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### J. L. HOLMES TALKS ON

#### STATE APPROPRIATIONS

Centre County Receives \$51.65 Per Capita, Exclusive of Penn State Appropriation, and Contributes \$166.09.

Speaking before his fellow Rotarians at State College, the Hon. John L. Holmes discussed the legislative program of the year in the last general assembly which affected Centre county. He devoted most of his talk to legislative appropriations, since he is a member of the House appropriations committee.

In 1930, he said, Centre county made a contribution to the State revenues at the rate of \$16.69 per capita or each man, woman and child in the county. It received from the State public funds at the rate of \$51.65 per capita, exclusive of the appropriations made to the State College and the State highways in the county. "Though local people often complain of the manner in which the State is taxing them," Mr. Holmes said, "we here in Centre county are getting back three times what we pay in."

In 1930 Centre county paid to the State treasury the following major amounts: Inheritance tax, \$74,117; motor vehicle registration, \$195,120; gasoline tax, \$208,005; foreign insurance tax, \$3,526; and corporation taxes, \$315,292. From the State it received the following major amounts: Welfare, \$751,369; education (exclusive of the College), \$1,388,653; judiciary, \$9,000; State aid highways, \$273,833; miscellaneous, \$60,358.

Commenting on the increase in State income in the past decade, he stated that in ten years corporation taxes throughout the State had increased from approximately \$5 to \$9 millions of dollars; motor licenses from 27 to 65 millions; gasoline tax from 4 to 66 millions; inheritance tax from 4 per cent to 66 millions; inheritance tax from 4 per cent, of the State expenditures went to the highways, while now 37% is so spent; 20% for education ten years ago compared with 28.1% now; welfare expenditures have decreased from 15% to 8.5%, and State administration costs have decreased from 22.5% to 15.5%. Last year 138 millions of dollars were spent on the State highways, compared with 120 millions for public education.

Mr. Holmes said that the legislature and the Governor found it impossible to lower the motor vehicle registration fee, but changed the operator's license fee from \$2 to \$1. He also stated that very strong pressure was successfully resisted to raise the gasoline tax from 3 to 4 cents.

"While the last legislature did not pass a very great amount of constructive legislation," concluded Mr. Holmes, "it on the other hand passed very little destructive legislation."

**Better Grade Applicants.**  
Although fewer applications for admission to the freshman class of the Pennsylvania State College had been made this year by July 15 than in 1930, the number of applications who were graduated in the upper two-fifths of their high school classes remains almost as high as formerly. Of the 1576 applicants, 942 are from the upper sections of their classes, only 14 less than the number of similar high standing students who applied last year.

**Second Annual Jamison Reunion.**  
The second annual Jamison reunion will be held Thursday, August 13 at Stevens Park, Tyrone.

Roy S. Jamison, of Centre Hall, is secretary of the association.

**ANNIVERSARY DAY WILL BE OBSERVED**

**Evangelical Hospital Near Lewisburg Will Be Open for Inspection by Visitors on July 31.**—Institution Now Capable of Caring for Twenty Patients.

On July 31, Anniversary Day will be observed at the Evangelical hospital, located near Lewisburg. On that day, the institution will be open for inspection by all who wish to visit the hospital, which is one of the best small institutions in this section of the State. At the present time, the hospital is capable of taking care of at least 22 patients.

The Evangelical hospital was first opened to the public early in 1927. In February, 1927, a local medical and surgical staff was organized to meet the rapidly growing needs. In the following year, 1928, a well equipped X-ray department was established and a Victor X-ray machine installed.

The equipping of the operating room with modern surgical instruments, and the complete equipment of the diet kitchen were greatly aided by the cooperation of the ladies of the Evangelical church of Lewisburg, who have annually held a bazaar to aid in supplying these necessities. The operating room is as modernly equipped as one could desire.

The medical and surgical staff includes Dr. Arbogast, of Lewisburg; Dr. Tomlinson, Milton, and Dr. Gelsa, of Sunbury, formerly of the Mary M. Packer hospital, of Sunbury. The nursing staff is composed of four registered nurses, of which Miss Mary E. Smith is in charge.

A New York Supreme Court judge decided that to call an institution "lousy" was not libelous. "The law has not yet reached the utopian state where envy and acrimony are penalized," Judge Schmuck said.

### SEVEN MT. NEWS.

The McKees Rock Rod and Gun Club have in mind great and important improvements to their camp and surrounding property. The location is on the Garrity road, near the Boy Scout camp. One of the improvements is the enlarging and deepening of the dam, to accomplish which a steam shovel will be used.

A movement on the part of the Ministerium of the Congregational Church will convert the wiles of the Foust mountain tract of 325 acres into a home or retired ministers and families, providing present plans go through. Engineers have been on the ground and have carefully surveyed the water shed, and report that an abundance of water can be supplied with pressure sufficient for fire protection. It is understood Lee F. Treasurer, of Millroy, who owns the Foust tract, will donate the land for the purpose named, with the view of eliminating present conditions there, which, however, have nothing to do with Foust Inn, or its manner of conduct.

The Ministerium is aiming to interest the Confederation of Churches in the movement. It is said.

The Foust Inn proprietor continues to improve his place. One of the improvements contemplated is the building of a road through the east section of the park.

Webster amplifiers are about to be installed in two sections of the park which will enable guests to hear radio concerts, etc. The speakers have a range of over a mile.

### DR. THOMAS AT SPRING MILLS

The following appeared in a recent issue of the Sunbury Item:  
Dr. George C. Thomas, one of Sunbury's leading younger physicians, will leave this city August 15th, for Spring Mills, where he will take up the practice of Dr. H. S. Brauch, who died there six weeks ago, leaving the vicinity without a medical practitioner.

Dr. Thomas, son of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Thomas, of 139 North Second St., and a brother of Dr. C. M. Thomas, successful Sunbury surgeon, returned to this city in 1923 after spending two and a half years with the Navy Medical Corps at Haiti as Lieut. Senior Grade. He founded the Thomas Medical Laboratory on Market Square, which has been of great service to the professional men of the city.

Dr. Thomas graduated from Sunbury High school in 1915. He took a prominent part in athletics during his school days. He graduated from the Jefferson Medical College at Philadelphia in 1924.

Dr. and Mrs. Thomas, who was formerly Miss Tuth Adams, daughter of Mrs. Alice Adams, of Fairmount Ave., will leave August 15th for their new home in Spring Mills. At present they reside on Chestnut street. Dr. Thomas will close his laboratory on August 1st and close his offices on August 14th.

The new step taken by the popular professional man is looked upon as a splendid move by his numerous friends. In addition to the practice in Spring Mills, he will be practically the only physician in a large, prosperous farming area. Citizens of that section have gone out of their way to secure a physician and the doctor and his wife will be welcomed by all. In addition the Spring Mills office is but fifty miles from Sunbury, permitting both Dr. and Mrs. Thomas to keep up old home ties.

### Tent Meeting at Linden Hall

Tent meetings will be held at Linden Hall beginning Wednesday of this week, and continuing for two or more weeks. Services every evening at 7:45 o'clock by Rev. Ferguson and wife, of Phillipsburg. Everybody invited to attend these services.

### THE HORNES CELEBRATE WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

An old-time celebration in honor of the fiftieth wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. George L. Horner of Pleasant Gap, was given Wednesday, July 29th, at the home of their daughter, Mrs. Samuel Burris, on the Brockerhoff farm, says the Watchman. It was also a welcome home and farewell party. A welcome home to Clair and Homer Horner, sons of George Horner, who had driven in, with their families, from Freeport, Illinois, to attend the celebration, and a farewell for Mr. and Mrs. Horner who went back with their sons for the first visit in the Middle West where they will remain several months. At the same time, the twenty-fifth wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Irving Ream was celebrated and the Rev. Piper, of Millsburg, read a ceremony for both couples. About ninety relatives and friends were present at the all-day celebration, the chief feature of which was the table placed on the barn floor and laid to seat fifty-six. Turkey, chicken, ham-cold, of course, several kinds of salads, every known variety of pickles, cakes galore, coffee, lemonade and iced tea, were served. The table was not cleared but replenished to welcome anyone who wanted refreshments through the afternoon. After the dinner, the second barn floor was used for dancing and exchange of happy recollections. When our representative departed at 4 o'clock the table was again being put in array for the supper and so abundant had been the supply, that little diminution even after ninety had partaken, could be noticed.

### Business depression, unemployment, rumblings of war in other countries seemed far removed from this happy, enjoyable occasion savoring of an earlier period when joy was found in a simpler, more natural hospitality than the present jazz parties.

### MULE KICKS FARM HAND.

Fred Klinefelter, while engaged as a day laborer on his farm by John Snavely, east of Old Fort, was kicked and trampled by a mule, resulting in breaking the bones in the right leg below the knee and cutting the scalp to such an extent that several stitches were necessary in dressing the wound. The animal evidently kicked him and causing him to fall also trampled him. Mr. Klinefelter was taken to the Centre County hospital in the ambulance Saturday afternoon, shortly after the accident. He lives on the Kerr farm, lately owned by the Homans, and works by the day among farmers.

### ODD FELLOWS TO VISIT SUNBURY HOME.

Sunday, August 9th, the Centre County Past Grand's Association, I. O. O. F., will have charge of the religious services at the Sunbury Home. At the same time a visitation to the Home is being sponsored. Odd Fellows, their families and friends are invited. The procession will form at Centre Hall at 9:00 A. M. and will proceed under escort of a detail of the Motor Patrol. At 2:45 regular Sunday religious services will be held, the speaker to be Rev. J. H. Frizzell, of State College. A men's chorus and orchestra will be features.

The gathering will be in the form of a basket picnic, so pack your basket. Hot coffee will be served.

If you desire to go and have no way of transportation, see V. A. Auman.

### COUNTY RULERS DEFTY BEAMISH.

Secretary of the Commonwealth Richard J. Beamish, said he plans to advertise for bids for installation of voting machines by Phillipsburg, this county. However, Beamish said, he cannot advertise for bids until 30 days have elapsed after his notification to the Centre county commissioners of his intention to take this step. He said his decision followed receipt of word from the county commissioner that they would not advertise for bids for machines.

Beamish said that Senator Frank Harris, Allegheny, chairman of the Senate voting machine investigating committee, had advised him that the purchase of the electronic voting machine, planned to change specifications of the machine to include bells which ring after each vote is cast.

### GAS COMPANY ISSUES STATEMENT

To the Citizens of Centre Hall: Considerable discussion has been aroused by what we believe to be a misunderstanding of a certain clause in the franchise granted this company for supplying gas to Centre Hall.

This was occasioned by said franchise, containing a clause with respect to the location in Section 1, "that no plant for the manufacture of gas, nor tank for the storage of the same, shall be located within the Borough limits, nor closer than one-fourth of a mile therefrom." This clause was intended to protect the borough from the nuisance and discomfort or danger from either a gas producing plant, or a sliding water sealed gas holder, being located either in or closely adjacent to the borough line, but in no sense was it intended to cover the location of a pulsation service tank, which is intended to equalize the pressure and give you more uniform service. Its purpose is similar to that of a transformer on an electric line, and is really not a tank in the accepted definition of that term. This really is simply an enlargement of the pipe to give more volume, as the gas entering at one end and going out of the other, and is hermetically sealed. The same purpose could have been accomplished for example by the laying of a two-foot pipe for longer distance on entering the borough, instead of the 12-foot section which is accomplished in the present installation. There being a check valve on the entering end of this pulsation tank will permit a break in the line running over the mountain being repaired without interruption to the service of our customers, as there will be enough pressure in the tank to provide service for that short interval, therefore, the closer this pulsation tank is to the borough the less likelihood of an interruption in your service. For example, had the pulsation tank been located half way up the mountain there is added danger of a break between that point and the borough line. On Saturday morning, July 24th, your community was out of gas service, due to a break in the line on the opposite side of Nittany Mountain, caused by the heavy rains washing out the earth and rock covering the pipe at that point. Had the pulsation tank been in use at that time service in your community would not have been interrupted.

In order that you may thoroughly understand the necessity of this installation, we wish to state, that we are at the present time, contracting for the installation of a pulsation tank at State College with a capacity of 50,000 cu. ft. to replace the one now installed, and which is too small to care for the load.

When the franchise for your borough was drawn your Council asked for a duplicate of the franchise of Bellefonte and State College. These franchises contained the same clause with reference to plants and holder tanks, as the franchise of your borough, and to show you that neither the Company, nor the Council of these boroughs contemplated anything else than gas plants and large floating gas holders, similar to the one at our plant, a pulsation tank, similar to the Centre Hall tank, was placed at Wagner's Mill, adjacent to the borough of Bellefonte, with no thought of danger or inconvenience.

We fully appreciate the desire of your Council in the technical attitude it has assumed to look after the interest of its borough, and we have no criticism to offer to its attitude other than to frankly state that it is an honest misconception of what was intended when we asked for the franchise, and when the line was installed. We positively state that there can be no more danger connected with this pulsation than in the laying of a larger gas line, as before stated. Should Council insist on a technical construction of said "Tank Clause," it would add a useless outlay of money to this Company, adding no benefit or factor of safety to the borough, but rather increasing, as stated before, the likelihood of interruption of the service to our customers. Those familiar with matters of this kind, and the expense incident thereto, we believe realize that a point was strongly striven to warrant the erection of the line to Centre Hall in the first place, which approximated \$20,000.00. We believe the citizens would all grant that we have avoided, at an additional expense, the use of the main street, lead to cross it, and lines have been laid in your alleys with as much care and consideration for property owners' rights as is humanly possible. You are granted the same schedule of rates as applies to both Bellefonte and State College, which are much larger in population.

We respectfully invite any citizen to call at our offices in Bellefonte for further enlightenment and information on this subject.

Very respectfully,  
CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA GAS COMPANY  
Garis Property Sold.

The three parcels of land and dwelling house comprising the Byron W. Garis property, on East Church street, were sold on Saturday by the administrator, H. L. Ebright, for \$1150. The purchaser was Mrs. Harriet Ulrich, widow of Samuel Ulrich, of Penn Hall, who with a daughter will occupy the place.

The new owner will very much improve the dwelling house and surroundings.

Excavations are being made for the enlargement of the postoffice building at State College. The new section will be 48x60 feet, making a floor space of 2400 square feet. The building now in use has a floor space of 3600 square feet.

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M Brown, rf	0	0	0	0	0
Musser, 3b	1	3	2	1	0
Auman, 2b	0	1	1	0	0
Marks, cf	0	0	1	0	0
Bartges, c	0	0	4	2	1
Stover, c	0	0	1	0	0
Corman, p	0	2	1	3	0
Totals	3	8	24	7	3

Centre Hall  

Goodhart, cf	1	1	0	0	0
Petteroff, rf	0	1	2	1	0
R Martz, ss	1	1	2	0	0
Crawford, 2b	1	2	6	2	1
Emery, cf	0	1	2	0	0
Stover, c	0	0	11	1	1
P Martz, p	0	0	0	0	2
Bradford, 3b	0	0	0	0	1
Frank, 1b	1	1	4	0	1
Totals	4	7	27	8	3

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One hundred and eighty ringneck pheasants were released in Centre and Clearfield counties. The birds were hatched at a game refuge, near Phillipsburg.

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