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## How the New Deal Worked in Centre County

You have not forgotten those dark days of 1932—banks closed, business at a standstill, millions starving—the nation in utter panic. Roosevelt saved you then from impending ruin. Then came the long pull—to change conditions so this thing could never happen again.

Conditions unbelievable, with one-third of our families having an average yearly income of \$471; with 75 super-rich families having an income more than that of 1,163,000 families of workers and farmers combined.

Heretofore local communities, by taxes on real estate cared for their poor and needy. But in this national calamity, with 10,000,000 men out of work and their families starving, this was utterly impossible.

The man with a job or a farm had more than he could do to carry his own burden. He could not take on a greater load without complete ruin.

Thus came the second of the great emergency measures of the New Deal.

President Roosevelt said, that where local government could not care for its starving citizens, then the national and state governments must come to the rescue.

This has been done in Pennsylvania under the leadership of President Roosevelt and Governor Earle.

And while it has kept the destitute and jobless from starving, it has done much more.

This emergency measure of the New Deal has saved a majority of home and farm owners in Pennsylvania from the sheriff.

When the facts and figures are understood, how can any but a blind partisan oppose the New Deal in Pennsylvania?

Here are the facts for your home county. They are the emergency expenditures made for you by the Roosevelt and Earle Administrations. In Centre County from 1933 to 1937, the total Federal and State expenditures, as a result of the Hoover depression, were \$13,634,557.

This is an average of \$2,726.811 a year.

Your total county and poor taxes for 1935 were \$190,385.

Compare the two and you will see that without federal-state aid your taxes would have increased more than fourteen times.

Instead of this enormous tax rate, here is what actually happened: Your tax rate decreased from 8 mills in 1932 to 7 mills in 1937.

Now look at a financial statement of your county government and you will find it excellent. The net bonded indebtedness in your county in 1932 was \$30,056. By 1937, it was \$207,059.

Without the New Deal expenditures of \$13,634,557 your county would be bankrupt and your people starving.

And let this be clear, not one penny of these federal-state expenditures was taken by a levy on real estate. They were raised chiefly through income and inheritance taxes on the wealthy, and by taxes on corporations making large profits.

### Employment, Aid, Benefits from Humane Measures, in Centre County

The number of families given employment in Centre county by Public Works was 4,026.

The largest number of persons given aid at any one time by other agencies was as follows:

Civilian Conservation Corps	1,219
National Youth Administration	727
General Assistance	11,502
Aid to the Blind	72
Aid to Dependent Children	315
Old Age Assistance	831

And this is a list of major physical benefits:

Highways and Streets (Paved)	75 miles
Improved	89 miles
Streams Improved	10 miles
Sewers and water lines laid	75 miles
Parks, athletic fields and recreation places built and improved	2

Building:

Schools built and improved	17
Municipal buildings built and improved	2
Hospitals erected	1
Airport built	1
Prisons built	1

### REPUBLICAN LEAD IN STATE REDUCED BY 444,000

Pennsylvania Democrats will enter the November 8 election facing the smallest Republican lead in registration in recent history.

Of the 4,571,816 Pennsylvanians eligible to vote, compilations showed the Republicans hold a lead of 165,965, a net loss in lead of some 444,000 since the last State-wide election two years ago.

In that year, the Republicans entered the election with a lead of just over 600,000 in registration. They lost it by 663,000 when President Roosevelt snowed under Alf M. Landon.

Two years before that—a better comparison because the President was not running—the Republicans had a lead in registration of 1,223,381. Yet their gubernatorial candidate, William A. Schnader, lost to Governor Earle by 66,329 votes.

There is no reason for exemptions on securities. Also, there is no reason why a State employee should not pay a Federal income tax or a Federal employee should escape a State one. The logical thing to do is to carry out the President's suggestions at the earliest moment, and the fact that the Treasury is preparing a bill is to be taken to mean the Executive plans to press it for passage.

Austin Long of Spring Mills is doing clerical work for the directors in the defunct Penns Valley bank.

### P. T. A. AND CIVIC CLUB TO HOLD JOINT MEETING

On this (Thursday) evening Capt. Joseph M. Schmucker of Williamsport will speak on the effects of malaria in the auditorium of the local high school. The meeting is being sponsored by the P. T. A. and Civic Club.

### ADVERTISED AMENDMENTS NOT TO BE VOTED ON

No proposed amendments to the Constitution are to be voted upon at the November election, contrary to reports heard frequently in various quarters.

A number of newspapers in the Commonwealth, including the Centre Reporter, recently published a list of proposed constitutional amendments, but these measures will not be voted upon by the electorate until 1939, if at all.

The amendments published have passed the Senate and House, but the law provides that they must be advertised through the state before being returned to the Legislature for final action. Those that survive the final disposition of the Legislature next year will be voted upon by the people.

### FIRE COMPANY TO MEET FRIDAY NIGHT AT 7:30

The Centre Hall Volunteer Fire company will meet in regular session in the council room, Friday evening at 7:30 o'clock.—F. D. Goodhart, Sec.

## LIGHT-POWER LINE TO BE EXTENDED TO CENTRE HILL

The electric light and power line of the West Penn system is being extended from the P. P. Henshall (formerly Detweiler) farm along the township road leading by the Peacock farm to Centre Hill and on to the John H. Burkholder farm. This will make electricity available to the Peacock farm, the second Henshall farm at Centre Hill, the L. R. Smith farm the R. M. Smith farm tenanted by his son, C. E. Smith, the Harry Cummings, and Bruce Ripka farms, also to the properties owned by Mrs. Catharine Lee, Harry Neff and Mrs. D. N. Dorman.

The right-of-way has been secured by the West Penn Power company after a bit of stalling on the part of property owners.

### HOENER-WEAVER

Miss Alice Weaver of Bellefonte and Paul E. Hoener of Colyer were united in marriage on Friday evening at the Evangelical parsonage by Rev. W. K. Hosterman.

The bride is a half-sister of Mrs. H. S. Limbert in the Penns Cave vicinity and the groom is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Orvis L. Hoener of Colyer.

The couple was attended by the mother of the groom. They will be at home in Bellefonte.

### G. A. CRAWFORD NAMED ASSESSOR FOR POTTER TWP.

George Alfred Crawford was named assessor for Potter township following the resignation of James L. Decker and Ralph G. Homan. Mr. Decker was elected in the 1937 election, and resigned. The vacancy was filled by appointing Ralph G. Homan, who also resigned, and now again the office has been filled by appointment of Mr. Crawford.

### LOCAL AND PERSONAL

G. O. Benner is spending the greater part of a week on a pleasure trip to Philadelphia and New York.

The annual fall institute of the Centre County W.C.T.U. will be held at Fort Matilda today (Thursday). There will be afternoon and evening sessions.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Clark of McClure and Mr. and Mrs. Edward Heckman of Barroak, Michigan, cousins of Prof. J. F. Wetzel, were week-end guests at the Wetzel home.

Mr. and Mrs. John Keller and daughter, Dolores, of Philadelphia, are at the home of Mrs. Keller's sister, Mrs. Stanley Brooks, in Centre Hall. Mrs. Brooks is ill, confined to bed, and is being cared for by Mrs. Keller.

A school chum of Alfred Reish, Kerlin Farwell, of Newberry, is visiting him for a week. The young guest is taking mechanical drawing in a school in Williamsport sponsored by the Federal government. Alfred also engaged in the same studies when he was a student there.

Mr. and Mrs. Bud Coldren and children, Marlene and Barry, all of whom had been ill, are on the fair way to recovery and expect to be out by the time this notice will be read. Mr. Coldren had throat trouble, Mrs. Coldren tonsillitis, and the children also suffered from a throat infection.

Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Burkholder and son Eugene of near town, and Mrs. Burkholder's brother, John Condo, and Mrs. Condo, on Sunday, motored to near Renovo, where they were guests of A. M. Williams, an uncle of Mrs. Burkholder and Mr. Condo. Mr. Williams some years ago, lived in Penn township.

A special train over the L. & T. carrying P. R. R. officials from Williamsport stopped at the Centre Hall station long enough on Monday afternoon to inspect the siding leading to the Penns Valley sales barn, operated by S. T. Riegel, and sanctioning the replacing of a switch. The siding is the property of Mr. Riegel. This improvement will permit car loads of stock to be unloaded from the railroad car to the floor of the sales place.

Elmer F. Andrews, administrator of the Wages-Hours Law, made this statement:

The law will be "no lash over industry."

## JOHNSON-BRUNGART

The marriage of Miss Emelyn, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Brungart of Centre Hall, and David L. Johnson, son of the late D. W. and Mrs. Johnson of Philadelphia, took place in the First Presbyterian church of Allentown, October 6, at 10 a. m. Dr. Samuel Piercy performed the ceremony.

The bride, a graduate of Penn State in the class of '31, with the degree of Bachelor of Science, taught for three years in the East Penns Valley high school, at Millheim. For the past four years she has lived in Newark, N. J., where she was affiliated with one of the large department stores, Hahne & Co., a branch of Lord & Taylor of New York City.

The groom attended Penn State, N. Y. U., and Penn University, graduating with the degree of Chemical Engineer. For seven years he was utilization engineer with the Consolidated Gas company of New York City. At present he is employed with the Hartford Gas company as house-heating engineer.

The bridal couple were attended by Major and Mrs. E. C. Snider of Allentown, as bridesmaid and groomsmen, in the presence of a number of guests from Newark, Easton, New York City, Allentown. They have the honor of being the first couple to be married in the new addition to the church.

After the ceremony Major and Mrs. Snider entertained at a wedding breakfast in their home. The most exciting incident was cutting the wedding cake with Major Snider's sword, the sword being a family heirloom presented by Queen Victoria.

The bridal couple motored to New England. At present they are living at Shelter Terrace, Lake Terramugus, Marlboro, Conn. During the winter they will live in Hartford.

### GEORGES VALLEY ROAD GETS WATERBOUND MACADAM TOP

The Georges Valley road from Spring Mills to Potters Mills, a WPA project with A. B. Lee foreman, is nearing completion. On Wednesday of last week road oil was being applied to crushed stone. This will be rolled and followed by a second application of stone and oil and a second rolling, making what is known as a water-bound macadam road.

### CHURCHMEN'S CONVENTION OPENS IN HARRISBURG, NOV. 1

The Honorable George H. Earle will welcome delegates from all over the world to the Churchmen's Convention of the Evangelical-Reformed Church in Salem church, Harrisburg, Tuesday, November 1st, opening at 2:00 p. m.

The opening address will be given by Dr. George W. Richards of Lancaster, at 3:00 p. m.

The Hon. D. J. Snyder, L. L. D., of Green Castle, will preside at the evening session.

The Fellowship Supper will be held in Salem church at 6:00 p. m.

The sessions will be continued over Wednesday, prominent speakers to appear in the forenoon and afternoon.

### 5-DAY NOTICE REQUIRED TO FILL ELECTION BRD VACANCY

The election law passed by the legislature last year requires that a five-day notice of the intention to fill a vacancy on the election board be given before the court can make an appointment.

Under the law, where a member of the election board resigns, dies, or moves from the district before an appointment to fill the vacancy is made, a notice must be posted at the polling place and the immediate vicinity thereof stating that on a certain day the court will appoint a person to perform the duties of an election officer.

However, if the vacancy occurs within five days of the election then the court can fill the vacancy without giving notice.

### Brush Valley School Bus Children Hold Party

A Halloween party was held recently at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Stewart Musser for their daughter, Jean, and Mary Zettle, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Zettle, to which the pupils conveyed to the Gregg Two schools by bus were participants. These were: Fred Feitenberger, Helen Haugh, Helen Wallace, Malcolm Yearick, Dean Spayd, LeRoy Duck, Marshall Frazier, Flay Yearick, Chas. Minge, Russell Frazier, Leona Wolfe, Eugene Wolfe, Eugene Rossman, Lorraine Grove, Glenn Wolfe, Ruth Bronn.

There were also present C. D. Frazier and family, Roy Zettle and family, George Wells and family, R. S. Musser and family, and Bruce Hettinger. Delicious refreshments were served.

At York a few days ago a movement of a legal character was inaugurated to set aside the open season on doe deer by the Pennsylvania State Game Commission.

### A HITLER HERE, PERHAPS!

Judge Arthur James, Republican candidate for Governor, has stated that a good thing would be the taking of the 3000 pages of laws enacted by the Democratic State Legislatures and making a huge bonfire of them. You'll remember that Herr Hitler, upon ascending to power in Germany, made one of his first acts the burning of the literature and priceless books of Germany.

The parallel is too close to be comforting!

## RALLY SATURDAY NIGHT CREATED GREAT ENTHUSIASM

The Democratic Rally held in the local high school auditorium on Saturday night resulted in greatly interesting and enthralling the large number of liberal minded voters who gathered to hear the discussion of political problems. It was the best attended and most enthusiastic assembly of Democrats and their supporters from other political parties held in Centre Hall in many years.

The speakers were Senator Thompson, Representative Decker, and Elmer E. Harter, Jr., a Pittsburgh attorney, Director of Foods and Chemistry in the Bureau of Foods and Chemistry, state Department of Agriculture, Harrisburg, Henry Brockerhoff, county chairman, acted in the capacity of chairman, and H. W. Potter was the local representative.

Senator Thompson devoted the greater part of his address to the finances of the State, with special reference to conditions as they existed when the Earle Administration came into existence. The cash in the treasury was a mere \$700,000, and the obligations to be met included a deficit of \$168,000,000 left by the Pinchot administration. This deficit was met within two years.

The Senator further assured his hearers that the Earle Administration had enacted but two tax bills that affected the average citizen. One of these was a tax on amusements admissions. The cigarette tax in no way increased the cost to the consumer, for it is well known by persons who smoke cigarettes that they are cheaper now than prior to the tax. The tax on theatre tickets and other amusements has long been repealed.

A third tax was laid. This was a tax on manufacturers—a corporation tax—a tax paid by all corporations for years, except by manufacturers; a tax proper and just.

Senator Thompson also paid his respects to Mr. James, the Republican candidate for Governor. He recited how the astute Judge collected his monthly salary of \$1500 while campaigning for office; that he had not filled his place as judge for eight months, but that he did pre-judge and give expressions on legislation unbecoming to a judge of a high court.

John W. Decker, seeking re-election on his record made in serving two terms in the lower house of the legislature, made reference to the laws passed during the Earle Administration that directly affected farmers in Centre county. Reference to this legislation is made in another article in this issue of the Reporter.

Dr. Harter, Jr., was a qualified witness when he recited the numerous agencies prosecuted for violations of the food laws. Under laws in operation prior to those passed by the recent Democratic legislatures, violators could be fined, but their products would continue on the market. Under the recent laws the violator can be punished and his product removed from the market.

In closing his address, Dr. Harter paid a fine tribute to Governor Earle and his associates on the Democratic ticket, a tribute having its foundation in an intimate personal acquaintance with them.

A unit of thirty-six of the East Centre County Band with P. F. Bartges as leader and manager, paraded the streets and rendered a number of selections in the auditorium.

### R. H. THOMPSON PURCHASES MILROY KNITTING FACTORY

The Roy Hosiery Mills, Inc., at Milroy, sold at sheriff's sale recently, became the property of Robert H. Thompson, of Milroy, the price paid being \$311.50, subject to two mortgages, one of \$1000 in favor of his mother, Mrs. Grace M. Thompson, and the second of \$14,900 in favor of Mrs. Ella Stulowitz.

The new owner plans to improve the plant and operate under the name of Thompson Hosiery Mills, Inc.

Purchase of the property by Mr. Thompson, who for several years was associated in the business under other ownership, brings back the name of Thompson in the hosiery business.

### AUTO OUTPUT AT '88 PEAK; WAGES BEING RESTORED

The automotive industry is booming; orders are pouring in. Last week the production was 68,360 units compared with 50,540 the week previous. At the Plymouth factory 80,000 unfilled orders were on hand. The output of cars and trucks during 1938 would total from 3,500,000 to 4,000,000.

Ford, third member of the "big three," started final assembly on 1939 models last week. Trade observers believe that within a few days Ford would reach its full 1939 stride, and add greatly to the re-employment trend now general in the industry.

R. T. Keller, Chrysler president, announced salary increases for employees receiving \$300 a month or less. Between 10,000 and 11,000 employees will be affected.

The increases are restoration of pay cuts made last March 16.

Keller's disclosure of the pay rises was the second such announcement to be made this week. Three days ago General Motors Corporation announced restoration of salary cuts for all salaried employees receiving less than \$300 a month. At the same time General Motors announced that 35,000 workers would be added to its 69 factories.

Mrs. Edith Campbell of State College was in town on Tuesday.

## TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS

### HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS

Mrs. Grace McCool of Spring Mills was a brief caller at this office last Friday afternoon.

Miss Helen Harper of Bellefonte was a visitor at the home of her aunt, Mrs. Emma Emerick, in town.

In a forest fire in Cameron county, near Emporium, on Wednesday of last week, six CCC camp boys were trapped and burned to death.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Colyer of Lewistown and Mr. and Mrs. Russell Colyer were Sunday visitors at the parental home in Centre Hall.

Prof. Harold B. Shattuck and sister, Miss Fannie Shattuck, of State College, were guests at the Jacobs home on Sunday.

Mrs. A. H. Spayd and daughter, Mrs. Roy Dutrow, on Thursday were taken to Lock Haven by Mr. Spayd, where they spent a few days with Mrs. Spayd's sisters, Mrs. J. C. Walker and Mrs. C. H. Barner.

Paul Roseman Corman and wife, formerly Miss Bernice Kathryn Smetzer, will begin farming next spring on one of the D. M. Kline farms, on Route 53, between Bellefonte and Pleasant Gap.

The Sunset Diner, conducted by Mr. and Mrs. Whitner, formerly of Reedsville, is being widely patronized, especially for Sunday dinners. The house has been repainted and refurbished and the table service is all one could wish for.

While burning leaves in Bellefonte, Harry Bathurst, 20, received an injury to the left eye that will likely cost the sight of it. It appears a 22-cartridge in the burning leaves exploded, a portion of it striking the young man, entering the lower eyelid.

Caught in a circular saw while working at the sawmill on the C. H. Ripka farm, at White Hall, Monday afternoon, Charles Baird, 26, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fremant Baird, of Pleasant Gap, was painfully cut on the lower abdomen. He was taken to the Centre county hospital.

An unusually large flock of wild geese flew southward over town on Thursday morning. They flew comparatively low in the V-regulation form. The geese seem to act on their own wisdom and go south during the winter months, while we mortals hang around and shiver,—so you're a goose if you don't go south.

William Adam Neese, one of the staid citizens of Spring Mills, called at this office Saturday, and was in his usual good mood. Mr. Neese is a carpenter and has been employed in that capacity by Penn State College on the campus. While work in the repair line in which he is engaged is not brisk at this time, there is much activity in general structural work.

The Reporter on Thursday was pleased to have a call from George N. Wolfe of Spring Mills, who was accompanied by William H. Lingle of Centre Hall. Mr. Wolfe was one of the first rural mail carriers out of Spring Mills when the service began almost fifty years ago. The rural mail service has greatly changed since that time and always for the better.

Russell Spicher of Pleasant Gap during last week wore a much patched up chin, damaged in Altoona when the motor car he was operating plunged into a street car at a crossing. Mr. Spicher, who is the left-field by chaser on the Pleasant Gap baseball team, was the lone occupant of the car and claims the street car stopped but an instant before it crossed the path of his car.

A charge of enticement and inveigling a girl under 16 for purpose of marriage" was lodged against Earl Mann, James Confer, Kenneth Boone and Walter Nyman, all of Howard. Squire Cowher held the four men under \$500 bail. The four are said to have forced Margaret Eberhart, 14, to accompany them to Delaware where a marriage license was obtained by Mann and the girl. The minister asked to perform a marriage ceremony refused to do so due to the youth of the girl.

Mrs. Trevis McClellan of town continues to improve, during her ninth week in the Lewistown hospital following a bowel operation, necessitating the removal of a section. The incision wound was closed Wednesday of last week, at which time it was believed the bowels had sufficiently united to do so. Mrs. McClellan was visited by her son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur McClellan of Lock Haven and her father, D. Gelas Wagner, of Centre Hall, and found to be in a most cheerful mood. Other visitors at the hospital were Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Kerlin and S. W. Smith.

The funeral of Miss C. Grace Smith, on Thursday afternoon, was attended by these among others from out of town: Mr. and Mrs. Russell Smith, Mrs. Ray D. Gilliland, Harrisburg; Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Smith, Mrs. Ida Foster, Mrs. Wm. Mayel, Williamsport; Mr. and Mrs. H. Witmer Smith, Miss Elizabeth Smith, Milesburg; Miss Elizabeth Meek, Mrs. F. McFarlane, Miss Roxie Minge, Mrs. Loutree Smith, Bellefonte; Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Foster, Aaronsburg; Mrs. Mary Russell, Altoona; Mrs. S. C. Park, Lewistown; Mrs. Singer, Lewistown; Mrs. Edith Dale, Mrs. P. H. Dale, Mrs. Frank Torrence, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Yearick, Nancy Yearick, Mrs. Vincent Barlett, Mr. and Mrs. F. D. Gardner, State College; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Snodgrass; Mrs. David Glover, Mrs. Rider, Mrs. Helen Smith, Millburg; Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Bayard, Dr. and Mrs. C. W. Dunlap, John D. Meyer, Mrs. Flora Limbert, Tyrone.

# GIFFORD PINCHOT

## FORMER GOVERNOR, WHO POLLED OVER 450,000 VOTES IN THE SPRING PRIMARY, DENOUNCES ANNENBERG-PEW 'GRAB' OF G. O. P.!

**Mr. Pinchot says:**

- W I'm a Republican, but I take no order from any boss. I'm an Independent Progressive Republican. That is where I always have stood. That is where I stand today.
- W Like so many other Progressive Republicans throughout the State I am taking no part in a campaign run by and for Annenberg and Pew and their subordinates.
- W I hate to think of what that pair would do to the church people, organized labor and to those who depend on different kinds of relief, if they got the chance.
- W I hate to think of what would happen to the farmers, workers, small businessmen and the clean and decent people of this State, if Annenberg and Pew should succeed in getting control of Pennsylvania or even the Government of the United States."

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