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TOWNSEND BILL KILLED, 302-97, IN HOUSE VOTE

The House on Thursday battered down an attempt to write into law Dr. Francis E. Townsend's plan to pay persons over 60 monthly pensions ranging up to \$200, thus shifting the battleground on the controversial issue to the 1940 elections.

The vote, first in Congressional history, on outright passage of the plan, was 302 to 97. Forty Democrats, 55 Republicans, one Farmer-Laborite and one Progressive voted for the bill, which was sponsored by Representative Joe Hendricks (D., Fla.). Democrats voting against it totaled 194, and were joined by 107 Republicans and the lone American Labor party representative.

A roll call vote on the measure was maneuvered by the Administration leaders who frankly admitted that they wanted to force members who "flirted" with the scheme to record their views concerning it. They contended that a sizeable bloc of Republicans won election in 1938 by espousing the plan without having the slightest intention of voting for it.

Defeat of the plan, which President Roosevelt called "a short cut to Utopia," clears the way for passage of amendments liberalizing existing provisions of the social security act. They provide, among other things, that payment of security pensions will begin next year, instead of 1942.

The Ways and Means Committee adopted an amendment further liberalizing the program by providing for a 50 percent grant to states for dependent children. It would replace the present rate of 33 percent, and would cost the Government an estimated \$25,000,000 additional per year.

Although the Townsend plan suffered a crushing defeat, Congressional leaders said it is certain to be one of the hottest political issues in '40 when the entire House and one-third of the Senate is elected.

Hendricks' bill proposed to finance pension payments by levying a tax of one-half of 1 percent on the gross revenues of producers, manufacturers, wholesalers and jobbers. All other businesses, trades, occupations or callings would pay 2 percent of the gross value, gross proceeds of sales, or gross revenue thereof.

The roll call tally was preceded by four hours of tumultuous debate during which opponents charged that the plan would tear apart the economic fabric of the United States and penalize nine persons out of 10 to benefit the tenth.

A final effort to recommit the bill to committee, which would have prevented a roll call vote, was defeated after Hendricks read a letter from Townsend warning that a vote for recommitment was a vote for recommitment against the plan.

The motion to recommit, made by Rep. Allen Treadway (R., Mass.) ranking minority member of the Ways and Means Committee, who asked that the measure be sent back to his group with instructions to report a bill that is "Constitutional" and "provides a just and equitable pension on a pay-as-you-go basis."

During the debate, Townsend was denounced as a "crackpot," a "two-timing demagogue," a "faker," and a "racketeer."

Representative John McCormack (D., Mass.) told the House that if it were "voting by secret ballot this bill would probably not get one vote." He called the proposed transactions levy "the most vicious super-sales tax ever proposed in the Congress of the United States of America."

Pennsylvania Congressmen, both Democrats and Republicans, voted overwhelmingly against the Townsend old-age pension bill as it was decisively rejected by a House roll-call of 302 to 97.

Only one Democrat, Francis J. Myers of Philadelphia and four Republicans voted for the bill, with 12 Democrats and 15 Republicans voting against.

Representative Matthew Dunn, of Pittsburgh, Democrat, voted "present" against the bill.

The complete Pennsylvania vote was as follows:
Explaining his apparently non-committal vote of "present" Dunn declared he "wanted to go on record as opposed to the Townsend bill in particular, but not against adequate pension legislation in general."

Democrats for—1
Republicans for—4
McDowell
VanZandt
Democrats Against—12
McArdle
McGranery
Moser
Sacks
Snyder
Walter
Republicans Against—15
Jarrett
Rich
Rodgers
Rutherford
Simpson
Thibault
Woffenden

Pennsylvania's state flower, the Mountain Laurel, will be commemorated with three festivals in different parts of the State—Saturday, June 17, in the Poconos; June 17, 18 and 19, in Pennsylvania's "Grand Canyon," and June 24 and 25 in Cook State Forest, Jefferson county.

Within the recent past assurances have been given that the Moshannon Airport project will be completed, sponsorship funds having been provided.

LUTHERAN CHILDREN GIVE PROGRAM SUNDAY EVENING

The Children's service in the Lutheran church on Sunday evening was the most largely attended of any of its kind held by that denomination in a series of years. The attendance was not only large, but the number of participants in the program numbered not less than one hundred. Not an adult made an announcement or took any part in the opening or closing; the choir, made up of about twenty-five, were white robes and but a few were over ten years old, while the accompanist was also from the junior school and occupied that position for the first time. Singing was a leading feature on the program.

The program was worked out by superintendents of various divisions in the Junior school and directed by them, but were not conspicuous in doing so.

The Junior school has an enrollment of approximately 130.

FIFTY-FOOT STICK CUT FROM VIRGIN WHITE PINE

A white pine tree was cut on the Ripka timber tract, Thomas A. Davis operator, near Potters Mills, from which was cut a stick 10x12 inches and fifty feet in length. A second cut at the top was also sawed into merchantable lumber. While this was an unusual tree for this period, it would have been very common when virgin pine tracts were cut into lumber at about the time shipping facilities opened up in Penn's Valley more than fifty years ago.

The tree was cut well up the mountain side, "snaked" to a convenient point and loaded on a truck operated by Jack Tate to be conveyed to the mill station. Here, instead of sawing the long stick was hewn, and this part of the work was done by Mr. Davis, who is an adept at "blocking" and using the broad axe. The stick was not sawed for the reason that the thick growth of trees close to the mill would have greatly interfered in handling it.

The girder will be used in remodeling a barn partially destroyed by a recent storm on the Charles Homan farm west of State College.

W. D. Shoop, of town, is timekeeper and general handy man at the mill at which a number of other men are employed.

TO THE WORLD'S FAIR

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Dutrow left their farm home east of town on Sunday morning on a motor trip to New York City and the World's Fair. They will visit with relatives of Mrs. Dutrow in the Metropolitan city, and will attend the fair and see the sights in the city from their home.

Another motor to carry Centre Hall residents to the World's Fair is that of A. H. Spayd's, with Roy Dutrow as operator. They will be accompanied by Mrs. Spayd and her daughter, Mrs. Roy Dutrow, and grandson, Albert Dutrow. They will leave here on Monday, with no particular time set for returning. The same group traveled to Chicago by motor in 1933 to see the sights at the great fair in the Windy City.

COUNTY S. S. CONVENTION MEETS FRIDAY AT MILLHEIM

The annual Centre County Sunday School Convention will be held in St. Luke's Evangelical church of Millheim, on Friday, June 9, the theme being "The Church School, a Vital Factor in Community Life."

The convention will be divided into three sessions. Dr. J. W. Clardy, superintendent of Rockview Pentecostal, will speak in the afternoon and again in the evening.

BARTGES BAND SCHEDULE

Friday, June 9—Bellefonte, at American Legion carnival.
Saturday, June 10—Reunion, Woodward Cave.
Saturday, June 10—Bartges Reunion, Grange Park.
Saturday, June 10—Pleasant Gap, at Grange festival.
Sunday, June 11—Rolling Green Park; concert.
Wednesday, June 14—Bellefonte-Millheim Legion Post Parade.
Friday, June 16—Firemen's Carnival at Howard.
Saturday, June 17—Williamsport; parade.
Saturday, June 17—Woodward Cemetery Assoc. festival.
Monday, June 19—Mifflinburg; parade.
Friday, June 23—Lock Haven; parade.
Friday, June 23—Lock Haven, carnival.
Saturday, June 24—Madisonburg, festival.

DR. ACKLEY SUPPLANTS SUPT. OF INSTRUCTION ADE

Dr. Charles E. Ackley, deputy superintendent of public instruction of the State of Pennsylvania, was appointed acting superintendent of the department one day last week.

Dr. Ackley replaces Dr. Lester J. Ade, of Lycoming county, head of the department, whose term expired.

Dr. Ade served as superintendent of the department for four years. He was a hold-over from the Democratic Earle administration but a constitutional provision extends the term of that official until May. Most other high appointive officials give up their jobs when a new administration takes office.

Dr. Ackley is a resident of Pittsburgh.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Paul Brown at their home in the Red Mill district.

Will Play at Senior Reception Dance, June 9

The senior class graduated in Centre Hall-Potter high school, will be welcomed to the ranks of the school's alumni association by a dance to be given Friday evening in the high school building. The various chairmen are noted: General chairman, Donald Coldron; receiving, Robert Bradford; welcome, Sarah Bradford; ticket sales, Miriam Mitterling; refreshments, Mrs. George Sweeney; invitation and publicity, Eugene Burkholder. The general chairman will supervise decorations.

The Casey Rhythm-Aires, supported by two electric guitars, of Lewis-town, will furnish the music for the round and square dancing, which will begin at 9:00 o'clock for a four-hour period.

The floor will be open to members of the association and invited guests.

26 GATHERINGS ON GRANGE PARK IN JUNE, JULY, AUG.

Up to Monday, A. H. Spayd, ground superintendent of Grange Park, dated twenty-six family reunions and picnics for the months of June, July and August. On a number of dates two gatherings will be held, each assigned to separate buildings and sections of the park. A list of reunions and picnics with date and park assignments follows:

- June 10—Homan reunion, boarding house; Bartges reunion, in Junior Farmer building.
- June 17—Grove reunion, boarding house; Stover reunion, Junior Farmer building.
- June 18—Meyer reunion, boarding house.
- June 21—Kiwanis picnic, entire park.
- July 3—John Dale descendants, boarding house.
- July 4—Albright reunion, boarding house; Wieland reunion, Junior Farmer building.
- July 5—Knarr reunion, Junior Farmer building; Glasgow reunion, boarding house.
- July 15—Hoeserville G. S., boarding house.
- July 16—Frohm reunion, boarding house.
- July 23—Woomer reunion, boarding house.
- July 22—Dugan and Beck reunion, Junior Farmer building.
- July 26—Decker reunion, J. F. Bldg.
- July 29—Hornor reunion, boarding house.
- July 30—Stump reunion, Junior Farmer building; Markle reunion, boarding house.
- August 5—Brungard reunion, boarding house.
- August 6—Wise reunion, Junior Farmer building; Jodon reunion, in boarding house.
- August 12—Leathers Reunion, J. F. building; Bobb reunion, boarding house.
- August 13—Hettinger reunion, boarding house.
- August 19—Poorman reunion, J. F. building.

JOHN W. FORSTER HONORED GUEST AT BUCKNELL U.

John W. Forster, Aaronburg, who was a member of the class which graduated from Bucknell University fifty years ago, has been invited to return to the campus for this weekend of June 9 to 12 as a guest of honor at the university's 89th annual commencement exercises.

Mr. Forster is among twelve surviving members of the class of 1889 who have been invited by President Arnold C. Marts to sit on the speaker's platform during the graduation ceremonies.

Another graduate to participate in the ceremonies is Mrs. George S. Matlack of Lewisburg, who graduated in 1862.

CLASS OF '89 REUNION

A "golden" anniversary reunion will bring back to the Penn State Campus eight of the 14 graduates in the class of 1889 at that college. Among those expected to return for the reunion are Miss Elizabeth Meek and James Dorsey Hunter of Bellefonte. Miss Meek is a sister of Postmaster George R. Meek and Miss Mary Meek of Bellefonte. Mr. Hunter is the proprietor of Hunter's Book Store. Members of the class will be guests of the college at a dinner June 9 and at the alumni luncheon, June 10. The baccalaureate service for this year's class, June 11, has been dedicated to the 59-year graduates.

BUDGET NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the proposed budgets for the Centre Hall Borough School District, and for the Centre Hall-Potter District, are in the hands of the secretary, B. K. Keller, Centre Hall, and anyone interested in the same may view them at the residence of the above named secretary. By order of the School Boards.

BUDGET NOTICE

The proposed budget for the School District of Potter Township has been prepared and may be seen by anyone interested at the home of J. W. Deane, or at the home of G. H. McCormick, both in Potter township. By order of the Potter Township School Board.

YOUNG MINISTER ELECTED PASTOR YEAGERTOWN CHURCH

Rev. Robert S. Sassaman of Williamsport was elected pastor of the Yeagertown and Alfarata Lutheran congregations. The young pastor, who was graduated from Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg four weeks ago with a bachelor of divinity degree, is the son of the Rev. I. S. Sassaman, pastor of St. Matthew's, Lutheran church, and Mrs. Sassaman, Williamsport.

The Rev. Mr. Sassaman's fiancée, Miss Frances E. Stein, Lock Haven, will be graduated from Gettysburg College this month with the bachelor of arts degree and the couple plan to be married in the near future. Miss Stein is the daughter of the Rev. Dr. and Mrs. C. H. Stein, Lock Haven.

MARTINS MOVE IN

After a wait of many years, P. M. Fisher finally has tenants for his main house. Two pairs of the birds took possession of two apartments in the rooming house and appear to be contented.

P. P. Geary, who erected a palace for martins this spring, also was favored by welcomed tenants last week. The martins are sticklers when it comes to leasing. Everything about the home must be exactly to their liking, but once they select a home it is inhabited each year without fail. They come, as a rule, on a certain day, and leave without notice in autumn.

4,000-BU. LIME STACK

A four-thousand-bushel lime stack is being put up on the Rev. E. Roy Cornish farm, the former Rhone farm, near Centre Hall. The stack will have a diameter of thirty-two feet and a height of fourteen feet. It is estimated thirty tons of coal and a great quantity of wood will be used to convert the limestone into lime. Warren Stover of Millheim, a man of large experience in building lime-stack, will superintend the construction of the immense stack.

The Agricultural Conservation Program being carried on by the Federal Government has done much to induce farmers to apply lime and superphosphate, two much needed elements to be added to the average soil to obtain maximum crop production.

AMERICAN LEGION DISTRICT CONVENTION AT BELLEFONTE

Plans have been completed by the Brooks-Doll Post No. 33 American Legion for the reception of the veterans, firemen and auxiliaries coming to Bellefonte for the 23rd District convention and Flag Day celebration to be held on Wednesday, June 14.

With thousands of veterans, firemen, auxiliaries, bands, drum and bugle corps, fraternal orders, industrial and commercial floats, Bellefonte's Boy and Girl Scouts, civic bodies and dignitaries, spectators are assured a patriotic spectacle of magnificent splendor. It is estimated that not less than 10,000 will be present to witness this mammoth Flag Day event.

Speakers who will make addresses are Judge Theodore M. Rosen and Frank Gwynn, State Commander of the American Legion. Judges will be K. R. Dever, Nazareth; Don M. Kimmel, Berlin, and J. Floyd Kuhns of Greensburg.

Prizes totalling \$500 will be awarded to organizations.

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SCHOOL BOYS NARROWLY ESCAPE DROWNING IN DAM AT 62 CCC CAMP SITE

Three boys, one a freshman and two members of the sophomore class in Centre Hall-Potter high school, came near meeting a watery grave on Wednesday afternoon of last week. The drowning was averted by class members who were more skilled in swimming.

The youths overcome were John Knarr, the freshman, and James Rimmer and Robert Rimmer, cousins, sophomores.

The Rimmer boys were in a row boat, which upset. Knarr went to their aid, but was unable to keep them above water and finally was in imminent danger of going down with them.

Paul Smith and Donald McCormick, sensing the predicament of the trio, went to the rescue and were successful in getting them to shore.

The sophomore class was picnicking at the site of the former CCC Camp #2, and were boating and swimming, sport planned for the afternoon, when the accident that terminated without dire consequences happened.

"GAP" DUMPS LOCALS OUT OF FIRST PLACE POSITION

Last Thursday evening, at Pleasant Gap, the baseball teams of Centre Hall and Pleasant Gap met to break the tie in the league standing. Both had won 3 games and lost none. The game went to the Gap by a 1-0 score. Centre Hall had 6 hits off E. Spicher, while the Gap had a like number off Durst and P. Martz.

The game kept Pleasant Gap occupying the top rung in the league race and forced Centre Hall into second position.

Spring Mills 5; Centre Hall, 2

The effective pitching of Bill Snyder for Spring Mills was too much for Centre Hall, Saturday, on the local field, and the home team was forced into third position in the league race. Spring Mills going into second position. Snyder allowed only 5 hits, while George Martz was found for 12. All five of Spring Mills' runs came in the second inning.

lastly Democratic newspaper. "The In a postponed game Tuesday evening, on the home grounds, Centre Hall defeated Lemont 1 to 0 in an extra-inning game. For seven frames the score stood 0-0, requiring an extra inning, in which Centre Hall filled the bases on base hits coupled with wild pitches, and then scored the winning tally.

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TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS

The Snively reunion will be held at Woodward Cave on Saturday of this week.

County Commissioner A. L. Bowersox was a visitor in Centre Hall on Friday.

Mrs. C. R. Neff and daughter, Mrs. E. W. Miller, attended the funeral of Mrs. Musser, widow of William S. Musser, in Millheim.

A daughter, named Betty Marie, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Randall Hosterman at their home in Coburn. The young lady has four brothers.

F. E. Wieland is back to Linden Hall where he will remain for the summer. He spent the winter with his daughters, Mrs. Warren Jarchow, at Ridley Park and Mrs. Brouse, at Norristown.

On completion of the WPA project in Centre Hall the workmen, according to information received by them, will be split into two sections—one going to State College and the other to Blue Ball, both road projects.

Mrs. Kenneth Johnson and Mrs. Robert C. Heckman of Spring Mills, on returning from Bellefonte by motor stopped with the Reporter for a brief time on Thursday. Both ladies are appreciative readers of the Reporter.

The annual convention of justices of the peace and constables of Centre county will be held at the Penn Belle hotel, Bellefonte, today (Thursday). Federal Judge Albert W. Johnson of Lewisburg will be guest of honor and chief speaker.

Farmer Earl Frazier sold a fat Holstein bull recently to a shipper for \$108.99. The animal weighed 1690 pounds. That's a real nice lot of pin money, even for a farmer, many of whom think they are not getting enough for their products.

Rev. and Mrs. J. N. Weaver and son Jackie, of Lindsville, and Rev. J. J. Weaver of Millheim spent the weekend at the Lutheran parsonage in Oerterburg, with Rev. and Mrs. C. C. Frazier. Rev. J. J. Weaver expects to make an indefinite stay with his daughter, Mrs. Frazier.

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Espenshade of Millheim returned to Philadelphia, being called there due to an accident that had befallen a brother, Russell Espenshade, in the Quaker City. The unfortunate man, working on a ladder, fell from a considerable height and broke a leg near the hip.

David I. Graybill, a member of the faculty in the local high school, will be employed with his father during the summer, a contractor and builder, and will be located at Paxtonville. Mrs. Graybill, a registered nurse, will begin services in her profession in the Centre County hospital in the near future.

Carpenters E. K. Greeninger and P. V. O. Housman are remodeling some parts of the former Kessler store building in Millheim for the occupancy of J. L. Watson, who intends to open a five-and-ten, or a 25-cent-a-dollar store on or about July 1. Mr. Watson has already moved to Millheim from Utica, N. Y.

Russell W. Bohn, local 7th and 8th grade teacher, following the close of his school term, went to Camp Susquehanna, in Susquehanna county, where he will again take up work in youth guidance at that well-known camp. For the past five or six years Mr. Bohn has been spending the summer months at the camp.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Bradford and daughter Joyce, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Booser, Patty and David Booser left by automobile last Thursday for the New York World's Fair. The ladies and children will remain for a visit with Mr. and Mrs. Sylvester Gutelius at E. Orange, N. J. Mr. Bradford and Mr. Booser returned home on Sunday.

The senior class of Miles Township high school and East Penns Valley high school, thirty-nine students in all, departed via bus last Thursday morning for the customary trip to Washington, D. C. They were gone three days, viewing meanwhile the various points of interest in the Nations Capital and enjoying the various diversions provided.

The Rev. Edgar R. Heckman, superintendent of the Methodist Home for the Aged, in Tyrone, and well known in Centre Hall where he spent his boyhood days, was recently appointed first associate-secretary in the unification of Methodist churches in America and spent last week at Nashville, Tenn., assisting in the work on the journal and discipline for the new unification.

Roy Gentsel met with an unusual accident while harrowing in the R. W. Hierly field near the school building at Rebersburg. A tooth on the spring harrow struck a stone and was thrown in mid-air, striking Roy on the center of the forehead. The blow left the victim in an unconscious state until found by some school boys approximately 20 minutes later. Fortunately no serious injuries resulted.

That pretty little acre or two ridge on Grange Park, studded with hundreds of pine trees, has been opened to light, following a pruning of the trees during the past few weeks. Set to trees a few years ago, they were permitted to grow undisturbed so that they soon presented a solid mass. Now they show up nicely, in even rows, with daylight discernible throughout the plot. What an improvement!