



INTEREST ON BOND ISSUES HEAVY LOAD FOR TAXPAYERS

New Issues by State Local Government Agencies in Pennsylvania in 1923 and 1924 Aggregated More Than \$100,000,000.

Interest charges on new bonds issued by the State, municipal, county, and other local government agencies in Pennsylvania since 1915 are "eating up" the taxpayers, according to the national industrial conference board.

Scarcely a community of any size in the commonwealth has failed to catch the "contagion of easy borrowing" during the past few years, with the result that new issues during 1923 and 1924 aggregated more than \$100,000,000, a survey made by that organization revealed.

The sum of money that taxpayers of the State are required to pay each year as interest on loans floated since 1913 is said to be larger than the average total annual borrowings of the State and local governments during the pre-war decade 1904 and 1913.

Bringing the tax burden down to the individual rate payer, the conference board states that total expenditures for State and local government in Pennsylvania during 1923 amounted to an equivalent of \$58.71 for each woman and child in the commonwealth.

Out of this total, \$15.69 went for education and libraries, \$12.03 for highways, \$9.69 for interest and amortization charges, \$3.97 for protection of persons and property, \$2.83 for general health and sanitation service, \$3.24 for administration and general government expenses, \$2.74 for charities, hospitals and correctional institutions, \$1 for recreation and \$3.60 for public service enterprises.

On the basis of 1923 figures, educational work bulks largest in the expenditures by State and local governments in Pennsylvania, while highway construction absorbed an almost equally large amount. Charitable and penal institutions represent the next largest item of upkeep.

The industrial board regards many of these items as "fixed charges" that must be carried by the taxpayers for years to come. The tendency, it declares, is to increase rather than to diminish outlays; this has the effect of nullifying reductions in federal taxes, which are said to constitute a minor part of the load that is being borne by Keystone citizens.

The Telephone 50 Years Old.

The fiftieth anniversary of the birth of the telephone will be observed on Wednesday, March 10, by some 32,000 men and women in the service of the Bell System, as well as several thousand in the employ of connecting companies, each of whom will wear on that date a button commemorative of the first telephone conversation.

It was on March 10, 1876, that Alexander Graham Bell working in a little attic of a house in Boston spoke to his assistant Thomas A. Watson who was in another room on the same floor. For months and months they had been conducting experiments with crude box-like instruments connected with wire and almost a year previously had been able to transmit mechanical sounds but never before had the voice been successfully transmitted. Dr. Watson is still living and is hale and hearty.

Using waste is one of the methods employed by all industries that prosper and make an interest return on capital invested. With this in mind the Coburn Grain and Creamery company, at Coburn, regularly feeds shovels with a view of utilizing skim milk and butter milk to advantage. Mr. Malone, manager of the plant in question, recently went to Pittsburgh to purchase a car load of shovels. Hogs are rather scarce in the valley and this made the purchase from farmers out of the question.

Penn State's Baseball Schedule.

A seventeen-game schedule, including feature contests with Cornell, the Navy, Princeton, University of Pennsylvania, and Syracuse, has been arranged for the Penn State baseball team this spring.

The only game carded for commencement week is the alumni game. A game with Navy is the outstanding attraction of the home season. The dates:

April 10, Juniata, home; April 17, Cornell, at Ithaca; April 23 and 24, Gettysburg, home; April 28, Susquehanna, home; May 1, Ursinus, home; May 5, Dickinson, home; May 8, Navy, home; May 12, Villanova, home; May 15, West Virginia Wesleyan, home; May 19, Princeton, at Princeton; May 20, Penn., at Philadelphia; May 21, Syracuse, at Syracuse; May 29, Marietta, home; June 5, Bucknell, home; June 8, Bucknell, at Lewisburg; June 12, Alumni.

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LOTTIE TILLOTSON, LECTURER, IS GIVEN HER DUES

Termed Fake and Crook by Reformed Ministerial Association Secretary.

A lecturer, Miss Lottie Tillotson, is here given a bit of free advertising, hoping that advertising pays—the public. The lecturer was here and gone. She can drive a contract, to say the least. Her contracts call for expenses to and from the places she lectures, giving her double fare. In making out her bill here she was careful to make a 22-cent bill 25 cents, and a 44-cent bill 50 cents. She goes fifty-fifty, all but on one thing: If her contract is cancelled for any reason, you pay her \$100.00. She exhibited a check here for \$65 which she termed a "compromise" check.

At Oak Hall the lecturer was visited by a Pennsy cop, or collector of some kind, who claimed, it is said, she made changes on her baggage checks while traveling on the P. R. R.

The following is from the Reformed Church Messenger, a February number, which gives a good picture of the woman:

"Rev. O. R. Frantz, Minersville, Pa., secretary of the Ministerial Association of the Schuylkill Classis, writes in behalf of this Association, as follows:

"There is a certain woman, Miss Lottie Tillotson, apparently about 55 years old, who has been preying upon these sections by making contracts with societies, churches, public schools, etc., to present an illustrated lecture on Hawaii. Many of the Reformed churches have fallen into her net. She is shrewd enough to make such contracts and enforce them and make settlement in such a way as to make it mostly of financial advantage to herself (takes people unaware). All churches, etc., as far as we have found out, are dissatisfied with her lecture and with her conduct and dealings. The methods she uses to secure a contract are quite objectionable. All parties who had any dealings with her dislike her, even hate her, and look upon her as a fake and a crook. Serious doubt is expressed whether she has ever seen Hawaii, or any other part of the globe outside of the United States proper.

"Ministers and churches, take warning."

The Millheim Journal in its issue of February 25, reprinted the Messenger article and added this:

Miss Lottie Tillotson was scheduled to appear in Coburn on Saturday evening, in Millheim on Monday evening, and in Spring Mills on Tuesday evening. All of these engagements were cancelled because satisfactory explanation of her conduct could not be given to the contracting parties.

She is alleged to have changed the weights shown on her baggage checks at Coburn on Monday morning, and to have trimmed A. B. Dietrich out of the price of a pint of milk.

The Sheffield Farms Company began receiving milk at their new plant Monday morning. The old plant, erected by the Howard Creamery company, later purchased by Progress Grange, and by them sold to the Dewart Milk Products Company, who sold to the Sheffield concern, has been closed. It is understood that the milk train that heretofore ran only to Spring Mills on Sundays will now come on through to Centre Hall every Sunday evening.

FATAL HUNTING ACCIDENTS IN 1925 TOTAL 52

Increase Over the 1924 Season Shown by Report of Secretary of State Game Commission.

Fifty-two fatal and 229 non-fatal accidents were the toll for the 1925 hunting season in Pennsylvania, Seth E. Gordon, secretary of the game commission announced in a final report of the season. This is an increase over the 1924 season when the fatalities totalled thirty-eight and non-fatalities 131.

Twenty-seven of the fatal and eighty-six of the non-fatal accidents were self-inflicted and twenty-five fatal and 143 non-fatal were inflicted by others. Seven fatal and thirteen non-fatal accidents took place when persons were killed or injured in mistake for game. Of the fatalities twenty-three occurred in the fields, twenty-six in forests and three in conveyances. The reports showed that shotguns caused more accidents than other fire-arms, thirty-one fatal and 190 non-fatal occurring through their use. There were twenty fatalities and thirty-one non-fatalities in the use of rifles and one fatality and four non-fatalities as a result of the use of revolvers.

Sixteen persons under eighteen years of age were responsible for infliction of fatal wounds, while seven under that age were victims of self-inflicted wounds.

POTTER TOWNSHIP YOUTH IS FATALLY INJURED

Earl S. Young Dies at Lewistown Hospital—Burial at Zion Hill Wednesday.

The bursting of an emery wheel in an axe factory at Yeagertown resulted in injuries to Earl S. Young, on Thursday of last week, that resulted in his death on Sunday morning at the Lewistown hospital. The flange of the wheel also broke, and it was a portion of this that struck the young man, fracturing the skull, gouging out an eye, breaking the nose, knocking out four teeth and otherwise inflicting injuries. He was at once taken to the Lewistown hospital where he was given every possible attention, but death came as noted above.

The body was brought to Centre Hall by Undertaker F. V. Goddard, on Sunday, and on being prepared for burial was taken to the home of the father, David F. Young, at Colyer. Interment was made at Zion Hill cemetery, on Wednesday.

There survive the deceased his father and three brothers, namely, Frank, Reedville, with whom he had his home; and Frederick and Lowell, at home.

It had been determined by the young man, whose age was 23 years, 10 months and 24 days, to discontinue work at the factory the day following the accident. He had been in Bellefonte during the forepart of the week and had made application for a place on the State road force in Centre county. He was an industrious young man, and because of the fact that he had worked but for four days a week, he endeavored to better his condition. Almost a year ago he secured a life insurance policy for \$1000, taking advantage of the double indemnity in case of accidental death. He was a single man. His father was made the beneficiary of his life insurance.

County S. S. Convention.

The Centre County Sunday School convention will hold its 1925 sessions in Centre Hall in June. The several Sunday schools here have invited them to do so. The meetings will likely be held in the Lutheran church. The Reformed church was used the last time the convention was held here.

Celebrated 60th Anniversary.

Postmaster R. M. Smith celebrated his sixtieth birthday Thursday of last week, and to do so properly he invited to his home his children and their families, together with a few friends. The evening was spent in social intercourse and eating of choice refreshments previously prepared. The guests present were: Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Smith and family; Mr. and Mrs. Earl Frazier and family; Mr. and Mrs. R. Willard Smith and family; Even M. Smith, Hugh Smith, Daniel Daup, Jr., Mrs. Helen Bitner, Edwin Bitner, Miss Stella Hosterman, Sarah, Marion, Gladys and Roberta Smith, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Frazier, Daniel Daup, Sr., Mr. and Mrs. Frank D. Smith, Elwood Smith, Miss Ida Frazier, Mrs. Lloyd Brown, Miss Tillie Keller and W. F. Keller.

Heavy Tax on Distillers.

The federal government will seek to recover several millions of dollars from Pennsylvania dry law violators as retail liquor dealers tax under provisions of the prohibition act, it has been made known by counsel for the prohibition unit at Pittsburgh.

The tax will be determined by the quantity of liquor sold, Wade Heilman, federal counsel, said. Tax amounting to \$90,000 has already been assessed against Pittsburgh saloonkeepers and bartenders, he added, and where payment is refused the plan of action calls for recourse to court.

The attorney explained that individuals who manufacture liquor are subject to a tax of \$2,000 as distillers, a penalty of \$2,000 under the prohibition act and a tax of \$4.60 on each gallon of liquor made.

The first week of court adjourned Thursday morning. A considerable number of trivial cases were heard Wednesday, but none of them were of a character to warrant space in newspapers. Court spectators showed considerable interest in the case of the commonwealth vs. George Mothersbaugh, of Rush township. He was cutting timber, and an adjoining owner claimed he cut over the line and swore out a warrant for his arrest. When the officers undertook to serve it, Mothersbaugh resisted and although well on in years, left deep "impressions" on the officers. The charge on which he was sentenced to not less than three nor more than six months in jail was for resisting an officer, and assault.

William F. Colyer and W. L. Jacobs, on Monday, made a trip to Altoona.

NEAR TRAGEDY

Follows Accidental Gash in Shinbone—Shot from Gun Raises Boy's Hat; Kills Family Horse.

It was only by the narrowest margin that the head of a boy of seven was not blown off instead of that of the family horse. It was so near that the lad's hat was actually raised from his head; the horse was instantly killed. The hair-raising incident happened in the stable of John Mowery, three miles west of Centre Hall, on Thursday of last week, and at the time that Mr. Mowery, the head of the family, had been carried to his home from the woods where he had cut a deep gash in his leg over the shin bone. Dr. Morrow was called to dress the wound which was effected by drawing the gaping wound together and stitching it.

Mr. Mowery had been annoyed by "chippies" working at his corn house in a crib at the stable. He took his gun to the barn, watched, but no "chippies." He decided to leave his gun in the entry, go to the woods, cut a bit of wood, return, enter the barn on the second floor and from the entry door get his gun. This was the plan, but it miscarried. While cutting wood, Mr. Mowery cut his leg, and it was a loud call that brought Jerry Smith, a neighbor, to his rescue. Mr. Smith carried the injured man to his home, where surgical attention was given.

After the commotion at the Mowery home, due to the accident befalling Mr. Mowery, had subsided, two of the children—aged nine and seven years—went to the stable. Unfortunately, the first thing of special interest discovered was dad's shot gun. In the meantime the younger of the boys had climbed into the manger and was cleaning "Dobbin's" trough for the feed of grain due him soon. The brother was examining the gun, when it was discharged, the full charge of shot lodging in the horse's head, instantly killing him. As before stated, the blast of wind caused by the discharge of the weapon, swept the youth's hat from his head.

It was a near tragedy, surely.

"Stand By Us a Little Longer."

The "Golden Rule Children" so they name these children whom American philanthropy has saved and is now educating. Some one has called it "the greatest child education experiment in the history of the world, carried on in the best possible circumstances, keeping in view always the most permanent and desirable results."

Everyone will recall that his organization took as its field the tremendous number of orphans left as a legacy of the war in the six countries of the Near East. In its early years it gathered, cared for, and settled over 100,000 children. Then came the burning of Smyrna and the international adjustments which caused the so-called exchange of populations, and threw a million persons into refugeeism. Great companies of children, 20,000 at one time, marched on journeys lasting from three to six months, \$2 per cent under 14 years and \$3 per cent under 12. Thousands of them were making their fourth or fifth migration since the war, homeless and utterly dependent on Near East Relief. In addition was the work for adult refugees.

There are now over 35,000 children in orphanages stretching over six countries. These vary in size from the Birds Nest Orphanage in Syria, with its 400 birds, and the Dolls' House at Cephalonia, with 800 kindergartners, to the huge orphanage at Alexandropol with its many thousands. On the island of Syria, famed in Homer as "a place where death never comes nor are people plagued by sickness" are 2500 children in buildings largely made by their own hands, and they are being taught trades in connection with the 21 industries on the island, preparatory to settling through the Near East as results of American idealism. As a by-product Near East Relief has reduced the number of trachoma sufferers, among 30,000 children, from 65 to 21 per cent; has checked typhus in four countries and has stamped out the malarial swamps of Corinth and Samsoun. Isn't this work well worth while, and won't the people of Centre county, so generous in the past, "stand by them a little longer?" Charles M. McCurdy, First National Bank, Bellefonte, is treasurer for Centre county Near East Relief and will gladly receive and acknowledge any money sent to him. \$5 will support a child in an orphanage for one month.

A new bridge is to span the Susquehanna river between Watsonstown, Northumberland county, and White Deer, in Union county. The fight has been on for fourteen years, but finally an absolute order was issued by Judge Whitehead, in Williamsport.

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TO FILE OR NOT TO FILE INCOME.

How Persons Doubled Up or Singles Unattached Fare Under New Law—Exemptions Are Explained.

Do you know when you have to file a federal income tax return—when you are liable under the revenue act to prepare one of those complicated blanks, and file it with the U. S. collector? Not every person knows that, even if he does not have to pay any tax, he may still be required to file a detailed statement, telling of his income and business expenses in the previous twelve months. Babies or no babies, dependents or no dependents, you may still be liable for a return, known as a non-taxable return.

Under the old revenue acts, when income taxpayers were given a \$2,500 personal exemption for husband and wife to use for personal living expenses, and the unattached man with no wife to worry him or babies to buy shoes for, was allotted \$1,000 to "spurt around with" by your uncle, it simply meant that if your net earnings from all sources, after deducting business expenses of every character, did not reach those sums in either case, no report had to be compiled or filed.

But even if a couple earned net \$2,500 and had one child, giving them an added exemption of \$400 or \$2,900 total, a return had to be filed—but no tax paid. If a single man or woman had no dependents, and had a net \$1,000 earning in any calendar year, a return was required, for the revenue act fixed the liability for filing at \$1,000 net, despite the fact that an exemption of \$1,000 was allowed. This would be a non-taxable return.

Now, under the new law, which is to be approved by the Senate and House conferees in a day or two, no returns are to be filed by a married couple unless their net income exceeds \$3,500, the new personal exemption in the new law, or by a single person if the net income does not exceed \$1,500, which is the new exemption for unmarried persons. If an unmarried person with a net income of \$1,750 or \$1,501 for that, has a little sister or brother, an aged mother or father, or both, or any other person who is dependent on him for support, provided they are under the age of eighteen, or physically or mentally incapacitated, though over eighteen, he is entitled to an exemption of \$400 for each dependent, in addition to the \$1,500 specified as an exemption. He would still be required to file a non-taxable return, because his net income of \$1,501 or \$1,750, as the case may be, exceed the exemption allowance.

Clear as mud, isn't it?

Negro, Wife Slayer, Goes to Chair.

Thomas Legins, 28, a negro, was electrocuted at the Rockview penitentiary on Monday for the murder of his wife in Philadelphia on March 22, 1924.

Legins went to the chair at 7:02 a. m., and was pronounced dead at 7:06 a. m. by Dr. C. G. Newcomb, prison physician.

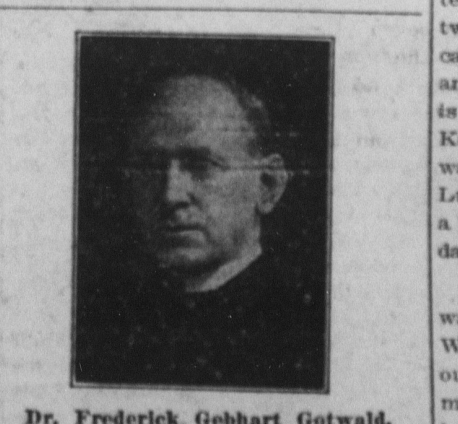
During his last moments, the negro made a full confession to the Rev. Laocosta Harewood, pastor of a Philadelphia negro church, and to the Rev. C. E. Kolb, penitentiary physician.

The electrocution of Legins makes the 154th man to undergo capital punishment in this State by the electric chair since it has been in service for the last eleven years.

According to a recent estimate by the State Welfare Department, every electrocution costs the State \$125.33. This amount is divided as follows: Attendants and electricians, \$104.25; legal papers and postage, \$2.10; casket and burial \$14.30; meals, \$2.10; uniform, \$3.50; electricity, \$2.50; telephone tolls, \$4.60; incidentals, 98 cents.

New Spring Millinery.

I wish to announce that I have received a lot of new spring hats which you are invited to come and see. Prices are reasonable.—Mrs. Lucy Henney Centre Hall.



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TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS.

March came in wonderfully meek. Monday was all lamb-like, not at all Bohish.

Frank D. Lee was the guest of his brother, Hiram Lee, at State College, over Sunday.

The re-appointment of William L. Swann as postmaster at Millheim was recently confirmed by the U. S. Senate.

Mrs. George R. Meiss, of Colyer, returned from Altoona, on Saturday, where she visited Mrs. Robert Boal for a few days.

John A. Kline is now in Conemaugh with a daughter, Mrs. J. W. Cann, and will get Centre county news through the Reporter.

A. R. Mowery, who is employed in the Altoona P. R. R. shops, was at his home, west of Centre Hall, for a few days the past week.

Miss Anna Sweeney, of Boalsburg, is at the home of her aunt, Mrs. Lizzie M. Jacobs, in Centre Hall, and will remain for a week or more.

A carload of chestnut coal was shipped to Centre Hall railroad station last week. The Kerlin poultry plant received the entire consignment.

Application has been made to the Governor for a charter for Woodward Cave. The petitioners are L. L. Weaver, Tammie V. Keller and Harry Zieme.

Among the marriage licenses issued recently in Millifin county appeared that of Lawrence R. Musser, of Centre Hall, and Miss Grace M. Bower, of Bellefonte.

The proceeds of a game between the Giants and Washington Senators on the Polo Grounds at New York on July 7 will be devoted to the erection of a memorial to Christy Mathewson, at Bucknell College.

The Chemical Lime Company at Bellefonte has a contract from the State to furnish 165,000 tons of crushed stone for road building and chipping. The amount of stone is equal to 3300 car loads of fifty tons each.

Claude E. Musser, associate editor of the Millheim Journal, narrowly escaped losing several fingers in the paper cutter in the Journal print shop, several days ago. The knife was checked in its descent after it had cut midway into the fingers.

Calvin S. Bodtort, of Colyer, recently celebrated a birthday and for the occasion received a beautifully decorated cake from his son, John E. Bodtort, a baker of large experience at Jersey Shore. Mr. Bodtort shared the sweets with many of his friends.

The Centre County Hospital is to have a financial manager in the person of William H. Brown, former recorder of Centre county, at a salary of \$150 per month, or \$1800 per annum. The patients, etc., will be under the management of the superintendent as heretofore.

A most talented musical group under the name of "The Esther Jean Runyan Trio" gave a delightful entertainment in Grange Hall on Friday evening. Theirs was the fourth number in a series of five entertainments on the winter lyceum course. Miss Runyan displayed rare technique as a violinist and her companions were equally talented in song and reading.

James B. Lingie returned to his home at Chadds Ford Junction after a few days' visit to his father, L. R. Lingie, who last week suffered a paralytic stroke which affected his left side. Although yet confined to bed it is confidently expected by his family that he will be able to about again in a short time. Strength in the limbs affected is gradually returning.

After an absence from here for thirteen years, Sumner Kerstetter, for twenty years a resident of Montana, came east for a visit of four weeks among his brothers and sisters. He is the youngest son of the late Joel Kerstetter, and while in Centre Hall was a guest of his sister, Mrs. Milford Luse. Mr. Kerstetter is a fireman on a Montana railroad and left on Saturday to resume his work there.

Representatives of the State Highway Department have visited Altoona, Williamsport, and other cities and boroughs checking up the disposition made of fines imposed for automobile law violations. The checking goes back as far as to 1913. In cases where the fines have not already been paid to the State Highway Department, measures will be taken to collect them. In some instances the checkers find large sums due the department.