent out later. All Centre countians cordially invited. JOHN C. C. BEALE, Sec.

**STORE BURNING A TRADE****Arson Rings Organized to Cheat Insurance Companies—Crooked Agents Join Up.**

The following is reprinted from the Williamsport Grit and undertakes to tell how crooked merchants manage to beg insurance companies:

The individual fire setter is no longer so great a menace as once he was. The big and successful cases of commercial arson are managed in these times by organized gangs or arson rings, as they are called.

Such chiques of fire specialists now operate in all parts of the country and a number of them, including all the members, have been sent to prison.

The arson ring consists of the fire insurance agent, the insurance inspector, the crooked merchant, the expert fire-setter and the insurance adjuster. The merchant wants to have a fire. He resorts to the crooked agent, who writes him a policy for far more than the value of the stock. The crooked inspector goes over the property, blinds his eyes to the fraud, and approves the risk.

In a little while the professional arsonist comes along, remove as much as they think wise of the stock, saturate the place, set a pyrotechnic bomb of some sort, and burn up the merchant's store.

The business man is always away on a short vacation when such a blaze is produced. He comes back with great celebrity, and the crooked agent and adjuster help him get full money for the loss.

**Escaped Prisoners Taken at Coburn.**

Three prisoners—Frank Richie, aged 22; Robert Mosten, aged 21, and Frank Cap, aged 29—were found to be missing Thursday morning about 8 o'clock from the Rockview penitentiary. Thursday night they came to Centre Hall, entering Clyde Bradford's barn, and later went on, leaving well defined tracks in the snow leading to the railroad, and continuing eastward. On reaching Coburn they were captured. They took a blanket from Mr. Bradford's car, but made disposition of it before being apprehended at Coburn.

The capture at Coburn was spectacular. Their approach was heralded, and those who heard of it rushed to their homes and procured rifles. The volunteer sheriffs surrounded the men, who gave themselves up without a protest or demonstration.

The men apparently had become possessed of tools, and cut through the barbed wire during the night. They were in prison garb.

**"Jackie Hillcrest."**

Jackie Hillcrest is the name by which a ten months old baby boy at Penn State is known. He is the "practice" baby at the Home Economics Department, and he has as many "mothers" during a semester as there are dear, sweet young things learning to keep house, including keeping the baby. "Jackie" is not wanting any modern convenience to make a baby comfortable and happy.

The modern house, which is Jackie's home, is called Hillcrest Cottage. Here the girls of the senior class live for six weeks at a time. In groups of six the young women study the essentials of good housekeeping, for the cottage has all the installations and furniture of a modern home.

**Falling Tree Crushes Man.**

An apple tree being dug out by Jacob Nearhood, near White Deer, in its fall crushed the life out of Mr. Nearhood, who was deaf and dumb. Many of the bones in the body were broken. When found he was pinned fast to the ground by a large limb of the tree. The man was alone when the accident happened, the dead body having been found by a neighbor who happened to drive past the place.

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**"JOB'S JOB"**

Hear this Sermon SUNDAY NIGHT, 7:30 at THE LUTHERAN CHURCH CENTRE HALL By the Pastor, REV. M. C. DRUM Everybody Welcome.

**TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.****HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS.**

There are in Centre county a total of 79,388 State owned forest lands.

Mrs. William Ferree, of Oak Hall, was in town last week, stopping with the Misses Bond.

Cleveland D. Mitterling shipped a car load of cows to the eastern market on Saturday morning.

Harter Brothers, lumbermen, recently purchased 24 acres of pine and hemlock timber, in the Greenbriar section, from Jacob Auman.

Harry L. Moyer, who lives at Old Fort, was a caller the other evening. He is considering beginning farming operations next spring.

What is known as the Aaronsburg hotel property was recently sold by E. A. Bower to O. P. Smith, of Fiedler. The selling price was \$1800.

W. Randall Musser, formerly of Millheim, but now living in Denbo, Washington county, was ill for several weeks from typhoid fever, but is now improving.

Clayton Musser, of near Centre Hall, called the other day on business. He is tenant on the L. R. Lingle farm and thinks farming good enough to stay with it.

Edward Jamison, the Spring Mills Justice of the peace and insurance man, was in Centre Hall one evening last week looking after the interests of the various insurance companies he represents.

J. Russell Gephart, of McKeesport, was in his old home town—Millheim—for a few days after the absence of about six years. Mr. Gephart is a representative of the Pittsburgh news agency.

There is now and has been since the first Monday in January, but one Justice of the peace in Centre Hall borough. The term of Squire J. G. Dauberman expired and there was no one elected to fill the place.

A second cross-country trip is being planned by W. J. Emerick, of Bellefonte. The party will consist of ten men only, and will travel in a car built especially for the purpose that will provide every needed convenience.

Miss Bertha Rinnney, registered nurse, from Pleasant Gap, was on duty at the Frank D. Lee home, in the illness of Mrs. Lee, for several days last week while the regular nurse, Miss Ruth Derner, visited in Pittsburgh.

The fortieth wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Musser, of Millheim, was celebrated Thursday evening of last week. The affair was a most pleasant one. Among the guests were the children and grandchildren of the couple.

The Reporter regrets to state that Marcellus A. Sankey, of Middleburg, formerly of Potters Mills, is yet confined to bed, suffering from an infected foot. While his condition is serious, his friends still have hopes of his final recovery.

Miss Celia Hinton, of Altoona, a piano saleslady, was in town the latter part of last week on business. While here she was entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Shoop, Mrs. Shoop having formed her acquaintance while living in Altoona.

The Belleville Times takes exception to the sheriff and deputies of Milliflburg taking prisoners to the Western Penitentiary at Pittsburgh in Pullman palace cars at the expense of the county. It appears six prisoners were recently taken to Pittsburgh in that grand style.

The Wingart-Steigert saw mill in the Allison pine woods, near Potters Mills, is in operation. The company is making rapid headway in manufacturing the timber into merchantable lumber. The lumber is being shipped from the Old Fort landing, near the Centre Hall railroad station.

The post office department has issued orders that newspapers sent through the mail by publishers shall be treated with the same expedition as first-class mail. Newspapers are classed "second-class" mail and postmasters and all others who handle them are to give them next attention to letters or "first-class" mail.

Three generations of Warnitz owned a farm in Harris township for one hundred and nine years. The first Warnitz owner was George Warnitz, who purchased the farm in 1815 from Jacob Lutz. Daniel Warnitz, a son, acquired the place in 1876, and a grandson, William C. Warnitz, followed as owner in 1881, and for forty-two years retained it. The farm was sold by him last fall to C. E. Arney. Mr. Warnitz recently going to the home of a son, Harry Warnitz, to live.