

## County Farm Debt Adjustment Committee Reports Progress

The Farm Debt Adjustment Committee for Centre county reports that substantial progress has been made in improving the financial positions of distressed farm owners in the county since the committee was appointed by the Governor of the Commonwealth in 1934.

"The refinancing of farm mortgages," H. L. Ebricht, chairman of the committee said, "has presented a situation in which the average owner has found that the loan value of his property is, in most cases, far below the amount he had obtained during the period of high prices of farm products. In a substantial number of cases the debts of the individual farmer exceeded the amount that can be borrowed on mortgages and the amount he can pay his creditors if they insist on immediate payment.

successfully and cannot be a normal purchaser in the community. There are hundreds of cases in which the farmer must either quit and try a new start or else readjust his debts. Otherwise he will struggle along hopelessly on a losing basis only to lose his farm eventually.

"It is the desire of everyone interested in the well-being of a community to place debt-distressed farmers in a position where he will be able to continue his operations and hold his farm."

To avoid foreclosure proceedings and also to facilitate refinancing of mortgages through the Federal Land Bank, other credit institutions and individuals, the Farm Debt Adjustment Committee has been meeting with borrower and creditors when requested to do so.

The committee urges that farmers and their creditors avail themselves of the opportunity to meet them and settle troublesome financial problems. Either debtor or creditor can request the help of the committee. "Earnest efforts will be made to arrive at settlement satisfactory and fair to all concerned," the committee chairman said. Members of the committee are H. L. Ebricht, C. J. Peters, and Mr. Biddle.

## EARLE WANTS 5-DAY SESSION THIS WEEK TO HELP NEEDY

Members of the Senate and House on Thursday at their homes received letters from Governor George H. Earle asking that they lay aside politics next week, sit for five days and rush through emergency appropriations for the State's aged indigents and blind.

After lengthy conferences, the Governor outlined an emergency plan to "avoid a breakdown in paying pensions and save the honor of the State."

The plan contemplates: Introduction of bills to transfer \$3,200,000 from two special State funds to continue pensions to 32,000 needy aged and 4200 indigent blind until the end of the biennium, May 31, 1935.

A five-day session of the Legislature this week so the bills can be passed finally and signed by the Governor by Friday night, March 8.

The money is needed at once, the Executive explained. There are no funds available for February pensions, payable in March. Both the blind and the aged on pension lists are persons without other means of support, he pointed out.

The bills, Governor Earle said, will transfer \$2,000,000 from the liquid fuels tax fund and \$1,200,000 from the fire insurance tax fund. The money will be repaid by December 31, 1935.

"This program does not upset the budget recommendations submitted to the Legislature," Governor Earle said. "Provision is contained in the budget for paying these pensions the rest of this biennium. The fact that the Legislature as yet hasn't enacted new taxes to bring in immediate revenue, however, leaves us without money to continue these pensions beyond next week, making emergency action necessary."

Old age and blind pensions were established by the 1932 special session. Liquor stores' profits were allocated to finance both until the end of the current biennium, \$4,000,000 for aged assistance from December, 1934, and \$1,200,000 for blind pensions from June, 1934.

Failure of the liquor stores to earn estimated profits necessitated other arrangements at the 1934 special session and funds for both systems were allocated by shifting surpluses in special State fund. With heavy relief demands since then, however, these allocations proved inadequate and all available money is now exhausted.

George G. Hickoff is a Republican candidate to succeed himself for the office of prothonotary of Clinton county for the fifth term. That's something to think about under present conditions.

## Centre Co. Constitutional Convention Committee to Be Organized

A non-partisan citizens' group, representing all communities in Centre county, is about to be organized into a Centre County Constitutional Convention Committee, with G. F. Stover, State College, as temporary secretary.

The CCCC committee is presumed to work in harmony with the policies of the Pennsylvania Security League in an effort to bring about the adoption of a constitution fitting to present conditions.

The committee is to be composed of not less than twenty-five members, two each from the boroughs of Bellefonte, Philipsburg and State College, and one each from Port Matilda, Stormont, Julian, Unionville, Snow Shoe, Clarence, Moshannon, Milesburg, Howard, Blanchard, Rebersburg, Ellavonia, Aaronsburg, Millheim, Coburn, Spring Mills, Centre Hall, Pleasant Gap, Boalsburg, Pine Grove Mills.

This body is to be given power to nominate one or more delegates to the constitutional convention, and are to be supported at the polls without regard to past or present party label, provided they publicly declare and

pledge themselves to work for a constitution containing provisions for:

1. A steeply graded income tax with exemptions for small incomes;
  2. A unicameral legislature, i. e., a General Assembly on the Nebraska or Norris Plan with only a single house in which the Senate is abolished as an historical relic and an impediment to progress;
  3. A Constitutional Convention to sit at least once every ten years for the periodic revision and modernization of the Constitution;
  4. The centralization of all tax collections in a county official who shall be paid a fixed salary, fees being abolished;
  5. Application of the initiative, referendum and recall to all elected and appointed officers;
  6. All such additional rights, guarantees and changes which the Committee and the voters find it desirable to obtain after seeking an expression of both expert and public opinion.
- Note: The above measures are purely illustrative and are not necessarily to be adopted by the Committee in this form.

## CRIMINAL COURT CASES JAIL SENTENCES FOR SOME

Blake A. Warman, State College, charged with embezzling the sum of approximately \$160 from a vacuum cleaner company, pleaded guilty before Judge Marion D. Patterson in Centre County court, and was sentenced to pay a fine of \$1, to make restitution for the sum embezzled, and to undergo imprisonment in the county jail for the period of one year.

Samuel Hodcs, charged with "junk to minors", a charge similar to receiving stolen goods, was sentenced to a year in the Centre county jail, and will be eligible for parole at the end of five months. Hodcs bought stolen copper wire from several children.

A. M. Bailey, charged with driving while intoxicated, pleaded guilty and was sentenced to pay a fine of \$100 and serve 60 days in the county jail. Bailey, being a first offender, the Judge ordered that \$75 of the fine be remitted and that the prisoner be made eligible for parole after ten days.

In the case of Cecil Butler, of the Butler Coal Company, charged with giving short weight—160 lbs. per ton short—in the sale of coal, the jury returned a verdict of not guilty, the county to pay the costs. The case was returned by Grover Searly, Sealer of Weights and Measures, Centre county.

Harry Hicks, of Philipsburg, charged with violation of the liquor laws, was sentenced by Judge Patterson to pay a fine of \$300, costs of prosecution or serve 6 months in the county jail. Criminal court adjourned on Wednesday of last week.

## HIGHWAY, WELFARE, BANKING DEPARTMENTS SHED EMPLOYEES

Dismissal of 23 State employes was disclosed on the last day of February by requisitions clearing through the fiscal office, for the semi-monthly payrolls. Three appointments also were announced.

The dismissals occurred in the Highway, Welfare and Banking Departments, with the biggest shake-up in Welfare. Most of the discharged employes in that department were dropped at Huntingdon Reformatory.

Discharges in the Welfare Department included: Edith L. McCalmont, of Warren, saleswoman \$1,850; Marvin J. Rothrock, Bellefonte, accountant, \$2,100; Richard S. Snyder, Bellefonte, superintendent of farms, \$3,600.

Four appraisers, all of whom live in Philadelphia, were dropped in the Banking Department.

## TRUCKLOAD HOGS TO BE SOLD AT PRIVATE SALE

The undersigned will have for sale a truckload of Western hogs, which will arrive in Centre Hall Saturday of this week. A number of hogs will be at the Centre Hall hotel barn where they may be seen by anyone interested.—ROSEMER G. WARREN.

## EXPECT 2750 PA. FARMERS IN CORN-HOG PROGRAM

The Federal corn-hog reduction program for 1935 will be supported by approximately 2750 Pennsylvania farmers, E. L. Gaesteiger, chairman of the corn-hog state board of review predicts.

Filing of applications for corn-hog contracts with local and county committees is scheduled to be completed by March 5.

## PENN STATE COLLEGE TO HAVE MACHINERY SCHOOL, MAR. 7-8

Penn State's agricultural engineering department will stage a farm-machinery school Thursday evening and all day Friday, March 7 and 8, Professor A. W. City, director of the department, announces. The school is open to the public, as well as the students.

One of the large machinery manufacturers will provide a full line of equipment and several representatives of the concern will be present to explain the operation and care of the machines. The school will open with a motion picture showing the use of rubber tires on tractors and other farm machinery.

## 52ND BAZAAR SALE AT BELLEVILLE, WEDNES. MARCH 13

J. U. Peachey, manager of the J. U. Peachey Sale Stable at Belleville, will hold his 52nd bazaar sale at Belleville, Wednesday, March 13. Everything as usual will be sold—Horses, cows, shoats, etc. Mr. Peachey assures all of a square deal.

Bazaar sale every two weeks.

If all taxes were put onto the "other fellow" no one would squawk. The happy day will not come until the squawker quits squawking.

The easy way to get your good name into the waste basket frequently is to sign every petition presented to you.

The platform adopted by the Republican party on September 8th, contained this section under the head of "Constitutional Revision":

In many respects the Constitution of 1874 is obsolete. It should be revised as soon as feasible.

Compare this declaration, if you please, with the attitude of the present State Senate, which body has a majority of Republican members.

A child is just a stomach, surrounded by curiosity.

## 159 LIQUOR STORE EMPLOYEES JOIN RANKS OF JOBLESS; TWO IN CENTRE CO. OUT

Twenty-eight assistant managers of State liquor stores and 131 clerks joined the ranks of unemployed on Friday in application of a retrenchment program designed to save \$335,169 a year in administrative costs of the system.

The Bellefonte store lost one clerk, Arnold Kallin, leaving a force of three remaining. They are P. G. Augst, manager, and Harold Bradford, Centre Hall, and P. W. Beardslee, clerks.

Philipsburg also lost a clerk through the scaling down of employes.

The estimate based on the costs when the stores were opened in January, 1934, and the salary outlay under the present reorganization of personnel.

The current staff cut left the 269 stores with 1,131 employes drawing \$1,590,959 a year, as compared to the staff of 1,348, drawing \$1,571,040 when the first 237 stores were opened last year.

The board expects to effect an additional saving of \$55,100 a year through adjustment of salaries according to the volume of business done and the number of employes working in the stores. That adjustment is underway.

Workers dismissed last week drew salaries aggregating more than \$200,000 a year.

## BASEBALL LEAGUE DIRECTORS HAVE STORMY SESSION

Representatives from all the league teams except Lamar met in one of the longest meetings in the history of the Centre County Baseball League last Monday night, at the Fire Company's hall in Pleasant Gap.

The chief item of business in the stormy session was the revising of the constitution and by-laws, with the player restriction and allotment of territory coming in for the lion's share of contention.

The board of control finally decided to continue the policy of supplementing the local teams with outside players. Territory allotments remained the same as last year, with the exception of a mutual assignment to Boalsburg and State College.

One of the changes was the stipulation that the postponed games be played the following Tuesday evening and in case of subsequent postponement, the game shall be played the following evening. This replaces the "within ten days" ruling of last year.

A complete record of the batting, fielding, and pitching averages will be kept by the Centre Daily Times during the coming season.

The group decided to adopt the Draper-Playard ball as official for this year. Each ball will be stamped with the name of the Centre County League and President Holter's signature.

W. C. Gramley, chairman of the schedule committee, plans to have the season's schedule of games ready for approval at the next meeting of the board, which will be held at Pleasant Gap, April 1.

## L. T. L. MEETS AT BROOKS HOME; SEVENTEEN PRESENT

Seventeen members of the local L. T. L. the junior branch of Women's Christian Temperance Union, met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Brooks, whose two daughters are members of the organization, on Friday night. Miss Doris Moltz, the assistant superintendent, had the program in charge. After the stated program had been executed by the children, the amusement and refreshment hour had arrived. The serving of the dainties was participated in by Miriam and Gloria Brooks. Other members of the L. T. L. present were these: Freda Smith, Marion Zang, Ethel Martz, Betty Seanson, Mildred Miller, Ellen Bradford, Helen Hess, Nellie Knarr, Ruth Foust, Martha Spyer, Marie Emerick, Betty Schaeffer.

## PENNSYLVANIA GETS \$8,000,000 FOR RELIEF FOR THIS MONTH

Governor Earle was notified on Thursday by Washington that \$8,000,000 had been allocated to Pennsylvania for March relief. This is about half the sum allocated by the State Emergency Relief Board for this month.

## CARD PARTY.

On Wednesday night of last week there were entertained at cards by Mrs. George Vogt, Mrs. A. E. Frank and Mrs. Paul Fetterolf, at the home of the latter, the following: Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Coldron, Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Mitterling, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Bradford, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Knarr, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Durst, Mrs. C. W. Whitman, Miss Margaret Jacobs, Miss Carribe Emerick, Miss Mary Delinda Potter, Messrs. D. W. Bradford, E. A. Frank, George Vogt.

Prizes were won by Mrs. Light, Miss Jacobs, J. M. Coldron and Jack Bradford.

Delicious and elaborate refreshments were served at the close of a very delightful social period.

An announcement has been made by the Fish Commission that it will sponsor a willow planting campaign next summer to increase insect "cover" along game-fish streams of Pennsylvania. Where willow shoots are not available for planting the board will furnish them to persons interested in stream beautification and more abundant fare for trout.

## R. M. SMITH RELIEVED AS POSTMASTER—SERVED 13 YRS.

After serving as postmaster for thirteen years and two months in the local office, Robert M. Smith was relieved on March 1st. He was appointed by President Harding, and following the writer, who served during two Wilson Administrations, took possession of the office January 1st, 1922. His tenure of office ran through the administrations of Harding, Coolidge and Hoover. A year elapsed between the second and third commissions, which accounts for his extra year of service, it being the policy of the present administration not to disturb postmasters until their commissions have expired.

The Reporter is pleased to state that Mr. Smith retired with a clean record. He is credited with having been both efficient and accommodating as a postmaster. When he assumed the office it was one of the third grade, but a few years later it advanced to that of the second grade, which advancement provided a material increase in salary. The receipts of the office increased every year until three-cent postage was adopted.

Mr. Smith at present is in poor health, due to a violent attack of rheumatism, and this precludes mapping out a future.

## TO ELIMINATE CHEAP ROAD HOUSES, AN EVIL, BY TAXING

Legislation designed to eliminate "cheap road houses" in rural communities near cities was urged by Representatives Dennis L. Westrick and Michael C. Chervenak, Jr., Cambria Democrats.

Westrick told 25 law makers at a Rural Legislative League meeting that "the conduct of road houses under the present set-up is a growing evil" and Chervenak advocated a high license fee to "make the cheap place quit the business."

"These combination dance, liquor and music places are open until all hours of the night," Chervenak said, "and are virtually without police regulation. They are available to young people at a small entrance fee and threaten the morals of nearby communities."

## WORLD DAY OF PRAYER, IN LUTHERAN CHURCH, MARCH 8

Following its custom of a number of years the Centre County Women's Church and Missionary Federation will observe the first Friday in Lent, March 8, the "World Day of Prayer," with a service in which women of all churches in the community will join in the church. These services in past years have been deeply spiritual and inspirational occasions and the plans for the 1935 observance promise to unite the women of Centre County's churches in one of the most impressive programs ever held, under the theme "Bear Ye one another's burdens."

The service will be held at 7:30 o'clock in the Lutheran church, Centre Hall, with women from every denomination in the community taking part. The program for the 1935 World Day of Prayer has been developed from the theme chosen by the Baroness von Hatzlauer van Dueddelam of Holland.

In preparation for the day all Christians are asked to pray for: "The missionary enterprise and for all who share therein; a quickened conscience toward the world's burden bearers; courage to stand for the right and willingness to accept the sacrifices involved for all in the building of a better world; and for justice and understanding between individuals, classes, races and nations."

The offering at the service, as has been the custom in past years, will be contributed to four missionary enterprises namely, the Union Christian College for Women, the Indian American youth of today, Christian literature in foreign lands, and Christian service among children of migrant laboring families.

The day is truly a "World Day of Prayer" for the reports of the 1934 observance record that the day was observed in 47 countries and that "under tropic trees and in frozen zones groups of women met together to praise God and to beseech his mercy upon this sin-sick world."

In the services here the presidents of the several missionary societies—Mrs. Milford Luse, representing the Reformed church; Mrs. Margaret Godshall, Methodist; Mrs. H. W. Potter, Presbyterian; Mrs. A. W. Alexander, Lutheran; Mrs. George Ralston, Methodist, will have parts in the program.

Other numbers will be: a solo, by Mrs. J. F. Wetzel, entitled "Evening Prayer"; Misses Angeline and Doll Hess, short dialogue: "Union Christian College for Women" will be portrayed by John Thomas Delaney, while the "Home School, Church for the Indian Youth of Today" will be illustrated by Miss Mabel Burkholder, and Mrs. Harold Bradford will speak on "Christian Literature." Christian Service Among Migrants" will also be illustrated.

The final portrayal, "Christian Service Among Migrants," will be by Mrs. Ernest A. Frank.

Governor Earle offers his critics a nut to crack when he tells them that he doesn't like the taxes he proposes any more, than they do, and if the legislators or anyone else can propose some less burdensome plan, let them do so.

## TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS

### HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS

March came in lamb-like.

Farmer Charles T. Crust has recovered from a week's illness with grip.

The Viscose plant, in Lewistown, has been in operation for twenty-five years.

There is no pleasure in driving the Krize valley road detour, but it does save time.

A filling station owned and operated by Charles H. Confer, half mile east of Howard, was recently destroyed by fire.

None of the civil cases listed for trial during the first week of court come from the south side of the county.

The hours for special nurses in the Philipsburg State Hospital have been reduced from twelve to eight hours per day.

Urgent business in St. Petersburg, Florida, induced Senator E. J. Thompson to make the trip by plane, leaving Friday night.

C. E. Flink was obliged to again take his bed after having been about, but unable to work, for a few months. His present ailment is very similar to the first, which included a heart condition.

Ralph C. Booser, of Chicago, was an arrival here on Saturday afternoon and remained until Monday afternoon, during which time he was entertained by his brother, J. S. Booser. His mission was both business and pleasure.

J. E. Royer, of town, received word last week of the death of an uncle, Dearfield Rubeck, who died in Florida. He is a native of Mercersburg, where he was buried on Sunday from the home of a daughter, Ruth Rubeck Miller. Mr. Rubeck was aged 66 years.

Mrs. Mack Dunmire, of McVeytown, committed suicide by shooting, on Friday. She was 36, and the mother of a thirteen-year-old son. She had been in ill health, suffering from a nervous trouble. Her husband is a P. R. R. employe.

The Lewistown high school basketball team and Millheim high played on the latter's floor on Friday evening, the visitors winning. On returning home a number of fans and players stopped at Centre Hall for refreshments, gratifying their tastes at the Mitterling cafe.

Adam Heckman is confined to bed at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Archey Moyer, in Centre Hall. He was stricken with paralysis on Saturday, the stroke being the second he suffered. The first came two or three years ago, the results from which, he had pretty well recovered.

The jurymen from Centre Hall for the first week of court is John E. Rishel, and Potter township is represented by C. C. Crust and Ruth Klinefelter. Next week the jurymen from the borough will be C. E. Flink, and from Potter township, George Alfred Crawford, T. F. Delaney and W. E. Lee.

The annual report issued by the American Telephone and Telegraph Company indicates that in 1934 there was an increase of 298,392 telephones, the total at the end of the year having been 13,578,103. Including 6,700 connecting companies and 25,000 connecting rural lines, the total number of telephones connected with the system is approximately 16,800,000.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Homan, accompanied by their daughter, Mildred, and Mrs. Homan's mother, Mrs. Celesta Strohmeier, on Sunday motored to Bloomsburg, where for the day they were guests of Robert Homan and Ralph Homan, sons of Samuel Homan. Robert Homan holds the position of paymaster for the Mayer Carpet Co., an important industry in Bloomsburg.

Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Kittleberger and daughters, Misses Elizabeth and Louise, with Mr. McKnight as a guest, all of Curwensville, were entertained over the week-end by the Bartholomew family. Mr. McKnight is athletic coach in the Curwensville schools and as such has succeeded in training to a degree that in sports at least surrounding towns, both larger and smaller, are obliged to acknowledge superiority in his youths when on the field.

Fire believed to have started from an overheated flue totally destroyed the Taylor Reed farm home, four miles from Reedsville, on the road leading from Woodland to Barville last Wednesday afternoon. The farm was tenanted by Joseph S. King and practically all his house furnishings and furniture were saved. The house was constructed of stone and was built by Mr. Reed's father and all that remains are the bare walls. The loss is estimated at \$3000.

There has been introduced at Harrisburg a bill proposed to limit the number of political parties in State elections. It would require that a bond of \$2,500 be given by any party filing nomination papers. Minor parties are protected in this measure by a provision that if two per cent. of the vote is given the candidate, the \$2,500 bond is not required. A new political party not capable of a following equal to that required could have nothing to complain of.