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Northern Conference of Susquehanna Synod to Meet in Lutheran Church, Here Oct. 26

The Northern Conference of the Susquehanna Synod of the United Lutheran Church in America will convene in St. Luke's church of the Penns Valley Lutheran Charge, Centre Hall, Rev. L. Arthur Wagner, pastor, Tuesday, October 26th.

The Conference theme is: "Advancing With Christ." The public is cordially invited to these services: The program follows:

MORNING SESSION

9:30 Devotions Rev. O. E. Feeman
9:45 Conference Business
10:15 Holy Communion Meditation Rev. E. L. G. Bottiger
Confessional and Absolution
The Holy Communion
11:15 The Success of the Preaching Mission Rev. J. I. Cole
12:00 Lunch

AFTERNOON SESSION

1:30 Devotions Rev. L. J. Kauffman
1:45 The Work of the Parish and Church School Committees Rev. S. White Rhyne
2:30 The Evangelistic Work of the Church:
(a) In Relation to the Individual — the Family Rev. J. F. Harkins, D. D.
(b) In Relation to the Community Rev. I. E. Heckman

4:00 Conference Business
6:00 BANQUET

EVENING SESSION

7:15 Devotions
Statement by President of Brotherhood
7:30 Address: "The Passions of the Church"
(a) Missions
(b) Education
(c) Merciful Works

Discussion Period
8:15 Address: "A Program for the Parish"
(a) Calendar of Special Days and Sessions
(b) Every Member Visitation and Duplex Envelopes Dr. A. M. Hall, Williamsport, Pa.

Discussion Period
9:00 Address: "Forward Together" Mr. M. P. Moller, Jr., Hagerstown, Md.
9:30 Closing Devotions.

CLERICAL ROLL

Aaronsburg, O. E. Feeman; Bellefonte, C. B. Arnold and Theodore Hofmeister; Boalsburg, L. J. Kaufman; Lock Haven, C. H. Stein; Hartleton (vacant); Lock Haven, Jacob Diehl; Mifflinburg, W. M. Rearick and H. O. Reynolds; New Berlin, J. I. Cole and G. W. McSherry; Nittany Valley, P. J. Keller; Penns Valley, L. A. Wagner; Pine Grove Mills, J. I. English; Rebersburg, J. J. Weaver; State College, J. F. Harkins and W. J. Wagner; Sugar Valley, I. E. Heckman; West Milton, E. L. G. Bottiger.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY JOHNSON HAS A FINE RECORD

A check up on the record of Philip H. Johnston, district attorney for Centre county, from February session 1934 to the present time, shows a performance which merits the applause of every citizen and taxpayer of the county.

Cases coming before the grand jury are the true test of a competent district attorney. In the period referred to above the several grand juries have dismissed 95 cases.

In cases where there is insufficient evidence for a conviction, it is a big saving to the county to have such cases dismissed by the Grand Jury. Should these cases have been tried it would have required about half a day for each case and would necessitate the expense of Court officers, jurymen witnesses and other trial expenses.

Here are the official records in which Philip H. Johnston was concerned:

Misdemeanors and felonies (more serious offenses):

Number of cases dismissed by Grand Jury 85
Convictions by pleas of guilty and trials by jury 570
Found not guilty by jury decision 33
Convictions by Court without a jury 3
Found not guilty by Court without a jury 9
Summary convictions (decided by Court without a jury):

Convictions 36
Found not guilty 64
Non-support cases (decided by Court without a jury):

Convictions 72
Found not guilty 13

The public is interested in cases involving operators of automobiles while under the influence of intoxicating liquor. Here are the results:

Convictions by pleas of guilty and trials by jury 101
Found not guilty by jury 2
Convictions where tried by Court without a jury 2
Found not guilty where tried by Court without a jury 9

Philip H. Johnston has proven his competency as a district attorney, at the same time doing efficient service at a minimum of expense to the taxpayer. He is the kind of public servant all of us have been looking for.

Vote for Johnston, November 2nd.

Notice to Progress Grange Members

The Juveniles of Progress Grange extend an invitation to members of Progress Grange to attend a Halloween party at Grange, Arcadia, Wednesday, October 27, at 7:30 p. m. Come masked, or you shall be obliged to pay a fine.

Since January 1st there has been a rise in value of live stock in Pennsylvania of forty-three per cent.

The inventory value is placed at \$43,719,000. The horse and colt population in the state remains unchanged during the past three years, but their value has increased by \$7,000,000.

3 TO 2 SOCCER SCORE IN FAVOR OF HUBLERSBURG

In one of the fastest moving games of the season, the Centre Hall-Potter soccer team was defeated 3-2 by Hublersburg last Friday. The visitors scored early in the game when an over-anxious Centre Hall player missed a hard kick which permitted Bailey's team to score.

The local eleven quickly drove over a goal which made the count 1-1. A "fluke" goal was credited to the Hublersburg team when a high ball was unintentionally headed through the posts. Later in the game the visitors scored again as the result of a corner kick. The Tigers then went into action and scored on a pass from the wing position. For the remainder of the game Centre Hall carried the attack to Hublersburg but the game ended before they were able to overcome the one-point lead.

Centre Hall plays at Boalsburg this afternoon. The last game was with State College at State on October 29. The orange and black are now in second place in the league, and providing they win the last two games they will again be knocking at the door of the championship.

The lineup:

Goal, Kerlin; L. P. Sharer-Snyder; R. F. Reish; L. H. Arney; C. H. D. McCormick; R. H. Dashen; O. L. Mart; L. C. McCormick; C. F. K. Runkle; I. R. D. Runkle; O. R. T. Bradford. Substitute: Treasurer, D. Bradford, Smith.

LOCAL ODD FELLOWS INSTALL NEW OFFICERS

Newly-elected officers of Centre Hall Lodge, I. O. O. F., were installed last Thursday evening by D. D. Grand Master Harry Zeigler, assisted by Past Grand S. G. Zeigler, J. A. Wert, J. C. Styers and H. H. Royer.

The new officers who will serve for the current term are:

Past Grand, Roy Puff; Noble Grand, N. S. Crawford; Vice-Grand, Lynn Breen; Secretary, Thos. L. Moore; Treasurer, V. A. Auman; warden, Earl White; conductor, Ernest Homan; inside guard, Fred Slack; outside guard, John Delaney; R. S. to N. G., Russell Bohn; L. S. to N. G., John Heckman; R. S. to V. G., Daniel Bloom; L. S. to V. G., Ralph Homan; chaplain, John H. Puff; R. S. S. Ray Mark; L. S. S., George Sharer; trustee, Russell Bohn.

Visitors from four other lodges were present. Following the business session a social time was enjoyed by all. Light refreshments were served.

Shirley Temple in "Heidi"

Don't miss seeing Shirley Temple in "Heidi," her latest and best picture, at the Plaza theatre, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of this week.

It is the first Pennsylvania showing and manager Fred Fisher is justly proud of his "scops."

P-T. A. to Meet October 25

The local Parent-Teacher Association will meet on Monday, October 25, at 7:30, in the high school building.

There will be singing by grades 1 to 4 as a special attraction.

CENTRE COUNTY HOSPITAL NOTES.

Patients in the hospital from the south side of the county during the week of October 11th:

Wednesday, discharged: Mrs. H. G. Sunday, Boalsburg; Mrs. James Frye, Lemont.

Thursday, discharged: Mrs. Roland P. Lauer and infant son, Boalsburg; Mrs. James Kerstetter, Spring Mills, was admitted Thursday and discharged Saturday.

Friday, admitted: Wm. D. Shop, Centre Hall.

Sunday, admitted: Susan A. Acker, Aaronsburg. Discharged: Norman D. Lossman and infant son, of Spring Mills.

There were 31 patients in the hospital at the beginning of this week.

NITTANY MT. GAVE FIRST IN SCENIC VIEWS FOUND BY WASH. NEWSPAPER WOMEN

The view from top of Nittany Mountain at Centre Hall, overlooking Penns Valley, was termed the most inspiring of any in Central Pennsylvania by the group of Washington, D. C., newspaper women, accompanied by Warren VanDyke, Secretary of Highways, and chairman of the State Publicity Commission; also, Orson N. Ritzman, executive secretary of the publicity commission.

Other points in Centre county visited were Sky-Top, State College Rockview, Bellefonte. From Nittany Mountain the newspaper writers proceeded to Penns View, near Coburn, by way of Centre Hall and down through Brush Valley. From Penns View the course was through the Seven Mountains over CCC constructed roads to Milroy.

Grace Porter Hopkins, dean of Washington newspaper women, headed the group. Others in the party were: Emily Bradshaw, assistant secretary to Senator Joseph Guffey; Margaret Campbell, representing the Campbell syndicate of Washington; Mrs. Frances S. Dean, National Park service; Blanche Joyce, free lance writer; Virginia A. Stephens, Washington Herald; Virginia Price and Jesse McBride representing the WPA information service; and federal music project, respectively: Mrs. Josephine Tighe Williams, of Harrisburg Patriot and Evening News; Patricia McGerr, Lincoln Star, Nebraska; and Mrs. Mary Senat, Anne Roe and Mrs. F. A. McComb, all of the state publicity commission.

DAIRYMEN WILL MEET AT THREE POINTS IN COUNTY

Dairymen in three communities in Centre county, according to County Agent R. C. Blaney, are planning to hold meetings in their communities to discuss the management of their herds for the coming winter.

R. H. Olmstead, former County Agent and now in charge of the Dairy Extension Department at State College, will be the principal speaker. He will emphasize the mixing of dairy feeds, suggest methods of feeding cows discuss what to look for in the purchase of a good dairy cow, and other questions of management such as showing how to put a rope on an animal to throw him to trim his feet, etc.

The meetings will be held as follows:

Tuesday, October 25, at 9 a. m.—Ed. Houtz, on W. C. Smeitser farm near aviation field, Bellefonte.

Wednesday, October 27, at 9 a. m.—C. E. Blazer, on Earlstown road, west of Centre Hall.

Wednesday evening at 8 p. m.—In the East Penns Valley high school building.

Mr. Blaney states that dairymen in the county having problems relative to feeding should make a special effort to attend one of these meetings as this will probably be the only time this fall that Mr. Olmstead can be in Centre county for work of this nature.

WETZEL-BRADFORD

On Friday evening of last week the Reformed parsonage was the scene of a lovely wedding, when two well-known young people of town were united in marriage by their pastor, Rev. D. R. Keener. Miss Geraldine F. Bradford, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul E. Bradford, became the bride of Bob Evan Wetzels, son of Prof. and Mrs. J. P. Wetzels. They were attended by Alfred S. Reish as best man and Miss Louise Miller as bridesmaid. All four of the young people are graduates of the local high school, members of the 1937 class. The sincere good wishes of their many friends attend them upon their new highway of life.

Figures Show High Cost of Judge's Appointees

One of the most important issues of the present Judgeship campaign in Centre County directly affects your pocketbook, for there are certain phases of county expenditures which are under the sole control of the Judge.

Let's review the record for the past ten years and determine how much created jobs and their attending expense have cost the taxpayers, and how other expenditures controlled from the Judge's Chambers have eaten into the County's coffers.

The job of Desertion, Probation and Parole Officer and Costs Clerk was created ten years ago with the appointment of Roy Wilkinson, whose salary and expenses by the close of the current year will be approximately \$36,559.17.

The office of County Detective was revived, after a lapse of 23 years, at a cost of \$22,549.68. The Judge's stenographer was given an increase in salary which has amounted to \$3,000. A new job was created in the appointment of an assistant to the Desertion, Probation and Parole officer and Costs Clerk, which has entailed an added expense of \$4,440.00. So it is readily seen that the extra running expenses of the county in the past ten years through created jobs alone has totaled \$66,548.85. This figure does not include an item of \$16,551.97 for books for the law library, many of which are rarely used. All of these expenses are met by the County Treasury, and ultimately come out of the pockets of the voters.

Just for the sake of seeing how some of these monies are spent, let's open the itemized record of the Desertion, Probation and Parole officer, and choose a page at random.

Here we have expenditures for a trip to Pittsburgh and Blawnox:

Lunch	\$.75
Dinner	1.50
Hotel at Pittsburgh	4.50
Telegrams, telephone, etc.55
154 miles traveled today	15.40
Total expense for today	22.70

On the opposite page are listed the expenses for the return trip, as follows:

Breakfast	\$.75
Lunch75
Dinner	1.50
159 miles traveled today	15.90
Total expense for today	19.90

In short, the trip to Pittsburgh cost the county \$42.60! Notwithstanding the fact that Mr. Wilkinson could have gone to Pittsburgh by train for 3.6 cents per mile, or at the present time for 2 cents per mile, he chose to drive his own car.

And why not, especially since the taxpayers of the county pay him 10 cents per mile for driving his car?

If you are called to act as a juror or a witness in court, you are allowed 3 cents a mile to get to and from the County Seat. The Sheriff is paid 6½ cents per mile. The Sealer of Weights and Measures is allowed 7 cents per mile. But the Desertion, Probation and Parole Officer and the Juvenile Officer are, and the County Detective was, paid 10 cents per mile.

Anyway you view it, Mr. Wilkinson has been well taken care of by the citizens of Centre County and of Phillipsburg during the time he has lived within the confines of the County.

He was tax collector of Phillipsburg Borough for five years. He was Prothonotary of the Courts of Centre County for eight years, two of his years as Phillipsburg tax collector being concurrent with his first two years as Prothonotary.

Ten years ago when the voters of Centre County repudiated him for a third term as Prothonotary he stepped out of that berth into a created job which has brought him \$36,559.17. In all he has received from the taxpayers of Centre County an amount of approximately \$120,000.00.

In other words, he has been in public office continuously for a period of 21 years.

Now let's see what the Desertion, Probation and Parole Officer and Costs Clerk has been doing for the past ten years.

Before a Costs Clerk was created, all costs and fines were paid into the Prothonotary who then turned them over to the County without any expense incurred. If there were costs and fines in arrears, the Commissioners' office collected them without any expense being incurred.

Under the present set-up this work has been given to Mr. Wilkinson, and he became known as Costs Clerk in addition to Desertion, Probation and Parole Officer.

Has he been successful in the collection of these costs, and does the method justify itself?

In the schedule below appear the year, the uncollected fines and costs, the fines and costs collected, and Mr. Wilkinson's salary and expenses, all information being taken from the County Auditors' reports and from Mr. Wilkinson's own reports:

Year.	Uncollected Fines & Costs.	Fines & Costs Collected.	Mr. Wilkinson's Salary & Expenses
1928		\$ 9,797.02	\$ 3,072.01
1929		10,508.18	3,677.55
1930	\$26,092.55	7,836.22	3,667.42
1931	24,162.19	9,549.40	4,190.25
1932	10,960.15	7,092.83	3,887.98
1933	9,651.00	3,666.61	3,658.92
1934	15,257.00	7,272.58	3,525.09
1935	13,157.21	6,149.24	3,692.78
1936	9,970.38	2,931.85	3,587.07
1937 (Estimated)			3,600.00
			\$36,559.17

The reports did not show uncollected costs for 1928 and 1929, but after being in office two years the uncollected fines and costs totaled \$26,092.55. In 1931 uncollected fines and costs aggregated \$24,162.19 and during the year Mr. Wilkinson collected \$9,549.40, which included fines and costs imposed by the court that year.

Yet the item of uncollected fines and costs for 1932 showed a drop of from \$24,162.19 to \$10,960.15.

It is evident that if all the costs collected during the year are added to the uncollected costs at the end of the year, the total is still far short of the uncollected costs for 1931. And this, bear in mind, does not include fines and costs imposed during the year.

The only conclusion that can be drawn from the above figures is that when the Desertion, Probation and Parole Officer was unable to collect many of the fines and costs, they were charged off the books as uncollectible—which comprises one way of not collecting accounts.

When 1936 opened, Mr. Wilkinson was faced with a total of \$13,-

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS

"Music hath charms," etc., says the poet. This possibly accounts for William Campbell's trip to Ithaca, N. Y., last week.

Roy S. Jamison purchased a new Pontiac sedan through the Pontiac dealer, Hugh Smith, at Axemann, trading in a car of similar make.

The red brick duplex house on East Main street, Millheim, was purchased by Mrs. John Hosterman from Mrs. Eva Secrist, now living in Pleasant Gap.

James Musser, a student on the Pennsylvania School Ship "Annapolis," is on a brief vacation. The young sailor is a son of John F. Musser of Pleasant Gap.

Mrs. Bruce Runkle, of near Centre Hall, drew the pot at Wednesday evening's drawing at the Plaza theatre. The amount was \$50.00, a neat sum to be added to the pin money allowance.

Mr. and Mrs. George W. Sharer spent a few days recently with Mrs. Paul Helsey, sister of Mrs. Sharer, at Centralia, Columbia county. They also visited at Hanover and other York county towns.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Brooks and daughter, Miss Lila, and Miss Bertha Sharer, from Friday until Sunday were guests of the former's nephew and Miss Sharer's uncle, Clayton Reish, in Allentown.

The apple crop in the valley like elsewhere in the state is a heavy one and of good quality. Locally the fruit is selling for fifty cents for hand-picked, variety not having much to do with the price.

D. K. Keller had the heating facilities in his home improved by having a vapor heating plant substituted for a hot air furnace. The work was done by Hosterman & Stover, Millheim.

The general stores of W. F. Tennis and Robert Hess in Boalsburg were robbed of goods valued at \$300 on Wednesday morning. From one of the stores a McCaskey system weighing 200 pounds, was included in the loot.

Mrs. Lillian Slick, who had been in Centre Hall for the past two months, was returned, to her home in Canfield, Ohio, on Sunday, by Alfred Crawford, who made the trip by motor and is spending a few days in Ohio.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Bradford accompanied their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Bauer, of Huntingdon, to Phillipsburg where they spent the week-end with Mr. Bradford's brother, Charles, and family, also, Mr. and Mrs. L. T. Bauer.

We are already hearing of how many bushels of corn "I husked," beginning at about nine o'clock and quitting early. A record for an eight-hour day with measured bushels stripped from standing stalks might create discussion by a nail-jug jury.

Dr. Thomas G. McQueen, for more than seven years engaged in the practice of medicine at Millheim, will leave about November 1, and will go to Meadville to open an office in that city. Meadville is but a short distance from Greenville, the family home of the physician.

Mrs. T. L. Moore on Friday went to Selmsgrove, and from there accompanied her son, Rev. Frederic Moore, to Hershey, where they attended the State Sabbath School convention. On Saturday Mr. Moore motored to the chocolate town and brought his wife home with him.

Samuel Geringer, of Centre Hall, his two sisters, Mrs. Kathryn Sommers of Pleasant Gap and Mrs. Wallace White, of Pleasant Gap, and a brother, Grant Geringer, of Clearfield, formed an auto party on Friday to Uniontown, Fayette county, to visit another brother, John Geringer, who is suffering from gangrene of the foot in hospital there. An operation appears imminent. The patient is 84 years old.

The use of small quantities of acid phosphate, usually known as rock phosphates, in which phosphorus and lime are the only available ingredients of value to the soil, used in horse and cow stables, will preserve the ammonia content in the manure and make it more valuable for crop production. Ammonia may evaporate or be washed from manure. The quantity recommended for use is two lbs. per day for each cow or horse and four lbs. for each 100 hens.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank L. Worrell, of Sulphur Springs, Ark. and the latter's sister, Mrs. John S. Dale, of State College, were callers at the Reporter office on Thursday of last week. Before coming here Mr. and Mrs. Worrell had paid their son, Dr. Paul S. Worrell, a brief visit at his home in Birmingham, Ala. and due to the insistence of the physician they may return to spend the winter with him before returning to their home. Mr. and Mrs. Worrell left here in 1902. Mr. Worrell was employed for many years by the Kansas City Southern Railroad Company as a station master, but was recently retired on pension. The couple will remain about here for some time and renew acquaintance of old associates. Mrs. Worrell will probably be better recalled by many as Miss Mabel Sankew, having been reared at Potters Mills. Mr. Worrell is a native of Indiana.

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