



BIRTHDAY PARTY FOR THE PRESIDENT, AT CENTRE HALL, POSTPONED TO FEBRUARY 21ST

Due to conditions of roads leading from main highways in this immediate section, the Birthday Party for the President scheduled to be held this Thursday evening, has been postponed to Friday evening, February 21st.

Persons who have purchased tickets can either have them redeemed through the party selling the tickets, or hold them until February 21st, when they will be honored at the door.

ROY S. JAMISON, Chairman.

The President Speaks



Talking by telephone to a dinner meeting of the National Committee for the Birthday Ball for the President at the Waldorf-Astoria on Jan. 18th, President Roosevelt's words were picked up by radio and broadcast to the nation. The address marked the first time in Birthday Ball history that the Chief Executive spoke to the nation previous to a birthday ball, urging support for the benefits to raise funds for a nation-wide war on infantile paralysis. Col. Henry L. Doherty, chairman of the National Committee, presided at the Waldorf dinner, attended by nearly one hundred of the nation's leading politicians and members of Congress.

BLIZZARD RAGES FOR WEEK; BLOCKED HIGHWAYS WED.; MAIN ARTERIES OPENED SATURDAY

A half-inch snow Sunday night topped out a blizzard begun Sunday previous. During every night mercury fell from zero to twelve below and hovered around the zero mark for much of each day covering the time named. Wednesday of last week proved the peak of the storm period, and by night all roads out of Centre Hall, except No. 53 to Bellefonte were impassable to automobiles or horse-drawn sleds.

The road to Spring Mills was opened Friday and Saturday, as was also No. 53 to Potters Mills. The Lakes-to-Sea highway, No. 322 between Potters Mills and State College was partially blocked during Wednesday, but was cleared a day later. Saturday, Sunday and Monday efforts were made to clear the Brush Valley road, No. 95, east from Centre Hall, much of the work having been done by men with shovels. The Brush Valley road westward and the Old Fort-Boalsburg road were open only to horse-drawn sleds beginning of this week. All cross-roads and lanes are filled to tops of fences. At many points along State highways protected by snow fences, drifts were collected about them to the top, after which the winds carried the snow into the roads. Travelers coming home from the farm show at Harrisburg on Wednesday expecting to reach their homes over 322 or 53, were obliged to remain at Potters Mills or Centre Hill. At the former place more than fifty persons remained for the night, or longer, and at Centre Hill twenty-two were lodged.

The State Supreme Court upheld the constitutionality of the six per cent. corporation tax. The tax effective for two years, is expected to yield approximately \$25,000,000 of the \$125,000,000 provided in the emergency levies for the current biennium.

The Senate and House passed the bonus bill over the President's veto. The vote in the Senate was 76 to 19.

FIRST ACCURATE REPORT ON INFANTILE PARALYSIS, 1840

A discovery made nearly one hundred years ago by an obscure bone-setter today holds the attention of the nation. The bone-setter, one Jacob Heine, made the first accurate report on infantile paralysis in 1840. Nobody paid much attention to it, and still less notice was taken of the American, Charles Fayette Taylor, who designed exercising machines and worked out a system of muscle building for victims of the disease in the 1860s. It was not until infantile paralysis epidemics broke out in Sweden in the '80s, followed by others almost annually until the present day, that national and international notice was taken of the disease.

This attention has been focused in the United States during the last two years and has reached a climax in a movement captained by some of the nation's greatest scientists and philanthropists. Banded together, they now propose to "wipe the disease from the face of the earth," and express hope that it will be outlawed as a major menace before its 100th birthday anniversary in this country in 1940.

To help make this possible, 5,600 communities, Centre Hall among them, will join in celebrating the Birthday Ball for the President on January 29, and all the proceeds will go to fight infantile paralysis.

95TH ANNIVERSARY

Brachbill's furniture store is celebrating its ninety-fifth anniversary being established at its present location in 1841 by the founder, John Brachbill, in Bellefonte. Wholesale costs of merchandise have advanced rapidly in the past few months and they consider it very poor policy at this time to announce a twenty per cent reduction from the original price tags. The only purpose of the sale is to secure floor space to make necessary repairs in the interior of the store. Sale opens Saturday morning February 1st, continuing to February 16th.

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

The President and celebrants will speak on the night of the Birthday Ball for the President, between 11:30 and 12:30.

PINE STUMP SCHOOL HOUSE BURNED IN EARLY HOURS MONDAY MORNING

The Pine Stump one-room brick cased school house was totally destroyed by fire early Monday morning. The fire is supposed to have originated from an over-heated stove. The fire was first discovered by Mrs. Harry Burris who lives a short distance north of the school house on the J. A. Heckman farm. She was giving care to a son who is ill when the light of the flames attracted her attention. She telephoned to Raymond Walker, a neighbor, who went to the scene, but there was nothing to do but watch the flames eat up the remainder of the structure. The school was closed during all of last week due to excessive cold, but William Brooks, a school boy, was ordered to prepare the room for sessions this week, and accordingly built a fire some time on Sunday.

The building was insured in the Centre County Mutual Fire Insurance company for \$1000 and \$200 additional for equipment. The structure was built under contract by Edward Foreman, the brick having been laid by the late Al Osman.

A frame school building, on the same site, was burned to the ground on Sunday evening, November 29 1928, at which time Thos. L. Moore was the teacher. The fire broke out between 7 and 8 o'clock, and was supposed to have been of incendiary origin. George W. Glace, living where M. A. Burkholder now lives, gave battle to the flames when in their incipient, but yet was unable to overcome them. A few desks and textbooks were recovered. The building was insured for \$500.00. The school term was completed in a vacant room in the farm house then occupied by J. T. Potter, now by Roy Garbrick. Arrangements are being made by the Potter township school board to open school in the Guy Brooks farm home some time next week. Miss Margaret De'aney is the teacher, and although teaching her first term, is rendering most excellent service. She is a graduate of the State Teachers College, Lock-Haven.

CENTRE HALL GIRL WINS GRAND CHAMPION LAMB PRIZE

More than a quarter million persons viewed the 10 acres of exhibits at the 20th annual Pennsylvania Farm Show, termed "a most extraordinary success" by State Secretary of Agriculture, J. Hansell French, it was estimated, despite lack of co-operation from the weatherman. The big five-day exposition closed at 10 o'clock Friday night with a horse show sponsored by the Harrisburg Horse Show Association. More than 60 horses were entered, with individual events for farm folk young and old. A detachment of state police also gave an exhibition of "fancy riding."

"Attendance records would have been shattered but for the extreme weather conditions," Secretary French asserted. "Thousands of farmers who had planned to visit the show were snowbound throughout the week. In spite of these adversities the daily attendance ranged from 25,000 on Monday to 75,000 on Wednesday, reaching a total of 250,000 for the week."

The grand champion pen of lambs, owned by Miss Margaret Ross, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Ross, a Centre Hall high school girl, were purchased by Secretary of Agriculture French at 35 cents a pound. Their weight was 362 pounds. The young ewes will be placed on the Secretary's farm for breeding.

The reserve championship lamb prize was won by Miss Helen Homann, State College. These were sold at 24 cents.

Record prices were paid for the 4-H Club's champion, Arbogast & Bastian, of Allentown, bought Paul Buss' grand champion baby beef for 62 cents a pound, paying over \$700 for the 1195-pound animal. Buss is from Easton R. D. 2. The price for the reserve grand champion beef was 18 1/2 cents. Beeves, other than the two top pens, sold for 12 to 15 1/2 cents, and the lambs from 11 to 13 cents. The reserve grand champion was owned by Robert Strick, Mechanicburg, and at 18 1/2 cents brought \$229.40. Forks Church, Northampton county, was awarded first place in the rural one-act play tournament for presentation of Booth Tarkington's "The Trysting Place." The amateurs also placed first in the eastern division awards. Eighteen groups, winners of the district contests, took part in the sixth annual event.

Former Senator H. E. Scott, a member of the State Republican committee from Centre county since 1924, is again a candidate to succeed himself.

The Hon. J. Laird Holmes is sniffling about-to see whether there is a chance for him to come back into politics and win the nomination for Assembly at the Republican primaries.

Senator Robinson, Tuesday night, in his radio address, proved that our once beloved Al. Smith need not put on any cloak of hypocrisy to support Franklin D. Roosevelt. Al. has one of his own which fits him like "do paper on de wall."

COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP TRAINING SCHOOL TO OPEN HERE FEBRUARY 25TH

A Community Leadership Training School will be sponsored by the church schools of Centre Hall and community as approved by the International Council of Religious Education. The courses of study selected from "The Second Series Courses of the New Standard Leadership Curriculum," include: My Christian Belief; How the Bible Came to Be; Guiding Children in Christian Growth; and Methods for Guidance of Youth Groups. This innovation will meet the need that is felt in all church schools for improved facilities of training. All church school workers are invited to attend the school, which will meet in the high school building each Tuesday evening, beginning February 25, and continuing for six weeks.

LOCAL BOY SCOUT TROOP ELECTS OFFICERS; FEEDS BIRDS

The local Boy Scout Troop met in the directors' room of the First National Bank, on Wednesday evening, 22nd, and elected these officers: Scribe, Woodrow Bradford; custodian of Scout property, Robert Gerhart. Three patrols—Fox, Owl and Bear—were also organized. Fox patrol, William Kevin, leader; Donald Foust, assistant. Owl patrol, Dean Bradford, leader. Bear patrol, Bob Wetsel, leader. Members of the Troop distributed grain and alfalfa hay on the two flats on Nittany Mountain for wild life. The grain and hay were furnished by the Pennsylvania Game Commission.

Dodds Will Be Back

Robert Dodds, the South Dakota horse dealer, who had a most successful sale here last week, informed the Reporter that he would return to Centre Hall with another load of western animals in about 30 days. He and his partner, John Gruenwald, left here by train on Thursday for their home in South Dakota.

JOHN MILLS, ONE OF COLORED QUARTET, DIES IN BELLEFONTE

Disease of the lungs contracted on tour of England a year ago, ended the colorful career, on Saturday, of John, 25, oldest of the internationally known singing Mills brothers. John, leader of the negro quartet until illness forced his retirement, died in the modest little home the boys bought for their mother, Mrs. Ethel Mills Jackson, in Bellefonte. His place in the quartet was taken by the boys' father, John, Sr. The father and sons were appearing in West Philadelphia when death claimed John, Jr.

JUNIATA BOY SCOUT COUNCIL REORGANIZES—SIEG, PREST

The Juniata Boy Scout Council met in Huntingdon and again re-elected W. W. Sieg, Bellefonte, president. Other officers elected were D. C. Bowman, Lewistown, secretary; W. P. Woods, Lewistown, Scout Commissioner; John R. Wald, Huntingdon, first vice-president, and E. R. Walsh, Millroy, second vice-president. The gathering was attended by two hundred members of councils and scoutmasters. The guest speaker was Major Lynn G. Adams, Superintendent of State Police.

COUNTY SALARY BOARD FIXES PAY OF EMPLOYEES

The Centre county salary board, composed of the County Commissioners and Sheriff Keeler, has decided upon the salaries to be paid the various appointees and employees who come under their jurisdiction. The salary of the Sheriff is fixed by an act of the Legislature at \$3,500. The salary fixed for deputy sheriff Charles Mussey, is \$1,320; turnkey Merrill Showers, \$1,200; Anna Dimattio, jail cook, \$520, a total of \$5,640 per year for the jail. Commissioner's clerk S. J. McMullin, \$1,500; Miss Verna Chambers, assistant clerk, \$1,200; Ruth Parsons, stenographer in the office of the desertion, probation and parole officer, which includes the juvenile court officer, \$780; Rosalie Yearick, stenographer in the office of the county superintendent, \$780; William Moyer, fireman, \$1,080; Mr. and Mrs. John Breen, janitors, \$1,320.

ALTOONA SPEEDWAY MAY BE TURNED INTO AIRPORT

The Altoona speedway property at Tipton may be turned into an airport with Altoona and Tyrone pooling interests and acquiring the plot, which was converted from a board track to a dirt course only last summer. The property at present is in the hands of the sheriff and can be bought for \$8,500 The two Blair county municipalities are assured of a \$272,000 allocation from WPA to launch the project. The huge saucer was opened in 1923 and the A. A. A. conducted speed races there on summer holidays annually up until 1931 when so much repair work was found necessary to continue that the events were dropped. The first dirt track race was scheduled for August but was deferred until after Labor Day because of weather conditions.

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22 PERSONS SAVED FROM BLIZZARD AT L.R. SMITH HOME, CENTRE HILL, WEDNESDAY NIGHT

A farm home at Centre Hill gave shelter to twenty-two persons stranded in the snow storm on Wednesday night of last week, most of whom remained until Saturday noon. It was the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Smith that was thrown open to the almost two dozen motorists, homeward bound from the State Farm Show, at Harrisburg. A number had already become frost-bitten, and had not members of the Smith family gone to the rescue in a sled, there would have been much more serious consequences.

The first to arrive at the Smith home was a party of six from Beech Creek, who appeared at 9:00 o'clock. They were Mr. and Mrs. Claude Bechdel and two daughters, and Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Bechdel. One of the men had his ears frozen. Others who came later were Mr. and Mrs. Grover Speary and daughter Mabel, Lewis Smith, Wm. Kline, and Mr. Mosberger, Bellefonte.

Within sight of some of their homes a group of ten traveling in three automobiles, were the last to arrive. They were Fred Slack and daughter's, Jean and Sarah, Mr. and Mrs. Hayes Ralston, Mr. and Mrs. Clayton H. Homan, their daughter Mildred, and Mrs. Homan's mother, Mrs. Strohmeier, and Miriam Homan. They drove some distance past the Smith home, but when pinned fast one of the men went back for help which came in time to prevent dire results. Visited on Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. Smith gave expression to the thought that they did only what was their duty to their fellow-beings under the circumstances, with no desire to reap financial gain.

FROM THE SOUTHLAND

Winter Haven, Fla., January 24, 1936.

Centre Reporter: I received the Reporter last week and will write a few lines to show my appreciation.

My sister, nephew, Fred, Jr., and myself had a very pleasant trip South. We left "Old Man Winter" somewhere in South Carolina. As we went through Virginia the scenery seemed changed; large plantations and beautiful colonial homes, with negro huts along the countryside. North and South Carolina have a lot of turpentine trees, and saw mills. When we got to Georgia we saw lots of cotton fields. The cotton season is over, but we could pick some of the pickers left. We saw the first flowers in Georgia and the lawns were so nice and green. Farmers were plowing and everybody seemed busy.

Savannah, Ga., is a fine southern city. There we saw two large ships. As we entered Florida through Jacksonville the tropical palms and other trees with Spanish moss on them were sure a beautiful sight. Since we arrived here we have had a lot of interesting side trips. We spent one day at St. Petersburg, which is called the "Sunshine City," and is true to name. We spent one afternoon at the beach (Gulf of Mexico). There we gathered shells and watched the bathers.

Yesterday we spent the afternoon in a grove where they grow oranges, tangerines and grapefruit. Winter Haven is surrounded by orange groves and beautiful lakes. We spent one day at Silver Springs. The water in the lake is forty feet at the deepest place, and so clear you can see the bottom. You take this trip on a glass-bottomed boat. The large fish, turtle, eels etc., are a beautiful sight.

I think we sure missed an old-time blizzard by coming here, by what we heard over the radio and through newspapers. It is hard to believe there is such cold weather in Pennsylvania when the sweet peas, pansies, roses and lots of other flowers are in bloom here, besides all the fresh vegetables growing. As we expect to visit a packing house this afternoon and the winter quarters of Barnum & Bailey's show tomorrow, will have to say—So long until next week.

The Haaases, where we are staying, send their best regards, MRS. FRED SLACK.

LADY OF THE GOLDEN EAGLE LODGE, 174, INSTALL OFFICERS

At the last regular meeting of the Lady of the Golden Eagle Lodge 174, Centre Hall, the following officers were installed under the direction of Mrs. D. M. Bradford, Grand Vice Templar: Past Templar, Mrs. Lester Weaver, Noble Templar, Mrs. Harold Bohn; Vice Templar, Mrs. Margaret Crawford; Marshal of Ceremonies, Mrs. Harold Bradford; Priestess, Mrs. John Bohn; Prophetess, Mrs. John Delaney; treasurer, Mrs. Kryder Frank; secretary of finance, Mrs. Frank Shutt; guardian of records, Mrs. Harold Durst; Inside Portal, Mrs. John Mowery; Outside Portal, Mary Kling and pianist, Mrs. Paul Fetterolf. Now you must address "Al" as "Mr. Alfred E. Smith." He swapped his brown derby for a top hat. "East Side, West Side," no longer. He is an aristocrat, and rides in a private car over two rails.

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS

Sunday is ground hog day. We don't believe the critter will get out of his hole. Mrs. Daniel Shook, of Coburn, suffered a heart attack while walking on one of the Millheim streets. Her condition since has much improved.

George Wingard of Penns Creek, purchased the former Martin Stover residence in Coburn from Lewis E. Stover. The sale price was \$1200.

Mr. and Mrs. E.R.B. Auman, of Rebersburg, visited recently with Mrs. Auman's sister, Mrs. John A. Heckman, and Mr. Heckman, in Centre Hall.

While coasting, Lottie May, 12, daughter of Hyle Wolfe, of Aaronsburg, ran her sled against a rock, resulting in a broken bone in each of her arms.

F. V. A. Housman is chief carpenter in the construction of a duplex dwelling house being erected for Wm. Luse, near Centre Hall station. Work during last week was delayed owing to the extreme cold.

W. B. (Bill) Brown of Amity Hall Inn and Lunch, announced himself as a Republican candidate for the State Senate from the 21st district. The district is composed of Cumberland, Perry, Juniata, and Mifflin counties.

A Haines township road construction project to employ forty-one men five months at an expenditure of \$12,847.54, was sanctioned by the DuBois WPA office and forwarded to Harrisburg.

Mrs. T. L. Smith and daughter, Miss Louise Smith, will live in State College for the remainder of the winter. Miss Smith holds a stenographic position in the office of a member of the Penn State faculty, and has been commuting.

While employed in the Millheim Knitting Mill, Miss Emma Jodon, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. V. Jodon, punctured a thumb with a needle. The slight injury later became infected, necessitating the young lady taking time off.

Mrs. Elizabeth Devine, formerly of Centre Hall, and her two sons, are now located at Corvallis, Oregon, where they expect to remain until June, at least. Mrs. Devine is employed in the Russell's poultry plant and is doing work similar to that engaged in when at the Kerlin poultry plant here.

A hoot owl is nothing to a dentist but a bore, for he at all ages is toothless, so why should a dentist put up with his "hoots," and so Dr. H. R. White didn't. He sent for John Coldron, who knows something about birds and wild animals, and persuaded him to take the strange visitor perched on his porch to a region better suited to his kind.

Lady Cubitt, wife of Sir Thomas Ashley Cubitt, Governor General of the Bermudas, will hold a dance in honor of President Roosevelt's 54th birthday anniversary. The funds will be divided equally between charities—the Birthday Ball of the President fund and Lady Cubitt's fund for poor and ailing people in Bermuda.

Boyd C. Vonada, late chief clerk in the County Commissioners' office, has secured a nice position in Harrisburg, having been appointed as assistant to the director of personal property tax in the Revenue Department. He will work but five days a week from 9 a. m. to 4 p. m., and the salary will be \$500 more than he received as Commissioner's clerk.

George E. Pretash, of Phillipsburg, R. D., last week was appointed junior mine inspector for the State Workmen's Insurance Fund of the Department of Labor and Industry. His territory includes Centre, Clearfield, Indiana, Jefferson, Tioga, Bradford, Potter, Clinton, Elk, Cameron and McKean counties. Prior to his appointment Pretash was employed by the Morrisdale Coal Company.

One of the prettiest birds found in this region—the red cardinal—made its appearance at the F. M. Fisher home. It was feeding on barberries and grapes. It was a male and most beautifully plumed. Two years ago a pair of the finches were noticed in the dead of winter by John Coldron, back of whose home they appeared to have made their home, and like the one on Friday, came to the Fisher arbors for food.

John E. Bodtorf and sister, Mrs. Helen Brock, and their nephew, Boyd F. Jordan, all of Jersey Shore, after encountering much difficulty in getting through a raging snow storm and deep banks of snow, arrived in Centre Hall on Wednesday evening of last week. They were on their way to Tusseyville, where the aged father of the former two had died a few hours previous. They were unable to reach their destination that evening or the following day, consequently the two men returned home, going to Bellefonte by motor, and from there to Jersey Shore by train. Mrs. Brock remained here and was taken to Tusseyville by F. V. Goodhart, going there by way of Pleasant Gap to State College, and to Tusseyville on Route 322.