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## COUNTY SCHOOL DIRECTORS GATHER IN CONVENTION

Hear Dr. Yeager from State Department and Dr. Weaver from Penn State College, Present Live Topics.

The fifty-seventh annual meeting of the Centre County School Directors' Association was held in the Court House, Bellefonte, last Friday. One hundred and seventy directors answered to the roll call out of 195 enrolled. The following districts were represented by a complete board: Centre Hall borough, Colego township, Curlin township, Gregg township, Haines township, Half Moon township, Harris township, Howard township, Patton township, Philipsburg borough, Potter township, and Walker township. Districts not represented were Millheim borough, Snow Shoe borough, South Philipsburg borough, Worth township and Burnside township.

At the morning session, Dr. Wm. A. Yeager, of the State Teachers' Bureau, substituted for Dr. Lee L. Driver, Dr. Yeager spoke entertainingly on the past history of teachers and the school system, and showed the progress made in a century of education. In Centre county, 31% of all teachers had college diplomas in 1933. Out of 368 teachers in the county, only eight remain with "partial" certificates. This latter type should not be tolerated.

James Hawthorn of Philipsburg, made an excellent report of the State convention of school directors.

Dr. F. P. Weaver, of the Pennsylvania State College, spoke on the vital tax question, and with charts brought clearly to the directors the inequality existing with farmers paying out of all proportion to income. Dr. Weaver's research in this field of study has been exhaustive, and his presentation was lucid and forceful.

At the afternoon session, Dr. Weaver explained the attempts of the Roosevelt Administration to stabilize the dollar and to pay debts with something like the same dollar with which they were incurred. Dr. Weaver's knowledge of this question is profound. His ever-present charts are always in use by way of illustration, and while the money question is one which baffles the best minds, Dr. Weaver attempted to reduce the question to its lowest terms so that the average layman might have some small idea of what it's all about.

Dr. Yeager occupied a period in the afternoon session. It was his belief that the larger area of school administration, with a central high school, about which so much has heard a year ago, will ultimately come about, perhaps sooner than one may realize. Also, that income taxes will provide the funds for conducting schools, thus removing all local taxation.

The committee on reorganization presented the following names of directors as officers for the next year: President, H. A. Grubb, of Ferguson township; first vice-president, George L. Peterson, of Half Moon township; second vice-president, Thomas Stoltz, Howard; secretary, R. D. Shoemaker, Ferguson township; treasurer, Mrs. M. F. Broderick, Bellefonte.

The committee on resolutions of which Prof. O. F. Smith, Harris township, was chairman, presented the following resolutions, which were adopted:

1. Be it resolved that any pupil resident in a school district which maintains an approved high school, must secure the written permission of the local school directors before attending any high school outside of that district.
2. Be it resolved that legislative action be instituted which will give the board of school directors in every district representation on a committee to meet with the county commissioners for the purpose of equalizing the assessed valuation of the property within their respective districts.
3. Be it resolved that any attempt at enlarging the unit of school administration be brought about by the State offering some inducement which would make it desirable for certain districts to consolidate by mutual agreement.
4. Be it resolved that a copy of these resolutions be transmitted by the Secretary of the Centre County School Directors' Association to the State Senator and the Representative from this county.
5. Be it also resolved that a copy of these resolutions be presented to the Committee on Resolutions of the State School Directors' Association in person by the delegate from this association.

## PERRY H. LUSE SUSTAINS BROKEN AND CRUSHED LEG

While cutting wood, east of town, Perry H. Luse was struck on the right leg by a portion of the top of a small tree, resulting in a compound fracture and crushing the leg close to the ankle. He was immediately taken to the Centre County hospital. At the time this issue of the Reporter went to press the injury had not been set or x-rayed. Mr. Luse was reported to be resting very well and not experiencing more than the ordinary pain accompanying such injuries.

Mrs. Andy Rockey, on the Geiss farm near Linden Hall, is a patient in the Centre County hospital for the past four or five weeks suffering from uric acid poisoning. Her condition for a part of this time was very critical but at present it has improved.

## CWA IN THE HANDS OF REPUBLICANS IN 35 STATES

Aroused by wide-spread charges of graft and favoritism in the Civil Works Administration a group of House Democrats a few days ago were considering a drive to oust Harry L. Hopkins, Federal Relief Administrator.

The plan of campaign under discussion calls for amendments to the \$35,000,000 appropriation which President Roosevelt will ask to continue CWA jobs for 4,000,000 men through the winter.

The chief deterrent to an active fight, the leaders frankly admit is that the White House is standing loyally by Hopkins.

Fearful of bringing down upon them the wrath of the administration with the election coming on, the ring-leaders conceded the extent of the open fight depends upon the number of Democrats joining the movement.

Proposed movements to the forthcoming bill include: Creation of a bi-partisan board to direct the CWA.

Limitation of the types of projects to be undertaken to avoid charges of wasteful work.

Prescribing rates of pay to end quarrels between branches of the relief and PWA.

"The situation is this," explained a Democrat who is leading the movement. "Hopkins has direct control of the expenditure of around \$1,000,000,000 in the CWA, and the Federal Relief Administration. He chooses indirectly workers and names the conditions on public works projects costing millions.

"There are many who feel the job is too big for one man. They have received complaints that money is being wasted digging holes and raking leaves when worthy hand-labor projects, including digging of sewers and similar work, can be found.

"In many districts members receive complaints that workers on various types of public works and CWA jobs are paid different wages for the same kind of work. We are fearful of the effect of the administration of the CWA in the next campaign."

The Democratic group, after a survey, declares that in 25 of the 48 states the CWA is actually in the hands of Republicans.

## WILL BID FOR GRANDSTAND THROUGH CWA CHANNELS

The local baseball club will present a plan for a grandstand on the high school athletic field, to the CWA, and anticipates favorable action on it. The stand is planned to seat about 400, roofed, closed on three sides, with the front well screened. The club has a neat sum of money in its treasury, and feels able to take care of all or nearly all the cash needed to furnish the material and work not taken care of by the CWA.

## WIAN—LUCAS.

Haffel Wian, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Wian, living on the former Mary Fisher farm, Penn Mall, and Miss Lucia Lucas, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Lucas, of Milesburg, autoed to Cumberland, Md., and in that proverbial "church around the corner" were united in marriage. The young couple returned home to the parents of the bride where an evening wedding dinner awaited them. The couple were accompanied on this important trip by the groom's sister, Miss Hilda, and the bride's sister, Miss Harriet.

Mr. Lucas is now engaged on a CWA project in Bellefonte, but next spring will begin a business venture, having leased the Toner Fisher filling station along the concrete road above Milesburg, and will conduct the same.

The Reporter joins with a host of friends in extending congratulations and best wishes for success in the business venture of the groom.

## MEETING OF TAX JUSTICE LEAGUE OF CENTRE COUNTY

A meeting of the Tax Justice League of Centre County will be held in the Court House, Saturday, February 3rd, at 8:00 P. M., for the purpose of electing officers for the ensuing year. Charles S. Kniss, editor of the Beacon, a tax justice publication, of Altoona, will be the speaker of the evening.

Representatives from all local tax organizations are requested to be present.—Kile Alexander, president.

## FLEMING—MEIER.

John M. Fleming, city editor of the Philipsburg Daily Journal, and columnist, a son of Judge and Mrs. M. Ward Fleming, Bellefonte, and Miss Louise Joan Meier, of Geneva, Illinois, were married on the 7th day of January.

The bride, as per announcement of a few days ago, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Meier, spent a year as a nurse in the Philipsburg State hospital, where Mr. Fleming formed his acquaintance with her. She is a graduate of the Lutheran Hospital Nursing School, Moline, Ill. and later attended Columbia University, New York.

## TWO POTTER TWP. PROPERTIES SOLD; HOMES FOR OWNERS

Two properties in Potter township were sold during the recent past through H. L. Ebricht of the First National bank, and both properties will be occupied as homes by the new owners.

The Fohringer home was sold by the heirs of Mrs. Emma Fohringer, mother of Daniel Fohringer, to Wm. H. and Lillian Ida Machmer, of Lewisburg. The property is located east of Colyer, and contains about ten acres, with improvements. Price, \$600. Mr. Machmer is employed at the Viscose plant in Lewisburg.

The Henry Lingle property, containing about 20 acres and buildings, in the vicinity of Colyer, purchased a short time ago by Mr. Porter, was resold by him to Charles Wagner, son of Mr. and Mrs. John H. Wagner, of Potters Mills. The price paid was \$1,032, but a few dollars in advance of the sum paid the Lingle heirs. Mr. Wagner, who is employed under Forest Ranger W. F. McKinney, is a single man, but it is given out that his parents, now occupying the Clayton Wagner home at Potters Mills, will move onto the place.

## DEMOCRATIC GATHERING IN LOCAL I. O. O. F. HALL

A get-together meeting of young Democrats in this district is called for Tuesday evening of next week in the Centre Hall I. O. O. F. hall by the Southside Young Democratic Club. It is planned to have a good social time, and afford local Democrats to meet some of the more prominent workers in the Democratic party in the county. Efforts will be made to have Dr. Frank D. White, State Committeeman for Centre county, of Philipsburg; Charles Freeman, of the same place; County chairman John Bower, of Bellefonte, and Mr. Nicholson, of State College, present.

All Democrats are invited to attend.

## STATE COMM. TO SUGGEST DEM. CANDIDATES, FEB. 10

The Democratic State Committee of Pennsylvania will meet in Harrisburg in special session on Saturday, February 10 to suggest candidates for United States Senator, Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of Internal Affairs, and Judge of the Superior Court for approval by the Democratic voters at the May primaries, and to act on thereupon of the special rules committee with State Chairman Warren Van Dyke presiding.

The rules of the State committee also provide for district and county conventions for the purpose of suggesting candidates for Congress, State Senator, and member of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives.

## EVANGELICAL HOSPITAL A COMMUNITY INSTITUTION

Negotiations are under way to make the Evangelical hospital, at Lewisburg, which is now a part of the Evangelical Home, a community institution. The plan has been in process of formation under the direction of the Community Hospital Auxiliary which has been active in Lewisburg for the past three years. Furthermore the move has the endorsement of a number of physicians and surgeons of Lewisburg, Milliford and Milton.

All that remains is the securing of the endorsement of this move from the church denomination which now controls the institution.

## POTATO GROWERS' ANNUAL MEETING IN COURT HOUSE

According to Charles P. Campbell, of Penna. Furnace, the annual meeting of the Centre County Potato Growers Association will be held in the Court House at Bellefonte on Friday, February 2, at 1:00 P. M.

Speakers on the program will be L. T. Dennison, potato disease specialist of State College, and Dr. E. L. Nixon, who will discuss the following questions:

- Why do our seed potatoes run out?
- Do we need new varieties?
- The storage of our seed potatoes.
- Proper seed treatment.
- Shall we spray our potatoes in 1934?
- How to overcome stem-end discoloration, etc.

In addition to the speakers the association will make plans for securing certified seed potatoes for next spring's planting and reorganize for the coming year. All potato growers are urged to attend.

## KIND WORDS FROM SUBSCRIBER.

Catawissa, Pa. Jan. 29, 1934. Editors of the Centre Reporter: Enclosed find money order for \$1.50 for the good old Reporter for another year. It brings me news—some of sorrow and some of joy—but I always welcome its coming.

Hope we may all be more prosperous in this year than many people have been in the past years. And let us not forget the "Giver of every good and perfect gift."

MARATHA P. ROYER. The Sanford hospital owner, Dr. F. G. Sanford, aged 55 years, died at the Johns Hopkins hospital, Baltimore, Md., on Sunday. The Sanford hospital, Jersey Shore, is where Miss Mary Reiber of Centre Hall is in training. The institution, it is said, will be taken over by others and will be continued much in the same way as heretofore.

## STORMSTOWN I. O. O. F. S HAVE ANNUAL OYSTER SUPPER

Last Thursday evening at Stormstown the annual oyster supper of Halfmoon lodge No. 845, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, was held at the lodge hall. More than two hundred and fifty Odd Fellows from the valley, with their wives and families and guests, assembled for the delightful function.

At 8:30 o'clock, after the regular lodge meeting, those present gathered around the supper table to make way with the oyster stew, ham and rolls, pickles, olives, celery and coffee which comprised the meal. Then the program of entertainment began.

Secretary Harry Fischer presided and he presented Dr. John H. Frizzell, of State College, who spoke brilliantly and effectively upon the life of Thomas Wilder, founder of Odd Fellowship in America. Mr. Frizzell is grand conductor of Pennsylvania Odd Fellowship.

Then Colonel Benjamin C. Jones, of Tyrone, addressed the gathering. He pointed out three outstanding characteristics of Thomas Wilder which could well be developed in individual and community life today: those of a pioneer; an organizer and a builder. Colonel Jones is a member of Allegheny Gateway lodge of Tyrone.

Music enlivened the program and the good fellowship and hospitality of the good folk of Halfmoon Valley were evident as always. Among the visitors at the meeting from Tyrone were grand master of the First Blair County District Irvin M. Kathman, William Krider and William Bastina.

## WENT TO IOWA FOR HORSES.

Saturday morning, George Searson, of Centre Hall, took the Greyhound bus and started for Iowa where he will purchase a load of farm horses for public sale here by Searson & Son about the middle of this month. Mr. Searson's expert knowledge of horse flesh assures farmers of horses of the type they will be looking for.

## PENNSY TO GET \$7,000,000 FROM PUBLIC WORKS FUND

The Pennsylvania Railroad company received a check for \$4,900,000, the first installment on a \$7,000,000 loan from the Public Works Administration.

The money will be used to complete electrification of the P. R. R. lines between Washington and Philadelphia and to build 7,000 new freight cars in the Altoona shops.

## "CLOVER CLUB" CELEBRATES TWENTIETH ANNIVERSARY

The twentieth anniversary of the Clover Club was celebrated at the home of the president, Mrs. W. F. Keller. The history of the club was given by Mrs. Levan Smith, whose sketch noted that the club, first a sewing circle, was organized in 1914, with Mrs. D. W. Bradford, now deceased, as president. The club later adopted the name of "Clover Club." The organization has regularly contributed to the Red Cross, purchased seals, books and paper towels for grade schools, sent food, clothing and furnishings to needy families, Christmas gifts to children.

Poems and songs written for special occasions, one of which is printed below, were sung and read. Three visitors, Miss Ruth Smith, Bellefonte; Miss Kirkpatrick, now Mrs. David Stet, Bellwood, and Mrs. Grace Detsell, of Greensburg, were present. Delicious refreshments were served.

## THE SEWING CIRCLE

Listen, fair ladies, and you shall hear A tale of the Clover Club, we hold so dear. In 1914, it was organized— The few enrolled, you'd be surprised.

The Sewing Circle, as it was known then, Had a membership of not more than ten. Maidens fair and ladies past their teens Comprised this group of stouts and leans.

The laws and orders were truly eyed, Regular dues were graciously paid. The officers performed their duties so well That all were pleased, more than tongues can tell.

Some brought their sewing, tatting and yarn. Others their mending, and old socks to darn; Swapped tales of woe and cares of the day, But ne'er an unkind word did they say.

The evenings were spent in laughter and fun; Good eats, such as salad, coffee and bun Were enjoyed by all, who would venture out Regardless of weather, sickness or gout.

As time passed on, changes took place; New members were added, regardless of race— Some young, some middle aged, some gray. But only those who were happy and gay.

Only three passed to the great beyond; Of them, as others, were very fond. And memories of their friendship true Will ever cling to me and you.

And as our Circle, or Clover Club, today, After twenty years, we are glad to say, Has retained that friendship and goodwill That forevermore our hearts shall fill.

—F. H. K., 1934.  
FREDA KERLIN

## CENTRE HALL CHILDREN CELEBRATE PRESIDENT'S BIRTHDAY, TUESDAY EVE'G

Local Evangelical Minister, Rev. J. W. Zang, Takes Initiative in Helping President Roosevelt's Warm Springs Foundation Movement.

Happy Centre Hall children met Tuesday evening in the primary room of the Evangelical church to celebrate the fifty-second birthday of President Roosevelt.

The children of the first four grades met at 4 P. M. Helen Hess, whose birthday is on this day, was the guest of honor and was presented with a birthday gift. The children joined enthusiastically in games. Miss Martha Yearick entertained them with stories.

At 7:00 P. M. the older children came to the church for their celebration. Betty Runkle, whose birthday is also on January 30, was the guest of honor in this group and received as a gift, "Little Women," by Louisa Alcott. The children joined in a game in which they were given the names of the Presidents and their wives.

Miss Yearick gave several readings for their benefit which the children thoroughly enjoyed. After refreshments were served the children went home inspired by the example of a great man who came up unbeaten after a terrific struggle with one of humanity's most dreaded foes.

The children each brought a contribution which will benefit the Warm Springs Foundation, Warm Springs, Georgia, by Cashier H. L. Ebricht of the First National Bank. This gift will be marked as from the Children of Centre Hall. All citizens who wish to aid this worthy cause in recognition of a living man who overcame one of life's greatest handicaps to serve his country as its executive, are asked to augment the contributions of the children. Bring your contributions before the end of the week to the First National Bank of Centre Hall and they will be sent to the Warm Springs Foundation. There will be no deduction from the amount received for the expenses of the party or for any other purpose. Encourage your children with your contribution.

## HIGH PRAISE FOR "TIGER," LOCAL HIGH SCHOOL PAPER

"Very desirable advertisement for so small a school" is the commendatory comment of the judge of the Pennsylvania School Press Association contest; in a recently received point-by-point criticism of "The Tiger," quarterly publication by the local high school.

Placing second in the news-magazine division of the P. S. P. A. contest, "The Tiger" tied with Whitehall High School paper of Allentown, Pa.

Coughlin High School of Wilkes-Barre won first place with the "Coughlin Journal," and the publications of Galeton and Williamsport High schools tied for third place.

This is the third year for "The Tiger" as a printed publication; it existed previously as a mimeographed paper. Last year also the paper placed second in the State contest competing with schools equally as large as this year's competitors.

The Judge gave "The Tiger" additional credit for being entirely self-supporting—depending entirely on advertising for funds. He also lauded the humor column, several articles of educational interest, and the exclusion of all clipped jokes, and other items not written by students.

The staff of "The Tiger," all members of the senior class, includes Woodrow Meeker, editor; Ruth Hartley, assistant editor; Paul Faust, sports editor; Sara Odenkirk, circulation manager; Reuben Rickett, business manager; and Jack McClanahan, advertising manager.

Miss Agnes Geary is the faculty advisor of the publication.

## AMISH FARMER DIES IN BUGGY FROM APOPLEXY

Yost Yoder, 57 years old, a prominent farmer, living on the Robert Nagel farm, one mile east of Milroy, died while he was driving his horse in an old-fashioned buggy, one day last week. Two small boys were with him at the time. W. Reed McNeil and Ray Aumiller, observing the lines dragging upon the road, went to the buggy and found that the driver was dead. A stroke of apoplexy caused the sudden death. Dr. W. H. Kohler, of Milroy, was summoned but the last spark of life had fled.

## RELIEF FOR UNEMPLOYMENT CUT

Governor Pinchot disposed of the seven bills remaining since adjournment of the special session, vetoing five of them.

The two approved were appropriation measures, one carrying \$5,000,000 for financially distressed school districts and the other designating \$40,000,000 for unemployment relief. The government slashed the latter amount to \$20,000,000.

The Steele bill, which included the item for school aid, was reduced to a total of \$6,012,250, the governor cutting the appropriations asked for by legislative investigations in the past several years.

There are three, not two, as erroneously stated last week, remaining Civil War veterans residing in the borough of Millheim, namely, Nathaniel Booh, John Hoffman and Adam Malze.

## TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

### HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS

Rockview penitentiary death; house has four electrocutions scheduled for this month. Two of the murderers are from Luzerne county and two from Philadelphia.

S. Wilson Haines, who served for sixteen years as tax collector in Haines township was a guest of his nephew, E. E. Zettis, in town, over the weekend.

The P. R. R. company took measures to abandon the Milesburg station as an agency passenger, baggage and freight to a non-agency passenger, baggage and freight station.

An item appeared in this paper two weeks ago stating that Mr. Stamm, now tenant on the Brockerhoff farm, east of Centre Hall, would move to the George Gantzer farm, in Georges Valley, but it appears this is not correct.

Mr. and Mrs. Philip H. Musser celebrated their fiftieth anniversary on Wednesday of last week at their home in Millheim. Mrs. Musser was engaged as a clerk in the old Millheim bank, and later in the consolidated bank for many years, retiring during last year.

By February a total of 50,000 rabbits will have been released in Pennsylvania for the present season. Most of the number came from Missouri. The importing of rabbits may repeat the experience in restocking of Pennsylvania streams with beavers after they have them a while they may not be wanted.

Dr. Charles E. Beury, president of Temple University, Philadelphia, was on Saturday named president of the Pennsylvania State Association of College presidents. Dr. Ralph D. Hetzel, president of Penn State, retiring as president. Mrs. Beury will be recalled here by many as the second daughter of Dr. W. E. Fischer.

Applications will be received by the U. S. Civil Service Commission up to Friday, February 9th, 1934, to examine competitors for a contemplated vacancy in the Rebersburg postoffice. The Rebersburg office is of the fourth class which class was put under civil service by President Wilson, shortly after his inauguration. E. A. Bierly is now the acting postmaster.

Sylvester E. Sharer, of near Linden Hall, was a pleasant caller at the Reporter office last Thursday. Mr. Sharer enjoys a good huckster trade in State College and numbers among his customers many of the Penn State faculty. Just now he is enjoying evening gatherings with some of the learned professors who are "hatching" out some new political move which has for its objective better local conditions.

Ray Mark and George Luiz attended the auto show in Harrisburg, one day last week. They report the new cars measure up to the pre-announcements in appearance and no doubt in other respects as well. Cars carrying extreme changes in general appearance attracted general attention—attention to such an extent that many timid visitors to the show got but a glimpse of them.

H. L. Ebricht, cashier of the First National Bank, has been made a member of the "Farm Debt Council" by Governor Pinchot. The chief function of the committee, it appears, is to pare down mortgages to a point where the Federal Government will be able to accept them. In other words, the committee is a go-between twixt the Federal Government, the farmer and the mortgage holder.

A handsome new calendar has just come to our office. It is from the Pennsylvania Railroad company and contains a large-size painting of the electric super-locomotive, done by Griff Teiler. The giant electric locomotive is the Pennsylvania's answer to the stimulating challenge of the times. It is a symbol of the New Day—of speed and industry. This colorful picture tells the epic story of modern development in transportation.

A jury in the Blair county court, last week, awarded Mrs. Mildred Mae Hines, widow of the late Lawrence N. Hines, of Bellefonte, a verdict of \$,000 in an action against C. Ross Beatty for damages for the death of her husband in an automobile accident at Altoona on August 7, 1921. Hines was riding in a car with Beatty when the vehicle traveling on Pleasant Valley boulevard, Altoona, collided with a truck, resulting in his death.

James Searson, of town, this week received a promotion at the hands of the State Highway Department, coming through C. W. Roberts, superintendent for Centre county. Mr. Searson has been made a foreman on highway construction work. He has been in the employ of the Department for some years, taking care of road equipment. Having given at all times to the Highway Department his most conscientious endeavors, the promotion therefore is a well-merited one.

Carl Rice, of Arnotville, York county, a graduate of the Pennsylvania State College in the class of 1933, has been selected to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of John L. Stockey as supervisor of agriculture in the Sugar Valley Vocational School. Mr. Rice began his duties Monday and will be joined by Mrs. Rice later on. Mr. Stockey, who began his work in Sugar Valley in the spring of 1932, has resigned to accept the post of 4-H Club agent in Broome county, N. Y.