



JUDGE WALKER ADDRESSES COUNTY JUSTICES ASSN

The Centre County Justices of the Peace Association re-elected all officers and heard interesting talks by Judge Ivan Walker and representatives of the Penna. Motor Police at the annual luncheon meeting held at the Penn Belle hotel, Bellefonte, last week.

Prior to the luncheon the justices met and re-elected the following officers: President, J. Randall Miller of Millheim; vice-president, Charles W. Slack, of Centre Hall; secretary, Abram R. Houser of Benner township; treasurer, E. T. Haynes of Snow Shoe. At the same session the justices also voted to meet in May and invite the constables of the county to meet with them.

In his address Judge Walker stressed the need for co-operation between justices of the peace and the courts for more efficient and economical administration of the legal affairs of the county. The office of justice of the peace is an old one, dating back to the period before the Norman conquest, he stated. In those days the office was more of a court of record and the occupant was looked upon as a conservator of the peace, and there is need for more of that spirit today.

The Centre county jurist outlined the procedure to be followed in criminal cases coming before justices. Citing a recent ruling he handed down, he recalled that the law requires that justices are entitled to hold hearings only in the districts in which they are elected.

The judge considers hearings before justices very important. In these hearings a justice is required to hear only the Commonwealth's side of the case. In many instances however, the county could be saved considerable expense, if the justice after hearing the plaintiff's case would endeavor to learn something of the defendant's side. In many cases, Judge Walker believes, a settlement could be brought about in the justice's office by such procedure.

The judge does not favor excessive bail, believing that the bond should be merely enough to insure the presence of the defendant in court. At the conclusion of his talk he answered numerous questions asked by the justices.

Capt. Wm. F. Hoffman, of Harrisburg, chief of the bureau of criminal identification of the Penna. Motor Police, said justices of other counties should follow Centre county's example and get together to discuss their problems. The officer said he is proud of Pennsylvania's record of law observance as compared with other states. This state has had considerably fewer murders, bank robberies and other serious crimes as a result of the rate of insurance for banks and automobile owners are much lower than those levied in other states. The co-operation of all law enforcement and administrative agencies in this state has been responsible for this good record. The Penna. State Police has always been free of politics, he said in conclusion.

Corp. Samuel Mollenkopf of the Rockview Barracks, Penna. Motor Police in a brief talk explained that all officers are instructed to obtain sufficient evidence in cases, to insure their passage from the office of justice of the peace, on to the grand jury then to the court for conviction.

The Hon. "Gif" Takes the Air

Giving the devil his due, we must admit that "Gif" Pinchoff's voice over the radio a few nights ago had the snap of a man thirty years his junior. The Hon. "Gif" is seventy-two years of age and wants to be Pennsylvania's Governor for the third time. His radio speech was all about what "we" did in "our" previous two administrations and what "we" can do again if you elect "us." Well, we know that "Gif" made great promises but for the life of us we don't remember a thing that would make us get up and holler for him.

The Hon. "Gif" is a politician of the first magnitude, but we're death on politicians. We want plain and simple men who keep their promises.

CENTRE COUNTY HOSPITAL NOTES.

Patients in the hospital from the south side of the county during the week of March 14:

Monday admitted: Lester M. Auman, Centre Hall, R. D. Discharged: Malvin T. Ream, Aronsburg.

Tuesday, admitted: George E. Auman, Spring Mills, R. 2.

Thursday, discharged: Mrs. Wilbur H. Decker, Millheim.

Friday, admitted: George W. Hartner, Spring Mills, R. D. 2.

Sunday, discharged: Lois Lombarger, Boalsburg. A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Lee Heeman, Boalsburg.

There were fifty-five patients in the hospital at the beginning of the week.

Boys, how the banks take holidays. They have added another, this time April 8, when all banks in Centre county will be closed to celebrate the landing of the Sewdis in America. If this keeps up, banks will need to reverse the order and advertise when we may expect to find them open.

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ONE OF SEVEN MISSING FROM "LAST RAFT" IS RECOVERED

But one body of seven men missing when forty-eight persons were thrown from the "Last Raft" when it hit a pier of a railroad bridge at Muncy on Sunday, was recovered.

The raft was on its way from Clearfield to Harrisburg, floating down the Susquehanna River.

The six missing and believed drowned were Thomas Profit about 40, of Chester, a newsreel cameraman; Harold Berringer, 39, Tyrone; Harry Connor, chief pilot; Malcolm McFarland, Towanda; W. W. Holly, 47, Bradford; and Dr. Charles F. Taylor, 33, dentist and Montgomery burgess.

The rescued body was that of W. C. VanScovoe, 66, of Philadelphia.

The raft is proceeding down the river to its destination. With the pilot are a half-dozen men.

THE MASONIC BANQUET ATTENDED BY ONE HUNDRED

The annual Masonic banquet held in the high school auditorium on Thursday night is said to have been a perfect success. The attendance was about one hundred, all of whom enjoyed the turkey dinner served by the members of the Evangelical church.

The entertainment was more varied than on previous occasions. While dancing to the music of Bob Lyons' Sunbury orchestra was engaged in, the spelling bee and an infringement on Bergen and Charley McCarthy are quoted as outstanding numbers in the amusement line. In the "bee" some letters were not spoken but expressed in a particular sign, which made the everyday used words more difficult to spell. The characters of Bergen and McCarthy were acted by Rev. D. R. Keener and Prof. J. F. Wetzel, respectively, to the perfect delight of the banqueters. Charley and Bergen vied with each other to make the best hit with the audience, and Charley kept on the level in clever expressions and his facial expressions as a puppet created much merriment.

SPRING MILLS GIRLS CHAMPS CENTRE-CLINTON B.B. LEAGUE

Winning two straight from Snow Shoe in the finals, Spring Mills Vocational girls became the champions in the Centre-Clinton high school basketball league. The second game by the Vocational girls was taken Tuesday evening on the Snow Shoe floor by a score of 38-35. It was a hard fought fast game, with the visitors making a decidedly trailing score in the first and second quarters, the scores for the first quarter being, Snow Shoe, 9; Spring Mills, 2. The second-quarter score was some improvement for the Penns Valley soil diggers—22-14. At the close of the third quarter Spring Mills made its lead by but one point, 27-26, and on the final count in the fourth quarter they led by three points, 38-35.

For Spring Mills, Bernice Barger made the high score of 23 points, and Miss Hershey for the home team scored 19 points.

Referee, Hancock, Philipsburg.

NATIONAL AIR MAIL WEEK, MAY 15 TO 21

The purpose of National Air Mail Week is to intensify the American people's consciousness of aviation and the air mail, but the more immediate objectives of this far-flung and vigorous movement, which has the full support of the Post Office Department, are at once patriotic and practical.

The objectives are: To commemorate the twentieth anniversary of the inauguration of the air mail service that was started by the Post Office Department May 15, 1918; to educate the citizens in the use of air mail, showing its progress, dependability, safety and value, and to increase the use of the air mail to the end that through increased revenues still further expansion of this now essential service will be made possible.

May 19 has been designated pick-up week when local pilots will be permitted to carry mail from the various post offices to an air field. This service will likely be carried out at Centre Hall where there is a local landing field and competent local pilots.

THREE EXECUTIONS FOR MONDAY, MARCH 28

The Board of Pardons refused clemency for three condemned to die at the Rockview death house on March 28. The three men are Albert W. Grogg, who shot to death C. Morgan Knight, in Philadelphia; Fred Reibald, who was convicted of slaying a Philadelphia patrolman, Maurice Handloff; and Ralph Hawk, who was convicted in Franklin county for the killing of Mrs. Hazel Gelwix and her 15-year-old daughter, Helen.

BELL TEL. CO. ORDERED TO FILE LOWER RATES

The Bell Telephone Company was ordered to file by March 21 lower rates for long distance calls within the boundary of Pennsylvania.

The Public Utility Commission demanded that the new schedule for calls of distances greater than 35 miles conform with the rates charged by the American Telephone and Telegraph interstate calls of comparable distances. This will bring about a reduction of \$600,000 a year, the commission said.

SENIORS VISIT STATE HOSPITAL AT DANVILLE

On Friday, the senior class of Centre Hall-Potter high school, accompanied by Mrs. R. T. Parsons and James Myers, visited the Danville State hospital. Since the seniors have been enrolled in a sociology course this semester, the field trip was considered a necessary addition to their coursework on mental diseases. The information secured through the lecture, the hospital movies and the tour of the buildings interested every student who made the trip.

Immediately following a general meeting in the hospital auditorium with several other high school groups, the boys and girls separated into two sections. The boys were shown through the dormitories, play yard, and workshop on the men's side of the building; the girls, the women's side.

While much information was given about the diagnostic clinic and mental cases, some disappointment was felt on part of students that they saw so few of the mental patients, especially those who might illustrate certain mental types.

ORCHARDS NEED NITROGEN APPLIED EARLY IN SPRING

Productivity of an orchard, as well as tree growth, is limited by the availability of nitrogen and water in the soil.

Nitrogen fertilizer should be applied as soon as possible after the frost leaves the ground, recommends County Agent R. C. Blaney. When applied in the form of nitrate of soda, one-quarter to one-third pound should be used for each year of the tree's age up to 20 years. Cherries, peaches and plums require one-third to one-half lb. for each year of the tree's age, up to 10 years. The amount to apply will naturally vary with the soil fertility. Naturally available nitrogenous fertilizers also will give satisfactory results.

Apple orchards are frequently kept in sod which sometimes takes most of the nitrogen applied and the trees may suffer. This may be overcome by breaking up the sod in early spring preferably before the nitrogen is applied.

P. S. C. AND SUSQ. U. TO DEBATE AT CENTRE HALL

A special treat is in store for persons attending the Centre Hall-Potter Parent-Teachers' Association meeting on Monday, March 28. At this time debating teams representing State College and Susquehanna University will debate the question: "Resolved, That the National Labor Relations Board should be empowered to enforce arbitration in all industrial disputes." The meeting is open to the general public, and will begin at 8 o'clock.

SURPRISE BIRTHDAY PARTY

A surprise dinner was given by Mrs. Wilbur McClellan for her husband on his birthday on Wednesday of last week at their home in Lock Haven. A full-course dinner was served with St. Patrick's Day decorations. Guests were Mr. McClellan's mother, Mrs. Tressie McClellan, former school mate accompanied by their respective wives or fiancées, who presented Mr. and Mrs. McClellan with many beautiful gifts.

Mr. McClellan, formerly of Centre Hall is building up a substantial insurance business in Lock Haven.

PRESBYTERIAL TO BE HELD IN TYRONE, APRIL 19-20

The Presbyterial of the Huntingdon Presbytery will assemble in the First Presbyterian church, Tyrone, on April 19th and 20th.

Prominent speakers from the headquarters of the Home and Foreign Mission Board, New York City, will be present, as well as several missionaries home on furlough from Africa and India.

In connection with this meeting the young folks of the Presbytery will hold their annual supper conference in the social hall of the church on the evening of April 19th at six o'clock.

GRANGERS TO HOLD BIRTHDAY PARTY SATURDAY EVENING

At a special meeting Progress Grange is giving a Birthday Party in the local Grange hall. All Grange members and families are invited. The time is Saturday evening, March 26, at 7:30 o'clock.

At The Hat Shop.

A fine line of new Spring and Summer hats. Hats of style and quality. The kind the well-dressed woman wears. Prices very low.—MRS. LENORA V. BURD, East Main Street, Millheim, Pa. x14

Martin Sullivan, a killer of five, 74 years of age, and an ex-policeman, of Duquesne, paid the penalty in the death chair, Rockview, Monday morning.

NOTICE, FARMERS!

We have just unloaded a car of Oats, and have cleaned a lot for seed. This Oats weighs 40 lbs. when re-cleaned.

We invite you to come in and inspect same. Place your order while it lasts. BRADFORD & CO.

TRUCK LOAD OF BROOK TROUT PLACED IN SINKING CREEK

On Saturday morning a truck load of brook trout of legal size was planted in Sinking Creek. The trout were grown in the Pleasant Gap hatchery.

BOXING AND WRESTLING AT H. S. GYM, APRIL 8

An evening of boxing and wrestling is to be presented in the high school gymnasium, Friday, April 8, at 8:00 o'clock.

The bouts are being held for the benefit of the Athletic Association, and all of the contestants are from the Physical Education classes in the high school.

Mr. Meyer plans to have approximately seven or eight boxing bouts and three or four wrestling matches ready by that time.

LAST NUMBER LYCEUM COURSE, FRIDAY, APRIL 1

The last number of the Centre Hall-Potter high school Lyceum Course, "The Hanley Marionettes," will present their program Friday evening, April 1, at 8:00 o'clock.

Come, see and hear: "The Man on the Flying Trapeze"; "The Three Little Pigs"; "The Good Ship Lollipop"; "The Marionette Discordians, and clowning galore."

LOADING BIN AT QUARRY DISMANTLED TUESDAY

The large loading bin at the Centre Hall stone quarry was completely dismantled on Tuesday. The wrecking "tool" was one of the L. M. Hutchinson steam shovels, which experienced no little difficulty in razing the well-constructed structure, built a number of years ago when C. A. Spiker was manager of the quarries. It was a storage bin from which railroad cars were loaded with prepared stone for flux at iron furnaces and ballast for construction of State highways.

When the Centre Hall-Spring Mills road was built an immense quantity of ground and stone, refuse from the quarry, was used in its construction, leaving the plot comparatively level.

Another landmark at the station disappearing is the Benner Flatiron store building, erected in 1902.

MRS. A. S. FLECK LEARNS OF INSURANCE FOR HUSBAND

Mrs. A. S. Fleck, formerly Miss Daisy Brooks, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Brooks, both deceased, is present visiting her brothers and sisters in Centre county, since coming here from Albuquerque, New Mexico, learned her husband was the beneficiary of a paid-up insurance policy for \$1000 taken out more than fifty years ago by an aunt, Dr. Annabelle Stewart. The insurance company has been on the hunt of Mr. Fleck for several years to pay him the insurance. The family was formerly located in New Jersey. At present he is a patient in a veterans' hospital in Albuquerque. He had never learned of his good fortune until recently when Mrs. Fleck began circulating among her relatives, among whom is Mrs. Clarence Blazer, a sister, near Centre Hall.

THIRTY TAKE EXAMINATION FOR ANNAPOLIS NAVAL SCHOOL

Congressman Don Gingery has been notified by the Civil Service Commission that thirty young men from the 23rd Congressional District, comprising the counties of Blair, Centre and Clearfield, competed in the examination held in Clearfield on March 12, for the purpose of selecting a principal and three alternates to the U. S. Naval Academy.

George A. Kelley, Jr., of Bellefonte, was the only applicant from Centre county taking this examination.

Mr. Gingery will make his appointments when the Civil Service Commission certifies the ratings of the applicants. This should be some time the latter part of March.

Mrs. Henry's Millinery.

Mrs. Lucy Henney, Centre Hall, announces the arrival of Spring and Summer Millinery for ladies and misses. A nice array of latest styles, priced moderately as usual.

You are invited to come and see the new stock.

This is Wildlife Restoration Week.

The farmer holds the key to wild life conservation.

TO REPORTER READERS WHO WILL CHANGE ADDRESS

It is important that subscribers to The Centre Reporter who will move this spring and change their address notify this office before the change of location is made. To notify the postmaster or rural mail carrier is not sufficient. A postal card giving your present address and the new address will be a great convenience in this office and will guarantee prompt delivery of the Reporter. Do not wait until you have moved, but send the notice at once and state the time you propose making the change of residence.

PREPARATION AND REPOSING ROOMS BEING REMODELED

At the Goodhart Undertaking establishment important improvements are being made to facilitate the handling of bodies and holding services in the funeral parlor. A work room was partitioned into three parts, one for the preparation of bodies and a second for a reposing room, while the third will continue to be a work-shop. The preparation room will have a floor of tile and washable walls. The reposing room floor will have an especially adapted floor covering of rug or carpet, and indirect lighting. Separate approaches to either rooms have been provided.

GINGERY ANNOUNCES ALLOTMENT OF \$5,892.00 TO PROVIDE EMPLOYMENT

Congressman Don Gingery has been notified that the President has approved an allotment in the sum of \$5,892.00 for the purpose of providing employment for needy persons in the maintenance and operation of sewing rooms in the borough of Snow Shoe. Products will be distributed free of charge to charitable institutions, or to the needy. This project employs mostly women and is sponsored by the Snow Shoe borough council.

THE JODON HORSE SALE

The sale of a capjon of Iowa horses by T. E. Jodon, at Pleasant Gap, on Monday, attracted a class of buyers desiring top mares and geldings. Three teams passed for \$550, \$520, and \$435, respectively. The top single animal sold for \$255. The other animals were bid off as follows: \$237.50; \$230; \$225; \$212.50; \$207.50; \$205; \$200; \$190; \$187.50; \$182.50; \$172.50; \$160; and \$90. A five months' old colt, \$100.

BASKETBALL GAMES

On the local high school floor, on Monday evening, four basketball teams strongly contested for winning scores. The first game was between the Centre Hall and Troop teams. Score, Centre Hall, 57; Troop, 39.

The game following was between Spring Mills Vocational Alumni Association and Bellefonte Y. M. C. A. The score: Y. M. C. A., 34; Spring Mills, 31. It was a hotly contested game.

CONSERVATION PROGRAM PAYMENTS, GRANTS, NOT LOANS

Payments made to farmers who participate in the 1938 Agricultural Conservation Program, as under past programs, are outright grants, made for work performed under the program, the Centre County Agricultural Conservation Committee stated this week.

The money paid to farmers under the program is not a loan, the committee emphasized. It is a definite payment for the farmer's part in conservation and the Government has no future claim against the farmer by reason of such payment. The new Farm Act provides for continuing the Agricultural Conservation program.

For information visit the Conservation office in the post office building, Bellefonte.

FARM CALENDAR.

Timely Reminders from Pennsylvania State College School of Agriculture

Treat Vegetable Seeds—Many growers during the past few years have increased their seeded stands of vegetables 20 to 30 per cent by treating the seed with red copper oxide or formaldehyde dust, report Penn State plant pathologists. Complete details for treating can be obtained from your county agent.

Put Horses in Shape—Horses expected to do hard work this spring need conditioning. They can be prepared through exercise, good care, and proper feed, say livestock specialists of the Pennsylvania State College. Too many horses lose in weight and efficiency because they have not been prepared for field work.

Select Strawberries—During the past few years strawberry variety demonstrations have been conducted in forty Pennsylvania counties. Certain varieties have proved to be outstanding in performance. Penn State fruit specialists report. Your county agent can give you the names of varieties adapted to your conditions.

Prepare Soil for Plants—Now is the time to start preparing a compost pile to provide good soil for growing early vegetable plants under glass next year. A rectangular pile 4 to 6 feet wide and any length desired can be built of alternate layers of barnyard manure and top soil until the pile is about four feet high. Penn State vegetable gardeners explain.

New Publications Available—A new publication of interest to farm folks who do their own butchering is Circular 196, "Steps in Canning Meat and Poultry," just issued by the Pennsylvania State College agricultural extension service. It may be obtained from your county agricultural extension office.

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS

Spring came in on Monday, but the chirp of the robins announced the season several weeks earlier.

Fred Mensch, Millheim dairyman, underwent a tonsillectomy at the Mary Packer hospital.

Only one of sixteen cows sold at the public sale held by J. B. Swabb passed \$1 for less than \$100. The high cow brought \$172.50.

The statement made in these columns last week that Paul Ross would occupy the Benner farm purchased by Clarence Blazer, is an error.

Fifty traffic officers from all parts of the state will come to State College on April 18 for an intensive two weeks' course on problems of traffic control.

The center of population in this borough is moving southward since the bowling alley came into being. We realize this is free advertising, but country newspapers are generous that way.

Mrs. Mazie Lee is assisting to care for Mrs. Sarj Marsteller, at Dewart, who underwent a major operation quite recently in the Gadsinger hospital. Her condition is considered very favorable.

At the farm sale held by J. B. Swabb in Gregg township, all the sixteen registered cows, except one, sold for over \$100 apiece. The highest price was \$172.50. The cow sold for the low figure was dry in one quarter.

Thomas Schaeffer, now tenant on the Royer farm at Sprucecreek church will succeed Ralph Tressler as tenant on the Daniel Daup farm in Georges Valley. Mr. Tressler moves to the Cummings farm west of Old Fort.

The home of the late Sara Book, located in Rebersburg, was sold at a public sale for \$1650, to Ira Schultz, of Spring Bank. It is surmised the purchase was made for the benefit of his son-in-law and daughter Mr. and Mrs. Gail Weaver.

Dale S. Musser, formerly of Millheim, an employe of the Bell Telephone company for twenty-eight years and located at the present time at Altoona, underwent an appendectomy at the Altoona hospital Monday night of last week.

Floyd C. Hill, of Wolfdale, Washington county, was elected to teach in the Spring street grade school in Bellefonte. He fills the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mrs. Selwin Edwards, formerly Miss Anna Dotterer.

The total value of all school property in Centre county is \$1,859,220, according to officials of State Department of Education. Centre has a total of 11,980 pupils enrolled in its schools, making the value of property per pupil in this county \$155.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Prutzman, of East Mauch Chunk, on a visit to their former home at State College, stopped for a short time with Miss Carriell Emerick in Centre Hall. Mrs. Prutzman, formerly Lena Breon, was a school girl in Centre Hall. Later she became a telephone exchange operator here and at State College.

Mrs. Laura Lee, Miss Laura Breon, Jack Glenn and Bobby Breon, on Sunday visited with the former's granddaughter, Mrs. Sarj Marsteller, at Dewart, who recently underwent a serious operation at the Gadsinger hospital. They were conveyed to and from Dewart by Mr. Mastellar, Mrs. Mastellar was found to be in a very favorable condition.

The East Penns Valley grange, Millheim, was host for a neighbor night meeting on Wednesday evening. The chairs were filled by Penn State grange officers and members of Howard grange put on the program. The theme was "Hope," represented in Lewis town, and the third in Bellefonte. Dr. Adolph Walking, assistant professor of surgery at Jefferson hospital will be the speaker at Huntingdon.

Some progressive farmer about here should try out the hybrid seed corn produced and used extensively in the western corn states. The hybrid seed corn has worked wonders where it is used, and it might by chance be productive here. One thing is certain, the experiment should be made. Another is a hybrid corn should be produced from our native varieties, although this is a problem that ought to be tackled by an experiment station.

Sawyer W. Clark of Benne township received word from Harrisburg that he had passed the examination for his Class A license to project motion pictures. Mr. Clark, who served his apprenticeship at the Plaza and State theatres, Bellefonte, is now eligible to project moving pictures anywhere in Pennsylvania. He will continue working for the county-seat theatres. He is now managing the State theatre during the absence of John S. Fisher, who is enjoying a vacation in Florida.