

HOME ITEMS OF TIMELY INTEREST

Miss Julia Falcho was a recent visitor in Johnstown.

Mr. R. G. Borton of the American Type and Foundry Co., was a business visitor in town this week.

Mr. Leo Maurer and Mr. Samuel T. Brown spent the early part of the week in Johnstown.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 24.—Union County leads the state in the sale of War Savings Stamps, according to reports received at headquarters in this City for the period ending last Saturday. Up to that time the sales in Union had amounted to \$1.06 per capita. Cameron County is second in the list with sales of ninety-nine cents worth of stamps for each inhabitant. Columbia and Cumberland were tied at seventy-four cents per capita. Monroe and Pike showed another tie at sixty-one cents. Berks showed the rather small average of twenty-five cents, while Lancaster's average was thirty-three cents. Philadelphia has bought forty-four cents worth each, while Lackawanna was near the bottom with only eleven cents. Of all the counties reporting, Wayne was the lowest, the people of that county having invested in eight cents worth of stamps for each of her population.

It is pointed out at headquarters that these figures are not complete, many agencies having failed to make returns. Some counties did not report at all. Robert K. Cassatt, Director of the Campaign for Eastern Pennsylvania, sent his congratulations to the Union County Chairman upon his success in being the first to pass the dollar mark.

Each week hereafter the figures will be announced and the race for first is expected to stimulate the counties to fresh endeavor.

The per capita for the entire United States is \$20, for each of the population or \$100 for each family. Only eleven months remain of the campaign to reach the goal of \$2,000,000,000 set by the Government for this patriotic loan, and Mr. Cassatt pointed out today that greatly increased purchases of stamps must be made if Pennsylvania is to maintain supremacy as a leader in the efficiency of the War Savings Society as a means of bringing in money for the war. Plans are almost perfected for the establishing of these in every quarter. The method of operation is simple. Ten or more persons can form a society, elect one of their number chairman and then obligate themselves to buy war stamps, no fixed number being stipulated. The chairman is expected to make a report once a month on the work of his society.

With these societies in operation in every office, factory, workshop and school room, the returns are expected to be tremendous. The Government asks for a society for each 200 of the population.

Recreative Athletic Work in Army Camps is Handled by Experienced Men

Athletic work in army camps and cantonments is in the hands of 32 trained organizers and coaches. They are civilian aids on the staffs commanding officers, and their salaries are paid by the Government.

Particular attention has been given to boxing, as it assists men in bayonet fighting. A committee of best-known coaches worked out plans, and moving pictures to teach boxing have been made. Baseballs, bats, basket balls, and soccer balls, boxing gloves, and other equipment are supplied each company, in part, from a Government appropriation.

Little Talks on Health Hygiene by Samuel G. Dixon, Commissioner of Health

During the frigid weather, you want to keep well nourished. To do this, your meals should be taken with regularity, and you should take a moderate amount of exercise, not too near meal-time. No better form of exercise can be found than that of walking with a good brisk step and swinging of the arms. You should keep up a good calculation of blood that the digestive glands may secrete a healthful quantity of digestive fluids, and the food be prepared for and assimilated by the body.

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Careful observation of these suggestions will do much to prevent, and at least to some extent, help pull you through congestive or even infective colds, which are prevalent when the weather is so very changeable as it is in winter in our North Atlantic climate.

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LOCAL FARMERS TO GET NITRATE

Government to Sell Nitrate For Fertilizer Through County Agent

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Notice has been given to H. C. McWilliams, Agricultural Agent for Cambria County, that the U. S. Department of Agriculture will sell at cost a supply of nitrate of soda to farmers in Cambria County.

The nitrate was purchased through the War Industries Board under the authority of the Food Control Act as a part of the program for stimulating agricultural production. It will be unloaded at Atlantic ports and the price will be \$75.50 a ton, free on board cars at port of arrival. Farmers are to pay in addition freight from port of arrival and the State Fertilizer tag fee.

How to Obtain Nitrate
Applications for a part of the 100,000 tons of nitrate by the government will be received only from actual farmers or owners or holders of farms for use on their land, and may be made only through the County Agent H. C. McWilliams or through any member of a local committee consisting of S. L. Miller, Edwin Karheim, Dan Sheehan, Ed. Horne, Frank Westrick, Dr. Harry Somerville, Elmer Farabaugh and A. B. Kirsch.

No money will be required with the application but upon notice from the County Agent farmers who have signed applications must deposit with a local bank, association, or individual, designated by the Secretary of Agriculture to act as the farmers' agent for that purpose, money to cover the cost of the fertilizer except the freight charge. After the money is transmitted to Washington the nitrate will be shipped to the farmers. If applications for the nitrate exceed the supply of about 100,000 tons government will allot the supply on a pro rata basis among those who applied. Applications must be received by February 4th.

SHORTAGE OF SHIP DRAFTSMEN

There are not enough ship draftsmen in the United States to do the drafting work needed to carry out the naval and merchant ship-building programs. Our country is engaged in the execution of the greatest warship construction plan in history, comprising 737 vessels; including all types from superdreadnaughts to submarine chasers. Naval appropriations aggregating nearly two billions of dollars have been made since August, 1916.

Coincident with the demand for increased naval work there is an equally urgent call for an increase of merchant ship construction. It is betraying no secret to say that in both branches there is a shortage of technical men available for the work.

The United States Civil Service is endeavoring to relieve the dearth of ship draftsmen by recommending to the heads of colleges and technical schools that senior students in engineering courses be given intensive training in naval architecture during the coming spring, with a view to making them available for employment as ship draftsmen in June. The Commission is also receiving applications from qualified architectural, mechanical, and structural steel draftsmen, and is certifying them for employment in the Navy Department and in navy yards on ship work.

Local boards of civil service examiners at the post offices in all of the larger cities are furnishing detailed information and application blanks. Applicants are not required to appear in an examination room for a written examination, but are rated upon their education, training, and experience.

INCOME TAX

I have just received a letter from the treasury Department at Washington requesting me to urge from the pulpit and in all public meetings, and especially through our town patriotic duty of every citizen to respond cheerfully to the income tax law. According to this new law six million of the people are liable to the income tax. Every unmarried person who earns one thousand dollars a year or more, and every married person whose income is two thousand or more is subject to the income tax. All who come under these heads ought to report cheerfully and without delay. The boys at the front cannot fight our battles unless the Government has money. After all the purchase of Liberty Bonds, while it manifests patriotism, is only an investment, and a very good investment. The payment of taxes on the other hand is both a legal and a moral duty, and at the same time shows real patriotism. Those who enjoy the protection and privileges of the flag, ought to deem it a privilege to pay cheerfully, and not wait till the Government finds out their income some other way, but ought voluntarily to report their income and pay the required taxes. To do otherwise would be treason. I am sure that the citizens of Patton will not be behind in this matter. Remember if you have an income of one thousand and are unmarried you come under this law, and if married and have an income of two thousand or more you owe your taxes to Uncle Sam for the support of the boys at the front.

BAPTIST CHURCH

At the Baptist Church morning worship at 10:30 A. M. Pastor E. G. Zwayer will preach on "Just the Christ We Need." The monthly communion will be observed. The last Communion service was attended by a larger number than any such service for a long time. Let us have a still larger attendance this Sunday. Evening worship at 7:30 P. M. Subject of sermon, "Was Christ's Death Necessary?" This is a question of supreme importance, and which all should be able to answer to their full satisfaction.

THE BAPTIST SUPPER

The people of Patton always look forward to the annual Washington supper given by the ladies of the Baptist Church. Many years ago when it was found that no one had taken this day, the ladies began the custom of having this splendid supper, and since then it has been looked upon as their occasion and has been heartily supported by the people of the town who have always found it the best supper or banquet for the money that could be given. It will be made as good as ever this year.

CALVARY CHURCH

At the Calvary Baptist church Sunday School at 10:30 A. M. Let us have a big school. Evening worship 6:00 P. M. Pastor E. G. Zwayer will preach on "God's All-sufficient Grace." General prayer meeting Friday at 7:30 P. M. Everybody welcome to all services.

REVIVAL AT DIXONVILLE

Rev. Zwayer returned home on Tuesday night from Dixonville where he had spent two weeks conducting a revival meeting in the Baptist Church of which Rev. J. F. Miller is pastor. Notwithstanding the great snow storms, which made it impossible for the country people to attend most of the time the congregations were large, sometimes very large, and the interest splendid. Fourteen persons came to Christ in the meetings, and a number of others by personal work after the meetings and in their homes through the day. When the roads were at all open people came from many miles around, and it is certain that if the weather had not been so bad, the results would have been even larger than they were.

WILLIAM A. BRADY

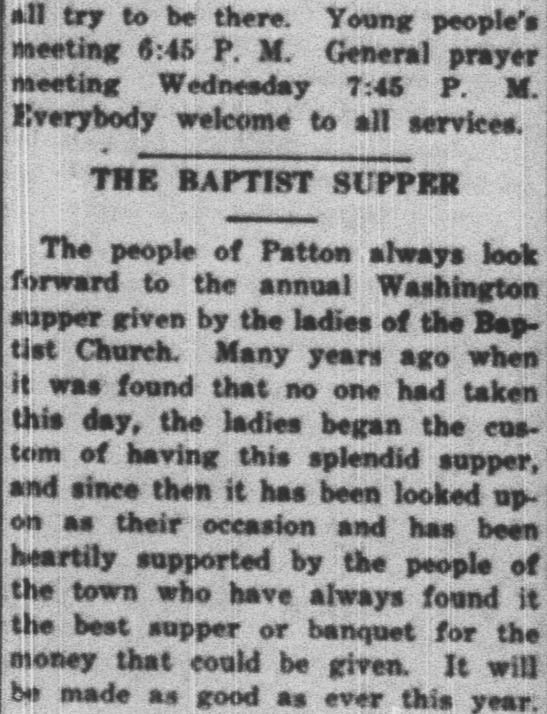
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