



COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD CREATED BY SENATE BILL

Measure Would Put Control of Schools
Into Hands of County Board In-
stead of Various Local Boards.

Senate Bill No. 392, which creates County School Boards based on the county unit plan of administration, is now pending final passage in the House of Representatives, at Harrisburg. The true purpose of this bill can only be to eventually put the control of our schools in the hands of a county board instead of the various local school boards.

A resolution in favor of county school boards was voted down in the State Directors Convention in February. Then in the afternoon of the last day when many of the rural directors had left for home the backers of this scheme by the aid of the city directors present managed to change the vote by a very small margin. This shows how absolutely unfair the backers of the measure are. They do not care for the real sentiment of the school directors of the State. They simply want to create propaganda for their pet measure.

It is contended by those who favor this bill that the county boards will, in fact, have no power to enforce its findings to regulate schools in any way. If this be the case why enact the legislation? Why create the board? Why the useless machinery? This legislation will not only cost the State, to begin with, \$67,000 each biennium for the personal expenses of the proposed board to which must be added at least double that amount as costs to the county in addition clerk hire, rents and other office expenses. The truth is that by the creation of county boards of school directors an unnecessary added expense is incurred and one step further has been taken toward dictating school policies from the State Department of Education.

Some of the high spots of the bill are:

1. Its purpose is centralization. It puts the control of buildings, courses of study, text books, heating apparatus, tuition, teachers and the authority to say which school a child shall attend, into the hands of this county board.

2. It divides authority. Neither directors nor superintendents who know conditions can do what should be done without the interference of this county board.

3. It multiplies the school machinery. Assistant superintendents were added to our school system for the purpose of giving school districts added personal and professional help in everything which this bill proposes to put into the hands of unpaid, untrained and unprofessional people.

4. It makes an added State expense. It provides that the State Treasurer shall be drawn upon to pay the expenses of these boards which will run into thousands of dollars now and much more in the future.

5. It is neither needed or desired except by a few theorists who do not know school conditions in Pennsylvania. As one of the biggest practical school men in our State remarked the other evening when discussing this bill that he thought it would be better to stop this continual tinkering with school legislation and get to work in earnest to teach school.

School boards over the State who understand the real intentions of the backers of this bill are unalterably opposed to it. The sponsors of it have not been entirely frank in its real purport. As has been already stated its real purport is to lead toward an entire change in the basic principle of local management and responsibility, within the limits of the present law, of the schools. Its sponsors when pushed to the wall admit that such is the case, but then make the weak claim that his bill is only advisory. It, however, as already stated provides the machinery for legally electing and swearing in of county school boards empowered to interfere in any advisory or mandatory way with every function of the local board.

Arrested After Fatal Accident.

Leroy A. Fox, of Lock Haven, driver of the car in which William Henderson was riding when he was fatally injured in a collision on Friday, was arrested by a State policeman from Bellefonte, on a charge of involuntary manslaughter.

Fox, Henderson and three other men on their way, in Fox's car, to the basketball games at State College, collided with another car, at Nittany. Henderson was taken to the Lock Haven hospital in a serious condition, and died the following morning, as related in these columns in last week's issue of this paper.

Carl has again opened his ice cream parlor for the season.

DO NOT PASTURE COWS TOO EARLY, IS WARNING

Practice Detrimental to Both Pasture
and Cows—Buying Feed More
Profitable.

In the spring Centre county dairymen anxiously await the day when they can turn their cows out to pasture. Early pasturing is not only detrimental to the pasture but it is also unadvisable from the standpoint of the dairy cow herself. Use of the pasture before the young grass gets a start in the spring seriously interferes with the recovery of the grass after it is fed off and so lessens the production of the pasture for the year.

Grass is a bulky watery feed containing approximately 75 to 90 per cent of water, depending upon its maturity. It is rich in mineral matter, medium high in protein, but low in energy producing nutrients. The protein and mineral matter in grass are of a high quality which combined with its succulent nature gives it a superior power to stimulate the secretion of milk. Due to its succulent nature, however, it is impossible for a cow to consume enough grass to supply the required nutrients for high milk production, even when it is time to turn the cows out to pasture.

It is more profitable to purchase feed for the few remaining weeks rather than pasture the cows too early, and thus decrease the efficiency of both the cows and the pasture. After they are turned out to pasture it is also advisable to feed some grain. Without additional feed the cow must call upon her reserve to make up the deficiency. This means a loss of flesh which may not show in the milk pail immediately but will result in a lower production later in the season.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL.

A daughter born to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Miller, at Centre Hill, has been named Helen Lois.

Samuel Bltner, a valued employee of the Kerlin poultry farm, is driving a new Ford coupe.

C. M. Muffly, of Howard, was appointed a jury commissioner, succeeding the late Joseph A. Emerick.

Mr. and Mrs. Philip Bradford, of Leont, were guests on Sunday at the home of the former's brother, Clyde E. Bradford, in Centre Hall.

The senior class of the Gregg Township Vocational school will hold a box social on Friday evening. You are invited to be present and bring a box with you.

One hundred and ten prisoners from the Eastern Penitentiary, Philadelphia, were carried to the Rockview pen over the local branch on Friday. They occupied two coaches and are all short-term men.

Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Smith have set up housekeeping in the Bartholomew flat. Much of last week was spent in cleaning up and arranging the new furniture. Mr. Smith devotes most of his time to auctioneering.

The little daughter born to Mr. and Mrs. William Bradford, in Centre Hall, on Friday afternoon, has been named Joyce. Mrs. C. A. Bauer, R. N., of Pittsburgh, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde E. Bradford, is the nurse in charge.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Gelin and the former's sister, Miss Ellen Gelin, of Greensburg, were in Centre Hall from Saturday until Monday, guests of Mrs. Gelin's father, H. E. Shreckengast. The visit was necessarily a short one, due to Mrs. Gelin being a public school teacher in Greensburg.

After serving the Pennsylvania railroad company for a period of forty-six years, D. S. Cope, at the age of seventy years, voluntarily retired. For nineteen years he was a telegraph operator and the remainder of the time agent at Montandon. He will be succeeded by Thomas Houghton, former chief clerk.

The construction of a new opera house in Bellefonte, on the Wilson Hill property next to the Elks home, is assured. The buildings on the site are to be razed within a short time. The seating capacity of the auditorium is to be 1000. It is to have a modern arranged stage and equipped with a pipe organ.

A Chevrolet touring car took a head-on plunge into a massive telephone pole at the intersection of the roads on the "diamond" in Millheim, on Friday morning, resulting in a badly damaged car, and occupants cut by flying glass. It appears the car was going east through Millheim and attempted to turn down the road toward Coburn, but a heavy truck is said to have been in such a position as to give the driver of the car the alternative of striking the truck or the telephone pole, and he chose the latter.

ROAD BUILDINGS CONTRACTS HAVE BEEN SIGNED.

The Last Bit of Formality Having
Been Completed, Work Will
Doubtless Begin Shortly.

The fact that the Whitlock quarries have the contract for furnishing the 8,000 or more tons of stone for the construction of the reinforced concrete pavement over Nittany Mountain, indicates that the construction work will begin at the southern terminus of the road which is in Centre Hall borough. The length of this road is a little over two miles. The contractors are the Reitz Bros. Construction Company, of Sunbury. It appears the contract following the award has been signed, and that now it is simply a matter of a little time until actual work will be commenced. The cement for the work was contracted for through Bradford & Co.

The Miller Construction Co., of Punxsutawney, which has the contract for the 16-mile stretch of concrete road from Snow Shoe Intersection to Port Matilda, has distributed its equipment at Unionville, Martha and Port Matilda and expects to have 200 laborers on the job in about ten days. Representatives of the company have established headquarters at John F. Holt's hotel at Unionville. This contract calls for \$1,252,423. Crushed limestone for the concrete will be furnished by the American Lime & Stone Co., about 50,000 tons being required.

The upper Bald Eagle valley section of about 5 miles of concrete from Port Matilda to Bald Eagle, will cost \$410,828, and will be built by J. M. Hutchinson, of Altoona. The crushed stone for the concrete will be furnished by the American Lime & Stone Co. About 25,000 tons will be required.

The Snow Shoe mountain road, about 8 miles of concrete, will be built by James & Michelson, Inc., of Johnstown. The contract price is \$458,762. The American Lime & Stone Co. has the stone contract.

Protection Against Deer.

Approval by the governor of the bill of Representative Haines, of Bucks county, providing that the State bear half the cost of erecting wire fences to protect farm crops and fruit orchards from damage by deer, was among twenty-nine bills approved by the governor and announced Friday night.

The Haines bill provides that the expenses shall be paid from the game fund, the owner or tenant of the farm property bearing the other half of the cost of the fences. Provision is also made by which the game commission may furnish the wire and staples and the owner or tenant perform the work of building the fence.

Letter From Rev. Bingham.

New Kingstown, Pa., Mar. 31, 1925.
Dear Editor:

Please find enclosed a check for \$1.50 for which enter my name as a subscriber to the Centre Reporter. We always enjoyed the weekly visits of your paper in our home and are exceedingly anxious to receive the news of our former home and friends in our new home. I want to thank you heartily for the favors extended during the time we lived in Centre Hall.

We think we will all like our new home very much after we are settled a little more and become better acquainted.
Yours truly,
J. F. BINGMAN.

LOOK AT YOUR LABEL THIS WEEK

Instead of the regular yellow-colored label usually on your Reporter (or wrapper), you will find the PINK label this week, denoting that credits have been given on subscription paid. All papers carry the pink label, but only where payments have been recently made are changes in dates to be observed. If your credit does not correspond with money paid, report error at once.

It is easy to determine your standing with this newspaper. "Mar25" means that your paper is paid TO March 1st, 1925; in every case except July the month of the year is shown; "25" means your paper is paid to July 1st, 1925. Of course, such numerals as 23, 24, mean that you are in arrears, and nothing will please the publishers more than to receive the remittance which will bring your label up to date. If YOU are one to whom this gentle reminder applies, we hope and trust you will not wait until we write you, but send the money without delay. Your standing is before you plainly every week.

\$2500 MOLLER ORGAN FOR LUTHERAN CHURCH

Millheim Lutherans Are Having Organ
Equipped With Chimes In-
stalled—Kurzenknabe Donates the
Chimes.

The Lutheran congregation at Millheim, Rev. H. F. Dambenspeck, pastor, is having installed in their church a Moller duplex pneumatic pipe organ. It will be electrically operated and has five stops, three of which are duplex. It is equipped with Deagan chimes, which are high class in every respect, the cost of which alone is well on to \$1000. The chimes are a gift of the Kurzenknabe children and are presented in memory of their parents.

The organ is now being set up and this week will be tuned and tried out so as to be ready for the dedicatory service on Sunday, Easter day. The receipt on Friday evening will be given by Prof. Percy M. Linebaugh, of Susquehanna University. He will also have a violin accompanist. Prof. Linebaugh will also preside on Easter day, when the organ will be dedicated.

Mrs. Albert H. Stover, one of the members of the congregation, is preparing to preside at the organ at the regular services after Easter.

Found Dead in Burning Bed.

Lying in a burning bed, with a bullet through her abdomen and a revolver clutched in her hand, the body of Mrs. Gertrude Custard was found by a neighbor at the home in Mill Hall, Friday morning about 10 o'clock. It is thought by neighbors that the death was by suicide, as Mrs. Custard had been despondent since the death of her husband about a year ago.

The woman, who was aged about sixty years, was seen about her home earlier in the morning as usual. At 10 o'clock, a neighbor went into the house to speak with her. Not finding Mrs. Custard downstairs, the neighbor went upstairs to look for her and discovered the apparent suicide. The face, hands and body were burned.

It is not known whether the bed was set afire by the discharge of the revolver or whether the fire was started by Mrs. Custard in order to conceal the suicide. Mrs. Custard is survived by a sister, Mrs. Dora Stiver, of Butler.

Seven Mi. Road to Be Built.

A Millroy correspondent to the Lewistown Gazette has this bit of news of interest to Penns Valley people: It has been announced that the State Department of Highways has decided to build an improved road from Millroy to the Centre county line and work will be started in the near future. This will mean plenty of work in this vicinity this year and will be a good thing for the town. It had been a matter of doubt if the road would be built this year, but the matter has been finally decided.

Windup of Old Age Pensions.

The affairs of the Old Age Assistance Commission will be wound up and a report of its two years work will be published by a commission created a few days ago when the Governor approved the McCraig bill, providing for the appointment of three commissioners to do the work. The bill carries an appropriation of \$2000. The original commission was wiped out of existence by the State Supreme Court, which held the Act of 1923 creating it unconstitutional.

Sheffield's Co. at Coburn.

Negotiations were completed whereby the Sheffield Fams Co. of New York, with a branch plant at Bellefonte, acquired ownership of the Coburn Farm Products Co., as predicted in these columns several weeks ago. Possession will be granted the new owners August 1st, 1925.

The Coburn plant, with a capacity exceeding 12,000 pound of milk a day, has been in existence for five years, having developed from the Korman Creamery.

A Fifty Million Dollar Map.

A map is just nearing completion in the United States which will cost about \$50,000,000. It is a good topographic map, an exact physical survey of every square mile, indeed every acre of the country.

"For each of these acres," says Governor James Hartsess, of Vermont, president of the American Engineering Council, "it must show not only every road and railroad, every bridge, every house, and every other work of man exactly where it belongs, but it must also show every natural feature, every river, creek and lake, every hill, mountain and slope, each in its exact relation to everything else."

This map will be invaluable in case of war and no less valuable in the arts of peace.

SUDDEN DEATH OF JOHN RAYMOND

Died While Sitting in Barn, on Henry
Houser Farm, Linden Hall.

John Raymond was found dead by Henry Houser, Thursday morning of last week, in the barn floor on the Houser farm, near Linden Hall. Mr. Raymond had been assisting Mr. Houser to bag chow and grain, and was sent by Mr. Houser to the barn floor to procure sacks. He failed to return in the time the errand could have been done, and this led Mr. Houser to investigate as to the delay. On entering the barn floor he found his helper seated on the tongue of one of the implements stored there and when he attempted to arouse him he discovered death had overtaken him. There apparently had been no struggle.

Mr. Raymond was aged seventy-one years on January 1st. He was a son of William and Jane (Dunlap) Raymond, and was born in a tenant house on the Alexander farm, at Old Fort. His wife, who before marriage was Miss Christina Breen, died about twenty years ago. There survive one son, Harry, in Bellefonte, and a daughter, Mrs. George Erhart, Reedsville. Three brothers and a sister also survive the deceased, namely: James W. Centre Hall; David, Sunbury; William, Oak Hall Station; and Mrs. William Duesy, Tyrone.

Interment was made at Pleasant Gap Sunday afternoon, the pastor of the Bellefonte Evangelical church officiating.

Supl. Visits Y. B. B.

The State superintendent of the Y. P. B. Miss Lenadell Wiggins, of Tunklannock, was in Centre Hall Wednesday and Thursday of last week in the interest of that work. Wednesday evening the Y. P. B. met at the home of Mrs. S. W. Smith, where a short program was given by the members and several others gave selections. Miss Wiggins devoted a period explaining the work being done throughout the state and gave much encouragement to the young people here. Seventeen members attended the gathering, and there were present three or four others interested in the work.

Thursday evening a meeting was held in the Lutheran church out of which grew an organization of the L. T. L. branch of the work. This organization takes in the children. Twenty-two boys and girls enrolled as members. The officers appointed were Susan Anna Heckman, president; Richard Bailey, vice president; Isabel Bradford, secretary; John Spzyker, treasurer. Other members are as follows: William Wiggins, Bruce Hartley, Muth Bailey, Warren Homan, Harold Dunkle, John Spzyker, Berton Snyder, Kenneth Snyder, Franklin Moyer, Lee Meyer, Bettie Ebricht, Margaret McClenahan, Sarah Smith, Thelma Brunger, Marion Smith, Gladys Smith, Lorraine Brungart, Helen Stephens, Miriam Mitterling.

Miss Wiggins and Mrs. E. V. Goodhart, the local Y. P. B. superintendent, visited the Millheim schools on Thursday with the view of creating an interest among the children in that town, and they are hoping for the organization of both branches of the work there.

Would You Believe It!

It is said that one of the county's truest sportsmen, a member of the State Fish Commission, was approached by a warden the other day while fishing, and asked if he knew the fish laws. "Sure thing," was the quick response. The warden then made known the fact that fishing with three rods, as the gentleman was doing, was illegal. We want to believe he didn't know it was illegal, but we sure do think that for one in his position he should have known it.

Forestry Planting Demonstration Near Spring Mills.

There will be a forestry planting demonstration at Prof. W. P. Hosterman's, one-half mile east of Spring Mills, Saturday morning at 9:30. C. R. Anderson, forestry specialist of State College, will give a talk on the value and method of securing trees from the State free of charge and demonstrate the proper method of planting. Every farmer should be interested in planting some of his waste land.

Likes the News from Old Home Town.

Baltimore, Md., April 3, 1925.
The Reporter:
Kindly change the address for mailing "The Reporter" to 1705 Clifton Ave., Baltimore, Md. Instead of Towson, Md., R. F. D. 6, and oblige.

Always anxious to read the news of the old home town, and make weekly trips to Happle's, at Towson, on the day the paper is due to arrive. However, it will arrive a day sooner in town.
Respectfully,
MRS. ERNEST A. FRANK.

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS.

A new Chevrolet touring car has been purchased by E. W. Crawford through the Homan Garage.

William Kern moved last week from the Benner farm, Old Fort, to the Dr. C. F. Smith farm, near Penn Hall.

Mrs. Harry W. Weaver and little daughter, of Altoona, were guests at the W. F. Colyer home for a few days. It was a loud blast heard from the Pittsburgh-Easton air line low grade railroad, but it didn't come from the engines running on the rails.

William F. McKinney, the forester located in the State House in Seven Mountains, was a caller at this office Friday. He is delighted over the passage of the \$25,000,000 bond issue for reforestation.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Stump and Mrs. Stump's mother, Mrs. Eliza Stump, on Friday went to Pine Grove Mills where Mrs. Samuel Stump was rendered professional services by Dentist Krebs.

Frank P. Duck, of near Madisonburg, and A. L. Duck, of Spring Mills, a nephew of the former, were callers at this office on Saturday, and from here the gentlemen went to Bellefonte on a business mission.

Mrs. Mary Ernest, of Millfintown, visited her sister, Mrs. Sarah Stover, at the home of a daughter, Mrs. John H. Durst, in Centre Hall, Mrs. Stover beginning of this week was very ill, with little hopes for recovery.

The omnibus road bill adding approximately 1,150 miles to the State highway system, was passed by the House. This bill includes the two roads in Centre county, one from State College to Waddle and the other from Stormstown to Port Matilda.

A bill passed by the lower house in Harrisburg permits boards of education to set aside one hour in the school week when children may visit the churches of their selective denominations for instruction in the Bible and religious matters.

Messrs. Edgar Miller, Orvis Horner, W. J. Royer, and D. F. Young, all of Cloyer, left Thursday morning of last week at 4 o'clock, for Harrisburg and Reading, by automobile, reaching the latter place an hour before noon. After transacting some business they started for home, reaching here at 11 o'clock that night.

Lime stone chips are being hauled by State highway trucks along the highway between Centre Hall and the Millfin-Centre county line. The Brush Valley road, east of Centre Hall, will not be oiled and chipped this summer. The caretaker, Samuel Stump, will only be given sufficient stone to do patching.

A consignment of India lace valued at \$100 has been received by Mrs. S. P. Greenhoe at the Lutheran parsonage, and is on sale there. Interested parties are invited to call and inspect the goods. There is no profit to Mrs. Greenhoe or any organization in selling the lace; all of the proceeds must be turned over to the Mission board.

Mrs. A. E. Person and Mrs. C. W. Hick came to Centre Hall Friday morning from Trenton, N. J., and awaited the arrival of the former's mother, Mrs. Margaret Strohm, who had been with her daughter, Mrs. A. R. Burkholder, in Flemington, N. J., on that afternoon. Saturday, Mr. Person and Mr. Hicks drove here by car and Sunday returned home, taking with them their wives.

The postoffice room at Centre Hall has been enlarged by more than fifty per cent by extending the room to the rear. This was done by enclosing the space between the Reporter building now owned by the First National bank, and the Bartholomew building on the north. Postmaster E. M. Smith states that his office has done sufficient business in 1924 to place it from the third to the second grade of office. There are but two other second class offices in Centre county—Bellefonte and Phillipsburg. State College is the only first-class office in the county.

Capt. George M. Boal, who has been confined to the house during most of the time since mid-winter and for a few weeks past to his bed, is not improving. He is not suffering from pain, but is growing noticeably weaker as time goes on, and to a large extent has lost interest in things about him and in life itself. He celebrated his eighty-sixth birthday on St. Patrick's day and is the oldest male citizen in the borough. Up to within a few months no one—young or old—enjoyed life more than he. His children and many friends still hope that he will recover and again be able to mingle with them.