

## FLOYD WALKER LOSES LEG IN QUARRY ACCIDENT.

### Young Man Falls Thirty Feet and Is Crushed by Heavy Rock.—Leg Amputated Above Knee.

Floyd O. Walker was the victim of a distressing accident Thursday afternoon of last week, just a half hour before quitting time, in the stone quarries of the Oak Hall Lime & Stone Co., at Oak Hall. A blast had been put off a short time previously and Walker was working well up toward the top of the quarry and with a crowbar was prying apart the loosened rock. Suddenly an immense stone fell and in its descent carried the young man with it to the bottom of the quarry, a distance of about thirty feet. Unfortunately the rock fell on him and it required the strength of several fellow workmen to remove it. It was at once seen that his right leg was badly crushed and he was rushed to the Bellefonte hospital and an amputation made Thursday night at 9 o'clock. The leg was taken off three inches above the knee. It was feared that he had sustained fatal internal injuries, but his prospects for recovery are bright, thanks to his excellent physical condition.

Floyd Walker is a son of Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Walker, of near Centre Hall. He is twenty-four years of age and is married to Miss Anna Mary Houser. They have one child. Prior to their moving to Linden Hall, last fall, they lived in Centre Hall, Mr. Walker having been employed in the Bradford mill as fireman.

## M. E. Conference at Harrisburg, March 17.

The Central Pennsylvania Conference of the Methodist Episcopal church will meet in Steven's Memorial church, Harrisburg, on Wednesday, March 17th.

Methodist preachers are appointed for one year only to a charge, but may be reappointed from year to year indefinitely, the time limit having been removed.

In the pioneer days of the church, a minister was allowed to serve the same charge but one year. Then the time was extended to two years. A little later the time was fixed at three years, then at five years.

But the time limit was regarded as a disadvantage to churches and ministers alike and a few years ago was abolished altogether. Methodist ministers throughout the area of the Central Pennsylvania Conference are busy these days preparing for this annual event.

## Automobile Licenses Breaking All Records.

Receipts of the automobile registration bureau, at Harrisburg, for the first two months of 1920 were \$4,391,256, or \$1,330,180 higher than in the similar period of last year when all records were broken, according to report sent to the state highway department by Registrar Eynon. To March 1 there had been 286,068 licenses issued for 1920 to pneumatic tired machines and 37,475 to solid tired vehicles. The pneumatic tired machines licensed so far in 1920 number almost 30,000 more than last year's first two months and there was a gain of more than 9,000 in solid tired machines. Thus far there have been 68,861 drivers' and 9,475 dealers' licenses issued.

## POTTERS MILLS.

(Received too late for last week.) Mrs. Marcellus Sankey spent a week at her father's home at Millheim.

John Hoar purchased the blacksmith property from the Allison's.

Eari Smith and family visited the Smith families at Spring Mills a day last week.

Mr. and Mrs. George McCormick went to Aaronsburg on Monday, returning on Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Miller and nept-ew, Richard Slack, spent Sunday at the Miller home, near Linden Hall.

Perry Koonsman moved from the Emanuel Smith house to Frank Royer's house at Sprucecreek.

Witmer E. Lee moved into the Loughner house on Thursday and Mr. Noll, of Red Hill, moved onto the farm vacated by Lee.

H. P. Shaeffer, the hardware merchant of Bellefonte, has a timely ad. in this issue. Be sure to read it.

## TWO FARMS FOR SALE.

Will sell at private sale, farm of 60 acres, located near Centre Hill, in high state of cultivation; good improvements. Another farm of 100 acres, more or less, 1-1/2 miles west of Potters Mills; running water at house and barn.—T. A. HOSSTERMAN, Centre Hall, Pa. R. F. D. No. 1 3tpd.

ACETYLENE LIGHT PLANT FOR SALE.—The undersigned offers for sale his acetylene light plant, guaranteed to be in first-class working order, and consisting of 25-gallon Pilot generator, 2 portable lamps, 1 out-door lamp, 6 double lights, 7 single lights, and cellar light; also 3-hole hot plate—two 5-burners and one 7-burner. Reason for selling, will install electric light. This plant would prove very desirable for some one removed from the electric line, and will prove an ideal light.—J. H. WEBER, Centre Hall, Pa. 81f

## To the Ministers of Pennsylvania.

At a recent meeting of the State Survey Council of the Interchurch World Movement, composed of representatives of the denominations functioning in the State, the Secretary was instructed to issue to all ministers, thru the press, an appeal for prompt cooperation in bringing the Town and Country Survey to a rapid and successful conclusion.

This survey includes all territory except places with more than 5,000 population, and will, when completed, be made available to every denomination. All denominations will have the benefit and use of the most extensive survey of religious conditions ever made in the State. Consequently, the larger the percentage of ministers who cooperate, and the more complete and accurate the information given, the greater value the survey will be to all.

Some denominations do not desire to cooperate in the full program of the Interchurch World Movement, and for this reason, ministers of these denominations sometimes feel that information concerning their churches is not desired. This is incorrect. The Survey Department desires to study all work now under way by every agency, in order that whatever programing may be done, will give full consideration to every agency at work.

No minister need have any hesitancy in giving personal information. This is never used in an individual manner but only in percentages and averages, which are needed in stimulating the churches to make certain readjustments which all admit are imperative.

Hundreds of busy ministers, as well as laymen and laywomen, are giving days to the making of this survey, because they feel the great importance and value of the undertaking. They receive no compensation for their work, being reimbursed for only actual expenses incurred. Prompt attention to the requests from the county survey team will eliminate unnecessary traveling and waste of time and money. It is hardly fair to those self sacrificing surveyors to ask them to make three and four trips for one survey schedule. We urge all ministers to be as thoughtful as possible in this matter.

Ninety-five percent of the State is now organized for the survey. Several counties are completed and several practically so. If every minister does his bit promptly, the survey could be rapidly completed over the entire State. We could then give to the people of each community, as well as the leaders of every denomination, the results, upon which they will be able to build a program commensurate with the opportunities of this new day.

Rev. Irvin E. Deer, State Survey Supervisor, 10 South Market Square, Harrisburg, Penna.

## Man and Wife Flu Victims.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel D. Hostetter, the former an expert breeder of cattle and well-known Amish farmer, died at their home near Belleville, Mifflin county, and were buried side by side on Saturday morning. Mr. Hostetter took sick several weeks ago with the flu and died last Wednesday. His wife, in caring for him, contracted the disease and died Thursday evening. A six months old son lay at the point of death during the funeral of the parents.

## Fall Kills a County Official.

Martin Luther McClintic, 60 years old, died at the Lewistown hospital last Thursday from an attack of heart disease, superinduced by a fall on an icy payment several weeks ago. He served four years as treasurer of Mifflin county, stepping from that office into a four-year term as County Commissioner, which office he held at the time of his death.

## State Buys Big Forest Tract.

Twenty thousand acres of forest land adjacent to state forest reserves in Lycoming, Clinton and Tioga counties, were bought on Friday by the state forest commission at price of \$45,000 and orders issued for a survey of 2,500 acres adjoining state lands in Jefferson county.

## Sandy Ridge Man Asks Heavy Damages of P. R. R. for Timber Loss.

Ralph Smith, of Sandy Ridge, through counsel, has filed suit against the Pennsylvania Railroad Co. for \$300,000 for damage done to timber land in Rush Township by fire which it is contended was caused by sparks from locomotive owned and operated by the defendant. This damage, it is asserted, resulted during a period of five years prior to the time the railroads were taken over by the federal government. An additional suit for \$2600 has been filed by Mr. Smith against the Director General of Railroads for damage caused in a similar manner by the same railroad company. The cases are scheduled to come up at the May term of court. Similar suits have been filed by Smith against the same defendants in the Clearfield county court.

Krebs & Liveright, Clearfield, attorneys, have been retained by Smith to conduct the suits.

## SUBSCRIBER WRITES ABOUT FORD PLANT IN DETROIT.

### F. C. Hettinger Making Good in Henry Ford's Factory.—3800 Fords a Day's Output, and 65,000 Men on Payroll.

Detroit, Mich., Feb. 29, 1920

Editor Reporter: Please find enclosed the usual check for \$1.50 for which please continue to send me the best Centre county paper—The Centre Reporter—as I must have it in order to make Ford automobiles. I am sorry that I had to have you change my city address so often, but living in Detroit is very uncertain and high. In the fall of 1918 I decided to come to the great auto city but on leaving Indiana, Pa., after the armistice was signed, I landed here to work for the Ford Motor Co., arriving too late to get in but not satisfied with that I still stuck to the fact that I wanted to work for Henry Ford. After making several determined attempts, I was told when they needed me they would send for me. So I waited, but as time was going on, I secured employment at the big Stotler Hotel where I worked until I was called, March 17, 1919, when I hired as a machine hand, where I stuck and showed my willingness to work and worked out a three month probation period. After that my wages were raised, which looked encouraging to me. In September I asked to be transferred and was taken into the accounting department, working on time; here I have been ever since, only from time to time get better positions in the same department. Since March 17, 1919, to the present time I have received four raises in salary with better positions each time. We are now making 3500 cars in 24 hours, at eight hours per day. Some departments work three shifts. We have sixty five thousand men on our payroll. It is estimated for every ten men in the factory there is a clerk. This is a most wonderful factory; everything systematized and running along to one's amazement. Sorry I cannot tell you more about it. Must close. Yours truly, FRANK C. HETTINGER.

## PLEASANT GAP.

Ward Showers purchased a new Ford runabout recently. Walter Dunkleberger has started in the ice cream business. Miss Myra Kimport has returned from Philadelphia where she had gone to purchase her spring stock. It is rumored that the John Meyers family will run the Pleasant Gap road house the coming spring. Our town will, on April 1st, lose some good citizens. Oliver Rachau's family are now packing up their goods to move to Akron, Ohio, where Mr. Raucou has a good job in a rubber plant. The knitting mill will open up for business in a few weeks under the management of Steve Hutton, who is now in New Hampshire learning the fine points of the business.

Miss Emeline Noll spent the week end with her sister, Mrs. Paul Keller, in Altoona, while Mr. Keller spent the Sabbath at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. K. Keller, in town. Owing to the drifted condition of the roads between Millheim and Rebersburg, Prof. C. L. Gramley succeeded in only getting as far as Millheim on Friday, where he stayed until Saturday, returning to Pleasant Gap Saturday evening.

John T. Noll made a trip to Woodlawn, Beaver county, where he is visiting his step-son, Leslie E. Miller, and sister-in-law, Mrs. Edna Fatkin Kirkwood. Mr. Noll contemplates locating in Woodlawn, hence the trip combining business and pleasure. Mrs. Ellery Brown and Mrs. Russell Wolf and two children, formerly of Millheim, are visiting at the home of Mrs. Ida Houser, for a few weeks before leaving for their new home in Akron, Ohio, where Mr. Brown and Mr. Wolf both have good jobs.

## Two Railroad Men Die of Injuries.

E. C. Pine, a Pennsy brakeman, was fatally injured in an accident in the railroad yards at Lock Haven last Wednesday evening and died within a half hour. He was found by a fellow workman, following the switching of a car, between the rails with both legs cut off below the knees and several bruises about the chest. He had evidently fallen from the cars. He was a resident of Flemington, and was married. Guy Brickley, a brakeman in the employ of the N. Y. Central in the yards at Avis, died in the Jersey Shore hospital Thursday morning from injuries sustained when he was struck by the passenger train about 8:30 the evening before. Mr. Brickley was working on the night shift and was engaged in his duties at the time he was struck by the passenger. Brickley was walking across the track from the office when he was caught by the train and hurled about ten feet away from the tracks. He was picked up in an unconscious condition.

## Changes Made in U. Ev. Charges.

The Williamsport district of the Central Pennsylvania conference in the United Evangelical church will have seven charges added to it as the result of the decision of the conference in session at Williamsport, last week, to discontinue one of the five districts, the Centre, and to divide the charges among the other districts of the state. According to the action taken Saturday morning the following changes are made: Williamsport district will be extended to include Sonestown, Nittany, Bellefonte, State College, Bellwood, Altoona and Juniata. Lewisburg district will be increased by the addition of Millheim, Millmont, Hummels Wharf, Winfield, Rebersburg, Spring Mills and Centre Hall.

To the Carlisle district will be added Burnham, Lewistown, Grace and Lewistown Trinity, Liverpool, Mexico, Middleburg, Mifflin, McClure, Newport, Port Trevorton and Penns Creek.

## INCREASE IN SALARIES.

Among other important business transacted on Saturday morning was the adoption of a recommendation from the committee on ways and means that the salary schedule be raised. Under the schedule the minimum for an ordained unmarried minister will be increased thirty-three and one-third per cent. and that an ordained married minister fifty per cent. An unordained minister will receive a minimum salary of \$600. An ordained minister who is not married will receive not less than \$800 and an ordained married minister will receive not less than \$1200. The minimum for the latter two classes has heretofore been \$600 and \$800 respectively.

## The Near East Relief.

Centre Hall and Potter township will likely contribute the sum appointed to them for Near East Relief, but it should do more—it should exceed its appointment. The appeal is so urgent, the need so great that many districts should do not only what they are asked to do, but all they can. It will likely be the last call for this work, and no one should fail to make a contribution, be it little or much.

Pittsburgh has increased its quota from \$500,000 to \$1,250,000. Many other districts are aiming to give over their appointment, and so ought Centre Hall and Potter township. Let us all pull together and do our full duty. All funds may be sent to C. M. McCurdy, Bellefonte, or given to local agencies.

## House Near Lemont Destroyed by Fire.

About one o'clock Wednesday afternoon of last week the Henry Sents home, two and one-half miles south of Lemont, along the Branch road, caught fire from some unknown cause, and within a short time was completely consumed. Mr. Sents who is a bricklayer by occupation was away from home at the time. His wife and daughter were the only occupants of the house and the flames spread so quickly that they had barely time to gather a few articles of clothing and escape. No other buildings were burned.

An unfortunate feature of the occurrence is the fact that Mr. Sents carried no insurance, therefore his loss will be a severe one. The building was of frame construction and an easy prey to the flames. The origin of the fire is unknown. The only plausible deduction is that it caught from crossed or defective wire which furnished light in the house.

## Items from the Millheim Journal.

Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Brown and daughter, Mrs. Russell Wolfe, and children, departed last Friday for their new home at Akron, O. Harter Bros.' public sale at the Valley View farm, near Coburn, on Monday, was largely attended, in spite of the cold weather. The Jersey cattle did not sell as high as many persons thought they should, the highest price being only \$250. The proceeds of the sale amounted to \$8,016.27.

Paul Musser, the professional baseball pitcher, Saturday morning departed for Des Moines, Ia. Musser has been sold to Seattle, Wash., by the Boston American club, but has been dickered on the matter of a contract and when he left Millheim he was not sure where he would play during the coming season. F. Q. Hartman, of Danville, head of the Centre County Silk Mill at Millheim, arrived in Millheim on Monday evening to look after the work being done. This was Mr. Hartman's first visit here for several months, he having suffered from a bad fall, and later underwent a siege of pleuro-pneumonia. He is now getting about with the aid of crutches.

The Galbraith Brothers, who come here Saturday night with a refined entertainment, are to-night (Thursday) scheduled to appear in the Lutheran church at Yeagertown. They have been there before and delighted their audience.

## Centre County Sales and Some Interesting Figures.

A writer in the Philadelphia Sunday Press asks you to imagine if you can 713 horses, 1984 cattle, 1697 hogs, 405 sheep, nineteen mules all in one enclosure surrounded by a high board fence, and on top of the fence enough chickens to reach entirely around the field, and you will have by a pretty accurate count the above animals as well as the number of poultry that will be offered at public sale by farmers of Centre county this spring, the big bulk of which will be sold during the month of March.

Figuring upon the basis of \$150 per head for the horses, these animals alone will aggregate in value \$106,950; the cattle at \$60 per head, \$119,040; sheep at \$12 each, \$4860; hogs at \$15 per, \$25,455, and mules at \$150 each, \$2850, or a total of \$259,155. And this without counting the chickens, and as chickens are pretty high these days they will undoubtedly bring several thousand dollars more. And the fact must be further considered that the prices given above are most conservative, as all kinds of stock are now selling much in advance of the price figured.

Over a quarter of a million dollars in farm stock alone is thus shown as advertised for public sale in Centre county alone. And this is really less than half of the total of everything to be sold. The total number of sales so far advertised is 169 and each one has the usual quota of farm machinery. A conservative estimate of all the machinery and household goods so advertised is that if it could be stacked in one place it would cover approximately a ten-acre field, and the value of the same today is in the neighborhood of \$300,000. But this value must not be considered as the total of what the machinery will cost at public sale, because it has invariably been the rule that prices are realized at public sales than can not be secured at private sale and in many instances machinery has been sold for more than its cost new, especially if it was originally purchased before the inflated prices of the past few years and is still in good condition.

The public sale of the present day differs very little from the old-time vendue of years ago. The most noticeable difference is in the prices everything brings. But this is naturally accounted for in the present day inflated values and the law of supply and demand. For notwithstanding the fact that 169 farmers are selling out this spring rump and stump, it doesn't mean that 169 farms will be allowed to lie idle the coming year. Just that many new men will embark in the farming game, every man of them anxious to reap the same kind of a harvest that those who are quitting have reaped the past few years. And just here it might be remarked that a large percentage of the men will be farmers' sons who served in the world war and having returned in safety and married the girl they left behind are now settling down to reap their reward from the soil.

Country sales in olden days were just like a Summer picnic for the young people. They always gathered at the vendue by the score from all the country roundabout, and sparring was as brisk as bidding on a favorite horse. One of the big attractions at the country sales is the free dinner, but this is somewhat different now. Years ago sale days were a regular terror for the women of the household. They not only had to prepare a cold lunch for from four to five hundred people, but chickens galore were slaughtered for the house dinner that was served to the auctioneer, the clerk and several score of the white collared gentry whose presence at every sale was as sure as the annual visits of the tax collector.

An ordinary sale will run up to from \$2000 to \$2500, and it can be seen that at one per cent. the auctioneer will get as his share from \$20 to \$25. But the majority of sales run over \$3000, and the really big ones up to \$7000, and it is on these that the auctioneer makes his big money. But he's got to work hard for it. It is very rarely that a sale is postponed and rain or shine, cold or hot, the auctioneer must be on the job, always in good humor, pitting his knowledge of stock against that of the bidder, without any letup until the last horse, the last cow, pig, chicken, bed or bedding is sold and the hammer falls to tell the assembled crowd that the sale is over and all that remains is to get to the clerk and settle up. And settling up these days means about fifty per cent of the aggregate amounts of the sale paid in cash and the balance in yearly notes.

New County Farm Agent. Mr. Robinson, of Mercer county, has been appointed Farm Bureau Agent for Centre county, succeeding R. H. Olmstead who has resigned and will leave April 1st for Susquehanna county to engage in farming. Mr. Robinson is a graduate of Penn State and comes highly recommended. He arrived in Bellefonte this week to familiarize himself with his new duties before Mr. Olmstead goes away.

Only three more days of ground hog weather.

## TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

### HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS

Only a little over a week until the opening of the spring season. The Corman sale, on the Fisher farm at Penn Hall, last Thursday, totaled \$6300.00.

William Bradford was confined to bed for several days last week on account of a heavy cold.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Auman have moved from Struthers, Ohio, to Youngstown, the same state.

Don't miss the Galbraith Brothers' concert in Grange hall, on Saturday night of this week. They're good—and then some.

John M. Colpron has rented the living apartments above the drug store and will vacate the Presbyterian manse April 1st for his new quarters.

J. H. Weber advertises his acetylene light plant for sale in this issue. Mr. Weber would not think of parting with the light if it were not for the fact that he is thinking of putting in the electric light.

C. H. Kuhn, of Boalsburg, was a caller at this office on Saturday to have sale bills printed. Mr. Kuhn has a nice lot of stock, and lots of it, and consequently his sale will be one of the largest in the valley this spring.

Charles A. Shunkwiler, a political leader, of Lewistown, attempted suicide at his home one day last week, by shooting himself in the head. He lay unconscious for several hours. It is believed the wound will not prove fatal.

Samuel Gingerich, who took charge of Wallace White's mill at Axemann for several months part during which time Mr. White lay seriously ill with the flu, has returned to his home near Centre Hall and will prepare to remove to town.

Frank V. Goodhart, the local furniture dealer, has been successful in obtaining the agency for the sale of the Pathe phonograph, a high-class machine. Mr. Goodhart will tell you something about them in the Reporter's advertising columns, in the near future.

G. F. Musser & Company is the name of a new firm which has purchased the wholesale branch grocery of G. R. Donenbower and son, of Bellefonte, and they will conduct the same on a more extensive scale. J. F. Smith, formerly of Centre Hall, is a member of the new firm.

The Bellefonte borough council is considering the advisability of installing water meters in residences in that town, in order to bring about a reduction in the amount of water consumed. The cost of sufficient meters would be about \$10,000, and the consumers would have to foot the bill.

Another bushel of corn was distributed by the Boy Scouts, last Thursday, for the wild turkeys along the mountain below Centre Hall. The boys state that the first corn carried there was entirely eaten by the turkeys, and judging from the tracks in the snow, a flock of no less than fifteen fed on the corn.

Daylight saving will in all probability become effective in Bellefonte, beginning March 29th and extending to October. An ordinance providing for it passed first reading, and it is believed will be passed finally next Monday night by the borough council. Bellefonte business men and industrial employees are in favor of it.

Arber J. Cummings, who resides on the large Van Trier farm, near Linden Hall, was a caller at this office last Friday to have sale bills printed. Mr. Cummings is one of the many farmers who has found the handling of a large farm burdensome without the necessary help. The Fisher farm at Penn Hall, where Mr. Cummings will move, will prove easier for him to handle with limited help.

The remains of William Messenger, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Messinger, of Watsonstown, who was killed in an airplane accident near Salisbury, England, May 14th, 1918, while serving in the U. S. army, arrived on the train Thursday morning. The members of the Clyde F. Mowrer Post, American Legion, met the train in a body and escorted the body to the home of his parents, from which place funeral services were held on Saturday.

Last week, Luther Smith, the Bellefonte blacksmith, and a brother of W. J. and T. L. Smith, of Centre Hall, purchased from Elmer Straub, the James Alexander farm located along the mountain north of the American Lime & Stone Co. operations, near Bellefonte. Price paid was \$6000. It is the purpose of Mr. Smith to retire from blacksmithing and go to farming in earnest. He is a young man, and being close to the lime industry, he should be able to put the land in the very best shape for producing good crops. He will devote part of his time to raising chickens, turkeys and all kinds of vegetables. He will move there April 1st. The farm contains 94 acres.