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NATIONAL RECOVERY BILL AS APPLIED TO CENTRE COUNTY

Passage of the National Recovery Bill assures Clearfield and Centre counties of the completion of several construction projects, the launching of additional public improvements and continuation of numerous programs undertaken in the past two years, State Senator Edw. Jackson Thompson said in summarizing the effect of the measure on the counties of his district.

The bill also makes possible adoption through medium of the General State Authority of the Thompson Plan for public school improvements. Approximately 1000 schools in Pennsylvania would be improved should the plan be adopted.

The measure assures the continuation of the building of roads in Centre county, which has already resulted in 38 miles of rural roads being surfaced and 125 miles otherwise improved. About 24 miles of township roads, not rural, have been paved besides miles of improvements such as widening, beautifications and resurfacing.

Many new school projects will be undertaken in addition to those completed during the past two years. The legislation also guarantees continuation of the erection of additional buildings for Pennsylvania State College.

In Centre and Clearfield counties the measure insures income for 15,000 persons, at an average of \$55.00 monthly, raising the purchasing power by \$25,000 per month. This is in addition to the monies expended for materials and supplies.

The Thompson plan for school improvement will apply to at least one thousand school buildings in the state. The senator has given a personal pledge to see the plan through until its adoption.

CHARLES D. BARTHOLOMEW

Every town has a limited number of citizens who may be said to be part and parcel of the town. Such an individual was Charles D. Bartholomew, who from early childhood lived in the borough and helped in its development and was active in its business life.

Mr. Bartholomew, from an humble beginning, rose to a position of affluence strictly through his own efforts. He was an indefatigable worker—and a methodical worker. There was no lost motion in the man. He was efficiency personified. In figures he was short of uncanny. Because of this attribute, he made an ideal tax collector insofar as accuracy was concerned. However, it was not alone his keenness in figures, but also his alertness in the knowledge of newcomers in his district that enabled him to get for the borough every penny of tax due it. He invariably collected for the borough more money than the "duplicate" called for.

Mr. Bartholomew was without ostentation despite his ample accumulation of this world's goods. He was invariably "one of the boys," and could always be found in a group where innocent and pleasurable pastimes were in progress. He was a baseball fan and loyal supporter of the home team.

He was charitable, and no worthy cause was left to go without his aid.

We feel sure that, weighed in the balances, Charles David Bartholomew will not be found wanting. (E.E.B.)

CLERIC CALLS FEAR

WITCH OF MANKIND

Dr. Paul S. Leinbach, editor of Messenger, official organ of the Evangelical and Reformed Church, on Sunday described the forces of fear, tradition, propaganda and prejudice as witches trying to hex mankind.

He spoke on "Witchcraft—1938 model" at Messiah Lutheran church, 16th and Jefferson Streets, Philadelphia, in the absence of the pastor, Rev. Ross Stover.

"Fear," he said, "is the most dangerous of the witches. The bristling guns on land and sea, the supply of gas masks to every man, woman and child in Great Britain—these are today's proof of how much nations are enslaved by fear."

He called ancient maxims and modern slogans—another of his witches—"mental flop-houses" trying to ensnare the minds of people into a false philosophy of life. Particularly he singled out such mottoes as "My country, right or wrong," and "In time of peace prepare for war," as half-truths which chloroform the reason.

Class, race, religious and nationalistic prejudice he also attacked.

Dr. Leinbach, who has had many important church posts in the East, served for 10 years as president of the Editorial Council of the Religious Press of America. He has traveled extensively and has received numerous academic degrees.

Senator Alben W. Barkley, referred to frequently as "dear Alben," was renominated for United States Senator in Kentucky over Governor A. B. Chandler, a foe of the New Deal, by a large majority at a primary election held on Saturday.

MEISS STORE BUILDING AT COLYER BEING RAZED

An old landmark at Colyer is disappearing as the structure long known as the Meiss store is being razed. The building in question was erected by the late William Colyer as a warehouse and cooper shop. This was about 65 years ago.

Some years later, according to the best information obtainable, a mercantile business was established by James W. Glasgow, who enjoyed a liberal patronage from residents in that portion of Potter township.

Glasgow was succeeded by George R. Meiss, Jacob Smith, Reuben Boyer, and Walter Copenhaver, all tenants of Mr. Colyer or of the Colyer estate.

Mr. Meiss acquired the property and opened business there for the second time, and continued as a general merchant until the sale of the merchandise and stand to Harry C. Goodyear. Mr. Goodyear closed out business some time after the abandoning of CCC Camp No. 65, nearby. He continues the ownership of the residence, but spends much of his time in the Pittsburgh region.

During the greater part of the time Smith, Boyer and Copenhaver did business at the Colyer stand, Mr. Meiss conducted a store on Zion Hill. This structure was destroyed by fire, whereupon the Colyer store stand was purchased by Mr. Meiss.

MESSAGE FROM SOUTH HILLS IN SOUTH DAKOTA

A post card mailed from Mount Rushmore National Memorial, in the Black Hills of South Dakota, by Clara Lou, daughter of Prof. and Mrs. J. F. Watzel, gives the information that "High on a rugged mountain in the Black Hills of South Dakota the colossal task of carving the figures of George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Abraham Lincoln and Theodore Roosevelt is being carried on by Gutzon Borglum, famous sculptor. The largest sculpture ever attempted by man, the Mt. Rushmore National Memorial will endure as long as the solid granite mountain itself. Words can never describe the majesty and gigantic proportions of the mighty work."

BORO SCHOOLS GET SEMI-ANNUAL APPROPRIATION

The first semi-annual appropriation for the borough schools for 1938 was received recently by the treasurer of the school board, Ralph S. Hagan. The sum obtained was \$3,981.57.

CLIPPING NEW LEGUME SEEDINGS INADVISABLE

The clipping of new legume seedlings is a questionable practice and in many cases, harmful, reports County Agent R. C. Blaney.

Occasionally red clover, if it heads out and is large enough to make a hay crop, may be cut, but never after September 1. If a large, heavy stand is not cut or pastured, smothering some, times results. It has been shown, however, that cutting or pasturing after September 1, definitely increases winter injury as the plants are unable to store sufficient winter reserves in their roots.

Clipping new alfalfa or sweet clover seedlings is particularly harmful. The plants need every chance to develop the large root systems necessary to withstand winter conditions. Clipping retards root growth.

\$5,000 LOSS CAUSED WHEN LIGHTNING HITS BARN

During the electrical and rain storm Saturday night, 10:30 o'clock, a bolt of lightning hit and totally destroyed a large barn and contents on one of the N. H. Yearick farms tenanted by George Burd, located on the Jacksonville road between Jacksonville and Hubbersburg.

The loss, including crops, is estimated at \$5,000. All of the crops of the season had been harvested and stored. The only stock burned was a bull.

There was insurance held on the barn. The tenant and family were absent from the home at the time of the fire.

Mr. Burd tills two of the Yearick farms, and Saturday night the houses and most of the implements were at the barn not burned.

Another park festival is announced for Saturday evening, August 20, at the "new park service station" on State Highway Route 322, two miles west of State College. The Tussey Mt. Ramblers will furnish the music. Clown acts and acrobatic stunts promise to be amusing and entertaining.

CENTRE COUNTY HOSPITAL NOTES.

Persons from the south side of the county who were patients in the Centre County hospital for week of August 1st:

Monday, admitted: Waldo Homan, Boalsburg. Discharged: Luther Frazier, Spring Mills, R. D. 2.

Admitted Monday, discharged Tuesday: Nancy Jane, Boob, Spring Mills, R. D. 2.

Wednesday, admitted: James Neidigh, Millheim.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Blair Markle, Centre Hall, R. D.

Thursday, admitted: Master Dean S. Shawver, Spring Mills.

There were 60 patients in the hospital beginning of this week.

MILES HORST, EDITOR, SPEAKER AT GRANGE FAIR ON THURSDAY

The white-tented city now visible from the top of Nittany Mountain means that preparations for the annual Grange Encampment and Centre County Fair are nearing completion. For more than a week the superintendent of grounds and his workmen have been busy erecting tents, with the result that all of the Grange-owned tents are now up; for the next two weeks much of the time of this crew will be devoted to locating and erecting privately owned tents brought in for Fair week. Other activities being completed for the opening of the Encampment on August 25th are new buildings to house exhibits, erection of the bandstand, and preparation of the ball diamond and the horse-shoe pitching ring.

The principal speaker for Thursday Grange Day, is Miles Horst, familiar to many as the Field Editor of The Pennsylvania Farmer. Mr. Horst is outstandingly well informed on trends in present day agriculture; probably nowhere else in the state could be found anyone so well able to interpret these trends in terms of everyday farm conditions. Persons visiting the Fair on Thursday are indeed fortunate in being able to hear so excellent and interesting a speaker.

WILKINS-WALKER.

Miss Frances I. Walker and Randall S. Wilkins were united in marriage at the home of Rev. W. J. Warner, former pastor of the bride, at State College, on Saturday at 2:30 o'clock. The bride wore a blue chiffon dress with shoes and hat to match. She is the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Walker. The groom is a son of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Wilkins of Centre Hall, R. D.

The newly married couple left immediately after the ceremony for a short honeymoon.

They will reside with the bride's parents for the present.

HAZEL-SHAFFER REUNION.

The thirty-fifth annual reunion of the Hazel and Shaffer families will be held on Grange Park in the Junior Farmers building, Sunday, August 21. An invitation to attend is extended to the families, and their friends Boyd Hazel, Madisonburg, is president, and A. J. Haast, Boalsburg, secretary of the association.

WILL ERECT SERVICE STATION NEAR R. R. STA. CENTRE HALL

Dewey Krumrine, distributor of Esolene gas, will erect a modern station at Centre Hall work on the same to begin within the near future.

The site is the Benner store plot, on the south side of the Penna. R. R. The store building was razed last spring, and since no move was made to carry out the original idea until last week, when Mr. Krumrine arranged for the removal of a fire plug and telephone pole, both of which are located at points to obstruct carrying on the business contemplated.

The proposed structure will be of brick with a frontage of between thirty and forty feet.

ARENA BUILDING FOR STATE FARM SHOW TO COST MILLION

The corner-stone of the new \$1,200,000 arena building of the Pennsylvania Farm show was sealed with formal ceremonies Monday afternoon, August 1. Governor George Earle sealed the cornerstone, J. Hansell French, State Secretary of Agriculture, placed within the stone a copper box containing contemporary articles.

Capt. G. Douglas Andrews, associate regional director of the Public Works Administration; Joseph Cunningham, of the General State Authority, and representatives of the Future Farmers of America and of the 4-H Clubs participated in the ceremonies.

The new building, which will be completed before the 1939 Farm Show in January, will have a seating capacity of 12,000 persons. It adjoins the 11-acre main exposition building, which was built in 1930 and enlarged in 1931 at a total cost of \$1,700,000.

Completion of the arena will make it possible for the first time to stage all of the large national and international livestock, dairy and other agricultural shows in Pennsylvania.

Pennsylvania motor laws have forced drivers to travel at a comparatively safe rate of speed. The results have been most satisfactory; so much so that the reduction of highway fatalities this year over last year is more than 30 per cent. The "cops" are on the watch for violators and the average driver has plenty of respect for the ghost car. Good! Now if only there were a night shift to take care of the hoodlums who race through town after midnight like something spit out of Hades, we could score up 100 per cent for the highway patrolmen.

PENN. TURNPIKE COMMISSION ASKS BIDS ON TEN MILES

The Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission is advertising for bids for the construction of ten miles of the proposed 162-mile super-highway between Middlesex, Cumberland county, and Irwin, Westmoreland county. The strip lies between Conodoguinet creek, north of Neville, and Blue Mountain tunnel.

The first contract involves the excavation of 700,000 cubic yards or more than 800,000 tons of earth. This volume is due to the width of the proposed highway which will be four lanes, with aplaned strip dividing opposite streams of traffic. The ten-mile stretch runs through wooded country and follows generally the line of the uncompleted South Penn Railroad of historic fame.

The PWA announces a grant of \$25,000,000, and the RFC a loan of \$32,000,000.

It is planned to complete the entire project and throw the toll highway open to public use by June 1940.

IND. REP. PAPER EXPLAINS POPULARITY OF ROOSEVELT

"Roosevelt's continued leadership can be accurately accounted for by public confidence that he seeks to equalize opportunity, increase employment, establish security. The Roosevelt popularity arises from the general belief that he has made Government solicitous for the welfare of the masses by relief, by increase of farm buying power, by release of home ownership from speculation and extortionate interest, by raising real barriers to commercial labor for children, by establishing security for old age, by, in a word, going for the things that put men and women above the dollar."—Portland, Oregon, Journal. (Ind. Rep.)

MILK PRODUCERS TO MEET AT SPRING MILLS, FRIDAY EVE

Milk producers in this area will hold a meeting at Spring Mills on Friday night, in the gymnasium of the Vocational school building, under the auspices of the Sheffield Producers Co-operative Association, at which a referendum will be taken on the proposed marketing agreement and order regulating the handling of milk in the New York metropolitan area.

WEDDING ANNOUNCED.

Drew Van Pelt Smithgall of Williamsport, and Miss Ruth Mary Bartholomew, of Muskegon, Michigan, will be married late this month, according to an announcement by the girl's parents.

The prospective bridegroom is a son of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Peck Smithgall. The former was principal of the local high school some years ago. Mrs. Smithgall was the former Romie Van Pelt, formerly of Centre Hall.

JUSTICE KEPHART STAYS JUDGE SCHAEFFER'S ATTEMPT TO KILL LEGISLATIVE ACTS

Chief Justice John W. Kephart of State Supreme Court, issued a writ on Tuesday staying the Dauphin county grand jury investigation of alleged graft in Gov. George H. Earle's administration "at least until September."

Kephart went to Harrisburg to receive appeals from rulings of Berks county Judge Paul N. Schaeffer, which invalidated special legislative enactments designed to transfer the investigation from the grand jury to a House committee, of five Democrats and two Republicans.

The appeals were made by Attorney General Guy K. Bard and Rep. Herbert B. Cohen, York, committee member. Herbert B. Cohen, York, committee direct:

1.—That the Dauphin county criminal court refrain from any grand jury investigation until the House inquiry is completed and only then if the court deems it necessary to develop information not disclosed by House committee.

2.—That Judge Schaeffer be prohibited from enforcing his order impounding all evidence in the projected grand jury inquiry and preventing Shelley, his assistants, or Margott from giving pertinent evidence to the committee.

The prohibition order, granted over protest of Dauphin county District Attorney Carl B. Shelley, prevents him from presenting evidence to the grand jury, scheduled to meet Thursday, unless after the Supreme Court rules on constitutionality of the special legislation demanded by Earle to delay "the star chamber proceedings."

Kephart promised to convene his court as soon as possible to consider the controversial matters but expressed doubt that could be done before the end of the Summer recess in September. He pointed out that anyone of the seven justices, six of whom are Republicans, could prevent a special meeting of the court, under its rules.

"The other justices," Kephart announced, "have asked me to say this: 'That the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania is going to do everything in its power to prevent a conflict between the legislative and judicial branches of this government.'"

"If these laws are constitutional, they are going to be held constitutional and if they are not constitutional, they will say so."

"We are not going to permit the Dauphin county court to get into a hold with the legislative committee if we can prevent it."

GOVERNOR EARLE TO BE AT BLACK MOSHANNON, AUG. 31

Governor George H. Earle will inspect the partially completed Black Moshannon WPA Airport on Wednesday, August 31.

Pennsylvania's air-minded Governor will be the first high state official to tour the huge airport that has been under construction for the past eighteen months. Located in the heart of the Centre county mountains in the section called by Cleveland-to-New York aviators, the "Pennsylvania Graveyard," the Black Moshannon Airport when completed will be one of the most modern airports in the country.

Airport officials have marked off areas of the field just in case the Governor will fly his personal plane to Black Moshannon for the inspection tour.

Governor Earle's visit to the Black Moshannon Airport will be in conjunction with his speaking engagement at the Fourth Annual Central Pennsylvania Democratic Picnic to be held at Black Moshannon Park, August 31. Accompanying the Governor will be the Democratic State candidates, Charles Alvin Jones, Governor; Leo C. Mundy, Lieut. Governor; and Thomas A. Logue, Secretary of Internal Affairs.

TRACTOR RUNS WILD. CAUSES \$10,000 FIRE

A tractor operated by Leonard Van Gordon on the Joseph L. Bickel farm three miles east of Beech Creek, ran wild while hauling oats, and crashed through the end of a building, causing kerosene to spill and ignite. The fire loss is estimated at about \$10,000. The operator was burned about the shoulders and otherwise injured, but not seriously.

BIG ENTERTAINMENT FEATURE HERE MONDAY NIGHT

"Jim and Jane and the Western Vagabonds" will be a stellar attraction at the festival on the local high school grounds, Monday evening, August 15. The well-known radio group of singers and entertainers who broadcast regularly over Station WRAK, Williamsport, have a well-earned reputation for pleasing the discriminating taste in public entertainment. Whenever they appear they play to large audiences, and their appearance here next Monday will doubtless be a big drawing card for the baseball club's festival.

The boys reasoned a departure from the old form of band music would prove a delightful change, and most all will agree with that line of reasoning.

CIVIC CLUB FESTIVAL WASHED UP BY RAIN

In the midst of doing a rushing business at the festival field Saturday evening on the high school athletic field by the local civic club, a dashing rain unceremoniously closed the business for the day. The large crowds enjoying the music and entertainment furnished by the State college drum and bugle corps, were obliged to rush from the grounds. The downpour was of huge proportion—an inch of rain fell in less than an hour.

The club, which was holding the festival to obtain funds with which to build a swimming pool, sustained considerable loss.

The affair opened with a parade by the musical organization named and a large number of children, some on bicycles, others on foot, others furnishing motor power for small floats.

The six prizes offered were captured by the aggregation having in charge the Covered Wagon, Stage Coach, Queen of Hearts, Pop-Eye, Boy in Denby, and Gypsy Girl.

MISS WENTZ AND MR. HOY TO WED, AUGUST 17TH

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer E. Wentz have issued invitations for the marriage of their daughter, Miss Naomi Anna, to Samuel Jacob Hoy, on Wednesday, August 17, 4:00 o'clock, at the Church of Christ, Lock Haven.

The prospective groom is a nephew of Mrs. Tiltha Delaney, of Centre Hall, who with her daughter, Miss Agnes, will attend the ceremonies.

The Woman's Club of Centre Hall will have a covered dish supper at the Rowe cabin, Friday, August 12, at 5:00 p. m. All members are requested to attend.—Comm.

The Huntingdon Monitor makes the suggestion that it would be right and proper to turn the searchlight of publicity on those legislators who were elected as Democrats in 1936 and became darlings of the Republican party at the special session of the Legislature convened at Harrisburg last week. Turning a searchlight on the political flip-flopper might help the party loyalty.

Larry Renner, 10, son of Lawrence Renner of Flemington was drowned in Bald Eagle Creek. Two companions—Donald Kelley, 10, and Philip Kelley, 12, were rescued when found to be struggling in the creek at Flemington bridge. The boys told their rescuers that their companion had gone home.

Centre county's share of the liquid fuel tax is \$20,492.54. This represents a six months' payment. The sum paid to all counties is \$3,177,215.25.

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS

Miss Helen Hess of Kingston is visiting her sister, Mrs. Reuben Rickert, in Centre Hall.

Misses Mabel and Darline Foust, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. James Foust, are spending this week with relatives in Pottsgrove.

Mrs. Edith Campbell will not leave Penna. Cave for her newly acquired home in State College until some time in September.

Mrs. T. A. Hofterman and Miss Bertha Sharer thoroughly enjoyed a few days' vacation in Atlantic City, N. J. The trip was made by bus.

Miss Helen Bartholomew will continue the insurance business established by her brother, C. D. Bartholomew deceased. This includes life, fire and casualty.

Clarence Homan, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Homan of Williamsport, is enjoying an outing with his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Homan, in Centre Hall.

Charles F. Cook, a Bellefonte resident banker, will celebrate his 88th birthday next Monday. He is an unusually well preserved man and enjoys the best of health.

Frances T. Baker, member of the State House of Representatives from Union county, died Monday morning in the Geisinger hospital, Danville. He would have attained his sixtieth year had he lived until Friday. His home was in Lewisburg.

Mrs. W. A. Odenkirk is having the exterior and interior of the Odenkirk store building repainted. The interior decorations include that of the residence section occupied by Mrs. Odenkirk. The painting is being done by J. M. Coldron and assistants.

The fifty-mile speed limit for motor cars in Pennsylvania, it is estimated by the State Highway police force, will save 1390 lives in the State during 1938. Comparing the deaths from motor accidents during the first six months of 1938 with the same period in 1937, the reduction is 42 per cent.

Over in Milesburg the oven door of an electric stove was blown off when beans being cold-packed exploded. While there was some financial loss, it is deemed the family's luck that beans with such unusual explosive qualities didn't put off their exhibition of blowing off until after consumed in the usual way.

Mrs. Annie Brooks, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Brooks, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Brooks were some of the representatives from Penna. Valley who attended the golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Abner Noll, in Greens Valley, on Sunday. It was a very delightful affair and was largely attended. The scene was the State House.

John A. Spyker of York was with his parents in Centre Hall over the week-end. He is assistant manager of the sales department, one of two distinct departments of the Cereva company, Inc., engineers and wholesale distributors in York. One of the departments handles plumbing and heating supplies and the other household appliances.

At a joint meeting of the East Penna. Valley school board initial measures were taken to make application to the PWA for a grant to construct an auditorium and gymnasium at the present school plant. The district is made up of Millheim borough, Penn and Haines townships. If the application is carried through a grant of 45 per cent of the construction cost will be available.

The State Employment Board confirmed the civil service appointment of Mary A. Baum, daughter of Mrs. Sim Baum, of Bellefonte, as assistant supervisor of the Centre County Assistance Board at \$1,620 per year. Another appointment is that of Bernard Confer, of Millheim, who resigned as the head of the National Youth Administration office in Bellefonte to accept the place.

The four standard bearers of President Roosevelt in Pennsylvania—Charles Alvin Jones, for Governor; George H. Earle, for United States Senator; Dr. Leo C. Mundy, Lieutenant Governor, and Thomas A. Logue, Secretary of Internal Affairs, will definitely attend the twelve-county celebration that is expected to draw thousands to picturesque Black Moshannon, Wednesday, August 31.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Abner Noll, on Sunday, celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary at their camp in Greens Valley. The marriage of Mr. Noll and Della Blanche Twintney took place in the Lutheran church, Zion. The couple have three children: Henry and Samuel, and Mrs. Roy S. Melroy. Mr. Noll prepared for teaching school at Centre Hall but later entered the mercantile business with his brother, W. H. Noll, at Pleasant Gap.

A baseball game between the Philadelphia Athletics and Williamsport Greys, played Monday night on the Williamsport field, ended in a score of 13 to 4 in favor of the "Afaletics." The game was largely attended. Connie Mack, the maker of professional ball players, accompanied his team, and was personally greeted by many of the fans. Those from Centre Hall who enjoyed the pleasure of the event were W. W. Kerlin, F. B. Priest, C. W. Booser and son William, and John Coldron.