

COUNTY TO INCREASE TAX RATES

POOR SCHEDULE UP 2 MILLS; MILL ADDED TO COUNTY TAX

Propose 7-Mill Levy For County; 7 Mills For Poor

DEBT SERVICE COSTS CITED AS REASON

Poor District Saddled With Bonded And Floating Debt

An increase of 1-mill over the 1939 county tax rate, and 2 mills over the 1939 Institutional District rate is provided in a proposed budget announced yesterday by the Centre County Commissioners. The budget is scheduled to be adopted on Friday, March 22.

The increase in the tax rate was deemed necessary by the Commissioners in carrying out a policy they have determined upon. That policy is to operate the County and the Institutional District on a balanced budget, and to reduce the county debt within a reasonable period of time.

The proposed millage for 1940 is 7 mills for general county purposes, and 7 mills for the Institutional District. Last year the rate was 6 mills for county purposes and 5 mills for the Institutional District.

In explaining the reason for the increase in millage, the Commissioners made it clear that more revenue must be available if the policy of the past-board of borrowing money to meet expenses is not to be continued.

In the General County fund, it was pointed out, the former Commissioners in 1936 issued bonds in the amount of \$200,000 to refinance the floating debt. From 1936 to 1939 annually until 1940 when the bond issue will be retired.

Last year the Commissioners paid \$8,528 toward debt service. This year the demands for debt service will total \$24,800, or an increase of \$16,272.

One Injured In Three-Car Crash

Skidding Car Strikes Parked Machines; Damage Placed at \$100

In a three-car accident near Old Fort about 11:15 o'clock Saturday night, one woman was injured and damage to the cars involved was estimated at about \$100.

The injured woman is Elizabeth Burkholder, of Centre Hall, who suffered bruises about both legs, an injury to her right hand, and shock when she was struck by one of the machines and thrown to the road.

The accident happened when a car driven by John Curtin, Sr., of West Linn street, Bellefonte, struck a parked car owned by J. H. Burkholder, of Centre Hall. Police reported that the Burkholder sedan was forced into the rear of another parked car owned by George Sweeney, of Centre Hall. The occupants of the two parked cars stopped along the highway to repair a flat tire. Miss Burkholder was standing in front of the cars when she was struck.

The Curtin sedan is reported to have skidded into Burkholder's car when Mr. Curtin applied the brakes upon seeing the parked machines as he drove over the brow of a hill. The road was icy at the time.

Damage \$200 In Two Crashes At College

Two automobile accidents in State College Monday afternoon resulted in a total of about \$200 damage to the four cars involved.

A truck operated by Robert Grasser, of State College, backing out of driveway on West Fairmount avenue, struck a car operated by A. B. Bingham, causing damage of about \$150.

While crossing Allen street on Calder Alley, a car operated by Mrs. Zella Straub, of Bellefonte, R. D., struck the rear of a machine operated by Kyle Alexander, of State College. According to estimates damage was about \$50.

Truck and Car Collide

A truck operated by Boyd W. Bright and a sedan driven by Michael Suskie, Kulpmont, Northumberland county, collided on a rural road east of Coburn Monday afternoon. The two machines were attempting to pass each other on the narrow road at the time of the accident. Damage to the sedan was about \$25. No one was injured.

LOCAL STAMP COLLECTORS TO MEET HERE MARCH 1

Stamp collectors in the vicinity of Bellefonte are notified that the next meeting of the Bellefonte Philatelic Society will be held Friday, March 1, at 7 p. m. in the local Y. M. C. A.

Members of the society feel certain that there are many stamp collectors who do not know of the existence of such an organization in this community.

Program for the meeting will consist of an exhibition of collections.

A talk, "Merits of Stamp Collecting as a Hobby," will be given by John F. Kusse, who has been instrumental in the formation of several stamp clubs in other communities.

An old-fashioned "Bourse" will complete the meeting.

All stamp collectors are cordially invited to attend and are being asked to bring their collections for exhibition.

Local Bank To Be Remodeled

Trust Company Launches Building Program For Trust Dept.

The Bellefonte Trust Company this week approved plans to modernize and enlarge its present banking building at the corner of Allegheny and High streets, and work on the extensive program is expected to get under way by April 1.

Plans call for extending the present quarters to include the room now occupied by the J. D. Hunter stationary store, entailing a virtual rebuilding of the front of the store to conform with the style and construction of the Trust Company building.

While some changes are to be made in the interior of the present banking rooms, the major part of the project will affect the new building, which is to be devoted exclusively to the rapidly expanding trust department of the bank.

Pointing to the fact that the volume of trust business has increased

Man Jailed On Burglary Charge

Former Taproom Employee Held Without Bail; Loot Valued at \$35

Roy William Hipple, of Milesburg, is being held in the county jail without bail on charges of burglary as the result of the theft of merchandise and cash valued at about \$35 from the taproom of the Central Hotel at Centre City, owned by A. A. Kohlbecker, February 18.

Hipple was committed to jail after a hearing Monday before Justice of the Peace Harold D. Cowher, of East Bishop street, Bellefonte. He became the first person to be committed on a burglary charge by a local justice since a new law making burglary cases unailable by a Justice of the Peace became effective.

Arrested by Privates S. R. Richardson and Harold D. Ream, of the State Motor Police at Rockview on charges that he had broken into the taproom where he formerly was employed, and had taken liquor, cigarettes and money, Hipple pleaded guilty at the hearing.

Begin Construction Bald Eagle Highway

The contracting firm of Rickenbach and Long, of Northumberland, Tuesday morning began work on the construction of the addition to the concrete highway in lower Bald Eagle Valley.

Work was begun at Mt. Eagle where the new section will join the present concrete road. Plans call for the completion of the road from Mt. Eagle to the milk station east of Howard during the coming summer.

Fractures Arm

Mrs. John Confer, of East Logan street, underwent an x-ray examination at the hospital, Tuesday morning, for injuries received Monday afternoon when she slipped and fell on the sidewalk at the intersection of Logan and Allegheny streets, near the John Bortoff residence. In addition to a number of bruises, Mrs. Confer suffered a fracture of the left arm, between the wrist and elbow.

Admitted to County Home

Della Williams and John Caldwell, both of Bellefonte, were admitted as guests at the Centre County Home on Saturday.

Second Barn Fire Bolsters Arson Belief

Blanchard Lucas Barn Along Jacksonville Road Destroyed

RESIDENT RECALLS STRANGER'S ACTIONS

Loss About \$7,000; In- cludes Full Line of Farm Machinery

Persistent belief among some residents of Little Nittany Valley that a fire-bug is operating in that area was strengthened Tuesday night when a large barn, the second in less than three weeks' time, was burned to the ground entailing a heavy loss.

The barn was located on the Blanchard Lucas farm, sometimes known as the Henderson farm, near the Henderson school about five miles east of Bellefonte along the Jacksonville road. A team of horses, a calf and a complete line of farming implements housed in the barn were lost. Some livestock was saved before the flames became so intense that further efforts were impossible.

Unofficial estimates place the total loss at approximately \$7,000, part of which is covered by insurance.

February 10 the barn on the farm of Fred Haines, located about 2 miles east of the Lucas farm along the same road, was destroyed by fire. A few moments before fire was discovered about 1:30 a. m. by Mrs. Haines, she reported having heard the sound of footsteps running along the macadam road near the barn.

Yesterday morning a farmer reported

Stalemate In Fishing Ban

State Can't Rent Streams; Stocking Program is Withdrawn

Scant solace was offered by Fish Commissioner C. A. French this week to fishermen of this area. In Spring Creek have issued against fishing in that widely-known trout stream.

Mr. French indicated that there is nothing the Commission can do to remove the ban on fishing, and added that the posted portion of the creek will no longer be stocked with fish.

Meanwhile plans had been arranged for a conference last night of members of the State College Conservation Association and the executive committee of the Spring Creek Property Owners' Association, with a view toward discussing the problem which threatens to close the major portion of Spring Creek to all kinds of fishing.

The conference was to be held at the home of Guy Stearns, near Leont, president of the landowners' group. Members of the executive committee who were expected to attend

Jock Sutherland To Speak At Howard

Jock Sutherland, coach of the Brooklyn National League football team, and former coach of the University of Pittsburgh grid team, is scheduled to speak at Howard on Saturday evening, March 9, according to an announcement yesterday by D. A. Holter, of Howard.

Sutherland will appear in the auditorium of the Howard High school in a program beginning at 7:30 p. m. A baseball motion picture also will be shown. No admission will be charged for the event.

Proceeding the evening meeting a baked ham supper will be served in the social rooms of the Howard Methodist church, to which the public is invited. Persons attending the dinner will be entitled to choice seats at the program in the high school. Tickets for the dinner are being sold at 50 cents.

To Show Free Movies

Earl J. Gentzel, of Bellefonte, R. D., local representative of the All-Chalmers Company, will present free moving pictures in three Centre county communities next week. The feature will be entitled "The Square Dance of Tractors." One reel is in natural colors. The programs will begin at 7:30 o'clock each evening on the following schedule: Wednesday, March 6, Howard High school; Thursday, March 7, Millheim Municipal Theatre; Friday, March 8, Grange Hall at Pleasant Gap. The movies are sponsored by the All-Chalmers Company and dealers.

DAYLIGHT SAVING LOSES IN POLL BY CENTRE DEMOCRAT

Although no attempt has been made during the past week to continue The Centre Democrat's poll on Daylight Saving, which last week showed a numerical tie on the question, additional votes received since then show 57 votes against Daylight Saving to only 15 in favor of the proposal.

The total vote on the question to date is: 216 for, and 255 against.

One voter who registered a negative vote against fast time summed up his feelings as follows: "Farmers have shown us for ages that it is not only possible but practical to get up at sunrise or earlier to do a day's work without wasting time thinking about the idiotic idea of juggling the clock to make it lie to them. Man may fool himself and seem to delight in doing so. But he cannot fool nature, or pigs, or chickens, or fields of grain, or the rising or setting sun, from which sources we have our very existence.

"We had better devote our efforts to the idea of being in harmony with nature's scheme of events, rather than to try to arrange things to suit our own selfish interests."

Of the 15 "yes" ballots cast this week, only one had any comment. It was "To get some of these night hawks out of bed in the morning."

On the opposing side many voters commented against Daylight Saving. Here are some of them:

"Country folks don't get into town until 8 o'clock in the evening. What time would we have to do any shopping if the stores closed then?"

"Farmers can't quit their work in the busy season to get to town early enough to shop."

"Ask Harry Dukeman. He knows the country people are among the Bellefonte merchants' best customers."

"Daylight Saving is child's play. Why not begin and quit work one hour earlier without changing the clock?"

Club Gives \$10 To Relief Fund

Plan Benefit Dance Here on March 25 for Dental Care For Children

About 150 members and guests attended the Bellefonte Woman's Club meeting Monday evening at the Methodist church. Mrs. E. E. Widowson, president, presided.

Group singing was led by Miss Bees Edilbute. Mrs. Harry Meyer gave a report of the survey being made by the Welfare Committee, of the juvenile problems in Bellefonte.

Mrs. Robert Beach gave a talk on current events, and the club decided to donate \$10 to the Hoover Commission for Finnish relief.

The club voted to purchase ten books on Home Nursing, to be used by N. Y. A. for instruction purposes. Mrs. Roy Wilkinson urged all members to aid in the Job Mobilization movement.

The drama section announced three one-act plays to be given February 29, in the Reformed church, under the direction of Mrs. Luella Cheesman. The Junior Department of the club is planning a benefit dance to be held at the Brockerhoff Hotel, March 25, to provide for the dental care of needy children.

Enters Campaign

Nomination papers are being circulated in behalf of John W. Decker, Democrat, of Spring Mills, for another term in the State Legislature.

School Directors Choose 1940 Officers

Election of directors, an alternate, a delegate and an alternate to the state convention in Harrisburg next February featured the 3rd annual meeting of the Centre County School Directors' Association at the Court House here, Friday.

Elections were: President, George Newman, Milesburg, re-elected as a director; Rev. L. E. Kline, of Howard, elected a director; Horace J. Hartman, Bellefonte, auditor; Mrs. Malcolm Wetzler, Milesburg, delegate, and Ray W. Watkins, State College, alternate.

Hospital Gets Funds

Auditor General Warren R. Roberts yesterday approved a \$2,500 payment in state funds to Centre County Hospital, Bellefonte.

Sale Ending March 9th.

Consult us about our financing plan on Washers, Bicycles, Floor Coverings and Electric Cleaners. Bellefonte Hardware Co., M. W. Williams, owner.

3 Defendants In Court Here Found Guilty

2 Cases End in Pleas of Guilty; Motorist For- feits Bail

COURT TURNS TO HEAVY CIVIL LIST

Man Fined \$100 When Convicted of Resist- ing Arrest

After trial of three cases at the regular February Criminal Court here early this week, the Court, taking advantage of the light docket, turned toward the consideration of the many civil actions which were slated to go to trial beginning next Monday.

Arrangements were made with attorneys, litigants and witnesses in the civil cases called this week to appear for trials this week instead of next.

With only six criminal actions listed for trial, the docket was further reduced Monday when two defendants entered pleas of guilty. A third case in which Victor Simons, of Great Neck, N. Y., was charged with drunken driving, did not go to trial owing to the failure of the defendant to appear in court. His bail was forfeited.

Lewis A. Stuckey, of Altoona, charged with removing goods to defraud a creditor, was found guilty.

Speakers Plea For Tolerance

Brotherhood Program Here Stresses Need For Religious Freedom

Strong pleas for religious tolerance and for unified efforts to maintain the true ideals of American democracy were keynotes of a meeting held at the Court House here last Thursday night in celebration of National Brotherhood Week. The event, sponsored by the Undine Fire Company, was well attended.

Highlights of the speaking program included addresses by representatives of the three major divisions of religious belief. They were The Rev. Father William E. Downes, rector of St. John's Catholic church, Bellefonte; Rabbi Theodore H. Gordon, Hillside Foundation, State College, and the Rev. William C. Thompson, pastor of the Presbyterian church, Bellefonte.

"Only through recognition of each religious group's beliefs can we assure a continuance of the civil

Girl Scouts Now In New Quarters

Room in Elks Garage Being Converted Into Cozy Meeting Place

The new headquarters of the Bellefonte Girl Scouts, located in the garage building at the rear of the Elks Home on West High street, is rapidly being furnished and decorated through the efforts of the various troops.

The entire first floor of the brick structure has been turned over to the Scouts by the Elks, and the spacious room rapidly being converted into comfortable and well furnished headquarters.

The ceiling has been covered with

Doll Fair To Be Held At Chapel, Tomorrow

A doll fair sponsored by the Light Bearers' class will be held in the Presbyterian chapel Friday, March 1, from 3:00 to 5:00 p. m. and from 7:00 to 9:00 p. m.

Dolls unusual because of their beauty, age, or manufacture are solicited. Exhibits may be taken to the chapel between 10 a. m. and 1 p. m. on Friday. Marionette shows will be held at 4:30 and 8:00 p. m. Light refreshments will be on sale. Admission: five and ten cents.

Relief Slightly Higher

Direct relief payments to needy Centre countyans during the week ended Tuesday show an increase of \$48 over those of the previous week, and seven more checks required to make the payments, according to State Treasurer F. Clair Ross. Payments for the week totalled \$4,833 which was \$119 lower than last week for the comparable week of last year. Current payments required 94 fewer checks than those of a year ago.

To Aid With Income Returns

John M. Book, of Millheim, Deputy Internal Revenue Collector for this area, will be at the Internal Revenue Collector's office in the basement of the Bellefonte post office building on March 4, 5 and 6, to assist any persons who wish advice or aid in making out their income tax returns. No charge is made for this service.

Fire at College

While members of the Alpha Phi Chapter, State College, stood guard, a fire at the Edward Boop home on Prospect avenue, State College, burned itself out about 8:30 o'clock Sunday night, without damage to the property.

Plumbing Shop Moved

Franklin B. Schud on Tuesday moved his plumbing shop from the Lane estate property on West High street to the garage at the rear of his home on East Curtin street.

N. L. R. B. ORDER THREATENS RUIN, TITAN PLEA STATES

BUCK INJURED ON FENCE IS DESTROYED

Game Warden Thomas A. Mosier, of Bellefonte, was summoned to the James C. Furst farm, tenanted by Willard Wian, along the Jacksonville road Friday morning after a spilt buck injured itself when it ran against a farm fence.

After determining that the buck was seriously wounded, Warden Mosier destroyed the animal.

The deer seemed to be in excellent condition and apparently had plenty of food during the winter months. Reports from various parts of the county are to the effect that deer and other wildlife have had an easy winter, largely because of the adequate supply of natural foods and a lack of heavy snows.

To Remodel Lodge Home

Elks Approve Expendi- ture of About \$12,000 For Improvements

Approval of plans for the extensive remodeling of the Bellefonte Elks Home on West High street featured a special meeting of the board of trustees and the building committee of that lodge here Monday night. The plans call for an expenditure of approximately \$12,000.

The contract for the work was awarded to Lewis Smith, of Bellefonte, who is to begin the project as soon as possible.

The west wall of the home will be extended several feet to the line of the Furst estate property, while an addition will be built at the rear to enclose the area now taken up by a porch. Plans call for the enlarging and complete remodeling of the two rooms on the west side of the first floor. The present doorway between the rooms will be removed and folding doors installed.

The library room on the east side will be entirely redecorated and

Elks' Frolics' To Be Staged In April

With the arrival of the permits from the copyright owners of the material to be used—both music and libretto—the cast and chorus selected will start rehearsals for the "Elks' Frolics" to be staged in the State Theatre, under the direction of Alberta Krader, Thursday and Friday nights, April 4 and 5. No expense is being spared to make this the most elaborate amateur production to date.

The show is full of splendid music, fine dancing, a plot that is fast moving and breezy, a flash finish that will surprise, and a cast that will make you forget you are seeing an amateur production.

ODD FELLOWS TO HOLD BANQUET ON MARCH 27

The annual banquet of the Bellefonte lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, will be held Wednesday night, March 27, in the Bellefonte "Y" gymnasium. It was announced this week by Willis Geislinger, chairman of the dinner committee.

The dinner will be served by the Ladies' Aid Society of the Bellefonte Evangelical church, of which Mrs. Harry Mentzer is president.

Member of County Family Shares In Honor at Princeton University

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Claim Insolvency Faces Industry if Ruling is Obeyed

SEE DANGER OF PHYSICAL VIOLENCE

Allege Re-Hiring of Strik- ers Would Force Plant to Close

Alleging that it faces labor violence and "complete insolvency" if it complies with a National Labor Relations Board order to reinstate 146 strikers, the Titan Metal Manufacturing Company of Bellefonte in a petition filed at Pittsburgh yesterday asked for a reconsideration of the decree.

The company characterized as "impossible" the re-employment of the workers who participated in an A. F. of L. strike at the plant in January, 1937.

The order directing Titan to re-hire union members upon application was appealed unsuccessfully to the Third U. S. Circuit Court of Appeals and the United States Supreme Court.

In the petition filed yesterday the Titan Company asked an "adjustment" of the order upon re-hearing, "so that the principles of the (Wagner) Act be sustained without bringing about the extermination of your petitioner." The company asserted

School Patrol Is Founded at Howard

Through the efforts of Mrs. F. S. Neusbaum, of State College, secretary of the Centre County Automobile Association, and Corporal Rutledge, of the Rockview barracks State Motor Police, assisted by the Howard school board and Parent-Teachers' Association, a school patrol was organized in the Howard schools, Tuesday.

Eight boys in the upper grade schools have been chosen as officers. Richard Allison, 13, was made captain. Corporals are: Frederick Wentzel, Samuel Warringer, Millard Hinton, Benjamin Wyland, Robert DeLong, William Schenck and Kenneth Watkins.

After receiving the oath of office, each officer was equipped with a Sam Browne belt and a badge. The duty of the patrol is to instruct, direct and control the members of the student body in crossing streets at or near school buildings. The patrol is not permitted to direct traffic, except to signal approaching motorists at crossings after students have left the curb.

Join Chamber of Commerce.

Karl E. Kusse, secretary of the Bellefonte Chamber of Commerce, announces that the following individuals and business places have become members of the Chamber in recent weeks: Hecla Park, Frank Hockman, proprietor; the Brockerhoff Hotel; Dunlap Motor Company; Whittecock Quarries; Everett's Drug Store and Goldman's Food Market. The A. & P. Stores have taken out an additional membership, Kusse said.

Royer Funeral Held

Funeral services for Thomas J. Royer, of State College, R. D., who died last Wednesday afternoon at the Centre County Hospital here, were held on Saturday afternoon at the State College Evangelical church with the Rev. J. W. Zang officiating. Interment was made in the Pine Hill cemetery.

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