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TELEPHONE SERVICE BETWEEN POINTS IN PENNSYLVANIA AND LONDON INAUGURATED

You Can Now "Hello" London at \$75.00 for a Three-Minute Talk.—Failure to Get Party Sets You Back \$10.—Messages Travel 7250 Miles Over Wire and Radio Paths.

Commercial telephone service between Pennsylvania and New Jersey points and London, England, opened last Saturday morning at 8:30 o'clock. Leonard H. Kinnard, president of the Bell Telephone Company of Pennsylvania and its associated companies at that hour put through a call to the other side of the Atlantic ocean for an exchange of greetings between Pennsylvania and England over wire and radio paths measuring 7,250 miles.

This exchange consisted of a conversation between Mr. Kinnard and telephone representatives in London, and Dr. Josiah Pennington, Provost of the University of Pennsylvania, and some representatives of British science.

This extension of transatlantic telephone service follows closely the opening of the service between New York City and London on January 7. It will add to the group already in touch with the British Isles approximately 1,000,000 Bell telephones in Pennsylvania and some 250,000 instruments owned and operated by connecting companies in the State. The northern part of New Jersey was in the zone opened to London communication three weeks ago, and the inclusion of the rest of the State last Saturday added 120,000 instruments to the new service.

Service between up-state New York and England was opened on January 15, and the New England states were added January 22. On the other side of the water the area that can be reached by transatlantic telephone includes the city of London and all points within a radius of 110 miles of it. On last Saturday it was extended to include India and Wales, but not Scotland or Ireland. At the time of the New England opening several rotary and other service clubs and advertising and civic bodies originated several commercial calls to similar organizations in England. They were very much pleased with the service and resulting publicity.

The rate from Pennsylvania and New Jersey points to any point in England within reach of this service will be the same as the present rate from New York City. That is \$75.00 for three minutes or less and \$25.00 for each additional minute. Conversations are limited to twelve minutes. The service is on a person-to-person basis. In case it is not possible for the operator on the distant side of the Atlantic to locate the person wanted, a report charge of \$10.00 will be made.

Although the service for Pennsylvania and New Jersey points did not open until Saturday morning, calls for England were filled any time after 8:30 o'clock Friday morning, Jan. 28th.

To put in a call for London it will only be necessary for the subscriber to ask for "long distance" and to give to the long distance operator who she answers the name of the person wanted in England, the place where he or she can most probably be reached, and the time at which the subscriber wishes to have the connection made.

As there is only one radio-telephone circuit between this country and England it is necessary for the long distance office in New York to book the calls in the order they are received and to allot the time of the circuit as equitably as possible. After the subscriber has put in his call he will be notified when the circuit will be available for him.

It should be borne in mind that this transatlantic service is open only from 8:30 A. M. to 1:30 P. M., Eastern standard time, which is from 1:30 P. M. to 6 P. M. London time.

The officials of the Bell System have announced that all information regarding calls between this country and England must necessarily be treated as confidential, and that no information will be given out as to who has used the service, who was the first to talk from any given place, or the time or nature of the call.

London, the received transmission is handed over telephone lines and at New York long distance office it passes through the combining apparatus and is delivered to the subscriber over a regular telephone circuit.

The radio transmission both east and west-bound are on the same wave length, of approximately 5000 meters, or 60 kilocycles. This is the wave length which long experience through many years of experimentation has indicated as being the most satisfactory and reliable which the present state of the radio art makes available for this transmission. The choice of this wave length was agreed to by the engineers of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company and the British Post Office as being the most suitable in the initial transatlantic telephone channel.

As it is well known, radio transmission of every kind and on every wave length is subject to erratic disturbances and interruptions which render it materially less reliable than telephone or telegraph transmission over wires. Experience shows, however, that widely different wave lengths are not always affected to the same degree at the same time. Both very long and very short wave transmission between two points may be equally subjected to disturbances and interruption over a period of hours, days or months. It is found, however, that the periods of maximum disturbance do not always coincide. It follows that while a wave length of approximately 5000 meters is the best which present knowledge can assign for reliability on a single frequency, commercial transmission can, at times, be maintained more readily on a very short wave length.

Sunday School Class Banquet

The annual gathering of the members of the Helping Hand Sunday school class of the Lutheran church and their families, was held at the home of Mrs. John H. Durst, on 7-1/2 evening, and was attended by more than seventy. The evening was most delightfully spent.

Refreshments were served, after which a program consisting of solos, recitations and a playlet was rendered.

The following were present: Rev. and Mrs. S. F. Greenhoe, Mr. and Mrs. Charles L. Cupples, Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Gingerich, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Dutrow, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Runkle, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Durst and son Harold, Mrs. F. J. McClellan and sons Wilbur and Vinton, Mr. and Mrs. George Heckman and son George, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Alexander and daughter Margaret, Mrs. O. W. Weaver and son Carl, Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Luse and sons George and Fred, Mr. and Mrs. John Rudy and daughters Margaret, Ethel, Margaret, Jack, Belle, Louise and Harry, Jr.; Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Morrow and children Hugh, Christ, Marjorie, Roland and Billie; Mrs. N. E. Emerick and children Miriam, Dorothy, Madeline, Eugene, George and Mazie; Mr. and Mrs. Wm. McClellan and sons Robert and Philip, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Colver and children Eugene, Russell and Evelyn; Mrs. Mary Stahl, Mrs. Sarah Stover, Mrs. Oliver Strunk, Mrs. J. L. Treasler, Miss Vianna Zettle, Mrs. Bruce Stahl, of Altoona; Clarence Rudy.

After Mifflin County Offices

For associate judge, Daniel Hartsock and Charles W. Hartzell, both of Lewistown and Republicans, and Lawrence Fultz and Calvin Gray, both of Lewistown, and Democrats, Messrs. Hartsock and Fultz are the present incumbents of this office. Each party will nominate two candidates for judge and two judges will be elected.

For prothonotary, Stewart M. Peters who now occupies the office, will be a candidate for re-election. He is a Republican.

For register and recorder, W. B. Rodgers, the present incumbent of the office, is a candidate for the Republican party nomination and re-election. John W. Fleming, Republican, Lewistown, is also a candidate for this office.

For county commissioner, Thaddeus A. Crissman, of Lewistown, Republican, and Jerry T. McCartney, Redbank, a Democrat, now county commissioners, have announced themselves as being candidates for re-election.

GRANGE TO BROADCAST AT STATE COLLEGE

Many attractive features have been arranged for February broadcasts from the radio station at the Pennsylvania State College, including a farm and garden program each Monday night at 8 o'clock that will be of interest to residents of rural communities. It is estimated by the State Department of Agriculture that almost 25,000 farmers in the State have radio receiving sets and it is for this audience, and the town back-yard gardeners that the college provides timely suggestions through its radio station, WPS-C. The Penn State Grange, composed of agricultural students, will give a special program on the evening of February 14. They will provide all entertainment and lectures for the occasion.

On Saturday morning all roads were a sheet of ice, making automobile driving extremely dangerous.

FARM WOMEN ASK FOR BUILDING AT STATE COLLEGE

Recommendation that the State provide a new and fully equipped building for the instruction of young women in home economics and home-making at the Pennsylvania State College has been made by the Society of Pennsylvania Farm Women.

The women of Pennsylvania were primarily responsible for the starting of home economics instruction at State College, and are disappointed that facilities there have not grown with the greatly increasing demand by qualified applicants to be enrolled as students. Less than 150 home economics students can now be accommodated by the college.

For many years past the college trustees have appealed to the State Legislature to set aside funds for such a building among others sorely needed, but these efforts have been to no avail. The last building appropriation was made six years ago and was specified by Governor Sprout for use in the erection of a men's dormitory.

Having pledged their support to a program which will aim at provision of better facilities for home economics instruction at the college, the Society of Farm Women will present their plea to members of the Legislature.

Young Man Has Leg Broken

Harold Frazier had a rather serious mishap while hauling logs from the Kerby Wert camp region. In Seven Mountains, to the Holderman saw mill at the Krise property, now owned by the Sto-Rock hunting club of Pittsburgh. The young man was driving the team, when in some unaccountable manner he got his left leg back of the doubletree. Both bones were broken near the ankle, and in such a manner that it is impossible to reduce the fracture in the ordinary way. The accident occurred on Friday, and Saturday the young man, who is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Runkle Frazier, of Potters Mills, was taken to the Centre County hospital where an X-ray of the fracture was made. The adjusting of the bones will be made by a method commonly termed "weighting."

Tax Collector Announces Dates

Toner A. Hugg, deputy tax collector of this district, announced this week that returns for the 1926 income tax could be filed at various places in the county on the following dates: February 15 and 16, Moshannon National Bank building, Philipsburg; February 17, Post Office building, State College; February 18, 19, 21 and 23, Court house, Bellefonte; February 23, at the home of Mr. Hugg at Milesburg.

Held on Two Liquor Charges

Vincent Walker, of Bellefonte, and James C. Bennett, of DuBoistown, were arrested on Saturday evening by officers Earl Schiek and Howard Black in Williamsport.

Walker was charged before Alderman George B. Allen with driving an automobile while intoxicated, and transporting liquor. He entered a plea of guilty to both charges and in default of \$1000 bail was committed to the county jail for court. He was driving through Market square without lights on his car when stopped by the officers. Bennett, who accompanied him, was fined \$10 on a charge of resisting an officer.

TRACTOR SCHOOL AT MILLHEIM

Two days of instruction for farmers, arranged by D. W. Bradford and Charles F. Stover.—Moves on Wednesday night.

In previous years D. W. Bradford, the local International Harvester Company representative, arranged a day's schooling in the efficient handling of farm tractors, held at Centre Hall, but owing to the fire which destroyed the Hosterman garage, the place used for holding the school, Mr. Bradford and the Millheim agent, Charles F. Stover, have arranged to hold a joint school, and that at Millheim, covering a period of two days—Tuesday and Wednesday of next week. There will be morning and afternoon sessions and a wind-up Wednesday night with a motion picture show in the Municipal theatre, free to all.

Farmers who have attended these schools in the past, know what good pointers they have picked up in the way of securing greater efficiency in the use of their tractors. Several I. H. C. men will be present and answer any questions, besides giving valuable instruction and information.

Every farmer in the valley is cordially invited to be present.

Card of Thanks

The relatives of W. E. Tate extend thanks for kindnesses shown during the last illness and subsequent death of Mr. Tate.

Our most honorable John L. Holmes was placed on the following committees: Agriculture, Law and Order, Game, Forestry, Geological Survey, Judicial Appointment, and Judicial Local. The reader's attention is called to the fact John L. was not put on the public roads committee. He boasted of the fact that he and Mifflin county's representative were entitled to the honor of having the State Highway between the Centre-Mifflin county line built over the mountains instead of through the ravines as the State Highway Department originally planned to do.

Through the Frank Phillips subagency a four-cylinder Star coach was sold to Calvin C. King, of Spring Mills.

REPORT OF RED CROSS ROLL CALL

Late Summing-Up Makes Outlook for State College Chapter More Encouraging.

The final report of the Red Cross roll call, though more encouraging than earlier reports, shows that the funds in the Red Cross treasury will need additions, if a nursing service is to be conducted by the State College Chapter, of which Centre Hall is a part. The report turned in by Miss Grace Bliner, who has acted as roll call treasurer, follows:

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| 721 \$1.00 memberships | \$721.00 |
| 37 5.00 memberships | 185.00 |
| 29 2.00 memberships | 58.00 |
| 3 2.50 memberships | 7.50 |
| 1 4.00 memberships | 4.00 |
| 4 10.00 memberships | 40.00 |
| 12 3.00 memberships | 36.00 |

Total \$1051.50

This includes memberships from Boalsburg, Lemont, Centre Hall and Spring Mills, as well as from State College. Additional contributions from individuals and organizations, the American Legion, Chamber of Commerce, Rotary Club and Odd Fellows have brought the total amount to \$1933.24. Of this, \$493.50 is due National Headquarters as the 50c per membership on a total of 867 memberships. With its membership dues secured from chapters, must the national organization finance all the work it does for ex-service men and in the service, for spreading the knowledge of nutrition, first-aid and life-saving methods, for the organization of nursing service and for the scores of disasters in which it annually assists stricken communities.

The local nursing activities committee is still searching for a public health nurse, to succeed Miss Wycliff and trusts it may soon announce an appointment.

Set Date for Encampment and Fair

At a committee meeting held last week, Saturday, August 27th, was set for the opening of the next Grange Encampment and Centre County Fair, and to continue one week.

No change has been made in the general committee, but in the special committee having supervision over the Grange play contest, Prof. Curtis Watts, of Spring Mills Vocational School, takes the place of Prof. Bennett.

Four thousand cone bearing trees received from the Forestry Department will be planted this spring on the North side of Grange Park. Also, several hundred large nursery stock trees will be planted, extending the grove westward, in time furnishing the shade necessary to making the contemplated change in the camp.

Tells of Beet Sugar Industry in Nebraska

Scottsbluff, Neb., Jan. 26, 1927. Centre Reporter:

I enclosed draft to cover subscription for the Reporter. Not offering any apology, but will say this matter should have been attended to before this. I always look forward with a certain amount of anxiety for the arrival of your paper. Just like a letter from home. I especially enjoy the Penns Valley items.

I also enclose a small folder relative to the new factory of the Great Western Sugar Co. Minutaria plant. Each visitor was presented with one of these folders at the dedication exercises. This is the last thing in sugar factory construction as well as performance—none in the world to equal it. Let me also mention that the average net per acre tonnage of sugar beets in Nebraska in 1925 was never equalled in the world—71,245 acres averaged 16.44 tons per acre.

Also enclose a small booklet of considerable information compiled by the Chamber of Commerce of our city, which you would be interested in.

I must close. Kindly remember me to all inquiring friends.

CLYDE P. WIELAND, 1624 Third Avenue.

SENATE RECEIVES BOND ISSUE BILL FOR \$50,000,000

Provides for Constitutional Amendment to Furnish Funds With Which to Build Institutions for State Charges—Quigley Asks \$60,000 for Lock Haven Armory.

A bill proposing a constitutional amendment providing for issuance of a \$50,000,000 bond issue for construction of institutions for care of mental defectives and penal offenders was introduced by Senator Freeman, of Lebanon, at Harrisburg.

This proposed amendment was passed for the first time in 1925, and if acted upon favorably by the present session of the State Legislature, will be submitted the voters in November, 1928.

Other bills introduced included one by Senator Quigley, Clinton, appropriating \$60,000 for erecting an armory for the Pennsylvania National Guard at Lock Haven.

Representative Charles F. Bidel-spacher, Lycoming, providing that no State tax be levied on bonds issued by cities, boroughs, townships or school districts.

Evan Andrews, twelve-year-old son of Mrs. Faith Masters, of Hopple Hollow, near Logan, Sugar Valley, fell on the ice while on his way from the house to the barn and fractured his right forearm just an inch from where he fractured the same arm in a fall two months ago.

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CAMPAIGN DATES

CALENDAR ISSUED

Petitions to Start June 22, With Election on the Latest Day Possible—November 8th.

Election day this year will be the latest that is possible—November 8—and the primary will be held September 20, according to the calendar prepared by George D. Thorn, head of the Election Bureau. There will be Judges, county, township and municipal officials elected this year.

In announcing the dates, Chief Thorn said that they were subject to any changes which may be made at the present session of the Legislature. The calendar follows:

First day for obtaining signatures on petitions for nomination to be filed with the Secretary of the Commonwealth, June 22.

Last day for filing petitions with the Secretary of the Commonwealth for the primary, August 1.

First day to get signatures on petitions to be filed with County Commissioners, July 14.

Last day for filing petitions with County Commissioners for party office, August 23.

Last day for filing nomination papers by independent bodies of citizens for any office, September 9.

Last day when candidates may withdraw before the primary, August 8.

Last day when candidates nominated at the primary election may withdraw, October 14.

Last day to file nominations to fill vacancies caused by the withdrawal of candidates, October 4.

Last days to be assessed for the November election, September 6 and 7. The assessors sit at the polling places on those days.

Last day to pay tax to qualify, October 8.

Last days for registration, assessment and enrollment in boroughs and townships for the fall primary, July 19 and 20.

Every voter in cities of the first, second and third classes must be registered to vote at the primary or the November election, as all previous registrations have expired.

W. E. Tate's Will

The will of W. E. Tate, who died here Saturday a week ago, was put on record by the executor and provides for the distribution of his property among several nieces and grandnieces, as follows:

Mrs. Blanche Meckley, of Houserville, a grandniece, \$5,000; Mrs. Maude McIntosh and Miss Ora Carter, of Pittsburgh, sister and niece of the late Mrs. Tate, each \$500; Mrs. Jennie Woomer, of State College, a niece, and Mr. Tate's housekeeper since the death of his wife, \$500; the remainder of the personal property is to be divided between Mrs. Maude Schreck and W. E. Muser, of the Lemont district. The Tate home is to be sold to the highest bidder and the proceeds to be divided equally between the heirs mentioned above, excepting Mrs. Woomer.

Grand Templar of Penna. Visits Local Lodge

On Thursday evening of last week, the Ladies' Temple No. 174, of Centre Hall, and the Ladies' Temple No. 169, of Spring Mills, held a union meeting in the lodge rooms at Centre Hall. The Grand Templar of Pennsylvania, Mrs. Elizabeth Byrem, of Harrisburg, made her official visit, which was very much enjoyed by all. After the meeting about sixty members were served with choice refreshments by the committee in charge.

10 Dozen Rabbits Liberated in West-ern Part of County

Ten dozen Kansas rabbits, consigned by the State Game Commission to the western part of Centre county, were forwarded there by Thomas Mosier, of Bellefonte, game protector for Centre county, the shipment being made by truck. The rabbits were liberated at the game refuge, near Vail's camp, head of Black Bear run and the Six Mile Run country, during last week.

More Reliable Electric Service

The Keystone Power Corporation furnishing light and power for this region, has begun the erection of a new high capacity 44,000 volt line between Bellefonte and Tyrone, to cost \$190,000. Three years ago a high power line connected Bellefonte with the Penn-Central System at Coropost Mills, Huntingdon county. This line is twenty-five miles in length and passes through remote and inaccessible territory, the service over it being unsatisfactory. The interruptions over this line, the company management says, will be almost, if not entirely, eradicated once the new line now under construction is in use.

Pomona Grange Meets

The meeting of Pomona Grange, in the hall of Washington Grange, at Pine Hall, on Saturday, was well attended notwithstanding the dangerous condition of the roads at that time.

Granges over the county were well represented and the new secretary, Edwin Dale, was present. Considerable business was transacted and a class of thirteen were given the fifth degree.

February Furniture Sale

During the month of February we will allow 20 per cent. discount on all cash sales for Furniture, including Rugs and Linoleums. No charge for delivery. Kitchen Cabinets excluded. Bell phone 3181.

S. M. CAMPBELL, Millheim, Pa.

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS.

Poultrymen—do you want more eggs? See G. O. Benner, Centre Hall; Bell 11R2.

John Blausser, at Potters Mills, who had been rather seriously ill for a few weeks, is able to be about again.

Ray Decker, on Monday morning, went to Williamsport with the hope of securing employment there with the Williamsport Motor company.

Pennsylvania will have a population of 9,730,000 on July 1 next, which will be an increase of 126,000 since July 1, 1926, and a gain of a million since the census of 1920.

Mercury dropped to from four to eight degrees below zero in various parts of the valley, Wednesday night of last week. Thursday was bright and clear, like the two preceding days.

While making his delivery of mail on Route 1 from Centre Hall, William F. Keller became stranded at the farm home of Clayton Wagner, south of town, due to a broken axle on his car.

Friday of last week Joseph Hartley and Grover Weaver, employed as trackmen on the railroad, went to Sunbury to be examined with a view of entering a higher class of railroad relief.

The trackmen under foreman Levi Hartley were laid off the latter part of last month, to reduce expenses on the Pennsy system. Consequently the men were idle Thursday, Friday and Saturday of last week.

Harry Crummy, a Boal trooper, is in the Centre County Hospital suffering from ptomaine poisoning. His condition is reported as improved. The young man is a nephew of Mrs. James I. Fetterolf, of Centre Hall.

Bellefonte, State College and Centre Hall fell down on securing the usual number of Red Cross members for 1927. In order to retain the services of the community nurse funds must be procured through some other source.

Among the Republican candidates for the nomination of county offices in Union county are Frank D. Reigle, for county commissioner; David R. Crossgrove, for district attorney, and Oscar I. Liddick, for county treasurer.

Frank M. Mayer, owner and operator of a flouring mill in Bellefonte, with assets of \$60,000 and liabilities \$10,000 in excess, filed a petition in voluntary bankruptcy. His losses are charged to the old method of receiving grain on storage from farmers.

The Lewistown Chamber of Commerce has been asked whether it had an available aviation field by Ernest Jones of the Aeronautics Branch of the Department of Commerce. It is thought the field is wanted for the promotion of commercial air navigation, or for the Army Air Force.

A golden eagle was caught in a trap by C. P. Sheeley, of Woodward. The bird measured nine feet eight inches from tip to tip. The golden eagle is protected and was taken care of by the Mifflin game warden. This is the second bird of that species taken in the valley during the past few months.

J. H. Murray is in the county jail for having failed to make good his portion of a bargain entered into when selling Phillipsburg ladies a course in psychology. He made the sale, took the hand money and then evidently concluded himself better off if the ladies knew no more about the subject, and acting on his decision, failed to deliver.

The horse sale announced to be held here Wednesday of last week and later entirely withdrawn, would not have lacked good attendance. A sufficient number of persons appeared here before the sale hour to have made the sale a success. Most or nearly all of those who came here uninformed of the withdrawal of the sale came from a distance. The restaurants were the only ones who profited by their coming.

A herd of deer have been coming off the mountain nearby Boalsburg into the corn field of George Fortney, and have eaten a hundred bushels or more of corn. Most of the corn was husked and put on piles, but before an opportunity came to crib it a heavy snow fall covered it completely. The deer found it and nothing now remains but bare cobs. Other corn still remained on shock, and this, too, was cleaned up.

Recent legislation granted to veterans of the World War, certain rights regarding the reinstatement and conversion of their term (war-time) insurance. This legislation gives the veteran the privilege of making application for reinstatement and conversion of his insurance up to and including July 2, 1927. All applications properly executed an accompanied by remittances for premiums must be made on or before that date.

The Mifflin county Dental Society this (Thursday) evening will have as guests, Dr. A. Beeber Vastine of the Department of Oral Surgery, and Dr. C. E. Ervin of the Department of Medicine, associated with the George F. Geisinger Memorial Hospital of Danville. Dr. Vastine will address the members on "Problems Confronting the Dentist," from the dental aspect, while Dr. Ervin will speak on the same subject from the medical standpoint. Both Dr. Vastine and Dr. Ervin are known to many people in this section of the country, who have gone to Geisinger Hospital for consultation and treatment.