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Commissioners Cut 3 Mills From 1943 County Taxes

MAIL DELIVERY HERE THREATENED

Lack of House Numbers, Sidewalks, Becoming Menace to Service

While there has been no official action in the matter to date, Bellefonte residents might well prepare to awaken some morning to learn that free mail delivery in this community is to be discontinued.

This warning was repeated yesterday by Postmaster George R. Meek who declared that because of war conditions the twin bodies of the local postal service—lack of house numbers and lack of sidewalks—are posing a new menace to the residents of town.

Postal authorities for many years have insisted with more or less regularity that Bellefonte is no different from any other town in the United States insofar as postal matters are concerned, and that this town is the only one in the nation which has free mail delivery but no house numbers.

War has a fashion of showing up the weaknesses in civilian life and this holds true in the postal situation here. In normal times postal carriers know where every one lives along their routes and have no difficulty in delivering mail promptly and without extra effort.

But since the war, many regular (Continued on Page Six)

Sieg Urges County Aid For Library

Friends of the Centre County Library have submitted the following letter, written by William W. Sieg, general manager of the Titan Metal Company, to the Centre County Commissioners, in an effort to induce the Commissioners to do all they possibly can to aid the library through its present financial crisis.

Mr. Sieg's letter follows: January 4, 1943. County Commissioners, Bellefonte, Pennsylvania. Attention: Mr. Hoffer. Gentlemen:

On several occasions recently, our attention has been called to the difficulties which the County Library is facing, and we should like to re-

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Enlists in WAACS

Miss Marilyn L. Miles (above) of Milesburg, recently arrived at the 2nd WAAC training center at Daytona Beach, Florida, and has begun her basic training there.

Miss Miles, daughter of W. B. Miles, Jr., of Milesburg, was graduated from the State College High School and attended Penn State College.

She is the third member of her family to enter the armed forces. A brother, Pvt. Russell C. Miles, is with the Medical Detachment at Fort Hamilton, N. Y., and another brother, Richard G. Miles, is in the Army Ordnance Department at Proving Grounds, Illinois. Richard recently received a promotion as private first class, and was sent to Illinois from Miami Beach, Florida.

'Electric Ear' Provides Spotters With Interesting Variety of Sounds

The aircraft spotting station at the Community Athletic field, Bellefonte, is one of the most comfortable and best equipped of any to be found anywhere.

A modern fuel oil stove provides ample warmth in even the most severe weather, while the newest device is an electrical listening outfit which makes it unnecessary for the observer to go outdoors to obtain information on passing planes.

The electrical "ear" is highly sensitive to all sounds, and the spotter who finds time heavy on his hands can, while away the hours in an interesting manner by trying to distinguish the non-military noises which come over the speaker. Sounds which ordinarily would not be noticed or which would be overlooked as commonplace, are brought into the cabin faithfully and distinctly by the new apparatus.

Release Statement Showing County Finances in Excellent Condition

PAY MANY DEBTS IN PAST 3 YEARS

Tax Cut Will Mean About \$48,000 Savings to County Taxpayers

The Centre County Commissioners, Charles F. Hippie, Fred C. Mensch and Harry V. Keeler, yesterday in releasing a statement showing the county's finances in better condition than they have been for many years, announced a three-mill reduction in County taxes for 1943.

The tax levy for general County purposes is reduced from seven mills to six mills, and the levy for the Institutional District (corresponding to the old "poor" tax) was reduced from six mills to four mills. As a result the total levy for County purposes in 1943 will be 10 mills instead of 13 as was the case in 1942.

Since one mill on the tax levy means a county revenue of about \$16,000, the three-mill reduction will mean a "saving" to the taxpayers of about \$48,000 during the coming year.

That this saving is being effected without seriously curtailing any normal activities of the County government is apparent from a study of the proposed County and Institutional District budgets published elsewhere in this issue, and from the Commissioners' statement which follows:

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Completes Training

Mildred L. Chambers (above), daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Chambers, of Clarence, who since last September has been at the WAVES training center at Stillwell, Oklahoma, arrived in Centre county Friday, to spend a six-day furlough with her parents before taking up the duties of her new assignment in the Naval Officer Procurement offices in Pittsburgh. Miss Chambers has received the rank of Petty Officer, Third Class, which corresponds to the rank of Sergeant in the Army.

Red Cross Sewing Is Moved to Penn Belle

Because the W. J. Emerick home on West Linden street has been closed for the winter the Red Cross sewing groups which had been conducted there have been moved to a room in the Penn Belle Hotel, where the Emericks now are residing.

Additional workers are needed to help with the work and volunteers are asked to call Mr. Emerick, Red Cross sewing chairman, to make arrangements. The sewing room is open every week day, or workers may perform their tasks at home, if they choose.

Ruling Affects Mail Servicemen Overseas

Because of the great demand for cargo space for munitions, food and other supplies for army overseas, parents and friends were restricted, effective last Friday, on the shipment of packages and newspapers. Bellefonte Postmaster George R. Meek said.

In order to send a package to a soldier at an APO address, the soldier must request it and receive the address of his commanding officer. This written approval must be attached to the package before the postoffice will accept the package for mailing.

No third class mail or circulars will be sent.

Newspapers and magazines may be sent only when the soldier addresses requests in his writing, and they may be sent only by the publisher, who is required to certify that the subscription complies with the postoffice rules. Subscriptions already ordered are not affected.

The postoffice reports that V-mail to soldiers overseas is the most expeditious, and the only type of mail sent as far as possible by plane. Ordinary air mail frequently is forced to give way to other important plane cargoes.

OPA Agent in Surprise Check on Motorists

A representative of the OPA was in Bellefonte Tuesday night taking the license numbers of cars parked along the streets and in parking areas in and near the business district.

According to reports a number of cars were found parked in the downtown area, some in more or less private lots near clubs, others on side streets just off the business district, and elsewhere.

Reports are that the OPA expects to make additional "surprise" checks locally on the use of gasoline for unessential driving.

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BOROUGH WORKERS GET PAY INCREASE

Grant 5 Cents An Hour Raise to 6 Workers; Logan Drivers Approved

Six employees of Bellefonte borough were granted a wage increase of five cents an hour by unanimous action of Borough Council at a regular meeting Monday night.

The six petitioned for an increase of ten cents an hour on the grounds that increased costs of living and deduction of the Victory Tax made their wages inadequate. The five-cent increase raises the rate of payment from 50 cents to 55 cents an hour. At the same time Council increased the basic rate for extra help from 40 cents to 45 cents an hour.

The following drivers of the Logan Fire Company were approved by Council:

For Buffalo pumper No. 1: Philip Gross, Herman Hazel, Murray Deckard, Daniel Stines, Collins Shoemaker, Andrew Saylor, George Jodan and Fred Blair. For Buffalo pumper No. 2 (new apparatus): Ambrose Smead, Herbert Auman, Jr., Robert Steele, Mark Bennison, Fred Saylor and Walter Corman.

The borough's national defense fund continues in a healthy condition. Contributions previously received were \$2,017.55, and expenditures were \$98.64, leaving a balance of \$1,918.91. This week the borough received \$124.37 from Max Herr for scrap metal, bringing the balance up to \$1,153.68, it was reported.

The report of the Sanitary Committee revealed that the Health Officer issued 10 health certificates during the first half of January. The officer, W. W. Bickett, also inspected 5 eating places and investigated one nuisance complaint. During the period there were 8 cases of whooping cough and 12 of chicken pox, the report showed.

The Water Committee reported (Continued on Page Four)

SEVERAL ERRORS MAP BLACKOUT

Mixup in Signals Causes Confusion at College and In Rockview Area

Centre county underwent another half-hour blackout test Friday night with fair results.

Through mix-ups, the "all clear" signal at State College was sounded during the test and the town was lighted up about five minutes before the blackout ended. At Rockview penitentiary the signal for the beginning of the blackout was delayed about 20 minutes and when the prison whistle sounded those within hearing range didn't know whether there had been an escape or whether (Continued on Page Six)

ESCAPES DEATH IN PLANE CRASH

Donald Brown, 20, Bellefonte, Only One of Four in Plane to Survive

Donald W. Brown, 20, son of Bellefonte tax collector George M. Brown and Mrs. Brown, of Logan street, narrowly escaped serious injury or death one day last week in the crash of an airplane at the Columbia Air Base, Columbia, S. C., according to reports.

Of the four men in the plane, Brown was the only one to escape alive. The pilot, co-pilot, and engineer were killed.

Brown was in a turret where he had been taking aerial photographs. He suffered minor injuries.

According to reports the accident resulted when one of the landing wheels of the plane broke while it was returning from a training flight. The ship nosed over on the field.

Brown entered the Air Corps only two and one-half months ago. He is a graduate of the Bellefonte High School and was employed at the Bellefonte Body Shop on Willowbank street.

Since the mishap his parents have received several letters assuring them that he has recovered from his injuries.

POSTOFFICE OPEN

Executive Committee Agricultural Extension Service



First Row: Mrs. M. T. Zubler, Spring Mills; Mrs. A. L. Albright, Pennsylvania Furnace; Harry Fisher, Stormstown, vice president; Henry Stover, Aaronsburg, president; W. C. Smeltzer, Bellefonte, treasurer; William Campbell, Centre Hall, secretary; Mrs. Samuel Grove, Centre Hall, and Mrs. C. E. Peters, Stormstown.

Second Row: Helen S. Butler, Bellefonte, Home Economics Extension Representative; M. T. Zubler, Spring Mills; A. L. Albright, Pennsylvania Furnace; J. G. Miller, Pine Grove Mills; M. S. McDowell, State College, former Director of Agricultural Extension for Pennsylvania; J. J. Markle, State College; Ward Krapp, Zion; R. C. Blaney, County Agent, Bellefonte, and E. B. Tait, Bellefonte, Asst. County Agent.

Third Row: C. E. Peters, Stormstown; Lee P. Smeltzer, Bellefonte; Malcolm Musser, Bellefonte; George Weight, Jacksonville; Harry Confer, Howard; George McCormick, Spring Mills; Hugh Wilson, Warriors Mark; Victor Auman, Centre Hall; and Guy Stearns, Lemona.

Members of Executive Committee not present: L. E. Biddle, Bellefonte; A. J. Burrell, Millheim; Charles Campbell, Pennsylvania Furnace; F. A. Kete-line, Madisonburg; Willard Harter, Jacksonville; A. R. Houser, Bellefonte; Howard Miles, Unionville; J. Foster Musser, State College; and Mrs. Frank Vonada, Hubbersburg.

LIST 94 MEN FOR FEBRUARY QUOTA

This week while Local Board No. 2, Bellefonte, sent 93 men to the reception center at New Cumberland as January's draft quota, names of 94 men drawn from the Board's February quota were announced.

The February group will go to Alton for final examinations on Monday, February 22, and those accepted for service will be sent to New Cumberland one week later, Monday, March 1.

Men to Be Inducted on February 22, 1943.

George L. Jodon Milesburg
Toner B. Hoover Howard
Clarence R. Young R. D. Bellefonte
Frank R. Marincus Clarence
William A. Miller Pottsville
George R. Holden Phillipsburg
Howard Woodring Port Matilda
James A. Hicks Phillipsburg
Paul Girard Snow Shoe
Clair S. Orwick Port Matilda
Mike Tobachak Oreola Mills
Stephen C. Juschik Phillipsburg
John M. Miller Howard
Edward W. Witmer Bellefonte
Charles T. Newman Milesburg
Oran J. McCloskey Howard
Lewis E. Bickel Howard
John G. McMullin Bellefonte
Ralph C. Stiver Julian
Malton W. Brown Milesburg
George E. Pritchard Julian
Raymond W. Sharpless Sandy Ridge
John Popovitch, Jr. Osceola Mills
Frederick R. Gardner Howard
Leonard D. Weller Martha Furnace
Robert B. Love Howard
William R. Kay Phillipsburg

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CLUB OBSERVES ANNIVERSARY

Kiwanians Hear History of Organization; Objectives Reviewed

The 28th anniversary of Kiwanis International was celebrated at Tuesday's meeting of the Bellefonte Club. The Kiwanis Education Committee was in charge of the program and the several members of the committee spoke on various phases of Kiwanis life and activity.

The chairman, L. C. Heineman, read the anniversary message of the president of Kiwanis International, the Hon. Fred G. McAllister, of London, Ontario. He spoke also of those things which each member receives through the club—a strengthening in these eternal principles of truth through which men are built, a mental stimulus through the programs, and a needed relaxation especially in these tense times with all their uncertainty.

Clyde Stewart gave a history of the origin of Kiwanis and showed the progress of the movement from the granting of the first charter to the Detroit club January 21, 1915, to the present time with its several thousand clubs and over 100,000 members in the United States and Canada.

Armstrong L. Francis spoke on the "Objectives of Kiwanis," which emphasize the effort to strengthen our democratic institutions by safeguarding our freedoms, preserving the home as the foundation of sound national life, character development in education, and the support of churches in their spiritual aims, which call for untiring work to win in the present emergency of war as well as for the expansion of all values we now hold.

Approval of Increase to 14 Cents Expected By O.P.A.

An order of the Pennsylvania Milk Control Commission boosting the retail prices for home delivery in the Central Mills Marketing Area, Zone 2, including the Bellefonte-State College district, from 13 to 14 cents per quart effective Feb. 1, was approved by Governor James, Friday.

While the price increase requires OPA approval, such action has been given in previous cases and is expected for this area.

Review 25 Years of Extension Service

120 Members Attend Anniversary; Speaker Claims Success of Movement Evident on Farms And in Farm Homes.

"The vast improvement in farming and in farm home life in Centre county in the last 25 years probably is the best measure of the success of the Centre County Agricultural Extension Service," County Agent R. C. Blaney of Bellefonte, declared Friday night at the 25th anniversary dinner of the county group.

The anniversary meeting was held at the Penn Belle Hotel with nearly 125 Centre county farmers and their wives in attendance.

Mr. Blaney, county agent here since 1924, pointed out that while it is difficult to measure the results of any educational program it can be said that a large part of the farm improvement in this county in the past quarter of a century has been brought about by the workings of the Extension Service.

W. C. Smeltzer of Bellefonte, treasurer and only charter member of the association to serve continuously on the executive committee since the founding of the group, reviewed some of the accomplishments of the past 25 years, while other speakers offered their opinions as to the Service's most outstanding achievements.

The roast turkey dinner which preceded the annual meeting opened with an invocation by County Superintendent of Schools F. Glenn Rogers, and group singing led by Cecil A. Walker, with Mrs. Earl K. Stock as pianist.

Henry Stover, of Aaronsburg, president of the Service, gave a brief address of welcome and called for reports from William Campbell, of Penn's Cave, secretary, and Mr. (Continued on Page Four)

CREDIT GROUP IN ANNUAL MEETING

H. A. Corman Presides at Session in Pleasant Gap; Directors Named

Centre county farmers and their wives attended the ninth annual stockholders' meeting of the Production Credit Association held in the Pleasant Gap Grange Hall on Wednesday evening, January 13.

Harry A. Corman of Spring Mills, director of Centre county, acted as chairman. V. Ross Nicodemus of Martinsburg, director for Blair county, gave a report of the progress of the Association and the advantages which this type of credit offers to the farmer. E. G. Fouse of Martinsburg, secretary-treasurer of the Association, and R. M. Ziegler of Centre Hall, assistant secretary-treasurer, were also present.

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Local Men Heard in England Broadcast

A number of Bellefonte radio fans heard three Bellefonte men broadcast from Northern Ireland Sunday morning in the program "Stars and Stripes Over Britain." Still others heard a recording of the program from a Pittsburgh station, Sunday night.

The three men were James Hoffer, son of Mrs. Sarah Hoffer, of Bellefonte, and Staff Sergeant Paul C. Fanning and his son, Paul H. Fanning, of Bellefonte.

Sgt. Hoffer served as interviewer on the program and questioned a number of men about the big guns used in that portion of Northern Ireland.

When Hoffer asked Sgt. "Monk" Fanning how he liked having his son in the army with him the Sergeant replied he thought it was a good idea. "I see more of him here than I did at home," he declared. The younger Fanning's response when asked how he liked serving in the same outfit with his father was that it was fine, adding "the only trouble is that he still outranks me."

Harold D. Cowher Named to State Post

Justice of the Peace Harold D. Cowher of West Bishop street, Bellefonte, has been appointed clerk of a Senate committee in Harrisburg, and departed Monday for that city to take up the duties of his new post.

Mr. Cowher has long been active in Republican circles in this area and formerly was Centre county mercantile appraiser.

Coleville Man Injured In Kylertown Mishap

Thomas Evock, 20, son of Mrs. Charles Evock of Coleville, was discharged from the Phillipsburg State Hospital Monday after having undergone two days' treatment there.

Mr. Evock suffered chest injuries and shock Saturday when he was caught between two trucks at the K. and J. coal mines near Kylertown. The man was injured when a large truck with which he was working slid a short distance and caught him against the other truck.

NAME CHAIRMEN IN FUND DRIVE

Mrs. Balsler Weber Lists Aides in Campaign Against Paralysis

Mrs. Balsler Weber, of Howard, Centre county chairman for the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, yesterday announced local chairmen for the annual "March of Dimes" which will be a feature of the nationwide celebration of the President's birthday, Saturday, January 30.

In the following list, names marked with an asterisk indicate that the person also is chairman of the vicinity about his home community.

Bellefonte Boro.—*Malcolm Welter, Mrs. Wallace J. Ward.
State College Boro.—*Mrs. Vicinity—Miss Mildred Rubin, student activities chairman; *Mr. Herbert Reed, celebration chairman; Mrs. Edwin Grove, March of Dimes.
Phillipsburg Boro.—*Fred Hoffer.
Port Matilda Boro.—*Mrs. Mary K. Pringle and Boyd Williams.
Unionville Boro.—*Mrs. Jacob Fox. (Continued on page six)

Wolf Contest Closes At Midnight Saturday

Through an unfortunate oversight in the Wolf contest advertisement appearing in The Centre Democrat last week, the closing time of the contest was variously given in the advertisement as midnight January 14, and midnight, January 23, causing considerable confusion among contestants.

Clyde M. Stewart, manager of the Wolf Store, reports that the correct closing time is midnight, Saturday, January 23, and urges all who have not sent in their solution to do so at once. The store is offering prizes totaling \$500 for the persons who in the opinion of the judges match up illustrations in the advertisement with old favorite songs they represent.

If you haven't sent in your answers, hunt up last week's issue of this newspaper and try your luck. Remember, Saturday midnight is the closing time.

Motorists May Go To Show While Shopping

Residents of rural districts who motor into town for necessary shopping, essential business trips and other driving purposes considered essential under recent OPA explanations, may attend theatres without penalty on such trips, provided they do not drive out of their way to do so, OPA officials in Washington said today.

A spokesman for the OPA said that if an automobile owner has a legitimate reason for driving his car, there is no objection to theatre attendance so long as the car is not used for the latter purpose only. However, it was said, if a car is parked at or near a theatre it may be necessary for the owner to show that it was not driven there for the purpose of attending the performance.

Hospital Head Is Injured In Fall

Mrs. Nellie Geary, superintendent of the Centre County Hospital, suffered a laceration above the right eye Monday morning, in a fall at her home in Centre Hall.

The accident happened when Mrs. Geary in the darkness stumbled over a screen which had been placed in a doorway to keep a pet dog from roaming through the house. The laceration did not require medical attention.

BOY SCOUT PROGRAM DOUBLY VITAL DURING YEARS OF WAR

The program of the Boy Scouts continues to play a vital part in the lives of over 225 boys in Bellefonte and vicinity each year as they lend their efforts to winning the war. Today, more than ever before, the ideals of Scouting must be planted in the lives of the boys so that our nation will not show a definite upward trend in juvenile delinquency, as has been the case in England and other countries where leaders have been called away to serve their country. Men called away must be replaced to carry on this important task of character development.

These boys will help make the peace which follows the war. "We too, have a job to do" is the slogan of the Boy Scouts. With this in mind each troop and each Scout has done his part in waste paper collection, metal salvage drives, book collections for men in the service, scrap rubber drives, Victory Garden programs, distribution of letters for the O. P. M., messenger service for

O. C. D., and numerous other civic projects.

Camping also has been highlighted by the Muncy District Scouts. Muncy district, comprising the boroughs of Bellefonte, Milesburg, and Pleasant Gap has organized a new troop which brings the number of Scouts to 163. From the above districts a total of 47 boys enjoyed 61 weeks of camping in the Seven Mountains for a cost of six dollars a week per boy.