

December 31, 1943

Luzerne County Office Of The Controller

ROBERT M. MILLER, COUNTY CONTROLLER

To the Honorable, The Judges of the Court of Common Pleas: In conformity with the Act of Assembly approved the eighteenth day of July, A. D. 1935, I herewith submit the annual report of Luzerne County showing the receipts and expenditures, together with a statement of the County for the year ended December 31, 1943.

FOREWORD Government is a cooperative agency in which certain persons elected, appointed or otherwise employed for various duties and responsibilities carry on sundry activities on behalf of and in the interest of their fellow citizens. The citizens are in effect the owners and employers of this great enterprise. Officials and employees are but servants and trustees. It is their responsibility to follow the wishes of the owners, protect their interests, and keep them informed of results. The primary means upon which public officials must rely for the purpose of informing the owners is the system of reports. In many ways the most important report of any governmental body is the annual report. It is here that the record of accomplishment is presented over against the plan of operation and development offered in the budget at the beginning of the year. It is through this medium that other citizens are given an opportunity to view and study what such has accomplished. It is a document that the citizen may peruse at his leisure, through which he should be able to secure a complete picture of the affairs in which he is interested.

FINANCIAL BALANCE SHEET On December 31, 1943, the County had a cash balance of \$194,113.97. Other units of government and various people owed the county \$55,659.34, from which has been deducted an estimated loss in these accounts \$2,019,880.04 leaving a balance considered collectible of \$65,659.34. There is due from the current year of 1943 \$254,953.13 and credits \$25,495.81 leaving a balance considered collectible of \$280,458.32. There is due from prior years taxes \$12,159.46 from which has been deducted a reserve for losses, \$25,722.21 leaving a balance of \$1,205.25. Returned and liened taxes has been estimated at \$655,427.61 from which has been deducted a reserve for losses, \$215,143.54, leaving a balance of \$440,284.07. Inventory of supplies on hand \$5,000.00. The total of these assets of \$921,019.07 is offset to a certain extent by amounts owed by the County as follows: For temporary loans \$400,000.00 For unpaid accounts \$148,843.47 For bond coupons not presented for payment \$2,935.25. The total liabilities of \$551,778.72 from total assets of \$921,019.07 leaves a surplus of assets over liabilities of \$369,240.35. The county bonded indebtedness now stands at \$1,846,000.00, which is less than 7 mills of the real estate valuation.

Below is a condensed statement showing the financial results of the year 1943. The county had a cash balance at the beginning of the year of \$76,411.35. During the year the county received income of \$2,019,880.04. And cash from temporary loans of \$400,000.00. Or total receipts of \$4,209,880.04. Resulting in available cash of \$4,346,291.39. In the same period the county made expenditures as follows: For Operations \$1,940,177.42 For Central Outlay \$16,000.00 For Contingent Temporary Loans \$1,800,000.00 Payment-Bonds \$396,000.00 Or a total of expenditures of \$4,152,177.43. Thus the county closed its fiscal year on December 31, 1943, with a cash balance to be carried forward into 1944 of \$194,113.97.

Real estate taxes supplied 71.49% of the county revenue for the past fiscal year. Personal property taxes furnished 6.99%. Liquid fuel tax 9.4%, and departmental equipment, salaries, and supplies, 12.02%. Administrative operations cost 33.45% of the county expenditures for the year. Judicial 15.74%, Corrections 9.70%, Highways 12.39%. Unpaid bills of prior years 5.73%, Interest 1.52%, Capital Outlay .55%, Interest and State Tax 2.74%, and Miscellaneous 2.63%.

Table with columns: Cash, Accounts Receivable, Taxes Receivable, Deposit in Closed Bank, Inventory of Supplies, TOTAL ASSETS, LIABILITIES AND SURPLUS, TOTAL LIABILITIES AND SURPLUS.

Table with columns: Cash Balance, REVENUE RECEIPTS, TOTAL REVENUE RECEIPTS, NON GOVERNMENTAL EXPENDITURES, TOTAL GOVERNMENTAL EXPENDITURES, TOTAL EXPENDITURES.

Table with columns: Real Estate Taxes, Personal Property Taxes, Departmental Earnings, TOTAL DEPARTMENTAL EARNINGS, Other Revenue Receipts, Non Revenue Receipts, GRAND TOTAL, STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES AND ENCUMBRANCES, TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT.

Large table with multiple columns showing financial data for various departments: Salaries-Assistants and Clerks, Office Supplies, Travel Expense, Premium on Bonds, Association Dues, Other Expense, TOTAL COMMISSIONERS, Solicitor, Court House and Other Buildings, TOTAL COURT HOUSE AND OTHER BUILDINGS, Registration, Election, Tax Assessment-Real Estate, Tax Assessment-Personal Property, TOTAL TAX ASSESSMENT-PERSONAL PROPERTY, Central Agency, Weights and Measures, TOTAL WEIGHTS AND MEASURES, Treasurer, Tax Collectors, TOTAL TAX COLLECTORS, County Surveyor, Recorder of Deeds, Sheriff, Coroner, Clerk of Courts, District Attorney, Orphan Court, Courts, Justices and Aldermen, TOTAL JUSTICES AND ALDERMEN, Constables, TOTAL CONSTABLES, TOTAL JUDICIAL, TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT.

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ter, Mrs. William Rinken, who has been ill. Mr. and Mrs. Claude Agnew have moved from Lehman into the Harmon Ide house. Mr. and Mrs. Earl Swan, of Philadelphia, spent the weekend with their parents, here. Edithe returned with them for a short visit. Harold Titus, who is working in Termont, Pa., spent the weekend with his family. Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Knapp spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. John Cadogan. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wright spent last week with Mr. and Mrs. Randolph Wright, at Lehman.

KUNKLE

Mr. and Mrs. William Wasser had as guests Saturday, Lieut. and Mrs. C. H. Warkowski and son, Charles, of Larksville. Lieut. Warkowski is stationed at Ana Costia, Washington, D. C. Miss Florence Heist, Arlington, Va., and Miss Irene Green, of Washington, D. C., were weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Elston. Mr. and Mrs. Palmer Updyke, of Philadelphia, spent the weekend with Mrs. Ann Richards.

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Mrs. Byron Keener has been ill at her home. Her father, Mr. DeWitt, of Luzerne, is with her. Word has been received by Mrs. John Morris that her husband, Pfc. Morris has arrived safely in Italy. Gladys Hilbert spent the weekend with friends at Kunkle, where she attended a farewell party for Raymond Hoyt, who will leave shortly for the service. Ray's brother, Peter, left recently to serve his country. Eugene Banta, Jr., who is employed in Wilmington, Del., spent the weekend with his wife and children.

IDETOWN

Nancy and Lenora Parks, who are working in Trenton, N. J., spent the weekend with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Parks. Ruth Rogers and Margaret McGovern, of Philadelphia, spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Spencer. Mr. and Mrs. Lee Weir and Molly Donahue, Betty Bryant and Mary Bush, all of Kingston, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. James Castlerline. Mrs. Cecil Sutton has received word that her husband, Cpl. Sutton, is in the South Pacific and is still on the move. This is the first time she has heard from him in seven weeks. Mrs. Martin Calkins entertained over the weekend, Miss Isabell Amy, of Uniontown. Mrs. Della Parrish has received word that her son, Paul, has reached his destination. Mrs. Sara McGilpen, of Ashley, spent last weekend with Mrs. Earl Lamoreaux. Mrs. Claire McKenna entertained Sunday in honor of Elinor, who celebrated her birthday anniversary: Miss Marie Wright, Betsy and Connie Morgan and Rebecca Wright, of Kingston; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wright, Roxie Hessler, Mrs. Elmer Hoover, and Roxie Hoover. Gilbert Husted S 2/c, who is stationed at Bainbridge, Md., is spending some time with his family. Rev. Allan Dean and son, Buddy, of Alden, spent the weekend with his parents, and Mrs. W. H. Dean. Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Smith and family, of Trenton, N. J., spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. James Rogers. Warren Rogers, who has been suffering from blood poisoning, is very much improved. Edith Spencer and Hildreth Fritz spent the weekend with Arline Sutton and Helen Wydra, in Endicott, N. Y. Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Honeywell, of Alderson, moved into the house formerly occupied by Mrs. Frank Gosart, Jr. Mrs. Anna Rinken, of Brooklyn, N. Y., spent last week with her sisters.

ATTENTION: Non-Highway Gasoline Users. We have been issued a permit by O. P. A. to transfer gasoline for "R" Coupons. Your business will be appreciated. SHAVER'S Service Station On Highway, Idetown, Pa. Phone: Harvey's Lake 3158

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