



NEW WPA WAGE SCALE— CENTRE IN LOWER BRACKET

Works project administration officials are putting the finishing touches to the monthly earnings schedule for Pennsylvania project workers slated to become effective tomorrow.

The new wage rate which includes wage slashes up to \$10, was revised to conform with the 1939 emergency relief act, said Col. Philip Matthews, State WPA Administrator.

The revised plan divides the State into four wage groups with a monthly earnings schedule established for the five general employment classifications on a basis of county or area population figures in the 1930 census.

Aside from the division of unskilled labor into two groups—A and B—the established general classifications, unskilled, intermediate, skilled professional and technical, remain the same.

Colonel Matthews declared that project workers' wages shall not vary in different sections in an amount greater than is justified by the cost of living.

New wage schedules, according to population figures, are as follows: 1-100,000 or over—Unskilled B, \$52; unskilled A, \$57.20; intermediate, \$69.90; skilled \$89.70; professional and technical, \$94.90.

This group includes Allegheny, Berks, Erie, Lackawanna, and Philadelphia, and the metropolitan districts of Beaver, Bucks, Chester, Delaware, Fayette, Green, Luzerne, Montgomery, Susquehanna, Washington, Westmoreland, and Wyoming counties.

2-25,000 to 100,000—Unskilled B, \$38.10; unskilled A, \$52; intermediate \$62.40; skilled, \$81.90; professional and technical, \$84.20.

This group includes Blair, Cambria, Dauphin, Lancaster, Lawrence, Lebanon, Lehigh, Lycoming, Mercer, Northampton and York counties, and the other than metropolitan districts of Beaver, Delaware, Luzerne and Montgomery counties.

3-5000 to 25,000—Unskilled B, \$42.90; unskilled A, \$48.10; intermediate, \$57.20; skilled, \$74.10; professional and technical, \$78.70.

This group includes Bedford, Cameron, Centre, Clarion, Forest, Fulton, Juniata, Perry, Pike, Potter, Snyder, Sullivan, Tioga and Union counties, and the other than metropolitan districts of Greene and Wyoming counties.

4-5000 or under—Unskilled B, \$39; unskilled A, \$42.90; intermediate, \$52; skilled, \$67.60; professional and technical, \$68.90.

This group includes Adams, Armstrong, Bradford, Butler, Carbon, Clearfield, Clinton, Columbia, Crawford, Cumberland, Elk, Franklin, Huntingdon, Indiana, Jefferson, McKean, Mifflin, Monroe, Montour, Northumberland, Schuylkill, Somerset, Venango, Warren and Wayne counties, and the other than metropolitan districts of Greene and Wyoming counties.

5-5000 or under—Unskilled B, \$39; unskilled A, \$42.90; intermediate, \$52; skilled, \$67.60; professional and technical, \$68.90.

TRIO OF YOUNG MEN FROM CENTRE HALL WRITE FROM STATE OF WASHINGTON

Mt. Vernon, Washington, August 18, 1939. The Centre Reporter: We arrived at the home of Carl Carlson here in Thursday morning, August 17. We found Mr. Carlson living in a very nice home about two miles from Mt. Vernon.

He has about 1,000 laying hens here on his small poultry farm. To date we have visited a number of points of interest, Lincoln's Tomb, in Springfield, Ill., the Bad Lands of South Dakota, the Black Hills and Mt. Rushmore in S. D., Yellowstone National Park in Wyoming, Glacier National Park in Montana, The Bad Lands were a very colorful view of rocks and wasteland.

The Black Hills have very beautiful mountain scenery of odd forms of rocks as well as acres of evergreen trees. Mt. Rushmore is the mountain of the greatest sculpture in the world. When completed it will have four faces carved on the mountainside which is solid granite rock.

The faces are those of Washington, Jefferson, Lincoln and Theodore Roosevelt. The statues are so large that it has already taken ten years to make and it will take several years yet to finish. The buttons on Washington's coat will be six feet in diameter.

Yellowstone Park is famous for its geysers, hot springs and wild animals. We saw bears, buffalo, and moose. It is a fact that the bears in Yellowstone are so plentiful that they are a nuisance to the tourists. We saw 28 bears in a group at one time.

Glacier Park has very rugged mountains and deep canyons. But we did not see much snow on the mountain peaks. We expected to see snow-capped mountain in Glacier but instead we saw snow capped Mt. Baker here in Washington.

The elevation of Mt. Baker is around 11,000 feet, and is snow-capped all the time. We drove up to the snow line which is about five or six thousand feet. The air was very hot but the air was cool and the snow melts slowly, but never melts half the snow that falls there in winter.

The snow lays in 50-foot drifts some places. Mt. Baker was the scene of a tragedy last month on July 22. Some 20 students here in Washington were climbing Mt. Baker when a big snow slide hit them, killing six of the party. Only two of the bodies were found; the other four will probably never be found in that deep snow.

"Life" magazine of the first week in August has pictures of this tragedy. We expect to leave here tomorrow morning for San Francisco and the World's Fair, and then go down to Los Angeles, Boulder Dam, Albuquerque, Mexico, and Carlsbad Caverns, and many other points of interest too numerous to mention.

We expect to take about four weeks yet, have traveled 8,000 miles so far. CHESTER A. WAGNER, WILLIAM & EUGENE WEAVER

LETTER FROM MISSOURI. Cleveland, Missouri, August 23, 1939. Centre Hall Reporter: Think my subscription expires this month. Am enclosing check for renewal for another year.

We have had a delightful Summer. Not so warm as the past four or five, neither so dry. Crops have been good so far and corn promises to be good, too. Gardens have been wonderful and fruit has been and will continue to be plentiful.

August seems more like September this year in regard to rainfall and temperature. Respectfully, MRS. MABEL SANKEY WORRELL

MEGURK WILL RACE AT ALTOONA SPEEDWAY ON LABOR DAY. Frank McGurk, popular member of AAA auto racing ranks in California, who is also a familiar figure on the Indianapolis course each year, is the latest driver to toss his hat in the ring for a chance at fame and rich purses at the Labor Day races to be held at Altoona Speedway.

THURSDAY'S PARK PROGRAM

10:00 a. m.—Finals in horseshoe pitching contest. 10:30 a. m.—Baseball, Centre Hall vs. Milroy. 11:00 a. m.—Concert by East Centre County band. 1:00 p. m.—Concert by Drum & Bugle Corps, State College. 1:30 p. m.—Parade of Grange Floats; Drum and Bugle Corps, and East Centre County band. 2:00 p. m.—Grange Day Program: Speakers—Kenzie Bagshaw, Master Pa. State Grange; Hon. John Light, Sec'y Penna. Dept. Agriculture. 2:00 p. m.—Oxen demonstration. 2:30 p. m.—Baseball, Lewistown vs. Huntingdon. 3:00 p. m.—Mushball game—Lemont girls vs. Port Mat. girls. 7:00 p. m.—Concert by East Centre County Band. 8:00 p. m.—Auditorium, Grange Players: "The Port Matilda Grange, "A Bargain Is a Bargain"; Rebersburg Grange, "Detour Ahead"; Port Matilda Chorus sings. Prizes awarded. 10:00 p. m.—Final Amateur Hour.

GRANGE FAIR WEATHER: HOT, DRY AND DUSTY. Although Grange Encampment and Fair opened officially on Wednesday afternoon instead of Saturday as heretofore, the attendance for each day has been larger than the previous day, Sunday capping the parade grounds, along the Brush Valley road leading west from Centre Hall, a short distance east of Linden Hall.

It was a grand affair, colorful, the attendance was large and drew Patrons of Husbandry from every section of the county. The addresses were devoted to extolling the merits of the Order of Patrons of Husbandry and agriculture. The first drive of importance was against the "middle-man." A parade of both sexes, members of the Order, was a feature, and was engaged in by almost every member present. The parade drew much comment, varied, of course.

Two succeeding gatherings were held at State College and Bellefonte, and then Nittany Mountain was selected for the annual gathering. It was thought at that time to be an ideal point for such a gathering. Tuesday affairs, and continued so until 1888, when the Old Port Woods, close to the Centre Hall railroad station, became the meeting place for the annual gathering for two succeeding years. It is here tents were introduced. Members of the Order and others were privileged to lease them for the two-day gatherings. Exhibits of farm machinery, etc., first became a feature.

It was in 1890 that the first gathering was held on the present site. It then was comprised of something like 27 acres, and has now expanded to about three times that area. With only a few trees on the entire plot, the ground was laid out and a large number of tents, leased from the State National Guard, set up. These were eagerly sought and were occupied for a week.

All told, today there are approximately 500 tents on the ground. Four hundreds of these are owned outright by the Grange organization and the remainder belong to private parties. Of course, all are occupied.

SMITH REUNION. The first reunion of the descendants of Henry Rosman and Mary Ann (Moyer) Smith was held at Locust Grove, Seven Mountains. There were born to this union six sons and three daughters, seven of whom were married, and all of whom are now deceased. There survive, however, a son-in-law, D. Geise Wagner of Centre Hall, and a daughter-in-law, Mrs. Annie Smith, of Spring Mills.

There were 52 descendants and guests at the reunion, namely, Mrs. Ruth Thomas, Potters Mills; Mr. and Mrs. Roy Smith son Dean and daughter Betty; Mr. and Mrs. Earl Smith, Eugene, Dick, Betty, Mary Ann, Robert, Louise, Dolores and Johanna Smith of Potters Mills; Boyd Smith and daughter Geraldine of Spring Mills; D. Geise Wagner, Mrs. Tressie McClellan, Centre Hall; Mrs. Addie Long and son Herbert of Washington, D. C.; Mrs. Edna Ishler and sons Glenn and Gene Ishler, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Miller, daughters Evelyn, Alta, and sons Lynn and Guy Miller of Centre Hall; Mr. and Mrs. H. Rosman Smith and daughters Jean and Patricia and son Martin L. of Johnstown; Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Gramley and son John T. Gramley of Millheim; Mrs. Annie E. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Guy Corman, Spring Mills; Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Alexander and daughter Elizabeth, Shirley Alexander, daughter of Elmer Alexander, of Bellefonte. Guests were: E. Driscoll Johnstown; Bertha Palmer, Potters Mills; Jennie Rockey, Mrs. Will Moyer and Junior Moyer, Edna G. Rimmer, Centre Hall; Ruth Wray, Philadelphia.

William Homan, son of Ernest Homan, was thrown from the top of the cab to the radiator of the W. H. Homan truck on Grange Park, as the operator was obliged to make a quick stop to avoid a collision. The first Mr. Homan knew of the boy's presence was when he landed astride the radiator. Not even the lad's feelings were hurt.

Miss Jennie Foreman, housekeeper for W. H. Homan in Centre Hall, has been confined to bed from complications since Friday.

By most of the people attending the Grange Encampment and Fair this year the institution is thought to have had its first gatherings on top of Nittany Mountain, which is an error. The first "Grangers' Picnic," as it was called then, was held in 1873 in Leech's woods, also known as the stamping grounds, along the Brush Valley road leading west from Centre Hall, a short distance east of Linden Hall.

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RATS FEAST ON BOOKS IN LOCAL GRADE SCHOOL

Rats exhibited a fondness for desk dictionaries which were permitted to remain in school desks in the local grammar grade during the summervacation, with the result that thirty of the books were completely stripped of their back binding together with the threads used in sewing the printed sections of the books together. No other part of the books were damaged and this proves that it was the glue used in the binding that the rodents were after.

Rats in the school building were not observed during the school term, and it is presumed they made their entrance into the building through a hole in the wall.

DONALD HOMAN BREAKS LEG FIRST DAY OF GRAPE FAIR. Donald Homan, 10, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Homan, had the misfortune to receive a double fracture of the large bone in the right leg between the knee and ankle, on the opening day of the Grange Encampment and Fair. The lad was one of a group of boys on a sliding board when the accident happened. The fractures were reduced the following day at the Centre County hospital.

BARTGES BAND SCHEDULE. Bartges' East Penns Valley Band is scheduled for concerts on Grange Park during the Fair for Wednesday and Thursday; at the Mill Hall carnival and festival, Friday, September 1, and the New Berlin Home Coming and Night Fair, Saturday, Sept. 2.

SEPTEMBER MILK PRICES. Market Administrator E. M. Harrison announces the price of September milk in this area with the usual deductions will be \$2.25 per hundred weight for Class I, and \$1.55 for Class IIA milk.

PENN STATE LANDS TAX FREE, RULES JUDGE SMITH. Judge Wallace Smith of Clearfield county, sitting in the Centre County court for Judge Ivan Walker, ruled Pennsylvania State College lands were free of taxes, and could not be assessed for taxes by College township. In 1937 College township laid a tax against the College lands, which tax the institution claimed was illegal, and was supported in its claim by Judge Smith. Costs were placed on the College township.

Judge Walker was debarred from hearing the case due to his interest in it prior to his election as Judge.

COLUMBIAN BOOMS "JACK" THOMPSON FOR JUDICIAL POST. [Editor's Note: The following Column dealing with Edw. Jackson Thompson is reprinted from the Greensburg Chronicle. It was written by columnist Senator John Dent and is reprinted here because of the great amount of interest being taken in this prominent Philadelphian.]

Senator "Jack" a Mag? We are happy to see our friend, Senator Edward Jackson Thompson, on the ticket for the Superior Court Bench.

After serving in the Senate with Jack we are able to speak authoritatively and say that Jack Thompson will be a credit to the Superior Court, that the common people will have an understanding friend on the bench that industry and mining will have an intelligent moderator to deal with; that the ideals of this Democratic nation will be fully understood and honorably administered, and finally, that a man of personal and political honesty will have been elevated to a position he deserves.

Jack Thompson comes from an old line Democratic family and has always supported his party and its ideals. Throughout his Senatorial career, Jack Thompson was found fighting for the common people, the laboring masses of our state.

How well do we remember his energetic investigation of horse-race gambling in Pennsylvania. We recall with a glow of pride his fearless attacks upon Moe Annenberg, who edits the most powerful newspaper in the State, the "Philadelphia Inquirer." Jack knew he was courting the political animosity of the powerful Sun Oil Co. and the Annenberg interests, yet he gallantly took it on the political chin to serve his people and his party.

Incidentally, the work started by Senator Thompson has resulted in the indictment of Moe Annenberg by a Federal Jury on ten counts. So we say that although Jack may have lost temporarily, the people have won. We recall his bitter attacks against the Compensation Rating Bureau for its enormous profits, made from the innocent victims of industrial accidents. His fight to cut the cost of compensation insurance by having a non-profit basis of costs cannot be forgotten by persons interested in the workman and his welfare.

We recall his fight against the large utilities and their excessive charges. We recall his intensive fight against taxes on those unable to pay. Jack Thompson's record in the Senate is one which will go down in history as a chronicle of a man's endeavors to live up to those ideals believed in and sponsored by Thomas Jefferson, Andrew Jackson and all the great liberals of American history. To Jack Thompson we say "As an orator you have few equals; as a Democrat and as an American you have none."

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS. The Relish Dairy is driving a new milk truck. Mrs. James E. Stewart of New Bloomfield is visiting for the week with her sister, Mrs. Lucy Henney. Earl Z. Campbell of Bellefonte became supervisor of rural sanitation under the State Department of Health; salary, \$1860.

Mrs. Charles Felker and daughter, Beverly, of Marion, O. and Lawrence Bender of State College were recent visitors at the Presbyterian Mans. Centre county received \$425.00 from the State Liquor license fund. Allegheny county received the largest amount, \$1,065,691, while Pittsburgh alone received \$660,075.

Dr. Francis B. Haas, president of Bloomsburg State Teachers' College since 1927, has been named State Superintendent of Public Instruction at a salary of \$12,000 a year. Miss Anne Wert completed a nine weeks summer course in Lock Haven Teachers' College and is at her home in Centre Hall. She will resume teaching in the Milesburg schools at the opening of the 1939-1940 term, in September.

John Gramley, son of Windom Gramley of Millheim who was principal of the Clymer joint district school, was elevated to the supervision of the school taking the place of a former supervisor who resigned his position. Mr. and Mrs. Thomas P. Askey on Sunday celebrated the 65th anniversary of their marriage in their home on Presque Isle street, Philadelphia. For the past fifty-three years they lived in the house built by them. Both Mr. and Mrs. Askey are in good health, taking age into account.

Mr. and Mrs. Clayburn Breen of Lock Haven were on Grange Park on Sunday. Mrs. Breen is the former Laura Mitterling and following her high school days here was employed in the Reporter office several years, prior to the introduction of the Linotype machine. A car driven by John Rines of town and one operated by R. K. Alexander of Julian, R. D., collided on the diamond in Centre Hall on Friday, as Rines was backing out of a parking position. Rines suffered a cut on the wrist. Occupants of the Alexander car were not injured. The damage to both cars is estimated at less than \$75.00.

Miss Ethel Felker of Beaver Springs and Miss Grace Wible of Centre Hall took Mrs. Charles Felker and daughter Beverly to their home in Marion, Ohio, and brought their Bessie Felker who had been visiting her son in Marion, back with them. The Felker ladies were met at Centre Hall by Fred Felker of Beaver Springs and finished their trip to Beaver Springs with him.

While there is a scarcity of water almost everywhere throughout the State, the reservoir of the borough plant is being kept filled close to the overflow. This is made possible by an apparent inexhaustible supply of water reached by a deep well. The water superintendent needs only to turn the button and the borough treasurer pay the bill; the result, water, an abundant supply.

Mrs. R. R. Finkel and daughter, Dorothy Ann, of Mifflinburg, were with the former's mother, Mrs. C. F. Emery for a few days the past week. Mr. Finkel, a lumber salesman, was here for a day. Dorothy Ann would have preferred staying for the week of Grange Fair, but school opened in Mifflinburg on Monday and she, like a good girl, wanted to be there for the opening bell. The young Miss is in the sixth grade.

In effect the local court ruled the districts petitioning to vote on the liquor question may do so on September 12, unless the State Supreme Court rules to the contrary. Passing on the validity of petitioners not qualified voters the court held they are qualified to petition, which ruling was previously made in the county by a former judge. Signatures of voters not living in the district where the petition applies and duplicate signing of petitions were declared invalid.

No other couple on Grange Park this week is tenting there for the purpose of rest and relaxation more than Dr. and Mrs. G. I. Yearick of Mayview. The doctor, formerly of Centre Hall, is in charge of 1250 patients at the City Home and Hospital at Mayview, in the capacity of psychiatrist. For the past twenty years he has been tenting on Grange Park during the period he takes for his annual vacation. He is looking hale and hearty, and declares he feels as good as he looks.

The Rev. Wm. E. Marks of Lake-wood, Florida, is now doing research work at State College historical library, Centre county library and the Linn historical collection. Mr. Marks is descended from the early settlers of that name in our county, is nationally known for his literary work and is authority on social welfare work. And by request of State College has written a history of the industries and settlers of each town and village in Bald Eagle valley from Tyrone to Lock Haven, Philadelphia, Snow Shoe and Bellefonte, being included; also an historical novel of the early settlers of Bald Eagle Valley. He has been at State College during July and August.

The 76th anniversary of Bethany Orphans' Home at Womelsdorf will be celebrated today (Thursday). The sixteenth annual convention of the Women's Missionary Society of the former Susquehanna Synod, United Lutheran Church in America, will be held October 4 and 5, in St. John's Lutheran church, Williamsport. Rev. L. G. Shannon, pastor. The district embodies the Juniata, Northern, North Branch and West Branch conferences.

In connection with the Reg Cross organization in Philipsburg a "disaster" committee was organized with Fred Harvey chapter chairman. The committee will swing into action when a calamity strikes that region. One of the first things which will be necessary for the local chapter to do is to make a survey of all existing hazards.

Monday was devoted almost exclusively to the placing of the thousands of exhibits in the various buildings. On Tuesday, exhibits, other than horses, sheep and dairy cattle, were judged. The 4H Club and Home Economics Club round up, and Boys' and Girls' Livestock Judging contests were conducted from 9:30 to the noon hour. On Wednesday dairy cattle, horses, and sheep were judged, a full report on which will appear in later issues of the Reporter.

It is to be hoped that the Grange Fair committee and the farm machinery dealers may reach an understanding so that this feature of the Fair will again take its place among the prominent displays. A farmers' fair without farm machinery and implements just doesn't click. Did you see the latest in burial vaults at the Grange Fair? Here is one display over which the average person didn't tarry long. Its sombre note was out of harmony with the good time one and all came to have for a week. Some valuable real estate was carried off in the nostrils, lungs and throats of thousands of Grange Fair visitors Saturday and Sunday. The dust became a real menace to health. Looks more and more like people want to make a two week's affair out of the Grange Encampment. The opening day has been set ahead from Saturday to Thursday, and the crowd on Thursday and Friday of last week was as large as many a Tuesday of former Grange Fair weeks. CELEBRATED 82ND BIRTHDAY ANNIVERSARY ON TUESDAY. Jacob Sharer was congratulated by a host of friends on Grange Park, on Tuesday, the 82nd anniversary of his birthday. Mr. Sharer has been connected with the Grange movement for many years, and filled the offices from Master of the county Grange down to the less important one. He was also chairman of the Grange Encampment committee, and for many years was the presiding officer during the public meetings on Grange Days. He was also an officer in the fire insurance company operated by the County Grange, and was active in the affairs of the Patrons Rural Telephone company. He has been an outstanding Granger from the time he became a member of the organization, and as a consequence was given recognition in many ways.