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Centre County Leads in Payment of Old Age Pension; More Than 900 Apply

Centre county is the first in Pennsylvania to put into use by aged, needy persons the full amount of the Old Age pensions made available by the Commonwealth December 1, 1934. The Board of Trustees administering Old Age Assistance in Centre county announces that from the \$3,204.40 allotted to Centre county for monthly pension payments to the aged, 165 pensions have been granted and that pensioners have received their December checks and requests for the January and February payments, are now in Harrisburg.

More than 900 aged persons applied for Old Age Assistance in Centre county, with new applications being received daily. The investigation of these applicants continues uninterrupted, and should the present session of the Legislature appropriate more funds for the Old Age Assistance, the Mothers' Assistance Board of Trustees of Centre County will have eligible applicants in readiness to receive Centre county's share of the additional fund desired and anticipated.

Until further notice the office of Old Age Assistance in the Library of the Court House in Bellefonte will be open from 3:30 to noon Wednesday and Saturday. Mr. Robert Parnell will be in charge of the office.

VAN DYKE PREDICTS SAVING OF \$365,000 IN SALARIES

Warren Van Dyke, Secretary of Highways, said that reorganization of his department will save the taxpayers \$365,000 a year.

He explained that 214 employes have been dismissed. Their yearly salary was \$322,420. Forty-one have received salary cuts totaling \$19,960.

Two-month furloughs were given 31 persons, resulting in a saving of \$13,130.

Nineteen employes, whose salaries total \$23,520, were put on an hourly basis and, Van Dyke said, the saving there will be \$15,000.

Kyle M. Alexander, of Julian, in Huston township, is a candidate to become the Democratic nominee for the office of prothonotary in Centre county, and in due time will publish an official announcement. He is a life-long Democrat, has been prominently connected with the political affairs in his district, is a graduate of Penn State, served as county chairman of the Tax Justice League for two years, a non-political organization, and is a member of the State executive committee of the same body. Mr. Alexander has long been prominent in Grange circles and for two years has been a director in the Keystone Grange Exchange, a real dirt farmer, and is in the prime of life.

The Sheffield milk prices for January is \$7.92 per hundred pounds subject to the freight, grade and butterfat differentials. This is 84 1/2 cents above the price for January, 1933.

Governor's Proposed Revenue Sources

Twenty-two new revenue sources, expected to yield \$202,267,250 during the 1935-1937 biennium, were recommended to the legislature on Tuesday by Gov. George H. Earle.

Sources suggested and the expected revenue from each are:

- Extending capital stock tax to domestic manufacturers, \$3,000,000.
- Extending capital stock tax to foreign manufacturers, \$1,500,000.
- Increasing foreign corporation taxes, \$3,000,000.
- Extending 8-mill gross receipt tax on utilities, \$750,000.
- Extending gross receipt taxes to motor trucks, \$375,000.
- Increasing license fees on trucks and buses, \$7,000,000.
- Transfer mercantile license tax to Revenue Department, \$1,700,000.
- Transfer inheritance tax collection to Revenue Department, \$2,250,000.
- Increase gasoline tax from 3 to 5 cents a gallon, \$4,000,000.
- Placing tax on gifts at same rate as inheritance, \$1,500,000.
- Increasing gross receipts on utilities to 2 per cent, \$11,500,000.
- Increasing personal property tax to 5 mills (the State to do collecting and return per cent. to municipalities), \$11,500,000.
- Imposition of 1/2 mill per kwh on electricity produced, \$8,500,000.
- Imposition of tax on cigars, cigarettes and tobacco, \$11,217,250.
- Documentary tax of 2 per cent per \$100 on bonds, etc., \$2,000,000.
- Imposition of 10 per cent on amusement charges, \$6,000,000.
- Imposition of flat 6 per cent. tax on net corporation income, \$20,000,000.
- Reducing the time limit for cheating, \$1,375,000.
- Severance tax on oil, natural gas, sand, gravel, stone, limestone and clay products produced in State, \$4,000,000.
- Chain store tax, \$4,000,000.
- Mileage tax on foreign trucks coming into State, \$3,000,000.

PAST GRAND ASSOCIATION MEET IN CENTRE HALL

The Centre County Past Grands' Association of the I. O. O. F. held its monthly meeting in the local hall last Thursday evening, following the regular I. O. O. F. meeting.

This organization, an auxiliary of the I. O. O. F., is engaged in sponsoring the collegiate education of several I. O. O. F. orphans.

Prof. John H. Fritzell, of Penn State College, entertained the audience for a short time prior to the opening of the formal program, by giving his personal experiences while on a recent trip to Louisiana, and this included a word picture of the colorful Huey Long.

Other speakers were Lester Kuhns, Jersey Shore, and Rev. H. H. Sherman, Snow Shoe.

There were present twenty-six members of the association and the same number, less one, visitors.

John Campbell, reared in the Sunbury I. O. O. F. orphanage, is the only beneficiary of the lodge at this time. His parents were both killed as the result of an explosion. Through the efforts of Prof. A. L. Tobias, of State College, the youth was entered in the Engineering School, and has since had the support of the association.

After the close of the program, the Ladies Aid society of the Methodist church served refreshments.

THE SEARSON HORSE SALE

The sale of a carload of Western horses by James Searson, at Centre Hall, on Monday, was a success. At the close of the sale all of the twenty-eight animals, except five, were sold. The high price for a single horse was \$225. The better horses sold most readily, indicating buyers prefer the higher grade animals.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Another horse sale is booked for Monday, at the hotel barn, by Wm. Gruenwald.

A son was born on Friday to Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Stover. He is the second son and has been named Ronald.

The sixty-seventh session of the Central Pennsylvania annual conference of the Methodist Church will be held in Shamokin, April 23-29.

Dr. F. S. Campbell, who a year ago took over the practice of the late Dr. Kidder, in State College, died at his residence Tuesday morning, at the age of 68 years.

All persons interested in gardens are invited to attend the meeting of the State College Garden Club, February 18, in the basement of the Presbyterian church, at 7:30 p. m.

Bobbie, young son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert McClenahan, is confined to bed from a bad case of grip. The lad made several attempts to leave the sick bed, but each time, was driven back again.

About a month ago John B. Wert suffered an injury to one of his knees, and of late it is causing him more or less pain and is keeping him close to his home. At first little attention was given the injury, but of late it has been necessary to secure surgical aid.

A bill introduced in the State Senate by Senator Edward J. Thompson to recommit the Bachelor bill designed to abolish the State Emergency Relief Board and place relief administration in the Department of Welfare was lost by a vote of 26 to 23. The vote indicates four Republicans voted with the nineteen Democrats.

Ward Markle, of Pleasant Gap, on Saturday was arraigned before a Bellefonte justice of the peace, paid a fine for reckless driving and waived hearing, posting bond for his appearance at court, on charges of resisting an officer. Markle was taken into custody Sunday evening by the Bellefonte detail, State Highway Patrol.

The evening classes for farmers, sponsored and taught by E. H. Dale, teacher of agriculture in the Harris Township Vocational school, are being well attended. The lessons scheduled for the next two meetings, Feb. 18 and 25, will deal with potatoes, while soy beans, another important crop in the county, will be discussed at the March 4 meeting. Crop rotations will be the subject of the March 11 meeting, and problems and methods of marketing grain will be taken up at the final meeting on March 18.

Miss Ruth Zang, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. J. W. Zang, Centre Hall, is enrolled in the Pre-Medical curriculum, at Penn State, a course of study very exacting in its requirements, and has made a scholastic average for the first semester of 2.25. This is the highest record made by a freshman woman in this curriculum. There are nine freshman women in the Pre-Medical course and Miss Zang was competing with girls prepared in large city high schools located in Buffalo, New York, Washington, D. C., and Philadelphia. She shows every promise of continuing the good record and should have no difficulty in being admitted to a medical school of good standing when she completes her work at The Pennsylvania State College.

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CONSOLIDATION OF SCHOOL DISTRICTS COMING, SAYS DR. KING, OF UNIV. OF PENN.

At a meeting of the Pennsylvania School Directors' Association held in Harrisburg, last week, the directors were curtly informed that whether they liked it or not, the consolidation of small school districts was coming, and that if that is not taken up you will get something you don't want.

The following Associated Press dispatch sent out from the State Capital, date of 7th inst., gives some of the movement to be forced on rural districts. The dispatch says:

Ending a year's deliberation, Pennsylvania School Directors' Association recommended a voluntary plan of school consolidation to the Legislature through which the districts would take the initiative.

Brushing aside an effort to delay action another year on the controversial subject, the annual convention adopted the plan designed to permit reduction in the number of school districts after being warned by sponsors that rejection of it would place the directors in the position of opposing "something that is coming anyhow."

The plan, drafted by a joint committee of educators and school officials after a year's study, recommends consolidation of school districts up to a county unit after approval of the voters.

Answering arguments that consolidation would centralize authority, Dr. Leroy A. King, of the University of Pennsylvania, pointed to agitation in the Legislature for a larger unit of school administration.

"It's a problem that people must give and take and, if I understand, the majority leader, you had better get into a disposition of giving, or you will get something you don't want," Dr. King said. "Do not place yourself in the position of being opponents of something that is coming anyhow."

Dr. King referred to the statement made to the convention by Frank W. Ruth, of Berks, Democratic floor leader, who said he favored a modified compulsory county unit which would "get rid of two-thirds of the school directors."

Transfer of motor funds for use of other State activities, including education, was urged in a resolution adopted. Other planks in the legislative program include revision of the State tax and assessment system, and reduction in real estate taxes, provided State appropriations are increased to an amount equal to the reduction.

Mrs. Warren Marshall, of Swarthmore, was named president of the association. C. K. Patterson, of Turle Creek, and Dr. William K. McBride, of Harrisburg, were re-elected vice-presidents, as was Mrs. Anna Dickinson, of Harrisburg, secretary-treasurer. J. Foster Meek, of Altoona, was advanced from the board of directors to a vice-presidency and Mrs. Maud B. Treacher, of Jeannette, was named on the board.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Morris E. Breon, State College
Bertha E. Ross, State College
Steve Smerick, Clarence
Anne Pameck, Clarence
Kenneth B. Miller, Beech Creek
Dorothy M. Galbraith, Monument
Homer Graham, Woodland
Marion Oon, Surveyor

FARM CALENDAR

Timely Reminders from Pennsylvania State College School of Agriculture

HEAT FOR HOTBEDS—Five sources for heat for hotbeds were used in tests at the Pennsylvania State College agricultural experiment station last spring. They are electricity, manure, kerosene oil, natural gas and anthracite coal. Since manure is still usable when it comes out of the bed, most of the cost is for labor in getting the manure ready and putting it into the frame.

USE POTATOES AS FEED—Potatoes may be fed to dairy cattle, steers, and swine when properly balanced with grain feed. When the potatoes are cooked the water used should be discarded as it contains a poison which is harmful to the animal. Sprouts and sun-burned potatoes should be avoided for the same reason.

PLANT WITH A PURPOSE—All plants used on the home grounds should serve a definite purpose, says Penn State specialists. A tree or a shrub should never be planted simply because of fondness for that plant. It is better to determine the use to be served and then select the plant which serves the need.

GOOD TREATMENT PAYS—When apple trees receive proper fertilizer and cultural care they will produce every year under favorable weather conditions. Yields have been more than doubled over poorly treated trees records for 25 years at the Pennsylvania State College show.

AIR CARRIES MOISTURE—A cubic foot of air at 47 degrees F. can carry twice as much moisture out of the poultry house as air at 30 deg. F., while air at 81 deg. F. has approximately eight times the moisture-absorbing qualities of air at 30 deg. F.

It's the same old story, "too much pepper," especially in London at this time.

PUBLIC WORKS PROJECTS ENCOURAGED TO SPEND STATE'S \$50 MILLIONS

How to spend the \$50,000,000, the sum estimated Pennsylvania will receive from the Federal Government during the next year, is the problem of the State Planning Board and Public Works Administration.

A questionnaire was sent to the burgeons of Centre Hall, A. E. Frank, as well as to all of the 5,636 government units in the State to determine the various needs for public projects. Officials receiving them are requested to act promptly, so that projects under the Federal Government's re-employment program can be acted upon as soon as the funds are available.

Major William H. Gravell, State Engineer, Public Works Administration, says the Department of Public Instruction could use over \$50,000,000 for new school buildings, improvements to present structures and other projects.

Questionnaires sent to the taxing units, asks them to list improvements urgently needed and of permanent value, which create future wealth or better standards of living. In each case a questionnaire is also sent requesting information of the political unit reporting, including school and poor districts, the principal industries, principal transportation facilities, and whether the community has a water system, electric service or gas service.

If a city, county or regional plan is in existence, the unit is asked whether it endorses the schedules proposed.

Another questionnaire, seeks information concerning the latest assessed total valuation of taxable property; the amount of present indebtedness; whether the unit is in default on debt payments; if any overlapping taxing authorities are in default on outstanding debt; what the tax rate is; what the total tax rate, including county, school and other taxes levied on property in the community is.

City, county and regional groups, whether official or unofficial, have been asked to cooperate with the State Planning Board in furthering the work.

The Centre Hall borough school board is now studying the questionnaire to determine whether or not with the cooperation of the borough council a project could be carried through here.

The need of an assembly room at the high school building is admitted by every public spirited citizen, and since such a structure comes under the list of projects suggested by the State Planning Board, local authorities are being urged to proceed with that purpose in view.

BIRTHDAY PARTY

A birthday party was held Friday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Glen Corman, in Centre Hall, in honor of their daughter, Arlene, whose sixth birthday it was. Her friends showered her with many pretty gifts. Refreshments were served to those present, who were: Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Emery, Mrs. F. V. Jodon, Isabel and Marjorie Emery, Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Goodhart, "Chickie" Goodhart, Mrs. Hughes Brininger, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Royer, Wendell and Kenneth Royer, Lydia Ann Smith, Janet Runkle, Myra Confer, Emma Jodon, Isabel Jodon, Mae Ripka, Helen Ripka, Bob Allen, Myron Reitz, Dean Ripka, Mr. and Mrs. Glen Corman, Arlene and Yvonne Corman.

Boalsburg

Mrs. John Jacobs visited friends at State College several days last week.

Luther K. Dale and son Frederic transacted business in Centre Hall on Monday.

Edward Isenberg, who has been quite ill at his home in Detroit, Mich., arrived in town Thursday for an indefinite visit at the home of his parents.

Miss Augusta Murray has received official notice of her appointment as postmistress of Boalsburg.

Mr. and Mrs. Finn McGirk, of Altoona, were visitors at the home of Miss Anna Dale on Sunday.

Joseph Peltz and son, of Altoona, spent Tuesday night in town and Wednesday accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Hess and son Robert motored to Selingsgrove to attend the funeral of Rev. Dr. T. C. Houtz.

Dr. James Swank, of Endicott, N. Y., drove to Boalsburg Saturday afternoon for a brief visit with his parents, Dr. and Mrs. Peter Swank, returning home Sunday, accompanied by his brother, Howard, wife and son who will remain in Endicott for some time.

Mrs. J. D. Patterson suffered several severe attacks of illness over the week end.

Tusseyville

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Swartz and daughter, Mary, recently visited Mrs. Swartz's mother, Mrs. Alice Robb, who has been seriously ill at her home in Bellefonte.

Mrs. Charles Slutterback and daughter Marion spent Saturday at the Wm. Jordan home at Colyer.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Mowery, of Burnham, visited Sunday at the Milton Kling home.

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Martz, of Oak Hall, spent Sunday with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Martz.

Mrs. Blerly, of Selingsgrove, was a Sunday evening supper guest at the Chas. Slutterback home.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Holderman, granddaughter, Melissa, and Mrs. Hess, of Red Mill, were Sunday afternoon callers in Bellefonte at the Mrs. Annie Thal home.

WM. NEESE INJURED IN AUTO ACCIDENT SATURDAY MORNING

William Neese, a Spring Mills carpenter, was pretty badly injured, Saturday morning, on his way to State College, when a car operated by Archey Heckman, also of Spring Mills, collided with a truck, at a point on the Old Fort-Boalsburg road a short distance west of the Brown farm, where Daniel Colyer lives. The road at that point was a sheet of ice, which prevented the car operator from properly steering the vehicle and avoid a head-on collision. The Heckman car was badly damaged, and was later brought to the Hagan garage in Centre Hall.

Mr. Neese, who is regularly employed as a carpenter by the College, was cut on the face, and also received a knee injury, and bruises. He was taken to his home at Spring Mills where Dr. Huston gave the necessary professional attention.

Mr. Heckman, the car operator, escaped with slight injuries, while Milford Luse, Centre Hall, also a carpenter, a back-seat passenger, was uninjured.

Mr. Heckman is employed as a workman on the College, buildings and grounds, and for some time has been carrying the two gentlemen previously named to and from their work. Mr. Neese is 63 years old.

FOURTH GENERATION IN KNARR FAMILY WITH ARRIVAL OF BABY DAUGHTER

A baby daughter, child No. 1, in the family, came to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Knarr, of Centre Hall, Saturday evening. The little Miss has been named Josephine May, and on her paternal side boasts a great-grandfather, hence she represents the fourth generation living in the Knarr family.

SCHOOL FUNDS LOW

The school appropriation for Centre Hall borough and Potter township, due February 1st, is delayed owing to lack of funds in the State treasury. The two districts are by no means singled out since the condition is general throughout the State.

Owing to this condition, Potter township was unable to meet its monthly payroll for teachers at its last meeting.

PENN STATE EXPERT TO STUDY DIESEL POWER ON EUROPEAN TOUR

Dr. Paul H. Schweitzer, associate professor of engineering research at the Pennsylvania State College, is on a two months' leave during which he is visiting the major Diesel engineering laboratories and manufacturing plants in Europe. He expects to return to the College about March 1.

Dr. Schweitzer has been connected with the Diesel research program at Penn State for a number of years, the College having one of the few Diesel spray research laboratories in the country. On his trip through Europe Dr. Schweitzer is visiting the laboratories in England, Holland, Denmark, France and Switzerland.

PATIENTS IN CENTRE COUNTY HOSPITAL FROM SOUTH SIDE

David Yeager Wagner, Lemont, was admitted Wednesday of last week as a surgical patient.

Edward T. Jamison, Spring Mills, was admitted Saturday for medical treatment.

Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Tietz, State College, was admitted Saturday as a medical patient.

Mrs. Norman Hazel, Madisonburg, a surgical patient, was discharged on Saturday.

Master James F., son of B. F. Krumrine, Pottery Mills, became a surgical patient Sunday.

There were 48 patients in the hospital beginning of the week.

FORESTRY MEETINGS

Reforestation and woodlot management will be discussed by F. T. Murphy, forestry extension specialist of State College, at meetings to be held at two demonstrations on Monday, February 18, according to County Agent R. C. Blaney.

On the planting of Prof. W. D. Hosterman, at Spring Mills, at 10 o'clock, Mr. Murphy will discuss varieties of trees, soil types and other reforestation problems. This area was reforested by Prof. Hosterman several years ago, and anyone interested in planting waste land will be able to see the possibilities at this demonstration meeting.

ATTRACTIONS AT "THE PLAZA" AND "STATE" THEATRES

FRIDAY & SATURDAY -- Barbara Stanwyck in "A Lost Lady" with Ricardo Cortez, Lyle Talbot.

MONDAY & TUESDAY, next week -- "Society Doctor," with Chester Morris, Virginia Bruce, Robert Taylor and Billie Burke.

WED. & THURS., next week -- "Big-Hearted Herbert," with Aline MacMahon, Guy Kibbee; comedy drama.

STATE THEATRE--Thursday, Friday and Saturday, this week--Tim McCoy, ace Western star, in "Prescott Kid"; also, Buck Jones in "The Red Rider."

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, next week--"Blind Date," with Ann Southern and Neil Hamilton. Also, Monday is lady night and each lady will receive a special piece of dressware.

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS

The appointment of Claude Musser, postmaster for Millheim, was sent to the U. S. Senate for confirmation, last week.

Hugh Morrow, Jr., employed at the office of the Centre Daily Times, State College, was at his home here over Sunday.

Miss Leticia Brent, of Lewistown, was appointed supervisor of nurses on the third floor of the Centre County hospital, succeeding Miss Pauline Clements.

The members of the local Rebekah lodge will hold a card party on the evening of Washington's birthday, which falls on Friday evening of next week, in the I. O. O. F. hall.

Miss Jennie Hassel bought the stock and equipment of the Montgomery & Co. stores, sold at Sheriff's sale. Her bid on the Bellefonte store was \$900 and \$250 on the State College store.

Troop 1, 163rd Cavalry, will hold its annual benefit military ball at Hecla Park, Thursday night, 21st inst. Dancing from 9 to 1. Subscription, \$2.00 per couple. For table reservation, phone Zion 2324.

Mrs. Milford Luse recently entertained committees from the local churches who are planning for the "World Day of Prayer for Missions," on Friday evening, March 8th, in the Lutheran church.

Roy Dutrow, a poultryman of wide experience, has an "army" of baby chicks--1700 in number--under his care for the Kerlin poultry plant. The chicks will be raised to sell after they have attained the age of four weeks or more.

Quite a number of farm sales are scheduled for March in the lower end of Penna Valley, while in this immediate vicinity the "crop" is going to be a short one--as short, if not shorter, than last year, which held somewhat of a record.

There are no cases from the south side of Centre county listed to be heard during the second week of court, opening Monday, March 4th, at which time civil cases only are up for trial. All told there are sixteen civil cases listed for trial, some of which may be settled out of court.

Mrs. W. A. Odenkirk and daughters, Misses Helen and Sarah, during last week gave a card party to a few of their friends, namely, Mrs. J. F. Wetzel, Mrs. H. W. Potter, Mrs. F. V. Goodhart, Miss Mary Potter, William Campbell, Miss Jane Campbell and a classmate of the latter, Miss Lodge, and Mrs. Warren Homan.

Miss Marian Tschudy, of Spring Mills, was the winner of the pasture painted by Mrs. D. R. Eeener, of Centre Hall, and awarded by the Centre Hall Order of Eastern Star. The contest, staged by members of the order, was that of guessing the number of beans in a jar publicly displayed. The jar contained 597 beans and Miss Tschudy's estimate was 690.

Prof. Wm. A. Broyles and Mrs. Bertha Broyles, of State College, received severe injuries when the car they were driving, and one driven by John Lewis Van Thune, of Landsdown, collided at a point about three miles east of Boalsburg, on the Pottery Mills-Boalsburg concrete road. Mr. Thune was also injured, and his car was damaged to the extent of \$200, while the damage to the Broyles car is estimated at twice that amount.

Approximately 75 students at the Lock Haven State Teachers' College have begun their assignments as student teachers for the second semester. Students from Centre county who are doing this work are Walter Wilkinson, Math. Science, Spring Mills; Lewis Lucas, Social Science, Math., Phillipsburg; Harold Hoy, Grade 2, Hubersburg; Anna Wert, Kindergarten, Centre Hall; Jerome Haagen, Grade 4, Bellefonte; Elva Stiver, Grade 5, Martha Furnace; Arthur McCloskey, Grade 6, Hubersburg; Margaret Williams, Grade 6, Port Matilda.

A number of heating plants in town are being improved by the introduction of forced draft through the means of the installation of electrically operated fans. Where the change has been made, rice or buckwheat coal is used. The First National bank is about to install a complete stoker system, which will be electrically operated, to heat the three floors in the building. The heat and water supply for the boiler will be regulated by the use of thermostat and automatic injector. The system will require but slight attention on the part of a janitor.

Church goes at Sunday evening's service, in the local Lutheran church, witnessed a pastor conducting a service in which every ounce of wanting strength was expended to carry on to a conclusion. Rev. S. F. Greenhoe has been a seriously ill man for the past year, but an indomitable spirit urges him on. Sunday, he officiated at two communion services on his charge during the day, and evening saw a minister weary in body to a point where his parishioners feared for his safety. The pastor's iron will excited the admiration of his many friends, and it is their hope that his physical condition may improve, to give him strength to carry on his chosen work.