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MARGIOTTI MAKES RADIO PLEA FOR SUPPORT OF NEW DEAL IN PENNA

Radio listeners in last Friday night were treated to a sensible, forceful address by Charles J. Margiotti, prominent Pittsburgh attorney and Independent Republican.

Margiotti was a candidate for Governor on the Republican ticket at the spring primaries and polled 198,323 votes. Recently he bolted his party and came out for the Democratic ticket headed by George H. Earle for Governor and Joseph F. Guffey for U. S. Senator.

Margiotti, in his address Friday night, said he deserted the Republican party because of its reactionary leadership and because of the evasive platform adopted by its State committee.

He charged the Mellon-Grundy-Atterbury leadership of the G. O. P. represents the concentrated wealth of the State.

"The platform adopted at Pittsburgh recently shows that they both direct the personnel of the party and dictate its policies," he said.

"Ambiguous and indefinite" was Margiotti's description of the Republican platform. He said it was so written that the liberals can interpret it as liberal, and the conservatives as conservative.

Relief of the back-breaking burden of taxation and revision of the State Constitution, as pledged by the Democratic platform, are the outstanding issues of the current campaign, Margiotti said.

Commenting on the tax situation, the Pittsburgh attorney said: "My friends—are you aware that the latest available figures for the year 1931 show that the total tax levy for local government in Pennsylvania, including county, borough, township, school, city and poor amounted to \$372,000,000? Of this stupendous amount, only \$13,000,000 was raised by a four-mill tax on personal property. In other words, for every \$28 taxes paid for local government, \$27 comes from the owner of a home, farm or other real estate, and only the small sum of \$1 comes from the wealthy man who has his investment in stocks and bonds."

Margiotti declared the Republican platform merely promises to "study" the tax problem and not to remedy it.

"Are you satisfied with a pledge to study, when you must have immediate action if you are to save your farms and homes?" he asked.

"The Republican party has been in power for years in Pennsylvania. The tax situation has been growing more burdensome yearly. Their candidate for Governor has been on the public payroll as Attorney General for twelve years. If he and the other candidates have failed to learn of the unfair distribution of the tax burdens upon our citizens, and a method by which said burdens can be relieved, he and the others would probably gain no additional light by four years more of study at your expense."

"Now let me tell you how the Democratic platform provides for a reasonable income tax to be used exclusively for school purposes, and thereby reduce the burden on homes, farms and industry. An income tax is the most practical method permissible under our present antiquated constitution, which will distribute taxes according to the ability of our citizens to pay. Mr. Earle, Democratic nominee for Governor, promises you that this method of raising taxes for school purposes will relieve real estate of its present tax burdens."

Margiotti described the Constitution of 1874 as a "fortress for privilege and concentrated wealth." That's why the Grundys, the Mellons and the Atterburys are opposed to revision, he said.

In concluding his address, Margiotti said: "My friends, Election Day will be a day of great responsibility, and great opportunity for the voters of Pennsylvania. You can make it a day of hope, or a day of despair."

"Sound ideas, a progressive platform, and a New Deal will make it a day of hope. The retention of the same old group will commit the State of Pennsylvania to four more years of our present policy of despair. Do you want a lot more of the Old Guard misrule in this State, or do you want a change. That is the important question you will be required to answer."

The Democratic candidates, headed by George H. Earle for Governor and Joseph F. Guffey for United States Senator, promise you that they will earnestly and honestly act for the benefit of all the people of the State of Pennsylvania. They promise to restore the government of Pennsylvania to the people.

"Men and women of Pennsylvania, let us join hands in carrying out the policies of President Roosevelt for a real New Deal in the State government of Pennsylvania."

Senator Scott and Representative Holmes are trying to ease their conscience by giving all or part of ill gotten gains to charity. The Senator made contribution to institutions aiding crippled children and the Hon. J. Laird Holmes split his \$500 even with his own pocketbook and the Centre County hospital. Reference is made to the salary collected for extra session of the legislature. Judge's thirty pieces of silver were slammed on the table and later were put in good use, but there is no Scriptural commendation of Judas for that act.

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GREGG TOWNSHIP VOCATIONAL SCHOOL PREPARING FOR 17TH COMMUNITY FAIR

The seventeenth annual community fair sponsored by the Gregg Township Vocational School will be held at Spring Mills on Friday, October 12th. A one-day affair will be held this year instead of the two-day fair of the last four years. It is felt that a more interesting and entertaining program can be arranged by confining the activities to the one day. It is hoped that all in the community will plan to exhibit farm and home products.

Games and races are planned in the afternoon for the elementary school pupils as well as soccer and dodge ball games with Robersburg High school. The elementary pupils will give evening program in the Grange hall at 9:30 Friday A. M. It is planned to have movies at this program. The evening program in the Grange hall will find the members of the senior class presenting a three-act comedy. Prizes will be awarded at the close of this program. A cordial invitation is extended to the people of the community to attend these programs, and to exhibit products.

CORMAN-WINKLEBLECH.

Miss Anna M. Winkleblech, daughter of J. H. Winkleblech, of Coburn, and a teacher in the Penn Township Consolidated School at Coburn, and Alvin L. Corman, son of J. R. Corman, of Coburn, were united in marriage in the Bloomsburg Reformed church by Rev. Heller. Mr. Corman is employed by the Clover Hill poultry farm and the Atlantic Refining Company. They have already set up housekeeping at Coburn.

WORKINGS OF CAMP FOR MEN TO BE EXPLAINED BY DIRECTOR

In the assembly hall of the Centre Hall High school building, on Tuesday evening, Spencer R. Gordon, Camp Director, Treaster Camp for Men, will give an address explaining the workings of the camps with reference to the men themselves, the connection and responsibility of the State and Federal Governments. There is a vast amount of information the camp authorities are anxious to pass out to the public so that it may have a better understanding of the purpose of the government in establishing the camps and thereby remove prejudices held in many sections where camps are located.

The Camp Director is thoroughly acquainted with the work in which he is engaged, and is able to speak in an interesting manner to his hearers. The meeting will be open at 7:30 o'clock. There will be no charge for admission; no collection; no offering.

\$100,000 BOND ISSUE STATE COLLEGE DEBT RETIREMENT

Measures were completed by State College borough council to refinance its indebtedness by a 15-year \$100,000 bond issue.

According to the ordinance, balances in the 1932 and 1934 sinking funds and the cumulative sinking fund will be diverted to a special fund to meet interest payments on the new bond issue, after interest on floating debts and present bonds is met. A total of \$850, including \$500 on the principal, must be paid on the new \$100,000 issue up to next September 15. No increase in the five-mill "interest tax" will be required.

FORESTRY STUDENTS WORKING ON NITTANY MOUNTAIN

Twenty-four or more Forestry students from the Forestry School of Mont Alto are giving a day a week to practical work being carried on by Forest Ranger Richard Brooks of Centre Hall, on Nittany Mountain. The work being done is brushing out roads, cutting out crowded back young pines in sections reforested, and any other work presenting itself as being needed. The young men, who are first and second-year students, will be on duty Wednesday of each week during the fall and winter months. They will be furnished with tools especially designed for the class of work they are expected to do.

The students will be accompanied by two instructors from the Mont Alto school.

SPRING MILLS FISH & GAME ASSOCIATION NAMES WINNERS IN FISH CONTEST

The Fish Committee of the Spring Mills Fish and Game Association, has just made public the names of winners in the local Trout Fishing contest conducted under its auspices from April 15th to July 31st. The following persons won prizes:

Members' Division, entire period, Jacob P. Sharer, Spring Mills, prize \$3.00 worth of fishing equipment to be selected by himself; won with Brown trout, weight 2 lbs. and 3 oz.; length, 19 1/2 in.; girth, 10 in.; caught in Penns Creek on April 24th.

Young People's Division, first period (April 15th to May 31st), Master Russell Spayd, of Centre Hall, R. D. Prize, \$1.00 worth of fishing equipment to be selected by himself. Won with Brown trout—weight 1 1/2 oz., length, 12 7/8 in.; girth, 6 1/2 in.; caught in Penns Creek on May 24th.

Young People's Division, second period (June 1st to June 30th), Master John Wilkinson of Spring Mills; prize \$1.00 worth of fishing equipment to be selected by himself; won with Brown trout—weight 1 lb. and 1 1/2 oz.; length, 17 1/2 in.; girth, 9 in.; caught in Penns Creek on June 15th.

Other prizes were also awarded to other winners in the contest.

Various cartons containing five hundred each of either white pine or hemlock trees were shipped from the State Forestry nursery at McKim's, in Seven Mountains, on Wednesday. The trees were shipped by express to McElhattan and Downingtown boroughs.

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45TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY OF MR. AND MRS. R. J. ZERBY

On Sunday, Sept. 23rd, the forty-fifth wedding anniversary of Robert J. Zerby and Sidney Spicher Zerby was held at the home of their daughter, Mrs. John W. Phillips, of Brownsville. Mrs. Phillips was assisted by Mrs. W. H. Hockenberry, a sister of Mrs. Zerby.

After the anniversary dinner a program of music and readings was presented by the grandchildren of the couple, namely—Robert J. Zerby, Jr., Margaret S. Zerby, Sophie J. Zerby, John Z. Phillips, and Lou Etta Phillips. Miss Freda Claycomb, a grandniece, pleased all with her performance at the piano. Local talent who assisted in making the occasion a memorable one were—Rev. and Mrs. Ernest Weals, Mrs. C. K. Sawyer, Miss Virginia Yealy and Mrs. Wilda Keys. As the concluding number Louise Hockenberry, a niece, gave a presentation speech and formally presented the many gifts to the bride and groom who were married forty-five years ago at Centre Hall.

A feature of the celebration was that it was a reunion of all the children of the late John H. and Julia Corman Spicher who were raised on the Spicher farm, three miles west of Centre Hall.

These brothers and sisters left Centre county many years ago to find permanent employment. The four brothers have been retired for a number of years, and receive generous pensions.

James M. Spicher, after farming a few years on the Rhone farm, was employed on the P. R. R. at Patton and later at Cresson for 39 years. He retired three years ago as a conductor.

Charles F. Spicher left Centre county quite young, in 1884. He was employed by the U. S. Steel Co. for 39 years at Anderson. Ind. He retired five years ago.

Korman Spicher, after teaching public school in Potter township, Centre county, for five years, secured employment as letter carrier in Philadelphia. After serving 36 years he was retired in April, 1933.

Calvin G. Spicher, after teaching public school in Potter and Patton townships for eight years, was employed at the Williamsburg Branch of the Pittsburgh Post Office, and was retired August, 1930.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Zerby left Centre county in 1899. Mr. Zerby is employed by the P. R. R. at Monaca-hela. He will retire as an engineer with 39 years service, in August, 1935.

William H. and Mrs. Carrie Spicher Hockenberry have lived in West Brownsville since 1912. Mr. Hockenberry is an employee of the Monongahela Railroad.

Korman and Calvin G. Spicher gave talks on incidents of their early life in Centre county, while Chas. E. Zerby, of Johnstown, and a son of the honored couple, gave a complete genealogy of the Zerby family.

Others not already mentioned who were present were John Spicher and Miss Bernice Spicher, of Anderson, Ind.; Mrs. Calvin G. Spicher, of Williamsburg; Mrs. James M. Spicher, of Altoona; Mr. and Mrs. Statler Claycomb and Mrs. Chas. E. Zerby, of Johnstown; and John W. Phillips, Fayee Keys and Robert Keys, of Brownsville.

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"ALCOHOLISM" CAUSE OF DEATH OF J. GREY, AT TREASTER KETTLE CAMP FOR MEN, SATURDAY

A coroner's jury after hearing the testimony in the death of Joseph Grey, which occurred early Saturday morning at Treaster Kettle Camp for Men, in Potter township, pronounced the cause "alcoholism," and absolved Tony Taleric and Edward White from blame.

The chief incidents connected with the affair are these: Friday evening a group of the men went to Bellefonte on a truck, and on their way home a dispute arose, resulting in blows. Early Saturday morning Grey was called to get out of bed and prepare for a trip to another camp. He demurred, and was slapped in the face. On arising and going to the wash room trouble started again. Tony Taleric, a youth of seventeen, took exception to remarks and acts made by Grey, and struck him. Grey collapsed, and was carried to the dispensary, where shortly thereafter Dr. L. Bright's, the camp physician, pronounced him dead.

Edward White and Taleric were placed under arrest and held in the county jail as material witnesses until Sunday when they appeared at the coroner's inquest.

Little is known of Grey's past life, except that he was born in Akron, Ohio, and was thirty-one years of age. He was termed a confirmed drunkard, having caused previous disturbances among his companions during the ten or twelve days he was in the camp. "Tony" is a favorite in camp; is credited with not drinking and entirely peaceable. He very graciously thanked the jury for relieving him of any blame for the death of the man.

After the inquest, which was held in the Goodhart undertaking parlor, the body was prepared for burial, which took place Monday afternoon in the Evangelical cemetery, Zion Hill, Rev. J. W. Zang, pastor of the Evangelical church, officiating.

Capt. Patterson, who attended the hearing, in brief remarks to those congregated, asked the public not to judge the personnel of the camp by the acts of a few men.

The coroner's jury was composed of R. M. Smith, foreman; D. W. Bradford, C. E. Flink, W. D. Shoop, Wilbur Henney, and Russell Slack, all of town.

MEMBERS OF BUSINESS MEN'S ASSOCIATION TO GO ON TOUR

A special meeting of the Centre Hall Business Men's Association was held in the high school auditorium Thursday evening, at which time the itinerary of the fall outing and time was placed in the hands of a committee composed of George Johnston, D. W. Bradford and W. W. Kerlin. The trip to Hershey last November was so generally satisfactory that the vote was unanimous to again go out on a short tour.

Another question favorably acted on was the offer of officials at Treaster Valley Camp for Men to come here and define the purpose of the formation of the character of camps named. Depending upon the program that can be put on, either the high school auditorium or Grange Arcadia will be used for the meeting. The president, F. V. Goodhart, and secretary, H. L. Elright, were designated a committee to make all arrangements, notice of which will appear in these columns.

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MILLHEIM BASEBALL CLUB CHAMPIONS FOR SECOND YEAR

The Millheim baseball club repeated this year, and is again declared champions of the Centre County League. Right to this title is by virtue of victory in the "Little World's Series" combat with Pleasant Gap, which ended Saturday at Hecla Park. Millheim took the game 2 to 1 in a hectic encounter. The two clubs played seven games in the series to decide the issue.

Saturday's game was strictly an A. Miller affair. This dependable ball player—pitcher, batter and fielder all combined in one—acclaimed by many as the leading ball player in the entire league, is responsible for Millheim's sitting on top. He held the Gap to three stings hits, got three of the eight hits his teammates collected off Harper, and batted in the run in the 8th inning which proved the winning counter for his team.

He closed the series in truly dramatic fashion. It was like this: Hermon got a hit and was sacrificed to second by Fultz. White fanned while the crowd took advantage of the occasion to stage a demonstration. Benford came to bat, let three bad ones pass, knocked three or four fouls and then took a swing that would put to shame the immortal Casey. All he hit was the other and the game, series and season was brought to a spectacular close.

"Gap" Wins Wednesday, 6-4. Last Wednesday afternoon's game resulted in a 6-4 victory for Pleasant Gap, giving the Gap a two to one lead in the series. Harper for Pleasant Gap, and Cable, for Millheim, were the opposing moundmen, the former allowing only 4 hits, while Cable yielded six.

Millheim Evens the Count Again. Thursday's game, at Millheim, resulted in a crushing defeat for Pleasant Gap by 6 to 0, which again evened the series at two games each, and necessitated the playing of one more game to determine the champions of the league.

In this game Millheim sprang a surprise by sending Paul Musser to the mound to face the Gap batters. The name Paul Musser brings back memories of 30 years ago. Musser is crowding the 50-year mark. He played major league ball in his time, but has been out of the big time for some years. He held the fort on Thursday for four innings and retired unscathed—but was very fortunate because of a tough "technical" break for the Gap boys. In the very first inning Kurtz of the Gap, hit a terrific two-bagger with, the bases filled, only to be called out because he had stepped out of the batter's box. Fortunately for Millheim, the batter's box was marked off, a detail which is usually overlooked in amateur baseball circles. Stepping out of the restricted area is done more frequently than not, so that it was indeed a lucky break for Millheim and undoubtedly saved them from defeat.

Evans followed Musser and pitched the two remaining innings of a six-inning game. Whitehill pitched for the Gap.

W. C. T. U. COUNTY CONVENTION. The county convention of the W. C. T. U. held at Unionville, Thursday of last week, was well attended, one hundred or more members having been present at the first session.

Mrs. Frank M. Fisher closed a year's work, but has been re-elected as president, as well as Mrs. Dale, of State College, as treasurer. Mrs. M. R. Johnson, of Bellefonte, is recording secretary, and Miss Mary, Turner, of Unionville, corresponding secretary. Mrs. H. W. Robert, of Snow Shoe, is a "Cleveland Six," having secured six new members to report at the National at Cleveland. Mrs. Harriet Askins has charge of Scientific Temperance Instruction in the county and reported with essays and posters.

At an executive meeting it was decided to have Mrs. Alvin Sherline, of Johnstown, to spend a week in the county to promote the work of youth.

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TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS

S. Cleveland Brungart is digging a new cesspool on his home lot.

The second Aladdin table lamp given away by Hosterman & Stover company, Millheim, was secured by Jacob Musker, of near Aaronsburg.

The Robert J. Miller property, State College, sold at Sheriff's sale, went to the Capital Savings and Loan Association, Harrisburg, for \$5,500.

Subscriptions to the Phillipsburg Thrift Corporation have reached a point where the success of the venture may be safely predicted.

At the end of this month and that is Sunday, the last period in 1934 for car inspection closes. See that your car is carrying the proper label before October is ushered in.

Pennsylvania's fall R. R. time table will be issued by the end of this month. There may be some radical changes on the L. & T., but it is more likely the old schedule will be followed in a general way.

Two of the Lock Haven State Teachers' College 1934 football squad come from Centre county; one of these is Paul Breen, Robersburg, guard, and the other Lewis Lucas, Phillipsburg, half-back.

To correct a slight deformity of his right hand, as a result of its having been crushed while working on a CWA project, last winter, John Klinefeller, of Millheim, was sent to the Marine hospital, Baltimore.

In the State of Washington the New Deal was endorsed at the primaries by a vote of two to one. It is not long since the ratio was ten to one in favor of the Republicans, while in 1932 the split was almost even.

The interior of the Centre county jail has been given another coat of paint by the prisoners during their enforced sojourn there. This time it is a battleship gray. Windows have been doubly barred as a means of security.

Rev. and Mrs. Wilson P. Ard and son, Bobby, of Denver, Col., are in Centre county, the last lap of the trip, beginning in Michigan, having been made in a new car. They will return to their Colorado home by auto this week.

Rev. G. A. Fred Griesing, of the Aaronsburg Evangelical and Reformed church, underwent an operation for the removal of his tonsils. The operation was performed by Dr. W. S. Wenzel in the Mary Packer hospital in Sunbury.

District Attorney Phillip H. Johnston expects to open an office in the court house in the near future, in the room recently vacated by the Centre County Farm Bureau. When he gets located he will not spend all his time there, but a stenographer will be in charge from morning to night.

Much of the seeding to wheat throughout the valley is already up and presents a beautiful appearance. Most of the farmers seem to have taken more pride in preparing the seed bed than in the case, due probably to its easy preparation,