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SCHOOL DIRECTORS DEMAND REVIVAL OF THOMPSON SCHOOL BUILDING PLAN

Pennsylvania school directors ended their annual convention in Harrisburg on Saturday by electing a Congressman as president, urging revival of the \$95,000,000 school building plan, and opposing further abatement of school taxes.

U. S. Representative Chester H. Gross of Manchester, York county, succeeded Herbert J. Stockton, of Johnstown as president. Gross was first vice-president.

The directors' association adopted unanimously reports of its legislative and resolutions committees embodying suggestions for reviving the Thompson plan for building 1000 new schools through the General State Authority and PWA, supported changes to the teacher tenure law introduced in the Senate last week, and opposed abatement of penalties on delinquent taxes.

The building plan, proposed by former Senator E. J. Thompson of Centre county, failed to gain Federal financial aid before PWA was exhausted.

The tenure amendments were introduced in the Legislature by Senator Franklin Spencer Edmonds for the association.

In other resolutions presented the directors requested boards to be sure that "the fundamental doctrines of American government and the principles of the American way of living are the only doctrines taught in each classroom"; recommended that all school bus routes be placed on the Highway Department's ash and snow removal program, and that school buses be removed from Public Utility Commission control, and asked repeal of the four-mill tax on school bonds.

Officers elected with Gross were: Dr. W. A. Roberts, of Newtown, first vice-president; D. Albert Best, East McKeesport, second vice-president; Edwin H. Dorney, of Allentown, R. D. 3, third vice-president.

SUPER HIGHWAY TO BY-PASS ALL TOWNS

The super-highway of 160 miles from Middlesex, Cumberland county, this state, to Irwin, near Pittsburgh, will be a modern four-lane concrete road, east and west traffic separated by a 10-foot center parkway, the width of each traffic lane to be twelve feet, except in tunnels, where the roadway section reduces to eleven and one-half-foot traffic lanes.

There will be no railroad or highway crossings anywhere along the route. At points of access to the turnpike, ramps will be constructed to permit motorists to enter or leave the super-highway with freedom and safety. The road will by-pass all towns. The maximum grades throughout the entire length of the highway will not be greater than three per cent, and curves with a few exceptions as little as four degrees.

The oil burner Governor James removed from the Governor's mansion never existed. It is now definitely known that during the Earle administration the mansion was heated by steam from a Harrisburg commercial plant. James said he had the "oil burner" removed to use anthracite coal. Why should a Governor resort to wholly untruthful statements? Judged from this, how can the Governor hold the confidence of the public.

FARM CALENDAR

Timely Reminders from The Pennsylvania State College

Care of Brood Mares—Brood mares may be fed the same ration as regular work stock, according to extension specialists in animal husbandry at the Pennsylvania State College. Oats is the best grain feed and it is desirable that legume hay make up at least one-third of the ration.

Removing Stumps—Because of the damage that might result from the use of dynamite or black powder, it is advisable to remove stumps near buildings by burning, say Penn State extension specialists in ornamental horticulture.

Feeding Dry Cows—One hundred pounds of ground corn or barley, 100 pounds ground oats, 100 pounds of wheat bran, 50 pounds of soybean oilmeal, and unlimited quantities of good quality legume hay provide a ration that will put dry cows in excellent condition for the next lactation period, claim Penn State dairy husbandrymen.

Planting Tree Plantings—When ordering trees to plant in your woodlot next spring, select those adapted to your particular soil, advise Penn State extension foresters. Also remember that some species are better adapted than others for certain purposes.

Frozen Cream—If beads of oil appear on the surface of your coffee, it's a pretty good sign that at some time or other the cream was frozen, say Penn State dairy specialists. Chunks in the cream are another indication that it froze.

Snow on Trees and Shrubs—Heavy, clinging snow may cause considerable damage to trees and shrubs unless removed as soon as the snowfalls cease, remind Penn State specialists in ornamental horticulture.

HALF NET EARNINGS OVER \$3000 REFUNDED BY OFFICERS

In accordance with the terms of an old State law requiring Registers, Recorders and Prothonotaries to refund to the county one-half of all profits in excess of \$3,000 annually, an audit of those three offices in Centre county completed this week reveals that the county coffers will be enriched by a total of \$1,553.15 from business during 1938.

The county refund from the office of Prothonotary Bond C. White totals \$1,388.94, the statement filed with Judge Ivan Walker by Sinie H. Hoy of Bellefonte, who conducted the audit indicates. The refund from the office of Recorder Leamer R. Woodring is listed at \$164.21, while the office of Register John L. Wetzler, with a net profit of only \$2,736.78 failed to reach the maximum allowed before refunds are mandatory.

Total receipts of the Prothonotary's office last year are shown in the audit at \$9,907.33, and total expenses were \$5,777.89. Deducting \$3,000 from the latter figure leaves a balance of \$2,777.89, one half of which, or \$1,388.94, is to be refunded to Centre county.

In the Recorder's office total receipts are shown at \$6,948.43, and total expenses are \$3,233.43. One-half of the \$3,715.00, or \$1,857.50 is the county refund after the \$3,000 allowed by law is deducted.

The Register's office lists receipts of \$5,725.97, and expenditures of \$2,989.19, or a net profit of \$2,746.78.

LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS AID FAMILY IN DISTRESS

Mr. and Mrs. Wilmer Weaver and four small children, who came here last fall, were recently discovered to be in need of financial and service aid, due to illness among their children. The youngest of the children, born in December is a pneumonic patient at this time and two of the others are suffering from scarlet fever. The eldest child is but six years old.

The Civic Club and W. C. T. U., both organizations of ladies, have taken the family under their wings and have provided a registered nurse in the person of Mrs. William Wagner of Bellefonte, and are further looking after their immediate needs.

The family came here last fall from Ferguson township. Mr. Weaver is a PWA worker at State College.

HOWARD TRIPS LOCAL HIGH IN BASKETBALL—25-23

When Howard meets Centre Hall in basketball an interesting game is predicted, and such was the case in which Centre Hall lost by a score of 25 to 23 in a fast and furious game on the high school gym floor, Friday evening, February 3.

Although bad weather conditions kept some fans away, the game proved to be one of the best of the season. Scores followed close throughout the game and in the second period scoring was dominant. Ken Runkles scoring for Centre Hall brought the Tigers to two points behind Howard at the end of the second quarter.

Good foul-shooting on Centre Hall's part also gets honorable mention with Ken Runkle of Centre Hall and Yearlock of Howard taking scoring honors with a total of 8 and 13 points respectively.

The score by quarters:

	1st	2d	3rd	4th
Centre Hall	5	7	5	5-23
Howard	6	9	5	5-25

THE TAX SLASHER

The leading campaign promise made by candidate for Governor, Arthur H. James, was that if elected they would betax slashes to relieve business.

In Philadelphia, James in a campaign address said: "I pledge you to run the present State government through a wringer, squeezing out the millions of your tax dollars. Those dollars will be passed back to you in the form of tax reduction." Since in office the Governor says he sees no possibility of a cut in State taxes.

The guy who drops cigarette butts on your floor and then tramps them under his feet, may not be Public Enemy No. 1, but he rates a good score as a nuisance.

State legislatures this year have only 130 women members, as against 149 a year ago. Only 28 states have women legislators this year, as against 35 states in 1929.

L. Mitch Sulouff and Ralph Brandt exchanged locations for their respective business in Millheim. Mr. Brandt will conduct his establishment along lines similar to what he handled in the Spigener Building, with the possibility of renting rooms to transients. Mr. Sulouff will continue his regular business. A restaurant-liquor license will become operative after he is established in the remodeled quarters. Mr. Sulouff has announced that the name of his establishment will be "Penn's Tavern."

Three hundred pounds of Oriental Chestnut seed is being planted in the State nurseries at Mont Alto and Greenwood, the latter in Huntingdon county. The experiment is with the view of growing timber and food for game.

BLUNDERING HOLD-UP MEN MEET MATCH IN GAS STATION PROPRIETOR AT MILROY

An attempted robbery at the W. J. Baumgardner gas station, a short distance north of Milroy on Route 322, was frustrated on Monday night when the proprietor shot and badly, if not fatally, wounded one of the two men who entered his place of business and demanded the contents of the cash register.

The smaller of the two men went to the counter and asked for a pack of cigarettes, and when Baumgardner again faced the pretending purchaser, he looked into a gun barrel. A command was made to open the cash register. Baumgardner kept his head, and with deliberation opened the till at the same time snatching up a .38 revolver, and fired. The bullet is presumed to have struck the shoulder of the would-be robber, felling him to the ground.

The man at the door begged for mercy, and was ordered to leave and take his wounded buddy with him. With the assistance of the larger man the wounded companion was placed in the car headed north over Seven Mountains.

The Lewistown motor police were notified at once, but were unable to find any trace of the men or car, the license number of which was not noted.

The somewhat peculiar action of Baumgardner after the shooting was due no doubt to the fact that he suspected there might be additional men in the car and feared being overpowered.

Later—Authentic reports received on Wednesday forenoon were to the effect that the two men were local characters—one from Burnham and the other from Lewistown—and were placed under arrest. They were both under 21 years of age.

The bullet struck one of the youths on the side of the forehead, ploughing through the scalp.

THREE KILLED, ONE INJURED; COASTER HITS COAL TRUCK

Three boys ranging in age from 12 to 14 years, were instantly killed and the fourth seriously injured when the coaster sled they were riding ran under a coal truck near Cherry Run, north of Clarence.

The killed were Paul and Gerald Confer, brothers, 14 and 12 years old, and Edward Cole, 12, while Robert Cole, 14, was seriously injured.

The operator of the coal truck, Lee Bobst, of Jersey Shore, was exonerated of blame by a coroner's jury. The accident occurred Monday evening.

CHARLES TRESSLER RECEIVES BOAL MEMORIAL AWARD

Among the recent recipients of the Colonel Boal memorial award announced by Pierre de Lagarde Boal, son of the widely-known World War commander who died last August, is Charles Tressler, formerly of State College, now of Petersburg, R. D. He received a button from the uniform of his former commander, Colonel Boal, as a remembrance.

Tressler's award was an original button from the colonel's uniform. Tressler was a member of the original machine gun troop of which Colonel Boal was the commander. He enlisted with the troop in 1916. In Georgia he transferred to Company E 193rd Supply Train, at the time the Boal Machine Gun Troop was broken up.

GRADE SCHOOL GIRL GIVES COMPANIONS SLIDING PARTY

On Thursday evening of last week Helen Miller, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Miller, gave a "sliding party" to a group of twenty-one of her companions. At the close of the sled riding program the boys and girls were invited to the home where Mrs. Miller and daughter, Miss Louise, served refreshments, which were eagerly devoured due to the appetites developed by the exercise.

The boys and girls to participate in the somewhat unusual evening event included:

Geraldine Rockey, Glenwyn Goodhart, Jean Hanna, Joyce Bradford, Ernest Frank, Barbara Potter, Jack Garbrick, Randall Miller, Anna Fay Stover, Betty Slack, Betty Seaton, Guy Foust, Martha Mowery, Floyd Vogt, Phillip Brooks, Jack Riegel, Fern Hanna, Beulah Bradford, Wm. Reese, Esther Blazer, Alta Miller.

PENN STATE COLLEGE DISPLAYS RARE INDIAN POT

A perfect specimen of Indian pottery is being preserved in the museum of the school of Mineral Industries at the Pennsylvania State College.

The object is a small pot with a capacity of about two gallons, which was found in a rock crevice in the Tussey Mountains by Melvin Ellenberger of Pine Grove Mills, this county, while he was hunting foxes last fall.

C. W. Robinson, associate professor of geology and curator of the Mineral Industries museum at the College, believes that the pot was made by a member of the tribe of Delaware Indians or Lenapes. Prof. Robinson believes the pot was used in cooking.

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MRS. J. V. FOSTER BUYS LINGLE FARM, AT COLYER

The Henry Lingle farm on the south side of Tussey Mountain back of Colyer, was recently purchased by John Fohringer and resold to Mrs. (Dr.) J. V. Foster, State College. The property contains 98 acres, and has on it a house and barn. The place is well known as a productive potato farm. It was purchased from Mr. Lingle, who lived there for many years, by Col. T. D. Boal, from whose estate it was secured by Mr. Fohringer.

Mrs. Foster has in mind making the farm a summer home. The house will be improved and equipped with heating facilities, bath, etc. The entire place will be given a general reovering and cleaning up within the next year.

BREAKS RIB IN PREVENTING 50 LAMBS CROWDING

A fractured rib on the right side was suffered by John Rimmer while on top of a motor truck loaded with spring lambs. The lambs—50 of them—began crowding when Mr. Rimmer reached through the slats to break up the jam, and in doing so there was too much pressure on the ribs. Later the fractured rib was taped to keep it in position.

The lambs referred to belonged to William P. Campbell of Penns Cave and were taken to Williamsport and sold at auction. The price obtained ranged from 8.10 to 10.5 cents per pound, a very fair price.

Celebrated Birthdays

On attaining his fourth birthday anniversary Keith, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Luse, on Thursday evening, had as his principal guest Teddy White, son of Dr. and Mrs. H. R. White. A few other persons also shared the joys of the lad's first experience of a candle-lighted cake.

Another local youth whose family gave recognition to a birthday anniversary, was Jack Glenn, son of Mrs. Sari Mastellar by a previous marriage, of Dewart, on Sunday, on which day he became thirteen. The dinner was served at the home of Mrs. Laura Lee, the boy's great-grandmother. Guests were confined to members of the family and close relatives.

Flag Display Requirements

A bill to set up legal requirements respecting the display and use of the American flag has been introduced by Senator Caraway (D., Ark.) in behalf of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

If would require display of the flag on public buildings from sunrise to sunset, in or near voting places on election days, and in schoolhouses on school days.

BILL TO REVISE POLL TAX PRESENTED IN STATE SENATE

An Associated Press dispatch from Harrisburg, on Saturday, states a revision of Pennsylvania's poll tax, abolished six years ago, was proposed by the Local Government Commission in one of 18 bills ready for presentation to the Legislature.

The commission was created four years ago, and given new life in 1937; to bring to date local government as written in the "horse-and-buggy" days.

The amount of the tax would be filed by the counties or by law, if and when the voters approved the Constitutional amendment suggested by Senator Charles R. Mallory. The old tax law was eliminated in 1935 by Constitutional amendment.

The commission's bills for presentation to the General Assembly also include:

Revamping election districts in 1939, so that no borough, township or ward having less than 1000 voters would be divided into two election districts, unless undue hardship to voters results.

Creating the office of county controller in counties of the sixth, seventh and eighth classes, on petition of the county commissioners or 500 registered electors.

Fixing the salary of county controller in seventh and eighth class counties at \$1800 to \$2100, depending on population.

Reimbursement of counties by the Commonwealth for court costs where fines are payable to the State.

Providing reimbursement of counties by the Commonwealth for cost of elections in even-numbered years, at standard rates—approximately \$1-500,000.

Requiring the State to pay fees of county registrars of vital statistics.

Limiting number of days auditors may be employed in counties, boroughs and first class townships.

Empowering county commissioners in counties of the third to eighth classes to fix compensation of election officers.

Equalling assessments on property, with consideration given to sale value.

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LOCAL SCHOOL BOARDS REJECT W.P.A. PROPOSAL

The joint school board of Centre Hall borough and Potter township school districts met in regular session last Thursday night. With the board appeared Architect Dean Kennedy of State College and a representative of WPA from Phillipsburg, who hoped to interest the directors in a WPA proposition looking toward the erection of one of the two new school buildings the directors had been considering.

The two new school buildings contemplated would have been erected under the Thompson Plan but as the reader knows, this plan was scrapped because of certain short-sightedness, and when the State administration changed political complexion the new Governor, Arthur H. James, declared his opposition to reviving the proposal.

The WPA representative who met with the board Thursday night, proposed a plan whereby all labor and certain material would be supplied toward a new school building.

The difference in the two plans, presented an obstacle which could not be overcome. Under the Thompson Plan, the local school district could finance its share of the cost by annual rental which would have entailed no great financial hardship. Under the WPA proposal submitted Thursday night, a cash consideration of from \$25,000 to \$30,000 would have presented itself. Such an expenditure would not have been possible in view of present financial obligations resting upon both school districts.

CASES BEFORE GRAND JURY MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13TH

The grand jury hearing evidence for indictment or ignoring criminal charges against individuals, will meet on Monday. The individuals against whom complaints are made and the character of the charge as prepared by District Attorney Musser W. Gettig, follow:

Andrew Bosak, rape.
Aloyse Balash, rape.
Mike Kormintz, rape.
John Francis Levencheck, breaking, entering and larceny.
C. R. Korman, larceny by bailer.
Ardelle Gross, et al, assault and battery.

The summary cases to be heard by the Court on Thursday are:

C. F. Tussey, appeal.
John Herbert Conrad, D. & N. S.
William D. O'Brien, D. & N. S.
W. Leslie Jacobs, inadequate support.
Clarence W. Hardy, V. V. Code.
Carlton Emel, illegal fishing.

SILVER COFFEE SERVICE PRESENTED FORMER TEACHER

Thursday evening the pupils and faculty of Centre Hall-Potter high school assembled in the auditorium for a social in honor of Mrs. R. S. Jamison, who recently resigned as English instructor. The evening was spent playing games, also in round and square dancing, after which delicious refreshments were served.

On Monday morning at 11:00 a. m. in a special assembly, the principal, J. F. Wetzel, presented Mrs. Jamison a handsome four-piece "Admiration" silver plate coffee service, a gift from the pupils and faculty, as a token of their appreciation for her excellent service as instructor and co-worker.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER SERVICE IN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Arrangements are being perfected for holding the annual World Day of Prayer services on Friday evening, February 24, in the local Presbyterian church.

As is the custom, the host church will provide a speaker, either the pastor or someone else.

LEGISLATIVE PROPOSALS

A legislative proposal to require pre-natal and pre-marital blood tests as a safeguard against syphilis which disease it is claimed is the cause of twenty per cent of the blindness in Pennsylvania, is attracting attention. A bill to give \$30 a month pension to every totally blind Pennsylvania war veteran.

SOY BEAN PROCESSING PROJECT WELL UNDER WAY

Farmers interested in the erection of a co-operative soy bean processing plant at Jersey Shore have pledged about half of the amount necessary.

It is estimated that about \$10,000 worth of stock will be sold in the area extending from Lewisburg to State College and from Wellsboro to Ligonier. The plant, including machinery, will probably cost about \$18,000, with the Farm Security Administration agreeing to lend the balance to the co-operative organization. The PSA will also assist individual farmers in purchasing shares.

The organization committee wants to have pledges for 4,000 acres to be planted in soy beans before issuing stock certificates and incorporating.

Each farmer interested is agreeing to buy one \$25 share of stock for each 10 acres of soy beans he will plant. It is proposed to pay back those who buy shares at the rate of \$5 per share each year, plus interest.

The party for the President held at Hecla Park had a net balance of \$48.00.

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Tibbens, son-in-law and daughter of F. D. Lee, visited him on Sunday.

Max Herr, local junk dealer, is in Belleville, New Jersey, this week, on business.

Kenneth Brungart recently purchased one of the late Scott stover homes in Robersburg from the heirs.

Personal property tax statements are due on February 15th. A check for the tax must accompany the return. The rate of taxation for State purposes is four mills.

The sale of Kansas horses by E. A. Yoder in Millheim was referred to as "not successful" by the Journal. The principal reason for poor bidding is charged to the sale being too early in the season.

Judge Patterson appointed Herbert Bolger of Altoona a commissioner for Blair county. He fills the place held by John P. Royer, who resigned to accept the position of secretary of State personnel at Harrisburg.

The Rev. David Nelson presented his resignation as pastor of the Church of Christ of Blanchard to his congregation at the service Sunday morning to accept a pastorate at Indianapolis, Ind.

Mark Williams purchased the interest of his partner, Edward R. Owens, in the Bellefonte Hardware Company, and will continue to conduct the business under the same firm name. The business was established nineteen years ago.

Bucknell University, Lewisburg, is about to remodel a private house into a college-operated dining room to accommodate forty men students. The college authorities state parents of students made requests for a dining room under college supervision.

The drive to break up the gambling in Centre county has been placed in the hands of the motor police. Since notice of the drive was given prior to any action taken, violators will not be able to make a plea that the movement came as a surprise.

Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Finkel and daughter Dorothy Ann had as dinner guests in their home at Millfinburg, Sunday, the following: Mrs. Susan Emery, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Emery, Howard Emery, of Centre Hall; Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Foss of Pleasant Gap, and Mrs. Frank McClellan and daughter of State College.

William E. Leaser of Sunbury, who began railroading in 1857, and served in that capacity for thirty-three years, died at the age of 82. For the past eight years he was engineer on the L. & T. He had never been ill prior to his sickness that ended in his death. A wife and two children survive him.

The Spring township school board charged Myra M. Boom, who teaches a school between Bellefonte and Zion, with incompetency and asks her resignation. Musser W. Gettig represents Miss Boone and R. Paul Campbell the school district. This is the first test of the new tenure law in Centre county.

Hamill Kline of State College, husband of Mrs. Martha Yearick Kline, teacher of one of the Centre Hall grade schools, operated a car that collided with Don T. Adams of Johnstown on a narrow road at Shingletown, west of Boalsburg. Both cars were damaged, but none of the car occupants was injured.

Miss Isabel Bradford, R. N., regularly employed in the Centre County hospital, had a day off from service last Thursday, which was divided between her home here and that of the McCormicks at Pottery Mills, where Robert McCormick just recovered from a two weeks' illness. He was able to resume work as a chemist at Penn State for an oil company he gave service since graduating.

Thirty-one State highway employes of District No. 2, with headquarters in Clearfield, have been dismissed by Governor James. Among the number are the following Centre countians: Philip S. Taylor, Bellefonte; Ralph N. Groves, of Benner township; Allen W. Smith, Spring township; Clarence E. Dawson, Perle L. Edwards, Edward T. Lewis and James P. Antolick and John M. Ciprich, of Rush township. Their salary range was from \$1020 to \$1860.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Clark, after having lived on the Gfrerer farm immediately west of Centre Hall, will make sale of their farm stock and equipment on March 3, after which they will locate in Howard. Mrs. Clark's father, James H. Neese, lives four miles east of that place and is engaged in farming. The Gfrerer farm, now owned by Mrs. Ben Corl, will be tenanted by Toner Spotts of Smithtown, near Millheim. He formerly lived on the Benner farm.

Although the car inspection period expired January 31, a number of car owners failed to comply with the law and put off having their cars given the once-over for possible weaknesses which would make their cars a menace on the highways. Failure in many cases to give attention to the matter is likely due to shortage of the cash, but in the event of arrest, the guilty one will some how find the amount of the fine, which will in most instances be greatly in excess of the garage bill.