

PERSONAL--SOCIAL

Old Resident Greeted on Birthday Anniversary

The seventy-sixth birthday anniversary of Joseph L. Shearer was happily celebrated yesterday, friends who knew of it extending many good wishes to this old resident who has a host of friends in the vicinity.

Present Gold Emblem to Cassius M. Brown

In appreciation of the sixty-four years of service in the Capital Street Presbyterian Sunday school, the teachers and officers of that institution presented Cassius M. Brown, Sr., with a solid gold emblem with his name engraved on the front and on the reverse side the years of service he gave to this school.

Weekly Club Meetings of Study and Authors

Miss Margaret Pomeroy was hostess this afternoon for the Study Club of which Mrs. George Edward Reed is president. The subject for discussion was "Educational Theories on Problems of the Day," and the roll call was answered by American colleges and universities.

Guests of Mrs. Adler Meet New York Visitor

Mrs. Charles Adler, 1923 North Second street, gave an "at home" this afternoon in compliment to Mrs. E. J. Usher, of New York, who is visiting Mrs. Herman Tausig. The house was attractively decorated with ferns and spring flowers and assisting Mrs. Adler in receiving her guests was her daughter, Mrs. Rudolph Kuhn, of Chicago.

Party for Cy Davis

Mrs. Elizabeth E. Hutter, 149 Columbia road, Enola, entertained at a St. Patrick's Day party for Cy Davis, who recently returned from active service in France. Following games, dancing and a talk by Mr. Davis, a buffet supper was served to the following guests:

Miss Tenney Bridesmaid

Miss Margaret Tenney, of Maywood, Philadelphia, a frequent visitor to this city, was one of the bridesmaids at the recent marriage of Miss Winifred Clark and Roscoe J. Anthony. Miss Tenney has just returned from Palm Beach, Florida.

Throne-Filson Bridal

The marriage is announced between Miss Mary A. Filson, of 28 North Eighteenth street, and Penn L. Throne, a former newspaper man now an attaché of the Attorney General's office. The ceremony was performed Saturday, March 15, at the Throne residence, 112 Boas street, by the Rev. Dr. Lewis Seymour Mudge, of the Pine Street Presbyterian church. Because of the recent death of Miss Gay Throne, the only attendants were Miss Jeanette S. Throne, the bridegroom's sister, and Mrs. Nathan Walker, the bride's aunt, with whom she resided.

Entertained S. S. Class

Mrs. Joseph E. Rogers entertained her Sunday school class of St. Michael's Lutheran Church at her home, 523 Race street. After the business meeting games and music were enjoyed and refreshments were served to the following: Joseph E. Rogers, Conrad Frank, Harry Plack, Karl Schmidt, Ernest Sperl, Clarence R. Deller, George K. George, Rose, Reinhold Schmidt, Jr., Walter Rose, Mr. and Mrs. George Deller, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph E. Rogers.

Central High Notes

Senior Class Meets A meeting of the Senior class was called yesterday by President Lewis Rimer and was held between sessions. It was announced that all the plays to be considered for presentation by the Senior class had been gone over by the committee, and that one entitled "The Private Secretary" would probably be the one picked. The cast for the play will be picked next week. Mrs. Ewing, instructor in declamation at Central, has charge of the play, but will be assisted in picking the cast by Miss Annabel Swartz, the other declamation teacher, because the latter has entire charge of the Seniors this year. Only those who are free of conditions will be allowed to be considered for characters.

Junior Election The Junior class held an election of officers for the second part of the school year. The result as announced by the retiring president, Richard Robinson, is as follows: President William Cleckner; secretary, Miss Katherine Edwards. Both of the new officers have taken active parts in the activities of the Junior class, and are well qualified to administer the business of their class.

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"Yes, I tried it, but I went back to Royal." This is the experience of most women who have been tempted to try so-called cheaper baking powders which almost always contain alum and often leave a bitter taste. Royal Baking Powder Absolutely Pure Made from Cream of Tartar derived from grapes Royal Contains No Alum—Leaves No Bitter Taste

PROBE OF COAL MAY FIX FAIR PROFIT

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Mr. Dodson's letter follows: "From accounts in the public press of Friday, March 14th, the Anthracite Coal Operators' Association, comprising individual operators, has learned that you have written to the Attorney General requesting information as to the powers of the State to inquire into the cost of anthracite and have suggested that any lack of legal machinery to make inquiry and 'to protect our people against any unreasonable profiteering' can be corrected by the present General Assembly.

"Supplementing our wire of today, permit us to assure you that we will welcome any inquiry which fairly will uncover all the facts and the real truth before the public. As you know, our existing prices of anthracite at the mines—and these are the only ones with which we, as mine operators have to do—have fallen 75 cents below the figures set by order of the United States Government. The last increase in the price of anthracite was made under order of the United States Fuel Administrator and was \$1.05 a ton on domestic sizes, to cover a wage increase dating from Nov. 1, 1918.

"The statement did not meet the added burden on the operators, nor did the two previously granted, and in many instances led to a loss on considerable percentages of the output, a loss which the operators accepted for the time as a patriotic duty toward the Nation, then at war.

"We would further ask that your attention be directed to the detailed report of the cost investigation referred to by Dr. Garfield. This inquiry was made by three engineers of the United States Fuel Administration and the results are of record. A paper embodying conclusions of this cost report was read before the February 1919 meeting of the American Institute of Mining Engineers in New York City by Mr. R. V. Norris, one of the engineers, who pointed out that the cost of anthracite at the mines has increased but 20.5 per cent, over the pre-war price, while the cost of production has gone up 55 per cent, the difference having been absorbed by the operators, with the unhappy results mentioned by Dr. Garfield.

"We desire to refer to a passage in the printed account of your letter to the Honorable General, questioning the economic justice of increasing prices in view of the mild winter and the broken time now being experienced. We have endeavored to make it clear that the sound basis for the selling price of anthracite is the cost of production, in which weather is not the controlling factor.

"Work on broken time results in a greatly increased cost. The actual direct charges per ton of output remain unchanged, while the proportionate charge per ton for fixed expenses and continuous work, such as pumping, increases as production decreases.

"Anthracite mining is one of the oldest and most important industries of the State. It normally employs about 175,000 persons, of whom members of this association employ about 40,000, representing a population of approximately 1,000,000 immediately dependent upon mining and another 1,000,000 indirectly dependent.

"That the mines may be worked efficiently and that labor may be continuously employed at fair wages it is essential that but the smallest amount of the output of coal should be distributed as evenly as possible over the whole year and not be concentrated in the few months of winter. The few price announcements recently made have had an appreciable effect in stabilizing market conditions and stimulating the demand for coal.

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"Other questions of importance to us here in Pennsylvania are those relating to surface support, and the danger which threatens some of our communities; the proper inspection of coal to prevent its adulteration with slate and other impurities; and the problem of State and local taxation of coal as mined and coal in the ground. The complaints against the impurities in coal have become more and more numerous, and suggestions have come from other States and from Federal authorities that some action should be taken by this State to correct what is represented as an impurity upon the consumer. Possibly this has been due to the forced mining of the past ten years, more than to any intent to

COLOR VETERANS GUESTS OF TELEGRAPH; BAND MAKES BIG HIT

"Jim" Europe's Warrior Musicians Play at the Orpheum to Standing Room Only

More than 200 members of the colored overseas forces recently returned to Harrisburg and Steelton, were guests of the Harrisburg Telegraph at the concert yesterday afternoon of "Jim" Europe's "Hell Fighters" band at the Orpheum theater.

Did they enjoy it? They sure did, just as did everybody else who heard the band play its two programs here yesterday. The colored veterans occupied seats for the body of the theater, every seat was filled, and many turned away. The band will make a hit wherever it goes. Lieut. James Reese Europe, the famous leader, gave the band proper sizes, and worth and more. There was a flood of good music, a gorgeous racket of syncopation and jazzing, extraordinarily pleasing violin and trombone solos and other features that bands seldom offer, but there was more than that. The audience enjoyed a spice of old time minstrelsy, a whiff of warm, gay fun from the old South echoes of camp meetings

and of the traditional darkey life that seems almost to have disappeared. In intervals between Lieut. Europe's direction of this perfectly welded band, quartets and octets sang with utter enjoyment the fantastic negro ditties that are so familiar to negro camp meetings in the South and the North—tone pictures of the gayety with which the colored brother takes his religion.

Probably those songs about "Little David" and "Uncle Noah Who Built de Ark" were the most pleasing features of the entertainment. At the outset, under Europe's firm hand, the band rendered the French national etude march "Sambre et Meuse," followed it with the temptingly applauded "Plantation Echoes," passed to suites of the Western world to each launched into a medley of jazz tunes.

All the old favorites were played and played with unfamiliar charm—"Swanee River," "My Old Kentucky Home" and "Dixie" were played. Europe closed his program with a series of songs and a burst of jazz music that sent the audience away in high good humor.

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FIFTY MILLIONS GIVEN AS FIRST RAILROAD LOAN

Pennsylvania Bonds Furnish Main Collateral For New Loan

Washington, March 19.—Fifty million dollars was loaned yesterday to Director General Hines by the War Finance Corporation as the first advance for the railroad administration since it was left without funds by failure of the Congressional appropriation. Other loans will follow as rapidly as they can be arranged.

The loan was made at six per cent, the same rate as is charged by the director general for most advances to railroads, and is repayable July 15 with the right on the part of the director general to repay before that date.

The War Finance Corporation has also approved an application from the Central of Georgia Railroad for an advance of \$1,211,000.

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Profit-Sharing Checks Are Distributed to Employees of Bowman Department Store

Employees of the Bowman and Company were the recipient during the past week, of checks for a percentage of the store's profits.

The Bowman store was among the first business houses of the city to inaugurate the profit-sharing plan, and its action has received much favorable comment.

OUT OF CRISIS SAFELY The Rev. Dr. William L. Mudge, of Chambersburg, pastor of Falling Spring Presbyterian Church and brother of the Rev. Dr. Lewis Seymour Mudge, of this city, was in Harrisburg last evening to visit his son William, who is a patient at the Harrisburg Hospital, suffering from mastoiditis. Surgeons told Dr.

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