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## MEET AMERICA'S KING.

[Editorial from the Philadelphia Record.]  
America's King, the Supreme Court, increased its powers again this week. It became super tax assessor for the nation.

It already rewrites constitutional amendments. It already rewrites and voids laws of Congress.

It already acts as a super Public Service Commission. Now it can also act as a super tax assessor.

In the North Dakota railroad tax case the Supreme Court for the first time in our history took upon itself the power to change tax assessments. Under that decision it is no longer necessary to show discrimination in assessments in order to appeal to the courts.

Any tax assessment can now be appealed to the courts on the ground that it is too high, and collection of the tax can be held up by injunction pending decision.

The disruptive effect on State and local governments may be imagined. Yet the Supreme Court pretends to be a champion of the rights of States and of local governments.

In England Parliament gradually whittled away the powers of the King and made itself supreme.

In the United States the King—our Supreme Court—continues to whittle away the powers of both Federal and State Governments, increasing its own.

The process is most dangerous when it is under cover.

When the Supreme Court declares a law unconstitutional, its action is in the open. Something can be done about it.

After the income tax cases, the Constitution was amended. After the Dred Scott case slavery was wiped out by the civil war.

But the judicial power is far more dangerous when it works in the dark, cutting down liberties here and increasing privileges there, rewriting laws and Constitution to suit, arrogating greater and greater power to itself.

Usually this is done so slowly and obscurely that there can be no effective public protest because few people understand what is happening.

The power to declare laws unconstitutional first appeared in the guise of a refusal by the court to obey a law which permitted it to issue an order to the Executive, a co-ordinate and co-equal branch of the Government.

Only twice exercised before the Civil War, the power to declare laws unconstitutional was wielded 43 times by the court between 1906 and 1935.

But the court does far more harm when it covertly rewrites both law and Constitution to suit itself. It does so in minor cases which set up major principles without attracting public attention.

Thus it turned the Fourteenth Amendment from a defense of the newly freed Negro into a bulwark of corporate privilege.

It emasculated the anti-trust laws with the "rule of reason." It turned the Sherman act into a more effective weapon against labor than against big business. And when Congress passed the Clayton act to protect labor the Supreme Court "repealed" the labor protection clauses of that act.

Congress passes laws, but the court—when it chooses—rewrites them.

Nor is the American King interested in preserving State rights.

It exercises the same powers over State legislation.

In addition, in the 1890's, it first set itself up as a super Public Service Commission—usurping power to change utility rates fixed by State commissions.

Originally the court's attitude had been that where a business could properly be regulated the rates fixed were a question for Legislature and people to decide.

Now the court has also set itself up as a super tax assessor.

The King grows more powerful. How much longer will he reign?

## FOUR HIGH JUSTICES CALLED "OLD FOSSILS" IN HOUSE

Seven of the nine Supreme Court Justices were called "corporation lawyers," and four or five of them "old fossils" in debate on Monday on the House floor.

Relating that a "two-bit editor" in his home State referred to the Justices as minions of wealth, Representative Blanton (D., Tex.) challenged any House member to say the same thing.

"Mostly they have been," retorted Representative Zioncheck (D., Wash.) Blanton said the same editor called the Justices "nine old fossils" and Zioncheck responded quickly that four or five of them are anyway.

When the Texan challenged anyone in the House to refer to the Justices as "corporation lawyers," Zioncheck said:

"Seven of the nine are."

President Roosevelt, New Dealer Number One, closed his recent great address to Congress with an unmistakable message to us when he said: "The world in its crisis called for volunteers, for men and women of faith in life, patience in service, charity and insight. I responded to the call however I could. I volunteered."

## JOE RINE CHARGED WITH MURDER BY GRAND JURY

The Centre county grand jury found a true bill against Joe Rine, of Coleville. He is charged with the murder of Hugh Muirhead, committed near Bellefonte on the night of September 29, last.

## NEED FOR FEEDING WILD GAME STILL URGENT, SAY STATE OFFICIALS

Not in the history of Pennsylvania has game and the winter species of protected birds experienced such difficulty in surviving than during the past six weeks, says the Board of Game Commissioners, and the worst is here right now. Game officials urge a continuation of feeding activities by all those who have been assisting to save wildlife from starvation. The Board also complimented the 4-H Clubs, Boy Scouts, farmers, bird and nature lovers, rural letter carriers, pipe line walkers, rural school children and the housewives who have been throwing out bread and crumbs and left-overs for the birds.

Farmers and sportsmen's groups who have been carrying grain and hay to the forests for the deer, squirrels, rabbits, game birds and even the fur-bearing animals have been doing a humane act and the Board asks for the continuation of such activities. One farmer in Forest county, who had a surplus supply of hay, has been hauling out a ton a week for six weeks for the deer.

When sleet, as it appears today, covers everything in the open, game and protected birds have a real battle to procure food and if there ever was a time, says the Board, to continue feeding it is here, now. The Board of Game Commissioners urges all hunters of Pennsylvania to save the game this winter by feeding while everything is covered by snow and ice. The CCC camp heads are asked to have their men go out as far as possible from the respective camps and feed, feed, and feed.

## TRI-HI-Y INDUCTION CEREMONY, MONDAY EVENING

At the annual induction ceremony of the Centre Hall High School Tri-Hi-Y Club, held in the high school building on Monday evening, six new members out of fourteen who had made application were admitted to membership. The eight applicants missing were unable to be present due to closed roads, made so by snow drifts.

The members admitted and other applicants were: Ethel Meyer, Lois Reese, Gertrude Meeker, Marion Fetterolf, Mildred Meyer, Catharine Smith, Helen Neff, Mary Swartz, Frances Runkle, Sarah Hackett, Anna Smith, Martha McClellan, Miriam Homan, Harriet Smith.

Former members present were Bernice Frazier, Bertha Bradford, Mildred Homan, Sarah Slack, Roberta Smith, Alice Spyer, Geraldine Bradford, Mabel Foust, Jean Slack, and Mrs. F. V. Goodhart, counselor.

The club entertained as guests Mrs. Angeline Rickett, Miss Estella Hosterman, Mrs. J. F. Wetzel, Mrs. D. M. Bradford, Mrs. Paul Bradford, Mrs. W. E. McCormick, Mrs. Clayton Homan, Mrs. W. A. Homan, Lela Bitter.

## BALDWIN-TAYLOR TO HEAD REPUBLICAN STATE TICKET

Two old party wheel-horses were trotted out by Republican losses to make the race against the Democratic State ticket in this year's crucial political battle.

Auditor General Frank E. Baldwin, who was revealed as seeking to book collection of more than \$700,000 taxes from the Mellon-controlled Gulf Oil Corporation, announced his candidacy for the G. O. P. nomination for State Treasurer.

Republican State Chairman M. Harvey Taylor, protege of Joseph R. Grundy, declared himself a candidate for Auditor General.

There was open talk of rebellion among young Republicans and war veteran followers of the G. O. P. at the brazen effort of the Grundy-Mellon combine to keep on hand picking the slate.

Loudest howl came from friends of Otto F. Messner, former State commander of the American Legion and a Deputy Auditor General, who has been prominently in the running as G. O. P. choice for Auditor General for many weeks.

It was stated authoritatively Taylor only a week before his announcement as a candidate he had assured a delegation of World War veterans that he would "use every influence at his command" to place one of their number on the ticket for one of the fiscal offices.

And now, despite his fine words to the veterans, is after the job for himself, presumably on the order of Grundy.

Andrew Jackson, when President of the United States, inaugurated the policy, it is claimed, that "To the victor belongs the spoils." This policy was never complained of when the Republican party was in power, in fact, was always religiously adhered to. They have the guts now to try to make it appear that even after a Democratic victory the spoils belong to Republicans.

## BIRTHDAY PARTY FOR THE PRESIDENT, FRIDAY, FEB. 21 REGARDLESS OF WEATHER

The local committee having in hand the Birthday Party for the President, announced for January 20, were forced to postpone the event to Friday evening, February 21st, in Grange Arcadia.

The chairman of the general committee, Roy S. Jamison, will function, as will also all members of the various committees previously announced.

In a general way, the Birthday Party for the President will be conducted as was planned for January 30th. The complete program will appear in the issue of the Reporter of February 19th.

Because of the necessity of postponement of date, the committees will double their efforts to make the affair a genuine success. The purpose in view may be as readily achieved on February 21st as on January 30. That purpose is to provide aid for the unfortunate. And seventy percent of the net funds can be used locally.

The President approved the suggestion that this portion (70 per cent.) be disbursed to local or adjacent orthopedic hospitals, or for the treatment of local infantile paralysis cripples as each local committee decides. This allotment was first made last year; the plan worked well and has been approved throughout the country.

Tickets may be had for 50 cents each, and out of each ticket thirty-five cents will be retained for local use, while fifteen cents (30 per cent.) will be turned over to the National Committee to be used for Infantile Paralysis Research.

## BELLEFONTE MAN KILLED WHEN CAUGHT IN BELT

Arthur D. Rote, foreman at the mine at the plant of the American Lime and Stone company, Bellefonte, was killed instantly at 11:45 o'clock on Wednesday night of last week by being caught in the heavy 36-inch conveyor belt which carries the stone from the mine to the rotary kilns. He was in the act of applying dressing to the belt when his clothing caught and he was drawn into the belt before anyone could go to his assistance. His body was badly mangled.

He was a son of Clayton and Ida Justice Rote, and was 37 years old. His widow was formerly Miss Ruth Spotts, who with six children survive him.

## Commissioners Grant Appropriation.

At their bi-weekly meeting the Centre County Board of Commissioners voted the annual appropriation of \$1,500 to the Centre County Agricultural department of which Ralph Blaney of Bellefonte is Farm Bureau Agent. The appropriation is slightly more than last year but was made necessary owing to the additional expenses during the past several years.

## NEW MOTOR PATROLMEN.

Four new patrolmen have been assigned to the Bellefonte sub-station of Motor Patrol for an indefinite period. The men who were recently graduated from the training school at Harrisburg and who took up their duties at the station Monday are C. C. Brown, Maurice F. Wilber, Thomas M. Coyle and George Hirschman. It is probable that they will be transferred to other stations in Troop C after undergoing additional training under the officers and patrolmen of the Bellefonte barracks.

## ZEBBY-IRVIN.

James Kenneth Zebby, son of Mr. and Mrs. Luther Zebby, of State College, and Miss Pearl Martha Irvin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Irvin, of Pleasant Gap, were united in marriage at Bel Air, Md., on Saturday, Feb. 1, by the Rev. Dillon E. Groves. The announcement of the wedding was made a few days ago by the bride's parents and came as a great surprise to the many friends of the couple. They were attended by Mr. and Mrs. John Coney of Harrisburg, and Howard McCoy, of Pittsburgh.

Mrs. Zebby is at present employed as assistant to Mrs. Grace Tressler, postmistress at Pleasant Gap. Her husband is a graduate of Penn State and holds a responsible position in the Auditor General's department at Harrisburg. They will make their home in Harrisburg in the spring.

## EVAN-REF. CHURCH GROUP APPROVE CONSTITUTION

The West Susquehanna classis of the Evangelical and Reformed Church on Wednesday of last week approved a proposed new constitution including a provision to unite three classes, East and West Susquehanna, and Wyoming, into the Susquehanna synod.

Recommendations will be placed before the general synod at Fort Wayne Ind., June 17. Delegates to the general synod are: Rev. D. R. Keener, Centre Hall; Rev. E. G. Kline, Selinsgrove; Rev. H. L. Wink, Boalsburg; Elders A. H. Riale, Williamsport; Charles P. Dewire, Lewisburg; and T. C. Kryder, Nittany Valley.

The classis, meeting in its 80th annual session, selected St. Luke's church, Lock Haven, for the next annual meeting, March 9, 1937. The fall meeting will be held Sept. 28, at McClure, Snyder county.

## 40TH ANNUAL MEETING OF CENTRE COUNTY SCHOOL DIRECTORS' ASSOCIATION

The forty-ninth annual meeting of the Centre County School Directors' Association will be held in the court house, Thursday, February 20. There will be the usual two sessions, forenoon and afternoon. The program follows:

9:45-10:30—Devotional exercises, Rev. H. E. Oakwood, Millburg.

10:30-11:15—Reading of minutes, R. D. Shoemaker, secretary.

11:15-12:00—Address, "Financing of Public Schools," Dr. D. E. Crosley, Director, School Administration, Harrisburg.

12:00-1:00—Roll call.

1:00-1:15—Report of delegate to the State Convention—Dr. Frank Gette, Phillipsburg.

1:15-2:00—Address, Dr. A. M. Weaver, Supt. Williamsport schools.

2:00-2:15 p. m.—Address, Dr. Weaver.

2:15-3:00—Address, "School Legislation," Dr. Crosley.

Questions. Report of Committees. Election of officers. Adjournment.

Officers of the association are: O. E. Smith, Harris township, president; Geo. L. Peters, Halfmoon township, vice-president; Thomas Stoltz, Howard, vice-president; R. D. Shoemaker, Ferguson township, secretary; Mrs. M. F. Broderick, Bellefonte, treasurer; delegate to State convention, Dr. Frank Gette, Phillipsburg; auditor, Geo. H. Hazel, Bellefonte.

## HIGH SCHOOL NOTES.

The Glee Club of Centre Hall high school will conduct a chorus sing in Trinity Reformed church, Wednesday evening, February 19, at 7:30 o'clock. No admission. The public is cordially invited.

Dr. L. A. Brownstein, of Scranton, delivered an address to the student body of C. H. H. S. in an assembly Wednesday, February 12, at 11:00 o'clock. The American Legion is sponsoring these lectures in the various high schools of Centre county on Lincoln's birthday.

## MRS. HOWARD CONFER SUFFERS PARALYTIC STROKE TUESDAY

Mrs. Howard Confer, an invalid for more than a year, was stricken with paralysis, on Tuesday, at her home—the former McClellan place across Sinking Creek to the east of the Bruce Ripka farm home.

Mrs. Confer became invalid prior to the death of her husband, Howard Confer, in November of 1924, at which time he was found dead on Egg Hill mountain. A daughter, Miss Effie, and son William, make up the Confer family.

## PWA REPORT FOR JANUARY FINEST FOR 8-COUNTY UNIT

Statistics released by Charles E. Freeman, Works Progress Administrator for District 10, reveal one of the finest monthly reports the eight-county area has yet submitted, with the month of January showing a decided spurt in WPA action and progress.

During the month ending January 31, 2409 persons received employment on PWA projects throughout eight counties, boosting the employment figure in the district to 14,406. Of this number \$328 are employed on Works Progress Administration projects, 6078 being afforded work on State Highway units, financed thru WPA funds.

Announcement was made by Director Freeman that the sum of \$1,760,204.45 has been expended in District 10, to January 31, inclusive. The figure represents WPA allotments and sponsors' contributions.

During the month of January 535 men received assignments to State Highway jobs, being placed on various units of 14 operating projects.

## "CHEVY'S" USED CAR DISPOSAL PLAN CONTINUED THRU FEB.

The spectacular success of Chevrolet's million-dollar used car disposal plan as an aid to dealers, and the widespread public endorsement of it as a contributor to traffic safety, have led to its extension through the month of February. W. E. Holler, vice president and general sales manager of the Chevrolet Motor Co. announced this week.

The plan was originally announced for the month of January only.

Under its provisions, Chevrolet is paying its dealers for every unsafe old car taken in trade and scrapped. Besides helping to clear the streets and highways of the traffic hazard which such vehicles represent, the program is making for a more wholesome car merchandising situation. Mr. Holler asserted. This is being reflected in Chevrolet's sales records.

Hon. Don Glingery, member of Congress from this, the 23rd, Pennsylvania district, announced in Washington last week that he will be a candidate for re-election.

The schools in the township have opened, but pupils are experiencing much difficulty in reaching the school centers due to the almost continuous drifting of snow into the beaten paths. Many pupils are obliged to walk and take short cuts over fields.

## "HOW THE BIBLE CAME TO BE."

[Course 120B in the Centre Hall Community Leadership Training School for church workers, promoted by the church schools of Centre Hall. The course opens February 25 and continues until March 31.]

By Rev. L. A. Wagner.

How the Bible came to be should prove a most interesting study for Bible students. Bible knowledge on the part of church workers is an obligation as well as a joy. The rich and full passages of Scripture which we read and meditate upon daily have proved to be an inexhaustible storehouse from which we today and past generations have been guided. It is the only "Book" that has never become antiquated, nor has it failed to meet and serve its purpose. From the forty years wandering in the wilderness, through all successive generations the Bible has been the guide to the way of life.

In this course a general survey of the origin of both the Old Testament and the New Testament will be considered. The historical periods, the literature, which arose in each period and the growth of ideas throughout the entire period of the Bible, will be studied.

It is hoped this study will help to lead to a fuller appreciation of God's progressive revelation of Himself to man, and to a better understanding of Him and His will.

We shall consider in this course, such questions as: Is the Bible the inspired word of God? How have sixty-six books been combined into one book, the Bible? Why do we not have more books? Why no less? How did the various parts come to be written? What were the purposes of these books of the Bible? Who wrote them? Were they Jewish? Were they Christian? What different types of literature are in the Old Testament? What in the new? In what way is God's progressive revelation of Himself related to the growing religious knowledge of the people? How should the Bible be read? Should portions be selected, and interpreted for different age groups?

These and many other questions will be discussed in this course. The text book to be used is "How the Bible Came to Be," by C. J. Harrell. Price of book, \$1.00.

## "GUIDING CHILDREN IN CHRISTIAN GROWTH."

Two of the instructors of the Community Leadership Training School have summarized the courses which they will offer.

The course, "Guiding Children in Christian Growth," by Rev. W. K. Hosterman, is offered for present and potential leaders of children in the church school.

It is all important that in childhood such an objective relation to religion be acquired and such growth in religion begun as shall insure intelligent and right decisions in later life. In order that this may be accomplished it is necessary that the right procedures be followed and that the leader of children in the church school be thoroughly trained, for she is dealing with immature, growing minds. She dare not present the material in a merely logical order; therefore her method must be psychological. She must understand children. The teaching must be put in terms that match up with the experiences of the children and answer to their problems and needs. She must know how things strike them and how to stir them to appreciation of the best. She must understand how their minds work and their wills develop; and she must know how to use the natural laws so revealed to her. It is all this with which the course will concern itself.

## BELLEFONTE SCHOOL BUILDING PARTIALLY BURNED, MON. NITE

The Allegheny Street school annex, Bellefonte, was damaged by fire to the extent of several thousand dollars on Monday night. While the origin of the fire is uncertain, there are evidences that some one had broken into the building and forced open locked desks. Burned paper was also discovered in one of the rooms.

The fire originated on the third floor, burning off the roof and much of the third floor. The fire was discovered at about 9:30 by the janitor.

## KEICHLINE TO OPPOSE FOCHT FOR CONGRESS IN DISTRICT 18

J. M. Keichline, of Huntingdon, son of Squire J. M. Keichline, of Bellefonte, for Congress, in the 18th District comprising the counties of Bedford, Huntingdon, Perry, Mifflin, Union, Snyder, Juniata and Fulton; and Edward L. Holman, of New Bloomfield, for State Senate in the 31st District comprised of the counties of Cumberland, Perry, Juniata, and Mifflin, were the two candidates endorsed at a meeting held at the Elks Club in Lewistown on Thursday evening attended by the county chairman and State committee members from each of the eight counties in the "Shoestring" Congressional District. Both the candidates are World War veterans. The congressional district is now represented by B. F. Focht, Republican.

The criminal libel charges which Attorney General Charles J. Margittoli filed against the Philadelphia Inquirer, were called for trial in the Washington county court, at Washington.

## TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS

### HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS

Ice, ranging in thickness from 12 to 15 inches, is being harvested. The crop is fully equal to the demand, which is not always the case.

About one and one-half inches of snow fell in this region on Friday. The fall continued throughout most of the day and lay quietly where it fell.

James Delaney, erstwhile "printer's devil," has left the service of the Millheim Journal to enter the employ of the Farmers National Bank & Trust Company.

Local Odd Fellows are urged to attend a regular meeting of the order this (Thursday) evening, and help make it a booster meeting. Light refreshments will be served.

The real estate of the estate of the late D. F. Korman, along Pine Creek, east of Coburn, was not sold when offered at public sale due to the low bid received at the time.

Capt. Malvin V. Coates, Military Commandant at the Poe Valley CCC camp, has resigned and will be succeeded by Capt. Edw. R. Ayres, who comes from another CCC command. Captain Coates will return to his home at Coatesville, to resume the practice of law.

Approximately \$100,000 will be distributed among 150 veterans of the World War who are detained in the United States Northeastern Penitentiary at Lewisburg. The men will receive amounts ranging from \$400 to \$1,000.

In the future Centre county will have three assistant superintendents of highway, George Rothrock of Phillipsburg; Ralph Shook of Spring Mills, and Forrest Homan, of Unionville, the latter having been appointed during the week to take the place of Edward Harnish, of Zion.

Corporal Burton Snyder, located with Headquarters Battery 59, Coast Artillery, Fort Mills, Corrigdor, Philippine Islands, sent a number of interesting photographs to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd E. Snyder, in Centre Hall. Last fall he was advanced to the rank of a corporal.

At a special session of Clinton county court held at Lock Haven, T. B. Breen, of Coburn, entered a plea of drunken driving and was given his choice of paying \$200 into the Clinton county treasury or serve three months in the county jail. Breen elected to pay his fine and costs of prosecution.

The Birthday Ball for the President held at Phillipsburg reports gross receipts of \$162 and the net returns, \$80. Of the net sum, \$24.00 was forwarded to the National Association for research work, and \$56.00 was turned over to the Phillipsburg State hospital for the use of the Crippled Children's Clinic.

Mrs. Jack Little, of near Potters Mills, returned home from the Lewistown hospital, on Monday of last week, after having been a patient there for several weeks, during which time she underwent one or more blood transfusions. She expects to return to the institution again for further treatment.

Walter Leighley, the Milroy restaurant keeper, was a caller at this office Thursday evening on his way to Spring Mills, where he attended a meeting of the Fish and Game Association. He reports the road over Seven Mountains in very good shape, and that the snow fall in Kishacoquillas Valley is not as deep as in Penns.

More than 5000 of the 5419 students in the Pennsylvania State College are Pennsylvania boys and girls. Registrar Wm. S. Hoffman reported today. The 5010 Pennsylvania students come from every one of the 67 counties and with few exceptions the enrollment at Penn State varies almost directly with the size of the population in the counties.

Bids are asked for the construction of 6,630 linear feet of bituminous surface, on native stone base fourteen feet wide, road in Rush township, and in Marion township a road of similar character of 6,292 linear feet. Bids will be opened March 6th, 10:00 a. m., as per two advertisements appearing in this issue, caused to be inserted by Warren Van Dyke, Secretary of Highways.

John C. McCloskey, son of Mrs. Lida McCloskey, of Millheim, who has been connected with the U. S. Forestry service for the past two and a half years, received notice of his appointment as supervisor of the extensive tree nursery at Rockview Penitentiary. McCloskey succeeds Harry Eby, who resigned on January 1st to enter the soil erosion prevention service at Indiana.

The rich and varied folk lore of Pennsylvania as expressed in song and dance will be part of the two weeks program of the National Folk Festival which will be held at the Texas Centennial Exposition, Dallas, Texas, in June. The Exposition will open on June 6 and the following week June 14 will see the gathering of folk singers and dancers from all parts of the United States to participate in the third annual national festival.