

**EDUCATORS URGE****BIG APPROPRIATION.**

Sum They Want Is Almost Double That Awarded By Legislature Two Years Ago.

An appropriation of between forty and fifty million dollars for the schools will likely be asked of the 1921 Legislature if plans approved by the Legislative committee of the State Educational Association, in session at Harrisburg last week, are adopted.

The appropriation will be for two years, and will be almost double the two-year appropriation made in 1919 of twenty-four millions.

The association wants a minimum school term of eight months in the rural districts, nine months in third class districts and ten months in first and second class districts.

Resolutions were passed favoring adoption of the Finnegan Teachers' Salary plan to replace the present Woodruff bill. This would cost an additional fifteen to twenty million dollars, with state and districts paying fifty-fifty.

Gorilla Story Exploded.

The Snyder county gorilla has not been shot, but he is certainly dead. Not in many a year have there been so many stories told about a wild animal as there has been about this alleged gorilla.

From newspaper stories, he has been seen in Sunbury and Altoona at the same time, shot at a number of times near Globe Mills, escaped from a circus at Williamsport, then at Sunbury; one day he was seven feet tall; next day he was eleven feet tall with hands that reached the ground; carried a lot of pumpkins in the cave; next day gave birth to twins; does his own cooking in the cave.

Finally, he came up into Centre county, and chased a fellow driving a Ford car, in Harris township, so the story goes.

The fact that the gorilla feeds on vegetable matter exclusively eliminates the gorilla from the possibilities of the animal that attacked 14-year old Samuel Bolig, as this animal is said to have frequented places where families had butchered during the day.

Practically all the newspapers in Central Pennsylvania have published some version of the gorilla story, and for a time many people had some faith in the story, but unless the animal is captured very soon, the whole story will be classed as a myth.

Million Acres Desolate Forest Land Offered for Sale.

More than half a million acres of cut-over and desolate forest land in all parts of the State have been offered at low prices to the Pennsylvania Department of Forestry. George W. Woodruff, chief of the Bureau of Lands, said the offers made by owners of waste mount ain land resulted from information collected last summer and fall by the State foresters. Judge Woodruff said:

"If enough appropriation can be secured this winter from the State legislature there will probably be one or more new State forests started, particularly in Sullivan county, where a compact body of more than 100,000 acres valuable for State forest purposes can be secured at low prices.

"The average paid thus far for the 1,000,000 acres which the State owns is \$2.25 per acre. The law restricts the Department of Forestry to a minimum of \$10.00 per acre, and the Department does not pay as high as \$5.00 per acre except with extreme reluctance. There are portions of Pennsylvania where small State forests have been started, but the prevailing prices are so high that the wisdom of extending them is not certain.

"The present thought of the Department of Forestry is that, other conditions being the same, the land offered at lowest price per acre will be given first consideration."

Shutdown Of Ford Plant Affects 50,000 Workers.

Announcement was made last week by the Ford Motor company in Detroit that its Highland Park plant, which closed Dec. 24 for inventory, will not reopen the first week in January as planned but will remain closed indefinitely. The statement said:

"The company has now decided not to reopen the plant next week but will resume operations as early as possible. The assembly plants throughout the United States will continue their operations as usual."

The statement added nothing in explanation and officials of the company declined to discuss the shutdown.

At the time of the closing of the plant for inventory approximately 50,000 workers were employed in the plant at Highland Park.

The Pennsylvania State School Directors' Association will meet in Harrisburg February 10 and 11. Five delegates from each County Association and at least one representative from each school district are expected to attend.

CHRISTMAS ENTERTAINMENTS

Rendered in the Churches of Centre Hall.

The Christmas cantata, "A Christmas Dream," rendered in the Lutheran church on Christmas eve by the young people of the church and the choir, was one of the most beautiful services of the Christmas season, locally. The church auditorium and Sunday school were filled to their capacity with an appreciative audience, it being considered the largest gathering ever assembled in that church. The collection amounted to about \$55.00.

The cantata was a dramatic portrayal of the heralding and coming of the Christ child, and the various actors—from Mary and Joseph down to the shepherds on the hillsides—were costumed as was befitting their respective parts.

The dreamer was Miss Marion Royer, who following a few remarks concerning the beauty of the shining stars, and comparing it with the night on which was heard the angels' song, falls into peaceful slumber, and that which follows is an unfolding of her dream. When the curtain is drawn on the next scene it discloses Mary, whose part was so beautifully taken by Miss Miriam Huyett, kneeling, and appearing before her an angel who makes the announcement, declaring, "Hail, hail, hail, thou art highly favored; blessed art thou among women." This part was taken by Miss Pearl Keller. The screen is drawn and next appears the scene of the approach to Bethlehem by Mary and Joseph—the latter part being exceptionally well taken by Harvey Flink. Small children, dressed in eastern costume, accompany Mary and Joseph, and the idea is conveyed that the long weary march has tired all and they rest for a while at David's well, where Joseph draws a jug of water from the well. The danger from the hill robbers infesting that country is portrayed realistically by Miss Ethel Frunk. The next scene unfolds the approach to the inn, the innkeeper being Harold Alexander, standing outside a structure representing the inn of old. His family discuss the coming of the Christ and are eager for the time when he shall come, as they suppose, with the blare of trumpets and with his royal retinue. When Mary and Joseph appear they are told that there is no place for them in the inn, and Jephtha (Miss May Royer), daughter of the innkeeper, exhibiting the tender sympathies peculiar to her sex, toward Mary, her cousin, provides a place in the stable, behind the inn. The next scene discloses Ishmerai, an old Shepherd (Ernest Frank) with his sons, who see in the solemn stillness of the night that which betokens the coming of the Promised One of Israel. A soft effect to the scene of the shepherds at rest is given by colored lights. The manger scene is next clearly shown and all the joy that centers about the fulfilling of the prophecy in the birth of the Christ child, reaches its climax here. Angels sing "Silent Night," which is one of the prettiest scenes in the drama.

When the clock strikes twelve the sleeper is awakened from her slumbers, and rubbing her eyes, looks about her in a bewildered sort of way, and then recites a poem on Christ's coming.

Music by the choir played an important part in the cantata, and two solos by Miss Miriam Huyett were much enjoyed. Her sweet voice and lovely facial expression made her a fitting character for the part she so faithfully portrayed—Mary—the mother of Christ.

Reformed Christmas Service.

An interesting Christmas service was held in the Reformed church on Sunday evening, after Christmas. The service was a "home product" in every sense of the word. The recitations, exercises and music were gathered from various sources by a committee appointed by the Sunday School. The singing was excellent. One feature worthy of mention was the singing of some familiar hymns by the congregation. Another feature of the service was the reading of several Scripture lessons, not by the pastor or superintendent, but by different classes of the Sunday School. All the Scripture lessons were centered about the person of Christ. Santa Claus was totally ignored, his name was not even mentioned in any exercise, song, recitation. The pastor's address was brief and in harmony with the program. Among other things he said that Christmas is to commemorate the birth of Jesus Christ, but the exclusive emphasis should not be laid on this fact. Equal emphasis should be laid on the character and work of the Savior. At his birth, the angel called attention to his character and work, for he said "For unto you is born this day in the city of David, a Savior." In the celebration of Washington's birthday, little or nothing is said about his infancy. The emphasis is laid on his character and work. So in the celebration of Christmas, proper emphasis should be laid on the birth, the character, and the work of Jesus Christ. The service was simple, beautiful, and worshipful. The offering, which was given to the support of the Bethany Orphan's Home, approximated \$55.

U. Ev. Christmas Service.

The United Evangelical Sunday School rendered a very interesting program on Thursday evening, Dec. 23.

The children were very well trained and rendered their parts with scarcely an error. The choir used the program entitled "Song of the Sky." This beautiful music was very well rendered. Just after the pastor had given a short address on "Following the Star," children and adults were delighted with the appearance of Santa Claus coming down the center aisle, carrying a bag in which was a treat of candy and oranges for the small children, and a purse, containing sixteen dollars, for the pastor. Santa Claus remained to help sing the closing song.

The church was beautifully decorated with a large bouquet of branches filled with red berries, and a very pretty tree, decorated with glittering ornaments and lighted with various colored electric bulbs.

The main auditorium and S. S. room were filled with people and the offering, which goes to the support of Western Missions, amounted to \$18.20.

Miller-Wagner

On Christmas evening, at seven o'clock, at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. Geiss Wagner, in Centre Hall, Clarence Thomas Miller and Miss Mary Wagner were united in wedlock by the pastor of the bride, Rev. R. R. Jones. The wedding was attended by the immediate relatives of the contracting parties only, and the wedding march was played by Miss Stella Hosterman. The bride appeared lovely in a stylish gown of white georgette over white satin, carrying a bouquet of carnations. Following the ceremony a sumptuous dinner was served.

The bride is the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wagner and for the past two and one-half years has served as an operator in the local Bell telephone exchange. The groom is a son of Mr. and Mrs. M. N. Miller, of near Tusseyville, and is a young man of sterling qualities, and is the principal help on the farm operated by his father, which, by the way, is owned by the groom's father-in-law, Mr. Wagner. It is here that the bride will live, for a time at least, so that is like going back home.

The young couple contemplate a trip to Washington, D. C., and other points before spring, which postponement is due to the serious illness of the groom's mother.

The Reporter joins the many friends of Mr. and Mrs. Miller in extending heartiest congratulations.

Smith-Treaster.

J. Roy Smith, of Potters Mills, and Miss Mildred Treaster, daughter of Lyman Treaster, of Milroy, were united in marriage on Dec. 24th, in Reedsville, by Rev. Gordan, of the M. E. church. The groom is an ex-service man, and served overseas. For the present they will reside at Potters Mills. Their many friends extend congratulations.

Jordan-Klinefelter.

William A. Jordan and Miss Ida Klinefelter, both of Colyer, were united in marriage on last Saturday evening at six o'clock at the home of the bride's father, Samuel Klinefelter, by Rev. R. R. Jones.

Krise Home Sold.

The W. A. Krise home in Centre Hall was sold recently by Mrs. B. F. Reish and Mrs. Jefferson Brown to Mrs. O. F. Funk, of Centre Hall, who will occupy the place April 1st. The price paid was \$1600.

LOOK AT YOUR LABEL.

YOUR attention is called this week to the little Pink Label on your paper which shows exactly how you stand with the publishers. The figures "19" and "20" are now obsolete and should be brought up to date. Many subscribers have put their paper ahead to 1922 during the past few weeks, and to them we are very grateful. We dislike reminding you so often of the necessity of having all subscriptions paid in advance, but that necessity exists in view of the tremendous increase in the cost of print paper (more than 300 per cent. above former prices) and the only way for the \$1.50-a-year paper to continue at the old price is for every subscriber to keep his paper paid up.

May we expect to have a remittance from those who just thoughtlessly have failed to do this little thing. To you it may mean a trifling matter—that of withholding \$1.50 or \$3.00—but to us the aggregate of these small accounts means placing us in a better position to meet all obligations promptly.

THE PUBLISHERS.

CENTRE COUNTY'S FARM PRODUCTS SHOW.

Boys from Vocational Schools Win First Premiums on Corn, Potatoes and Apples.

The value of Vocational training in agriculture was strikingly demonstrated last Thursday at the Annual Corn, Apple and Potato Show held at Bellefonte by the Farm Bureau. Six premiums were offered—first and second—on each of corn, potatoes and apples. Boys from Vocational schools won all three first premiums and one second.

The awards were as follows: Corn—Harry Burd, Aaronsburg High School, 1st on White Cap; W. C. Smeltzer, Bellefonte, 2nd on Yellow Dent. Potatoes—Biron Decker, Spring Mills Vocational School, 1st on Rural New Yorker; Ward Hosterman, Aaronsburg High School, 2nd, Rural New Yorker.

Apples—Jesse Gray, Port Matilda High School, 1st on Delicious; James I. Thompson, Lemont, 2nd on Northern Spy.

It looks good for the Centre county agriculture when the boys can come to the front like this in a show that is open to the entire county, both young and old. It is hoped the boys will come back and do even better next year.

Birthday Surprise Party.

Thursday of last week Miss Hazel Ripka, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Ripka, attained her seventeenth birthday, and her parents planned a surprise party for her, the preparations for which being so carefully guarded that when the hour for assembling in the evening, of her young school friends, and others, arrived, Miss Hazel was the most astonished person imaginable. The Ripka home was at once turned over to the score or more of happy young people, who spent an evening in wholesome amusement and pleasure. At an appropriate hour delicious refreshments, consisting of sandwiches, pickles, fruit salad and cake, were served. Miss Hazel was the recipient of many beautiful presents, tokens of esteem and friendship.

Progress Grange Notice.

A meeting of Progress Grange will be held Saturday afternoon at one o'clock, for the purpose of installing officers. A good attendance is desired.—Jacob Sharer, Master.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL.

William Garis, of Luxor, spent the Christmas season with his parents in Centre Hall.

Reuben Zettie is now located at Miami, Florida, where he is engaged at the carpenter trade.

Be sure to read Smith's advertisement in this issue. It tells of substantial reductions in various departments of that well-stocked store.

"Squire Cyrus Brungart is the executor in the estate of Mrs. Margaret Dailley, late of Potter township, deceased, and the proper legal notice appears in this issue.

Charley Stump left for the sunny south, last week; and will remain at Finneywood, Virginia, until the robins are again with us, when Charley, too, will be among us.

After a two weeks' illness from pleurisy, Charles T. Crust, farmer east of Centre Hall, made his first trip to town on Saturday, stopping at the Reporter office on business. In addition to his sickness, Mr. Crust was pestered with a half dozen or more real live boils during the greater part of his sickness.

W. W. McCormick, the veteran assessor of Potter township, is busily engaged this month in the work connected with that office, and finds that with the added burden of assessing the women of voting age, his work is more than double that of former years. This year Mr. McCormick's assessment list will total over 1200 names.

Rufus Strohm Lee, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob C. Lee, of Centre Hill, well known to the young people of this community, was a visitor at the home of his parents over the holidays. He is in the automobile business, operating an establishment for himself in Valparaiso, Indiana. He looks fine physically and from all indications is prospering financially.

Little Miss Harriet Bartges, the sweet little four-year-old daughter of Prof. and Mrs. N. L. Bartges, escaped serious injury, or probable loss of an eye, on Monday afternoon. She was on her way to the school house to meet her father and at the William Gfrerer home, nearby the school house, Mr. Gfrerer was engaged in cutting down trees in front of his home, not noticing the little girl's approach. In swinging the axe he struck the little girl, but as was doubtless the case, it struck the child just as the axe reached the end of the swing, when its force would have reached its minimum, and the result was but a slight cut on the face, a quarter inch below the left eye. But how close that was to doing irreparable harm.

MUCH CONCRETE LAID.

410 Miles of Splendid Road Built in 1920.

The State Highway Department of Pennsylvania during the 1920 construction season has built approximately 410 miles of concrete roadway 18 feet in width.

This is a world's record for one season for this type of highway.

In 1919 the Pennsylvania Highway Department completed 253 miles of concrete roadway.

The maintenance force of the State Highway Department during 1920 have entirely resurfaced 377 miles of macadam highway and surface treated 1480 miles of the same type of thoroughfare. In all the forces of this department maintained 9593 miles of roadway. Of this mileage 493 were in boroughs and on State-aid roads.

Illinois makes the closest approach to the State Highway Department of Pennsylvania in the 1920 construction of highways of a durable type, having put down approximately 339 miles in concrete during the present season.

The Pennsylvania Highway Department now has under construction approximately 350 miles of concrete, the completion of which was made impossible in 1920 because of the lateness of the season. The department plans the 350 miles of concrete roadway early in 1921 and hopes to be able to complete not less than 600 miles of durable highway this year.

During 1920 the Pennsylvania Highway Department was somewhat handicapped through lack of materials and because of the great difficulty in transporting materials from mills and quarries to the scene of construction.

Hunter's \$20.00 Fine Not Right.

The Reporter made some comment a few weeks ago about the injustice of imposing a fine on five hunters who were caught hunting deer near Potters Mills without having in their possession their license paper, although each man had paid his license fee. The following communication is from W. F. McKinney, forest ranger, of Potters Mills, whose views on the matter coincide with those of the Reporter. Mr. McKinney says:

"While I have always been in favor of game protection, it seems to me that the line has been drawn too close in the case of hunters' license. I think that the man that has taken out a license and paid for it should have a reasonable chance to produce his papers if they have been left at home or in camp, as the case may have been. In other words, I do not think it is right to soak a man twenty dollars when he actually has a license. Wherein does this protect our wild game?"

"W. F. McKinney."

Meeting of I.O.O.F. Hall Association.

A meeting of the I.O.O.F. Association will be held on Tuesday evening, January 11th, at 7:30 o'clock, in the lodge room, Centre Hall, for the purpose of electing officers, etc.—Secretary.

Celebrated 61st Wedding Anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Rumberger, of Unionville celebrated their 61st wedding anniversary on Thursday, Dec. 30th. The celebration, which was unostentatious, assumed largely the shape of a family reunion.

State College Team Faces Hard Schedule.

The 1921 football schedule of Pennsylvania State College, announced last week, includes matches with Harvard, Georgia Tech, the Navy and Pittsburgh, and is one of the hardest in years. The schedule follows: September 24, Lebanon Valley at home; October 1, Gettysburg; 8th, North Carolina State at home; 15th, Lehigh, at home; 22nd, Harvard at Cambridge; 29th, Georgia Tech at New York; November 5, Carnegie Tech, at home; Navy, at Philadelphia; 24th, University of Pittsburgh, at Pittsburgh.

Sale Bill News.

Those who have not sent in the dates for their spring sales should do so at once as the Sale Register will appear every week. We will begin printing of bills for spring sales at an early date and all are asked to send in their copy as soon as possible. While the "bills" should not be posted more than two weeks, it will give us more time to get them printed. They need not be lifted until the bills are wanted for posting, as they will be mailed to your address if desired.

Williamsport barbers have come back to pre-war prices on hair cuts, which is 25 cents.

Milroy has become so healthy that the only undertaker in the village has announced his retirement from business.

Have you become used to writing it 1921?

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.**HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS**

Mrs. John Fohringer, of near Colyer, is a patient in the Bellefonte hospital.

Take a careful look at the label on your paper this week. See that the figures are what they should be.

Owners of dogs may procure their 1921 dog license from Cyrus Brungart, justice of the peace, Centre Hall.

Miss Sara Neff, who is teaching in a high school in Pittsburgh, spent the Christmas vacation at her home near Centre Hall.

Benjamin H. Emerick sustained a badly bruised foot, last week, while loading railroad ties at the Centre Hall station.

Warren Homan, of the garage firm of Harper & Homan, a week or so ago, purchased a Chevrolet coupe at a public sale of cars in Bellefonte.

The last day in the old year was spring-like, and if there is anything in the old saying that the last Friday in the month rules the next, then we may expect a mild January.

O. A. Jamison, of Monroe, Wisconsin, came to Centre Hall about the Christmas-time, and as has been his custom for some years past, will spend the greater part of the winter among his relatives in Penns Valley.

The Potter township auditors have examined the accounts of the various township officials and have caused the financial statements to be published in this week's issue. Every tax payer in the township should give it careful reading.

A. J. Hemphill, of New York, president of Guaranty Trust Company and a director in a large number of other concerns, also a club man, died in his New York home a few days ago. He was a brother-in-law of Mrs. Anna Hemphill, of Centre Hall.

A group of the town's athletes, becoming possessed with the idea that they could defeat the local High school team in a game of soccer football, attempted the thing on Thursday afternoon preceding Christmas, but the school boys carried off the laurels with a 1 to 0 victory.

No business was transacted at license court on Monday, Dec. 20th, the day set for the formal presentation of petition and remonstrances. When the hour for convening arrived announcement was made in the court room that court had been postponed indefinitely. Judge Quigley was not present. Remonstrance papers, filed some time ago, contain the names of 3530 citizens throughout Centre county.

Centre and Milfill county sportsmen killed 220 deer on the Penn State Forest this season, according to information sent to the Pennsylvania Department of Forestry by District Forester W. J. Bartschat, of Milroy. He received reports of 104 deer shot on the Kishacoquillas Division, 83 on the Seven Mountains Division, two on the Nittany Division, and 31 on the Curtain Division. Two bears were shot on the Kishacoquillas Division.

Attend the Week of Prayer services. For the remainder of the week services will be held as follows: Wednesday evening, in the Evangelical church, Rev. C. F. Catherman, speaker; Thursday evening, in the Methodist church, Rev. J. F. Bingham, speaker; Friday evening, in the Methodist church, Rev. R. R. Jones, speaker; Saturday evening, in the Reformed church, Rev. C. F. Catherman, speaker; Sunday evening, in the Reformed church, Rev. M. C. Drumm, speaker.

James K. Conley, of Sioux Falls, South Dakota, was an arrival in town previous to Christmas, leaving that section of the west covered with a 15-inch snow-fall, and coming into a comparatively snowless region. While here he arranged for holding public sale of the household goods of his mother, Mrs. Kate Conley, which took place on New Year's day. At the last moment Mrs. Conley decided not to go west with her son but will remain in Centre Hall, making her home at the hotel with the family of James W. Runkle.

One of the most pleasing school entertainments ever given in the Grange hall was the one held on Wednesday night preceding Christmas, given by the Centre Hall High school literary society. It was purely suggestive of the Christmas season and the Yuletide spirit was everywhere present. A laughable two-act playlet, entitled "Christmas in Finnigan's Flat" was well rendered. An especially pleasing feature of the evening's entertainment was a drill by twenty-one girls of the High school, all dressed in white gowns and carrying green wreaths with which they made many pretty formations. A poem by Martha Yearick was well delivered. The singing was good, and the audience showed its appreciation by its most liberal applause. A nice silver collection was lifted.