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GOVERNMENT SPENDING GETS O. K. BY LOCAL AUDIENCE

A meeting of the Centre Hall-Potter Parent-Teacher Association held Monday evening was unusually largely attended. The previous notices of the gathering stressed the collegiate debate on whether the Government was justified in spending large sums of money to relieve the unemployment situation, but the fine musical program put on by Miss Marjorie Fisher, director of music, virtually stole the show from J. F. O'Brien, professor of Public Speaking at Penn State who managed the debating feature of the evening's entertainment.

At the conclusion of the debate, Prof. O'Brien put three questions to the audience:

1.—Do you favor continuing spending as is now being done?

2.—Do you favor less spending but continuing to do so?

3.—Do you favor discontinuing spending, eliminating PWA, WPA, etc.?

The first question brought to their feet only a few persons. The second between 80 and 90, and the last none.

It may be said with much confidence that the expressions noted did not represent the opinions of the house on the several questions. Both on the first and last propositions it is well known there were many with positive opinions, but not expressed. Not a few would eliminate all spending, without regard to results.

The four debaters used much political stock in trade arguments. There were few if any worthwhile thoughts presented nor repeatedly hashed over in the morning paper.

One of the speakers, referring indirectly to the auditorium sheltering them from a heavy rain, remarked that while the structure was very fine, did we need it? This struck a responsive chord here and there in the auditorium. It rang the bell because these always refuse to carry their share of a burden.

Three of the four young men debating stated privately they were Republicans in politics, while the fourth would have you believe he was not a party follower. It required considerable persuasion to induce the youths to say they were conscientious in their line of argument. One of them volunteered to say, in effect, that since he began debating the question he began to believe in his own statements.

It has been learned the affirmative speakers were last-minute substitutes.

NEW SCHOOL REPORT CARDS ARE DEVELOPED

New report cards are being developed by many schools in Pennsylvania, which appraise not only the progress of pupils in the regular courses of the school, but in traits of character and personality as well. Dr. Lester K. Adams, superintendent of Public Instruction, said a few days ago.

Pupils are being rated with respect to their reaction to class matters, health habits, play and work attitudes, and other vital characteristics. On one side of the report cards are noted the pupil's achievement in such familiar activities as reading, composition, spelling, arithmetic, geography, penmanship, health, art, music, nature study, and the like. On the other side of the card are the newer appraisals dealing with the personality of the pupil.

This new development is in keeping with the movement toward a closer relationship between the home and the school in the education of children," Dr. Adams said. "There is no means a disposition on the part of modern schools to regard education as two separate functions, one for the school to perform and another for the home to perform."

JEFFERSON TO BE HONORED BY CENTRE CO. DEMOCRATS

Plans have been announced for Centre county Jefferson Day dinners at Phillipsburg and State College on Thursday evening, April 13.

The principal purpose of these dinners will be to honor the anniversary of the birthday of Thomas Jefferson, who drafted the Declaration of Independence, and later became the third President of the United States. Jefferson established the liberal principles that are the keystone of the political philosophy of the Democratic party.

The Phillipsburg dinner, which will be held in the social room of the Methodist church, will include party members from Phillipsburg, South Phillipsburg, Rush township, Munson, Snowshoe Borough, Snowshoe township, Clarence and neighboring Clearfield county precincts.

The State College dinner will be sponsored by Democrats of the remaining Centre county precincts.

Arrangements have been made for the gatherings by Democratic chairman Henry Brockerhoff.

FARMERS CAUTIONED NOT TO BECOME SUCKERS

The State Department of Agriculture advises farmers to shun so-called "hybrid" oats.

Growers should not be misled into buying seed of varieties from foreign countries or of unknown origin. Regardless of claims to superiority, the paying of extravagant prices for such highly publicized seeds is seldom if ever warranted.

Home grown seed varieties generally yields as well or better than any other. Losses from planting unadapted seed may be serious. This is especially true of seed from a foreign country, even though the seed is heavier and apparently of better quality.

More than fifty years ago farmers in Pennsylvania were duped by slickers who peddled a "Bohemian Oats." Much of it was sold at fabulous prices, but the oats never proved to be of any special value for seed or feed. The "hybrid" movement today looks like fishing for a new crop of suckers.

William Greunwald will be here with a carload of South Dakota horses Monday afternoon of next week. See his advertisement in this issue of the Reporter.

T.-V. 6-TEAM LEAGUE BASEBALL OPENS MAY 20

The Tri-Valley Baseball League held its second meeting of the year in the Centre Hall Potter high school building, vice-president Harold E. Stover of Spring Mills presiding. All of the original clubs of the league were present and represented by: Russell Condo, Spring Mills; Mr. Lauck, Pine Grove Mills; Roy Brunner, Rebersburg; Russell Spicher, Pleasant Gap; Clifford Corman, Lemont; Harold Durst, Centre Hall.

Three other clubs represented and seeking admission in the league were Bellefonte, Millheim and State College. Representatives from these clubs were: Bellefonte, Prof. James Hughes, Glenn Amuller, W. W. Seig, James Reaver, Millheim, W. C. Gramley, W. J. McMullen, State College, Jerry Weinstein. After hearing the representatives of visiting clubs, the members of the league board of control retired from the room to make a decision which was unanimously in favor of remaining as a six-team league.

Ben Goodhart was then elected president to fill the vacancy left at the previous meeting.

Each club then paid the balance due on entrance fees.

The schedule prepared by the schedule committee was adopted.

The opening games will be on May 20 as follows:

Centre Hall at Spring Mills; Lemont at Pine Grove Mills; Pleasant Gap at Rebersburg.

Territory allotments were not changed.

The constitution and by-laws were adopted with only minor changes.

Each club received player contracts that they may sign their players for approval at the next league meeting on May 2.

WOODROW BRADFORD FALLS WHILE AT WORK AT P. S. C.

Found lying on a concrete floor in an unconscious condition and carried to the Penn State Infirmary by campus cops, after a two-day stay was thought to be without permanent injury, but further examination will be made to determine a possible skull fracture.

The young man, a son of Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Bradford of Centre Hall, is a sophomore at Penn State and is engaged part time in the Petroleum Refining Laboratory as a utility man. He was going from one section to another in the building when he fell about ten feet from a stairway to a concrete floor. He was alone at the time and was discovered by workmen who hurriedly notified the campus police. No reason can be given for the mishap.

His appearance at the present time indicates he is well on to complete recovery. He was at his home in Centre Hall over the week-end.

Birthday Party for Young Miss

On Friday evening a birthday party was tendered Helen Smith on the tenth anniversary of her birth by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. Frank Smith. The guests were Delores Evey, Ruth Spiker, Eleanor Potter, Lois Ann Confer, Arlene Corman, Cherry Corman, Anna Marie Whiteman, Betty Lou Sweeney, Billy Sweeney, Jane Vogt, Fern Hanna, Shirley Garbrick, Florence Lynn, Dorothy Booser, Lois Steel, Rose Steel, Ruth Hartley, Margaret Smith, Dorothy Crader.

Helen was presented with many beautiful and useful presents and a large birthday cake with ten candles. The children spent the evening playing games. Refreshments served consisted of ice cream, cake, sandwiches and candy.

INCOME FOR FEBRUARY ABOVE THAT OF FEB. 1938

The Commerce Department reports that in the first two months of 1939 the American people had "a substantially larger real income."

The department said income of all individuals—from wages, salaries, dividends, interest, relief payments and income from enterprise—totalled \$5,050,000,000 in February. That was \$115,000,000 above February, 1938.

Bridge Party

Mrs. A. L. Emery, Mrs. W. A. Homan and Mrs. G. K. Rimmey entertained with bridge at the Rimmey home Thursday evening. The following guests were present: Mrs. William J. Bradford, Mrs. George Stover, Mrs. Samuel Grove, Mrs. Robert Neff, Mrs. F. V. Goodhart, Mrs. Harry Potter, Mrs. Henry Kimball, Mrs. Edmar Miller, Miss Mary Delinda Potter, Mrs. Dan Bloom, Miss Jennie Thomas, Mrs. J. S. Booser, Mrs. H. R. White, Mrs. Chester Spiker, Miss Alice Spiker, Mrs. John Wert, Jr., Miss Elizabeth Bartholomew, Miss Edna Moltz, Mrs. David Graybill, Mrs. Edward Durst, Mrs. Gerald Evey, Mrs. William Campbell, Miss Helen Odenkirk, Mrs. F. P. Geary, Mrs. J. F. Wetzel, Mrs. Daniel Daup, Miss Ida Frazier, Mrs. Reuben Rickert, Miss Miriam Homan, all of Centre Hall; Mrs. Edna Noll of Pleasant Gap and Miss Ruth Smith of Bellefonte.

GRANGE WILL SPONSOR COMMUNITY PROJECTS

The Centre County Pomona Grange will sponsor the following community projects during the coming months: Community improvement and tree planting in April; "Go-to-Church" Sunday, May 21; original play and essay contest; and a better ritual and essay contest.

The schedule for the quarterly Pomona Grange meetings and the subjects to be discussed by the Grange are as follows: May 27—Centre County Farmers Should Organize; August 16—Better Marketing; and November 25—Historical Pageant of Centre County Pomona Grange.

Card of Thanks

The family of the Frank W. Decker desire in this way to express sincere thanks for all kindnesses shown at the time of the death and funeral of their father.

Mrs. Burd's Hat Shop.

At Mrs. Lenore V. Burd's Hat Shop, East Main St., Millheim, you always find the right hat, at the lowest price. Hats of style and quality. Come and see for yourself.

FIRST NATIONAL ELECTS DANIEL S. DAUP CASHIER

After a service of twelve and one-half years in the Centre Hall First National Bank, Daniel S. Daup was named cashier at a meeting of directors held on Tuesday evening, beginning service in that capacity immediately, the position having been made vacant two months ago.

The bank was organized seventeen years ago, during which time, as did all banks it passed through trying situations. The result has been a gradual general improvement. Each year the institution increased its deposits until at present they are gratifying.

The personnel of the First National Bank at this time is Daniel S. Daup, cashier; Sarah Bradford and Don E. Miller, clerks.

The selection of Mr. Daup is looked upon with favor by the depositors and others who have dealings with the institution. His experience is ample. No assistant cashier has been named.

MEETINGS OF ADULT HOME-MAKING GROUP COME TO CLOSE

The meetings of the Adult Home-making Group in Harris township closed Monday, March 20. At the final meeting the men who attended Mr. Dale's classes and ladies met together for dinner. There were 78 present at this dinner served at the school house by the Glad-U-Come class of the Lutheran Sunday school. After dinner a very entertaining program was presented, as follows:

Uncle Joe's Question Box.
Home Economics vs. Agriculture—Conducted by Mr. Shelly, Mr. Stopper, Mr. Mintimer and Mr. Beery.

Reading—Mrs. G. Rimmey
Play, The Wedding of Aggie Culture and Homer Economics.

Cast of Characters:
Bride: Aggie Culture, Mrs. F. O. Homan.

Groom: Homer Economics, Mrs. C. G. Rimmey.

Minister: Mr. Brussels Cow Sprouts, Mrs. Robert Hess.

Father: Mr. I. M. Cabbagehead, Mrs. Garman.

Flower Girl: Vitamin A, Mrs. C. J. Gilland.

Soloist: Dolly Beet, Helen Homan.

Organist: Miss Bed Pepperpod, Pauline Billings.

The group has met each Monday evening for 12 weeks beginning January 2nd. The course of study was centered around "Meal Preparation from the Farm Cellar." This included balancing menus, table service and table setting, preparation of meats, vegetables, biscuit variations and desserts.

This was the first time the ladies had been brought together for meetings and a great deal of interest and enthusiasm was shown. There was a total enrollment of 28 with an average attendance of 23. Four ladies were present every time and three missed only one meeting. It was unanimously decided to continue the meetings next year.

The meetings have been conducted in the Harris township high school building by Pauline Billings, Home Economics Supervisor.

44 HOURS AND WAGE ACT APPLIES TO BANK EMPLOYEES

The Wage-Hour Administration notified 15,000 State and national banks that it considered all their employees subject to the fair labor standard act.

General Counsel Calvert Magruder denied the banks' request for an exemption as service establishments.

The law requires a minimum wage of 25 cents an hour and payment of time and one-half in cash for all work in excess of 44 hours a week.

JUDGES TO HAVE LARGER POWERS IN CRIMINAL CASES

A proposal to give defendants in all criminal cases, except murder and manslaughter, the option of waiving indictment by grand jury and leaving their fate to a judge is recommended by Rep. Robert Woodside, Jr., as a "short cut" in criminal court procedure.

Woodside, Republican floor leader of the House, predicted the measure would "save the counties a lot of money and the courts a lot of time."

Furthermore, he said, defendants unable to raise bail would be spared long months of imprisonment while waiting for their cases to come up.

Under his plan, defendants could be brought before a judge promptly after arrest. If they pleaded guilty, they could waive jury trial, if desired, and be tried immediately by the judge.

Woodside contended the plan would not tend to abolish the grand jury system and that "it doesn't take away any of the defendant's rights."

LOCKARD PAYS PENALTY FOR KILLING SWEETHEART'S SON

Roy Lockard early Monday calmly walked unassisted to the electric chair he escaped 16 times through executive clemency and was put to death for killing his one-time sweetheart's baby boy because he interfered with her "date."

The 29-year-old former Altoona W. P. A. worker who repeatedly had asserted "If I have to go I'll keep my chin up," did not speak a word as he walked into the death chamber smiling slightly.

He glanced about at the 18 men there to witness his execution, then seated himself in the creaking death chair. Guards quickly applied the mask and electrodes and 2,000 volts of electricity snuffed out the slayer's life in two minutes.

Lockard admitted killing three-year-old Matthew "Sonny" Karmendi with a railroad spike in 1936 while Mrs. Margaret Karmendi held the child in her arms on an Altoona street.

"We could not go to any shows because Sonny would go home and tell his dad," the slayer testified.

Mrs. Karmendi, 27, wife of a silk mill worker who stood by her, twice was condemned to death but at a third trial was sentenced to prison for 10 to 20 years. Officials said she would be told of Lockard's fate.

Former Governor George H. Earle said he believed Lockard of unsound mind. When the Pardon Board refused to recommend clemency he stayed the execution 14 times before leaving office. Governor James granted one reprieve, then declined to act further.

James said three physicians who recently examined the killer found he was not higher than the middle grade moron on the intellectual scale, was definitely mentally deficient but not psychotic.

ANNUAL MUSIC FESTIVAL AT PENN STATE, JUNE 15

The seventh annual rural chorus festival will be one of the features of the annual Farmers' Field Day at the Pennsylvania State College, June 15, according to County Agent R. C. Blaney.

All rural organizations, such as granges, churches, and P. T. A.'s, are eligible for participation. In this connection, rural refers to any community of settlement of less than 2500 population. Organizations meeting in larger towns may participate if more than half the members are farm residents. Members of the various groups must be largely adults or persons of non-school age.

Elimination contest will be held in areas where there are more groups than can be accommodated at the State festival. The closing date for the local eliminations is May 20.

Each chorus will sing a required number, to be announced later, and an optional selection which may be either sacred or secular. Further information, including a copy of the rules, may be obtained at the county agricultural extension association office in Bellefonte.

ELECTRIC LINE BEING EXTENDED TO BROWN FARM

For the third time the West Penn Power Company has been able to extend its Earlstown line to the Brown farm now tenanted by Calvin Lingle. The last extension begins beyond the Charles E. Neff farm.

Farms that will be served by the last extension include the Spicher homestead, tenanted by Dayton Lansberry; the former Boal (now also the property of Boyd Spicher); Rhoney-mede, now owned by Rev. E. Roy Corman of Wilkingsburg, tenanted by Edgar Rimmey; Earl Horner, who converted the abandoned Manor Hill school building into a residence; the Cummings farm, tenanted by Ralph Tressler; the Glasgow homestead, tenanted by William Glasgow; the well improved farm owned and occupied by Earl Ross; and the Brown farm, the terminus, previously mentioned.

Two other property owners yet to be induced to accept the modern service are Robert Herman, Phillipsburg, at his summer home, and Fred S. Wells, who owns the next farm to that of the Corman farm.

FAREWELL FOR CORMAN FAMILY SATURDAY NIGHT

A farewell party was tendered Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Corman and daughters, Arlene and Cherry, who on Friday will move to Millheim where both the elders have employment.

Those who engaged in the farewell activities on Saturday evening included Mr. and Mrs. Willard Hettlinger, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Emery, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wetzel, Anne Wert, Alice Spiker, George L. Goodhart, Fern Michael, Howard Reed, James Law, Joe Slenker.

W. R. NEFF ESTATE TIMBER SOLD TO HOUTZ CONTRACTOR

Harry Neff, acting as administrator for the estate of his father, the late William R. Neff sold the timber from thirty-seven acres of land located in Potter township. The tract lies one and one-half miles west of Potters Mills and south of the Wallace Geary farm. The consideration is said to be around \$800.

BENDER PROPERTY BID TO \$2990, BUT NOT SOLD

The Bender property, consisting of a house and lot in Centre Hall, offered at public sale by E. Dale Fisher, the Lewistown realtor, was not sold, although bid up to \$2990. Bidders were D. Cleveland Mitterling, retired restaurant keeper, and a gentleman from up the valley whose name was not learned.

Fred Bender, the owner, was seriously ill at his home in State College at the time of the sale, while Lillian, a daughter, is recuperating from an attack of pneumonia.

ODD FELLOWS' MEETINGS FOR MONTH OF APRIL

A schedule of meetings for the several Odd Fellows lodges in the southern district of Centre County was announced by District Deputy Grand Master Walter S. Jackson.

The schedule is as follows: April 3, joint installation of State College and Lemont lodges at State College; April 4, Millheim; April 6, Centre Hall; April 7, Rebersburg; April 12, Bellefonte; April 14, Spring Mills; April 20, Boalsburg; and April 21, Pine Grove Mills.

LEG FRACTURED AND BACK INJURED BY FALLING TREE

Very serious injuries were suffered by Harry Wagner, a farmer living at Oak Hall Station, when he was hit by a falling tree, on an adjoining farm. One leg was fractured at several places and his back badly injured. Mr. Wagner with several other men was watching a tree being felled, and when it was about to topple a gust of wind threw it in the opposite direction from that expected, causing it to fall on the men standing by. Mr. Wagner was hit on the hip and was pinned to the ground, and before he could be released, two cuts through the trunk of the tree were necessary. He was rushed to the Centre County hospital as soon as possible where the fractures were reduced.

One of the other men watching the operation of felling the tree was also struck but was not badly injured.

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Williams, who spent much of the winter in the South, traveling in a trailer, are back home.

Robert Thomas, employed at DuBois, now living in the G. H. McCormick property in town, will vacate it about the first of April.

Mrs. Annie Brooks, practical nurse, took care of Mrs. Russel Brooks and infant, son at Pleasant Gap for a period of three weeks.

Speaker Hartman moved from Millheim to Sunbury, R. D. 2, where he will engage with a brother in the management of a dairy farm.

Centre county's quota of CCC enrollees to be admitted between April 1 and 20 is twenty seven—25 whites and 2 colored aged between 17 and 23 years.

Fire towers throughout the county will be manned about April 1st. The manning of the towers is a part of a State-wide system of preventing forest fires.

Carl D. Motz, Jr., of Woodward, who was taken to the Centre County hospital for treatment of infection on the arm and finger, is improving after repeated use of the lancet for draining.

The two daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Milford Luse, Mrs. Fred Harvey of Phillipsburg and Mrs. James Spangler of Marietta, accompanied by their respective husbands and children, visited the parental home recently.

Wally Greunwald accompanied his brother, John Greunwald, from So. Dakota to Centre Hall to assist him in caring for a carload of horses and in the conduct of the sale of them on Friday at the Centre Hall sales barn.

A bill pending in the State legislature calls for the registration each December and the payment of a \$5.00 fee by every alien over eighteen years of age who has not declared intention of becoming a citizen. The bill also bars employment by the State or private industry of all unregistered aliens.

The greater part of the estate of the late J. Will Mayes of Howard will go to an adopted daughter, Susanne Hoffman Mayes, eleven years of age. She is also the granddaughter of Mr. Mayes, being a daughter of Mrs. Mary Mayes Hoffman. The First National Bank of Bellefonte was named executor. No estimate of the estate was made.

The thirty-two-acre timber tract on the Mothersbaugh farm, formerly the Reish-Hoersterman place, near Potters Mills, will be manufactured into lumber by Charles Ruhl, the Millheim lumberman. Charles Wert, the right-hand man for Mr. Ruhl thinks cutting will begin within a few weeks. The tract is well studded with white pine and hemlock trees.

Federal surplus foodstuffs distributed to families on State assistance rolls during February totaled \$201,000 pounds, 400,000 pounds less than the January total. The major items distributed were flour and corn meal, purchased for the purpose of removing market surpluses. Other items in the February distribution list included dried fruits, dried beans, rice and butter.

The Lutheran church in Millheim, of which Rev. William M. Reack has been the pastor for fifteen years, was rededicated last Sunday, after having undergone a general renovation and recleaning of the woodwork and installation of a new lighting system—eight suspended lantern type fixtures. The church was originally dedicated in 1900.

Edwin Gelstwick of Rebersburg was able to pick off one of the first bits of ripe fruit from the State Highway Department political plum tree when he reached for and landed the position of first mechanic in the State Highway garage in Bellefonte. He replaces Willis Wion. The Rebersburg man was selected over one or more finalists who are now wondering whether their claim will be recognized.

At a public sale the Millheim Borough Council sold two tracts of land recently purchased at Sheriff's sale. The two tracts were the one on which the F. Q. A. Hartman bungalow was erected and which is entirely situated in Penn township, and a tract of farm and orchard land bounding the former on the north. The bungalow tract was knocked down to Lawrence Weaver, of Millheim for \$400, while Clayton H. Pressler purchased the second tract for \$25.

Fly tying is becoming popular with fishermen who don't use the Hower worm for trout bait. Many fishermen have become expert in the art and have the advantage of making up flies common and eagerly sought by trout in their particular district. Here and there are fly-tying schools one of which—a WPA project—is in Lock Haven. Fishermen from Mill Hall, Messrs. F. K. O'Connor, Donald Miller, Kermit Cross and "Fete" Romig, all of whom have more or less experience in fly tying gained by experience and in school, were at the home of Daniel S. Daup, where Don B. Miller also joined them, on Thursday evening. Of course, fly tying was the uppermost topic and putting their knowledge into practical use a number of methods were used in making a supply of flies that are thought to be capable of luring the most wily trout when the season for catching trout comes in, on April 15.