



KISHACOQUILLAS VALLEY R. R. TO ABANDON OPERATIONS

At a recent meeting of the stockholders of the Kishacoquillas Valley Railroad, it was decided to abandon operations and to sell the road if permission can be obtained from the Interstate Commerce Commission and the Public Utility Commission to do so. Application has been made to these commissions for a permit to quit and if granted the road will be offered for sale, and may be purchased by some individual or some company that will continue to operate it, or will be sold for scrap, 98 1-2 per cent of the company's stock was voted to abandon the road.

Organized in 1892, the company started operation of trains over the nine-mile right-of-way between Belleville and Reedsville the following year. Within recent years the K. V. operated passenger trains through from Belleville to Lewistown, using Pennsylvania railroad tracks between Reedsville and Lewistown. However the competition of trucks, buses and passenger cars cut into the revenue to such an extent that its continued operation with sufficient income even to pay expenses is no longer possible.

Present officers of the company are Dr. J. P. Getter, president and general manager; W. B. Wills, assistant manager; Frank L. Campbell, vice-president; R. B. Maclay, secretary and treasurer. Other directors are A. Frank Gibboney, John F. Hayes, E. G. Phillips and J. E. Hostetler.

DEMOCRATIC WOMEN PLAN HARVEST DANCE

Tickets are now on sale for the Harvest Dance and card party to be held at Hecla Park on Wednesday, October 18, by the Women's Democratic Club of Centre county.

The affair, which shows every indication of being one of the outstanding events of the early fall season, and to which the public is cordially invited, will include a number of entertainment features in addition to dancing and cards.

The card party is scheduled to begin at 8 p. m. and the dance will open one hour later. Arrangements are being made to engage a well known local orchestra for the dance. A number of prizes will be distributed during the evening and tickets to the event are on sale at 25 cents each.

BERWICK GETS ARMY TANK ORDER FROM GOVERNMENT

The War Department awarded a contract for more than 300 light tanks to the American Car and Foundry Company, Berwick.

The order involved more than \$5,000,000 but the exact amount was not disclosed.

The contract was the largest thus far for Army Ordnance Department purchases of guns, tanks and other munitions, under a \$110,000,000 congressional appropriation.

The new tanks were reported to be smaller than the Army's existing standard 9-ton "light" tank.

CANDIDATES FOR COUNTY OFFICES FILE EXPENSES

Several additional expense accounts have been filed by the candidates for office at the recent Primary election in Centre county. The dead line for filing accounts in the offices of the County Commissioners is Friday, October 13.

Accounts filed recently are as follows: Raymond N. Brooks, of Bellefonte, Republican nominee for Register, \$247.35; Clarence J. Stitzer, of State College, Democratic candidate for nomination as Treasurer, \$345.29; Bond C. White, Spring township, Republican nominee for Prothonotary, \$291.77; Fred C. Mensch, Millheim, Democratic nominee for Commissioner, \$117.39. The following candidates spent less than \$50, according to the accounts: J. Thompson Henry, Martha, Republican nominee for County Surveyor; Charles Sheckler, Millersburg, Republican and Democratic nominee for Coroner; J. Victor Brungart, Miles township, Democratic nominee for County Auditor, and J. L. Tressel, of Spring township, Republican candidate for Justice of the Peace.

FRONT PORCHES NO LONGER GOOD FEATURES OF HOME

One survivor of the "horse-and-buggy" days remaining to plague present day home owners is the front porch. At one time a wide front porch offered a vantage point from which to view the passing scene, but now the demand for privacy has led to enclosed patios and rear loggias. Architects view the front porch as a thing that tends to hide the house from view and to darken the interior.

Frequently heavy cornices and deep porch roofs cover very interesting architectural features of a home such as attractive front windows or doorways. Equally desirable are many small corner porches set in a recess where the front and side walls meet, because they detract from the importance of the front door and destroy the symmetry of the front of the home.

Many period types of architecture require porches. Two-story porches with their delicate iron grillwork contribute much to the beauty of the old homes of New Orleans and Mobile, while porches are also architectural features of Greek Revival and some forms of Colonial architecture.

SCOUTS ATTEND "WALL-GA-ZU"

Eight Scouts of Troop 20 took part in an interesting week-end Scout program for boys of the Juniata Valley Council. Junior Smith, Ardell Grass, Floyd Vogt, Huling Tressler, William Reese, Bud Bradford, Billy Daup, and Edwin Crawford, with Smith as leader, represented the local troop.

Once a year, in the fall, the Boy Scouts of the Council hold an overnight camping affair. This year the get-together was called the "Wall-Ga-Zu," and was held at the Seven Mountain Scout camp.

Nearly three hundred Scouts and leaders assembled at the camp headquarters for registration and inspection at 4:00 o'clock P. M. last Friday. Each Scout was required to have his blankets, food for three meals, and all necessary equipment packed on his back as if ready for an over-night hike.

Friday evening was spent around the camp-fire. In spite of the cold, and it really got cold in the mountains Friday night, the boys slept for several hours.

Saturday forenoon was spent on Scout projects which tested the boys' knowledge of essential camp crafts. The local boys had plenty of "grub" with them, but they had pitched camp before they realized how handy an axe is when it's time to cook a meal in the woods.

At noon, Saturday, a caravan of 40 cars and trucks lined up at camp to convey the campers to State College, where they cheered for Penn State in their 13 to 3 victory over Bucknell. When the boys lined up to march into the south bleachers at New Beaver Field, Smith and Vogt were placed at the head of the color-bearers. This was because of the fine appearance of the flags which Troop 20 inherited from Troop 2.

The high spot in the football game came near the end of the fourth quarter, when Dan Daup had an excellent chance to step forward as the hero of the game. Sad to relate, however, instead of running for a touchdown when he received on the kick-off, Dan fumbled and was retired to the bench for the few remaining minutes of the game.

RAIN CONVERTS "DUST BOWL" INTO PRETTY GREENSWARD

Grange Park, only a short time ago a veritable dust bowl, is at this time presenting a beautiful appearance. Sections where dust was inches deep and not a sprout of green grass visible during the latter days of the Grange Encampment and Fair, today is a beautiful sight to behold. A perfect mass of greensward is now covering that section and is establishing itself to withstand the rigors of a winter and next autumn again serve park tent dwellers with a velvety green beautiful to behold.

Everywhere throughout the valley there has been a transformation. Pasture fields are furnishing food for herds and flocks. Wheat and winter barley fields are most promising in appearance.

1939 APPLE CROP IS 5,900,000 BUSHELS

Pennsylvania apple growers, according to the State Department of Agriculture, have started to harvest a 5,900,000 bushel crop, the largest in many years. The harvesting of the crop, growers point out, will continue throughout the fall and give employment to thousands of orchard and packing house workers. The 1939 Pennsylvania crop is the fifth largest in the United States. Other states having large crops are Washington, Michigan, New York, and Virginia, in the order named.

COUNTY SUPERVISORS MEETING ATTENDED BY MORE THAN 100

Leroy Freesty of Harris township was elected president of the Centre County Supervisors' and Auditors' Association, Tuesday of last week, at the organization's annual meeting held at the court house in Bellefonte. He succeeds John L. Wetzer of Boggs township, who has been president for several terms.

A. V. Heffner of Rush township was elected vice-president and A. R. Houser, who has served as secretary for a number of years, was returned to that position. H. E. Garbrick of Spring township was chosen to the State convention.

Henry M. Hosterman, retiring vice-president, presided in the absence of Mr. Wetzer. Speakers were Judge IVan Walker and Bond C. White, of Bellefonte; H. G. VanRiper, township and county engineer for the state; H. A. Thompson, state secretary of township supervisors and D. A. Bailey, an engineer from the Clearfield office of the Department of Highways. Rev. C. C. Shney of Bellefonte pronounced the invocation at the opening.

More than 100 persons attended the convention, including 64 supervisors, 47 auditors and a number of secretaries.

PANTHER BELIEVED PROWLING IN PINE GLEN REGION

A huge panther has thrown a scare into Centre county residents in the vicinity of Pine Glen. Residents were reported to be organizing an armed posse to hunt it at night with searchlights. Two persons reported the beast stalked them on the Pine Glen-Karthus road one night last week.

HOSPITAL DRIVE ON; SOLICITORS APPOINTED

The annual drive for the Centre County hospital is under way, and in the borough the following solicitors have been appointed:

Miss Doris Moltz, Miss Mary Garver, Mrs. Carrilb Emerick, Mrs. Reuben Rickert, Mrs. Dan Daup, Mrs. Hamil Kline, Miss Helen Odenkirk, Mrs. Ben Goodhart.

Captains in Centre Hall borough and Potter township are Mrs. Frank Goodhart and M. A. Burkholder, respectively.

In Harris township the captain for the drive is Leroy Freesty; in Gregg, Mrs. Roy Searson, Spring Mills; Penn township, Lee Vonada, Coburn; Haines township, Mrs. Henry Krape, Aaronsburg; Miles township, Mrs. Geo. Kern, Madisonburg; Mrs. Stanley Ziegler, Rebersburg; Mrs. Wilber Myer, and Mrs. H. Harbough, of Livonia.

An interesting sidelight on the conduct of the Centre County hospital are the following figures showing the number of days of treatment of Charity Patients from boroughs and townships on the south side of Centre county. In every instance the district failed to pay for their charity patients, allowing for the state appropriation for such cases. The "minus" figures ranged from \$61.90 to nearly \$1200.00 in one nearby district.

Township or Boro.	Unpaid Days	Pay Ward	Free
Centre Hall Borough	102	113	
Gregg Township	144	228	
Haines Township	32	139	
Harris Township	114	62	
Miles Township	149	66	
Millheim Borough	19	19	
Penn Township	8	201	
Potter Township	49	173	

A review of the following facts will help to understand why the county drive is necessary. Between January 21 and Sept. 30 of the year, 275 maternity cases have been cared for at the hospital, most of which were cases not paid for or accepted as purely charity cases by the State. In 1918 the total for the year of this type of cases was 252. By referring to the annual report it can be seen that some townships sent in as much as \$2,000.00 worth of charity work and actually held no drive in 1928.

The yearly State appropriation for 1928 was \$14,850.00. The State accepted 6466 patient days, which makes the amount paid by the State \$229 per day. The actual cost to the hospital is \$71. Who pays the difference? If a drive is not successful, or not held, you are in danger of losing your hospital.

COUNTY HOME TO BE READY FOR COUNTY INDIGENTS SOON

The \$220,000 Centre County Home at Bellefonte will soon be ready for county indigents following an inspection tour held last week by the county commissioners, architects and officials of the PWA, under which setup the home was constructed.

PWA officials announced that the Centre county Home was one of the finest in the state and that mistakes made in other buildings had been remedied in constructing the three-story Bellefonte building.

The Home is complete in every detail. A foot-proof elevator and an emergency lighting system are a few of the county Home features. There are recreation rooms, day rooms, bedrooms, shower and bathrooms, dining rooms, examination rooms, a fire alarm system, a signaling system in every bedroom, a tile sundeck, matron's and nurses' quarters and special quarters for the feeble-minded.

On the first floor is a kitchen with the latest equipment for preparing food and washing dishes. All floors have laundry chutes which lead to the laundry in the basement. Ceilings are built of sound-proof material and a morgue is located in the basement.

Commissioners announced the Home would be ready for occupancy the early part of next month.

Child Drinks Coal Oil; Is O. K.

Joseph P. Hull, 2-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Hull, of Phillipsburg, R. D., was feeling o. k. at the hospital after having the coal oil he drank Saturday pumped from his stomach.

It is not known how much of the oil the youngster drank or how he obtained possession of it.

POTTERS MILLS

Lester Palmer and family of Shippenburg, after spending a week at the Gettis summer home, have returned home.

Mr. Miller and family of Bolling Springs visited over the week-end at the home of Mrs. Miller's sister, Mrs. Floyd White.

Those who took supper at the G. H. McCormick home on Sunday were Ross Runyon, wife and son, Dick, James Runyon, wife and son, of Altoona; Mr. and Mrs. R. H. McCormick of State College, and Miss Caroline McClaskey.

Miss Sarah Ennist of Laurelton Village visited over the week-end at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ennist. On Sunday they all visited at the home of James Faust at Centre Hall.

12-YEAR-OLD SCHOOL BOY SUSTAINS FRACTURE OF ARM

A fall from a see-saw at the Colyer school in Potter township resulted in John Stoner, 12, receiving a compound fracture of the left arm, below the elbow. Both bones were broken. The accident occurred at noon on Thursday. Miss Dorothy Michaels, teacher of the Colyer school, at once took the lad to the Centre County hospital where the fracture was reduced and the arm placed in a plaster Paris cast.

The boy is a lad reared by Grace Fye, housekeeper for David Miller, near Colyer. He was taken care of by Miss Fye since he was but a few months old.

NEESE-HOSTERMAN

Victor Stanford Neese, stepson of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Stover, of Aaronsburg, R. D., and Miss Velma Rachel Hosterman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Hosterman, of Millheim, were united in marriage on Sunday evening at 9 o'clock in the Evangelical parsonage, by the Rev. H. A. Houseal. The ring ceremony was used.

Mr. Neese is a graduate of the East Penns Valley high school, class of 1935, and the bride was a member of the 1940 class.

Cost to Hospital	State Appro.	Membership Drive
\$818.45	\$354.75	\$131.25
1931.35	778.80	8.00
667.25	282.15	8.80
595.25	290.40	
567.00	354.75	4.85
109.75	47.85	
1129.50	344.85	
785.25	366.30	48.50

SANKEY-SNYDER

William Franklin Sankey and Miss Maudella Catharine Snyder were united in marriage by the Rev. W. C. Dunlap, D. D., of Tyrone, at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Snyder, in Altoona, on Tuesday, September 26.

Witnesses to the ceremony were the parents of the bridegroom, Mr. and Mrs. Marcellus A. Sankey of Hollidaysburg, parents of the bride, Mrs. Mary Stahl, Mrs. Dunlap and Mrs. Edith Dale.

The bridegroom is a grandson of the late Mr. and Mrs. Henry Sankey of the Sankey homestead in Potter township, while the bride is a granddaughter of the late James S. Stahl and Mrs. Mary Stahl of Centre Hall.

The young couple departed on a honeymoon journey into Canada, following which they returned to Scotch Valley, Blair county, where they will reside.

S. W. SMITH IS PATIENT IN LEWISTOWN HOSPITAL

S. W. Smith, senior editor of The Centre Reporter, is again a patient in the Lewistown hospital, taking a bed there on Monday afternoon.

The physical trouble centers around an obstruction in the bowels.

At this writing he is resting comfortably.

FOOD STAMP SYSTEM FOR ALLENTOWN-BETHLEHEM

The stamp plan of diverting surplus commodities to relieve family larders will be established on an experimental basis in Allentown and Bethlehem "without delay" by the U. S. agriculture department in cooperation with the State department of public assistance.

Cash grants to direct relief recipients will be continued in the two cities. Public Assistance secretary Howard L. Russell said, but free distribution of surplus commodities will be discontinued during the course of the experiments.

In the two cities, relief families will be allowed to buy \$1 to \$1.50 worth of orange-colored stamps which may be exchanged in "normal channels of trade" for any kind of food-stuffs. For each dollar's worth of orange stamps bought, the buyer will be given free 50 cents worth of blue stamps exchangeable at grocery stores for foodstuffs classed by the U. S. agriculture department as surplus commodities.

In all other parts of the state, the public assistance department will continue free distribution of surplus commodities donated by the federal government to relief families.

ROBERT ELLIOT, ROCKVIEW EXECUTIONER, DEAD

Robert G. Elliot, official executioner at Rockview Penitentiary, where he officiated at more than a hundred executions, died at his suburban Richmond Hill home on Tuesday of coronary embolism.

ODD FELLOWS INSTALL NEW OFFICERS FOR TERM

Installation ceremonies for the newly elected officers of Centre Hall lodge No. 885, I. O. O. F., were held Thursday night in the lodge rooms.

District Deputy Grand Master Harry Burd and his staff installed the officers, who are as follows:

Past Grand, Earl C. White; Noble Grand, Paul Zellers; Vice-Grand, Guy Moyer; secretary, Thos. L. Moore; treasurer, V. A. Auman; warden, Ray Mark; conductor, Harry McClennahan; inside guard, J. H. Puff; outside guard, Daniel Bloom; R. S. to N. G., R. W. Bohn; L. S. to N. G., Bruce Knarr; R. S. to V. G., H. H. Mark; L. S. to V. G., George Sharer; chaplain, C. T. Crust; R. S. S., C. D. Frazer; L. S. S., Roy Garbrick. Various lodges in the district were represented. After the business session refreshments were served and a social period enjoyed by all present.

Roast Chicken Supper, Nov. 4

The Ladies' Aid of the Spruce town church will serve a roast chicken supper on Saturday evening, Nov. 4.

COONEY-OSWALD

Miss Ernestine Oswald, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John R. Oswald of 236 Griffith street, Johnstown, and George W. Cooney, son of Mrs. D. C. Cooney, Centre Hall, R. D., were united in marriage Saturday morning, September 16, at 10:30 o'clock, in the rectory of St. Patrick's Catholic church in Johnstown. Rev. Father Michael F. O'Connor, officiated.

Attendants were Mrs. D. S. Sapanara of New York City, sister of the bridegroom, and J. G. Oswald, brother of the bride.

The bride was gown in Flotilla blue velvet, with matching accessories, and wore a corsage of Briarcliff roses. Mrs. Sapanara was attired in a velvet gown of Vintage Wine shade, with matching accessories, and wore a corsage of Tallman roses.

Immediately after the ceremony a breakfast and reception were held at the home of the bride for the immediate families and friends.

SCHOOL BOARD ADOPTS 3-YEAR FIRE INSURANCE PLAN

A three-year plan of fire insurance on the Centre Hall-Potter high school building was adopted at a meeting of the joint boards of Centre Hall borough and Potter township, Thursday evening. The amount of insurance carried on the building is \$32,000.

The plan permits this item of financing of the school budget to be incorporated in the budget in an intelligent manner as compared under the former system.

Besides the amount stated above, there is another \$3,000 insurance policy on school equipment.

BRUMMAGE SALE, BENEFIT CENTRE COUNTY HOSPITAL

The Woman's Auxiliary of the Centre County Hospital will hold a rummage sale on Thursday, October 26, persons in Centre Hall and vicinity who desire to make contributions of clothing and other articles, to this worthy cause, may leave same at the home of Mrs. F. P. Geary, superintendent of the hospital, in Centre Hall.

A Son Is Born

On Saturday morning, in the Centre County hospital, a son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Harold Durst of Centre Hall. He is the first child in the family to the young couple, and will be known as Duane Alton Durst. However, Papa Durst felt that name might still be subject to change.

(Parenthetically, we have a suspicion the youngster will be trained to be an expert on the baseball diamond).

FOUR NEW TRUSTEES NAMED FOR HUNTINGDON SCHOOL

Four new trustees were named by Governor James for the Pennsylvania Industrial School at Huntingdon. They succeed four who resigned at the Governor's request and with a holdover member constitute a quorum with four places yet to be filled.

The appointees are: Joseph H. Mosser, Williamsport; Dr. Albert I. Wise, Pittsburgh; John A. Biddle, Huntingdon; and Charles H. Bentley, Corry. Francis Fisher, Kane, Philadelphia, is the holdover.

FRANK D. LEE OF CENTRE HALL ON FRIDAY

Frank D. Lee of Centre Hall on Friday was taken from his home by his daughter, Mrs. Earl Tibbens, Bellefonte, to make his future home with the Tibbens family. Mr. Lee who is 75 years of age and had been living alone, has been in failing health for the past few years. Earlier in the week he attempted to pick pears from a tree in his yard, and fell from a ladder a distance of about fifteen feet. No bones were broken, but it was apparent to observers that the fall had ill effects.

THE FIRST COAT OF BLACK TOP DRIVING SURFACE WAS SPREAD ON THE NEW STATE HIGHWAY BEING BUILT BETWEEN POTTERS MILLS AND OLD FORT

The work was completed on Thursday. Since then the road was similarly treated from the archway at Potters Mills to the bridge at Carson's store. The section between Carson's store to Bogdan's place is being graded, and may be completed by the time this item is read. A second coat of oil and stones will be laid over the first coat after being thoroughly rolled.

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS

A heavy dashing rain fell Friday morning, contributing to the supply of moisture much needed at this time in this section.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd M. Kerlin of New Cumberland were at their summer home at Colyer over the week-end.

Ralph Rote, a former resident of Millheim, is now living on the Braucht farm below Aaronsburg, recently purchased by him.

The annual teachers institute for Centre county will be held in the court house, Bellefonte, Thursday and Friday, October 19 and 20.

South Phillipsburg borough school district is the only one in the county to receive financial aid as a handicapped district. Its warrant calls for \$962.90.

Corn husking is being done on many farms in the valley. While the yield from many acres will not be so large, the quality of the grain is good.

Mrs. J. B. Malone of Millheim, Mrs. Tom Kruminer of Woodward, accompanied Miss Estella Hosterman and Miss Ida Frazer of Centre Hall on a recent week-end motor trip to Beaver Falls.

The Centre Hall-Potter high school band made its first appearance on the athletic field, giving aid to the spirit of the home team to win in a soccer game with Hubersburg high in a score of 4 to 0.

The last day for candidates for office to withdraw their names from the ballot, is Friday, of this week. However, we have heard of no candidates for county office, desiring to do so. The battle is on to the finish.

Nancy, the second of the three daughters of Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Hagan, contracted pneumonia on Sunday of last week, and grew seriously ill until the end of the week when her condition began to improve.

Mr. and Mrs. M. K. Moore and children and Benjamin F. Hecker, Jr. of Pittsburgh, and Mr. and Mrs. Robert McLaughlin of Beaver Falls, were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Hecker, in Millheim.

The sale of a small farm in Potter township was halted due to the carelessness of a previous mortgagee not having signed the release on the court docket. The death of the mortgagee and likewise that of his executor makes it necessary to take legal proceedings to secure a clear title.

Rev. L. J. Kaufman, Mrs. W. W. White and Mrs. Ray Mark were among the delegates to attend a Lutheran Missionary conference held in Williamsport during last week.

James Wert, father of John B. Wert, well advanced in years, is in delicate health at this time.

Bellefonte may have a mummer's parade on New Year's day. The movement hangs on the success of the Halloween parade sponsored by the Elks' Club. If the Harvest Queen contest proves a success, the funds will be used in meeting the expenses of the Mummers' parade, which will be the first parade of the kind Bellefonte ever had.

Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Wagner and their granddaughter, Gloria Jean Wagner, of State College, were in Centre Hall on Thursday, at which time Mrs. Wagner called at this office. Both Mr. and Mrs. Wagner are formerly from Potter township. Mr. Wagner has a record of twenty-nine years service with the Bell Telephone company, something to be proud of.

Frank Rachau, for a number of years agent of the American Railway Express office in Bellefonte, has been off duty for six weeks owing to a badly injured eye. While chopping wood at his home near Millroy, a stick flew up and hit him on the eye. He has been under treatment by an eye specialist ever since and it has not yet been determined whether he will lose the sight of the injured eye or not.

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