



Flood News; Local People Contribute Toward Relief

LOCAL RESIDENTS HEAR FROM FRIENDS IN FLOODED AREAS

Like in all sections, residents of Centre Hall and community had friends in the flooded areas. Below will be found brief reference to how they fared:

Mrs. May Wagner and C. W. Geary at Newport reported to their brother, P. P. Geary, in Centre Hall, that their business places were both filled with water, mud, slime and grime to the first floor ceiling. They live near the bridge which remains intact. Mrs. Wagner conducts a millinery establishment and Mr. Geary pool and tobacco.

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Zettle received information from their son, Reuben Zettle, and family, located in the flooded area in Johnstown, that they had been obliged to leave their home, but were back again although conditions were not at all pleasant.

Harold McWilliams, a brother of Mrs. F. V. Goodhart, and Mrs. H. W. Potter was confined to bed from sickness when the flood began to appear in Johnstown. When the false alarm was given that the great dam had broken, the sick man and family were removed to other quarters, but when the true situation was discovered they returned to their home.

Mr. and Mrs. Hughes Brininger radioed a message to the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. V. Jodon, that they were safe in their home in Johnstown, in the Southmore section. The message was picked up by Dick Bailey and through the Reporter was forwarded to the Jodon family here and to Mr. Brininger's parents at McClure.

Miss Miriam Mitterling had the novel experience of hearing over the radio at her home here that she was safe in a commercial college building in Williamsport. She and her companion, Miss Thelma Clark, students were marooned, but well taken care of on the second floor of the institution's building. On Friday they sent out a message to be radioed to their parents, and this is the message they heard while at their homes. The delay was, of course, unavoidable due to the great number of messages to be handled. Mr. Mitterling and Mr. Clark motored to Williamsport, Saturday, and picked up their daughters at the quarters named.

Through a radio message from Williamsport, Miss Rebecca Derstine learned that her brother, Rev. M. S. Derstine, and his daughter and family were safe.

Due to shock, Mrs. Jacob C. Lee, of Centre Hill, was brought to the home of her daughter Mrs. J. C. Goodhart, in Centre Hall, on Saturday evening. In a rather serious condition, she and her husband had gone to Sunbury on March 15th for a ten days' visit with a daughter, Mrs. Clyde A. Boyer. When the flood came the Boyer home was badly hit. Mrs. Lee and other occupants were taken by boat to a hotel where she was put to bed. On Saturday evening, Mr. and Mrs. Lee were brought to the Goodhart home here and later taken to their home at Centre Hill.

The S. M. Goodhart family and Mrs. Grace Ditzel, in Johnstown, are safe as was discovered on Sunday by Mr. and Mrs. Ben. D. Goodhart who motored there Saturday night, going by way of Bedford. The S. M. Goodhart home, first floor, 531 Franklin street, was completely flooded. The family sought shelter at Southmont. Mrs. Ditzel, who lives close to the Stony Creek bridge, remained in her apartment on the third floor of a large building. She witnessed the moving out of the large bridge. There were exciting moments. Mr. and Mrs. Goodhart on their return home Sunday evening brought with them Mrs. Ditzel, Mrs. S. M. Goodhart and Mrs. Miller, who had been at Centre Hall, returned home Friday.

John H. Knarr, Bruce Knarr and Robert Meeker motored to Johnstown to look up relatives. Bruce Meeker's home was surrounded by water, but that of Mrs. J. W. Havick, aunt of Bruce Knarr's wife, was high and dry, due to the high elevation on which it was located.

Miss Agnes Cummings, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Cummings, employed as a bookkeeper by the Keystone Company, Williamsport, radioed a message over WRAK that she was safe.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur McClellan and young son left their flooded home in Lock Haven the latter part of the week and came to Centre Hall. Mr. McClellan returned Monday to see that the home was put into condition for the reception of the mother and son.

Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Rickert up to Tuesday had heard nothing from the Ralph T. Hess family living at 85 East Church street, Kingston, near Wilkes Barre. The district where they live is subject to flooding. All of the children, except Mrs. Rickert, are living at home.

In the old argument—fire versus water—which is the more destructive—it is well to remember that whereas fire may be practically localized, flood waters run one city and then the same waters go down the river to ruin other cities.

CENTRE HALL AND COMMUNITY CONTRIBUTE LIBERALLY TO LEWISTOWN FLOOD REFUGEES

The local Red Cross in conjunction with the Boy Scout organization and the Kerlin Poultry plant solicited and delivered three truck loads of clothing and food supplies to the refugees of the flood-stricken area in Lewistown, on Friday.

Through the generosity and quick response of the farmers in the Centre Hall district, 45 ten-gallon cans of milk were collected. More milk was offered but could not be taken care of because Lewistown was without electricity and lacked storage and refrigeration facilities.

The food was delivered to the Y. M. C. A. and taken over by Dr. W. A. Alexander and D. B. Gardner, who were in charge of food relief for the shelters housing the sufferers.

The clothing was taken to the Wayne street school building where John A. Neill, principal of the school, was in charge. Twenty school teachers assisted in collecting and distributing the clothing.

Lewistown is well organized to care for the refugees. All shelters receive food and clothing from the above sources.

The refugees were registered and sent to shelters located at the following places: Y. M. C. A., First Methodist church, Henderson Fire company, American Legion, Presbyterian church, Fame Fire company, Rayon Local Union 1851, Lutheran church, Moose Home, Elk's Home, The Eagles, F. W. Black Hospital, Susquehanna Silk Mill, Grove Memorial church, Lewistown Hospital, and the home of Mrs. Charles Z. Bearley.

The spirit of unselfishness, which was characterized by the liberal and quick response by our citizens in this humanitarian service, seemed to permeate their organization as well.

Centre Hall needs to be congratulated in responding so nobly and liberally to the challenge which came to them.

"Not what we give, but what we share,"

For the gift without the giver is bare;

Who gives himself with his aims feeds three; Himself, his hungry neighbor, and me."

Note.—The canvass for milk, food and clothing was made very hurriedly and was not at all complete, which accounts for many names missing which otherwise would have appeared. Only a few persons solicited refused to respond.

Farmers Contribute Milk

Forty-five ten-gallon cans of milk were contributed by the following farmers, the figures following the name representing the number of cans contributed by each:

Claude Dutrow, 8; George Heckman, 2; Raymond Walker, 2; John Rimey, 1; Harry Wolfe, 2; Bruce Runkle, 1; Fred Slack, 2; John W. Delaney, 1; Clarence E. Blazer, 2; Floyd Brooks, 1; T. F. Delaney, 2; George Sharer, 1; M. A. Burkholder, 1; Robert Smith, 1; G. H. McCormick, 1; W. Evans Bradford, 2; George W. Ralston, 2; Chester Grove, 1; Daniel Bloom, 1; Fred Stover, 1; James B. Royer, 2; Charles Andrews, 1.

Food and Clothing

Food of some description or clothing, or both, were contributed by: Mrs. John Durr, Wm. Stover, David Stoner, W. A. Odenkirk, Johnson's Store, C. A. Spjker, Mrs. Della Eslinger, H. L. Ehrig, Harry W. Potter, Wm. B. Fiedler, J. A. Martz, Curtis Reiser, J. M. Kirkpatrick, D. M. Bradford, J. F. Wetzel, J. C. Goodhart, Roy Dutrow, Edw. E. Bailey, W. W. Kerlin, Edward Durr, George Ishler, Clyde Bradford, George Benner, W. F. Bradford, J. W. Bradford, Arthur Thoman, Mrs. Margaret Godshall, Paul Venrick, John Riebel, F. V. Goodhart, H. C. Reish, Clyde Dutrow, Wm. McCormick, Daniel S. Daup, S. C. Brungart, A. H. Spayd, F. M. Fisher, D. R. Keener, P. P. Geary, J. H. Puff, C. W. Boozer, J. Elmer Royer, Dr. Hugh Morrow, D. C. Mitterling, Fred Luse, W. K. Hosterman, C. R. Neff, W. A. Alexander, E. M. Huyett, W. F. Colyer, W. A. Homan, Mrs. S. Tholomew, J. S. Boozer, T. A. Hosterman, J. L. Fetterhoff, Miss Mabel Arney, D. K. Keller, Charles Arney, James Foust, G. Frank Smith, Clayton Homan, John Whitman, Richard Brooks, Fred Homan, William Hanna, Lewis Krebs, Blaine Lester, Samuel Shoop, Mrs. Lizzie Jacobs, Andrew Mark, Frank Ishler, L. Arthur Wagner, J. L. Trossler, Floyd Snyder, Mrs. D. F. Smith, R. M. Smith, John Coldron, Mrs. Sallie Ruble, Vernon Garbrick, R. S. Jamison, Mrs. C. E. Flink, Joseph Hartley, Kryder Frank, George Ralston, John Dutrow, Thomas S. Swartz, Arthur W. Holzgerman, Charles P. Ramer, Miss Grace Smith, Miss Laura Runkle, F. V. Jodon, Bruce Knarr, Paul Zellers, Howard Emery, Russell Bohn, C. F. Emory, Paul Fetterhoff, Ben Cori, Mrs. Annie Homan, Mrs. T. L. Smith, John Dasher, T. L. Moore, Stanley Brooks, Mrs. Mary Strohecker, Mrs. Clement Luse, Mrs. Charles A. Miller, C. H. Homan. The latter contributed forty bushels of apples. Clover Club, groceries.

E. A. Smith, Ralph Hagan, William F. Keller, David P. Noll.

THE FLOOD IN CENTRE HALL; SEVERAL LAKES FORMED

While the water damage in Centre Hall is near the zero point, the high water mark of previous flood periods has been materially raised. A half-dozen lakes were formed, and in nearly every instance the water came up from sinks. Sinks are the only drainage available. The nearest water course westward begins at the summit along the L. and T. railroad west of Centre Hall station. To drain into this course, the lakes would have to rise to a height that would submerge the south section of town to a considerable depth. Eastward there is no drainage.

The largest lake formed was that coming from a sink back of the Thomas home, in the high school area, and across the street to the east where George K. Rimmey lives, the flow also coming from a sink. Lakes of less dimension are between the flat south of the Presbyterian church and the railroad station.

The homes of Jacob Sharer, Mrs. Margaret Thomas and T. L. Moore had water in the cellar close to the first floor, while in many other homes water was flowing from cellar windows.

On the north side of the railroad sinks at the Stover coal yard, in Grange park, in the Keller plot and stone quarry site, are either water sources or refuse to perform their normal function. This area is the largest water-covered section in the town, and extends over the roadway, where it had reached a maximum of about 20 inches on Saturday.

A number of cellars have water in them of sufficient height to reach the furnace fire box. In most instances the kitchen range affords sufficient heat to give reasonable comfort.

Cellars becoming flooded during the latter part of last week appeared to have the water supply from other source than the surface flow.

FOOD SUPPLY FLOATS; DOCKS AT FEET OF ANXIOUS OWNER

Like most people who can fruits, vegetables, meats, make sauer-kraut for the winter, store them in the cellar and for safety place them on tables, and this was the method employed by Mrs. Lavina Flory. When the cellar became flooded, the table with its burden, of course, floated and lodged in a corner most remote. Mrs. Flory went to the water's edge and washed, and washed, and washed the steps instead of at the most distant point. Looking intently at the laden table for a short time, she thought she saw it move; it did move, slowly, and toward her. Walking, waiting most anxiously, the table floated to appoint immediately to the front of her and rested. She began picking off the fruit jars carefully and placing them on the steps; all was taken care of without loss except a large crock of sauer-kraut. She could not lift it. How could it be saved? How! And right then a strong man appeared.

And what caused the table to float? Mrs. Flory's silent prayer? No, yet prayer was proper. It was the current of air, on opening the cellar door, that disturbed the water and caused the table to move about with the current to where the good lady was standing. And it may be said truthfully that because of her anxiety to save her food she opened the door. Another factor not to be lost sight of was that the weight on the table was equally distributed.

MAIL SUNDAY EVENING; P. O. OPEN FOR SERVICE

For the first time in the history of its existence, the post office in Centre Hall was open and delivered mail to patrons on Sunday evening. In some manner a large consignment of mail—much first class—found its way to Shamokin where no available service could land it in this region. An inspector discovered the condition and arranged to have it trucked to State College. On the way Millheim, Spring Mills and Centre Hall were served. It was the first mail from out the county to arrive since Tuesday evening of last week.

The Kerlin poultry plant was the recipient of the largest number of first-class pieces, more than 1000. The First National Bank received all of its Federal Reserve mail covering the period the service was shot.

Monday forenoon mail was trucked from Lewisburg to State College.

The flooded areas in Lewistown, on Friday evening, after the water in the Juniata river was again within its banks, reminded one of a picture of a beautiful residential section of a great city painted by a master artist and then turned over to one with a brush who hated beauty—the mud on green lawns, small buildings strewn about, dwellings collapsed or out of plumb, all system destroyed, representing his daubs.

Two hundred thirty-six students from colleges and universities throughout the United States were transferred to Penn State College, during the recent past, and entered all four classes.

THREE MEN CLINGING TO APPLE TREE BROWN IN JUNIATA RIVER, IN FLOOD

Wilbur Ross, Roy Sycoe and James Miller lost their lives in the raging waters of Juniata River, above Lewistown, Wednesday morning of last week when the flood waters were at their peak. In company with Edwood Pfeffer, Henry Plesco and a Mr. Haines, they returned to the home of Sycoe to place the furniture in the second floor after all the family had been rescued from the house, more rapidly filling with water.

With much difficulty the home was reached, and after placing the furniture on the second floor, the six persons started for the shore. The boat, carrying the doomed men, as nearly as the ones rescued know, hit a tree, capsized and threw the men into the raging water. From there they clung to a huge apple tree, where they appeared to be safe.

Neighbors attempted to rescue them, but as they neared the tree it was uprooted and the men were plunged into the waters. The three unfortunate men never made a sound.

According to Earl Pfeffer, the scene was so harrowing that he immediately turned and as he realized nothing more could be done his next move was to get himself safely to shore, which he did.

Sycoe and his family lived on a farm near Anderson, owned by Warren Brindel Sr., while the other unfortunate men resided nearby.

RED CROSS SEEKS CASH; SUNDAY SCHOOLS TO SOLICIT

The Red Cross in a communication to citizens here urges the solicitation of cash funds to be mailed at once to headquarters.

It is suggested the Sunday schools take up the matter of soliciting funds among members of the denomination they represent and take credit as a project. Funds collected from now on could be paid into the hands of a designated treasurer in each Sunday school, and by him to the local chairman, Miss Grace Smith, who will forward them to the proper headquarters.

By conducting the campaign in this manner a more complete canvass can be made with the minimum amount of effort, and at the same time credit may be taken by each of the schools for the amount contributed.

Moneys already turned over to Miss Grace Smith have been carefully recorded, showing from whom received, which permits each Sunday school to ascertain the amount of cash already contributed.

FLOOD HERO A SUICIDE

William Skooger, 24, of Selingsgrove, Pa., committed suicide late Thursday. He had spent several strenuous hours in rescue of flood victims and while in a highly nervous state returned to his home, secured a .22-calibre rifle, placed the muzzle in his mouth and pulled the trigger. He was standing in front of a mirror at the time. Mrs. Stouffer discovered her husband's body a few hours later. Sheriff John C. Grubb pronounced death by suicide.

STREAM CLOSED TO FISHING

In an advertisement appearing in this issue of the Reporter above the signature of O. M. DeBier, Commissioner of Fisheries for Pennsylvania, it will be unlawful to fish in all streams and their tributaries within the confines of the new enclosure of State Game Refuge No. 53 located in Rush township, for a period of two years, beginning April 15, next.

TWO CENTENARIANS DIE

Mrs. Rachel Trowbridge, who celebrated her 102d birthday with airplane rides, died at Selingsgrove on Saturday. Doctors said infirmities of age caused her death.

The second centenarian was Mrs. Catharine V. Ellenberger, who died the same day at Stroudsburg, at the home of her son, Third Assistant Postmaster General Clinton B. Ellenberger.

She celebrated her 100th birthday on January 17. She was able to greet friends then.

A fall suffered three weeks ago is thought to have hastened her death. She was conscious until two days ago.

GOVERNOR EARLE, ON A TOUR OF INSPECTION OF FLOOD CENTERS, IS DUE IN BELLEFONTE SOME TIME THIS WEEK OVER THE AIR ROUTE. FROM BELLEFONTE HE WILL MOTORE TO LOCK HAVEN.

Governor Earle, on a tour of inspection of flood centers, is due in Bellefonte some time this week over the air route. From Bellefonte he will motore to Lock Haven.

20 SOUTH DAKOTA HORSES AVERAGE \$170; TOP, \$265

The twenty South Dakota horses shipped by William Gruenwald arrived in Bellefonte on Sunday night, were trucked to Centre Hall and sold on the block Monday forenoon at the Centre Hall hotel barn, at an average price of \$170. The top horse passed for \$265, and the top team for \$465.00.

The attendance at the sale was up to about the average. The horse sports he will be back with another load of horses to be sold on Saturday, April 4. This will be the last load for sale this season.

EASTERN AND WESTERN MAIL DELIVERED FROM LEWISBURG BY TRUCK-MAIL CLERKS

Mail clerks are aboard the trucks delivering mail from the east and west. Like heretofore western mail goes down the main line and back to Sunbury and Lewisburg. At Lewisburg it is picked up by trucks and distributed along the post offices served from the L. & T.

FIVE WPA PROJECTS IN CENTRE APPROVED BY FREEMAN

District 10 Works Progress Administrator Charles E. Freeman announced today that five Centre county projects were approved during the week March 10-17 and forwarded to State Administrator Edward N. Jones at Harrisburg, for final endorsement.

The projects follow: Unionville Borough: Reservoir improvements; 17 men; 1 month; \$1,354.48.

Rush Township: Road construction; 30 men; 2 months; \$4,968.54.

Unionville Borough: Stream improvement; 33 men; 2 months; \$4,927.60.

Bellefonte: Street improvements and construction; 25 men; 4 months; \$6,591.23.

Bellefonte: Improvements to Firehouse; 17 men; 2 1/2 months; \$5497.11.

THE PUMPER PUMPER

The Volunteer Fire company pumper has been busy during the past week pumping water from cellars. This necessarily entails expense for gas and repairs and wear and tear. No direct charge is made, but the company will receive donations of cash. No part of these donations will go for operating service. Make payment direct to D. W. Bradford, treasurer.

FREE TALKING PICTURES TUESDAY NIGHT, 8:15

Free talking moving pictures will be shown in Centre Hall Tuesday evening, 8:15 inst., at 7:30 o'clock, sponsored by D. W. Bradford, McCormick implement and machinery dealer, Centre Hall. A two hour show of educational pictures which includes growing of sisal and making twine, conveniences on the farm, most modern tractor and tractor equipments, as well as many interesting scenes. All are welcome.

N. Y. A. MOVEMENT AIDS LOCAL SCHOOL STUDENTS

In order to aid students through school financially, the National Youth Administration has started a program in the local high school that provides fifteen hours of work a month for seventeen enrolled students.

These students work four hours a school week during the hours provided for outdoor and library periods, to prevent idling upon their school work.

This work includes a complete accessioning of the 1,287 library books, two librarians, the care and arrangement of the chemical laboratory, cloak room arrangements, checking papers, filing papers and reports, rearrangement of the museum, and the development of a better filing system. No janitorial work is permitted.

The seventeen students were selected by the school and N. Y. A. authorities, and are given work that will help raise the standard of the school and at the same time aid them in meeting their school obligations.

Fifty enlisted men of Boalsburg Troop of the 103rd Cavalry were summoned for duty in Lewistown, last week. With rifles on their shoulders and bayonets at their side the Guardsmen patrolled the streets and alleys and intercepted every auto and pedestrian in the flooded area and detained them if they show their papers and explain their business.

High water at the F. M. Fisher farm near Spring Mills caused a postponement of the Fisher-Beighiol sale, scheduled for last Thursday until Saturday, March 28.

The Senior Class play, "One In A Million" which was postponed on account of water conditions, will be presented Saturday evening, March 28, in Grange Arcadia.

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS

County Treasurer Raymond Brooks is improving following a sinus operation performed at the Blair Memorial hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Allis, formerly of this town, are planning to move from their home in Pleasant Gap to an apartment in State College.

Mrs. Lanson Burris is seriously ill at her home in town and is under the care of Dr. Light. Miss Mary Coble, a niece from Williamsburg, is nursing her.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Musser and children, Jane, Isabel and Mack, of Rock Springs, were guests on Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. F. V. Goodhart and Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Potter.

Kenneth Snyder, member of a CCC camp in Somerset county, was contacted over the telephone by his father, Floyd Snyder, and was found to be safe. He expects to be home over the week-end.

Some time in May, Rev. J. M. Kirkpatrick, Mrs. Kirkpatrick and son Jack will cross the great sea to Scotland, the homeland of the former, where they will be among friends for some time.

Ernest Homan and children on Saturday motored to the Lock Haven flood-stricken district. Mrs. Homan has been ill for over two weeks, first from tonsillitis, and now is suffering from quinsy.

Mrs. Hinds, wife of Sergeant M. L. Hinds, a Treasurer Kettle CCC camp officer, during last week suffered an attack of acute indigestion. Sergeant and Mrs. Hinds live in the Grove apartment, on the diamond.

Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Fisher and Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Keller, on Sunday motored to Lewistown and Millersburg. At the latter place they visited with their cousin, Mrs. Elsie Sankey, and daughter, Miss Jessie.

On Monday, Mr. and Mrs. John Rimmey, of near town, took their daughter, Martha, 13 years old, to Lewistown to be treated for ear trouble at a private hospital. The young Miss has had several previous similar attacks.

Miss Edna Meyer, the C. H. H. S. freshman girl taken to the hospital during the beginning of last week, returned to her home on Friday. It appears her case, first thought to have been appendicitis, was not fully diagnosed.

Newspapers throughout the county have been obliged to print many "postponement" notices. Many gatherings, of greater or lesser account, have either been recalled or dates postponed, due to weather conditions, blocked roads, floods, etc., ever since last fall.

Charles F. Snyder, Esq., and three children, of Sunbury, motored to Bellefonte on Monday, stopping for a brief period at the Fisher home in Centre Hall. Their Sunbury home was badly flooded, consequently the children were taken to the home of their grandmother, Mrs. Emma Deitrick.

Mrs. Clyde Boyer, of Sunbury, and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Lee, of Centre Hill, who had been with their daughter, were brought to Centre Hall on Saturday, to the home of Mrs. Boyer's sister, Mrs. J. C. Goodhart. The Sunbury people were victims of the flood, and suffered to a great extent along with the greater part of the Sunbury residents.

Miss Marion Smith, who has completed the course in nursing in Jefferson hospital, is engaged there at this time and is in charge of the private nursery. She is making up lost time occasioned through two rather prolonged and serious attacks of illness, one from scarlet fever and the other appendicitis, during her regular student period.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Cummings, Mr. and Mrs. Blaine Lester and Mrs. Paul Wasson motored to Williamsport on Sunday and succeeded in contacting Miss Agnes Cummings, daughter of the former couple, and lunched together. Miss Cummings lives at the Y. W. C. A. and is employed in the offices of the Keystone Food Products company. She is a C. H. H. S. graduate.

An infection followed a mere scratch on the left arm of Robert McClennahan and at this time is giving him considerable pain. It appears that while engaged in making repairs to an automobile in the Miller Motor company garage, the skin on the arm above the wrist was broken, but after applying a local remedy no further attention was given until the member became the seat of continuous pain, when a physician was consulted.

The Extension Club met Friday at the home of Miss Jennie Thomas under the direction of Miss Eleanor Smith, who discussed "Weighted Silks." The fourteen ladies present were: Miss Elizabeth Bartholomew, Mrs. J. S. Boozer, Mrs. Wm. Bradford, Mrs. Frank Geary, Mrs. Charles Miller, Mrs. H. L. Ebright, Mrs. Edgar Miller, Mrs. T. L. Smith, Mrs. T. L. Moore, Miss Mary Delinda Potter, Mrs. Fernie Homan, Miss Smith and Mrs. Thomas, mother of the hostess.