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SUNDAY CHURCH SERVICES

PENNS VALLEY LUTHERAN CHURCH (Rev. S. F. Greenhoe, Pastor.) Georges Valley—9 to 10 A. M. Centre Hall—10:30 A. M. Farmers Mills, 7:30 P. M.

CENTRE HALL REFORMED CHURCH (Rev. Delas R. Keener, Pastor) Centre Hall—9:00—Church Service. 10:00—Sunday School. Susqueville—9:30—Sunday School. 10:30—Church Service.

EVANGELICAL (Rev. W. E. Smith, Pastor) Locust Grove—9:30 A. M. Bethesda—10:45 A. M. Spring Mills, 7:10 P. M.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL (Rev. H. A. Fruya, Pastor) Centre Hall—9:30—Morning Worship. 10:30—Sunday School. Sprucetown—10:00—Sunday School. 11:00—Morning Worship. Spring Mills—10:00 Sunday School. 7:30—Evening Worship.

PRESBYTERIAN (Rev. J. M. Kirkpatrick, Pastor) HIGHER TAXES REAL MENACE TO BUSINESS

Roger W. Babson, Noted Statistician, Says \$12,600,000,000 Tax Bill Threatening Business Recovery and Employment—Urges Curb on Government Spending Which Weakens Moral Fibre of People.

"What the United States needs most of all is a moratorium on government expenditures and taxes," says Roger W. Babson in his weekly review. "Business and employment are struggling under a tax burden of at least \$12,600,000,000 in this year of depression. That is one-sixth of the total national income. Let business alone and it will readjust its costs to lower prices and lower gross incomes, by curtailment of expenses; but continue to pile up reckless government expenditures and all efforts at economy by business and individuals are swallowed up in taxes. Many well-intentioned people are urging the government to spend more to help employment, forgetting that the only way the government can spend more is to take the money away from private business enterprise. The same money put to work in regular business channels would provide far more employment to a far wider range of unemployed than the government can possibly provide.

"All governmental work is notoriously inefficient. Private business could carry on the work of government departments, federal, state and local, at two-thirds the present cost. No one objects to a certain amount of taxation, which is necessary to carry on the regular work of the government, pay off the public debt, and make needed improvements. Such expenditures are useful investments for all citizens. When, however, spending the public money becomes a mania like at present it is a distinct menace to business recovery. Particularly is this true now when profits, incomes and earnings are down anywhere from 40 per cent to 50 per cent below what they were two years ago. When our dollars are hardest to get, why do we insist on spending more of them for taxes? That is neither economics nor common-sense.

"One day's productive work out of every week is now devoted to paying taxes. Can labor or business afford more? Yet the trend is steadily upward. In 1913, for example, the total tax bill of the nation was about \$3,000,000,000. Today it is \$12,600,000,000, and if proposals for larger expenditures are carried through, it will be at least \$14,000,000,000 two years from now. This 250 per cent gain in taxes is far greater than the gain in national income. The federal government must raise \$5,000,000,000 in the fiscal year 1932, and already the treasury faces a deficit of about \$1,000,000,000. In the past two years the federal government has appropriated \$1,314,000,000 for various relief purposes outside the regular budget. Unless there is plain talk from the people to their representatives and senators, the next Congress will yield to demands of special groups and saddle additional huge expenditure on the tax payers.

The Clover Farm Stores picnic for Central Pennsylvania is on today (Thursday) at Tipton on Bland's Park. There is a very complete program, beginning at 10:00 A. M. and closing at 10:30 P. M. A prize is offered for every number on the program. The Clover Farm store here will be represented, and will be accompanied by a number of citizens, many of whom enjoyed the gathering in previous years.

A special sedan, 5-window coupe and two coaches all Chevrolets, were delivered to the Homan Motor company here just week from Buffalo, N. Y., by Paul Grove of Spring Mills.

CENTRE COUNTY MAN COMMITS SUICIDE

Harry Johnson, Aged 76. Residing Near Aaronsburg, Found with Bullet Hole Through His Head Friday Night.—Leaves Note Explaining Act.

"I can't live any longer without Mom—and this terrible pain in my head, so good-bye and God bless you, and forgive me. Love, Dad."

Harry J. Johnson, aged 76, residing near Aaronsburg, scrawled this pencil note in a rough, nervous hand before he blew out his brains with a German revolver on Thursday night of last week.

Johnson, an old man living alone in a cabin on the side of Brush Mountain, had been in poor health mentally and physically for some time. His wife died nine years ago.

When found by a group of citizens of Aaronsburg who broke in the door of his cabin Friday night, Johnson was seated in a wicker chair with a bullet hole in his head and a revolver, which his son had secured in Germany during the war, lying in his lap. The bullet, Coroner Heaton found, had passed through Johnson's head, entering the skull above the left ear and passing out of the right side of his head.

The fact that the door of the cabin was locked from the inside was discovered by Mrs. A. C. Stover, a neighbor of the old man who took a cherry pie to his cabin on Friday evening. Believing that something was wrong, she later summoned a group of men from Aaronsburg who broke down the door. All the windows were locked. Those who were first to enter the cabin were nauseated by the strong odor of the decaying body.

Johnson's watch, a twenty-four hour time-piece, and a lantern burned low near his body, led authorities to believe that he had killed himself between 8 and 9 o'clock Thursday night.

After investigating the case, Coroner W. R. Heaton stated that the cause of death was undoubtedly suicide.

In another note written in ink in a more careful and regular hand, Johnson goes on to tell the reasons for his act.

"Forgive me for what I am about to do," he wrote. "Mom continues to call me and has been calling me ever since she went away. I can't stand it any longer. Oh, how I have prayed for strength and help. I don't know what it is to be happy or contented since Mommie left. Don't worry about me now. I have no fear. I am going, depending on the love and grace of God in whom I believe."

"Owl Patrol" in Camp.

The "Owl Patrol", a division of the Centre Hall Boy Scouts, are in camp along Sinking Creek, at the Dauberman farm. It is strictly an Owl Patrol project, and eight of the members are in camp, namely: Fred Spiker, Wm. Confer, Warren Homan, Jim Bradford, Woodrow Bradford, Dean Runkle, George Martz and Lawrence Bender.

Sharer, Jr. at Spring Mills.

P. O. S. of A. Officers Installed. The following were installed officers of the P. O. S. of A., at Spring Mills, by Jerry Albright, past president: Past president—James Gulsewite. President—Archie Confer. Vice president—Miles Lingle. Master of Forms—Clarence Smith. Recording Sec'y—R. N. Lingle. Asst. Rec. Sec'y—Jerry Albright. Financial Sec'y—Chas. Grenoble. Treasurer—Jerome Lingle. Conductor—Lester Zettle. Inspector—Elmer Smith. Guard—Austin Confer. Chaplain—J. B. Ripka. Right Sentinel—R. L. Hook. Left Sentinel—A. D. Smith. Trustees—H. W. Weaver, Jerry Albright, A. D. Smith. Representative to State College—J. B. Ripka.

The Loysville Orphans' Home band of thirty-five pieces will give a concert at State College, on the Penn State campus, this (Thursday) evening at 6:30 o'clock. The youths who make up the band range in age from ten to seventeen years, and are led by Marion C. Walter, who is a graduate from the Lutheran institution he is now employed by as bandmaster.

Centre Hall, 5; Rebersburg, 2. (Continued from first page.)

Rebersburg met their usual defeat Saturday afternoon, on the local field, by the score of 5-2. Brumgart, a Mifflinburg pitcher, was imported with the hope of subduing the Centre Hall team, but the locals amassed eight hits at opportune times. Durst started on the mound for the locals, but developed a sore arm and retired in the 6th in favor of Gross, who held Rebersburg safe. The box score:

Box score table with columns: Rebersburg, R, H, O, A, E. Rows: S Bierly, Ziegler, C Tyson, L Bierly, B Tyson, J Wolf, C Brumgart, Fisher, Brumgart, Durst, Gross, Totals.

Box score table with columns: Centre Hall, R, H, O, A, E. Rows: Frank, Crawford, Ritter, Keller, Bradford, Reiber, Martz, Walker, Durst, Gross, Totals.

DEATHS.

TWITMIRE.—Wilbur Thomas Twitmire died at his home on Water street, Bellefonte, Thursday, following a brief illness of an infection of the foot from which blood poisoning developed. He was born in Milesburg, and was in his 85th year.

Mr. Twitmire was twice married, his first wife was Miss Nancy Alexander, who died twenty years ago, leaving three sons, Alton, of Bradley Beach, N.J.; Joseph, A. of Sunbury, and Dr. Wilbur D., of Lancaster. His second wife also survives. He also leaves seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Mr. Twitmire was a tinner by occupation and carried on a retail stove and tinware establishment in Bellefonte for sixty years. He was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church since childhood. He was also a member of the I. O. O. F. lodge and the Knights of the Golden Eagle.

Funeral services were held at the Methodist Episcopal church Sunday afternoon, in charge of the Rev. Horace Lincoln Jacobs, assisted by Rev. C. C.

Shuey. Interment in the Union cemetery.

ROBB.—Luther R. Robb, a native of Centre county and a well known locomotive engineer on the Pittsburgh division of the Pennsylvania railroad, died at his home in Altoona following nine months' illness with cancer of the jaw.

He was a son of Henry and Alice Keister Robb and was born at Nittany, Centre county, on September 8th, 1876, hence was not yet 55 years old. He was educated in the public schools of Walker township and thirty years ago to Altoona and entered the service of the Pennsylvania railroad as a fireman, later being promoted to an engineer. Twenty-eight years ago he married Miss Belle Schaeffer, of Nittany, who survives with two children, Ralph Robb, of Altoona, and Miss Eleanor, at home. He also leaves his aged mother, living in Bellefonte, and the following brothers and sisters: Mrs. Samuel E. Cole, of Dayton, Ohio; Nelson E. Robb, of Bellefonte; Alfred G. Robb, of Altoona; Mrs. Catherine Miller, of Harrisburg; Mrs. Thomas S. Swartz, of Tusseyville; Mrs. W. Harrison Walker and Mrs. M. W. Williams of Bellefonte.

Funeral services were held at his late home by Rev. B. A. Peters, and burial made in the Alto Resto cemetery, Altoona.

Williamsport Commercial College.

A busy year is closing. The reward of a business training is a good position. It helps you to make a living. That's what you must think about. You must succeed early or not at all. Good positions are being filled: Ralph Jones, National Biscuit Co.; Miss Edith Conrade, Nash Automobile Co.; Miss Ella Wagner, Diamond Watch Co.; Melvin Weiser, Bush & Bull Co.; Miss Helen Geist, National Silk Dyeing Co.; Miss Helen Lilley, lawyer's office; Charles Heim, Bell Telephone Co.; Miss Julia Joralemon, Leather Goods Co. and Miss Margaret Claster, Lock Haven firm. Fall term starts September 2nd and 8th. Send for catalogue. F. F. HEALEY, Propr.

Mrs. Harriet Ulrich, of Penn Hall, last week moved into the Garls property here, purchased by her recently.

Potato vines have had an abundance of moisture this year and the stalks show unmistakable signs of it. C. W. Slack exhibits part of a root from a vine that is twenty-five inches in length, and no doubt was eight or ten inches longer. The root lay about an inch and one-half under the surface of the soil.

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