

**A HODGE—PODGE OF NEWSY INCIDENTS.**

There is a ten year old boy in Bellefonte who gives promise of becoming an astute financier when he grows up. His mother has been giving him an allowance of 50 cents a week out of which he must make his Sunday school contribution. He had been in the habit of giving ten cents every Sunday. Last Sunday, however, he took just five cents from his allowance for the weekly contribution and when his mother wanted to know why he was cutting his contribution in half he replied that the Sunday previous his teacher told the class that they ought to contribute one-tenth of their income to the Lord, and as he got only 50 cents a week the five cents represented the right per cent.

On Saturday the writer took his first motor ride over the concrete highway from Buffalo Run valley to State College and ever since we have been wondering why the State Highway Department spent a quarter of a million dollars to build that piece of road. It is a beautiful drive, through a long stretch of barren country, but in the almost seven mile stretch we met less than half a dozen automobiles. And we could not help but think it an expensive bit of road work for as little as it is used.

Down the Jacksonville road are three farmers living on adjacent farms who each put out thirty acres or more in oats in the spring. Early in the summer the crop looked very promising but about the time the oats were in blossom along came the grasshoppers. The three men have threshed their crops and all of them got less than ten bushels to the acre. The same three farmers purchased 25 bushel of seed potatoes in the spring at the same time and place and planted an acre of potatoes. The potatoes came up, withered and died without producing a crop worth raising.

Speaking of calendars a well known lawyer in Bellefonte was admitted to the Centre county bar thirty years ago and now occupies the office which was used by his father while he was still in college. Today on a long nail in that office hangs calendars dating back thirty-five years or more. Every year is there in it's proper order and the collection will be added to year by year as long as the disciple of Blackstone holds forth in that office.

Bellefonte people who, in the future, might have occasion to visit the Executive Mansion in Harrisburg, will miss the smiling countenance and courtly greeting of James M. Auter, who has retired as executive messenger at the age of 83 years. Auter, a negro, served in the navy during the Civil war. In 1883, at the request of Matthew Stanley Quay, he was appointed a messenger in the State Treasury, at Harrisburg. Following General Beaver's inauguration as Governor and his appointment of D. H. Hastings as Adjutant General the latter made Auter a messenger in the military department. When Hastings was inaugurated as Governor in 1895 he appointed Auter to the post of executive messenger, a position he held until his retirement last week.

**LAST CENSUS SHOWS FEWER CHILDREN**

The director of the census has also announced the population of Pennsylvania classified by age, sex, color, and nativity. The total population on April 1, 1930, was 9,631,350, comprising 895,843 persons under 5 years of age, 1,004,447 from 5 to 9 years, 984,764 from 10 to 14 years, 813,908 from 15 to 19 years, 732,285 from 20 to 24 years, 703,420 from 25 to 29 years, 1,367,057 from 30 to 34 years, 1,033,505 from 35 to 39 years, 674,262 from 40 to 44 years, 367,460 from 45 to 49 years, 140,818 from 50 to 54 years, 140,818 from 55 to 59 years, 140,818 from 60 to 64 years, 140,818 from 65 to 69 years, 140,818 from 70 to 74 years, 140,818 from 75 to 79 years, 140,818 from 80 to 84 years, 140,818 from 85 to 89 years, 140,818 from 90 to 94 years, 140,818 from 95 to 99 years, 140,818 from 100 years and over, and 5,074 for whom age was not reported.

Of the total population of the State, 29.9 per cent are under 15 years of age, 18.0 per cent are from 15 to 24 years of age, 17.7 per cent are from 25 to 34 years of age, and 5.3 per cent are 65 years of age and over.

The number of children under 1 year of age was 167,446, as compared with 195,817 in 1920, representing a decrease of 14.5 per cent, while the entire group of children under 5 years of age decreased from 1,005,465 in 1920 to 895,843 in 1930 or 10.9 per cent. All other age groups, except the group from 25 to 29 years, showed increases between 1920 and 1930.

On a percentage basis, persons in the age groups from 35 years upwards, represented a larger proportion of the total population in 1930 than in 1920, while for those in the age groups under 10 years, and from 25 to 34 years, the population was smaller than in 1920.

**SECOND "AIR COOLED" TRAIN IN SERVICE.**

That the "cool inside" idea has permanently spread to trains is indicated by the announcement of the second "air conditioned" train. It is the Columbian Limited between New York and Washington.

Hailed as the outstanding contribution to travel luxury since the sleeping car in the 50s, the "air cooled" train assures 75 degrees inside when it's 90 outside.

**DEATHS OF THE WEEK.**

**MCCORMICK.**—Dr. Simon S. McCormick, who for upwards of half a century had practiced medicine at Hubersburg, passed away on Monday morning. He had been in poor health for a year or more but had been confined to his home only a little over a month.

He was a son of Shannon and Susan Beck McCormick, and was born at the old farm homestead in Ferguson township on November 28th, 1864, hence was in his 67th year. He was educated in the public schools of his home locality then entered the Eclectic Medical College in Cincinnati, where he received his M. D. degree in 1888. In May, 1889, he located in Hubersburg and for forty-one years practiced his profession at that place. Ill health compelled him to give up work about a year ago. Dr. McCormick's illness and death were without doubt the result of the exacting demands on the mental and physical life of the average country physician. No stated hours of rest or recreation fall to their lot. They are subject to call any hour in the day or night and the doctor's large and widespread practice frequently kept him on the road twenty hours on a stretch.

He was a member of the Lutheran church and the Odd Fellows. He was one of the men who was vitally interested in organizing the Farmers National bank to take the place of the Centre County Banking company and was its first vice president.

He married Miss Dorothy Dannelly, of Pine Grove Mills, who survives with four daughters, Mrs. Maxwell Kearns, of Beavertown; Mrs. Lewis R. Lenhart, of Bellefonte; Mrs. Randall Miller, of Millheim, and Mrs. Cyril Beckman, of Wilkesburg. He also leaves eight grand-children. One of a family of ten children only three survive the doctor, Mrs. Hannah Osman, Mrs. Anna Bowersox and Hon. John T. McCormick, all of State College.

Funeral services were held at his late home, at Hubersburg, by Rev. Keller, of the Snydertown Lutheran church, burial being made in the Pine Hall cemetery.

**TURNER.**—Mrs. Lavina Williams Turner, widow of Benner Turner, died at her home at Port Matilda, on Sunday morning, as the result of complications following a stroke of paralysis almost a year ago.

She was the eldest daughter of Wilson and Eleanor Williams and was born at Martha Furnace on June 22nd, 1856, hence was in her 76th year. She was a member of the Presbyterian church and a devoted wife and mother. She married Mr. Turner in 1877. He died two years ago and of their ten children seven survive, as follows: Elmer, George and William, at home; Mrs. Eli Cowher, of Osceola Mills; Nancy and Ida, of Philadelphia, and Mrs. Fred Woodring, of Port Matilda. She also leaves one brother and five sisters, namely: A. C. Williams, of Martha Furnace; Mrs. Margery Baumgardner, of Greenville, Ohio; Mrs. L. L. Welcher, of Wilkesburg; Miss Ida Williams, of Martha Furnace; Mrs. B. C. Erhard, of Philadelphia, and Mrs. Roy Calhoun, of Fleming.

Rev. H. E. Oakwood had charge of the funeral services, which were held at 10:30 o'clock on Tuesday morning, burial being made in the Presbyterian cemetery in Port Matilda.

**PETERS.**—Mrs. Margaret Ellen Peters, wife of Frank B. Peters, of Wingate, passed away at six o'clock, last Thursday evening, following four months illness with heart trouble. Though her condition had been regarded as serious for some time past she seemed decidedly better, last Thursday, and was sitting in a chair when she died.

She was a daughter of James and Ellen Haines and was born in Union township on November 2nd, 1869, making her age 61 years, 9 months and 25 days. She was a member of the Methodist church and had many friends who sincerely mourn her death. In addition to her husband she is survived by four children, Elwood Peters, of State College; Albert, of Flemington; Mrs. Kenneth Kern, of Buffalo, N. Y., and Philip, at home.

Funeral services were held at her late home at 2:30 o'clock on Sunday afternoon, by Revs. M. C. Piper and M. H. Crawford, burial being made in the Stover cemetery.

**SWARTZ.**—Charles Elmer Swartz died at his home in Madisonburg, on Tuesday morning of last week, following several days illness as the result of an attack of myocarditis.

He was a son of Emanuel and Caroline Swartz and was born in Penn township on February 11th, 1872, making his age 59 years, 6 months and 14 days. In March, 1900, he married Miss Elizabeth J. Royer, who survives with one daughter, Mary Talitha Swartz. He also leaves his mother, living in Millheim, and the following brothers and sisters: Frank Swartz, of Clyde, Ohio; Michael and Herbert, and Mrs. William Vonada, of Aaronburg, and Mrs. Emma Jane Wilson, of Millheim.

Funeral services were held in the Reformed church, at Madisonburg, last Thursday morning, by Rev. A. J. Miller, burial being made in the Madisonburg cemetery.

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**HUNTER.**—Mrs. Mary Jane Hunter, wife of Cyrus W. Hunter, of Stormtown, died at the Centre County hospital, at 9:20 o'clock on Wednesday evening of last week, following an illness of some months.

She was a daughter of Austin and Rebecca Swisher and was born at Julian 68 years ago. She was twice married, the first time to Peter Herrington who, a few years later, was killed in an accident in West Virginia. Several years later she married Mr. Hunter and for about forty-five years had lived at Stormtown. She was a member of the Methodist church and a woman who had the esteem of a large circle of friends.

She is survived by her husband, one son to her first marriage, Charles Herrington, of Julian, and the following children by her second marriage: Mrs. Bond Mattern and Fred Hunter, of Altoona; James Hunter, at home; Mrs. William Wagner, of Bellefonte, and John, of Altoona. She also leaves four step-children, Mrs. Arthur Carrigan, of Warriorsburg; H. King Hunter and Mrs. C. W. Goodman, of Altoona, and Mrs. Raymond Barthold, of New York city. Two sisters and two brothers also survive, Mrs. Carrie Green, of Julian; Mrs. Willis Houtz, of Stormtown; Dard and Ned Swisher, of Julian.

Funeral services were held in the Methodist church, at Stormtown, at 3 o'clock on Saturday afternoon, by the pastor, Rev. S. W. Russell, burial being made in Gray's cemetery.

**EVES.**—Samuel Eves, a well known retired farmer of Halfmoon township, died at the home of his brother, David Eves, on the old family homestead, on Tuesday evening of last week, as the result of general debility. He had been confined to bed only about three weeks.

He was a son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Eves and was born in Halfmoon township about 82 years ago. He followed farming all his life until advancing age compelled his retirement. He never married and his only survivors are one brother, David Eves, and a number of nieces and nephews. He was a life long member and one of the leaders in the Society of Friends, in his home locality. Burial was made in the Friends cemetery last Friday afternoon.

**DETERS.**—Miss Bertha J. Deters, of Tyrone, died at the Altoona hospital, on Sunday, following an illness of some weeks with a complication of diseases.

She was a daughter of G. W. and Minerva Gearhart Deters and was born at Unionville, Centre county, on November 7th, 1907, hence was in her 24th year. She was a member of the United Brethren church, of Tyrone. In addition to her parents she is survived by three sisters and one brother, Mrs. Elaine Fleck, of Juniata; Rhoda, Dorothy and Raymond Deters, all at home.

Funeral services were held at 1:30 o'clock, on Wednesday afternoon, at the Deters home in Tyrone, burial being made at Curtin, this county.

The Phillipsburg Lodge of Elks has purchased the club house and surrounding grounds, at Flat Rock, along the Port Matilda-Phillipsburg State highway. The members propose making extensive improvements and will build a swimming pool along the stream which flows down through the gap in the mountain. The club house was built by Phillipsburg and Osceola Mills residents who sold the property to John Kelly, from whom the Elks bought it.

**13-MONTH YEAR FAST GAINING FRIENDS**

The year soon will have 13 months instead of 12 if a proposal sponsored by the League of Nations and supported by 24 nations goes into effect, according to Moses B. Cotsworth, director of the International Fixed Calendar league.

Disadvantages of the present calendar, Cotsworth said, are due to three undisputed defects: The months are unequal; the month is not an exact multiple of the week; as the ordinary years consist of 365 days, just one day over 52 weeks, the week days change each year to different dates.

Several plans have been proposed to remedy these defects, but the plan which is claimed to have the most advantages and is most practical from the modern point of view is the international fixed calendar. The new month, which would be inserted between June and July, in order to take up the days left over from the 28-day months, would be called So.

Under the new calendar Sunday would fall on the first, eighth, fifteenth and twenty-second of the month. The day of the week would always indicate the monthly date and conversely the monthly date would indicate its weekday name. The complete four weeks would exactly quarter all months, harmonizing weekly wages and expenses with monthly rents and other accounts. Each month-end would coincide with the week end. Fractions of weeks at month ends would cease. Easter could be fixed with benefit to churches, certain industries and schools. As there would be 13 monthly settlements during the year instead of 12, there would be a faster turnover in money and the same volume of business could be handled with less money, resulting in a considerable saving in every country.

Tapping nature's power.—An ant can lift four times its weight in raw meat or cake.—Scientific Journal.

And a wasp can lift a man three feet in the air without the least trouble.

**DO YOU GET "GIDDY" WHEN ON A HIGH TOWER?**

Having frequently expressed a desire to view the landscape from one of the high forest fire observation towers, an elderly Pennsylvania German lady recently was accompanied by her son to the Cornwall tower, in Lebanon county. After musing the structure half-way she was stricken with what she described as "such an all-overhead feeling of giddiness." The son confessed to a similar sensation of "qualmishness," and both were forced to descend, their curiosity unsatisfied as to what the forestry scenery resembled.

Observers are often called upon to assist people off the towers whom the height has made ill. They usually apologize by saying "I'm such a coward, I just can't stand heights." As a matter of fact, personal courage has very little to do with it, according to George H. Wirt, chief forest fire warden, who has supervision of Pennsylvania's far flung fire tower observation system, though he admits practice in climbing and descending the tower completely removes in time, the early sense of nervousness.

People who journey to Pennsylvania's 120 forest fire observation towers to enjoy the scenic views and then find they cannot mount the towers owing to giddiness, may learn just why looking down from a height causes vertigo. The condition is not caused by fear of falling, for many courageous persons are affected. The trouble is apparently due to the eye, which is not accustomed to height, and consequently attempts to focus simultaneously on two objects, the faraway landscape and some portion of the tower structure.

Strangely enough, the same people who become giddy when standing on an 80-foot fire observation tower do not experience a feeling of dizziness when looking down from an airplane even when flying at an elevation of 800 feet, or ten times as high. In the latter case the eyes see and focus on an object only, the earth far below, and thus no mental disturbance or feeling of nausea occurs.

**\$600,000 HOME FOR UNMARRIED WOMEN**

A \$600,000 home for a retreat for elderly unmarried women of culture and refinement will be erected at York during 1931.

The home, to be known as the Hahn Home, is in accordance with the will of Miss Anne L. Gardner, who endowed the project as a memorial to her mother, Mrs. Anna Gardner.

Experiencing during her life the discomforts of a gentlewoman suddenly deprived of the income to which she was accustomed, Miss Gardner planned the home so that similarly unfortunate might spend the declining years in comfort.

The home will be available to unmarried women of Pennsylvania, fifty or more years old. An admission fee of \$1,000 will be required for a home for life. Miss Gardner left \$300,000 at her death, 16 years ago and this sum has more than doubled in a trust fund. The will specified that in 15 years the Hahn Home corporation should be organized.

**NEW ADVERTISEMENTS**

NOTICE is hereby given to all persons interested that the following inventories of the goods and chattels set apart to widows in accordance with the provisions of the Fiduciaries Act of 1917 have been confirmed by the Court and if no exceptions are filed on or about the first day of next term the same will be confirmed absolutely.

1. BARTGES. The inventory and appraisal of the personal property of William D. Bartges, late of State College Borough, deceased, was set apart to his widow Mary E. Bartges.

2. BOONE. The inventory and appraisal of the personal property of Lewis C. Boone, late of Curtin Township, deceased, was set apart to his widow Ella J. Boone.

3. ECKEL. The inventory and appraisal of the personal property of John P. Eckel, late of Bellefonte Borough, deceased, was set apart to his widow, Lillian S. Eckel.

4. EVES. The inventory and appraisal of the personal property of John P. Eves, late of Half Moon Township, deceased, was set apart to his widow, Ellen N. Eves.

5. FRANKENBERGER. The inventory and appraisal of the personal property of H. C. Frankenger, late of Penn Township, deceased, was set apart to his widow, Annie Frankenger.

6. HOSTERMAN. The inventory and appraisal of the personal property of W. E. Hosterman, late of Haines township, deceased, was set apart to his widow, Susan Hosterman.

7. HARVEY. The inventory and appraisal of the personal property of Eugene F. Harvey, late of Phillipsburg Borough, deceased, was set apart to his widow, Jennie E. Harvey.

8. HALL. The inventory and appraisal of the personal property of C. H. Hall, late of Unionville Borough, deceased, was set apart to his widow, Mary M. Hall.

9. KAUFMAN. The inventory and appraisal of the personal property of James W. Kaufman, late of Walker Township, deceased, was set apart to his widow Bessie F. Kaufman.

10. MOORE. The inventory and appraisal of the personal property of Edward S. Moore, late of Ferguson Township, deceased, was set apart to his widow, Margaret E. Moore.

11. ROSSMAN. The inventory and appraisal of the personal property of Geo. W. Rossman, late of Ferguson Township, deceased, was set apart to Anna M. Rossman.

12. SECRIST. The inventory and appraisal of the personal property of George W. Secrist, late of Millheim Borough, deceased, was set apart to his widow, Eva I. Secrist.

13. SCHROYER. The inventory and appraisal of the personal property of Wm. H. Schroyer, late of Boggs Township, deceased, was set apart to his widow, Kathryn E. Schroyer.

14. WARTZ. The inventory and appraisal of the personal property of Wm. C. Wartz, late of Haines Township, deceased, was set apart to his widow, Catherine Wartz.

15. WOODRING. The inventory and appraisal of the personal property of George W. Woodring, late of Worth Township, deceased, was set apart to his widow, Irene Woodring.

16. WOOD. The inventory and appraisal of the personal property of Arthur J. Wood, late of State College Borough, deceased, was set apart to his widow, Helen K. Wood.

17. WOODRING. The inventory and appraisal of the personal property of Dorsey E. Woodring, late of Millsburg Borough, deceased, was set aside to his widow, Ellen M. Woodring.

HARRY A. ROSSMAN, Register.

**Auditors' Statement**

For The School District of Bellefonte Borough for the Year 1930-1931:

Assessed valuation of taxable property	\$1916324.00
Number of mills levied	.21
Number assessed with per capita tax	2639
Rate of per capita tax	2.50
Per capita tax	\$6607.50
Rate of per capita tax	40242.70
Penalties	391.57
Additional to duplicate	47306.37
Total amount of tax	47306.37
Net Amt. 1930 tax collected	44130.52

Balance on hand July, 1930	\$375.11
Temporary loans	7000.00
Sales of property, insurance etc.	1787.19
Taxes	44130.52
Delinquent	644.43
State appropriation	22815.60
Ration-Non-resident pupils	18894.00
All other sources	480.33
Total receipts	\$9905.18

General Control (A)	\$200.00
Secretary	300.00
Treasurer	1491.32
Tax collectors	1060.85
Auditors and publishing statement	141.00
Education and census	110.00
Other expenses, including appraisal	586.77
Total item (A)	\$2829.09

Instruction (B)	\$6949.99
Salaries of supervisors	1085.00
Other Ex. Prin. office and clerk	1762.70
Salaries of teachers	2263.03
Textbooks	4396.47
Supplies used in instruction	720.00
Attending Teachers' Institute	173.50
Tuition	729.98
Other expenses	729.98
Total item (B)	\$6813.67

Auxiliary Agencies (C)	\$456.20
Promotion of health	73.31
Salaries of pupils	25.00
Other expenses	25.00
Total item (C)	\$559.51

Operation (D)	\$3704.48
Wages of janitors	1809.49
Fuel	1060.85
Janitors' light and power	538.63
Janitors' supplies	327.48
Other expenses	327.48
Total item (D)	\$7440.33

Maintenance (E)	\$784.54
Repair of buildings	98.00
Repairs of grounds	1149.16
Of heat, light and plumbing	180.77
Of apparatus	402.51
Of furniture	239.22
Of other equipment	239.22
Total item (E)	\$2834.20

Fixed Charges (F)	\$1778.17
State Retirement Board	\$614.60
Insurance	\$592.72
Total item (F)	\$592.72

Debt Service (G)	\$5000.00
Payments to Sinking Fund	2380.00
Interest on bonds	933.59
Interest on short term loans	933.59
Refunds, taxes, tuition, etc.	36.10
State tax on debt	239.43
Total item (G)	\$8624.12

Capital Outlay (H)	\$863.97
Alteration of old buildings	873.51
Added equipment	1737.48
Total item (H)	\$1737.48

SUMMARY	\$9905.18
Total receipts	\$9905.18
Total payments	\$9905.18
Items (A-F)	\$8280.07
Items (G-H)	10861.60
Balance on hand July 1, 1931	6373.51

SINKING FUND REPORT	\$15961.87
Bal. on hand July 7, 1930	\$15961.87
Rec'd during current year	5000.00
Rec'd from interest	466.57
Total receipts	\$21277.44
Paid out to redeem bonds	11000.00
Bal. on hand July 6, 1931	\$10127.74

ASSETS	\$293865.60
School sites, buildings and equipment	\$293865.60
Accounts receivable	11829.02
Sinking fund	10127.74
Bal. in treasury	6373.51
Total assets	\$32194.87

LIABILITIES	\$54000.00
Bonded indebtedness	\$54000.00
Short term loans	26000.00
Total	\$80000.00

We hereby certify that we have examined and audited the above accounts and find them correct, and that the securities of the officers of the board are in accordance with law.

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July 31st, 1931

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