



71ST CONGRESS IS ONE BILLION DOLLARS AHEAD

Hoover's First Congress Costs Ten Billion Dollars, After Deducting Amounts for Relief.

In a statement analyzing the \$10,249,819,315 appropriations of the 71st Congress, covering the first two years of President Hoover, Representative Byrns of Tennessee, ranking Democratic member of the House Appropriations Committee, compares that "enormous and staggering total" with the \$2,293,472,592 appropriated by the 70th Congress, covering the last two years of President Coolidge—nearly a billion dollars increase.

Declaring that "Republican papers and apologists are attempting to leave the impression that drought relief and measures for the relief of unemployment are responsible for this startling total," he presents a compilation of these relief measures showing that they amount to less than \$200,000,000, or \$196,000,000, to be exact.

"This leaves practically three-quarters of a billion dollars," Mr. Byrns adds, "that these partisan apologists must account for in some other way."

He then points out that "appropriations for construction of public buildings and Federal aid in road building were a continuation of policies established before Mr. Hoover became President, and cannot be classed as appropriations especially made for the relief of unemployment."

Least someone may assert that the loans to veterans served to increase the total of appropriations, Mr. Byrns says that although "Congress passed a law authorizing loans to veterans on their adjusted service certificates, no appropriations were made necessary by this act."

Referring to the White House statements from time to time directed at Congress declaring the necessity for retrenchment in appropriations and authorizations, Mr. Byrns states that the 71st Congress appropriated \$55,000,000 less than President Hoover asked them to appropriate.

The last Coolidge Congress was "the high peak of government appropriations for peace-time activities," according to Mr. Byrns, "and the myth of Coolidge economy disappeared with his regime," but President Hoover's first two years, after deducting drought and unemployment relief, have set a new high mark, the figures show.

"The people are appalled by the increasing cost of their government," Mr. Byrns declares. "No one can doubt that this increased cost is a contributing factor to the present depression in business."

Drought Relief Fund, \$991.

The State College Chapter of the American Red Cross contributed \$991.22 toward the drought relief fund. This includes the \$40.00 contributed by the Centre Hall Red Cross Auxiliary. The request for \$10,000,000 by the National Red Cross has been for drought relief, and has been met.

The contributions by the various organizations in the territory covered by the State College chapter are as follows:

- St. Margaret's guild \$124.00.
- The Methodist Episcopal church, \$46.25.
- The Presbyterian church, \$93.50.
- The Woman's auxiliary of the Presbyterian church, \$100.00.
- The Baptist church, \$15.75.
- The Reformed church, \$14.26.
- The Lutheran church, \$29.47.
- The Lutheran S. S., \$30.14.
- The Lutheran missionary society, \$25.00.
- Eastern Star chapter No. 3880, \$5.00.
- Child Welfare department of the State College Woman's Club, \$5.00.
- State College barnyard golf association, \$15.00.
- The Boalsburg Civic Club, \$10.00.
- The Boalsburg combined missionary societies, \$3.25.
- Centre Hall, \$60.00.

NEVER A FAILURE.

The Red Cross has attained its goal of \$10,000,000 for the relief of the drought sufferers. It took longer to get the money than the officers of the association had anticipated, but every cent asked was contributed, with some thousands of dollars in excess of the goal.

The congressional battle over whether or not the Red Cross should depend upon public contributions to carry on its work, or should administer a fund appropriated from the federal treasury, is recalled by this announcement. The Red Cross insisted that it should remain an organization supported by the generosity of individuals. It has demonstrated that it can continue to depend upon such generosity, that it can remain an independent agency expressing the charity and helpfulness of the people, rather than the official avenue for distribution of a governmental dole.

President Hoover has ordered many investigations and has accumulated much data on various aspects of government. But the record does not show the fact that collectors have ever found anything that changed his policies in the slightest.

The construction of a McAdam road through Laurelton will be commenced in the near future. The improved road will be 2700 feet in length.

The \$9,500,000 appropriated by the 71st Congress for highways within National forests, Pennsylvania will receive \$18,653.

MEASURE IN FAVOR OF RURAL PROGRAM

One Cent of the Three Cent Tax Would Make Available Amount for Necessary Purposes.

Governor Pinchot's 20,000 mile rural road program can be carried out by the use of one cent of the 3-cent gasoline tax, according to J. Borton Weeks, president of the Keystone Automobile club, who urges upon the Legislature the importance of settling aside this part of the tax and restricting expenditures for rural roads to that revenue. Mr. Weeks in his twenty-fifth annual report of the club recommended to the Legislature that the practice of returning a portion of the gasoline tax to the counties be discontinued, and that collection of the tax be made at the source, instead of through 25,000 or more retailers.

In support of his recommendations, he said:

"In order that it may be clear beyond question to the public that the Pinchot program will not interfere with the completion of the State highway system and much needed replacements and widenings on the major system it is strongly urged that the Legislature set aside one cent of the three-cent gas tax for the rural road program. If this policy is pursued there will be available from this source during the present biennial period approximately \$22,000,000 which, we understand, is about the amount the Governor anticipates will be necessary for the purpose of the program."

"We believe the practice of the State paying to each county one-half cent of the three-cent gas tax collected within such county be discontinued or materially reduced, because the rural road program will relieve the counties and townships of the burden of constructing and maintaining approximately 25 per cent of the local roads. A further reason is that the State has recently assumed the extensive burden of building and maintaining bridges on State highways, a duty which has heretofore been a legal obligation of the counties."

The thing more likely to be done than the setting aside of one cent of the present three-cent tax to carry out the Pinchot program is the adding of one cent more to the present tax, making the gas tax four cents. Promises will not build roads.

COUNTY UNIT PLAN FOR POOR RELIEF

Union county taxpayers are debating whether after a four years' trial of the county unit plan of administering poor relief, the county should go back to the old plan now practiced in Centre county. Representative Baker has introduced a bill making change possible. A bill is also pending in Harrisburg that provides for Centre county caring for its poor in the manner Union county finds unpopular with its taxpayers. It would appear that four years' operation would give the county unit plan a fair test in Union county, which is very similar to Centre, and since that plan is not acceptable in Union it will not be in Centre, if adopted.

There is every indication that plans have been laid to put the county unit plan across in Centre county and consequently it will require vigorous opposition to avert it. Those in favor with the new plan live in districts where that would flow in from sections like Penns and Brush Valleys. In the latter sections the present poor tax is negligible. If it is to continue so, the voter must enter a telling protest.

Dodds Horse Sale, April 3rd.

Robert Dodds telegraphed from South Dakota to George Seanson, his right-hand man here, authorizing him to announce a sale of Dakota horses for Friday, March 3rd, at the Centre Hall sales barn. He is making an effort to secure such horses as will meet the approval of the buyers in this section.

COMING, APRIL 13th.

"Mary's Castle in the Air" played by members of the Beaver Springs Girls' Band. A very fine two-hour comedy drama.

Music by the orchestra between acts. Directed by Prof. Mitchell, music supervisor of Lewistown schools.

Miss Hazel Christ, Home Economics teacher, is play director.

Play will be sponsored by "Glad Girls" of Centre Hall.

Birthday Surprise Party.

On Wednesday evening of last week, Miss Phyllis Sweeney was pleasantly surprised by members of the Senior class and faculty of the Centre Hall High school when they gathered at her home at Potters Mills to celebrate her twentieth birthday. The evening was pleasantly spent playing games of various kinds, after which refreshments were served consisting of sandwiches, pickles, cake and candy.

Those present were: Mary Allen, Jenny Ruble, Pauline Burkholder, Amelia Copenhaver, Peggy Bradford, Mary Reiber, Naomi Sweetwood, Robert McCormick, William Weaver, Luke Jordan, Miss Agnes Geary, R. S. Jamison, Rev. D. R. Keener, J. F. Wetzel, Sarah Sweeney, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Smith and family, Mr. and Mrs. George Sweeney and daughter Betty Lou.

The Homan Motor company on Monday received a consignment of cars consisting of the following Chevrolets: Special sedan, coach, sport coupe, and 1½ ton truck.

BATDORF GETS LIFE TERM IN PENITENTIARY

Companion of George Skidmore in Gasoline Station Robbery, and Murder of Crippled Attendant, Convicted and Sentenced.

A sentence of life imprisonment was imposed on Eugene Batdorf, 20, of McKees Rocks, on Saturday, after he was convicted of killing Charles Hamon, crippled gasoline station attendant.

Batdorf was alleged to have helped with George C. Skidmore and Henry White, fugitives, in robbing the gasoline station and shooting Hamon last September 20.

The jury that returned the verdict Saturday morning had deliberated for more than 22 hours.

In passing sentence, visiting Judge Norman T. Boose, Somerset county, said:

"You helped destroy the life of one of God's creatures and you must pay the penalty."

The youth heard the verdict quietly. His three sisters wept. After conferring with relatives, Batdorf's attorney said he would not ask a new trial.

Batdorf testified at the trial that Skidmore robbed the station and shot Hamon. He said he had accompanied Skidmore and White to rob a grocery store, but they did not rob the place, and that when they were driving away from the store, Skidmore decided to rob the gasoline station. Batdorf said he remained in their automobile.

Skidmore, an expert with firearms, escaped from the State police when they surrounded him on Rattlesnake mountain near Bellefonte, several months ago. One of the officers was wounded. The young man is still a fugitive. He was a former student at Bellefonte Academy.

REBERSBURG BASEBALL ENTHUSIASTS REORGANIZE

A reorganization of the Rebersburg baseball club was effected by electing the officers for the coming season. The baseball enthusiasts in that section will be ready for entering the county league in case one is organized. The officers follow:

President, Stanley Bierly; manager, R. W. Bierly; assistant manager, Lee Kidder; captain, Jason Wolfe; secretary, Paul Bierly; treasurer, Lee Kidder.

SPRING MILLS P. O. LOCATION UNSETTLED

Coleman Wingard, recently appointed postmaster at Spring Mills to succeed Harry M. Allison, received his commission, but the location of the post office up to Tuesday was unsettled. The last report was that the office would be located in the small building erected for post office purposes by H. P. Rossman some years ago. The site is close to the Rossman store, and but a short distance from where the post office is now located.

SMITH-HOY.

Elmer Smith and Miss Martha Hoy, both of Gregg township, were united in marriage Friday evening at Spring Mills by E. T. Jamison, J. P. The groom conducts a general store in the vicinity of Zesty where the couple will live.

GREGG TWP. V. S. SENIORS TO PRESENT PLAY THIS WEEK

The curtain for the senior class play, "Kid Coby" will go up on the evenings of Friday and Saturday, March 27 and 28. This entertaining three-act comedy will appeal to boys and to the fathers of those boys; to the up-to-the-minute girls and to their more conservative mothers. The plot is woven around the circumstances created by Teddy Bancroft who, without the knowledge of his father, has been boxing in public under the name of "Kid Coby." Upon his arrival home from college he finds his father's secretary to be a girl of whom he has been thinking for seven years, and for whom his father also has a strong liking. With the trainer and manager to lure Teddy to a forbidden fight, a chorus girl to add complications, a force of office girls to add zest, and an office boy to add humor. The final curtain falls, but not until the perplexing situation have resolved themselves into an effective climax.

- The cast of characters:
- August Bancroft, president of the Consolidated Mfg. Co.,..... Wm. Campbell
 - Teddy Bancroft, (Kid Coby)..... Harry Condo
 - Jerry, Kid Coby's Trainer..... Harry Letzell
 - Eileen McPherson, Bancroft's secretary..... Mary Homan
 - Billy McPherson, Eileen's brother..... Robert Zettle
 - Dr. Dalton, surgeon..... Robert Slegie
 - A Messenger..... Lee Faust
 - Lydia..... Ruth Eitel
 - Julia..... Lorraine Confer
 - Isobel..... Mary Messenger
 - Geraldine..... Mary Zoblner
- (Five stenographers in Bancroft's employ)

First radio announcer from Harigan's arena..... Robert Slegie

Second radio announcer from Kellon's..... Lee Faust

Time: The Present.

Place: A large midwestern city.

Music and other entertainment will be furnished by members of the senior class and by the G. T. V. S. orchestra. Everybody is welcome to come to the Grange hall at Spring Mills, Friday and Saturday evenings of this week. Admission, children 15c; adults 25c.

CENTRE COUNTY HOSPITAL NOTES.

George Allen, a student at Penn State college, was admitted on Tuesday to undergo surgical treatment.

Mrs. Wm. Selig, of Bellefonte, was discharged on Wednesday after having undergone medical treatment.

Mrs. Guy Stearns, of Spring township, who had been a medical patient, was discharged on Wednesday.

Mrs. George Harter, of Bellefonte, was discharged on Wednesday after having undergone medical treatment.

Paul Billett, son of Chester Billett, of Bellefonte, who had been a surgical patient, was discharged last Wednesday.

Shirley L. Lucas, 14 months old daughter of Mrs. Alma Lucas, of State College, was admitted on Wednesday as a surgical patient.

Asa M. Bally, of Clearfield county, was admitted on Wednesday to undergo surgical treatment, and was discharged on Sunday.

Ray E. Lucas, of Boggs township, was admitted on Wednesday for surgical treatment.

Miss Helen R. Benner, daughter of William Benner, of Bellefonte, was discharged last Thursday after having undergone surgical treatment.

Charles Vonada, of Zion, was discharged last Thursday after having been a surgical patient.

Mrs. Joseph Thompson, of Bellefonte, was discharged Thursday after having undergone medical treatment.

Mrs. Earl Boal, of State College, was admitted on Thursday for surgical treatment.

Mrs. Harmon Kruse, of Bellefonte, was admitted on Thursday as a medical patient and died on Saturday.

Miss Barbara L. Rodevich, of Bellefonte, was admitted on Thursday as a surgical patient.

Harmon B. Kruse, of Bellefonte, was admitted on Thursday as a surgical patient.

Earl Harpster, son of Edward Harpster of Penna. Furnace, was admitted Friday as a surgical patient.

Miss Freda Kaufman, daughter of Nathan Kaufman of Bellefonte, was admitted on Friday to undergo surgical treatment.

Miss Leona St. Clair, daughter of Mrs. Nora St. Clair, of Howard, was admitted on Friday as a surgical patient.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Adlema, of Bobsburg, are the proud parents of a baby daughter born at the hospital on Saturday.

Benjamin Gordon, of Bellefonte who had been a medical patient, was discharged on Saturday.

Mrs. Rachael Gordon, of Bellefonte, was discharged last Saturday after having undergone medical treatment.

Mrs. George K. Renn of Shamokin, was discharged last Saturday after having undergone medical treatment.

Mrs. Harry Zesty, of Millheim, was discharged last Saturday after having been a surgical patient.

Miss Helen Benner, of Bellefonte, was admitted on Saturday to undergo surgical treatment.

Fred A. Love, of Bellefonte, was admitted on Saturday to undergo surgical treatment.

Mrs. Annie Woodcock, of Bellefonte, was admitted on Saturday to undergo medical treatment.

Mrs. Edwin Anderson, of State College, was admitted last Saturday as a medical patient.

Mrs. Wm. Jeffries, of State College, was admitted on Saturday to undergo medical treatment.

Miss Marguerite Port, of Bellefonte, was admitted on Saturday as a medical patient.

Meivin Ienberg, of Altoona, who had been a surgical patient, was discharged on Sunday.

John Oliver, of State College, was admitted on Monday as a surgical patient.

Mrs. Charles B. Lee, of Bellefonte, who had been a medical patient, was discharged on Monday.

Mrs. Thomas B. Martin, of Bellefonte R. D., was admitted on Monday as a medical patient.

Mack E. Murray, of Wingate, was admitted on Monday as a surgical patient.

Judge O. Irwin, of Ferning, was admitted on Tuesday to undergo medical treatment and was discharged the following day.

James Goodhart, Jr., son of James Goodhart, of Centre Hall, was admitted on Tuesday as a surgical patient.

STATE PAYS TWO ASSOCIATE JUDGES

In recent weeks there has been some discussion as to the desirability of separating the Mifflin-Huntingdon judicial district so that Mifflin county may have a president judge of its own, the county having passed the necessary 40,000 population, is entitled to such judicial service.

In the event the judicial district is separated the associate judgeships are automatically abolished at the expiration of their present terms. In the case of Judges Hartsock and Helges, this would be two years from next January, their six-year terms not expiring until Jan. 1, 1934. The State pays the salary of the associate judges as well as the salary of the president judge.

AN \$8,000 SALE.

Bradford & Bradford, at Old Fort, Sell Fifteen Holsteins at Average of Almost \$200.—Young Cattle Pass for \$1654.00 and Hogs Bring \$700.

A clean-up sale on the Old Fort farm, owned by W. F. Bradford, by the owner and his nephew, Paul Bradford, who farmed on the fifty-fifty plan for a number of years, was held last Thursday, the sale footing up to \$7842.98, which will no doubt hold the high mark for sales on the south side of the county. No grain or hay was sold, and the sum does not include one horse purchased recently by a neighbor.

All the cows and young cattle were pure-bred Holsteins except one, a cow, which sold for \$100. The fifteen pure-bred cows were bid up to \$2965, or an average of almost \$200.

Twenty-five head of heifers, bulls, some quite young, sold for \$1654.50. The hogs brought \$700.50, and machinery, etc., \$1122.98.

The leading cow sold for \$280.00 and was purchased by G. W. Holt & Son, of Fleming. Elmer W. Brubaker, of Manheim, Larkaster county, was the last bidder for the second high cow at \$252.00. One other cow sold for \$235.00, and three others for \$220 each, and two more for \$200 each.

Two spans of mules brought \$400 and \$240 each.

The cattle were all in fine condition and were, of course, tubercular free, and had been given the blood test for abortion and acted favorably.

Two and a half years ago the Bradfords sold all their grade Holsteins at public sale at the same barn, the amount of the sale having been \$5900.

The P. H. Luse Sale.

The farm stock and implements sale held last Thursday by P. H. Luse, west of town, was very largely attended. The sale footed up to \$5556.00. The cattle, mostly registered Shorthorn, were of the best type and consequently not so popular in this section where the Holsteins largely predominate. The high cow passed for \$145. This cow was purchased some years ago from H. S. Lambert, in Brush Valley, for \$400.00, and a calf at the same time for \$80.00. The calf, now a cow, sold at the sale for the same money she was bought for. Several other cows sold at around \$100, and one cow with a bit of Jersey blood in her passed for \$110.00.

Hogs sold at very fair but not extravagant prices. A brood sow with 7 pigs by her side, was sold for a bit over \$60. Leghorn chickens in good thrifty condition sold for \$1.50.

The implements sold well, taking the lot as a whole. A corn binder bought sixteen years ago for \$135 sold for \$5.00 more than its price when new. The implement was in good condition, having been well cared for.

MOVINGS.

Among the movings scheduled for April 1st, or thereabouts, are: Samuel Gross from the Bloom house to the hotel apartment. He will be followed by Paul Hironimus now living in the former Stump property in the Keller district; Clyde Walker from the Miller double house to the Larson Burrell double house, following Mrs. Clara Lester when she vacates to occupy the Potter bungalow purchased by her. Ralph Dinges moves from the M. E. Coldron house to the home J. C. Brooks vacates when he moves to Rhonemyede farm.

LEGISLATORS INSPECT PENN STATE BUILDINGS

Members of the appropriations committee of the House of Representatives of the State Legislature were pleased with the campus sites selected for the proposed new dairy and home economics buildings at the Pennsylvania State College which they viewed on their inspection trip last week.

The visit to Penn State was made by the committee on its biennial tour of State-owned institutions. They also expressed pleasure in the results obtained in the college 2-year building program completed last fall. Funds for the proposed buildings are included in the emergency building fund legislation to relieve unemployment suggested by Governor Pinchot.

After the official visit to Penn State on Thursday the legislators returned to attend the intercollegiate boxing matches on Friday night.

ANNOUNCE CHANGE IN FARMERS' DAY

Farmers' Field Day at the Pennsylvania State College will be held June 11 instead of June 16 as announced in recent press dispatches. The event will be featured by timely information presented in demonstrations, talks, visits to field plots, and trips to the college experimental orchards, gardens, flocks, and herds.

Against Capital Punishment.

Abolition of capital punishment was urged at a hearing on the Turner bill, in Harrisburg, to substitute life imprisonment for the electric chair as punishment for first degree murder. Rev. Robert Bagnell, pastor of the church in Harrisburg which Governor Pinchot attends, was among the speakers against the death penalty. The pastor told him that the pleas of the family of Irene Schroeder recently electrocuted, when they came to Harrisburg to plead for clemency, turned him against the death penalty.

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS

The sale season has but one more week to go.

The Triangle filling station, east of Bellefonte, was sold to Charles Deeter, of Mifflinburg.

A dance party was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Bradford, at Old Fort, Friday night.

Community sales will be continued in Mifflin county. The next sale of this sort will be held on Saturday.

It is not a good idea to rake dead grass off the lawn in spring. Leave it to decay and form a mulch for the new grass.

Dolf Strayer has purchased the L. G. Rider farm near Gatesburg and will occupy it after April 1. \$3,000 is the stipulated price.

Bruce Knarr, a senior at Beckley College, Harrisburg, in the school of accountancy, was at his home here over the week end.

Lycoming county schools are being visited by members of the State Highway Motor Patrol who deliver safety addresses to students.

The State Department of Health has been notified that the Federal government has allocated \$30,000 to it for drought relief work.

But \$500 worth of supplies were sold at the public sale held by the Co-operative Association at its warehouse in Lemont. The sale adjourned with a large amount of goods unsold.

To raise fine, juicy, and delicious vegetables, plant Burpee's Garden Seeds—reliable and sure to grow—Sold by H. P. Schaeffer's Hardware, Bellefonte. adv

Spring opened officially on Saturday, and began with an almost perfect day. The sun shown throughout all of the day and the temperature was above freezing.

The Millheim Journal reports prices obtained for cows in that section at public sales are not so good this year. Horses and shoats are selling well in the same territory.

A number of Centre Hall residents were shopping in Lewistown on Saturday. In the afternoon the streets were alive with people, and the stores and shops were gathering in trade.

While New York City is still laughing at Charlie Chaplin in "City Lights," local theatre goers have the opportunity of seeing the great film at the State Theatre in Bellefonte, all this week.

While Millheim has a sufficient supply of water available, citizens are nevertheless cautioned against waste of it. In Centre Hall we have water to waste if we want to pay for the pumping of it.

A farewell party was tendered the Rev. H. C. Kleffert family in the Millheim Evangelical parsonage. Members of the church and friends of the family made up the gathering, and presented a gift.

Philip A. Auman was at the home of his son, V. A. Auman, for a few days. He is fast approaching his 33rd year, but his appearance and movements lead one to think he is twenty years younger.

Some of the lumber for the Luse double tenement house has been delivered on the ground. The lumber for the whole of the building has been prepared at a small mill on the Luse farm east of town, which will speed construction once it starts.

John McCoy is not satisfied with the \$500 award given him by the road viewers or property taken in rebuilding the State highway between Bellefonte and Milesburg, and through his attorney, James C. Furst, Esq., has filed an appeal. Mr. McCoy asked \$13,000.

Roy E. Lucas, of Boggs township, suffered a fracture of the right leg, and Asia Bailey, of Montoursville, lacerations of the head by being struck by a falling tree while at work in enlarging the yards of the P. R. R. Co. at Bellefonte. Both men were taken to the Centre County hospital for treatment.

Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Sharer, on Wednesday of last week, moved from town to the Speer Breon farm, located a few miles southeast of Millheim. The farm contains about seventy acres. Mr. Sharer, a year ago, moved from the Sharer homestead to town and most of the time during the past year worked at State College.

Mrs. Levi Hartley, on Saturday, went to Mifflinburg to visit her son, Clayton Hartley, who recently returned from the Christian hospital, Danville, where he was treated for kidney trouble. His condition is somewhat improved. Dorothy, a granddaughter of Mrs. Hartley, at the same home is recovering from pneumonia. Mrs. Hartley expected to remain with the afflicted family for a few days.

Mrs. Harry E. Eye delightfully entertained the members of the Senior Service class in the Lutheran S. S. of which she is a member, at her home for several days last week, during which time the ladies plied their needles in quilting, a class endeavor in which that organization scores high. Mrs. Eye treated her guests to a liberal supply of home-made ice cream, which all declared to be all that home-made cream should be.