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Needy Get 9000 Cords Of Free Fuel In Forests

Plan Gives Work to Unemployed;
Lessens Fire Hazard

More than 9000 cords of wood from the Pennsylvania State Forests have helped keep needy families warm the past winter as a result of the offer made last fall by the Department of Forests and Waters to assist in the relief of unemployed throughout the State by furnishing free fuelwood, according to an announcement made today by Secretary Lewis E. Staley.

So far 1160 permits for cutting wood have been reported by fourteen foresters. The quantity of wood cut amounted to 9067 cords, which are equivalent to 453 freight cars of fuelwood. Individuals cut 6496 cords.

Welfare groups, which availed themselves of the opportunity to provide fuel for needy families in the communities covered by their activities, removed 2571 cords. In many cases choppers were hired by the welfare associations who paid the workers on a cord basis, after deducting the costs of hauling and their food. The fuel was then turned over to needy persons, particularly those who were unable to do their own cutting. The forestry officials carefully supervised the proper disposition of the wood in order to avoid having individuals cut and sell the fuel.

The Susquehanna State Forest in Potter and Clinton counties provided the largest amount of free wood, 2067 cords. The Bald Eagle State Forest in Snyder and Union counties furnished 1952 cords; from the Penn State Forest in Center and Mifflin counties, 1275 cords were removed; and 1096 cords were cut in the Buchanan State Forest in Franklin, Fulton, and Bedford counties. The forester in charge of the Tiadaghton State Forest in Lycoming and Clinton counties reports 1050 cords removed.

Various Methods

Various interesting methods were used by local unemployed to take advantage of the Department's offer. In the Michaux State Forest in Franklin and Cumberland counties the forest ranger supervised the cutting of burned timber by a group of forty-five unemployed sponsored by the chief of police of Chambersburg. The area which had been severely burned by forest fires in the summer of 1930 was cut clean of all dead hardwood growth of fuelwood size. In the Buchanan State Forest wood choppers were brought to the State Forest daily on trucks, and food for feeding them was donated by businessmen in nearby towns.

Secretary Staley estimates that in addition to helping needy families approximately 1614 acres of State Forests were improved by reason of having dead, defective, and fire scarred timber thinned out of the growing forest stands. Although the utilization of the timber was rather complete, the foresters who supervised the operations saw to it that sound, living trees of good species were not cut.

One of the most striking instances of the Department's free fuelwood policy benefiting the needy was reported by Secretary Staley in the case of two sisters of advanced age who tried to support themselves doing laundry work using cordwood cut from the Tioga State Forest, Tioga county, and hauled to their hut at the base of Mount Tom by friendly neighbors. After one sister died the second was kept supplied with free wood cut to stove length until she was taken ill in January. Although the doctors say she has but a short time to live, she is still supplied with wood from the State Forests and is assisted by the county authorities financially.

A & P Sales Down

Sales of the Great Atlantic and Pacific Tea Company for the five week period ending April 2nd were \$88,912.192. This compares with \$104,742,250 for the same period in 1931, and is a decrease of \$15,820,058, or 15.11 per cent.

March sales, expressed in tons, were estimated as 520,198 this year, compared with 552,825 in March 1931. This is a decrease in quantity of merchandise sold of 32,627 tons, or 5.90 per cent.

Average weekly sales in March were \$17,782,438, compared with \$20,948,450 in 1931, a decrease of \$3,166,012. Average weekly tonnage sales were 104,040, compared with 110,565 in March 1931, a decrease of 6525 tons.

Tanners Bank Of Noxen Consolidates With Wyoming National, Tunkhannock

MANY CONCERNS EAGER
FOR TOWNSHIP BONDS;
OPEN BIDS TONIGHT

Kingston township will dispose of its bond issue totaling \$85,000 without difficulty, according to all indications. Approximately 15 bond houses have requested information and bid sheets of the bond issue. The bids are to be opened at a special meeting to be held at the Trucksville school house tonight.

With so many bidders interested, it is expected that the interest rate will be less than 6 per cent. School board officials estimate that an interest rate of about 5 1/4 per cent. will be obtained.

The investing public has been looking more kindly upon municipal bonds in recent weeks. The bonds exempt from taxation and also provide a safe long term investment.

Girl Scouts Collect Clothing For Needy

Girl Scouts, from every troop in Wyoming Valley, are now very busy collecting clothing from their friends, to swell the Community Clothing Exchange, which will open on Public Square next Monday, to clothe the needy of our Community.

The scouts are following instructions given to them:

1. Visit the homes of their parents and friends and solicit clothing.
2. The clothing, shoes, etc., so procured are brought to troop headquarters.
3. The Troop Committee and Troop Leaders are asked to arrange to condition the clothing or ask the aid of Mother's Clubs or Aid Societies.
4. When sufficient clothing is collected it will be brought to Community Clothing Exchange Headquarters.

The Scouts are meeting a need. They are out every day asking for clothing. They are known by an identification card which they carry with them. The card bears their name and is signed by their troop leader. Help them do their Good Turn—Give all you have to Give.

Past Grands Meet At Lehman Lodge

The monthly meeting of the I. O. O. F. Past Grands Association of Luzerne County will be held on Wednesday evening, April 20th, in the hall of Osage Lodge No. 712 at Lehman. The principal speaker will be Rev. Henry R. Taxdall, vicar of St. Georges Episcopal Church at Nanticoke. All Odd Fellows are invited.

Prior to the Association meeting from 6 to 8 o'clock members of Osage Lodge will serve a Dutch supper at the M. E. Church to all Odd Fellows and their wives and friends. Immediately following the supper the Association will hold a short business session in the Lodge Hall. The program will take place in the M. E. Church to which all Odd Fellows and their friends are invited. Preparations are being made to entertain 300.

Newly elected officers of the Association will preside. Hon. Willard G. Shortz, president will be assisted by the following: Vice-Presidents, George Russell of Wilkes-Barre, Robert R. Dean, of Wanamie; J. H. Kindig of New Columbus and Robert N. Schaffer of White Haven. A campaign for new members is being arranged by the Officers and the Districts will be divided between the four vice-presidents.

DALLAS TOWNSHIP P. T. A. HOLD VERY SUCCESSFUL CARD PARTY

The committee who sponsored the Card Party for the Dallas Township P. T. A., which was held at the shop of John Girvan on Friday night last wish to thank the people for the cooperation they received. It was one of the most successful affairs ever held by the P. T. A. There were over 100 present at the party and all expressed the opinion that it was a very delightful affair.

QUOIT CLUB TO MEET

The Quoit Club of Alderson will hold a meeting in Javer's Store on Monday night, April 18. All those interested in forming a league in this community are asked to attend this meeting.

Consolidated Institutions Will Have
Resources of One and a Quarter
Million Dollars

BOSTON IS CASHIER



NEW CASHIER

Clarence A. Boston, of Noxen, who becomes cashier of Wyoming National Bank, Tunkhannock following consolidation of Tanners' Bank with that institution.

The first consolidation of banks in the history of Wyoming county occurred this week with the announcement of consolidation of Tanners' Bank of Noxen and Wyoming National Bank of Tunkhannock. The latter is the oldest banking institution in the county and the latter is the youngest.

Through the consolidation the combined institution will have resources of more than one and a quarter million dollars and will be in an advantageous position to serve its depositors throughout the county.

Along with the announcement of consolidation also comes the announcement that Clarence A. Boston, cashier of the Tanners' Bank will become cashier of the consolidated banks.

Mr. Boston is considered one of the best banking men in Wyoming county and has been with the Tanners' Bank since its organization ten years ago. Aside from his banking duties he has been active in civic and fraternal affairs throughout the county and has a wide circle of friends and business acquaintances both in Luzerne and Wyoming counties. Mr. Boston is a member of Dallas Rotary Club, Wyoming Lodge No. 468 F. & A. M., Consistory and Shrine, he is district deputy grand master I. O. O. F. and a member of the American Legion having served 23 months overseas during the world war as regimental sergeant major.

Donald C. Harding, present teller at Wyoming National Bank and a young man of pleasing personality and ability, will be assistant cashier of the combined institutions. John B. Henning, brother of S. R. Henning of Trucksville, will remain as president of the institution.

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Township To Benefit By Fund Distribution

Kingston township school district is one step nearer receiving its share of the fund held by trustees of the Proprietors of original Kingston township as a result of a decision recently handed down by Judge Valentine who over-ruled exceptions and confirmed the distribution as outlined by the municipalities.

Movement to have the fund distributed has been underway for about eight years. Objections were raised which halted the plans about a year ago. Disappointed municipalities had counted on their share as a means of offsetting loss in coal valuations. Since then school districts have been engaged in an effort to have the objections over-ruled and the funds distributed immediately.

Willard Shortz, Harry Gordon, William Brewster and Richard B. Sheridan began the movement for distribution some years ago and succeeded in having a bill passed by the State legislature. Several years ago an election of the trustees was held in Forty Fort and immediate steps were taken toward distribution.

When announcement was made that

Church Board Plans Canvass

Financial Statement of M. E. Church
To Be Issued Soon

The official Board of Dallas M. E. Church met Tuesday evening with the following present: Mrs. S. B. Davies, A. H. Van Nortwick, L. W. LeGrand, H. S. Doll; C. S. Hildebrand, Z. E. Garinger, Thos. Him, F. W. Bogert, W. H. Baker, Theo. Dix, and Dr. F. D. Hartsock.

Plans for an every member canvass was arranged to meet the budget for the ensuing year. It is hoped to complete the canvass by April 24th.

The financial statement of the church will be issued within the next two weeks. This will include a report of all the activities of all branches of the church together with the names of all members and friends of the church, the amount each has contributed during the year. Persons who desire to increase the amount they have donated the past year will be privileged to do so up to April 17th, at which time the financial report will be placed in the hands of the printer.

After accepting the resignation of F. W. Bogert as financial secretary, Miss Ruth Waters was elected to fill the vacancy for the ensuing year. Mr. Bogert was persuaded to retain the recording secretaryship, A. S. Culbert will continue as treasurer for another year.

It is the consensus of the great majority of the church membership that F. W. Bogert, retiring financial secretary, has proved to be the most efficient and painstaking secretary the church has probably ever had. His detailed reports and exact data of church matters was always at hand and has been a source of satisfaction to all who were associated with him in his labors.

The pastor and officers of the Epworth League have been requested to have joint meetings each Sunday evening. This will permit the church to dispense with Mr. Colli's service Sunday evenings and also be a small saving in fuel and light.

W. C. T. U. Meeting

The monthly meeting of the Dallas W. C. T. U. will be held at the home of Mrs. W. A. Higgins Tuesday afternoon at 2 P. M.

DALLAS BOROUGH P. T. A. TO ENTERTAIN

At the meeting of the Dallas Borough P. T. A. on Monday night, April 18, at Dallas High School, the association will have as guests the Dallas Township P. T. A.

A very interesting program has been arranged. Rev. G. Elston Ruff, pastor of the Shavertown Lutheran Church, will be guest speaker. A play entitled, "A Boy's Ambition," will be presented by the sixth grade. There will also be several instrumental solos.

Refreshments will be served by first, eleventh and twelfth grades. Everyone is very cordially invited to attend this meeting, and a very pleasant evening is assured.

Pinchot, Up To Old Tricks, Flays Public Utilities In Local Address

Pneumonia Takes
Horace Crawford

Local Plaster Contractor Death's Victim
After Weeks Illness

The funeral of Horace Greeley Crawford, aged fifty-three, who died Monday morning following a week's illness of complications and pneumonia, was held Wednesday from the late home on Parrish street, Dallas. Interment was in Dennison cemetery, Forty Fort.

Mr. Crawford has been a resident of Dallas for the past seven years and was a plastering contractor by trade, although he had not followed the occupation for sometime having been injured in an accident sometime ago which incapacitated one of his arms. He had otherwise been in good health and had he lived until this Sunday would have observed his 56 birthday anniversary.

He was a man of cheerful and pleasant disposition and well liked by all who knew him. He was a member of Dallas M. E. Church and of the Loyal Order of Moose.

Beside his wife, Elsie, he leaves the following children; Mrs. Marion Garrett, Syracuse; Ralph D. Crawford and Ruth C. Crawford, Dallas and one granddaughter, Georgia Garrett.

TRUCKSVILLE WOMAN BURIED ON THURSDAY

The funeral of Mrs. Chaucery E. Smith, 61 years old, who died at her home in Trucksville on Monday morning after a three days' illness of apoplexy, was held yesterday from the Trucksville M. E. Church, with Rev. J. R. Crompton officiating.

Mrs. Smith was formerly Edith M. Snyder, daughter of the late Adney and Hester Warden Snyder, and was born in Wilkes-Barre. After her marriage she lived in Jackson until twelve years ago, when she moved to Trucksville.

Surviving are her husband, one daughter, Mrs. Stanley Nelson of Trucksville; one son, Lawrence, of Jackson; eleven grandchildren and the following brothers and sisters: Charles and George Snyder, Mrs. C. H. Wolfe, Mrs. M. A. Dymond, Mrs. Albert McKeel and Mrs. Leroy Reese.

LOCAL PASTOR ATTENDS CHURCH CENTENARY

Rev. F. D. Hartsock attended the one hundredth anniversary of Carbondale M. E. Church on Thursday evening. It was from the Carbondale church where Rev. Hartsock served ten years ago, that he was appointed district superintendent of the Scranton district of the Methodist church. In his four years ministry at Carbondale, Rev. Hartsock had the unique distinction of gaining 1022 new members for the church.

FIRE DESTROYS HOME

Fire of unknown origin completely destroyed the home of Peter Traver, of Evan's Falls last Thursday noon. A defective flue is supposed to have been the cause. Members of the family were seated at dinner when they heard a queer crackling noise upstairs, upon investigating they found that the entire upper story was in flames. They immediately began removal of furniture from the lower floor but the spread of the flames was so rapid that much was destroyed. Mr. Traver had \$1,200 insurance on the house and \$400 on the furniture.

TUNKHANNOCK TO HAVE STATE ROAD WAREHOUSE

The plan of the State Highway Department to build a storage warehouse for machinery and road materials in Tunkhannock now seems likely to be carried out the coming summer, an allocation of \$29,000 having been made for it. That is more than was appropriated for any other of the counties except Pike, which is allowed the same sum as Wyoming. Rumor has it that the site selected for the building is on the old ball ground near Susquehanna avenue.

— Tunkhannock Republican.

Dry Issue is Relegated to Back Ground
In Luzerne County But Comes to
the Fore In Wyoming County Ad-
dress

In 1930 the Pennsylvania Power and Light Company took \$4,018,000 more from its customers than a fair 7 per cent. return on its actual money invested, and the Luzerne County Gas and Electric took over \$250,000 more than a 7 per cent. return on its actual investment. This makes a total of 4 1/2 million dollars of excess money which the electric utilities have taken out of the pockets of consumers. This was not their money. It was yours. It should have stayed in the consumer's pockets.

Every third child examined in Luzerne County was found to be underweight—36 per cent. to be exact. If the people of Luzerne County had their share of that excess four million dollars a year in their own pockets, where it belongs, they could begin to take care of some of these underfed children in the way they do to do.

Regulation of the present which gives the utilities money to have no right to have, is a luxury. We cannot afford luxuries in these times.

The Public Service Commission has known all about these excess earnings for years. It has done nothing to stop them. Seven men have received \$10,000 each every year from the taxpayers to do a job. They have had clerks, engineers and accountants by the \$100,000 worth, and yet they have not done the job for the people. It is the one State department where money is not being spent for the people, and I am for getting our money's worth from those gentlemen, or know the reason why.

It is like bringing coals to New Castle to talk to the citizens of Luzerne County about public utility regulation. You, veterans of the greatest utility fight in the history of Pennsylvania, certainly realize the necessity for changes in our present Public Service Company Law. Your courage and tenacity in this long and bitter struggle with the Federal Water Service Company has won the admiration of every civic minded citizen in this Commonwealth. I have been extremely gratified by the interest displayed throughout the State in the outcome of your fight. Your fellow Pennsylvanians are certainly pulling for you and I want you to know that they have their complete support. My sincere wish is that you have a full and complete measure of success.

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ATHLETIC CLUB TO HOLD DANCE

Dallas Township High School Athletic Club will sponsor a dance to be held in Kunkle Community Hall on Tuesday evening, April 19. Proceeds will be used to purchase equipment for the club. Everyone is invited to attend. A small admission charge will be made.

On The Literary Digest "Poll"

"I am asked all around the United States whether or not the Literary Digest poll on prohibition is 'honest.' I do not know; presumably it is, but I don't know, and cannot know. I do know this, the only official and properly-guarded polling system we have in the United States is at the regular elections. I know another thing: the official elections are the only elections or 'polls' which have any attractions for the prohibitionists of this country. There is not the slightest use in advising them to vote in such polls as that conducted by the Literary Digest, because the vast majority of them simply will not do it. They resent the whole thing and act accordingly. Rightly or wrongly, they consider the proposition simply a wet scheme concocted for propaganda purposes, and when they get a ballot they usually tear it up or throw it in the waste-basket.

"Suppose I got up a wet referendum. Would the wets vote in it? They would not. They would consider that I was simply trying to put over a dry argument. In affairs of this kind, it seems almost inevitable that a wet man or wet corporation

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