



### MRS. ALLEN IS OUT FOR NATIONAL DELEGATE

Williamsport Woman Has Endorsement of State Democratic Executive Committee in Her Candidacy.

Mrs. Edith B. Allen, of Williamsport, one of the speakers at the meeting of Democrats at dinner in the Brockerhoff House recently, has announced her candidacy for delegate at large from Pennsylvania to the Democratic national convention which meets in New York city next summer.

Mrs. Allen has the endorsement of the executive committee of the Democratic Pennsylvania state committee.

The plan of the state committee is to select four men and four women delegates at large, each with one-half vote in the convention so that the women of Pennsylvania are represented in that body.

Mrs. Allen is a member of the executive committee of the state committee and also a member of the Lycoming county Democratic executive committee. She has a state-wide reputation as a campaigner having taken a most active part in the congressional elections two years ago. She addressed political rallies in a number of districts in which the Democratic candidates were victorious.

She has been quite active in the state organization ever since women were admitted to participation in its affairs and is considered one of the leading Democratic women leaders of the state.

Her candidacy for national delegate with the hearty endorsement of the state executive committee goes forward with a great impetus.

### Pinchot Boosted Coal Prices.

Governor Pinchot, of Pennsylvania, was made the object of a bitter attack in Congress by Representative Treadway, Republican, Massachusetts, because of his settlement of the recent anthracite coal strike. Mr. Treadway made public a letter addressed to Governor Pinchot in which he charged the Pennsylvania executive, with having increased the price of anthracite coal to the consumer by approximately \$44,000,000. The anthracite tax in Pennsylvania is also charged with adding about \$10,000,000 more to the consumers' rate.

Coal in New England Treadway says is now being sold at the highest price ever known, notwithstanding there is ample supply.

### Bonnivell Type Distasteful.

(The Huntingdon Monitor.)  
When the Democrats of this State select a man of Judge Bonnivell's type to head the party, the Democratic party drops to a low ebb.

### Notable Meeting of Clergy.

For the first time in history there was held recently in New York City a meeting of Catholic, Jewish and Protestant clergymen for the purpose of discussing the religious training of the public school children.

Monsignor Lavelle represented the Catholic Church, Reverend Dr. D. de Sola Pool represented the Jews, and Watson S. Moore, president of the New York Federation of Churches, represented the Protestants. It was addressed also, by the Catholic Archbishop Hayes, by Supreme Court Justice Thos. C. T. Crain, an Episcopalian, and Judge Levy, a Jew.

Whether the meeting accomplishes its object or does not, no one can prophesy. But to see the representatives of different religions in America come together to discuss the religious instruction of American school children will certainly do good.

### LUTHERAN CHURCH REPUDIATES POPCKE

Denounces Propaganda to Involve It in Religious or National Hatred.

F. H. Knobel, president of the United Lutheran Church in America, and J. A. Mordhead, executive director of the National Lutheran Council, issued statements on Saturday asserting the Lutheran Church had in no way authorized or sponsored the letter sent to Lutheran clergy and parishioners by Edwin E. Popcke in which Popcke advocated that French francs be sold short as a means of crippling France.

"It must be clear to any thoughtful mind," President Knobel said, "that the Lutheran Church does not advocate financial speculation nor promote the business interests of any individuals. She is wholly opposed to the preaching of religious hatreds. For these and other reasons she condemns what is contained in the letter as an appeal to Lutherans. She repudiates the actions of those who involved her in this matter.

"The effort to involve the Lutheran Church," the statement continued, "in the promotion of speculation, religious antagonism, national hatred and conflict between friendly nations is abominable."

Popcke is the son of a Lutheran clergyman.

### MAIL FLIER KILLED WHEN PLANE FALLS ON SATURDAY

Body of Brooks Hyde Pearson Found in Wreckage of Machine Near Curwensville.—Caught in Snowstorm.

The body of Brooks Hyde Pearson, an air-plane mail pilot, was found in the burned wreckage of his plane on Saturday on the Porter farm, near Curwensville, by M. C. Porter, who had spent the entire day searching for the missing plane. He reported that the plane and its contents had been partially destroyed.

The plane was seen above that place late on Friday in distress, fighting a severe snowstorm. A short time later a crash was heard and the sound of the motor stopped.

Porter said he took up the search at daylight and after spending hours scouring the hills discovered the wreckage in a small ravine late in the afternoon. His attention was first attracted by the odor from the burning wreckage.

Approaching the plane he saw a man's form underneath and after ascertaining that Pearson was dead notified the Bellefonte mail authorities.

Pearson left Bellefonte at 2:30 P. M. on Friday and was due in Cleveland about two hours later. When he failed to arrive the Bellefonte field was notified and search was begun.

Pearson's lower limbs and feet were burned and the airplane was only partly destroyed by fire. Contrary to reports the plane carried only a small amount of local mail from Bellefonte for Cleveland. It was destroyed.

Pearson was twenty-eight years old. He has been flying for nearly ten years, according to mail authorities at the flying field. He joined the Canadian flying forces in 1914 and later was in the English Army.

### J. S. Reish Greatly Improving

James S. Reish who severely injured his left eye, is getting along nicely at his farm home near Potters Mills and it is thought that in time he will completely recover from the injury, from which he is now not suffering pain of any considerable extent.

The accident happened on Tuesday afternoon of last week and he was immediately taken to the Bellefonte hospital where the treatment given until Saturday was so satisfactory that Mr. Reish was permitted to return to his home.

Mr. Reish was in the mountains cutting timber; a tree had fallen and this was being trimmed up, when he turned his body, a limb struck him in the left eye, inflicting the serious and painful wound that is now improving so nicely.

### County Agent Robinson Resigns.

J. N. Robinson, Centre County Farm Agent for the past four years, has resigned his position effective March 15. His successor, Ralph C. Blaney, is on the job since March 1st. Mr. Blaney comes to Centre county highly recommended, graduating in Animal Husbandry from Penn State in 1922 and having had nearly two years previous experience as County Agent in Delaware county, Pa.

Mr. Robinson wishes to take this opportunity to express his appreciation for the co-operation of the farmers and the many others who have helped to make the work successful in the past. It is always rather hard to get acquainted in a large county such as Centre so it will help Mr. Blaney very much if the farmers will make themselves acquainted with him as much as possible and feel free to call on him at any time for any assistance they may need.

### Near East Relief Meetings.

Special services in the interest of the Near East Relief (union meetings) will be held as follows: Sunday, March 16; Millheim Lutheran church, 10:30 a.m.; Coburn Evangelical church, 2:30 p.m.; Aaronsburg Reformed church, 7 p. m.

The speaker who has been selected to present the facts and appeal of this urgent and recurring need is Dr. J. W. Bailey, whose extensive experience as an educator and a preacher is ample proof of his qualifications for the occasion. Dr. Bailey is of the Presbyterian faith. He served in the capacity of an Evangelist in a number of churches of that Communion. He will speak on the subject of "Our Work and Conditions in Bible Lands."

Since the Relief of our Christian brethren should be a desire of your heart, and since you have the opportunity to hear a learned and able man, you cannot conscientiously stay away from these services. Think it over.

J. S. H.

Major Adams will speak in the court house, Bellefonte, Friday evening.

The maximum use of roads can only come when they are made safe for maximum use. A dangerous road will always be less used than a safe one, and a road dangerously used by some will be less used by others than a road wisely used by all.

### EVANGELICAL CONFERENCE.

Large Class of Junior Preachers Examined—Two from Centre County—Other Conference News.

The examination of junior preachers opened the eighty-fourth annual session of the Central Pennsylvania conference of the Evangelical church in St. John's church, Newberry.

The examinations are given on the subjects of history, including church, modern and United States; upon theology, ethics, sociology and practical work of church discipline.

The results of the examinations will be announced prior to the closing session of the conference and licenses to preach will be granted; the second-year students are to be ordained deacons and the fourth-year students, elders.

The following junior preachers are before the examining board:

Applications for license—Homer W. Hestley, Marysville, Pa.; George W. Spenke, Baltimore, Md.; Floyd A. Huff, White Deer, Pa.; E. S. Miles, Wilkes-Barre, Pa.; Thurman R. Husler, Lees Cross Roads; B. S. Rogers, Carbon, Pa.; Kenneth L. Benfer, Red Lion.

First Year—J. Good Brown, Mazepa, Pa.; Gordon S. Burkett, Hancock, Maryland.

Second Year—S. Charles Miller, Hagerstown, Md.; Mark A. Herman, Rebersburg, Pa.; W. Nelson Winter, Baltimore, Md.

Third Year—F. H. Moyer, West Nanticoke, Pa.; Reed O. Stealy, Bellefonte, Pa.; L. B. Markley, Idaville, Pa.; J. P. Sheesley, Berkley Springs, W. Va.

Fourth Year—H. H. Jacobs, Wayland, N. Y.; J. M. Zang, Nittany, Pa.; C. H. Bankes, Redfield, Pa.; B. R. Ness, Yoe, Pa.; E. A. Wolery, Baltimore, Md.

### McCoy Home Burned.

About seven o'clock, Friday evening, the John McCoy home on West Courtly street, Bellefonte, took fire and was totally destroyed, together with much of the personal effects of the McCoy's. When the fire was first observed by Mr. McCoy it was on the roof, but its origin continues a mystery. An alarm was sent in, and in some manner was misunderstood by the person who received the message for the fire engine first went back of the court house where the burgled message led them. By the time the fire was reached the flames had gained such headway that nothing could be done but to care for surrounding property, which was successfully done, although a high wind prevailed and embers were driven great distances.

A considerable portion of the household goods were removed by the McCoy's and neighbors and later with the assistance of the fire company men.

The loss is given out as being approximately \$20,000, partly covered by insurance. The home was a brick-cased structure and prominent in its section.

### Honor Man at F. and M.

Among the honor men in the various classes at Franklin and Marshall college is Lynn C. Meyer, of Coburn, a son of Mrs. Calvin Meyer, of that place. He is a Freshman, and one of the ten in that class to be recognized by his institution for individual best work.

### Married 50 Years.

Dr. and Mrs. F. P. Barker, of Ingleby, are making preparations for their golden wedding anniversary, to be held in the near future. Their home and surroundings attract much attention from passengers on the local branch as they pass through the mountainous region between Coburn and Glen Iron.

Dr. and Mrs. Barker are the parents of nine children, seven of whom are living, as follows: Mrs. Wm. W. Koonsman, of Millmont; John M. Barker, of State College; Mrs. Harry Kreamer, of Coburn; Frank B. Barker, of Renovo; Harry L. Barker, of Detroit, Mich.; Mrs. Thomas L. Hartman, of Coburn, and Charles A. Barker, at home. In addition to these, they are grandparents to twenty-eight and great grandparents to four.

Dr. Barker is aged seventy-one years and Mrs. Barker is four years his junior.

### Big New Stadium for Bucknell.

Bucknell University is assured of a big new stadium for its football season this year. On Saturday night Charles J. Vaughan, president of the Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce, who is chairman of the stadium committee of Bucknell, signed the contract for the start on the first section of this big new structure at Lewisburg.

The stadium eventually will seat 35,000 spectators, but the first section to be completed by September 1st will provide accommodations for 15,000 persons for this fall's football games. It will be shaped like a letter "U" and will contain within its confines the football field, baseball diamond and the running track.

### CONSOLIDATED SCHOOLS AND NATIONAL HIGHWAYS. EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM.

Good Roads Answer to One-Room Country School Problem.—200,000 One-Room School Buildings in U. S. Large Per Cent. of Which Have Not Been Improved in 40 Years.

With the enormous amount of illiteracy in the United States, education is generally conceded to be one of the greatest of our economic problems. To show the extent of that problem as it appears in the light of educational methods and facilities of a bygone age, still largely in use in this country, Frank P. Graves, New York Commissioner of Education, sets forth some startling statistics.

According to these, as yet about one-fourth of the total rural school enrollment and 45 per cent of the rural teaching corps are housed in one-room schools of the crudest sort. There are upwards of 200,000 of these one-room buildings in the United States, and a fairly large percentage of them were constructed at least forty years ago, despite the fact that school architecture and equipment have been advancing by leaps and bounds during that time. Four-fifths of them have no provision for heating and ventilation, except the old unjacketed stove and the rickety windows and nine-tenths of the buildings are not properly lighted. In at least ninety per cent the seating is poor and unadjustable, and often where the seats could be arranged to suit the pupil, this has never been given proper consideration. Where in the cities some four-fifths of the teachers have had at least the minimum amount of standard training—that is, two years beyond the high school—in the country less than one-twentieth have so, qualified, and the turnover in rural teachers each year is just about fifty per cent.

One of the most effective answers to such conditions has been found in the consolidated school in which many children can be accommodated, brought from miles around and returned to their homes by motor bus.

But the solution to the problem of how to get good rural education is possible only where there are good roads. In the days to come, when national highways gridiron this country, as they undoubtedly will, there will be no problem of rural education.

According to the National Automobile Chamber of Commerce, the consolidated school movement began in Massachusetts in the early seventies. For many years horse-drawn vehicles were then used in carrying children to and from school within a radius of seven miles. Parents gradually began to see the many advantages of the larger schools over the old "little red school-house."

With the motor bus children are now transported for 15 to 18 miles in an hour. School districts have increased in size extending to 50, 75 or 100 square miles in area. With this development has come large modern school buildings, improved equipment and specially trained instructors equal to that of the best city schools. Motorized school buses make possible these large, modern rural "school plants." They tend to reduce the costs and to give children better opportunities for education.

The consolidation movement has grown to such proportions that many normal schools and colleges, as giving special courses preparing superintendents to manage fleets of motor buses transporting children to and from consolidated schools.

### Gamble Mill Sold.

The Ush and Bashour mill property, in Bellefonte, for some weeks past discussed by members of town council and taxpayers as a proposed electric light and power station, was sold Friday to Frank L. Mayer, of Roopsburg, for \$40,000. Several building lots on the property were reserved by Ush and Bashour.

The mill property had been successfully operated until last year by George M. Gamble. Mr. Gamble sold last year to Ush and Bashour who recently decided to quit operating it and offered the plant to the borough for \$50,000. Figures submitted in council were so unfavorable, however, that the project was not considered a very good one. The report given by W. T. Kelly, clerk of council, indicated the cost in ten years, without considering maintenance and operating, would exceed by \$50,000 the present income from water tax and rentals.

Mr. Mayer came to Bellefonte about four years ago from Greenville, Mercer county. He leased the Brockerhoff mill at Roopsburg and has been quite successful. This lease expires on July 1 but may be renewed. If he renews it he will operate both mills.

### Play for Odd Fellows and Families.

Local Odd Fellows, Rebekahs, and their families are invited to the Odd Fellows' hall on Saturday evening of this week where the play "The Sweet Family" will be given by a local cast. The play is a laugh producer and an evening of fun and enjoyment is in store for all who come. No admission; doors open at 8 p. m.

### A MESSAGE TO EX-SERVICE MEN. Six Types of Policies Offered, Containing Permanent Disability Clause With No Extra Cost.

Life insurance was and is intended for the masses. It is an institution whose benefits can and should be obtained by the bread winner. In order that ex-service men may obtain the benefits of standard life insurance at reasonable rates, the United States Government is offering six types of policies, namely, ordinary life plan, 30-payment life plan, 20-payment life plan, 20-year endowment plan, 30-year endowment plan, and endowment plan maturing at age of 62.

Every one of the above plans provides for liberal guaranteed values—liberal in the true sense of the word—for after a policy has been in force a year or more and should a person be unable to pay premiums because of financial difficulties, he could obtain the cash surrender value; or obtain a loan equal to 94 per cent of the surrender value; or receive protection under extended insurance; or turn in the policy for paid-up insurance.

These policies also contain the total permanent disability clause for which there is no extra charge, and there is no restriction as to residence, travel or occupation.

In addition to these liberal features a dividend is paid on all policies. In fact United States Government Converted Insurance has paid dividends from its very inception. These dividends have increased from year to year.

Insurance cultivates the habit of saving; creates an estate; and affords protection to the insured and his beneficiaries.

Ex-service men should not overlook so valuable an institution as Government Converted Insurance, but should take immediate action to re-instate, and convert their war-time insurance to one or more of the plans enumerated above. Full particulars and information can be obtained for the mere asking, if they will communicate with the Insurance Division, U. S. Veterans' Bureau, Philadelphia, Pa., or any of the branch offices—A. J. Latoski, Ins. Rep.; U. S. Veterans' Bureau, Phila., Pa.

### Gave Farewell Party.

On Wednesday evening of last week a number of neighbors and friends of Mr. and Mrs. John A. Heckman gathered at the Heckman farm home, west of Centre Hall, and tendered them a "farewell" party, since the Heckmans have decided to quit the farm and become town folks. The evening was most delightfully spent in an old-fashioned way, good wholesome fun and games of various kinds making the time pass quickly. Refreshments were plentiful and consisted of sandwiches and pickles, ice cream and cake. Those who were present were: Mr. and Mrs. Richard Brooks, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Walker, Mr. and Mrs. James Gault, Mr. and Mrs. F. V. Jodon, Grace, Jean, Emma, Geraldine and Isabel Jodon, Mrs. P. W. Harter, Mrs. Lee Rhoads, George Foster Rhoads, William Lee Rhoads, Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Bloom, Daniel and Donald Bloom, Mrs. John Mowery, Leora and Ruth Mowery, Ralph Whiteman, Mr. and Mrs. Harry McClellan, Ethyl, Margaret, Dorothy, Jack Billy and Peggy McClellan, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Walker, Frances and Kenneth Walker, Winna Jodon, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Skyler, Hazel Skyler, James Brooks, James Mowery, Edgar Jodon, R. M. Garbrick, Lila Brooks, Frances Brooks, Mrs. Parker, Mrs. Garver, John Garver, Mary Garver, Reuben Page, John P. Treaster, Mrs. John Treaster, Marion Treaster, Raymond Walker and family, Frank Coble, Lester Garbrick, Albert Emery, J. H. Osman, J. H. Garbrick, Clarence Walker, Clyde Walker.

### Local Presbyterian News.

The Presbyterian congregation is invited to attend the Apron Social given by Mrs. Charles Slack's Sunday School class in the Presbyterian Manse on St. Patrick's evening, March 17th.

The Presbyterian Prayermeeting, Teacher Training and Catechetical class will convene at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Slack on Wednesday evening instead of at the Manse as announced Sunday.

The Missionary Society will meet on Thursday P. M., 2 o'clock, at the home of Mrs. Charles Slack. A good program is being prepared. All members are urged to be present. All who wish to contribute to the box for the Freedmen, please bring your gifts to Miss Emma McCoy's this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Kirkpatrick wish to express their appreciation to the congregation for the piano which has been procured. It will add much to the church services.

The members of the Rebersburg high school will render a comedy entitled, "A Poor Married Man," in Grange Arcadia, Saturday evening. Admission, 15 and 25 cents. See additional advertising in this issue.

### TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS.

Mrs. H. E. Homan has been quite ill at her home in Centre Hall for a week or more.

Emory S. Ripka, proprietor of the Millheim hotel, was a visitor in town last Friday.

Just now a lot of people would rather be in the poor house than have a taxable income.

Mrs. H. W. Dinges was in Tyrone for a few days last week visiting among friends in that place.

Ruby White has taken over the Zeller drug store, in Bellefonte, and will continue it under the name of J. Zeller and Son.

John H. Detwiler is back to top of Nittany Mountain again, and is happy to be there. He is looking fine and feeling just like that.

George H. McCormick, of Potters Mills, publishes letters of administration on the estate of his father, W. W. McCormick, late of Potter township, deceased.

Mrs. F. M. Fisher is staying with her daughter, Mrs. (Rev.) Roy Corman, in Sunbury, while Mr. Fisher attends district federal court, in Scranton, as a juror.

Edward F. Peterman, editor of the Daily Herald in Jersey Shore, is a Republican candidate for Assemblyman from Lycoming county. He is an over-seas man.

Millheim borough has but two surviving Civil War veterans and one of these, Nathaniel Boob, is suffering from a severe heart affection. The other veteran is J. H. Hoffman.

Albert Henry, tenant on the Barteggs farm near Penns Cave, will move to near Loganton, onto the Emanuel Beck farm, which is considerably larger in acreage than the one from which he removes.

George Craig and family, of Yeagerstown, moved to Potters Mills recently into the Wilkinson place, which was purchased by them. Mr. Craig will continue his employment in the Lewistown district.

The property owned by John Bubb, in Millheim, was offered for sale recently but the bid—\$3,100—was not accepted by those having the Bubb estate in hand. Mr. and Mrs. Bubb, before moving to Millheim, lived in Potter township. Both are now deceased.

Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Burris have sold their double house at the corner of Mann avenue and Mill road, Yeagerstown, to Reed Bachman and Lee Alexander. Mr. Burris expects to move to the house he recently purchased from John Warner, also in Yeagerstown.

Although it was a very bad night from a weather standpoint, a large number of persons from Centre Hall and surrounding territory drove to Bellefonte on Friday night to see "The Covered Wagon," a Paramount picture. Of course, they were pleased with both picture and music.

The Stork visited the farm home of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Miller, last week and left with them a son, the first boy of the family. Mr. and Mrs. Miller live on the Geiss Wagner homestead, south of Centre Hall, where Mrs. Miller lived the greater part of her life.

Next Wednesday will be examination day for those wishing to secure an operator's license to drive an automobile who did not have a driver's license in 1923. The applicant must be accompanied by a licensed driver and have a car with lights, brakes, etc., in perfect order. The examination will be held in Bellefonte.

John D. Sourbeck who has been in business in Bellefonte longer than any other merchant, has arranged to sell his confectionery store to Benjamin and Matthew Wagner, brothers. The former has been employed by the Hershey company, near Harrisburg, for fifteen years and is one of the company's assistant superintendents.

From the Bellefonte newspapers it is learned that a new and lower schedule of rates is to be worked out by the Keystone Power Corporation. If this is true, the rate will apply to customers in Centre Hall, for it is the Reporter's impression that the franchise granted by the borough provided that the rates applying to Bellefonte should also apply to Centre Hall.

Centre county investors in the defunct R. L. Dollings company will be interested in the announcement that the auditor reports assets of \$500,000 in Pennsylvania. Of this amount \$150,000 is now available for distribution among 5,400 Pennsylvania stockholders. It is estimated that investors will eventually receive about twenty per cent of the value of their stock. Many thousand dollars of this stock is held by Centre county people.