

SEVEN MEN DROWN IN JUNIATA RIVER, NEAR LEWISTOWN.

Clair Miller, of Port Matilda, Among the Victims.—Flat Boat, Overloaded With Passengers, Upsets.—Unable to Recover Bodies.

The swollen waters of the Juniata river claimed seven lives on Saturday afternoon when a flatboat used as a ferry at Hawstone Refractories, four miles east of Lewistown, upset, throwing eleven men and a woman into the flood. The missing men are:

W. G. Fisher, secretary of the Standard Refractories Company, of Claysburg.

John Wolf, a director of the Standard Refractories Company, of Claysburg.

Chester R. Moore, a director of the Standard Refractories Company, of Claysburg.

Sherman Barmon, of the Federal Refractories Company, of Alexandria.

J. C. Corbin, of the Federal Refractories Company, of Alexandria.

Clair Miller, superintendent of the Superior Silica Brick Company, of Port Matilda.

Christ Glunt, a laborer in charge of the boat, who lives at Hawstone.

About thirty men went to Lewistown on Saturday to attend the regular annual reunion of the officials of the Silica Operating Association, who meet for business discussion on May 10 of each year, and on this occasion they visited Hawstone. After banqueting at the Coleman Hotel they started for the plant in automobiles over the State road through the narrows and across the swollen stream in a ferry constructed by stretching a wire across the stream and using a flat boat. It was on the second trip across that the men appeared to lose their balance and cause the boat to dip with one side in the stream. An instant later the entire load of human freight was struggling in the water.

Miss Elizabeth Toney, of Johnstown, the only woman in the party, saved her life by clutching hold of a plank that floated close by and reached shore about a mile below the scene of the tragedy. Four men swam to shore.

A reward of \$200 for each body recovered has been offered, which caused many people to search all day Sunday for the bodies. Dynamite and other high explosives are being used in a desperate effort to force the river to give up its dead, a motor boat being used in connection with the use of the explosives. At each explosion water was shot into the air to the height of more than a hundred feet but owing to the high water and swift current at that point all efforts to recover the bodies have proved futile.

Authorities believe that the bodies will not be recovered for several days, owing to the general condition of the river.

State College Ladies Give Pleasing Entertainment.

The group of lady entertainers from State College, who rendered a delightful program in the Grange hall, on Saturday night, were heard by a small but appreciative audience. The inclement weather was responsible for so small a turnout. Their program of music and readings displayed real art. The piano solos and accompaniment of Mrs. C. E. Govier, formerly Miss Helen Atherton, evidenced a mastery of the keyboard such as is seldom seen. The other members of the party were Mrs. J. T. Taylor, Misses Gladys Dunkle, Bertha Flagg, Mary Mathers, the last mentioned being an exceptionally brilliant reader.

Altoona Booster Association Inaugurates New Feature.

The Altoona Booster Association has set aside Thursday of each week as Suburban Day. On this day merchants members of the association will cater especially to out of town folks, featuring merchandise that is adapted to the needs of the community.

No trouble or expense will be spared to acquaint the people within a radius of one hundred miles of Altoona of the importance of this weekly trade event. Special displays, special store service and special prices on dependable merchandise will prevail in the establishments of every member of the association, and nothing (in these stores) will be left undone that will have a tendency to increase the pleasure or opportunities for economical shopping, to Suburban Day visitors in Altoona. The A. B. A. emblem is a badge of honor.

The association is anxious for every visitor to receive the utmost in courtesy, service and values, therefore they guarantee every transaction that occurs in an A. B. A. store. Every member of the association is furnished with an emblem, the same as appears in all A. B. A. advertising. This emblem is a guarantee of quality, service and worth for price.

Mrs. Huldah S. Meyer and Mrs. Verena S. Musser publish an administrative notice in the estate of the late William H. Meyer, in this issue.

CONTRACT AWARDED ON PLEASANT GAP ROAD.

Will Cost Quarter Million Dollars to Build Stretch of Six Miles from Bellefonte to Watering Trough on Nittany Mountain.

Last week the Reporter made mention of the lowest bid received by the State Highway Department for the construction of State road from Bellefonte to the watering trough in the mountain beyond Pleasant Gap, a stretch of 32,100 feet—a trifle over six miles. The bid was \$249,332.23, or \$38,358 per mile. On last Thursday the award of the contract was made to the Gaylord International Engineering Company, of Scranton, and it is presumed that work on the road will begin as soon as possible.

The expenditure of such a vast sum, practically a quarter million dollars, on a trifle over six miles of road, leads one to believe that Centre Hall and Bellefonte will be connected by one of the finest pieces of road in the state. The road will be of concrete base, with a bituminous surface, and vitrified brick to be used on hills.

Now if a few of the horse-shoe bends, crooks and turns—some of which are quite dangerous to motor travel—could be eliminated, we could ask for nothing better.

John Garis Lands in U. S.

Private John Garis, known to his friends as "Sharky," has returned from over seas, and landed at New York on the Steamship Mongolia, on Friday. A telegram to that effect was received here that day. John belonged to the 10th Field Artillery, of the famous 28th Division, known as both the "Keystone" and "Iron" Division. He went across in May of last year and was in the thick of many a fight.

He is now stationed in Camp Dix, New Jersey, and is patiently awaiting the day that his honorable discharge will send him home.

Gave Surprise Party.

Mrs. Harry L. Burris, on the Durst farm at Earlstown, surprised her husband last Thursday evening, on the twenty-sixth anniversary of his birth, by having the home invaded by a host of neighbors and friends, to make the day one long to be remembered by him. Almost two hundred invited guests were present, automobiles standing in a long line on the roadside. It is only natural that so large an assemblage of friends should enjoy the evening together. They were treated royally by their hostess, who provided refreshments of ice cream, cake and candy.

County Grange to Meet at State College, Saturday.

A regular meeting of the Centre County Pomona Grange will be held at State College in the hall of the Penn. State Grange, on Saturday, May 17th. There will be the usual forenoon and afternoon session.

Those attending are asked to bring their lunch with them.

C. R. Neff, Master.

S. W. Smith, Secretary.

Two-Day Festival.

The Centre Hall Camp, P. O. S. of A., will hold a two-day festival on the evenings of Memorial Day and Saturday, May 30 and 31, in the Grange hall. The usual line of delicacies will be served; also sandwiches, coffee, etc.

Big Musical Company to Come to Centre Hall.

The Liberty Concert Company, composed of the best young talent of Millinburg, will appear in Grange Arcadia, Centre Hall, on Saturday evening, May 17th. They will present a real after-the-war program (full of pep), guaranteed to please everybody—old as well as young. The excellent program given here last year by the Millinburg people still lingers in the memory of those who were fortunate enough to have heard it. The coming attraction promises to eclipse that one.

The proceeds derived from the entertainment will be for the benefit of the Soldiers Jubilee fund of Union county. adv. 2t

There have been at least three sets of opinions among Republicans in respect to the league of nations. Some wanted no league, others favored half a league, and a third group—the largest of all—favored the league advocated by President Wilson. Those in the last category are now not only the most numerous, but also the most insistent. The others have become singularly still and inconspicuous.

It only requires a word from the President to effectually check the report that he was attempted to commit America to a secret alliance. No level-headed man would allow himself to be deceived by such a rumor, and its circulation shows to what limit his enemies will go in their attempt to discredit him.

Centre Hall's Quota \$20,500 LAST V LOAN \$28,400

Centre Hall met its allotment in the Victory Loan campaign, which came to a close on Saturday. The appended list indicates that sixty-four residents of the borough carried the burden of the town's quota, showing that there was a decided apathy on the part of many who were financially able to invest in this, the last of the government's loans, and by all odds, the most attractive. A number of \$1000 and \$500 subscriptions is what made the town's meeting its full quota an assured matter. Centre Hall was called upon to raise \$20,500, and responded with \$28,400. The credit for the grand work is due the woman's committee, composed of Mrs. W. W. Kerlin (chairman), Mrs. F. M. Fisher, Mrs. John M. Coldron, Miss Gladys Jones and Miss Mary Wagner, who solicited every home and business place in the borough and worked diligently until the goal was reached. In recognition of their work they will each receive a medal struck from captured German cannons; besides this, it is probable that a German helmet will be awarded for having raised so creditable a percentage of the town's quota.

In Potter township the quota of \$27,500 fell short by \$1,200, the total raised being \$26,300.

Below we give a list of the subscribers in the Fifth Loan, for both Centre Hall borough and Potter township.

- ### CENTRE HALL BOROUGH
- Charles Arney
 - D. A. Boozer
 - G. O. Benner
 - C. D. Bartholomew
 - W. H. Bartholomew
 - E. E. Bailey
 - D. L. Bartges
 - D. Ross Bushman
 - G. M. Boal
 - John M. Coldron
 - Charles Coldron
 - Alfred Durst
 - Daniel Daup
 - G. H. Emerick
 - F. M. Fisher
 - William Frazier
 - J. V. Foster
 - R. D. Foreman
 - F. V. Goodhart
 - E. M. Huyett
 - Franklin Heckman
 - R. R. Jones
 - D. K. Keller
 - W. F. Keller
 - W. W. Kerlin
 - A. G. Lieb
 - D. C. Mitterling
 - W. R. Picken
 - J. T. Potter
 - E. S. Ripka
 - A. C. Ripka
 - J. C. Rossman

- ### POTTER TOWNSHIP
- Paul Stoner
 - Jacob Shayer
 - W. H. Snyder
 - R. Sweeney
 - G. Sweeney
 - J. B. Spangler
 - D. T. Stoner
 - W. A. Thomas
 - C. S. Thomas
 - E. C. Wagner
 - Mrs. Margaret Kent
 - Mrs. Cora M. Smith
 - Mrs. Jennie Alexander
 - Mrs. Anna Stiver
 - Mrs. Samuel Durst
 - Mrs. E. Grove
 - Mrs. Jacob Sharer
 - Mrs. J. E. Royer
 - Miss Anna Grove
 - Miss Lila Stoner
 - Miss Sallie E. Landis
 - Miss Margaret Alexander
 - Miss Lena Breon
 - Miss Anna Immel
 - Miss Cora A. Luse
 - Miss May Royer
 - Miss Elizabeth Royer

Red Auto Tags Not in Good Favor.

Artistic automobile owners in the State are objecting to the combination of colors on the 1919 license tags. They are asking the Highway Department for permission to change the color of their tags to conform with the color scheme of their car.

"To place your black and scarlet tag on my new, beautiful colored town car would be as bad as if the Lord had placed a black minora tail on a love bird," is the way one woman in half mourning asked permission to have the license tag on her car painted black and white.

According to an announcement made by the department, the 1920 tag will be royal blue and white, figures being white.

State Agricultural Notes.

Bankers are taking interest in the farmer as well as from him.

A number of small flocks of sheep were purchased last fall and lambs doing fine—Lackawanna county.

Report from Carbon county says that hog cholera is well under control and again shows the value of quarantine.

A Fulton county farmer has sold his twenty head of fat Hereford steers at \$17.25.

The potato beetle will soon put in its appearance. Get ready to put this pest out of business before any material damage is done.

Hens that are chronic sitters should be fattened and sold to the butcher.

Bees work from early morning until dark. They never strike for shorter hours and more pay. They work for nothing and board themselves.

A carload of Page woven wire; also barbed wire, on hand. Get prices.—Bradford & Son, Centre Hall, Pa. adv.

County S. S. Convention at Bellefonte, June 3 and 4.

The fiftieth annual convention of the Centre County Sunday School Association will be held in Bellefonte, Tuesday and Wednesday, June 3rd and 4th. There will be an exceptionally good program with several strong speakers from a distance. Among these speakers will be W. G. Bades, secretary of the Pennsylvania State Sabbath School Association; Miss L. Grace Kane, superintendent Children's Division, Pennsylvania State Sabbath School Association, and Hon. Charles G. Jordan, of Lawrence county. It is hoped that there will be a very large attendance at this convention.

A Wintergreen Still in the Seven Mountains.—An Innovation.

The Milroy correspondent to the Lewistown Sentinel says: Samuel R. Leister of Milroy is installing in the Seven Mountains, near the Long Mountain Bridge, a wintergreen still, something new in this part of the country. The wintergreen will be distilled from birch bark and tea leaves, which grow in profusion in the mountains near the still. The product will be the regular essence of wintergreen which is purchased in the stores. About the only serious problem connected with the venture is that of securing pickers of the leaves and bark, but the proprietor has made arrangements with several families in Centre county to supply him with the necessary ingredients.

After the Speeder.

Burgess Walker, of Bellefonte, is grappling with automobile speeding within the borough limits, and is frank to say that the violations are mostly committed by Bellefonte residents who fail to heed the police's request to slow down. A plain clothes policeman, not known even to Bellefonte residents, will count time several weeks, and it is a safe guess that there will be some great howling when his figures are shown.

The Bit Done for War Fund.

The bit done for war funds by residents in Penns Valley, whose business point in Centre Hall, foots up to the neat sum of \$275,000. This includes bonds and war savings stamps, but takes no account of the bonds and stamps purchased in other centers than Centre Hall.

Penrose to Speak at "State" Commencement.

Hon. Boies Penrose, United States Senator from Pennsylvania, has been chosen as the commencement speaker at the graduation exercises of the class of 1919 of the Pennsylvania State College, which will be held in the Auditorium on Wednesday morning, June 17th.

Baccalaureate Sermon, May 25th.

On Sunday evening, May 25th, at 7:30 o'clock, Rev. C. F. Catherman will preach the baccalaureate sermon to the graduating class of the Centre Hall High school, in the Methodist church.

Will Receive Bids for Building School House.

The Potter township school directors will receive bids for the construction of a school building, at a point near the Dauberman farm, along Sinking Creek. Specifications may be had by applying at the home of E. W. Crawford, Centre Hall.

All bids must be in the hands of the above named party by Saturday, May 23rd.

—By order Potter Twp. School Board.

Spring Mills Grange to Give Play.

On Saturday evening, May 17th, the Spring Mills Grange will render two plays in the Grange hall at that place. "Mr. Bob" is a side-splitting comedy, and "It's All in the Pay Streak" is a thriller—a real western play—portraying life in a mining camp; lots of action and excitement. Don't miss it. Admission, 15 and 25 cents. adv.

Some Republican papers are saying that the Republicans and the "Progressives" will "get together" during the next session of Congress. Judging the factions wholly by their exchanges of "courtesies" it is pretty certain that if they do "get together" some one will have to call the police.

One by one Republican "issues" have vanished like will o' the wisps. The conduct of the war, the making of peace, the league of nations—all have failed them as partisan battle cries. Only the tariff remains, but it is so old and decrepit and feeble that it may shortly pass away.

I have in stock a carload of fresh Alpha Portland cement. Excellent for making all sorts of repairs about the premises.—R. D. Foreman, Centre Hall.

Buy Page woven wire, for it stands hard use and makes a fine-appearing fence. Get prices.—Bradford & Son, Centre Hall. adv.

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS

Chautauqua comes to Bellefonte this summer, July 24 to 30.

The white and pink carnations were pretty generally worn in Centre Hall on Sunday.

Court convenes on Monday morning of next week. The list of jurors will be found in another column.

The Reifsnnyder home in Millheim was quarantined last week, two of the children—Elizabeth and John—being afflicted with diphtheria.

Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Heckman, of Johnstown, visited Mrs. Heckman's father, H. W. Kreamer, and other relatives, beginning of the week.

A party of state road men were stationed at Milroy last week making the final survey for the new state road across the Seven Mountains.

George H. Emerick drove his Ford car to Harrisburg, last Thursday, and was accompanied by M. L. Emerick, who attended his brother's funeral in that city.

Woven wire and barbed wire—a carload on hand, at reasonable prices. Don't buy elsewhere until you have seen the Page woven wire.—For sale by Bradford & Son, Centre Hall. adv.

During the first ten days of May more than four and a half inches of rain fell, the heaviest precipitation occurring Friday and Saturday of last week when the fall was three and a half inches.

Miss Mae Shultz, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. J. A. Shultz, will teach art, voice and piano on her return from Albright College at close of school term. Anyone desiring lessons in the above can call Rev. Shultz and make arrangements.

A large barn and straw shed are being erected on the Goodling-Tomhave farm, west of Centre Hall. Byron Garis is building the foundation walls. The old barn has been razed, temporary sheds having been provided for the stock owned by J. I. Shuey, the tenant.

Three more soldier boys from the lower end of the county returned to their homes within the past week: Samuel Hubler, of Rebersburg; Bruce Homan, of Aaronsburg, and Ralph Kerstetter, of Coburn. They all were in the thick of the fight in France, but they all look fine and are glad to get back home.

Considerable over twenty thousand baby chicks have been forwarded by parcel post mail to their customers by the Kerlin Grand View Poultry Farm, and this is in addition to the sales locally and shipped otherwise. Prices of eggs and poultry of all grades seems to be boosting the desire to produce laying hens.

Philip A. Auman, of Georges Valley, suffered a broken right arm, beginning of last week, while engaged in peeling lumber in Georges Valley. A broken limb from a falling tree felled him to the ground, breaking the arm below the elbow. It is feared he suffered internal injuries also. He has suffered much pain as a result of the mishap.

Last Thursday afternoon while Lloyd Boob was assisting in skinning a beef at the Letzler slaughter house his feet slipped and he fell forward, striking a knife he held in his right hand, says the Millheim Journal. The knife blade penetrated his forehead and inflicted an ugly flesh wound requiring four stitches to close it. He bled profusely before medical attention could be given, but the wound is healing nicely.

Work was begun on the demolition of the barracks and mess halls which are situated on the Penn State campus near the Chemistry Amphitheater and MacAllister Hall. The buildings were constructed by the college during the S. A. T. C. period for the purpose of accommodating more vocational men who were to come to Penn State and the mess halls were used by the men who were there at the time.

A family of four grey foxes were dug from their hole on Tussey mountain, last week, by a number of boys from Tusseyville, who have them at their homes as pets. Two are owned by sons of Harry A. McClellan, one by a son of Elmer McClellan and the other by Edward Zerby. They are quite young and resemble fluffy balls of cotton. The boys are keeping the foxes a safe distance from the hen house.

Montandon is in need of a postmaster. Fred B. Garber, the present incumbent, who has held the position for the past six years, has resigned. So far there appears to be no applicants for the position, chiefly due to the fact that those who are interested have no suitable place for an office. Some of the residents fear that if a postmaster is not secured the office will be discontinued, and rural delivery established in its place. In that event, there would be but one delivery and one collection a day, whereas at present the local office receives eight and dispatches nine mails daily, which is very good service for a town the size of Montandon.