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TEACHER TENURE ACT— A BRIEF SYNOPSIS

Act of Assembly, No. 52 approved April 6, 1937, amends the School Code of 1911.

The tenure feature applies to "professional employees." The law defines the term of professional employe to include

"teachers, supervisors, supervising principals, principals, director of vocational education, dental hygienists, visiting teachers, school secretaries, school nurses who are qualified as teachers, and any regular full-time employe of a school district who is duly certified as a teacher."

The contract between the teacher and board will be uniform and will permit of no additions or eliminations. The principal terms are:

Length of school term, salary per month, contract to continue from year to year, compensation may be increased, but not diminished, or demoted in position; resignation must be in writing and presented sixty days before the resignation becomes effective; to terminate a contract, the board must notify the teacher sixty days before the close of the school term. Provided, That the said notice shall designate the cause for the termination and shall state that an opportunity to be heard shall be granted if the said professional employe, within ten days after receipt of the termination notice, presents a written request for such a hearing.

The only valid causes for termination of a contract shall be: Immorality, incompetency, interference, cruelty, wilful and persistent negligence, mental derangement, persistent and wilful violation of the school laws of this Commonwealth on the part of the professional employe, or substantial decrease in the number of pupils or students due to natural causes. Nothing within the foregoing enumeration of causes, however, shall be interpreted to conflict with the retirement of professional employes upon proper evidence of disability, or the election by professional employes to retire during the period of voluntary retirement, or the compulsion on the part of professional employes to retire at the attainment of age seventy.

All hearings, under the provisions of this section or any other section of the school laws pertaining to the dismissal of the termination of contracts of professional employes, shall be public, unless otherwise requested by the party against whom the complaint is made.

Before any professional employe is dismissed or refused reelection by the Board of School Directors, the secretary of the school district shall furnish such professional employe with a detailed written statement of the charges upon which his or her dismissal or refusal of reelection is based.

After a full hearing the charges must be supported by a vote of two-thirds of all of the school board. A teacher aggrieved may appeal to the court of common pleas.

EASTERN SYNOD REFORMED CHURCH MEETS IN ALLENTOWN

The 191st annual session of the Eastern Synod of the Reformed Church, which includes this section of Pennsylvania, will be held in the Old Historic Zion Reformed church, Allentown, the Rev. Simon Sipple, D. D., pastor, beginning Monday, May 17, at 7:45 p. m. D. S. time.

The Rev. Daniel G. Glass, D. D., of Lancaster, the president of Synod preaching the opening sermon on the subject, "Our Task, the First Things."

The Eastern Synod is the oldest of six district synods of the Reformed Church; now the "Evangelical and Reformed Church," organized May 7, 1792, in Philadelphia, with a present membership of over 157,000 communicants, 63,000 baptized unconfirmed members and a Sunday school enrollment of 145,000. This synod has contributed a half million dollars for benevolent purposes, almost two million for congregational purposes, and has church property valued at about 25 million dollars.

HONOR PRESIDENT'S MOTHER

Mrs. James Roosevelt, mother of President Franklin D. Roosevelt, has been awarded a gold medal as "America's Beloved Mother." The award was made by a New York philanthropic group in recognition of "her wisdom and inspired teachings which have been the guiding influence of her son."

NEW DEAL RECOVERY BOON TO FARM HANDS

New Deal recovery which has brought welcome jobs for industrial workers, customers for business and assistance for farmers has not neglected the "forgotten man" of the rural districts—the lowly farm hand.

Federal statistics recently made available through the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture show that farm hands are now receiving the highest spring wages in six years—a nine per cent. increase since the first of the year and 12 per cent above the pre-war level.

Higher farm income, the reports show, has resulted in an increase in the demand for farm labor, the present demand being 8 per cent of normal as against a demand of only 82 per cent a year ago. Since the supply of such labor reported as of April first was reported at 8 per cent of normal, the supply and demand are in balance.

Yesterday, Wednesday, was National Hospital Day. It was the anniversary of the birth of Florence Nightingale.

11 SCHOOLS PARTICIPATE IN ANNUAL MUSIC FESTIVAL

Invitations were extended to several persons interested in the success of the Music Festival to give their impressions of the event through the columns of the Reporter. The responses follow, the first by one of the official judges.

Centre Hall and its public schools were host of the Centre County Music Supervisors Association, in their Fourth Annual Music Festival, last Thursday. The fact that much interest has been aroused in this annual affair was evidenced by the fact that every seat in the auditorium was filled, with many standing inside, as well as outside. It is estimated that the participants and spectators numbered over 1000 people.

This annual affair is doing much toward raising the standards of music in the schools of Centre county, as well as in the churches and the community as a whole. The work of the various groups was of high quality, and care was taken in the selection of numbers on the program.

The voices of the singers were extremely well placed, and the characteristic head tone, almost a lost art, was noticeable throughout. The young players in the bands and orchestras acquitted themselves with highest credit, which showed careful and intensive training.

The school music supervisor of today, always in the back of his mind the necessity of utilizing the training which the schools give in the community. He realizes the social value of music in the home and community in after-school life. These groups will be the future users of music, whether they be the future genius, the composer, the artist, the amateur, or the listener. The continuation of this fine spirit, and the excellent work of these music supervisors will have a wholesome effect for the enrichment of community life.

PALMER S. MITCHELL,
Instrumental Music Supervisor
of Lewistown Schools

The Centre County Music Festival at Centre Hall on Thursday was largely attended and well represented by most of the high schools from the county. The program was varied and representative of various types of music well presented. The leaders as a whole showed skill in directing their groups. Some of the groups seemed to watch and follow their leaders more closely than others.

The festival this year showed a marked improvement in tonal quality, sustained tones, light tones, stage presence and technique in performance.

It is to be regretted that some of the leaders did not have their groups farther to the front of the platform when they sang.

A continuance of these festivals will help greatly to advance better musical performance and help increase an appreciation for better music which to the average citizen means much for fuller living.

J. F. WETZEL,
Supervising Principal

Music scored a great triumph in Centre county last Thursday afternoon when the County Music Festival was held in the Centre Hall high school auditorium.

This was the largest festival to be held since the beginning of the custom four years ago when the Centre county group agreed to break away from the Pennsylvania Music Contest and hold non-competitive interschool music contests.

The lack of competition has obvious advantages and the critical service provided at these annual spring programs by three music specialists serves as the necessary spur to superior technical performances.

This 1937 festival, according to many who have attended them, marked an advance over the others not only in the actual caliber of the music but also in the type of selections used.

Its one major fault seemed to be its length. This, it would seem, could be corrected by limiting the number of selections which each group may present, and also by eliminating the grade school performances, or at least restricting them.

Centre Hall has indeed been accorded to be host to such an ambitious and commendable institution as the Centre County Music Festival, and would further develop local music appreciation by repeating this hospitality.

MRS. R. S. JAMISON.

DOLLAR DAY, MAY 19, IN ALTOONA BOOSTER STORES

The attention of our readers is directed to the announcement appearing elsewhere in this issue of another Quarterly Dollar Day to be featured by the Altoona Booster Stores on Wednesday, May 19.

This event is always of importance to the homes of Central Pennsylvania as it affords an excellent opportunity for thrifty housewives to take advantage of unusual values in the very kind of merchandise that is needed in the home, and for personal use right now and throughout the spring and summer months.

April sales of General Motors cars to dealers in the United States and Canada, together with shipments overseas, totaled 238,377 compared with 229,467 in April a year ago. Sales in March were 260,965. Sales for the first four months of 1937 totaled 677,577 compared with 729,634 for the same period for the same four months of 1936.

WILLIAM STONER FARM BOUGHT BY WALLACE ILGEN

William H. Stoner sold the farm occupied by him to Wallace N. Ilgen. The purchase price is not being made known. The farm is located a short distance south of the L. and T. railroad station at Centre Hall, along State highway route No. 53, and contains 137 acres.

The tract, like that sold by Edward Durst to Robert Meeker, was long held by the Wilson heirs. The former farm was purchased by the late John Stoner, father of William Stoner, and the Durst farm by the late Samuel Durst from the agent of the Wilson heirs. The Stoner farm, after passing to John Stoner, was brought to a high productive state.

The Stoner family will not vacate the place until next spring.

ROBERTA SMITH IMPROVING IN WILLIAMSPORT HOSPITAL

Miss Roberta Smith, seriously injured in an automobile wreck, Saturday night a week, has very materially improved during the past few days, and as a result bright hopes are entertained on the part of her friends for her recovery. She is able to take food, has been conscious from almost the beginning, and is herself confident of recovery. Plans were made to take an X-ray picture of her back on Wednesday. Misses Marion Smith, R. N., a sister, and Alice Burkholder, R. N., a close friend, are nurses in charge at the Williamsport hospital, where the patient has been since the accident.

HOMER FETTEROLF APPOINTED RURAL MAIL CARRIER

Announcement is made by Congressman Don Gingery that he had recommended the appointment of Homer W. Fetterolf as the additional rural mail carrier from the Spring Mills post office. The appointment is made by the Second Assistant Postmaster General.

Mr. Fetterolf received a rating by the Civil Service Commission of 94.60, including the five points allowed for military service during the World War, the highest rating attained by any of the applicants for the position. Any applicant whose rating was 79 or over was eligible for appointment.

Ernest Wagner and H. E. Stover were the only other applicants to make their rating known. Mr. Wagner scored 92 and Mr. Stover close to that point. Neither had allowance for military service.

The appointment of Mr. Fetterolf is being well received by the patrons on the route he will serve, and by the people generally.

POTTER TWP. COPS HONORS OF '37 CLASS, C. H.-P. H. S.

The high honors conferred by Centre Hall-Potter high school for the class of '37 go to Potter township, both the valedictorian and salutatorian being students from that district. Donald E. Barger, son of Mr. and Mrs. Maynard Barger, is the valedictorian, and Charles G. Ramer, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Ramer, salutatorian. The latter entered high school before reaching his twelfth year, and at graduation will be but fifteen and one-half years old.

Another member of the class less than sixteen is Louise Miller, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Miller, who is about a month older than the salutatorian.

S. S. Classes Dine at Cafes.

On Wednesday evening, May 12th, the members of the Ladies' Bible Class of Trinity Reformed church school will dine at the Mitterling Cafe.

The members of the Friendship Bible class of the same church school recently dined at a Lewistown cafe.

MUSHBALL LEAGUE.

An effort is being made to organize a mushball league from clubs in Centre Hall, Bellefonte, Hubersburg and State College. Rosters will be confined to fifteen players.

Franklin D. Goodhart is deeply interested in the movement and will be interested to go over the layout so far as completed up to this time.

Kay Emerick, 2-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Emerick, of Zion, suffered a fracture of the left leg while playing at his home Saturday afternoon.

In order to retain the services of the present pastor of the Methodist church, Pleasant Gap, the salary of Rev. Bodtort was stepped up to \$1700. The district superintendent had planned to send Rev. Bodtort to Mill Hall.

CENTRE COUNTY HOSPITAL NOTES.

Patients from the south side of Centre County week of May 3:

Tuesday, discharged: Miss Gladys Stricker, Centre Hall.

Thursday: A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Paul J. Gilmore, Millheim.

Saturday, admitted: Odel R. Fohringer, Centre Hall, R. D.; Mrs. Guy Springer, State College. Discharged: Mrs. Richard W. Lindeman and infant son, Boalsburg.

Sunday, admitted: Christ C. Durst, Centre Hall, R. D.

There were 48 patients in the hospital at the beginning of the week.

ODELL FOHRINGER UNDERWENT APPENDECTOMY, SATURDAY

Saturday, 11:20 a. m., Odell Fohringer, of Potter township, underwent an appendectomy in the Centre County hospital. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Fohringer, Centre Hall, R. D., and is employed by Mr. Stearn, near Lock Haven, as a farm hand. He is twenty-three. His condition is reported as very favorable.

About two weeks prior to the operation, the young man had submitted himself for examination at the hospital. He returned to the Stearn home and resumed his usual work until Saturday morning when he was again seized with pain similar to that of two weeks previous. Alone he motored to the hospital, and after it was decided an operation was necessary, he insisted he himself notify his parents of the step about to be taken, and did so by telephone. He then took his place on the operating table.

POTTER TWP. SCHOOL TAX REMAINS AT 12 MILLS

The Potter township school board at a recent meeting set the millage for school tax at twelve, and the per capita tax at \$4.00, precisely the same as for 1936. This tax will take care of the expenditure for direct school purposes and also for liquidation of the district's debt due to its participation in the construction of the high school and purchasing an interest in the original plant.

CHILDREN'S DAY SERVICES.

The Methodist Episcopal Sunday school will hold a Children's Day service at 10:45 a. m., Sunday, June 13.

The Reformed Sunday school, on Sunday evening, June 27th.

The Lutheran Sunday school, on Sunday evening, June 6th.

PASTURE IMPROVEMENT MEETING IN GRANGE HALL

On Friday night, May 14, at 8:00 o'clock, there will be held in the Grange hall at Centre Hall a pasture improvement meeting for farmers of Potter township, according to H. B. Donaldson, assistant county agent.

J. B. R. Dickey, Extension Specialist of the college, will be the speaker of the evening and will give an illustrated talk. All farmers interested in pasture improvement practices are urged to attend the meeting.

Information relative to proper fertilization of lawns can also be secured at this meeting.

LUTHERAN SYNOD MEETS IN GETTYSBURG, MAY 18-20

The fourteenth annual convention of the Susquehanna Synod of the United Lutheran Church will meet at the Lutheran Theological Seminary Gettysburg, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of next week. The president is Rev. I. S. Sasaman, D. D., Williamsport, and the secretary, Rev. J. P. Harkins, D. D., State College.

The speakers at the convention will include many of the most prominent ministers in the Lutheran Church. The Brotherhood banquet will be omitted this year.

Each of the ministers engaged as pastors will be accompanied by one delegate. The delegate from the Pennsylvania charge—Rev. L. Arthur Wagner, pastor—is J. Russell Condo, of Spring Mills.

ORTHOPEDIC DIAGNOSTIC CLINIC ALTOONA, MAY 20

Dr. John H. Galbraith will conduct an orthopedic diagnostic clinic in the Altoona hospital, Thursday, 20th instant, under the auspices of the Pa. Department of Health. Crippled children from Centre and Blair counties under sixteen years of age of indigent parents who desire to attend should see that their names are forwarded to the State Clinic, Altoona hospital, or State Clinic, Moshannon bank building, Philipsburg, before May 17th.

Local cases may be referred to Mrs. W. W. Kerlin, who will handle their credentials.

HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS PLAN WASHINGTON TRIP

Seniors from five Centre county and one Mifflin county high school will make a three-day inspection trip of Washington, D. C., Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, May 17, 18 and 19. More than 160 students will make the trip in buses and will visit and inspect the places of interest in the capital city.

The tour will be under the direction of L. R. Batchelor, of Tyrone, a student at Penn State, and all arrangements for a complete program and itinerary have been made. Places of interest will include the G-man training school and events will include attendance at a major league baseball game.

The high schools represented are as follows: Centre Hall, Boalsburg, Gregg Township Vocational school at Spring Mills, Rebersburg and Hubersburg, all in Centre county, and Allensville high school in Mifflin county. The group will stop at the Calro Hotel at 16th and Q streets.

J. F. Weizel, principal of the Centre Hall high school, will make the trip and assist with arrangements and direction.

Fifty cans of fingerling trout from a State hatchery will be released this week in feeder streams in this section. The cans will contain an average of about 200 each.

GREGG TWP. SCHOOL NEWS.

Successful Pre-School Clinic—Practically all pupils who will enter first grade next fall in the schools of Gregg township were examined during the two half days that the clinic was conducted at Spring Mills last Monday and Tuesday. In all, a total of thirty-six beginners were examined by Dr. Geo. Thomas of Spring Mills, assisted by Miss Matter of State College, who is the Red Cross nurse. Toxoid was administered for prevention of diphtheria. The following were examined: Logan school—Wm. Frazier; Hoy school—James Miller, Wm. Snavely; Dorothy Long, Lenard Immel and Bernice Guisevite; Cross Roads school—Josephine DeVinney, John DeVinney, Harry Fisher, Franklin Coble, Bernice Gentzel and Betty Sweeley; Beaver Dam—none; Spring Mills primary—Junior Biddle, Wm. Biddle, Mary May Heckman, Dallas Homan, Margaret Crader, Arnold Horner, Jean Grove, Grace Ripka, May Heckman, Paul Noll, Dwayne Croeser, Betty Jane Morrison, Donald Breen, Jack Weaver, Paul Zuhler, Doris Zerby. Parents throughout the township cooperated well in having their children attend the clinic, and much good should come from having these boys and girls examined before entering school in the fall. The expense of the clinic were paid by the Spring Mills Elementary schools with money derived from the sale of Christmas Seals last fall.

Commencement Activities—The commencement activities of the senior class of the Gregg Vocational will be held as follows: Baccalaureate sermon—Sunday, May 30, 7:30 p. m., in the high school auditorium. The sermon will be delivered by Rev. L. A. Wagner, pastor of the Lutheran charge.

Class Night Exercises—Tuesday, June 1, 8 p. m., in the high school auditorium. The class will use the playlet "The Open Road" as the basis of their exercises.

Commencement Exercises—Wednesday, June 2, 8 p. m., in the auditorium. Senior class speakers will be Frances Zerby, Frances Frazier and Cora McCool. The class speakers, as in the past, have been selected by the high school faculty, on the basis of scholarship, leadership, character and service. The speakers this year will base their discussion on the Ideas and Ideals of Horace Mann. Frances Zerby, the first speaker, will talk on "Personal Character" as exemplified by Horace Mann; Frances Frazier will discuss "General Welfare" and Cora McCool, the last speaker, will speak on the topic "National Existence." Supt. of Schools Wm. W. Evans, of Columbia county, will give the commencement address. The high school orchestra will furnish music for the various activities.

The public is cordially invited to all programs. Senior class members are: Franklin Bartsch, John Breen, Robert Campbell, Spurgeon Condo, Richard Feltenberger, Frances Frazier, Robert Henchen, Paul Homan, Lenard Ilgen, Gladys Keller, Cora McCool, Allison Musser, Anna Neill, Russell Spayd, Frances Zerby and Zeigler.

Class officers—Dean Zeigler, pres.; Robt. Campbell, vice pres.; Frances Frazier, sec'y; Cora McCool, treas.

The above seniors, accompanied by faculty members, will leave next Monday morning for a 3-day trip to Washington, D. C. The group will return early Thursday morning, May 20.

The high school will close Thursday, June 3. The school will hold a picnic on that day.

Jean Rishel, a graduate of G. T. V. S. in the class of 1935 and at present a sophomore at Penn State, was honored by having her name listed in Penn State's recent scholarship program as the sophomore having the highest average of all Centre county sophomores at Penn State.

G. T. V. S. baseball team defeated Loxanton at Spring Mills on Friday 4-1. They will play Hubersburg on Tuesday and Howard on Friday of this week.

Junior-Senior Banquet Friday—The annual Junior-Senior banquet will be held in the high school gymnasium on Friday night, May 14, at 6:30 p. m. The present junior class is making elaborate preparations for the first junior-senior banquet to be held in the new building.

MOTHERS HONORED IN SPECIAL PROGRAM, REFORMED CHURCH

A special program for mothers was held in the local Reformed church on Sunday evening last. The church was beautifully decorated with cut flowers and ferns. After the service all mothers present were asked to remain for a surprise. They were escorted to the church basement which also was decorated and illuminated with colored candles. Refreshments were then served them by the young people of the congregation.

CENTRE COUNTY C. E.

RETREAT DATES, JUNE 18-19

Last week Chairman Thomas Muser announced that the dates for the Centre County Retreat would be June 18 and 19. He also set the place as the Ralph L. Watts cabin, located in Shingleton Gap, south of State College. The cabin is easily accessible and has many advantages.

The program will start on Friday night at 8:00 and end Saturday at 8:30. The registration for society officers, president and secretary, will last from May 19 till June 1. Then the other society members will be permitted to register until the quota of 40 is filled. The registration fee is \$1. Send your registration immediately to Miss Rhoda Sheetz, Milesburg.

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS

Lewisburg boro tax for 1937 is 15 1/2 mills.

Mrs. Mary Strohecker had the porch to the front of her home re-roofed.

Mrs. Della Reiber spent Mother's Day with her son, Serg. Wm. B. Reiber, at the Carlisle barracks.

Mrs. William Harshbarger and daughter, Miss Frances, of Altoona, during last week were guests of Mr. and Mrs. George Pearson, in town.

Mrs. Dukeman, wife of Harry Dukeman, chief of police, Bellefonte, in a fall at Big Trout Inn, Friday evening, broke the right hip bone close to the joint.

Mr. and Mrs. Perry Uber and children are now located at Butler where Mr. Uber has secured employment. They will likely return to Centre Hall next fall.

E. E. Ardery, a member of the Bellefonte boro council, submitted to an operation for the removal of the right foot above the ankle, which had become gangrenous.

Albert Emery began his services as rural mail carrier on Thursday, after nursing a sprained ankle for a week or more, during which time it was petted back to partial use without a growth.

Gerald, six years old, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Smith, Jr., living in one of the Odenkirch apartments, contracted scarlet fever during last week. Like in all cases since the disease broke out locally, he was not seriously ill at any time.

Loren A. Ray, former rural mail carrier from the Bellefonte office, is under Federal grand jury indictment on eighteen counts. The charges are detaining mail to patrons along his route and embezzling \$55.75 from the government.

Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Moore motored to Sellersburg Friday evening to visit with their son, Rev. Frederic Moore, and family, over the week-end. On Saturday Mr. Moore attended the anniversary celebration of the I. O. O. F., at Lewisburg.

Thomas A. Sankey, at the Centre Hall hotel, expects to leave for his home in Milwaukee, Wis., the last of this month. He will be accompanied on the motor trip by Miss Laura Runkle and Bruce Runkle, who will do the driving, and Miss Maude Runkle of Middleburg.

While at play back of the Millheim hotel, Elaine, two years old, son of J. H. Bateman, hotel proprietor, received a two-inch scalp wound when accidentally struck with a hoe by a playmate, "Cookie," three years old, son of Dr. and Mrs. Silverstine, guests at the hotel.

The class of 1936, Centre Hall high school, on Friday, sent a beautiful floral bouquet to Miss Roberta Smith, a patient in the Williamsport hospital. The young lady was the president of the class. By the way, the class of '36 is the only one in the history of the school to have had a surplus of funds after graduation.

The anniversary banquet held on May 6th by the members of Centre Chapter No. 207, O. E. S., in the Spring Mills Vocational gymnasium, was well attended. A delicious chicken dinner was served them by the members of the Farmers Mills Union Sunday school. Music for dancing was furnished by the Bob Lyons orchestra of Sunbury.

A photo-electric cell and timing, counting and stamping device has been installed on the Lakes-to-Sea highway west of State College. The automatic contrivance is able to count and record hourly the number of vehicles passing that point on the highway. It is one of twenty-five like outfits being installed throughout the state, a part of the \$900,000 State-wide planning project.

Dr. Pat Maguire, a graduate of Gettysburg Theological Seminary, was a guest of Rev. and Mrs. L. A. Wagner at the Lutheran parsonage at the noon hour on Thursday. From here he went to Watsonstown, Dr. Maguire is a native of British Guiana, South America, but has been in the States for some time. He was the principal speaker at the Woman's Missionary Society of the Northern Conference held in Bellefonte last week.

The ambulance from the Centre County hospital conveyed Christ W. Durst to the hospital on Sunday afternoon. Mr. Durst took his bed on March 11th, following an attack of grippe. Since then at several periods his condition had improved, but lately he grew worse, making hospitalization necessary. From reports it is gathered he is now suffering from a very weak heart and lung trouble.

From the State Educational Department down to but not including the local school board, argument was made that the high school auditorium was larger than necessary for a community such as is found here. Their lack of judgment was definitely proven on Thursday, when the county Music Festival was on. Every bit of available space was supplied with chairs and every chair occupied. Occupied also were the side and rear aisles by persons standing, and several hundred additional ones in the class rooms in the building, waiting their turn on the stage. And this is only the beginning of the establishing of the Centre Hall-Potter high school auditorium as a community center.