

EARLE'S TAX MEASURES GAIN SUPPORT AMONG RURALITES

The conservative groups opposing the Governor's tax measures find themselves in an untenable position on the tax question. On the one hand, they have concentrated their fire on the Administration measures which are in effect special sales taxes—those on gasoline, tobacco and amusements—and on the other they are plugging for a general sales tax, which would impose levies on food, fuel and clothing.

They had counted on the support of the rural districts, particularly because of their flight against the gas tax, but within the last few days they have had to take desperate measures to hold even the smallest strength they have been able to muster among the farmers.

The effect of the appearance of 3,000 utility employees was destroyed when it was clearly shown the men had the day off and all bills paid for transportation and meals by the employers.

The petitions against the gas tax lost their effectiveness when it was proven that many who signed did not own automobiles, that some signatures were forged and that organizations used desperate expedients to obtain names on printed circulars issued by organized interests.

TWO BILLS PROPOSE TAX ON TELEPHONE CALLS

Two bills imposing taxes on telephone calls have been introduced in the House. Both of them have been held to be constitutional by attorneys in spite of the recent telephone decision by the United States Supreme Court.

House Bill 1253, Harry P. O'Neill, Dem., Dunmore, Lackawanna county, would impose a state tax on telephone and telegraph messages and upon all radio broadcasts. This would mean a tax even on local calls and would require the telephone company to meter each phone, probably at the expense of the subscriber. There is no exemption for press messages either by telephone or telegraph. Under the Federal Revenue Act of 1932, telephone press messages were exempted by a special regulation of the Revenue Department.

House Bill 875, J. P. Moran, Dem., Allegheny county, would impose a state tax on telephone toll calls—five cents on charges from 50¢ to \$1, ten cents on charges from \$1 to \$2, and fifteen cents on charges of more than \$2. The tax would be collected by the telephone company, just as the Federal tax on telephone calls is collected. The tax, of course, would apply only to state calls.

Both bills should be regarded as nuisances. They would not raise enough money to warrant the cost of collection of the tax and the annoyance caused to telephone users.

WAR OR PEACE.

The optimistic citizen of the present century, says a contemporary, is really convinced that he is living in the very best period this old world has thus far been permitted to experience. History tells him that war and rumors of war were much more numerous in the past than they are at the present time. In former centuries the nations were almost constantly quarreling with each other and war seemed to be the normal condition of the human family.

Our own country has had its fair share of war during the comparatively brief period of its existence. Our independence grew out of a war with Great Britain and we were not very far advanced in our history as a nation when we were compelled to engage in the unpleasant episode known to the historian as the War of 1812. Later on we had trouble with our next door neighbor, Mexico, and later still we engaged in that very sanguinary and expensive struggle known as our Civil War. Then came the war with Spain and more recently we had a share in the World War.

The nations are much more reluctant to engage in war today than they were in earlier times. War has always been an expensive episode in the lifetime of any nation that engaged in it. During recent years inventors have discovered fresh methods of making war a perfect hell on earth. We may well indulge the ardent hope that the time is close at hand when arbitration and reason will take the place of cruder yet more destructive weapons.

You can do your part in the up-building of your community by helping to make it the best place in the state in which to raise boys and girls. No community has a greater challenge than this.

Representative Van Sickle, Democrat, of Northampton county, in debate said: "The parents who are fortunate enough to be able to afford to send their children to the movies ought to be glad to contribute a few pennies to the unfortunate children whose parents cannot buy them bread and milk."

To date the Republican Organization has offered nothing constructive in the Legislature. Its only strategy is to block the Administration.

The Centre Reporter, \$1.50 a year.

JOHN MEEKER NAMED AS FORESTER RANGER TO SUCCEED THE LATE W. F. MCKINNEY

John Meeker was appointed forest ranger and took the oath of office before Prothonotary Claude S. Herr, on Monday. He follows the late W. F. McKinney as forest ranger in the Seven Mountains District. During Mr. McKinney's reign, Mr. Meeker, who is his son-in-law, assisted him in much of the work done during the past few years, which experience will serve him well in his present more important position.

NATURE STUDY CLASS MAKES TRIP TO FISH HATCHERY

The Nature Study club of the local high school, whose advisor is W. E. McCormick, visited the State fish hatchery at Pleasant Gap, on Monday. Among the items of interest on the trip were the week-old rainbow trout, as well as various other species of young fish. The gold fish proved to be of decided interest to nearly all members present.

The club, which is composed of 18 members, is studying about the habits of various species of fish. They have also studied birds and minerals. Various projects, such as building bird houses, making nature scrap books, and collecting specimens, are being carried out by members of the club.

Members of the club who inspected the hatchery were, Kenneth Frank, Woodrow Bradford, Geraldine Smith, Bernadine and Catharine Smith, Willa Blausler, Freda Horner, Mildred Smith, Gertrude Meeker, Bernice Frazier, Donald Foust, Alice Spyker.

ANNUAL FISHERMEN'S DINNER STATE COLLEGE, APRIL 4TH

The annual fishermen's dinner will be held at the Old Main Sandwich Shop, State College, on Thursday evening, April 4, at 6:30 o'clock. Tickets which are \$1.00 may be purchased at Spring Mills from Dr. George Thomas, H. F. Erdley or the Meyer Garage and at Centre Hall from Rev. Deha Keener.

IN SERIOUS CONDITION.

"Still living, but very low," was the report from the Lewistown hospital, Wednesday morning, regarding the condition of Mrs. Harry Armstrong, Pleasant Gap. On Thursday of last week Mrs. Armstrong underwent an extremely delicate operation.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

We had several days of spring weather before the official opening of that season.

Guy Brooks, farmer west of town on the Brush Valley road, was probably the first farmer in Potter township to do plowing in March.

A Champion siren was received by the Volunteer Fire Company and will be installed on trial for sixty days. It has considerable more "awakening" capacity than the one first tried out and may meet approval.

Miss Cora Luse, teacher in one of the Altoona schools for a number of years, made one of her periodical visits to Centre Hall over the week-end, during which time she was a guest of her mother, Mrs. Clement Luse.

William H. Bartholomew and sister, Miss Jennie Bartholomew, and Jean, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Bartholomew, who are ill, are reported slightly improved. Jean has the measles and is expected to recover soon. Misses Myra Rokey and Bertha Barr, practical nurses, are caring for the afflicted in the Bartholomew family.

One of the five or six graduate nurses at the Centre County hospital who will take the examination before the State Board Registration of Nurses, on Saturday morning, at Pittsburgh, is Miss Margaret Bradford, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Bradford. Upon successfully passing this examination the ladies will be permitted to use the coveted suffix, "R. N.," to their names.

Mr. and Mrs. Perry Ueber and the former's mother, Mrs. Haines, while in the western part of the state, had an auto wreck which resulted in Mrs. Haines being slightly injured, while the others escaped with being shaken up. The car went over a steep embankment. Mr. Ueber was formerly comptroller at the Treasurer Kettle camp, but has been transferred to the western part of the state. The family continues to live here.

The Centre County hospital ambulance on Monday afternoon carried John Benjamin Gentsell from his home at Penn Hall to the hospital, the patient at the time suffering intense pains. Mr. Gentsell has been ailing since Christmas, and attributes the cause to an injury sustained while stoking one of the large boilers furnishing heat for Penn State. Treatment at the hospital to some extent has relieved the great distress, but so far as the Gentsell family was advised up to Wednesday morning, a full diagnosis has not been made, although the x-ray has been used. Mr. Gentsell is 66. He lives in his own home, one of the former Fisher homes, in Penn Hall, and prior to his illness commuted daily to his place of employment.

STATE TO BUY POTATOES FOR DISTRIBUTION TO UNEMPLOYED

A potato-purchase program has been announced by the State Emergency Relief Administration. In all, 10,000,000 pounds of potatoes will be bought from farmers holding the state crop surplus, reported as 239,000,000 pounds.

The purchases, authorized by the Federal Surplus Relief Corporation, will be pro-rated among the counties, and the potatoes will be distributed to families on the direct relief rolls.

Relief officials said the state will pay 69 cents per 100 pounds for the potatoes delivered to designated collecting points at Pittsburgh, Wilkes-Barre, Johnstown, Philadelphia, Erie and York. Warehouse facilities will be provided.

No further purchases by the state are contemplated, relief officials said, adding distribution will be on the basis of 15 pounds to each family on relief, over and above present allowances for commodities.

The allotments in pounds to the various counties:

- Centre county, 66,000 pounds; Clearfield county, 226,000 pounds. Collecting point for both counties is Johnstown.
- Pittsburgh collecting point: Elk, 27,000; Potter, 675,000; Warren, 8,000.
- Wilkes-Barre collecting point: Bradford, 81,000; Columbia, 500,000; Clinton, 54,000; Lycoming, 135,000; Northumberland, 79,000; Sullivan, 27,000; Susquehanna, 27,000; Tioga, 33,000; Union, 122,000.
- Erie collecting point: Forrest, 39,000; McKean, 27,000.

CONFESSION COURT.

Robert Simmons of Phillipsburg, was sentenced to two years in jail and \$1000 fine on confessing to the third liquor law violation within a year, by Judge Fleming, at a "confession" court held Saturday morning.

H. A. Burns, convicted of illegal possession of liquor, was granted a parole.

R. A. Brant, of Millheim, for operating gambling devices, was given \$100 fine and costs.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

The young people of the Reformed church will hold a bake sale, on Saturday.

Mrs. Lyde Allen, Centre Hill, is now living in Lansdowne, near Philadelphia, where she is employed.

John L. Houtz, of Wooster, Ohio, a son of Mrs. Clarence Houtz, of Bealsburg, is suffering from an infection of the throat.

Don't forget the chicken-noodle supper to be held by the Ladies' Aid of the Sprucewood M. E. church on Saturday evening, March 17th.

Miss Nellie Smith, superintendent of the Ohio Valley hospital, Steubenville, Ohio, was a week-end visitor in Centre Hall and Bellefonte.

Eighteen men were employed repairing breaks, due to freezing and thawing, on State highway route No. 43 between Old Fort and Spring Mills, on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Bradford and Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Bradford, of Willard, Ohio, came to Centre Hall, Saturday, to visit Mrs. Nancy Bradford, their mother, who has been in failing health for several weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Brooks, of town, on Saturday afternoon, took their youngest daughter, Gloria, to the Huntingdon hospital, where she underwent a thorough chest examination, including the benefits of x-ray pictures. The findings of the examination have not been revealed, at least to the public.

J. Cloyd Brooks underwent a very complete physical examination at the Lewistown hospital during the latter part of last week for an ailment of almost thirty years' standing and which from year to year had become more severe and more frequent in attacks. Medical treatment together with the avoidance of certain character of foods, has already brought about favorable results. The fact that no operation was advised was especially gratifying to Mr. Brooks and his family.

Misses Jean Elshel and Mabel Eungard, two seniors in Gregg Township Vocational school, were in town Monday afternoon soliciting advertising for their booklet to be issued in connection with their class play, "Reach for the Moon," which will be presented in the Spring Mills Grange hall, Friday evening, April 12th. The young ladies were enthusiastic over the merits of their production, and if they display as much spirit in portraying their respective roles as they did in telling us all about it—well, it should be good! And we'll bet it will be good.

Persons from other points than Bealsburg and its immediate vicinity who attended the funeral of Mrs. Emma E. Stuart, last Thursday, were: Mr. and Mrs. George J. Stuart and son, of Pittsburgh; Mr. and Mrs. Heubner R. Stuart and daughter, of Crafton; Mr. and Mrs. David A. Stuart and daughter, of Ingram; Mrs. Priscilla Williams and son, of Wilmington, Del.; Mrs. and Mrs. Foster Heath of Sandy Ridge; Mrs. Edward Hunter, of Pittsburgh; Mrs. Paul Straus, of Greensburg; Riley Hunter, of Rock Springs; Mr. and Mrs. William Hunter of McVegetown; Mrs. Emma Taylor, of Juniata, and Misses Martha Boal and Grace Smith, of Centre Hall.

5533 TALBOT ACT FUNDS MISSENT IN CENTRE CO

Thirty-four of the sixty-seven counties in the State made misappropriation of relief funds in sums ranging from \$10.00 to \$32,000, the combined sum being \$166,694. The money properly spent was \$4,744,506.

The improper expenditures charged against Centre county foot up to \$532,000, with \$36,567 properly expended. Mifflin county's improper expenditures were \$2,487.00, against \$34,747 properly expended.

Under the statute passed by the 1934 special session of the State legislature, the money was to have been spent "for the purpose of providing food, clothing, fuel and shelter for residents who are without means of support."

Instead, the report says, some of the counties spent part of the allocations for shrimp, paint, cold cream, lodge dues, interest on a mortgage, "two beer analyses," burials, fancy cakes, mail, clothes-line, fancy toilet soaps, shoe polish, cigarettes, playing cards, shotgun shells and other items.

The survey, made by a C. W. A. project, with Federal funds, disclosed however, that about 97 percent, of the money appropriated was expended for food, clothing and shelter as specified by the act.

TURKEY DINNER FOR 79TH AND 10TH BIRTHDAYS

A turkey dinner was served on Sunday, March 17th, at the Earl Frazier home along Sinking Creek, in honor of the seventy-ninth birthday anniversary of Daniel Daup, Sr. of Centre Hall, and the tenth anniversary of Kenneth Frazier.

Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Lee, of Spring Mills; Daniel Daup, Sr., Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Daup (Jr.) and family, Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Miller, R. M. Smith, Misses Stella Hosterman and Ida Frazier, of Centre Hall, and Mrs. Nannie Runkle, of Colyer, and Mrs. F. W. Frazier.

GIRLS' VOLLEY TEAM SERVES CAFETERIA LUNCH

The Girls Volley Ball team of the local high school served a cafeteria lunch last Friday in the high school building. The lunch consisted of beef noodle soup, and fruit salad, each at 5 cents. All materials were donated by members of the club.

The Tri-Hi-Y club and the Girls' Volley Ball team started to serve cafeteria lunches several weeks ago. The object of serving the lunches is to provide a warm meal to a large number of the student body who carry lunches and at the same time provide some capital for the organizations to help pay their running expenses.

The surplus will be pooled and invested in dishes to be used by the high school.

It is hoped a way may be found to secure more dishes and silverware and thus give the students the advantage of a warm meal at more frequent intervals at as low a cost as possible.

"THE COUNT AND THE CO-ED."

Centre Hall high school faculty announces the date, March 30th, 8:00 o'clock p. m., for the presentation of the two-act operetta, "The Count and the Coed," by the Glee Club in Grange Arcadia.

There will be a boys' and a girls' singing chorus and a girls' dancing chorus.

The operetta, which contains humor in song and story, portrays a typical May Day celebration of Marden, a mid-western college.

Matinee, Friday afternoon, March 29, at 3 p. m. Admission, children, 10c; adults, 35c. Saturday evening, a general admission of 35c.

EARLE FIRES THREE HUNDRED BUT HIBES ONLY FORTY

The first list of State Capitol personnel changes showing more than three hundred dismissals, seventy-two resignations and only forty appointments since the beginning of the Earle Administration, was made public by the Governor's office, a few days ago. Changes are being made daily but in no great numbers.

Ralph D. Hetzel, State College, resigned a \$3000 position as a correspondence expert.

Dismissals in the Welfare Department include: Richard Snyder, Bellefonte, supervisor of industries, \$2,600; and Marvin Rothrock also Bellefonte, assistant prison labor accountant, \$2,100.

Highway Department dismissals include the following local persons, not previously mentioned:

Ellen Blanchard, Bellefonte, clerk typist, \$900.

Health Department dismissals: Marion Kane Triveley, Bellefonte, computing clerk, \$960.

Going to housekeeping? Don't fall to Mother's Cast Range; actual weight, 450 lbs. Black Range, \$40.00; full enameled range, \$59.75. Do not confuse it with a cheap sheet iron range. Sold and guaranteed by H. P. Schaeffer Hardware, Bellefonte; Bell phone 14M. x18

The Republican Old Guard in the Senate would rather sock the people permanently with tax burdens than relieve them through constitutional revision.

L. G. E. LODGE GIVES PARTY TO MEMBERS BORN JAN., FEB., MAR

Members of the local Ladies of the Golden Eagle lodge born in the months of January, February and March were tendered a birthday party on Thursday night by their fellow members. The party, of course, was held in their well-appointed hall in the Reporter building and was well attended. A birthday party would be a dull and uninviting affair without refreshments, so this feature was well provided for and much enjoyed. Out-of-town guests were Mrs. William Bradford, Phoenixville, and Mrs. George Reish, of the Spring Mills restaurant. A reading given by Mrs. Katie Tressler was entitled "The Old Age Problem." Needlework articles were used as prizes in bingo games, which game was one of several resorted to during the entertainment period.

The Temple will initiate two members at its next regular meeting, indicating a continuous growth.

DEAN WATTS TO ADDRESS SPRING MILLS FISH-GAME ASSN

There will be a meeting of the Spring Mills Fish and Game Association in the Gregg Township Vocational school building, Thursday evening, March 21st.

Dean Watts, President of the County Federation, will be present to address the meeting.

All members are urged to be present at this meeting and bring a friend along. If you have not sent in your game kill report, bring it with you and the Club will send it to the Commission.

SCHOOL DISTRICTS PAID PART OF SCHOOL APPROPRIATION

Townships and boroughs received checks for school appropriation. The checks were 2 1/2 per cent short of the sums the districts should have received. Districts on the south side of the county are noted:

- Centre Hall borough, \$2,198.01;
 - Millheim-boro, \$1,770.191
 - Potter township, \$1,818.90;
 - Gregg township, \$3,668.64;
 - Harris township, \$2,453.57;
 - Miles township, \$1,964.97;
 - Penn township, \$1,276.75;
 - Haines township, \$1,523.45.
- The sum total paid to all districts in the county is \$30,642.48.

FRANK WHITE INJURED AT WHITEROCK BY FALLING STONE

While working in the Whiterock quarries, Pleasant Gap, on Tuesday of last week, Frank White, east of Centre Hall, was either struck by a falling stone on the right foot or caught the foot on it in running from a mass of falling rocks, and severely cut and bruised the member. The injury was dressed and has since been cared for by a physician. He experiences pain from cellulitis, inflammation of the tissues, at the present time.

ALUMNI MEETING.

An important meeting of the C. H. H. S. Alumni Association will be held in the local high school building, Tuesday evening, March 26, at 8:00 o'clock. All alumni are requested to attend.

LOCAL BOY WRITES FROM FAR-OFF PHILIPPINE ISLANDS

Fort Mills, Philippine Islands, February 13, 1935.

To the Folks in the Home Town: I like the Army o. k. I think I was rather lucky in getting assigned to "F" Battery of the 59th F. A., as it has just the type of gun I like to work on; it is also my idea of what a big gun should look like. I like Fort Mills real well, too, even if I don't get to town as often as I would if I were located on the main island, "Luzon."

I had a real enjoyable trip over and look forward to a much more enjoyable one on my return to the States.

The scenery is really beautiful, especially at dawn and sunset. I can assure you that the sun setting on the China sea presents the most colorful picture I have ever seen created by nature. I really wish you could see the islands in their natural beauty. I feel quite certain you would agree with everything I have tried to tell you about them.

The climate here is real comfortable now. It is anywhere from 70 to 100 degrees during the day and gets real cool at night; in fact, so cool we must have a blanket and sometimes two, to sleep with comfort. One can easily get a nice tan in about a week of bathing at the rate of two hours per day, and that is quite an asset to anyone.

Skin diseases are very prevalent here, but I have been lucky to avoid all of them, so far, and I hope my luck continues, as a lot of them are very disagreeable, but none serious.

I haven't been to Manila yet, so I can't tell you about it, but I promise as soon as I do go, I will give you an account of what I see.

Burton Snyder has been over. Well, it is only a few months till rainy season will start, and that means gunner's instruction, which I think will be very interesting. Judging from some of the books I have seen that contain the material for study.

Sincerely yours,
BILL SPYKER.

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS

Airmail, extended by fifteen per cent in two years, operates at half the cost of 1933.

The U. S. Senate confirmed the nomination of William B. Johnston as postmaster at Phillipsburg.

The Centre County hospital on Friday received \$7300 from the State, a portion of the delayed appropriation.

Willard Foreman, of the Penns Cave district, who operates the Foreman homestead farm, was a most agreeable visitor at this office on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy W. Jacobs, of Steubenville, Ohio, motored here to attend the funeral of Mrs. John Olevine, in Bellefonte, on Thursday.

Mrs. Samuel Clevestine, Mrs. Harry Smith, Mrs. Merrill Kerstetter, of Bellefonte, and Miss Annie Garbick, of Zion, spent last Thursday with the J. H. Burkholder family.

Mr. and Mrs. Franklin D. Goodhart and young son Franklin, motored to Johnstown, on Friday, and returned Sunday. They visited with their respective parents in that city.

Witmer E. Lee, in another column, is advertising for sale the famous hotel stand at Potters Mills. The place offers a good opportunity for some one with the ability to serve the public in an up-to-date manner.

Rome Gingerich will move into the William Brooks home, following Mrs. Elizabeth Devine. The Hipka house vacated by John Royer, employed as a truck driver on the State highway.

Reorganization of the Grange Encampment and Fair committee will take place at a meeting to be held this (Thursday) evening in the Grange hall. Two new members will be added to the committee, said to come from Port Matilda and Baileyville.

The Woman's Missionary societies of the Northern Conference of the Lutheran church will meet in Centre Hall on Wednesday, May 8th. The territory covered by the conference includes parts of Centre, Union and Clinton counties. Mrs. Paul Keller, of Nittany, is president of the organization.

A part of the Col. Boal farm, tenanted for a few years, by John Matis and his mother, taken over by the Federal Farm Bureau, will be cultivated by Frank Shutt. This will be done in connection with operating the Brown farm, which he has conducted for several years, and without change of residence.

Miss Mary Helen Bartholomew, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Bartholomew, of Altoona, was a guest at the Bartholomew home for a day during last week, having come primarily to be with her great uncle, and great aunt, who are ill. Miss Bartholomew is a part-time clerk at the Gable Store, Altoona.

Whether the new Federal building in Phillipsburg will be built of native sandstone or Centre county limestone is the all-absorbing question at this time in Phillipsburg. The general impression from the beginning was that sandstone would be used, but recently it leaked out that limestone had the swing, and this information got Phillipsburgers up on their hind legs.

The senior class in the local high school is on the last lap of business venture to earn money for the regulation trip to Washington, the National Capital. The class is somewhat under the average in numbers, which fact lessens the sum total required to finance the jaunt, but it is more likely that good business methods carried out for four years is the greatest contributory factor to its financial success.

Doger T. Bayard, for a number of years connected with the Tyrone Herald, a daily, in the capacity of editor and general news writer, will retire in the near future. He has been the mainstay of the Herald ever since giving his services to it, and his retirement will be keenly felt. While he has not determined on a program for the future, he and Mrs. Bayard have concluded they will spend much of the first year on the Pacific Coast.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard W. Westervelt and two children, of Pleasant Gap, were among the Reporter's business callers on Friday. Mr. Westervelt is recovering nicely from several broken bones in one of his feet and is still obliged to walk on crutches. He is employed in the radio tower on the air field, Bellefonte, and while on the field one night slipped on ice and fell. He was obliged to give all of his attention to nursing the injury for a period of two weeks, but since is able to attend to his duties.

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Capt. Gilbert E. Bixby, commandant at the Poe Valley CCC camp, left Tuesday afternoon for Walter Reed hospital at Washington, D. C. to undergo treatment for ear trouble.