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## DEMOCRATS TO DUPLICATE CONVENTION OF 1932

The Democrats will reproduce the 1932 Chicago convention as near as possible in Philadelphia, if plans of leading Democrats carry through. This layout brings to the fore Senator Alan Barkley, of Kentucky, as the keynoter, and Judge John E. Mack, of New York, to nominate President Roosevelt for the second term.

Senator Joseph Robinson will be the permanent chairman, taking the place of Senator Thomas Walsh, of Montana, now deceased. The senator selected is the majority leader in the Senate and halls from Arkansas.

Selection of Mack, veteran upper New York state jurist, to make the nominating speech, is understood to have been on the President's personal insistence. Judge Mack is one of the oldest and most trusted friends. He not only nominated him for President at Chicago, but for State Senator in New York in 1910.

The 1910 nomination was the President's first public office. Running in a strongly Republican district, he won the election and distinguished himself in Albany by defeating William Shehan, machine candidate for United States Senator.

That was the start of the President's political career. He has always been grateful to Mack for launching him in public life.

The only new feature of the Democratic convention, it was indicated, will be several changes in the platform. Instead of repeating economy promises of four years ago, the platform probably will contain a plank expressing faith in the New Deal policy of Government spending to restore prosperity—a policy which has brought this country more than half way out of the depression.

Farley and his associates were surprised at the decision of the Republicans, made in Cleveland at a meeting of the National Committee, to reproduce their disastrous 1932 convention. They expected the G. O. P. bosses to remember their last licking well enough to shift scenery this time.

Instead, National Chairman Henry Fletcher, and the clique of Old Guards who dominate the Republican machinery, named Representative Bertrand Snell, Troy, N. Y., Republican, for permanent chairman of their convention, and choose, as they did four years ago, a little-known mediocre Western Senator to deliver the keynote speech.

At their Chicago convention, the keynoter was Senator L. J. Dickinson, of Iowa, who faces likely defeat in the primary election in June. This time it is to be Senator Frederick Steiwer, of Oregon, who is unknown outside the Senate chamber.

## ANNUAL STATE HIGH SCHOOL PRESS CONVENTION AT P. S. C.

A large number of high school students and faculty advisers to student publications from all sections of the State, met at Pennsylvania State College on Saturday, to discuss an almost endless number of questions arising from publishing a high school newspaper. The gathering was under the title of The Annual State High School Press Convention.

There were various discussions conducted to a large extent by students connected of course, with high school publications.

"What can you do about make-up and art in the high school publication when funds available are limited," was a topic assigned and intelligently discussed by Mrs. Agnes G. Jamison, teacher in English in the local high school.

The Tiger, the local publication, was represented by these members of the new staff: Charles Hamer, Kathryn Smith, Marie Snyder, Gerald Bradford, Bob Wetzel, and two members of the retiring staff, namely, Chris Morrow and Roberta Smith.

The students are under obligation to William Thomas, a fellow student, for transportation.

## CHRISTIAN YOUTH CONFERENCE —HARRISBURG, APRIL 24-26

Prof. J. F. Wetzel, Miss Sara J. Odaskirk, Rev. D. R. Keener and John Zubler attended the Christian Youth Conference at Harrisburg, Friday and Sunday. The conference delegates were representatives from all Christian Protestant denominations and organizations.

About twelve discussion groups were organized to discuss problems relative to the building of a more Christian world. The Centre Hall group enrolled in the Christian Economics group.

Rev. Roy A. Burkhardt, First Community Church, Columbus, O.; Dr. Kagawa, Japan, and Mrs. Induk Pak from Korea, were some of the nationally famous speakers. Their messages were most challenging and totally lacked the "sob" type of appeal.

The dwelling on the Jacksonville road, located six miles east of Bellefonte, owned by Mr. Bathgate and tenanted by W. L. Wingeat, was damaged by fire to the extent of \$100 on Sunday, due to a defective fuse. A bucket brigade kept the fire in check until one of the Bellefonte fire companies arrived.

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## TAYLOR WINS FOR CHAIRMAN OVER JOHN SPEARLY

E. R. (Dick) Taylor won over John S. Spearly for Democratic Chairmanship in Centre county, by more than several hundred.

Mrs. Ruth Bower, whose name was not on the primary ballot, outdistanced a dozen or more Democratic ladies, whose names, like Mrs. Bower's, were written on the ballot by the electors, for vice-chairmanship. Mr. Bower succeeds herself to the office named.

## H. B. SCOTT TRIUMPHS OVER ROSSMAN FOR STATE COMM.

For Republican State Committee-man in the 34th District, Hon. Harry B. Scott led his competitor Harry A. Rossman, by a large majority.

## "KEN" HAINES LEADS WALLIN AND KNISELY BY 1500

For Representative in the General Assembly, Kenneth G. Haines came through with a majority of about 50 over John H. Wallin and G. Hunter Kniseley.

## DEMOCRATIC VOTE IN BORO —TAYLOR AND SPEARLY TIE

Ninety-four Democratic and fifty-three Republican ballots were cast at one of the characteristic and most quiet elections, on Tuesday. There was not an incident to mar the day.

The contest for the day was for county chairman, the candidates getting an even break.

## The Tally Sheet.

- President—**  
Roosevelt—81  
Breckenridge—6
- State Treasurer—**  
Ross—88
- Auditor General—**  
Roberts—67  
Zimmerman—20
- Congress—**  
Gingery—78  
Hartswick—4
- Assembly—**  
Decker—84
- State Committee—**  
White—85
- County Chairman—**  
Taylor—47  
Spearly—47
- Vice Chairman—**  
Lucy Merrell—17
- Delegates-at-Large—**  
The first sixteen of the seventeen candidates carried through, leaving the last named, Matthew H. McCloskey, Jr., of Montgomery county, as the loser in the group.
- Alternate Delegates (two elected)—**  
Thompson—71  
Young, Blair Co.—28  
Maney, Blair Co.—20  
Miles, Clearfield Co.—55
- Alternate Delegates (two elected)—**  
Clara S. Phillips, Blair Co.—61  
McGuire, Blair Co.—43  
Moore, Clearfield Co.—53
- Republican Vote.**

- President—**  
Borah—33  
Landon—8
- State Treasurer—**  
Thompson—40  
Pinola—11
- Auditor General—**  
Sweeney—52
- Delegates-at-Large—**  
Like on the Democratic ticket, the Republicans gave their support to the seven—the number elected—first named, leaving John S. Fine out. There was no choice for Alternate Delegates, there being but seven candidates.
- Congress—**  
Kauffman, Blair Co.—26  
Hartscock, Blair Co.—11  
Jones, Blair Co.—19
- Assembly—**  
Haines—45  
Wallin—7  
Kniseley—6
- State Committee—**  
Scott—34  
Rossman—17
- County Chairman—**  
Melroy—52
- Vice Chairman—**  
Josephine Dyer—51

## PHILIPSBURG PROJECT O. K'D; PARK TO COST \$76,330

District 10 Works Progress Administration Charles E. Freeman, today announced that a park construction project for Philipsburg was approved. The project was forwarded to Harrisburg for endorsement by State Director Edward N. Jones for final endorsement.

The project is one of the largest approved by the District 10 Administrator, and will employ 213 men for five months at a cost of \$76,330.90.

## SHOWING AT THE "STATE" AND "PLAZA" THEATRES

At the "Plaza" Theatre—  
Thursday, Friday and Saturday of this week: "The Lord Falterley," starring Freddie Bartholomew and Dolores Costello, with Guy Kibbee. Added special short subjects with First Run News.

Monday and Tuesday, Next Week: "A Connecticut Yankee." Cast includes Myrna Loy, Adolphe Paramount, First Run News. Special short subjects.

At the State Theatre—  
Wednesday and Thursday of this week: "Brides Are Like That." Added special short subjects.

Friday and Saturday—"Song of the Saddle," with Dick Foran, the famous singing cowboy in a super special Western. Also, Special short subjects and Pathe News.

The Millinburg borough fathers have leased a lot to be used as a public parking place for automobiles. The site was formerly occupied by an up-holding and storage building, burned a few weeks ago.

A mile of new road on Route 45, beginning at the Union county fair grounds and leading westward is to be built, one of the purposes being to test the efficiency of Amestee for a top finish. The road will be constructed with a substantial stone base and a heavy covering of Amestee.

## POTTER TOWNSHIP SCHOOL BOARD TURNS OVER \$13,000.00

Two checks aggregating the sum of \$13,000.00, money realized from the sale of a bond issue, were turned over to the treasurer of the Centre Hall school board at a joint meeting of the two boards last Thursday evening. One check for \$4,000 represents the amount paid by Potter township for its interest in the present high school property. The other check for \$9,000.00 is credited toward its 50-50 share in the construction of the new addition to the high school building, now in progress—a PWA project.

As noted before, this project entails a total expenditure of \$36,466. Forty-five per cent, or \$15,129, is a grant by the Federal Government, leaving \$21,337 to be paid by the districts of Centre Hall borough and Potter township, which are now united in the operation of a joint high school. Each district is obligated for \$10,673.

It is required that the full amount of money be placed in the construction fund before the Government makes its first 25 per cent payment. There remains the sum of \$3,346 to be placed in the fund to reach the total, provision for which is assured.

## SKIDMORE GETS LIFE SENTENCE IN WESTERN PEN.

George Skidmore, who eluded police for six years and rose to respectability in his Idaho hideaway, was sentenced to life imprisonment in the Western Penitentiary, for the murder of a gasoline station attendant in Pittsburgh.

Skidmore pleaded guilty to charges of murdering Charles Hammond, a crippled station attendant, during a holdup in 1930. The plea was designed to forestall the threat of the electric chair had he gone on trial and been convicted.

Skidmore also faced murder charges in Centre county, where he allegedly wounded an air beacon attendant as he shot his way out of an ambush of police and civilian possees seeking him on the Pittsburgh charge.

After the Centre county escape Skidmore fled west where he settled near Grangeville, Idaho. During the ensuing six years he acquired two farms, gained the respect of other residents of the rural section and was about to marry a young widow when his identity was discovered.

## MRS. ELIZA MEYER, TYRONE, REACHES HER 80TH YEAR

Roger T. Bayard, writing in his column "Here, There and Everywhere About Tyrone," in the Tyrone Times, says this about a former Centre Hall lady, widow of D. J. Meyer:

"The Times is happy to extend Mrs. Eliza Meyer, of the First National bank apartments, sincere felicitations on having attained the remarkable age of 80 years. Mrs. Meyer, whose birthday occurred quite recently, is in fairly good health and enjoys the fellowship of many friends who call frequently. She has lived a beautiful life, full of good deeds and acts of real kindness, and her only regrets are that she cannot be more active in brightening the lives of those around her. In her twilight days she is particularly happy and contented which is a source of great satisfaction to her sons and daughter and host of friends."

## REP. J. W. DECKER SPEAKS BEFORE LOCAL H.S. ASSEMBLY

John W. Decker, Vocational Director of Gregg Township Vocational School, and representative to the Pennsylvania State Legislature from Centre county, recently made one of his characteristic talks before the assembly of Centre Hall high school students, on the subject "How a Bill Becomes a Law" and kindred subjects.

Speaking first of the three branches of State government—executive, judicial and legislative—he stated there were 298 members in the house, and 50 in the Senate, representing a personal cross section of the citizenry of Pennsylvania. All nationalities, creeds, professions and vocations are represented.

The chief officers of the house are speaker, parliamentarian, clerks—reading, recording and transcribing, sergeant-at-arms, and about ten pages.

The member who desire to introduce a bill dictates his idea to the legislation bureau, where it is put in form. The bill is then introduced, and by the speaker is referred to the proper committee. Assuming the committee is favorable to the measure, it is referred back to the house, subjected to three readings—on three legislative days—and discussed. It may be amended by additions or subtractions.

To become a law, the bill must receive the sanction of a majority of the house, which during last session was 105, and receive the signature of the Governor.

Mr. Decker has had the privilege of speaking to the students in Government at Penn State on several occasions.

A large truck load of shade and ornamental trees, grown in Rockview nursery, was taken to State institutions at Allentown.

## PAUL LINGLE'S CHEVROLET CAR STOLEN; RECOVERED

A Chevrolet sedan belonging to Paul Lingle, stolen from his garage in Centre Hall on Friday night, was recovered on Sunday. State Highway patrolmen reported the car parked at Sunbury, in o. k. condition, but with an empty gas tank. Mr. Lingle, a Kerlin Poultry Farm employe, brought the car home Sunday afternoon.

The same night the car was stolen the garages of Samuel Gieringer and Robert I. Smik's were broken into, but for some reason the cars were not taken. From the Gieringer car a flashlight was taken.

Saturday morning a Ford '35 coupe, carrying a Virginia license number 15-665 was found parked in the vicinity of Old Fort woods. Later it was towed to the Miller Motor Company garage at the direction of highway patrolmen.

There is a probability the parties who abandoned the Virginia car drove off the Lingle car. No clue of any nature was left.

## LOCAL CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS CONTRIBUTE \$197.27 IN CASH TO RED CROSS FLOOD WORK

To date the following people and organizations from Centre Hall and vicinity have contributed the sum of \$197.27 in cash to the American Red Cross to aid the stricken people in the flooded areas of the east.

In addition to the cash contributions the citizens have contributed several hundred dollars worth of food, milk and clothing.

The great need in these districts now is cash to do the necessary rehabilitation work. Any one sufficiently interested in helping these folks travel the second mile may still do so by giving their cash contributions to Miss Grace Smith, treasurer of the local Red Cross.

To date the amount in cash collected is \$197.27, contributed by the following Sunday school classes and other organizations:

- Evangelical S. S., Centre Hall—\$10.00  
Sprucetown M. E. Sunday School—\$11.00  
David T. Noll, Centre Hall, R. D.; Miss Anna Sweeney, Boalsburg; E. Clayton Wager, Spring Mills, R. D.  
Trinity Reformed church of Centre Hall: Ladies' Bible Class; Class No. 1; Young People's Class; Friendship Bible Class.—Total of \$22.05  
Presbyterian Church and the Christian Endeavor Society, Centre Hall.—Total amount, \$53.52  
Lutheran Sunday Schools Classes, Centre Hall: Mrs. S. W. Smith's class, \$2.00; Mrs. W. A. Alexander's class, \$5.00; Mrs. Harold Durst's class, \$3.00; Mrs. W. W. Kestlin's class, \$6.00; Helping Hand Class, \$10.00; Lynn Breen's class, \$12.50; Willing Workers' Class, \$5.00; Harvey W. Flink's Class, \$1.50; Men's Bible Class, \$14.75.—Total amount, \$48.50  
Lutheran church, Centre Hall, members, \$35.00; Young Woman's Missionary Society of Lutheran church, \$1.50.—Total, \$85.00

## HIGH SCHOOL ENTRANCE TO C. H. H. S. ON SATURDAY

The high school entrance examinations will be held in the high school building, Saturday, May 2, at 9:00 o'clock A. M.

Profs. J. F. Wetzel and Russell W. Bohn will have charge of the examination.

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## POTTER TOWNSHIP SCHOOLS COMING TO CLOSE OF TERM

With a total enrollment of more than 350 pupils, nine public schools in Potter township will close for a vacation of four months before resuming studies in September.

The first school to close was that of the first four lower grades at Potters Mills, taught by Anne Wert, with an attendance of 34. The remaining four grades in the same building, under Marlon Isenberg, closed Tuesday noon, Monday marked the end of another term at Colyer where George Sweeney taught.

Margaret Delaney, who, when the Pine Stump school house burned, was forced to hold classes at the home of Guy Brooks, and Dorothy Brown, who missed some time because of illness, will be the last to close the present term, which will be Monday and Tuesday of next week.

The remaining four teachers in the township, Lila Brooks, at Centre Hill; Bertha Sharer, at Tusseyville; Bertha Haskell, at Tusseyville, and Ernest Warner, at Plum Grove, who were hindered by road conditions, will close this week.

## EAST PENNS VALLEY "HIGH" TO PRESENT OPERETTA

The pupils of East Penns Valley high school will present a two-act operetta, Wednesday evening, May 6, in the Municipal theatre, Millheim. A special effort is being made to costume the entire ensemble appropriately for their part which will add greatly to the effectiveness of the presentation. A chorus of boys and girls and a dance chorus will assist the cast which is as follows:

- Don Sterling, a mild-mannered pirate—Tim Bittner  
Bill Manning, a polite pirate—Wm. McMullin  
Peggy Mayfield, a young romantic girl—Doretha Haines  
Winnie Woodland, her classmate—Elinor McMullin  
Henry Mayfield, her father, a landowner—Paul Smith  
Mrs. Mayfield, her mother—Bernice Wilcox  
Jane Fischer, the club hostess—Marge Acker  
James P. McGinnis squatter—Wm. Hosterman  
George W. Gassaway, thinks as McGinnis—Bud Swartzell  
Bingo Jones, colored, the club porter—Louis Pierce

## TRUCKS WANTED ON PWA PROJECTS—APPLY AT ONCE

Announcement was made today by Charles E. Freeman, District 10 Works Progress Administrator, that a number of trucks could be utilized on various projects throughout the district, and that persons owning or having access to such a vehicle may place their machine to good advantage by making necessary arrangements at the district office.

Persons interested are advised to get in touch with the representatives of the State Procurement Office, a branch of the United States Treasury Department, which is established in the Milliron building, Clearfield. Full details and information may be secured from that source.

Mr. Freeman further announced that persons interested make immediate application, in order that contracts and other details be handled without delay.

## BUILDING LOTS SOLD.

Two building lots were sold by E. E. Zettle within the past week. They are located on Wilson street, on the north side opposite the creamery site. One lot was purchased by Mrs. Maude Meyer and the other by Mrs. Anna Shaffer.

Mr. Meyer set stakes last week and this week began excavating for a basement.

## SNOWSHOE CAPTURES OPENER FROM LOCAL BALL CLUB, 14-8

Meeting defeat at the hands of Snow Shoe, champion players for the last two years, the Centre Hall high school baseball team opened its season on the home diamond on Thursday with a final tally of 14-8.

At the beginning of the 7th inning, Centre Hall was tied 7-7 with the coal miners when Hoover barged a trio to score two counts for the opposing team. The veteran miners held this lead until the end of the combat.

This was the first game played by the local team for this season, and was Frank's first attempt on the mound, catching being his former position during the last three years in high school baseball.

Games between Pleasant Gap and Boalsburg scheduled by the local team to precede the Snow Shoe game, were postponed because of unfavorable weather conditions.

Local players participating in the game were: Bradford, ss; Goodhart, 2b; McClenahan, 2b; Frank, p; Arney, lf; Walker, c; Heckman, 1b; Retish, rf; Johnston, cf.

## LOOK AT YOUR LABEL.

The Reporter's subscription list was corrected this week, and subscribers who paid since the last appearance of a similar notice, should look and see if proper credit was given. Report at once if there is an error.

If your label carries the figures 35 or 37, you know you are in good standing. Others will kindly give attention to their delinquency.

## TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS

### HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS

Penn State students will stage their annual Little International Livestock Exposition on Saturday, May 2.

Approximately seventy communities, embracing more than half of Pennsylvania's population, are now on fast time.

Mrs. William Seckinger, the former Beatrice Kreamer, was quite ill at her State College home during last week.

Chevrolet dealers' used car sales for the first six months of the current model year will reach the staggering total of more than 300,000.

Howard Krape, of Middletown, has been visiting among friends and relatives in Penna. Valley, and is now a guest at the home of his brother, A. P. Krape, in town.

About 1000 feet of the 1400 feet of sidewalk between Millheim and East Penna Valley high school remains to be finished. An effort is being made to get the WPA project started.

The former Kessler building, in Millheim, is being reconditioned and will be occupied as a sales and show room by The Atlantic Gas Company, with former Sheriff John Boob in charge.

Fred Bohn, of Coburn, purchased the former home of his mother, the late Sarah C. Bohn, in Millheim, at the public sale of the property, Saturday afternoon. The sale price was \$500.

Of the fifty persons who passed the examination recently to drive a motor vehicle were Frank Miller, Paul Poust, Margaret Reese, Ruth Shutt, Ralph Hettlinger, all of Centre Hall, and Samuel Bailey, Boalsburg.

Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Hosterman, who spend the winter months in Florida, recently returned to Woodward where they conduct the popular Woodward Inn throughout the summer months.

Fifty wild turkeys from the State turkey farm in Juniata Valley were released in the State forests surrounding the 14-Mile Narrows by Game Protector Miles H. Reeder, of Union and Snyder counties.

Twenty months imprisonment and \$5000 fine was the penalty faced by Prince Farrington, alleged leader of a Jersey Shore liquor ring who was sentenced with nine co-defendants in Federal District Court.

Much gardening was done throughout last week, although the nights were very cold and on several nights the top soil was frozen. Farmers, too, throughout the valley were turning the soil for the spring crops.

Since undergoing an operation at the Centre County hospital, Mrs. Larson Burris has been gradually improving and at present is able to be about the home, but has not yet undertaken to perform household duties.

Miss Emelyn Brungart, who spent the winter in Florida, is now located at Newark, N. J., and the latter part of last week motored to her home in Centre Hall, accompanied by Mrs. Edward Bonnett, for a short visit here.

Clover and grasses in Penna Valley look very promising for a good crop in June and July. There are also many wheat fields that have all the appearances of preparing to produce the best crop of the golden grain in a number of years.

Cars driven by C.A. Spyster, of Centre Hall, and James Callahan, Boalsburg, collided in the vicinity of Shingletown, during the fore part of last week. Callahan, who assumed responsibility for the accident, received lacerations about the head. Both cars were damaged to the extent of more than \$100.

Like William Gruenwald, Robert Dodds and John Gruenwald closed out their horse sales for this season. The latter firm left here last Thursday after having a bangup sale of horses at Yicksburg. They took the Greyhound bus as far as Chicago and from there to Corsica, South Dakota, traveled by train.

Charles Holt, 17, and Robert D. Cook, 20, of Shamokin, were put under arrest and held in default of \$1,000 bail each for car theft and are now in the Centre county jail. The boys drove off a car belonging to Major H. L. Curtin, parked at his home in Bellefonte and drove to Tyrone where they were picked up. A third youth, Joseph S. Meyers, of Scranton, who claims he became a passenger in the stolen car by thumping, was also held.

With the spring forest fire menace at hand, lookouts have been assigned to the State Forestry Department's observation towers. Henry W. Zerby, son of John W. Zerby, Centre Hall, R. D. 2, was assigned to duty at the Poe Mountain tower on April 2. The Woodward tower, on Round Top, was dismantled by the department a number of years ago, observation and reports now being made by employes of the U. S. Air Mail Service stationed at that point, who climb the tall steel tower supporting the beacon light to make their surveys of the surrounding forests.