

Commissioners Cut 3 Mills From Taxes

(Continued from page one) ers upon taking office on the first Monday of January, 1940, found that the County had been bonded in the sum of \$200,000 with the first payment due in November, 1940, and that in addition there were bills and Commonweal costs which should have been paid in 1939, amounting to \$20,809.85.

"One mill of tax levied will bring in about \$16,000. During the three years that the present Commissioners have been in office these old bills have been paid off, in addition to \$60,000 of the bonds, leaving the County on the first Monday of January, 1943 with a bonded indebtedness of \$140,000, all bills paid except the current charges, and the cash balance considerably in excess of the amount which was turned over to the Commissioners when they went into office in 1940.

"After a thorough investigation of the finances and the prospects for the coming year, the Commissioners have decided to reduce the millage from seven mills to six mills.

"When the Board of Commissioners investigated the Special Road Fund which was used for the payment of land damages, the following picture was presented to them. There were damages due property owners on the roads from Centre Hall to Potters Mills, Old Port before Spring Mills, and the road from Curtin to Howard, and just before the prior board's term of office they signed agreements binding the County to pay the damages for the road leading from Bellefonte to State College, as well as the road leading from the junction west of Dale Summit towards Pleasant Gap.

"The cash balance in the Special Road Fund the first Monday of January, 1940, was \$30,392.63, and settlements totaling \$31,000 had been agreed to by the former board but had not been paid. On all the roads there still remained claims to be settled. The funds for this purpose are received from the gasoline tax but in 1940, the first year the present Board of Commissioners was in office, the Governor deferred the payment of the share due the county with the result that no funds were received for the year 1940. To pay the claims which had been incurred the Commissioners were forced to borrow on short term notes which aggregated at one time \$90,000.

"In 1941 and 1942 there was received from the State not only funds from the gasoline tax for those two years but also for the year 1940 which were used by the Commissioners to pay off the money which had been borrowed, as well as to pay the remainder of the claims on all the five roads referred to, so that today all notes have been liquidated and all claims paid with the probable exception of one. The payment of these liabilities exhausted the greater portion of the funds which were received by the County, leaving only an amount sufficient to pay those obligations which have already been incurred.

"At the beginning of 1939, the last year of the former Board of Commissioners, indebtedness included a bond issue of \$127,000, which had been placed on the Institution District, and outstanding notes due of \$13,500, and funds due the various districts amounting to \$3,308.94, or an aggregate of \$143,802.94. At the end of the year 1939 the outstanding notes had been increased to \$41,500 and the amount due the districts to \$12,601.71, and the bonded indebtedness was reduced to \$112,000, making the total obligations of the Institution District \$165,101.71, an increase of \$21,298.77 over what it was at the beginning of the year. The rate of interest which was being paid on the notes was four per cent. As soon as it was possible the rate of interest on all outstanding notes was reduced from four per cent to two and a half per cent.

"During the last three years all outstanding notes, totaling \$41,500, as well as \$12,601.71 due the districts have been paid, and in addition on the sum of \$45,000 has been paid, leaving the Institution District with

A ONE HUNDREDTH BIRTHDAY ANNIVERSARY FIFTY YEARS AGO



The photo above, the original of which is the property of Prof. Irvin O. Noll, of Lansdown, shows the group which attended the one-hundredth anniversary of "Grandma" Nancy Barger, of Curtin, at Curtin, just fifty years ago.

The birthday celebration was held on the grounds of the Barger property at Curtin, and the scene is believed to be near Dowdy's Hole—a well known swimming place on Bald Eagle Creek at Curtin.

The men standing in the rear row are members of George L. Potter Post 261, G. A. R., of Milesburg, the Post having participated in the celebration because two of its members, James and Constans Barger, were twin sons of "Grandma" Barger. Other more distant relatives of Mrs. Barger also were members of the Post.

Although it has been impossible to identify all the persons appearing on the photo, old residents of the Bellefonte vicinity have aided in naming some of them.

Mrs. Barger, guest of honor, is seated in the rocker in the center of the group. To the left of her is her son, James, and to his left, in the order named, are his wife and their daughters Annie, Nan, and Elizabeth. The three small children in front of them are (left to right)

William, Stella and Elvce. To the right of Mrs. Barger, in the order named, are his wife, and their daughters Cora, Alice, and Nan. (Each of the twin brothers had a daughter named Nan.)

The man sitting at the extreme left is Enoch Hugg. Those standing in the rear, from left to right, and numbered according to their position are: 1. Nathaniel Bierly; 2. Alfred Rager; 3. George Derr; 5. David McClellan; 7. Jabez Jones; 9. Harry Comer; 10. Mr. Watson; 11. Henry McCullen; 14. Col. Austin Curtin; 17. A. M. Fries; 19. Green McKinley; 20. Thomas Taylor; 25. Jonathan Walker; 26. A. Mr. Armstrong; and 28. Hugh Shultz.

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Review 25 Years Of Extension Service

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Smeltzer, treasurer, Mr. Stover named Howard Strubbe, Lee Smeltzer, and Malcolm Musser as members of a committee to audit the group's accounts for the past year.

John G. Miller, of Pine Grove Mills, tonmaster, ably presided during the speaking program.

Officers named in an election which closed the session are as follows: Henry Stover, Aaronsburg, re-elected president; Harry Fisher Stormstown, vice president; William Campbell, Centre Hall, re-elected treasurer. Members who served on the nominating committee were Guy Stearns, George H. McCormick and J. J. Markle.

Speakers, in addition to Mr. Smeltzer, included the following: Mrs. Alfred Albright, of Pennsylvania Furnace, long a leader in the home economics program of the Extension Service; Paul Edinger, assistant director of Extension for Pennsylvania; Mr. Blaney, county agent; R. H. Olmstead, of State College, who was Centre County Farm Agent from the time of its beginning in 1917 until 1920; and Prof. M. S. McDowell, of State College.

J. N. Robinson, of Mercer county, who was County Agent from 1920 when Mr. Olmstead resigned, until 1924 when Mr. Blaney became agent, was unable to attend the meeting. He now represents the Federal Land Bank of Baltimore, Md.

In his interesting address which was highlighted with personal reminiscences of the past 25 years, Mr. Smeltzer reviewed the principal accomplishments of the Extension Service as follows:

1. Improvement in selection and breeding of livestock; introduction of balanced rations and culling of inferior stock. The speaker declared that in his opinion the improvement which has resulted in the county's livestock since 1917 is the greatest achievement of the Extension Service.

2. 4-H Club work which has developed the head, heart, health and hands of approximately 4,000 Centre county farm boys and girls since 1917.

3. Increase in the amount and types of feed raised for livestock, including introduction of alfalfa as a staple crop, the development of Pennsylvania 44 wheat which is used over 75 per cent of the farms, the introduction of Russet potatoes which has enabled many growers to reach the 100 bushels per acre mark, and the general use of commercial fertilizer to increase yields.

List 94 Men For February Quota

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Edward P. Nolan, Phillipsburg; Clair E. Parris, Phillipsburg; William E. Brown, Island Park, Mich; Marlin Watson, Jr., Snow Shoe; Russell W. Mann, Phillipsburg; Nicholas Danko, Phillipsburg; Earl G. Hosband, Jr., Port Matilda; John G. Granite, Phillipsburg; John B. Northman, Phillipsburg; James E. Robinson, Port Matilda; Milton J. Hughes, Osceola Mills; Benjamin C. White, Phillipsburg; Joseph Demchak, Phillipsburg; Harry M. Simcox, Phillipsburg; Marlin G. Gonaway, Snow Shoe; Harold L. Neff, Bellefonte; Martin P. Duracko, Jr., Clarence; William J. Supina, Phillipsburg; Luther R. Hahn, Moshannon; Stephen D. Bucha, Clarence; Wesley C. Schmoke, Karthaus; Guy R. Shank, Orrviston; Donald Wood, Phillipsburg; William T. Barnard, Jr., Julian; Nelson M. Fisher, Osceola Mills; James D. Moore, Port Matilda; William E. Vail, Phillipsburg; Norman Myers, Phillipsburg; Cecil S. Smith, Phillipsburg; Donald J. Confer, Howard; Earl L. Miller, Howard; Frank E. Bousky, Bellefonte; Russell V. Unick, Phillipsburg; Raymond D. Dixon, Port Matilda; Norman L. Richner, Howard; Robert S. Barger, Howard.

Clarence S. Barner, Howard; Dominic M. Panik, Clarence; Edwin L. Vaughn, Niagara Falls; John A. Koleno, Clarence; Earl H. Baney, Bellefonte, R.D.; Calvin C. Dixon, Osceola Mills; Norman A. Emmerhizer, Milesburg; Steve H. Yaklich, Port Matilda; Mike J. Gaspar, Phillipsburg; Robert L. Irwin, Snow Shoe; James C. Heath, Phillipsburg; Edward G. Martin, Phillipsburg; Julian Dean M. Weaver, Howard; Martin J. Miller, Bellefonte; Lloyd E. Reese, Milesburg; Paul G. Monument, Milesburg; Edward H. Parks, Bellefonte; Lee N. Rogers, R. D. Bellefonte; Clyde Long, Bellefonte; William J. Johnson, West Chester; Norman W. Hicks, Valdosta, Ga.; Henry W. Dunn, Phillipsburg; Edward Kells, Philadelphia; Lowell Knecht, Mill Hall.

The 50 Centre county men from Local Board No. 2, Bellefonte, who passed physical examinations at Altoona on January 11, and who left for New Cumberland, Monday of this week were:

Frank Chesnie, Phillipsburg; Steve Kushner, Phillipsburg; Robert Wilkinson, Bellefonte; John Spencer, Buffalo, N. Y.; Lee Stover, Phillipsburg; Edward T. Snuksta, Phillipsburg; Theodore Comly, Phillipsburg; Steve Grassie, Phillipsburg; Elvyn Rigglesham, Sandy Ridge; Junior Lucas, Bellefonte; Melvin Snook, Bellefonte; Anthony Bogus, Phillipsburg; Peter Blazosky, Jr., Niagara Falls, N. Y.; Joseph Vemezzine, Clarence; Harold Weaver, Howard, R. D.

Henry Leathres, Ardor, Del.; Lynn Johnson, Bellefonte, R. D. 3; Neil McClellan, Bellefonte; Donald Cornman, Bellefonte; James B. Smith, Jr., Clarence; Andrew Smotzer, Clarence; Donald Eiters, Snow Shoe; Joseph Koehlk, Clarence; Edward Brown, Phillipsburg; Hershel C. Sharpless, Sandy Ridge; Miles C. Wheland, Port Matilda; Michael Lawrence, Hawk Run; Raymond E. Tweer, Phillipsburg; Andrew Sura, Phillipsburg; Andrew Gallo, Phillipsburg.

Clarence Albert, Phillipsburg; Andrew P. Alexander, Clarence; Gerald Schreffler, Bellefonte; James Holl, Unionville; Charles Bell, Phillipsburg; Harry Townsend, Phillipsburg; Ralph Friday, Osceola Mills; Wilbur E. Gilham, Phillipsburg; Robert McDonald, Phillipsburg; J. B. Jabber, Bellefonte; Joseph Spotts, Phillipsburg; Sheldon Lowrey, State College; John Girardi, Clarence; Andrew Fetzek, Phillipsburg; Joseph Bolittak, Osceola Mills; Jas. Christine, Tyrone, R. D.; Henry McGinley, Milesburg.

The 43 who passed examinations January 12 and who left for New Cumberland, Tuesday, were:

John Noonan, Bellefonte; Leonard Grove, Bellefonte; William Poorman, Bellefonte; Louis Emmerhizer, Unionville; Lee S. Miller, Bellefonte; Robert Kauffman, Bellefonte; William Irvin, Bellefonte; Donald Walker, Wingers, Ray, Shawley, Bellefonte; Raymond McCloskey, Bellefonte; Howard Watson, Bellefonte.

The following 53 men from Local Board No. 1, State College, left last week for New Cumberland, having passed their physical examinations at Altoona earlier in the month.

Held in Robbery

State Police at Rockview yesterday announced that a Unionville youth suspected of complicity in the burglary of the Harry Stare service station in Unionville, Pa. August 15, was apprehended in Pittsburgh on Tuesday. He was brought to Bellefonte and lodged in the county jail pending a hearing. Another person believed to have been involved in the robbery is being sought, police said.

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Farewell Party

A farewell party was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Runio of Buffalo Run on Monday night for the following draftees: Don Taylor, Don Flack and Guy Shaffer. Those present at the party were: George Lucas, Grant Torsell, Isabelle Getlik, Mary Thomas, Bob Davis, Elwood Sager, Thomas Praskovich, Donald Eckley, Malcolm Spicer, Donald Schaeffer, Paul Schaeffer, Marabelle Schaeffer, Edna Spitzer, Faye Pike, Thelma Wron, Kenneth Gaiser, Junior Garner, Earl Spicer, Leonard Resides, Ann Davis, Mary Mike, Judy Helen and Pauline Runio. Games were played and refreshments were served which were enjoyed by all. When departing everyone wished the draftees the best of luck.

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NOTICE! The OLD FAVORITE SONG Contest Closes This Saturday JANUARY 23 at midnight instead of January 14th as published in last week's issue. It's Fun! It's Easy! Get busy on this contest now. More than \$500 Worth of Prizes 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. WOLF FURNITURE CO. S. ALLEGHENY ST., BELLEFONTE, PA.

PLAZA BELLEFONTE'S SHOWPLACE THURSDAY - FRIDAY - SATURDAY LET FREEDOM SING! HERE'S THE ALL-TIME, ALL-OUT, ALL-AMERICAN ENTERTAINMENT MIRACLE! JAMES CAGNEY as GEO. M. COHAN in YANKEE DOODLE DANDY WARNER BROS.' most distinguished offering. With JOAN LESLIE WALTER HUSTON - RICHARD WHORF - Directed by MICHAEL CURTIZ JEANNE CAGNEY - FRANCES LANGFORD - GEORGE TOBIAS - IRENE MANNING MONDAY - TUESDAY and WEDNESDAY There's No Ceiling on the Laughs EDGAR BERGEN CHARLIE MCCARTHY FIBBER MCGEE and MOLLY HERE WE GO AGAIN! "The Great Gildersleeve" Ginny Simms - Gale Gordon Ray Noble and His Band. COMING NEXT WEEK-END NAVY COMES THROUGH MONDAY - BARGAIN NITE It's Gun Time in the West! DON "RED" BARRY-in THE SOMBRERO KID With Lenne Merrick TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY A Jive-Jammed Joy-Ride With Conga Cuties! Scorchy Hits! ALLAN JANE JONES FRAZEE MOONLIGHT IN HAVANA Jivin' Jacks and Jills Also-Walter King-in A YANK IN LIBYA 2nd Big Hit-"RIDING THRU NEVADA" STARRING CHARLES STARRETT WITH SHIRLEY PATTERSON. COMING NEXT WEEK-END: GENE AUTRY-in-BELLS OF CAPISTRONA