

### John Kocher's Widow Died At City Hospital

Mrs. Leah Kocher, 82, widow of John S. Kocher, died on Tuesday, February 20, at Wilkes-Barre General Hospital of pneumonia. The funeral was held on Friday afternoon at Ruggles Methodist Church, with Rev. George H. Phillips of First Methodist Church, Wilkes-Barre, officiating. Interment was in Kocher Cemetery Ruggles.

Mrs. Kocher was born at Shick-shinny and formerly lived at Ruggles. At the time of her death she lived with her daughter at Lee Park, Wilkes-Barre. Surviving are Mrs. Maude Shaver, Lee Park; Wallace Kocher, Harvey's Lake; Sidney Kocher, Lehigh, and Mrs. Charles Eckert of Wilkes-Barre. Mrs. Kocher's husband died about 25 years ago at Ruggles.

### College Debating Team Defeats St. Peter's

The debating team of College Misericordia, having as members Mary McGroarty and Mary McCole, won a decision over the team from St. Peter's College of Jersey City on Saturday night.

The subject was: Resolved: That the United States should follow a Policy of Strict Isolation (Economic and Military) with all Nations Outside the Western Hemisphere during War Times. Judges were Attorney John A. Gallagher, Attorney Joseph P. Flanagan and Attorney Arthur A. McGuire.

### Wins Poster Contest

Miss Mary Elen Schiff, a freshman at College Misericordia, won the poster contest held at the college last week in connection with "Posture Week".

## ALDERSON

Mrs. Mary Biery and Mrs. L. E. Kerr attended the funeral of Mrs. Mary Dowling on Wednesday afternoon.

Sam Eggleston and Mrs. L. E. Kerr attended the funeral of Mrs. Leah Kocher on Friday afternoon.

Mrs. L. E. Kerr called on her schoolmates, Mrs. Laura Brislin of Laketon, on Friday and met another old schoolmate, Mrs. Louise Frick, whom Mrs. Kerr had not seen for 40 years.

Mr. Andrew was a caller at Sam Eggleston's home on Sunday.

Sam Eggleston and Mrs. L. E. Kerr called on Mrs. Sadie Laura on Thursday afternoon.

## GAY-MURRAY NEWS

### IT'S BARGAIN DAY

NEXT MONDAY IN TUNKHANNOCK

with all local stores offering super-values. Among our specials, you'll find:

- Single shot 22 rifles ..... \$3.25
- Red and green plaid shirts ..... .79
- Men's lunch pants ..... .19
- No. 8 cast iron skillets ..... .29
- 4-piece canister sets ..... .39
- Roaster for 18-lb. turkey ..... .39
- \$59.50 electric washers. 49.50 and other bargains.

Our biggest improvements for 1940 are in the kitchenware and stove departments, and our customers are as pleased as we are. Mrs. Leo Aud of Nicholson bought a set of fiesta ware. Mrs. Halsey Smith bought one of the new white Pitston Ranges for her home at Fairdale.

It's mighty handy, and not very expensive, to have an electric light in the dark corner of the house and barn. Kenneth Sicker is using a lot of our wiring material at his home on Shupp Hill. See Ted about your electrical work.

Wm. Raber at Benton is getting all fixed up for comfort with a new bathroom, sink, new Goulds Jet Pump to furnish the new Goulds jet pump to furnish the water at his South Montrose home.

Which Brooder do you prefer? Coal? Oil? Electric? We have them all, and at the right price. Eureka Coal Brooders start at \$9.95, while the Royal Oil type sells at \$13.95. S. K. Richards and L. A. Streng recently bought 4 of the oil burners. You'll find our prices right on fountains and feeders, too.

Attend Our Spring Party Thursday & Friday, MARCH 28 -- 29

Gay-Murray Co. Inc.

TUNKHANNOCK, PA.

# ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE CONTROLLER OF LUZERNE COUNTY PENNSYLVANIA

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1939

## ROBERT N. BIERLY COUNTY CONTROLLER

Office of the Controller of Luzerne County, Pennsylvania Wilkes-Barre, Penna. January 20th, 1940

In conformity with the Act of Assembly passed the eighteenth day of July, A. D. 1935, herewith submit the annual report of Luzerne County showing the receipts and expenditures, together with a statement of the financial condition of the County for the year ending December 31, 1939.

ROBERT N. BIERLY, Controller of Luzerne County.

LIABILITIES			ASSETS		
Bonded Debt:	Outstanding At Beginning of Year	Paid During Year	Outstanding At End of Year	Balance In Sinking Fund	Net
1913 4 1/2 % Road	106,000.00	32,000.00	74,000.00		
1915 4 1/2 % Bridge	226,000.00	36,000.00	190,000.00		
1927 4 1/2 % Bridge	200,000.00	100,000.00	100,000.00		
1931 3 3/4 % Funding	320,000.00	190,000.00	130,000.00	2,550.73	2,127,449.27
1932 5 % Funding	220,000.00	35,000.00	185,000.00		
1934 3 3/4 % Funding	1,100,000.00	100,000.00	1,000,000.00		
1936 1 1/2 % Funding	300,000.00	200,000.00	100,000.00		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2,748,000.00</b>	<b>618,000.00</b>	<b>2,130,000.00</b>	<b>2,550.73</b>	<b>2,127,449.27</b>

Particulars	Amount	Amount
Due to Coal Companies for overpaid taxes on account of Court Decisions reducing valuation of Coal Properties 1925 to 1929 incl. payable in three yearly installments without interest	283,247.64	
Estimated amount of Road Damages and other claims in process of settlement	114,025.00	
Bills contracted but not forwarded to Controller's office for Audit (Estimated)	125,000.00	
Accrued interest to December 31, 1939	1,933.75	
Temporary Loans		500,000.00
Second National Bank		1,033,808.39
<b>TOTAL INDEBTEDNESS</b>	<b>1,160,753.66</b>	

Particulars	Amount	Amount
Cash Balance—General Fund		36,856.99
Outstanding Taxes:		
Duplicate for 1939	523,840.54	
Less Reserve for Uncollectible	28,197.03	497,743.51
Duplicate for Prior Years	90,782.13	
Less Reserve for Uncollectible	20,820.49	68,961.64
Returned and Lined (Est.)	1,071,439.30	
Less Reserve for Uncollectible	214,287.66	857,151.64
Total Taxes Collectable		1,368,860.79
Accounts Receivable:		
From Municipalities and others—account of Road and Bridge Construction:		
Wilkes-Barre City	3,000.00	
Cowicham Township	4,000.00	
Duport Boro	45,700.00	
Duryea Borough	1,000.00	
Lackawanna Borough	4,111.76	
Wilkes-Barre Railway Corp.	1,590.00	
West Wyoming Borough	34,413.31	
Less Reserve for Doubtful Accounts		88,718.07
From Municipalities for Special Elections:		
Black Creek Township	353.89	
Hanover Township	1,449.13	1,803.99
Miscellaneous Accounts Receivable:		
Loan to Probation Office	868.22	
Properties purchased for taxes	100.99	
Gumie Lyons	25.33	
Corraese Construction Company	46.53	
Duport Borough	12,908.00	
Luzerne County Industrial School	2,900.00	
Mrs. W. C. Harding	433.25	
West End Coal Company	300.00	
10th Field Artillery	25.35	
Kutz Bakery	119.33	
Luzerne County Institutional District	7.40	
Thomas M. Lewis, Esq.	2,323.75	
M. F. McDonald, Esq.	2,500.00	
Less Reserve for Doubtful Accounts	22,277.55	11,188.69
Due from Fee Offices:		
Fees Collected during December, 1939, but not paid to County Treasurer:		
William Thomas, Sheriff	2,110.04	
George R. Sheeler, Recorder of Deeds	2,329.55	
Foster M. Margie, Prothonotary	2,588.85	
Dr. F. M. Pugliese, Treasurer	523.25	
Joseph M. Morris, Register of Wills	2,837.86	
Harry Schaub, Clerk of Courts	800.13	10,764.81
From Municipalities for Supplies and Use of Equipment:		
Aztec Borough	87.00	
Buck Township	50.05	
Courdale Borough	883.80	
Duport Borough	66.59	
Duryea Borough	1,104.00	
Duryea Borough School District	78.00	
Edwardsville Borough	61.75	
Exeter Borough	111.80	
Fairview Township	33.40	
Hawthorn Township	42.55	
Huntington Township	42.50	
Kington Borough	824.55	
Labs Township	1,104.00	
Larksville Borough	77.40	
Larksville Borough School District	33.70	
Plains Township School District	68.80	
Plymouth Township	423.80	
Plymouth Township	244.25	
Pringle Borough	32.65	
Ross Township School District	32.50	
Sugar Notch Borough	151.70	
Warrior Run Borough	460.85	
White Haven Borough	60.85	
Wyoming Borough	76.70	
Yatesville Borough	240.80	
Less Reserve for Doubtful Accounts	6,740.33	6,178.91
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>1,452,411.64</b>	

Total Indebtedness	\$1,160,753.66
Total Assets	1,452,411.64
<b>Net Indebtedness</b>	<b>1,078,944.32</b>

Particulars	Amount	Amount
Balance at Beginning of Year:		
General Fund	52,323.02	
Sinking Fund	15,095.17	
<b>Total Balances</b>	<b>67,418.50</b>	
Revenue Receipts:		
Taxes	1,736,002.20	
Licenses and Permits	248.50	
Fines and Forfeits	4,539.10	
Interest and Rent	987.33	
Departmental Earnings	138,497.20	
Gifts and Grants (Liquid Fuel Tax)	259,473.48	
Other Revenue	34,108.45	
<b>Total Revenue Receipts</b>	<b>2,171,036.41</b>	
Non-Revenue Receipts:		
Temporary Loans	1,750,000.00	
Transfers	890,496.25	
Other	31,420.04	
<b>Total Non-Revenue Receipts</b>	<b>2,671,916.29</b>	
<b>Total Receipts and Transfers</b>	<b>4,842,952.70</b>	
<b>Grand Total Receipts, Transfers and Balances</b>	<b>4,710,369.80</b>	

Particulars	Amount	Amount	Total
Governmental Expenditures:			
Administrative	756,192.24		756,192.24
Judicial	424,150.67		424,150.67
Corrections	251,824.74		251,824.74
Charities	366.60		366.60
Highways	815,250.06	64,810.15	880,060.21
Miscellaneous	83,254.68		83,254.68
Interest and State Tax	5,111.36		5,111.36
<b>Total Governmental Expenditures</b>	<b>1,806,720.35</b>	<b>64,810.15</b>	<b>1,871,530.50</b>
Non-Governmental Expenditures:			
Principal on Indebtedness	2,119,178.55		2,119,178.55
Transfers	890,496.25		890,496.25
Other	7,657.52		7,657.52
<b>Total Non-Governmental Expenditures</b>	<b>2,917,332.32</b>		<b>2,917,332.32</b>
<b>Total Expenditures and Transfers</b>	<b>4,784,862.67</b>		<b>4,784,862.67</b>
Balance at End of Year:			
General Fund	90,856.99		90,856.99
Sinking Fund	1,550.72		1,550.72
<b>Total Balances</b>	<b>92,407.71</b>		<b>92,407.71</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL EXPENDITURES, TRANSFERS AND BALANCES</b>	<b>4,784,862.67</b>		<b>4,784,862.67</b>

Particulars	Amount	Amount
Cash Balance, January 1st, 1939:		
General Fund	52,323.02	
Revenue Receipts:		
Taxes:		
Real Estate:		
Current Levy (1939)	1,167,830.60	
Previous Year (1938)	184,522.68	
Prior Years	10,893.33	
Total Received from Tax Collectors	1,363,246.61	
Returned Taxes	182,576.47	
Total Real Estate Taxes	1,180,670.14	
Personal Property (Money at Interest, Etc.):		
Current Levy (1939)	46,899.17	
Previous Year (1938)	15,259.30	
Prior Years	145.09	
Total Received from Tax Collectors	62,293.56	
Delinquent from County Treasurer	2,788.56	
Total Personal Property Taxes	65,082.12	
Total Taxes	1,245,752.26	
Licenses and Permits:		
Fine Arms and Others	105.50	
Miscellaneous	140.00	245.50
Fines and Forfeits:		
Court Costs	4,501.63	
Court Fines	157.42	4,659.10
Interest and Rents:		
Rents from Bridges	137.53	
Rents from properties—Jackson St.	850.00	987.53
Gifts and Grants:		
Liquid Fuel Tax	259,473.48	259,473.48
Department Earnings:		
Election Officers	1,119.23	
Recorder of Deeds	24,299.83	
Register of Wills	28,807.43	
Sheriff	23,214.13	
Prothonotary	87,715.16	
Clerk of Courts	283.15	
County Prison	1,050.25	135,497.20
Other Revenue Receipts:		
Treasurer's Commission on Taxes Collected for Others	23,175.13	
Election Filing Fees	8,029.60	
Maintenance for Deputies	46,166.25	
Airport	961.72	
Tax Liens filed by Treasurer for Municipalities	427.25	
Miscellaneous	753.45	
Other Income	558.90	34,166.45
Non-Revenue Receipts:		
Temporary Loans	1,750,000.00	
Other Non-Revenue Receipts	31,420.04	
Total Non-Revenue Receipts	1,781,420.04	
Grand Total Receipts, Transfer, and Cash Balances	4,004,778.48	

Particulars	Amount	Amount
Governmental Expenditures:		
Administrative:		
Commissioners:		
Salaries of Commissioners	17,888.23	
Salaries and Wages of Clerks	46,166.25	
Office Supplies	845.04	
Traveling Expenses	2,227.84	
Equipment (Maintenance and Purchase)	899.23	
Premium on Commissioners' Bonds	145.40	
Association Dues and Expenses	50.00	
Other Expenses	642.58	68,965.79
Solicitor:		
Salary and Stenographer	4,700.00	
Traveling Expenses	60.00	
Other Legal Expenses	799.55	
Office Supplies	31.10	5,530.15
Court House Building and Grounds:		
Salaries and Wages	50,638.34	
Materials and Supplies	46,166.25	
Repairs to Buildings	719.83	
Fuel, Light and Water	10,115.33	
Equipment (Maintenance and Purchase)	514.45	
Insurance	337.50	
Service Time-Towel & Window Cleaning	1,856.42	
Construction or Extension of Buildings	4,605.50	
Land Purchase	15,894.00	
Other Expenses	189.63	57,809.63
Elections:		
Registration:		
Pay of Registrar & clerks—including Traveling Expenses	94,314.50	
Traveling Expenses of Inspectors	1,454.84	
Advertising	45.10	
Rent of Registrar's Office	10.00	
Office Supplies	1,774.86	
Equipment	3,583.00	103,182.80
Primary and General Elections:		
Preparation of Election Books	45.32	
Pay of Election Officers	26,153.22	
Advertising	3,932.50	
Computing Returns	4,553.80	
Rent of Polling Places	1,111.25	
Material and Supplies and Delivery of Voting Machines	49,849.42	
Equipment, Storage of Voting Machines, Etc.	11,601.65	
Miscellaneous Expense	1,219.00	134,566.89
Total Operation and Maintenance	326,753.18	
Tax Assessment:		
Salaries—Assessors and Sub-Assessors	59,131.78	
Preparation of Assessment Books:		
Salaries of Clerks, Real Estate Dept.	25,876.59	
Salaries of Clerks, Personal Property Department	15,573.50	
Transcribing Tax Duplicate	20,16	