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Four Hundred Democrats Gather at Victory Dinner at Centre Hall

Democrats from the four corners of Centre county, to the number of nearly four hundred, gathered in the new auditorium of the Centre Hall-Potter high school, last Thursday evening, in a Victory Dinner. Besides those present, there were approximately another hundred tickets sold, the holders thereof for one reason or another being unable to be present.

Progress Grange prepared and served the dinner, and their efforts were hailed with pleasure and delight. As the diners filed into the large auditorum they beheld seven tables running the full length of the auditorium, accommodating sixty-odd diners to a table. The scene was indeed beautiful. After all had assembled, Jacob Sharer, prominent Granger, asked the blessing. Cecil Walker of Bellefonte led group singing, which was entered into with a rich spirit.

On the stage appeared the speakers' table, at which were seated Hon. "Jack" Thompson, State Senator; Hon. John W. Decker, Assemblyman; Orson Ritzman, of Reading, secretary of the Scenic and Historic Division of the Highway Dept.; Mrs. (Dr.) Merrell, of Philipsburg; Henry Brockerhoff, of Bellefonte; Albert Mingle, of Penn township; E. M. Huyett, Jacob Sharer and W. F. Bradford, of town.

Hon. John Decker was master of ceremonies, and he was in fine fettle. He announced the occasion performed a dual function—celebrated a great Democratic victory, and the day also marked the 100th anniversary of the birth of another great DemocraticPresident—Grover Cleveland. After paying respect to Hon. "Jack" Thompson, he

Senator "Jack" Thompson

introduced that gentleman, who in turn figuratively patted the Hon John on the back for his hard work in Harrisburg in getting over Governor Earle's humanitarian legislation.

Senator Thompson declared President Roosevelt's courage permitted no side-stepping on important issues; he did not side-step in his first administration, neither is he doing so now. He cited the President's success with the change in the monetary system; the banking system; his great work in relief for the millions needing help. These things he did in the face of great opposition.

In the President's second term, he is seeing to it that no group be granted immunity when set up against the will of the people, with particular reference to the U. S. Supreme Court. Senator Thompson proved that the framers of the Constitution did not hold the Supreme Court to be above the other two branches of the government; in fact, the framers found it necessary to use only fifty lines in writing in the Constitution the duties of the Court, whereas infinitely more was said of the executive and legislative branches.

Five of the present Justices of the Supreme Court continue to wield political influence in their home districts, while occupying seats on the Court, which was meant to show that they were not without political bias. Senator Thompson declared that Mr. Justice McReynolds years ago proposed a plan looking to the revision of the Court similar to that being proposed by the President.

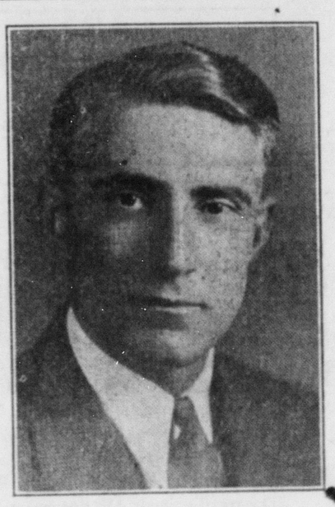
Chairman Decker read a resolution endorsing the bill sent to Congress by President Roosevelt with reference to the Courts, and particularly to the U. S. Supreme Court. He asked for its adoption, which was immediately forthcoming in a burst of ayes.

The resolution will be sent to U. S. Senator Joseph Guffey.

Mr. Decker read a telegram from Hon. Don Gingery, Congressman from this district, stating that due to illness from flu, he was unable to attend.

Chairman Decker next introduced Mr. Ritzman as the principal speaker of the evening. Mr. Ritzman admitted being a Berks county Dutchman, and wondered why a Berks county Dutchman should be on a St. Patrick's Day program,—but well he knew that "when the Dutch and the Irish get together, then Democratic majorities roll in." He had just completed eating his dinner and called that a typical Dutch dinner—the kind that can't be beat.

After drawing rounds of laughter from his expressions in Penna. Dutch dialect, Mr. Ritzman got down to sound Democratic doctrine and left a good impression on his audience. He declared that in the early days of our country there were present the reactionaries just as there are today. They were those who wanted the aristocra-



Representative John W. Decker

cy to rule as was the case in the "mother country." They did not believe the people had sufficient intelligence to run a government. This was the idea of Alexander Hamilton. However, Thomas Jefferson thought differently. He had faith in the common people, "I believe they can speak for themselves," he argued. Here we had two philosophies of thought from the very beginning—the Republican Party like the Hamiltons, with the Jeffersonians espousing the other cause.

"Pennsylvania struggled for forty years for a new deal," said the speaker. Now that we have it, send legislators to Harrisburg to preserve it. Ritzman declared that by the close of the present biennium the State budget will have been balanced,in spite of all the money expended; that taxes will be lowered for the rank and file and that those most able to pay will be asked to contribute more largely. One thing more—"driver's license fee will be cut to $1.00," he said.

Touching on the U S. Supreme Court issue, the speaker said here was a "dictatorship" if there was one at all. One hundred twenty-three million people want certain legisation and the U. S. Supreme Court says "this shall not become a law!" and "this shall not become a law."

Referring to his particular duties in his division, he declared that by a little publicizing of Pennsylvania's scenery, 300,000 visitors from all parts of the country saw "Pennsylvania's Grand Canyon," near Wellsboro, last year, resulting in a business boom for that section. The State needs to give more attention to interesting visitors in its scenic beauty.

Mrs. (Dr.) Merrell was the next speaker, and while talking only briefly, nevertheless, as usual, made remarks dear to the hearts of all Democrats.

Chairman Decker noticed in the gathering certain individuals whom he asked to rise, among them Charles Noll, of Harrisburg, president of the Jack Thompson Club; Philip Johnston, Esq., district attorney for Centre county; J. L. Wetzler, register of wills; Harry A. Corman, county auditor; Clem Gramley, county auditor; Ivan Walker, Esq., Bellefonte, and Dr. Nixon, of potato fame, Penn State College.

The gathering was declared a huge success. The county's quota toward the national campaign deficit was set at $600; the proceeds from the gathering will put a dent in the county's liability.

Schreffler's orchestra from Milesburg furnished the music for the occasion. At the close of the meeting many participated in dancing.

A touch of the green in table decorations, green candles and flowers on the speakers' table, was in honor of that Irish Patron Saint, Patrick.

F. T A. MEETING

The regular monthly meeting of the local P. T. A. will be held Tuesday evening, March 30, instead of Monday evening as originally planned. The program for the evening will be composed of extra-curricular activity demonstrations of the local high school and contributions from the seventh and eighth grade pupils of town and the Tusseyville school. Following the program, a period of time will be devoted to a general discussion of extra-curricular activities from the floor. Refreshments will be served immediately following the program.

The Millheim Journal advocates the borough council should provide a suitable celebration in 1938, in which year Millheim will attain its 150th founding anniversary.

Governor Earle named Mrs. Emma S. Steele prothonotary of Huntingdon county. She is the widow of Fred A. Steele, elected to that office by the Republicans and is herself a Republican. Upon the death of the official the Governor took the sensible view that the appointment should go back to the party that elected the officer stricken.

LYNN ROSS, MAIL MESSENGER, SUCCEEDS BRUCE KNARR

Tomorrow (Friday) Lynn Ross will become mail messenger between the Centre Hall post office and the L. & T. railroad mail car, having been the lowest bidder of a number submitted Two trips are required daily, both in the forenoon. The irregulaity of train service obliges the mail messenger to spend much more time in performing the work than should be the case.

Mr. Ross became the successor of Bruce Knarr, resigned, on accepting employment at the Titan Metal Works.

The Men's Civic Club stepped in and helped out in furnishing the Penn township consolidated grade school at Coburn. Seats and a curtain were badly needed and were supplied by the organization. Chairs to the number of 195 were purchased at a cost of $234.06, also a curtain. The club is headed by John A. Meyer, president; W. B. Boob, vice-president; Milton E. Stover, secretary, and John S Slack, treasurer. A second movement on foot by the club is the erection of permanent buildings on a public playground to be used when festivals, concerts, etc, are held. A number of members of the organization stepped forward and pledged to cut trees, saw logs, haul material, provide roofing and other material. Such expressions and performances of co-operation makes a contemplated project a certainty. To further finance the movement, a two-day festival is announced for July 16 and 17.

ECONOMIST PREDICTS MORE MILLION-DOLLAR INCOMES

An economist at the Penna. State College believes Federal Treasury figures next December will show that an increased number of Americans paid income taxes on incomes above $1,000,000 for 1936. Figures will be available at that time on the 1936 income tax statements filed prior to March 15.

"Undistributed profits taxes upon corporate surpluses have driven hundreds of millions of dollars into dividends during the past few months" according to Wm. K. Schmelzle, instructor in economics." The chances are much of this went to wealthy persons with large incomes, tending to increase the number of such incomes for 1936.

Forty-one individuals made $1,000,000 or more in 1935, he said. In 1929 there were 413, but only 20 in 1932.

COLLEGE FRESHMEN VOTE FOR MARRIAGE BEFORE 25

At a debate on whether a college graduate earning $1500 a year should marry before 25, freshmen at the Pennsylvania State College voted that women should marry before that age but they were not so certain about the men.

They suggested ages running from 20 to 25 as the proper time for men to wed, but only 54 per cent think that a man should undertake marriage before 25. The average suggested for men was 24.7. Ninety-two per cent, however, believe that a woman should marry before 25, the average age suggested being 22.5 years.

The debate was sponsored by the Forensic Council and the Penn State Christian Association.

Pictures Shown in Evangelical Church

The beautifully colored pictures shown at the Evangelical church on Monday evening were well received. The first picture to be shown was Ben Hur, based on the novel of the same name by Lou Wallace. After a brief intermission, the second picture, The Passion Play of Oberammergau, as given in 1930, was shown. Beginning with the year 1633 and every ten years this play went on, and the year 1930 drew the largest attendance requiring 79 performances.

The pictures were explained by Mr. Harry McClure and were given under the sponsorship of the Junior Evangelical Sunday School class.

THREE DEPARTMENTS UNITED DEALING WITH UNEMPLOYMENT

Plans for the merging of the State Employment Service and the Unemployment Compensation Division of the Department of Labor and Industry and the National Reemployment Service are under way and will be put into effect June 1.

An improved and more comprehensive service to Pennsylvania's employers and the employed and unemployed will result from the consolidation of the three agencies.

When unemployment compensation payments begin in January, 1938, the duties of the State Employment Service will increase manyfold. After that date, when a person becomes unemployed, it will be necessary for that person to register in the required manner at one of the employment offices. During a three-week waiting period, before compensation benefits begin, the State Employment Service will attempt to obtain a suitable, similar position for the individual. Unemployment Compensation payments extend for a maximum of 13 weeks during a year if no job is obtainable.

Fire believed to have been caused by an exploding oil burner caused damage estimated at $50,000 at Hackett's East End Hardware Company store building, in Sunbury, at 6:30 o'clock Saturday morning.

Charles E. Dorworth, of Bellefonte, was elected president of the Centre County Baseball League at a meeting held at Howard last week. Millheim dropped from the circuit.

800 HUNGARIAN PARTRIDGES TO BE RELEASED IN VALLEY

The first consignment of eight hundred Hungarian partridges to be released in Penns Valley were set free on Thursday. Four hundred will be liberated between Centre Hall and Boalsburg and the same number from Spring Mills eastward in the valley. The exact place where the game birds were released is not made known, and this for obvious' reasons. The birds during the coming summer, it is understood, will be protected.

The Hungarian partridge is about the same color as the native valley or Virginia quail, also same in habit but almost twice as large. The birds distributed on Thursday were placed under the direction of the Pennsylvania Game Association.

SEE THE PRINT SHOP.

Twelve pupils of the Potters Mills schools, from the sixth, seventh and eighth grades, under the care of Perry Uber, teacher of the 7th and 8th grades, were conveyed to the Reporter office Friday afternoon, arriving promptly at the hour set, 3:15.

The children took a great interest in the linotype and newspaper press both of which machines were operated for their benefit.

The names of the children, all good prospects for Centre Hall-Potter high school students, were: Mary Ann Smith, Betty Smith, Alberta Foust Relda Foust, Janet Schaeffer, Phyllis Imschweiler, Paul Smith, Russell Neff Walter Geary, Dean Neff, Charles Neff and Donald Loughner.

STATE'S FARM SHOW BUILDING TO BE ENLARGED

Enlargement of Pennsylvania's 10-acre farm show building to include an arena seating 10,000, was listed by the General State Authority as part of the State's proposed $56,000,000 building program.

Additional show space, individual cattle pens, dormitories for boys and girls attending the show and offices for exhibitors also were provided in the new farm show plan. V. T. Ritter of Philadelphia was chosen as the architect.

The sponsors said an enlarged farm show building would attract the world's finest agricultural and other exhibits to Pennsylvania.

F. & M. COLLEGE GETS $250,000 FOR NEW LIBRARY

Dr. B. F. Fachenthal, Jr., of Riegelsville, president of the Board of Trustees of Franklin and Marshall College, announced on Friday he will give $250,000 to the college for construction of a new library building on the campus.

The 85-year-old board president who has made many other contributions to the college, told his fellow members:

"For six months I have been looking for a man to build a library and now I've found one. It is I."

Dr. Fackenthal has been a member of the board since 1899, and its president since June 8, 1916.

COMMUNITY SING AT MILLHEIM, APRIL 1ST

The fifth annual community sing will be held in the Millheim Municipal Theatre, Thursday, April 1st, at 7:30 o'clock. This diversified free program is based on the frequency of choice of many different types of musical endeavor by a vote of all school children of the districts of Penn, Haines, and Millheim boro.

PUTT-McCLENAHAN

Sherman E. Putt and Miss Margaret McClenahan, both of Centre Hall, were united in marriage Saturday evening by the Rev. M.C. Piper at his home in Milesburg.

The bride is the second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry McClenahan. The groom is the youngest son of Mrs. Belle Putt, of Port Matilda.

For the past year the groom has been employed by John Treaster, of near town.

The couple will live on a farm east of Penn Hall owned by Chas. Shook.

Their many friends wish them the best of life's gifts.

INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION SCHEDULE

The Centre County Interscholastic Athletic Association met in the Court House Monday evening. The principal items of business transacted were the formulation of the baseball schedule for the season and soccer schedule for the fall of 1937.

Base Ball Schedule:

April 16—Boalsburg at Centre Hall;
April 20—Centre Hall at Pleasant Gap;
April 23—Snow Shoe at Centre Hall;
April 30—Centre Hall at Port Matilda;
May 7—Centre Hall at Snow Shoe;
May 11—Port Matilda at Centre Hall;
May 14—Pleasant Gap at Centre Hall;
May 21—Centre Hall at Boalsburg.

Soccer Schedule:

Sept. 24—Centre Hall at Hublersburg;
October 1—Centre Hall at State College;
October 8—Boalsburg at Centre Hall
October 15—Hublersburg at Centre Hall;
October 22—Centre Hall at Boalsburg;
October 29—State College at Centre Hall.

COUNCIL ACQUIESCING IN STATE'S ROAD PROGRAM

By an action taken Monday evening at a special session of the borough council, that part of Pennsylvania Avenue lying between the Lewisburg and Tyrone railroad crossing and the South borough line will be rebuilt wholly at the cost of the State. This rebuilding to the point named will be a continuation of Route No. 45 from Spring Mills, which is about to be rebuilt, and will be macadam.

Edwin Grove, assistant district engineer, of Bellefonte, appeared before the council and explained that the State Highway Department was about to rebuild Route No. 45 between Spring Mills and Old Fort, and desired to continue the improvement over Route 45 and 53 to the railroad crossing, at which point the grade will remain as at present. The distance between the railroad crossing and the south boro line is 249 feet.

The council put on record the necessary measures to permit the construction within the boro.

It is believed that the State Highway Department will advertise for bids for the entire construction between Spring Mills and the railroad crossing in the boro, as soon as the documents prepared Monday night are presented and accepted.

The building of a 20-foot concrete road from the railroad crossing to the terminus of the present concrete road in the north section of town is within the demand of the citizens of Centre Hall.

Will such a demand be made?

It should be made.

It can be made by petition.

From the funds provided by the Federal and State Governments for the construction of concrete roads through boroughs, the cost is provided for.

It appears the only requirement necessary is co-operation on the part of the citizens of Centre Hall. Not cooperation in payment of cost, but cooperation in request for the improvement.

We should get together without delay.

FIRE LADDIES MEET.

The local volunteer fire company held a regular meeting in the Council chamber on Monday evening. Among other items of business transacted, two are mentioned:

Several items of equipment were stolen from the fire truck. It was decided to adapt heroic measures to bring the guilty to account, but later it was agreed that an opportunity would first begiven to restore them, and in that case no prosecution would be made.

S. S. CLASS PRESENTS PASTOR WITH NEW PULPIT GOWN

A new silk poplin pulpit gown, designed in Lutheran style, was worn by Rev. L. A. Wagner, pastor of the local Lutheran church, at the Palm Sunday morning confirmation service at which sixteen young persons took the church vows.

The gown was a birthday gift presented by the Willing Workers class taught by Mrs. J. M. Coldron. The class is made up almost exclusively of young married ladies.

Another gift to the church were th candelabra presented previously by the candelebra presented previously by the same Sunday school class, the Senior Service class. The four pieces are very pretty, all gold lacquered and distinctly Lutheran in style.

SPECIAL DETAIL TO AID IN MAKING ROADS SAFE

Agents of the State Liquor Control Board will work in close cooperation with members of the State Highway Patrol.

Cards are being prepared with spaces for notations regarding specific violations. These include reckless driving, speeding too fast for conditions failure to stop the car at stop signs, improper passing, driving on the wrong side of the road, failure to depress light beams at night, following too closely on the car ahead, failure to relinquish right of way and making an improper turn.

The violation card containing the license number of the car and other pertinent information together with the nature of the offense, is forwarded at once to the Bureau of Motor Vehicles. There the complaint is attached to the duplicate operator's license card and a letter sent to the offender.

REISH—MILLER.

Wedsesday evening, March 10, at 9:30 o'clock, Mary Snyder Miller, of State College, and Adam Reish, of Rebersburg, were united in marriage in the Lutheran parsonage at Rebersburg. The Rev. J. J. Weaver, pastor, performed the ceremony.

Mr. and Mrs. Reish will live on the Reish farm, east of Rebersburg.

SENIOR CLASS DANCE.

The Senior class will hold a dance in the high school auditorium Friday, April 2. The music will be furnished by a Milesburg orchestra, and will begin at 9 o'clock. Admission, 35 cents. A two dollar door prize will be given to the holder of the lucky number.

Sandwiches, ice cream, cake, punch and coffee will be sold.

The Chevrolet Purchasing Department bought enough tires in 1936 to make a stack 466 miles high. Or if divided into 1,500 equal stacks each pile would be higher than the Empire State Building.

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS

Winter is over; Spring is here.

Robert Dodds will be at Vicksburg Saturday of this week with a carload of western horses.

The Union county commissioners set the tax rate for county purposes at six mills, same as during last year.

The Bellefonte Lime company at Salona announced a ten per cent. increase in wages during last week.

"Guests" continue to fill the "Ink Slings" column in the Watchman, while the readers find something worthwhile in the foot-notes.

Howard W. Klepper, 76, former Clinton county assemblyman, sheriff and Democratic party chairman, died Wednesday of last week. He taught school in Lock Haven for twenty-two years. Boonevelle was his birthplace.

O. F. Sollenberger, principal of the Bellefonte high school, purchased the Col. H. S. Taylor home on East Linn street, Bellefonte, from Mrs. Taylor. The home will be remodeled before Mr. Sollenberger and family occupy it.

Rev. D. R. Keener filled the pulpit at Zion for Rev. J. B. Musser, pastor of the Hublersburg Reformed charge, on Friday evening. The service and sermon were appropriate to the Lenten season being observed in the charge.

This sit-down striking could all be prevented if corporations would pay wages up to what their earnings permit instead of keeping them down to where a worker and his family get so weak that "sitting down" is the only alternative.

Mrs. Rebecca Wolfe, who spent several months with her children in Aliquippa, returned to her home in Aaronsburg. She was accompanied by her son and daughter, Earl Cummings and Mrs. Elsie Miller, and the former's daughter, Phyllis, who returned to their homes on Monday.

Honors were conferred on Rev. W. L. Wagner by the Alpha Tau Omega fraternity as one of its oldest living members at the Founder's Day banquet held at State College on Saturday night. Rev. Wagner became a member of the fraternity when a student in Gettysburg College fifty years ago.

On Monday Judge Fleming will hear testimony that will decide whether or not a garage will become a nuisance if erected on the corner of Allegheny and Howard streets, Bellefonte. E. E. Weiser purchased the site referred to on which to build a high-class garage. Exception to the improvement is taken by next-door neighbors.

Two hundred pounds is each man's share in the U S. A. of paper goods of all kinds. This class of paper is made from wood, and about one-third of it carries reading matter of some kind. A new plastic made from wood sawdust can be moulded or sawed into dishes, counter tops, tiles, and many other useful articles.

The George B. Orlady mansion, at Huntingdon, was damaged by fire to the tent of $10,000. The home was occupied by Fred and Edith Orlady, son and daughter of the former President Judge of the State Superior Court. During the life time of the late Capt. G. M. Boal, Judge Orlady frequently visited him, an uncle.

Fred S. Wells, who quit farming last spring to remove to Oak Hall Station, was a caller at this office last Thursday. Since purchasing the Clayton Etters place in Oak Hall, Mr. Wells has made improvements on the property, including exterior changes, the building of a garage and summer house, and drilling a well for a water supply.

While working about a stove, Mrs. Alice Bechtol, an aged Millheim resident, had the misfortune to set her clothing on fire. She rushed from the house where Edward Tharp, Aaronsburg, a West Penn service man, met her and smothered the flames by throwing his coat about her. Fortunately the burns inflicted were not serious.

The venerable G. R. Spigelmyer, of Bellefonte, who has been a patient in the Centre County Hospital for the past two months or more, was taken to the John Askins home in Unionville last week and will be taken care of there by Mrs. Askins. Another Bellefonte resident, Mrs. Clayton C. Brown, is being taken care of at the same home.

The rebuilding of State Highway Route No. 45 through Union county is now assured. Some time ago a large number of land owners along the road were induced to sign a petition against the rebuilding of the road. All but two of these now after learning the true conditions, have declared themselves in favor of the proposed improvement and this is certain to eventually bring it about. This is another instance of signing a petition and regretting it later.

A large representation of the Senior Service class in the Lutheran Sunday school, on Thursday evening, met at the annual session of the class held at the home of Mrs. E. A. Frank. Aside from the routine program, each member was informed who her "big sister" was during the past year, an inexpensive gift having previously been marked for the then unknown person. Mrs. Frank had devoted much time to details in decorating her home and preparing dainty refreshments. The St. Patrick's Day color scheme was carried out for the house, table and food decorations.