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TO ENLARGE I. O. O. F. ORPHANAGE AT SUNBURY.

Central Pennsylvania Odd Fellows Plan to Use \$100,000 On Institution Near Sunbury. Good Report Made.

Central Pennsylvania Odd Fellows will spend the sum of \$100,000 in enlarging and improving the I. O. O. F. orphanage near Sunbury. This step was decided upon by the directing body of the institution at the semi-annual meeting held at the orphanage on last Thursday. A large new building will be erected and other buildings will be improved. Five hundred attended the meeting. They heard a report showing 183 boys and girls now in the family at the institution. J. W. Stroh, president of the association reported \$50,000 paid in towards the improvements and \$15,000 pledged. Receipts during the fiscal year just ended totalled \$79,032 compared with expenditures of \$56,932. The farm in connection with the institution produced a revenue of \$12,000.

The annual election, which featured the meeting, resulted in the following selections for the administration of the orphanage: J. W. Stroh, Sunbury, president; Frederick C. Hanyen, Stranport, first vice president; Roy D. Beman, Harrisburg, second vice president; Robert Davis, Mt. Carmel, treasurer; H. I. Romig, Beaver Springs, secretary; the Rev. L. M. Dice, Hagertown, Md., assistant, and Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Chubbuck, superintendent and matron. Edward Miller, of Jersey Shore, a member of the first class to graduate from the orphanage, was on Monday elected a director of the institution. He is the first graduate to win this distinction.

First Aerial Funeral is Held; Ashes Are Thrown to Wind.

Probably the strangest funeral that ever took place in New York was held recently for Mrs. Sarah D. Brown, temperance worker and writer of children's stories.

It was the first aerial funeral held in New York. Mrs. Brown's body was cremated and an urn containing the ashes was taken to the pier at Eighty-sixth street, Hudson River. After funeral services on the pier Miss Kate Brown, daughter of Mrs. Brown, handed the urn to an undertaker, and her brother gave nine white carnations and two red ones, symbolizing the ninety-two years of Mrs. Brown's life, to Lieutenant Frank Wallen of the Marines.

Lieutenant Wallen and the undertaker boarded a seaplane, which left the pier about noon and flew over the Statue Liberty. The undertaker scattered the ashes over the statue and Lieutenant Wallen dropped the roses. A ritual service was then read in the air and the plane flew back.

This disposition of her remains was dictated by Mrs. Brown in a letter written fourteen years ago, sealed and unopened until after her death.

Items from the Millheim Journal.

W. G. Ulrich, of Greenville, S. C., spent the past week with home friends and relatives. He also visited his son, Bruce, at Wilkensburg, for a few days.

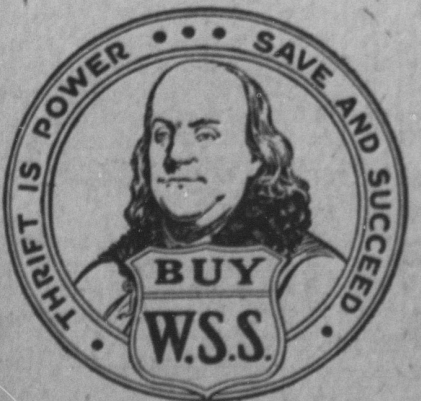
Mr. and Mrs. Ray A. Auman and children, of Youstons, O., are visiting home friends and relatives at Millheim and Aaronsburg. They made the trip in a motor car.

The local Reformed church is now electrically lighted. The church had been wired more than a year ago, but the service connection was made by the State Centre company only recently.

Baby girls were born during the past week to Mrs. B. F. Edmonds and Mrs. Harry Keen, both of North Millheim.

Some time ago Hasten F. Long, of near Woodward, ordered a tractor through C. F. Stover, the local agent. The tractor was delayed in transit, but on Monday Mr. Long drove it from Centre Hall to his farm and is now operating it and a pair of plows.

At a recent re-organization meeting of the Millheim school board L. W. Stover was re-elected president and Orvis M. Shull was re-elected secretary. The Millheim Banking company offered to serve as treasurer of the school district free of charge and the offer was approved. Ward Weiser was re-elected janitor and Miss Blanche Smith was elected to teach the primary school. The grammar and intermediate schools are vacant.



School Board Buys New Desks.

At a recent meeting of the Centre Hall School Board, an order was placed for the purchase of new single desks for use in the High school room. The desks in use at the present time have always been too small, and besides the purchase was made necessary owing to the change which will be made in the High school with the opening of the new term.

The borough auditors were present at the meeting and examined the accounts of the secretary and treasurer and found the same correct. The cash balance on hand at the close of the school year was found to be \$938.34.

The July meeting also called for the election of a new secretary and treasurer. Edward E. Bailey was re-elected secretary and F. P. Geary was elected treasurer for the ensuing year.

A bill for the next term's coal supply in the sum of \$350.53 was presented and the same was ordered paid.

Notice from County Commissioners.

To the taxpayers of Centre County who have Bell Telephones in their places of business and residences:

We, the undersigned, Commissioners of Centre County, have cancelled all contracts with the Bell Telephone Company and have removed their telephones from the various county offices on July 1, 1920, with the exception of the Judge's chambers and the District Attorney's office. The Commissioners have taken this action because of the recent changes adopted by the Bell Telephone Company by which toll charges are imposed on calls between Bellefonte and the various towns and communities in the county, and for the reason that it is impossible for the commissioners to keep strict account of all calls over telephones in the county offices and distinguish between private and business matters, the calls are charged to the telephone number from which the calls are made, without naming the parties holding the conversation.

The Commissioners regret the inconvenience this will cause the residents of the county, but it has been impossible to make satisfactory arrangements with the management of the Bell Telephone Company that will insure the keeping of satisfactory records. The Commissioners protest the imposition of toll rates, according to the new zone system of the Bell Telephone Company.

H. P. AUSTIN,
GEO. H. YARNELL,
GEO. M. HARTER,
Commissioners of Centre County.

Attest:
R. W. Irwin,
Clerk.

Waste Mountain Lands in Centre Co. to be Taken by State.

Extension of the system of State forests to include all waste mountain land in Centre county is contemplated by the Pennsylvania Department of Forestry. Gifford Pinchot, the State's chief forester, is seeking complete information on idle tracts that would be desirable additions to the forests.

It is his policy to enlarge the State forests as rapidly as possible, so that eventually the 5,000,000 acres comprising the Pennsylvania Desert may be converted into profitable timber producing areas. Approximately one-half of the forest land in Pennsylvania is now a barren waste, growing nothing of value. Forester Pinchot expects that the State will buy vast tracts of cut-over and burned-over mountain land, protect them from forest fires and assure Pennsylvania of a future timber supply.

Estimates by Forester Pinchot indicate that the value of the present State forests has far more than doubled since they were purchased. Consequently, the expenditure of public funds for waste land is regarded as a profitable investment, rather than expense.

State Agricultural Notes.

"Be as careful of fire as you are of powder; it is just as dangerous."

Charles E. Crothers, a prominent farmer as well as crop correspondent for Blaine township, Washington county, says: "There isn't any class of livestock that will return a greater dividend than poultry. For years I have kept an accurate account and know by experience that they will pay better than anything else on the farm."

Conditions of wheat on July 1 in Lancaster county is estimated at 88 per cent of normal and is an improvement of two per cent from June 1. This condition forecasts a yield of 18 bushels per acre and a total production of 2,304,000. The crop last year was estimated at 2,457,000 bushels.

Raspberries are a good crop in nearly every part of Pennsylvania, and are now in season in the southern counties. Indications point to a splendid yield of blackberries. The help problem is largely overcome in gathering these crops by the women aid children. Scarcity of sugar is detrimental to preserving these crops as many wives have not yet reached the point to can without it.

THE DEATH RECORD.

Prof. C. R. Neff, W. H. Kuhn and Samuel Durst Answer Final Summons.

NEFF.—Calvin R. Neff, a prominent farmer, educator and citizen, passed to his final reward at his home west of Centre Hall, on Friday afternoon at one o'clock. Mr. Neff's health commenced failing a year or more ago, and last April he was admitted to the Bellefonte hospital for an operation for bladder trouble. He was brought home in May and gradually grew worse until death ensued. For five days preceding his passing away he continued in an unconscious state.

Mr. Neff was a son of Lafayette and Mary Rubie Neff and was born on what is known as the Potter farm, on March 19th, 1860, hence was past sixty years of age. The foundation of his education was laid in the rural schools and at the Penn Hall academy. At the age of nineteen he was matriculated at Franklin and Marshall College, graduating in the year 1885. A short time thereafter he left for the west where he taught school and experienced the life of a plainsman. After spending six years in the west, principally in the states of Kansas and Colorado, he returned to Centre county and took up his profession of school teaching. He taught school at Spring Mills and Millheim and then removed to Millifield to accept the principalship of the schools in that place. He then returned to Millheim and was principal of the schools there for a number of years. In 1907 he moved his family to Potter township and bought the farm where he lived at the time of his death, the same being formerly in possession of his father. Mr. Neff improved the place by building a new home and also constructed the first round barn in this section. All the labor connected with the undertaking, from cutting the timber in the remote parts of the Seven Mountains and hauling it the great distance to the mill, to finishing the structure, was borne in a great measure by Mr. Neff. The Neff farm to-day is one that, by reason of its substantial buildings, beautiful home surroundings, and the fertility of its land, is one of the most valuable in the valley.

As principal of the Centre Hall High school, which position Mr. Neff held for several years following his coming to Potter township, and again for the part of a term less than three years ago, it need only be said that as an instructor Prof. Neff had few equals. To have been a student and graduate under the tutelage of Prof. Neff was indeed fortunate for any young man or woman who had the ambition to forge ahead in the world's activities. He was a veritable encyclopedia of information and his knowledge was positive. In the position of lecturer of Progress Grange he wielded a power among the farmer class such as no other man could. He served, until recently, as Master of the Centre County Pomona Grange, and in all activities of the Grange, Mr. Neff was a dominant figure. Religiously he adhered to the faith of the Reformed church, was an elder in that church and a Sunday-school teacher. Socially he was a member of the Old Fort Lodge No. 537, F. & A. M., and also of the P. O. S. of A. of Centre Hall.

Surviving him are his wife and the following children: Miss Sarah, Miss Edna, Robert, Ralph and Helen Neff. Also two brothers—William R., who is a twin of the deceased, of Centre Hill, and Charles B., of near Centre Hall.

His funeral services were held at the Neff home on Monday morning at 10:30 o'clock by Rev. R. R. Jones, his pastor, and burial was made at Centre Hall.

KUHN.—The death of William H. Kuhn occurred early Friday morning of last week at the home of his eldest daughter, Mrs. S. W. Smith, in Centre Hall, after an illness of six weeks due to a complication of diseases. Interment was made at Centre Hall on Monday afternoon.

Mr. Kuhn was born in Harris township, and was the youngest son of Peter Kuhn. He was a miller by trade, and followed that occupation in various mills in Penns and Nittany Valleys. The development of large flouring mills in the west more than fifty years ago lured him to Lafayette, Indiana, where his wife, nee Margaret Reiph, died, leaving two children less than four years of age. After this loss, Mr. Kuhn again returned to Harris township.

The deceased was a member of the Reformed church and was loyal to her beliefs. It was therefore natural that his pastor, R. R. Jones, should have charge of his funeral, Rev. Drumm, of the Lutheran church, being the assistant.

It was on his seventy-sixth birthday that Mr. Kuhn died. There survive two daughters, Mrs. Smith, named above, and Mrs. L. Ray Morgan, of Homestead; also, a brother, David Kuhn, of Beloit, Wisconsin.

DURST.—Unable to partake of any solid food for nearly two months, and sub-

sisting entirely on liquid nourishment, due to a severe affection of the throat, death finally claimed Samuel Durst at his home in Centre Hall on Thursday evening at 6:30 o'clock. He was conscious to the last and passed peacefully into the beyond. His funeral services were held at his late home on Saturday afternoon and burial was made at Centre Hall, Rev. M. C. Drumm officiating. Samuel Durst was a son of Daniel and Mary Condo Durst, both deceased, and was born at the old Durst farm, now the Bartges brothers' farm, at Earlstown, on September 26, 1854, hence was aged sixty-five years, seven months and nineteen days. His entire life was spent in farming; as a practical farmer he met with signal success. When he purchased part of the farm of the Wilson heirs about twenty years ago, he found the land in a run-down condition. It gave no prospects of returning any interest on the investment. Mr. Durst, however, in a few years, had the land producing excellent crops. He erected a brick residence, large barn and other improvements, and the farm is now considered one of the most fertile and best producing farms in the valley. A few years ago Mr. Durst bought the adjoining farm, known as the Stover farm. He was also successful as a stock raiser. Last year he decided to retire from active farming and purchased a residence in Centre Hall, which he was remodeling at the time of his death.

His wife, who was Miss Alice J. Stover, survives, together with one son, Edward. Three brothers are also left—James Durst, of Lewistown; Alfred, of Centre Hall, and Andrew, of Joliet, Illinois.

Potter Twp. Elects Teachers.

The Potter township school board, at a recent meeting, elected teachers for the township schools for the coming term. Several schools have not been supplied. Those elected were:

Pine Stump, Hugh Ralston.
Plum Grove, Berdie Heckman.
Earlstown, G. Alfred Crawford.
Potters Mills primary, Mildred Brown.
Potters Mills grammar, Mary Foust.
Cold Spring, Anna Mary Harter.
Pine Grove, vacant.
Tusseyville, vacant.
Colyer, vacant.
Tussey Sink, Floyd Jordan.
Manor Hill, Sara Gilliland.
Dauberman, Ruth Schreckengast.

Orphans' Band Here for Community Picnic.

It has been practically decided that the I. O. O. F. Orphanage Band from Sunbury will be at Centre Hall for the Community Picnic, on Thursday, August 5th. A subscription paper calling for contributions to defray the expenses of their coming is being circulated, and contributions are being freely made.

The boys need no introduction to Centre Hall. They have been here on several occasions and their ability to give good music is well known. They will undoubtedly prove a great attraction for the picnic day and help swell the crowd.

Fall of Rock Crushes Man's Head.

A huge rock, weighing about three tons, became detached from the side of a quarry, near Lewistown, where Wm. T. Roberts, 61 years old, was working on Friday, and rolling a distance of fifty feet struck Roberts on the head, killing him instantly. His skull was crushed as if it had been an egg shell.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL.

A good horse, the property of rural mail carrier Domes S. Ishler, died a few days ago.

Miss Henderson and Miss Cawwood, of New York City, are guests at the George Ishler home.

Rev. and Mrs. J. A. Shultz add family motored from near York to Centre Hall, on Monday, and visited the W. H. Brubaker family.

Rev. C. A. Waltman, of Millerstown, who will fill the Presbyterian pulpit in Centre Hall on Sunday afternoon, is a candidate for the pastorate.

Harry W. Potter motored to Watsonstown last week and spent several days with relatives. He was accompanied home on Monday by his uncle, T. P. Hayes, who will spend a short time here.

Mrs. S. R. Kamp, of Lock Haven, and daughter, Mrs. T. L. Deits, accompanied by her three interesting little children, are at the M. A. Sankey home at Potters Mills. Mr. Deits, who is a wholesale lumber merchant, was not able to accompany the family on this summer outing.

Out of town friends and relatives who attended the funeral of Mr. Kuhn, on Monday, were: Mr. and Mrs. Mervin Kuhn and Mrs. J. Henry Smith, Williamsport; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kuhn, Boalsburg; Mrs. Catharine Rice, Frank Rice, Reedsville; Mrs. Brower Longacre, Philadelphia; Mrs. Joseph Barnes, Mrs. Carlton Lichtenhaller, Philadelphia; Herman Muth, New York, N. Y.; Mr. and Mrs. L. Ray Morgan, Homestead; Fred Weber, Boalsburg.

MOTORCYCLE SMASHUP PROVES FATAL TO THREE YOUNG MEN.

Two from Milroy and Two from Reedsville, Traveling on Motorcycles, Meet in Head-On Collision.—Three Are Dead.

Three young men are dead and another is expected to die as the result of a motorcycle smashup, which occurred near Reedsville on Tuesday afternoon of last week. The dead and injured are:

David Wilson, aged 27, Milroy. His injuries were multiple fractures of skull and face, and contusion of body and limbs. He was admitted to the hospital at 5:30 p. m. in the evening and died a few minutes later.

William J. Stringfellow, aged 35 years, Milroy. He suffered a compound fracture of his left femur bone, brain hemorrhages and other internal injuries. He was admitted to the hospital at 5:30 p. m. but died at 7 o'clock the same evening.

Guy Cummings, Reedsville, aged 16 years, received a severe concussion of his brain and punctured and lacerated lips and severe abrasions of his left leg. He died on Thursday.

Frank Weiler, Reedsville, aged 18 years, received a severe concussion of his brain and a compound comminuted fracture of his left patella knee cap bone and a lacerated wound on his forehead and contusions and abrasions of his body and limbs. His death is expected.

The two motorcycles going in opposite directions collided near the James Taylor home at the foot of Church Hill cemetery public road, at a sharp turn in the highway. The two men from Milroy going toward Reedsville, to go to their place of employment at the Standard Steel Works and the Weiler and Cummings boys were traveling toward Milroy. Both motorcycles were evidently running rapidly, when they suddenly struck each other with a terrible force.

Frank Weiler had been the night operator at the Reedsville telephone exchange the past seven years. He recently resigned and secured employment at the Standard Steel Works, Guy Cummings succeeding him as night operator at the Reedsville exchange. Frank is the oldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Laurie Weiler of Reedsville and Guy is the oldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Cummings of Reedsville.

One of the first persons to arrive upon the scene of the tragedy was Henry Potts, manager of the Bell Telephone Company, Lewistown. The four victims of the accident were all found in an unconscious condition, lying on the road. They were all taken as soon as it was possible, to the Lewistown hospital, in the ambulance of W. A. Barr and in automobiles. There were no eye witnesses to the collision.

David Wilson, an unmarried man, was the son of George W. Wilson deceased, and Mrs. Sarah Wilson of Milroy. The son was the main support of his mother and was a good young man with industrious and honest habits. He leaves six brothers and one sister. He was a member of the lodge of Independent Order of Americans, Milroy. His funeral services were held Thursday afternoon interment in the Woodlawn cemetery, Milroy.

William J. Stringfellow, unmarried, was the son of W. E. Stringfellow deceased and Mrs. Ada Stringfellow of Milroy, whose main support he was. He is survived by two brothers, John and Robert Stringfellow, of Milroy, and by three sisters, Mrs. Wallace Gahagan and Mrs. Jesse Harmon, both of Milroy, and Mrs. Robert Smith of Centre Hall. His funeral services were held Friday forenoon, from his late home, interment in Woodlawn cemetery.

Twenty tons of sugar were received in one shipment by a Bellefonte merchant last week. Coming at this particular time, it served the housewife well in putting up canned and preserved fruit.

The Mascot of the Pacific Fleet.



The proudest member of the Navy with the Pacific Fleet is "Mick," Admiral Rodman's spaniel. From the tip of his tail to the tip of his nose "Mick" is a real sailor. The rougher the seas come the better he likes it. "Mick" stuck his head through a life ring, at the photographer's suggestion, and is giving an imitation of a true patriot looking for an argument. Every man on the New Mexico is "Mick's" pal.

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS

The Bellefonte Business Men's Association will hold a basket picnic at the fair ground, Bellefonte, on Thursday, August 19.

The Lewistown Gazette is being printed in the office of the Daily Sentinel. Scarcity of help in the Gazette office forced this move.

J. Will Conley, of Bellefonte, is in a serious condition at the University hospital, Philadelphia. He recently underwent a minor operation.

The Ladies Aid of the M. E. church of Pleasant Gap will hold a festival on Saturday evening, July 24th, in Noll's grove. Everybody is invited.

Robert Brock and wife, Helen Bodorf Brock, are here from Detroit, Michigan, on a visit to the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Bodorf, near Colyer.

Remember that Thursday, August 5th, is the day for the Community Picnic at Centre Hall. Plan your work so that you can be there for a good time.

One thousand quarts of cherries, mostly of the sour variety, were picked this season on the farm of W. F. Colyer, at Old Fort. Mr. Colyer found ready sale for all the fruit.

W. F. Ziegler, of Philadelphia; Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Ziegler and son, of Altoona, and Mrs. James Smith, of Akron, Ohio, attended the funeral of the late Prof. C. R. Neff, on Monday.

The cherry crop this year in Penns Valley was one of the largest in years. Hundreds of bushels went to waste. Many were taken to Lewistown where they were disposed of at 25 cents a quart.

Dr. Robert Gearhart has removed from Stroudsburg to Boalsburg and will be at his office on Main street afternoons and evenings until September, when he will be there permanently. If not at office phone J. H. Ross, Linden Hall. 271f.

There is much valuable information contained in the Health School lessons which are appearing in the Reporter. The questions which appear at the head of the column are answered by the State Department, and will appear in later issues.

Stepping from behind an automobile from which they had just alighted, George R. Dunlap and ten-year-old son William, of Pine Grove Mills, on Saturday a week ago, were struck by another car, resulting in injuries from which the boy died on Tuesday. The father sustained a fractured leg.

In less than twenty hours, death claimed three good citizens in this community. Last Thursday evening at 6:30 o'clock, Samuel Durst passed away. Friday morning at 1:20 o'clock, W. H. Kuhn answered the final summons, and at 1:00 p. m., the spirit of C. R. Neff took its flight. All three men led very active and useful lives.

The mountain road, from Centre Hall to Pleasant Gap, has been closed by the State Highway Department, on account of construction work in progress on the other side of the mountain. Detour notices have been posted on the diamond, ordering travel up the Brushvalley road, which means that getting to Bellefonte will be lengthened twelve miles.

Two of the thirteen school houses in Potter township will very likely be closed up to conform with the ruling of the State Department of Instruction which requires that where the average daily attendance is less than 10 scholars, schools shall be closed and the children conveyed to another school. The two schools that fell below the required mark last year were the Pine Grove school, near Tusseyville, and the Cold Spring school.

At a regular meeting of the Ferguson township school board held last Tuesday evening the following teachers were elected: A. L. Bowersox, Pine Grove Mills grammar; Viola Burwell, Pine Grove Mills primary; Mildred Campbell, Centre; Maude Miller, Baileyville; Nannie McWilliams, Glades; Robert E. Reed, Maringo; Mary Burwell, Tadpole; George Burwell, White Hall; Mary Vinco, Pine Hall; Edna Ward; Oak Hall; Grace Elder, Branch; Krumrine, Keplar and Gatesburg not supplied.

Arrangements have just been completed by The Pennsylvania State College whereby the number of rehabilitation men to be accommodated there next year in the regular college courses is to be doubled. During the past year more than 100 former soldiers who had been wounded in service were sent to Penn State by the government to receive a college education. When college reopens in September an additional hundred such men be on hand. Inadequate class room facilities make it impossible to accommodate more of the rehabilitation men, although college officials would gladly take in several times this limited number.