

The Centre Reporter



DR. CHAMPLIN ON RUSSIA; NON-POLITICAL TALK TO DEM'S

In last week's issue of the Centre Reporter very brief reference was made to a non-political address by Dr. Carroll D. Champlin before a large group of Democrats assembled at Nittany Lion Inn. The address was of the greatest interest to his audience and coming from one who had been in Russia for a considerable length of time, the appended excerpts of the address will be all too brief for the readers of this paper.

The subject discussed was: "How Important is Russia in the Present World Situation?" The substance of the address was presented thus:

The good will of Russia is being sought today as a means of stopping Adolf Hitler's advance in eastern Europe. British diplomacy is exerting all of its cunning to secure the Soviet promise of military support in case of a war. Likewise the Nazis would like to succeed in turning the Russians against the nations allied against them in the cause of peace.

The USSR is a mighty force in the world today, despite geographical and political isolation. This great country occupies about one-sixth of the land area of the world, and the population is 170,000,000, it is as large as North America, the European part being three-fourths as large as the United States, and the portion in Asia is twice as large as the U. S. There are 11 socialist soviet republics making up the Union of Socialist Soviet Republics.

Illiteracy has been cut down from 80 per cent to 10 per cent in 22 years and now 99 per cent of all the children are attending schools. Modern school houses are being rapidly constructed, and special attention is being paid to the training of children of nursery school age. There have been 150 different dialects used during the generations that have passed but there is a strong movement now to reduce this number to 50 or less. The ideal is to get a single language eventually so as to encourage the development of a national literature. Many different Slavic races make up the mixed population of Russia.

There is a labor front consisting of 50,000,000 men and women. There are never any strikes or riots in connection with the work being done. There is no unemployment, very little extreme poverty and slums are disappearing. There is equal participation in both production and distribution, and the consumption of the necessities of life is being thoroughly equalized. There is a universal sharing of the facilities of comfort and security, and the standard of living is gradually improving.

Theoretically there is freedom for all; but actually liberty is for the loyal only, and justice is for those who toll and produce. A classless society is sought, and communism is being accepted in both theory and practice.

First hand observation leads to the following criticisms of the Russian experiment:

1. It is quite general for the leaders to carry out few of their promises.
2. The people privately and officially are given to exaggeration.
3. The quality of executive leadership is poor.
4. Newspapers deliberately misrepresent and conceal.
5. Propaganda is used widely, and the government depends upon it for the prosecution of its program.
6. Atheism is growing common, and most of the churches and cathedrals have been closed—many of the monasteries being anti-clerical museums at the present time.
7. The Russian mind is becoming too dogmatic, since there is so little opportunity to observe and evaluate the progress being made in other countries.

Russia has had three five-year plans and little by little these sincere peasants are making progress. They have the largest army in the world, and they are not far behind Germany in their air equipment. This is why their air cooperation is being solicited by those who wish to stop the imperialistic aims of the Hitler government.

PHILIPSBURG TO BE HOST TO SCHOOLS IN MUSIC WEEK

Phillipsburg high school will be host to thirteen centre county schools at the annual Music Festival on May 4. This event is held in celebration of National Music Week.

Mr. Manner has been elected president, and Miss Bragonier, secretary-treasurer of the Music Festival Association of Centre county. They will select the music to be used by the massed band and choral group, arrange the program and procure critics. The Music Festival gives the schools of the county a chance to get together and show what they have been doing in music during the year. The keynote is participation rather than competition.

The public is cordially invited.

BROOKS-STONER

Miss Mary Martha Stoner of Centre Hall, R. D., became the bride of Blaine E. Brooks of Pleasant Gap at a ceremony which took place Saturday evening in the Phillipsburg Presbyterian Manse. The marriage was performed by Rev. Charles W. MacLay. The couple was accompanied by several carloads of friends. The bride is a daughter of Charles S. Stoner of Potter township and the groom a son of Jewett Brooks of Pleasant Gap.

With reference to the nice day Monday we may well say, "At long last!"

BIRTHDAY DINNER FOR FOUR AT DASHEM HOME

A birthday dinner was held at the farm home of Frank Dashem on Sunday for the three daughters of Mrs. William Bower, namely, Mrs. Lena Harshbarger, Mrs. Grace Dashem, and Mrs. Ruth Dashem, whose birthdays are on April 18th, 20th and 24th, respectively, and for a granddaughter, Miss Sara Harshbarger, whose birthday is April 25th.

Those present were Mrs. William Bower, Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Dashem, John William, Helen and Harry, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Harshbarger, Sara and Patty, and Joe Dumm, Altoona, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Dashem and daughter Mary, and Kenneth Runkle.

MISSIONARY WOMEN MEET AT MIDDLEBURG TODAY

The Woman's Missionary Society of West Susquehanna Classis of the Evangelical-Reformed Church meets today (Thursday) at Middleburg, with Rev. Delong, Philadelphia, as guest speaker for the evening. Among others interested in missionary work from this section who are attending the sessions are Mrs. J. W. Bradford, Mrs. J. Fred Slack, Mrs. W. A. Olenkirk, Mrs. W. P. Campbell, Mrs. Alford Luce, Mrs. Tiltha Delaney, Mrs. F. M. Fisher.

PAST TEMPLARS GATHERED AT LOCK HAVEN LAST WEEK

The Tri-County Past Templars Association met in Lock Haven on Wednesday last week for their regular monthly meeting. The Centre Hall association was represented by Mrs. Ida McClellan, Mrs. Katie Treaster and Mrs. D. M. Bradford. The latter remained in the city, a guest of her daughter, Mrs. Wilbur McClellan, and family, until Friday.

GRANGE BIRTHDAY PARTY

Saturday, April 29, Progress Grange invites all members to a birthday party to those having birthdays during the first four months of the year.

A covered dish luncheon will be served.

Birthday Social in Reformed Church

The public is invited to a birthday social to be held in the Reformed church on Thursday evening, May 11. Contributions of one cent per year of your age will be appreciated. The class will furnish entertainment and refreshments.

WILL HOLD INSTITUTE ON SOCIAL RELATIONS

Current industrial relations will be stressed at the annual Institute of Social Relations at the Pennsylvania State College June 26 to 30, sponsored by the Pennsylvania Federation of Women's Clubs and the extension services of the College. The theme of the Institute is "Facing the Problems of Today's Social Order."

TOWNSEND MEETING IN L. O. F. HALL, APRIL 28

The local Townsend Club will have a guest speaker in the person of J. G. Mains of Clearfield, qualified to give details on the operation of the Townsend Recovery Plan. Friday evening, April 28, at 7:30 o'clock, in the L. O. F. hall. You are invited to come and hear this speaker. Bring your friends.—Committee.

LAST CHANCE FOR FEED LOANS IN CENTRE, MAY 9

Colonel Louis E. Sjaucker, State Supervisor of the Emergency Crop Loan Office, will be in Bellefonte at the Post Office on Tuesday, May 9, at 1:00 p. m. for the purpose of accepting applications for seed and feed loans.

This will be the last meeting in this county for accepting applications for 1939 spring loans so any farmers wishing to apply should be certain to be at the post office at the time given.

AMERICA DEFINITELY AGAINST WAR, P. M. G. FARLEY SAYS

Postmaster General James A. Farley said on Sunday that "the people of this country, the legislators, and the administration from top to bottom definitely do not want war."

"Were there ever any doubt, either here or abroad, as to our national attitude, it must have been dispelled a week ago on publication of the plea for peace sent by our President to the heads of the dictatorships," Farley added.

Farley lauded the President's peace plea in a talk to 4,000 post office employes at their annual communion breakfast.

"That paper, no matter what the results, will go down in history in the select company of those great documents which live through the centuries because of the substance of their contents," the postmaster general said.

"Should war come, the blame will not be ours," he continued. "Should be prevented our actions will receive well deserved acclaim. One thing is certain: the people of America can well be proud of the efforts for peace and universal in their support of the policies being followed to insure its continuance, being made by the far-seeing world leader, Franklin D. Roosevelt."

Peter Keichline, one of Bellefonte's elderly citizens, cut his head in a fall the latter part of last week. He is 88.

BOY SCOUT ITEMS.

Five Scouts of the local Troop were advanced from Tenderfoot rank to the rank of Second Class Scouts. James Myers of the Centre Hall-Potter high school was chairman of the committee which conducted the Board of Review and Court of Honor. The five Scouts honored were Glenn Ishler, Kenneth Runkle, George Smith, Jr., Bruce Moyer and George Michael.

April 30 is the date on which the charter of Troop 29 expires. All Scouts who have made an effort to meet their dues from time to time, and have made it known definitely that they wish to re-register, will have their names placed on the roster when the application for a new charter is made.

Tuesday evening of this week nine Scouts of the local Troop, with the Scoutmaster, hiked to Big Rock above Pleasant Gap. They went prepared to cook their supper and built fires with this in view. The fires were plainly visible from Pleasant Gap and some of the citizens were alarmed, thinking it was a mountain fire. The Pleasant Gap fire warden, Mr. Lutz, with six or seven assistants soon arrived on the scene prepared to quench the flames. Finding the fires well watched, with due precautions taken, the excitement subsided. However, the warden remained until the Scouts had finished their meal, and then helped in putting out the fires before the spot was deserted. The next time the Scouts will try to choose a place for a supper camp which will not cause any unnecessary alarm.

PAUL FETTEROLF NAMED MANAGER OF B. B. CLUB

At a meeting of the Centre Hall baseball club on Tuesday evening, Paul Fetterolf was named manager. To this position Wilbur Stover had been previously re-elected, but refused to accept the position. Another bit of business transacted by the club was to enter the National Semi-Pro Baseball Congress. The playoff will take place in July, in Sunbury.

NEW PASTOR INSTALLED AT HOWARD ON TUESDAY

The Rev. John E. Gulick, formerly of Scranton, was installed as pastor of the Nittany Valley charge of the Evangelical and Reformed church at a ceremony held in the Howard church on Tuesday at 7:29 o'clock. The installation services were conducted by the Rev. H. G. Snyder of Middleburg, and Dr. Henry M. Strub of Williamsport, representing the Central Penna. Synod of the Evangelical and Reformed church. A reception was tendered the Rev. and Mrs. Gulick at the close of the installation ceremony. The charge composed of the churches of Howard, Mt. Bethel, Salona and Jacksonville, was served by the Rev. George R. Johnson until several months ago, when he resigned to accept a call in the eastern part of the state.

HIGH SCHOOL PRESS CONFERENCE THIS WEEK

The Roosevelt Junior high school in Altoona will entertain the B. C. S. P. A. spring convention on Friday, April 28, and the annual State High School Press Conference will be held at State College on Saturday, April 29th.

Miss Taylor, faculty adviser of "The Tiger," and the following members of the junior and senior Tiger staffs will attend the conference: Altoona—Russell Reish, Joar Ross, Iona Barber, Bill Kerlin, Jane Spyster, Lois Arney, and Freda Smith; State College—Harold Bradford, Sean Ross, Bill Kerlin, Jane Spyster, Robert Faust, Dean Bradford, Edgar Harter and Dean Smith.

APPOINTMENTS ANNOUNCED FROM THE STATE CAPITOL

The Department of Forests and Waters at Harrisburg announced the appointment of Paul E. Brown of Ferguson township as a forest ranger at a salary of \$1,140.

Leonard G. Barnes, Potter county, appointed district forester at \$2,400. Barnes is a former resident of Centre Hall and had his first forestry experience on Nittany mountain. He is a son of the late Thornton Barnes of Philadelphia, a clothing merchant. The forester was named for the late Hon. Leonard Rhoads.

Wesley W. Bicketts of Bellefonte succeeds Homer Barnes as county health officer.

ABATING THE BILLBOARD NUISANCE BY LEGISLATION

House Bill No. 995 is aimed at reducing and regulating billboards along the public highway. Briefly the bill contains these features:

No advertising billboards allowed within 50 feet of public highways.

Billboards exceeding 8 feet in length and 4 feet high allowed from 50 to 100 feet of public highways (no restriction as to the number of signs).

Billboards not exceeding 25 feet in length and 12 feet high allowed from 100 to 200 feet of public highways (no restriction as to number of signs).

No advertising billboards allowed within a distance of 500 feet of an intersection of a highway with another highway or with a railroad crossing.

Cities, towns and incorporated villages are exempt and retain their local regulations.

Present owners of billboards and signs are given two years to comply with the new rules.

For safer driving and protection to the natural scenery of Pennsylvania.

HOWARD, R. D., MAN KILLED IN CRASH OF MOTORCYCLE

A speeding motorcycle out of control and on a rough stretch of road at an "S" curve leading to a bridge combined to cause fatal injury Saturday to the driver, George Thomas Falls, 24, of Howard, R. D.

Coroner W. R. Heaton, Phillipsburg, attributed death to a crushed skull received when the victim was hurled against a steel upright of the bridge.

Death occurred at the Lock Haven hospital, a half hour after the accident.

Fishermen at the Bald Eagle Creek bridge near the Eagleville station in Liberty township, said the cyclist crashed with such force that he would have been hurled into the creek had not his high top boots become caught in his motor.

Mr. Falls resided with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Falls, on the Batschelet farm between Blanchard and Howard. He was born at Monument and had been employed at the Harrison-Walker Refractories Company at Monument.

Surviving besides his parents are seven brothers, James, Beech Creek; and Ralph, Samuel, John, Joseph, Clair and Richard, at home. Funeral services were held at Pilgrim Holiness church, Beech Creek, Tuesday afternoon.

MRS. GROVE GIVES BOOK REVIEW AT CLUB MEETING

The local Woman's Club met in the high school building Tuesday evening. The speaker for the evening was Mrs. Samuel Grove, who gave an excellent book review on "Teaching for the Stars," by Mrs. Wain.

After the meeting the cast practiced for their play, "Fun on the Podunk Limited." The play will be given on May 5th under the direction of Alberta Krader.

GRADE PUPILS, MALE CHOIR, BAND, ON P. T. A. PROGRAM

The last meeting of the local P. T. A. for the current school year was held Monday evening in the high school auditorium and was attended by a large number of persons attracted by the organization, grade school pupils, male choir and school band, on the program. All of the numbers, whether musical or speaking, were well executed by the school pupils, while the school band, in which a number of grade pupils, did credit to their director, Prof. Graybill.

The male choir from the Lutheran church opened the program with several selections, followed by Scripture reading by Rev. L. A. Wagner.

No offering was lifted, but an opportunity was given to contribute to the newly organized 25-piece band, resulting in nearly \$15.00 reaching the treasury.

The decline in the proportion of children in Pennsylvania has been accompanied by an increase in numbers of those of middle life and older, who are now a majority of our population, whereas during our early State and National history, those under twenty-one formed a majority.

Thirty-five leading capital stock insurance companies announce a reduction in insurance rates on private passenger automobiles not in use for business purposes, except in going to and from the insured's principal place of occupation, profession or business, and is owned by an individual as distinguished from corporations or business partnerships. Private passenger cars owned by farmers and clergymen are included in the reduced rate class.

Students in the School of Agriculture at the Penna. State College will hold their 24th annual Little International Livestock Exposition this Saturday, according to Thomas N. Blumer of Transfer, show manager and president of the Block and Bredde Club, sponsor of the show.

FERTILIZER! FERTILIZER!

Fertilizer—for every farm and garden need—in large quantity; all grades, at our grain house. Place your order now, whether large or small.—BRADFORD & CO., Centre Hall, Pa.

CENTRE COUNTY HOSPITAL NOTES.

Patients in the hospital from the south side of the county for the week of April 17:

Wednesday, discharged: Mrs. R. A. Houston and infant daughter of Millheim.

Thursday, admitted: Charles Coble, Spring Mills, R. D. Discharged: Mrs. Mahlon Bressler and infant son, of Spring Mills.

There were 50 patients in the hospital at the beginning of this week.

TEACHERS' SOCIAL PROVES DELIGHTFUL EVENT

The public school teachers of Centre Hall borough and Potter township entertained the school directors of the two districts, their wives, and a few friends in the high school building on Friday night. The few "friends" were affluant and near-affluant (from all appearances) of several of the lady teachers, and events of the evening brought to their attention that all present were well aware of the proximity of the happy events.

Square dancing occupied a portion of the time, music being furnished by Paul Horner of Pleasant Gap and the Tate brothers of Zion.

An entertainment feature providing hearty laughs for the onlookers was staged by the inimitable James Myers of the high school faculty, with the highly efficient collaboration of Russell Bohm of the grade schools. Both gents exhibited highly developed (!) occult powers, and with the aid of the spiritisms of the nether world had their audience flabbergasted with the cunning with which they could read the questions presented and devise answers.

Spirits and interpreters sometimes got their signals crossed, resulting in surprising answers, but this did not deter the "mediums," who made up in appearance for what they lacked in their technique.

All enjoyed an abundance of delicious refreshments.

GAS RANGE EXPLODES IN COLDIRON CAFE

The explosion of a gas range in the Coldiron Cafe, on Wednesday evening of last week, created havoc. The oven door was hurled through the small kitchen, sailing close by one of the helpers. Window lights were broken by the force of the explosion, and vegetables in preparation for an evening meal scattered. Although there was a flash of fire, nothing was ignited and none of the several employes was injured.

A new and modern gas range will be installed within ten days to take the place of the one now temporarily in use.

STRAY BULLET CRASHES WINDOW IN KERLIN OFFICE

Between 11:00 and 12:00 o'clock on Saturday morning employes at the Kerlin Poultry Farm office and warehouse were startled by a sharp report of a rifle. Especially alarmed became Cheser Wagner, when instantly after the report from the fire-arm a window in the office where he was working was shattered, the bullet entering about eighteen inches above his head. Wagner was standing with his back to a south window and naturally he quickly turned to scan the surroundings, but there was no clue to the direction from which the bullet came.

A number of persons were interviewed, but while all had heard the report of the gun, no one could give any information as to the point from which it came. It is agreed the bullet did come from a rifle, and not from an air gun or a .22. This conclusion was reached from the sharp report of the shot and the character of the opening made in the window light.

While Chester is not a bit jittery, the sound that missile made will not soon be forgotten.

SENIOR PLAY, MAY 11

"The House of Strangeness," a 3-act mystery play, will be presented by the senior class of the Centre Hall-Potter high school on Thursday evening, May 11th, at 8 o'clock, in the high school auditorium. Admission: adults, 50c; children, 25 cents.

WINNING DEFINITION OF "AMERICANISM"

A Youngstown, Ohio, business man won a \$100 cash prize offered by the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks for the best definition of "Americanism." His answer to the question was this:

"Americanism is an abiding faith in the correctness and justice of the principles contained in the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution of the United States, and the Bill of Rights.

"Americanism is a way of life, based on this abiding faith. It is a willingness to live in peace and harmony with our fellowman, regardless of political or religious faith.

"Americanism is a willingness to apply the principles of free speech, free press, and freedom to worship God to our fellowmen, even when their ideas and speech and methods of worship are opposed to our own.

"Americanism is a willingness to live for the principles of America in peace times, as well as a willingness to die for American principles in war times.

"Americanism brings to each American liberty under law, and a regard for law which means liberty and happiness for each of us."

Assuming you have carefully read this answer, can you qualify?"

Play by Woman's Club

The Woman's Club will give a play on Friday evening, May 5th, in the high school auditorium, entitled, "Fun on the Podunk Limited."

AFTER-EASTER SHOE SALE

of Women's Shoes in blue, black, and tan—\$6.50 reduced to \$4.95 a pair, and \$4 & \$5 sizes reduced to \$2.95 pair. All broken sizes.

TOM JOHNSON SHOE STORE
Lewisburg, Pa.

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS

A new sign, electrically lighted, at the Coldiron restaurant, calls attention to the serving of KaVee ice-cream.

Mrs. Adella F. Spangler, widow of N. B. Spangler, Esq., deceased, of Bellefonte, was a visitor in town on Monday.

The building boom at Pleasant Gap is continuing, concrete evidence being the present excavations for six houses on Markle road, which joins Bilger Row with State street.

Harry A. Wagner, who suffered a leg injury when hit by a falling tree near his home at Oak Hall Station, continues to be a patient in the Centre County hospital.

The directors of the Farmers Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Centre county recently elected Blaine Fletcher of Howard a director in the company. He takes the place of the late J. Will Mayes.

Lincoln Musser, a resident of Miami Fla., is in Centre county for the first time in several years. The illness of a brother, Christ Musser, at State College, is responsible for the trip north at this time.

John H. Puff, the right hand man of the borough council, confined to his home from sickness for several weeks, was on the street the latter part of last week, but was unable to perform "official" duties.

The Garrett, engaged in general repair and construction work at Rebersburg, did considerable repair work on the house and barn on the Henshall farm, west of Old Fort. The farm is now tenanted by Mr. Ralston.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Foss and daughter of Pleasant Gap, Mrs. Frank McClellan and two children of State College, and Mrs. Susan Emery of Centre Hall visited with Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Finkel and daughter Dorothy Ann, in Millburg, on Sunday.

If a measure passed by the house gets the approval of the senate, compulsory school attendance age will be reduced from eighteen to sixteen years. The bill is a measure introduced by Representative D. Raymond Solenberger, a Blair county Republican.

Robert Neff is contemplating landscaping a large lawn lying between his farm residence and the State Highway 22, near Tusseyville. The site offers great opportunities for a landscape architect because of its natural topography. The home is one formerly owned by C. S. Stoner.

Those who attended the dinner at the Nittany Lion Inn and heard Dr. Carroll D. Champlin's talk on Russia, will find excerpts of the address in this issue of the Reporter. The Doctor's talk was of such importance that we urge every reader of this issue to carefully study the views presented. The address was devoid of politics.

Miss Jean Cabel, older daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Cable, of Millheim, who had been ill at her home over a week, was taken to the Lewis-town Hospital where she underwent surgical treatment. The young lady an eighth grade pupil in the Millheim schools, was in rather serious condition for several days, having an abscessed appendix, but responded satisfactorily to treatment. Later, however, she expects to submit to an appendectomy.

Ralph D. Cooksey, 32, was arrested in Bellefonte for misrepresenting himself as a government employe and offering for sale a correspondence course which if studied would fit the person for successfully passing a civil service examination and later secure an appointment under the federal government. He was arrested while in the post office where he made request for a package. The correspondence course was offered for \$50.00. Sales were made in several Centre county towns.

A Sunbury paper in making reference to the sale of the stone mill at Mt. Pleasant, Snyder county, said to be the oldest industrial plant in Central Pennsylvania, built about 1800, by Charles F. Snyder, Esq., of Sunbury, and an associate, Russell L. Hoover of Paxinos, delves a bit into local history. The paper further states that Mr. Snyder's grandfather, Adam Fisher, went from Berks to Centre county in 1842 and purchased a small mill at Farmers Mills, along Penns Creek. The mill was enlarged and in its day was modernly equipped. Later the mill became the property of the late Major J. B. Fisher, who was among the first mill owners to introduce the roller process of flour making. The mill today is nothing more than a dilapidated building with a glorious history.

In its effort to display the three types of railroad coaches—the ancient, the medieval and the modern—at the World's Fair, New York, the management was obliged to come to Belleville for its material, to complete a coach of the ancient type. At Belleville the Kissaquippas Valley Railroad Company has on hand the parts needed, these were seats, locks on car doors, hand holds, toilet fixtures, brake valves, and a few other features considered streamlined when the K. V. R. R. was equipped with rolling stock in 1882. The parts were sent to the Altoona P. R. R. shops where they will be fitted into a coach of the period named.

Austin Long, one of Spring Mills' general merchants, was in Centre Hall on Thursday of last week on business and favored the Reporter with his presence.