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Grand Jury, Long Critical, Now Commendatory

Contrary to long custom, the Centre county grand jury commends county officials for the condition of the public buildings, offices, etc. The recommendations made are not because of neglect, but to render better service and the safety of the public.

E. E. Ardery, foreman, reported the grand jury had acted on fifty-seven bills, forty-eight of which were found true, eight ignored and one withdrawn. The jury convened Monday, February 15th, and adjourned the following Thursday.

The report as to commendation and recommendations continues:

"We have inspected the Court House and would commend the officials for the cleanliness of all departments.

"We would recommend the cleaning of all books and repairing and indexing of books that are in need of same.

"We would recommend that the faucets be repaired.

"Front entrance doors to the court house should be hung to swing out instead of in.

"We approve of the changes being made for the new apartments for women prisoners.

"We commend Sheriff Boob on the cleanliness in the jail proper. We also wish to commend the commissioners for furnishing of paint and Sheriff Boob for having the interior of the jail painted by the prisoners without expense to the county.

"We recommend the repairing of radiator in the Sheriff's living room. Otherwise all departments are in good condition.

"We would recommend that the entrance doors to the jail be hung to swing out instead of in.

COLLINS' TRIAL TO BEGIN TODAY (THURSDAY)

Criminal court has been in session all week and up to this time a number of cases, mostly liquor and traffic violations, have been disposed of.

This (Thursday) morning the trial of Fred Collins, 37, negro, for the murder of Miss Bettie Hickok will begin.

The public will not be entirely debarred from hearing the case, but it is understood there will be restrictions to avoid overcrowding of the court room. This is as it should be.

The trial of Warren Heaton for the slaying of Robert Moore, on Snow Shoe Mountain, will follow the Collins trial.

CANDIDATE FOR JUDGE FREED IN MIDDLEBURG COURT

Miller Johnson, of Lewisburg, Tuesday afternoon was cleared of charges of illegally using money in his campaign for the Republican nomination for the Snyder-Union judgeship last fall, in the Snyder county court at Middleburg.

Charges against him were not pressed by Judge Samuel E. Shull, of Stroudsburg, on the plea of District Attorney Henry J. Sommers. Shull was sitting especially for the Johnson case.

Judge Shull at the same time dismissed charges of complicity in the use of money in the primary against Johnston and seven supporters, all active political leaders in the county.

Johnson is a son of Federal Judge Albert Johnson, of the Middle Pennsylvania district.

PINCHOT NAMES LINN SUPREME COURT JUSTICE

Judge William B. Linn, of the Superior Court, on Tuesday, was named a Justice of the Supreme Court by Governor Pinchot.

Judge William H. Parker, of the Common Pleas Court of Venango county, was named to fill the vacancy caused by the elevation of Judge Linn.

This will mean four judgeships on the primary ballot, three of them in the Superior Court. Judge Robert S. Gawthrop, of Chester county, and Judge Stadfeld, of Pittsburgh, both of the Superior Court, also will be up for election.

The salary of a Supreme Court Justice is \$19,000 and of a Superior Court Judge, \$18,000 a year.

The Washington birthday number of "The Tiger," the local High school paper, is out and its eight pages contain much school news of lively interest. All departments—editorial, news, and advertising—are prepared and edited with care, reflecting great credit on both students and Miss Geary, under whose supervision "The Tiger" appears.

The Boalsburg correspondent gives an account of the marriage of Lynn Mothersbaugh and Miss Dorothy Graham.

WEDDED AT LOCAL REFORMED PARSONAGE, SATURDAY

On Saturday of last week, at 11:30 A. M. William C. Van Boskirk, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Van Boskirk, of Lewistown, and Miss Henrietta M. Eastwood, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Eastwood, of Yeagertown, were united in marriage at the local Reformed parsonage by Rev. D. R. Keener. They were attended by a brother and sister of the bride, Wm. I. Eastwood, a sophomore at Penn State College, and Miss Irma Eastwood. Mr. Van Boskirk is an employee of the Bell Telephone Company. The young couple expect to go to housekeeping shortly at Yeagertown. Best wishes.

PRESBYTERIAN MANSE NOTES.

A special service will be held in the Presbyterian church this (Wednesday) evening at 7:30 o'clock.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Heckman, Miss Martha Boal, Rev. and Mrs. J. M. Kirkpatrick motored to Beaver Springs to attend the installation services held in the Lutheran church there, Tuesday evening of this week, when the new pipe organ was installed. They also called on Miss Grace Wible, who is the Art teacher in the Beaver Springs schools.

Capt. W. H. Fry, of Pine Grove Mills, died Sunday at 1:30 P. M. and was buried on Wednesday at 2:00 o'clock. Services were held in the church of which he was the oldest member, and were in charge of his pastor, Rev. J. M. Kirkpatrick, assisted by Rev. English of the Lutheran church; Rev. Wink, of the Reformed church, and Rev. Brown, of the neighboring Presbyterian church.

LADIES' NIGHT OBSERVED BY BELLEFONTE KIWANIS

Ladies' Night was observed by the Bellefonte Kiwanis Club when wives, mothers and daughters of Kiwanian families were entertained at the meeting in the Penn Belle hotel Tuesday night. The room decorations as well as the favors were in keeping with the bi-centennial celebration of the birthday of George Washington, as was also the address by Dr. A. S. Beshore, of Kearney, Nebraska, the guest speaker.

Dr. Beshore is a noted humorist as well as a lecturer, and convulsed his audience often with laughter; but, in his serious side he brought home in a telling manner some truths out of the life of our first president for our own time. Pointing out how Washington by skillful generalship during the Revolutionary War and by wise statesmanship during the first years of the new nation brought from chaos a new country and established it upon firm foundations. He stated that this was done because of his unselfish patriotism and service. Such a spirit is greatly needed in governmental and private circles today to sweep out corruption and to bring a larger reign of human betterment.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.

Harold S. Walker.....Pine Grove Mills
Eleanor M. Gibboney.....McAleveys Fort
Miles J. Dixon.....Glenn Richie
Rubie Marie Dougherty.....Glenn Richie
Lewis L. Spicer.....Tyrone
Alice Enck.....Tyrone
Arthur R. Brownlee.....Avis
Rachael E. Lutold.....Jersey Shore

E. J. THOMPSON NAMED TO COLLECT PARTY FUNDS

Announcement was made last week of the appointment of Edward J. Thompson, prominent Philadelphia attorney, to head the Democratic victory fund drive in seven Central Pennsylvania counties. The honor bestowed upon Mr. Thompson embraces work in Centre, Clearfield, Cameron, Clinton, Lycoming, Potter and Tioga counties to raise \$5000 which is the quota set for this district. Centre county's portion will be \$500.

Hon. John W. Davis, Democratic candidate for president in 1924, will head the nation-wide drive which aims to bring into play a million and a half dollars to push the mule on to victory. R. Sturges Ingersoll, prominent Philadelphia lawyer, is director and chairman of the drive in the State of Pennsylvania.

Attorney Thompson will begin work immediately to push his district over the top.

Marcellus Royer advertises letters of administration in the estate of his father, W. J. Royer, late of Potter township, deceased, in this issue.

SERIOUS WRECK AT "TRIANGLE"—TWO IN ALTOONA HOSPITAL

The following is reprinted from the Phillipsburg Daily Journal, date of Thursday, February 18:

D. F. Mullane and wife, of 202 Kenneth Street, Greensburg, are in the Altoona hospital, both suffering from fractured legs and severe cuts, while Arthur C. Hewitt, of Bellefonte, sustained a scalp laceration when a Packard sedan, owned and operated by W. W. Kerlin, of Centre Hall, and a Studebaker four-passenger coupe owned and operated by Mullane, met in a dead-on collision a short distance below the Triangle shortly before noon today.

Kerlin and Hewitt in company with two other Bellefonte men, were on their way to Phillipsburg to attend the weekly Kiwanis luncheon. They are members of the Bellefonte club. Mr. Kerlin, who was not familiar with the route to Phillipsburg, drove past the Triangle and headed for Tyrone. His attention was called to the mistake by another member of the party and he began looking for a place to turn around. He spied a lane that serves as a driveway for one of the suburban homes in that district and swung out in preparation to turning in. It was then that the two cars collided.

The occupants of the rear seat of the sedan were thrown into the front while Mullane and his wife were thrown toward the windshield with terrific force.

Both cars were badly damaged. The left front of the Packard was badly stove in and the front wheels of the Studebaker were separated from the framework.

An immediate call brought Sergeant William Graham of the local sub-station hurrying to the scene of the accident. Mr. and Mrs. Mullane were removed at once to the Mercy hospital in Altoona where their injuries were treated.

A later report from the hospital in Altoona indicates that the condition of Mrs. Mullane is serious. She is suffering from a possible fracture of the skull and a fractured left leg and general bruises of the head and body. She is 38 years old. Her husband, D. F. Mullane, 35, it has been determined, is not suffering from a broken leg, but a severe cut on the right limb. He also lost eleven teeth and suffered general body and head bruises.

[Note.—Inquiry during the past few days at the hospital brings the information that both the patients are getting along nicely, and that the lady has only slight injuries aside from the broken limb. Occupants of the Kerlin car not named above were Rev. Robert Thena and Herman Hazel, of Bellefonte.—Ed.]

MEASLES TOP LIST IN DISEASE GROUP

Measles was the busiest communicable disease in Pennsylvania during 1931, and shows a total of 86,742 cases. 45,000 cases were among children of from 5 to 9 years of age.

Chicken pox cases numbered 49,107 cases during the same time, and scarlet fever 20,252 cases. Whooping cough came fourth in the list with 15,919 and mumps with 15,277 cases; diphtheria, 4,523 cases and German measles, 4921 cases.

The aggregate of the seven communicable childhood diseases for the year is 170,000 cases.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR EVENTS FOR 1932

The Centre county executive board of Christian Endeavor, presents this program for 1932:

An early Easter morning service is being suggested to all Christian organizations in the county. The thought is to have all such groups combine in a union service.

On April 9 the Executive Committee of the Pennsylvania Christian Endeavor Union will hold a spring meeting in Altoona. Each county has two official representatives, the president and secretary.

The Regional Conference will be held in Bedford county, May 28th to 30th. This meeting is for the Central districts of which Centre county is a part.

July 11 to 15 is the time for the biennial State convention to be held at Conneaut Lake, Crawford county.

October 7, 8 and 9 are the dates set for the annual Centre county convention.

Immediate attention is being given to a leadership training conference. The advisory board of the county will make an intensive study of the course and then conduct a series of conferences in each of the four branches.

The county officers are making a roll call of the societies and their allegiance to the county union. Societies that have not sent in their report to John Decker, of Nittany, should do so now.

SPRING MILLS MAN DRIVES AUTO INTO RUNNING TRAIN

Gross Shook, of Spring Mills, had a misfortune Thursday noon that might have been very much more serious. He was coming from Georges Valley in an automobile, and on reaching the Beaver Dam railroad crossing, east of Spring Mills, was unable to stop his car in time to avoid hitting the east-bound passenger train. A stop was knocked from the rear car, a milk car, regularly carried to the east. The Shook automobile was pretty badly damaged, but Mr. Shook, who was alone in the car, was not hurt in the least.

It appears no official report was made by the railroad company.

DIPHTHERIA CASE IN TOWN.

Saturday, while in Bellefonte, Bruce Smith, son of Robert I. Smith, became ill and was advised to secure the aid of a physician which was done, and after an examination the professional man pronounced his illness due to an attack of diphtheria.

On reaching home a serum treatment was given by Dr. Morrow. His condition since has been very favorable.

Rev. S. F. Greenhoe and Mrs. Ada Butz, who were passengers with the young man, were also treated in the same way by the physician.

STOLEN CAR WRECKED ON NITTANY MOUNTAIN

An Oldsmobile sedan was stolen Saturday night from the private garage of Mrs. Whitecar, South Frazer street, State College, and driven a short distance this side of Nittany Mountain top where it was wrecked. The wreck was probably due to a flat tire. Two or three sturdy guard-posts were mowed down before the car upset. The cable held, else the car would have plunged down a steep embankment for several hundred feet with sure death to the driver. The damage to the machine, which was in good condition throughout, was extensive. Entrance to the garage was gained by picking a combination lock. No trace of the thieves has been discovered.

The car was brought to the Miller Motor Co. garage here on Sunday afternoon.

Entertained at Woodward.

Misses Margaret Jacobs, Margaret Welder and Carriell Emerick played the part of hostesses at a party given at the Benner place, Woodward, on Wednesday evening. The guests who enjoyed the evening dinner and social hours were: Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Mitterling, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. MacMoran, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Knarr, Mr. and Mrs. George Vogt, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Fetterolf, Dr. Andrew S. Bashore, C. D. Bartholomew, Miss Elizabeth Bradfordlowe, D. W. Bradford, Miss Jennie Thomas, Mrs. Ada R. Butz.

CENTRE STUDENTS AT P. S. C. IN WINTER SPORTS

Twelve Penn State students from Centre county engage in winter sport contests. The two from the south side of the county are Bernard A. Confer, Madisonburg, wrestling, and Joseph S. Bamer, Tusseyville, wrestling, 165-lb. class.

Letters from Subscribers

Miss Spangler Writes of California's Unusual Winter.

Oakland, Calif., Feb. 16, 1932.

Editors Centre Reporter:

An enclosing herewith my renewed subscription to the Centre Reporter. It is indeed a welcome weekly visitor with its many items of interest.

I note many changes through its columns, and in going over some of the new roads being built, might even wonder where I was.

We have been having an unusually cold, wet winter here for California, quite in contrast to the mild one you are having. But even so, right at my door a cherry-plum tree is in blossom and have noted others that are braving the frosts.

With best wishes for the prosperity of the Reporter, I am,

Yours sincerely,

GERTRUDE M. SPANGLER.

Enjoys the News at 79 Years.

Franklin, Pa., Feb. 18, 1932.

The Reporter:

Please credit Mrs. W. R. From for a year's subscription to the Reporter which she always enjoys a lot. She is past 79 years, but is still very active and alert to all that is going on and enjoys all the news. Sincerely,

MRS. V. C. CAMPBELL.

[Note.—The From family formerly lived at Spring Mills and later at Milford, during the lifetime of Mr. From, who operated grist mills at several different points in Centre county. The many friends of the family will be glad to learn of the pleasing news concerning Mrs. From.—Ed.]

TALKS TO LOCAL HIGH SCHOOL ON FEDERAL RESERVE BANKS

Daniel Daup, Assistant Cashier of First National Here, Gives Class in Economics Valuable Information.

Daniel Daup, assistant cashier of the local First National Bank, very ably explained the purpose and organization of the Federal Reserve Banking System to the Economics class of the High school. He showed how the Federal Reserve System was helping the present depression by keeping money in circulation. He also spoke concerning the clearing house and its relation to local banks, the bank examiner and his duties, and many other interesting things connected with banking.

He told the students before him that the law authorizing the establishment of Federal Reserve Banks was passed December 23, 1913, for the purpose of establishing credit that would be sufficient and elastic in all regions of the United States. These banks are operating under a 25-year charter, and was accomplished only after five attempts by the Government to organize and maintain a Federal financing system.

Originally there were but six Federal Reserve Banks, now there are twelve, together with twenty-three branches. Federal Reserve Banks are located in Boston, New York, Philadelphia, Cleveland, Richmond, Atlanta, Chicago, St. Louis, Indianapolis, Cincinnati, Kansas City, Dallas and San Francisco.

The capital stock of each Federal Reserve Bank is not less than \$4,000,000, contributed by banks belonging to the Federal Reserve system, on the basis of 6% of their capital stock and surplus. The par value of the stock is \$100 per share. One-half of the stock was payable at the time of organization, and the remainder on call. To date no call has been made for the last half.

The Federal Reserve Bank is governed by the Federal Board, the directors in which are divided into three groups, classed A, B and C. The A and B directors are elected by the member banks, and the class C directors are appointed by the A and B directors.

Directors must be residents for two years in the district in which they are elected, and must have banking experience. One of these a class C director, is appointed a Federal Reserve agent.

Each member bank must carry a reserve with the Federal Reserve Bank a certain per cent of its deposits. These banks are divided into three classes: first, banks in the city where the Federal Reserve Bank is located must carry 13% of its demand deposits and 3% of its time deposits. Second, banks located in cities where a branch bank of the Federal Reserve Bank is located, must carry 10% of its demand deposits and 3% of time deposits. Third, banks not in central reserve cities and not in reserve cities, must carry 7% of demand deposits and 3% of time deposits.

The Federal Reserve Banks issue two kinds of currency: Federal Reserve Bank notes, which are secured by 2 per cent Consol. bonds and Federal Reserve notes which are secured by at least 40% in gold deposited with the U. S. Treasury. These notes are a primary obligation of the bank issuing them and a secondary obligation of the United States Government.

These notes are elastic, for the bank issuing them may purchase gold in the open market and deposit it with the U. S. Treasury for the purpose of issuing Federal Reserve notes, and in this way supply money as needed or retire these notes when the money is not needed.

Each member bank may re-discount with the Federal Reserve Bank notes of commercial concerns and farmers whose affairs are in first-class condition. This privilege is restricted to notes only for the purchase of raw material by the manufacturer, and for the purchase of stock, seed and machinery by the farmer. Notes given for the purpose of permanent improvements are not eligible for re-discount.

One Federal Reserve Bank may re-discount with another, if they cannot supply the necessary funds for their district.

The Government deposits the Government funds in the Federal Reserve Banks, and they in turn handle the sale of bonds for the Government. In this way the idle funds of the Government can be used by the Federal Bank.

Until 1918, the profits after all expenses were paid, were held as a surplus by the Federal Reserve Bank until the amount of surplus equalled the amount of capital stock paid in. After that time the profits were paid to the Government as a franchise tax, except 6% paid to member banks on the amount of capital stock paid in.

Millheim is planning to give a minstrel show in the near future.

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS

Harry W. Dinges is offering his home property, just east of the borough line, at private sale.

Trout of legal size are now being distributed by the fish commission in streams adapted to them.

Miss Dorothy and Jack McCleanahan spent the week-end at State College, visiting friends and relatives.

During the past year, the Centre County hospital has been made the beneficiary of bequests to the sum of \$7,300.

Rev. H. A. Pruyn, local M. E. pastor, with the beginning of the second semester, matriculated at Juniata College, Huntingdon, as a student. The first semester was spent at Penn State.

Several townships in Union county are organizing taxpayers' associations with the idea of aiming to cooperate with officials in an effort to reduce local taxes.

Centre county's share of the appropriations made under the provisions of the Talbot bill is set at \$2,259.99, in accordance with the July, 1931, estimates of the Department of Labor and Industry.

The spring time tables will go into effect on Sunday, 29th, on the Pennsylvania. Tables have not reached the local station, but no radical change of train arrival and departure on the local branch are anticipated.

Nevin W. Meyer, of Boalsburg, represented Centre county at the State Road Supervisors' convention, held in the William Penn hotel in Pittsburgh. While there, Mr. Meyer visited his nephew, John Mothersbaugh, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Ebricht, on Sunday, drove to Harrisburg and Monday evening attended the Group Five Bankers' meeting in that city. The time not spent in shopping by Mrs. Ebricht was a guest of Mrs. Beale, widow of Dr. E. J. Beale, a relative, in Lemoyne.

A number of members of Sunset Club, together with invited guests, greatly enjoyed a George Washington party at the club's resort on Thursday evening. A large per cent of the participants were costumed, some of them wearing close duplications of the fashions of those colonial days.

The Potter homestead, west of town, owned by Miss Mary Delinda Potter, will be tenanted by Martin Rudy, now living in Ferguson township. J. R. Harsbarger, who now lives on the Potter farm, will move to north of Millbrook, but will not engage in farming.

The Bald Eagle Telephone Company, operating exchanges at Beech Creek and Mill Hall, with connections at Lock Haven and Bellefonte, was merged with the Bell Telephone company, by the acquisition of all the common stock with the exception of seventy-one shares. The company was formed in 1907, but paid no dividends during the past fifteen years.

Miss Margaret Markle, of Millheim, a senior in the Public School Music course in Susquehanna University's Conservatory of Music, was one of the characters in the entertainment furnished on the annual ladies' night before the Sunbury-Seinsgrove Rotary Club. Miss Markle participated with five other music students in a Polish folk dance and was a member of the cast in "School Days." She is a member of the Sigma Alpha Iota sorority, University orchestra and Y. W. C. A.

Mrs. Lewis Swartz and children—Robert and Bettie, of Abington, near Philadelphia, accompanied Prof. Donald Welsh, who was on his way to his former home at Howard, to Centre Hall where they were guests over the week-end of the former's sister, Mrs. Edward Durst. The Swartz and Welsh families are close friends and both male members are school principals, the latter the head of the Highland High school, and the former of Abington High, both located in Montgomery county.

At the direction of the Eastern Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States, a conference of delegated ministers, elders and deacons was called to convene in First Reformed church, Rev. D. J. Wetzel, pastor, on Saturday, February 20, to consider the problems of the Consistorial Conference, matters of Christian Education, and the establishment and worth of the Reformed Churchmen's League in local congregations. The delegates from West Susquehanna Classis were Revs. R. D. Custer, G. A. Fred Grubbs, Herbert Zochman; Elders J. F. Wetzel, George Stover and Warren Blagman.