



Centre County Bank Closes.
The Centre County Bank, in Bellefonte, on Saturday forenoon, closed its doors to business. The incident created no little stir in the county seat. The institution opened its doors for business as usual on Saturday morning, but in about an hour closed them again. At this writing no statement by any of the banking officials has been made, and the public is not aware of the bank's actual condition. The rumors one hears are only rumors.
The Centre County Bank for many years enjoyed the confidence of a large number of citizens throughout the county, and up to the time of its sudden closing of its doors, retained the business of not a few customers in Pennsylvania, although banking facilities had been established much more convenient to them.
The Reporter hopes the institution will be able to satisfy its customers and again open its doors for business.

Lutheran Charge Picnic
Representatives from all of the Sunday schools, except one, in the Pennsylvania Lutheran charge, met at the home of T. M. Gramley, Spring Mills, on Monday evening, to fix a time and place for the annual Lutheran charge picnic. It was decided that the time should be at the convenience of Mr. W. J. Stover, superintendent of the Loysville Orphans' Home, so that his band could be here, and place was left for the selection of representatives of the Union, Spring Mills, and Georges Valley Sunday-schools.

Remembers Orphans' Home.
William Pealer, who died some years ago at his lifelong residence in Spring Mills, remembered the Tressler Orphans' Home, at Loysville, in his will, which instrument is now being executed by his executor, James N. Litzell. The will provided that Mrs. Pealer was to have the benefit of the estate during her lifetime, and that after her death a portion was to be distributed among several namesakes and other relatives and the remainder was declared to be given to the home named above. After the personal bequests have been provided for, the estate is estimated to be worth at least several thousand dollars.

Fire at Potters Mills.
Fire on Tuesday morning destroyed a wash house belonging to John Wilkinson, at Potters Mills. Washing was being done in the house when it took fire. The structure stood on the opposite side of the road from the Wilkinson house and consequently the dwelling was not in great danger.
The property destroyed was long ago, early in the sixties, occupied by George Shaffer as a wagonmaker shop and later by John Cooney, for the same purpose.

Importance of Life Insurance.
The life insurance policies held by American citizens total \$45,000,000,000, and is worth some comment. Forty-five billions of dollars is an enormous sum, until you figure that it is protection for 105,000,000 people. It means about \$100 for every man, woman and child in the country, or about \$2,000 for the average family. It dwindles quite rapidly under that analysis. Now, then, consider such insurance holdings as Henry P. Davison had. His two million made him one of the heaviest buyers of life insurance in the country. Yet, there are other \$2,000,000 risks and quite a number of million dollar and half million dollar risks, while \$100,000 risks are almost common. That means there are millions upon millions of people who have no contact with insurance at all. Life insurance to a man with a growing family is just as important as the roof over the heads of his brood.

Prize for All-Around Woman.
Mrs. I. H. O'Hara, of Philadelphia, has offered an annual prize of \$50 to the young woman of the senior class of Bucknell University, Lewisburg, who possesses the most desirable qualities in all respects for an all-around woman. The prize is to be known as the Margaret Tustin O'Hara prize and the committee of award will consist of Dean Jewell Phillips, George S. Matlack and Miss Eliza J. Martin.

Boom for Lewistown.
The Viscoe Company, manufacturers of artificial silk, are giving Lewistown its second great boom. The company has purchased one hundred and fifty acres of land from Dr. H. W. Sweigert and will duplicate the plant erected there now. Work will begin on the first of June and will be completed within ten months. Two hundred dwelling houses will also be erected.

LOST—Automobile license tag No. 251-169. Finder please notify W. O. Heckman, Centre Hall.

OLDER BOYS' CONFERENCE.
Conference of Youths to Be Held at State College, May 26-28.
Representatives of Pennsylvania State College, last Sunday, appeared in every Sunday-school in Centre county in the interest of the first annual Older Boys' Conference to be held at Pennsylvania State College, Friday, Saturday and Sunday, May 26, 27 and 28. The theme is rural leadership and the purpose to inspire boys to leadership, clean moral life, and aggressive Christian fellowship. The conference will be held under the auspices of the Extension Department of Penn State Y. M. C. A.
The appearance of the professors, instructors and students of Penn State in the various Sunday-schools throughout the county was for the purpose of inducing the Sunday-schools to send to the conference from two to four boys, from the age of sixteen to twenty years. In practically all of the schools the proposition was received with enthusiasm and when the conference time comes the boys will be on hand with the registration fee of \$3.00 for each, furnished by the schools, which funds will provide for their lodging and board.
Topics for addresses at the conference are as follows:
Leadership, the world's need; Leadership, the chief rural need; Leadership, the rural boy's opportunity; Leadership, where it will lead the country; Leadership, why Christian? Leadership, how prepare? Leadership, the need of the rural church; Leadership, and rural institutions; Leadership, properly organized; Leadership, God's chief need.

These are the speakers: Bill (W. W.) Wood—All-American full-back in State's 1914 football team, president of Penn State Y. M. C. A., 1914-15, active Y. M. C. A. worker, coach of Gettysburg football team, and also a farmer. Fred B. Freeman—County Work Secretary of the National Y. M. C. A. He is a specialist in this line of work; he has a great personality, he knows what boys like, and he knows how to present it.
J. H. Brewer—Field Secretary of the Y. M. C. A. of Pa. He is devoting most of his time to conferences of this kind all over the state.
L. M. Miller—Student Secretary of the Y. M. C. A. of Pa. He has a courageous personality which will do you lots of good.
Rev. F. Stamm—Pastor of the Reformed church at State College. He has a sparkling personality, he knows boys and he knows country life.
President John M. Thomas—President of Pa. State College. He is very much interested in rural life and has an excellent message for everyone who can go to hear him.
Dean R. L. Watts—Dean of the Agricultural School of the College. A most enthusiastic rural missionary and an excellent speaker.
Dr. S. W. Fletcher—Head of the Department of Horticulture. With his broad knowledge of rural conditions, his keen understanding of boy life, and his rare humor with which he presents his message, you have a man to whom you could listen for hours.
Prof. W. V. Dennis—Associate Professor of Rural Sociology. He has a most wonderful understanding of rural conditions.
Prof. R. G. Bressler—Acting head of the Rural Life Dept. and Professor of Rural Sociology. The rural life is his life. You must hear him present his message as only he can present it.
For any other information write to Ralph S. Adams, 124 East Beaver Avenue, State College, Pa. Also send registrations to the same address.
Every Sunday-school in Centre county should be represented.

Boys who will attend:
Some of the Sunday-schools made appointments on Sunday, and those forwarded to this office are as follows:
Centre Hall. — Lutheran: Philip Musser, Paul Fetterolf, Harold Durst, Paul Smith. Reformed: George Reibter, Harold Keller, James Brungart. Evangelical: Newton Crawford.
Dad's Day at Penn State.
Fathers of Pennsylvania State College students will next Saturday forget that they are getting old, and find their way to the college campus where a royal good time has been planned for them by their sons and daughters. It will be the annual celebration of "Father's Day" at State College, and the thousand or more Dads expected (most of whom never attended college) will be initiated to the troubles and pleasures of an average day of college life. They will look in on classes and laboratories in the morning, see Hugo Bosdek and Hans Wagner's State and Carnegie Tech baseball teams clash in the afternoon, and get a touch of "Penn State Spirit" at an evening mass meeting.

The Dues Social.
The annual Dues Social by the local W. C. T. U. was held in Grange Arcadia, Saturday evening, and was well attended. Mrs. F. M. Fisher is president of the organization, and was the presiding officer. Mrs. Frank D. Gardner, scientific temperance instructor, was the first speaker, and did so in a most pleasing manner, ending her talk in a little story for the benefit of the children. Miss Rebecca Rhoads, president of the county organization, spoke in a general way on the temperance question and did not fail to inform her hearers who stood right for temperance among the candidates for office to be voted for at the primaries held last Tuesday. Mrs. Knoll, of State College, county treasurer, also spoke a few words telling of her feature of the temperance work.

Pastors Installed.
On Monday evening a week, in the Millheim Reformed church, Rev. John S. Hollenbach was installed as pastor of the Aaronsburg Reformed charge. The installation was in charge of Rev. Fred K. Stamm, of State College, who was assisted by Rev. W. A. McClellan, of Rebersburg. Rev. Hollenbach is still boarding with Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Stover, in Millheim, but expects to occupy the parsonage at Aaronsburg in the near future—when, according to rumor, he is to take unto himself a wife.
On Tuesday evening following the installation in Millheim, Rev. W. A. McClellan was installed as pastor of the Rebersburg Reformed church by Rev. Stamm, assisted by Rev. Hollenbach.

Contracts Awarded for State Highway.
Hon. Harry B. Scott, of Philadelphia, received a telegram from the State Highway department last Friday stating that the Pottsville Construction Company was finally awarded the contract of building the ten-mile stretch of highway from Curwensville to Ream's watering trough.
This is the final link of highway between Madera and DuBois in Clearfield county, and is one of the biggest contracts awarded by the highway department.
The piece of highway construction between Tyrone and Bald Eagle connecting up with the mountain road link from Sandy Ridge, was also awarded, John Herman, of Latrobe, getting the contract. His bid was \$132,787.50.

Summer School.
A summer school will open at Centre Hall, Monday, May 22, and continue for five weeks.
Two courses will be offered—one for those preparing to teach and one for the 7th and 8th grade pupils who wish to become more proficient in the fundamental studies.
Tuition, five and six dollars.
N. L. BARTGES.

Memorial Ceremonies.
The Memorial Day ceremonies at Sprucetown will be held at 1:30 o'clock Rev. J. M. Kirkpatrick speaks.

Wants Baseball Games.
The undersigned, manager of the Centre Hall baseball club, desires to arrange baseball games with any club in the county. Write or call on Bell 'phone.
G. O. BENNER, Manager.

Here's to the Kiddies.
A state-wide movement among the B. P. O. E. has started with the idea in mind of setting a day each year for the kiddies. They are planning to make this a day to be looked forward to as the children now watch and wait for the Fourth of July. The Bellefonte Elks Club have joined the movement and are arranging to hold a Kiddies Day at Hecla Park in the near future.

Veteran Editor Dead.
Henry John Fosnot, pioneer printer and Pennsylvania publisher, died at his home in Lewistown. He was born March 24, 1859, at Green Springs, Cumberland county.
Mr. Fosnot went to Lewistown in 1879 to edit the "True Democrat," which later became the "Democrat and Sentinel." The "Daily Sentinel" was established in 1903, the senior editor of which paper Mr. Fosnot was at the time of his death.
He is survived by his wife and one son, Walter, present business manager of the Sentinel.

Pomona Grange to Meet at Lemont.
A regular meeting of Centre County Pomona Grange will be held at Lemont, on Saturday, May 27th, in the Victor Grange hall. The usual forenoon and afternoon sessions will be held.
All Grangers are invited to be present. Bring lunch with you.
J. GROSS SHOOK, Secretary.

FARM BUREAU NEWS.
Annual State-Wide Championship Contests to Be Held at State College, June 12-15.—Information for Duroc Breeders.
The special training that the boys and girls from the rural districts derive from club work under the supervision of the Farm Bureau and the Pa. State College Agricultural Extension Service has been an important factor in the improvement of the county agriculture. A fair share of the credit for increased interest in the better livestock movement of our Pennsylvania farms during the past few years may be assigned to the work of the young farmers in breeding and feeding clubs and in livestock contests. The interest of the boys and girls in livestock judging projects is now centered on the annual state-wide championship contests to be held at State College as a feature of Young Farmer's Week, June 12th to 15th. All who attend will be given an opportunity to learn livestock judging by actually seeing and handling the college animals, the same as are used by the college students in judging classes. Farm boys and girls with this training should know how to buy wisely, know which animals to select as breeders and be able to select animals that will win show ring prizes. These three points have been mastered with unusual success by many Pennsylvania farmers, and their interest and knowledge naturally creates a favorable impression upon their fathers. The result is that the increase in number of pure-bred livestock in the state has been little short of marvelous.
Centre county breeders of the Duroc Jersey will be afforded an opportunity to gain valuable information concerning their chosen breed of swine on Monday, June 5th, when R. J. Evans, secretary of the American Duroc Jersey Association inspects the herds in Centre county. Mr. Evans' visit in Pennsylvania will mark another step in the development of the Community Swine Breeding program fostered by the Agricultural Extension Service of State College. Dr. H. H. Hayner, who has charge of this work, and who will accompany Mr. Evans on his tour, has arranged an itinerary that will reach the maximum number of Duroc communities, beginning with Columbia county on Thursday, June 1st, and ending with an auto tour in Mifflin county the following Tuesday. A varied program has been prepared for each day of the Duroc week, and the centers chosen in the several county groups will make it possible for all breeders to attend one or more of these programs. Mr. Evans will speak at a meeting in the Agricultural Building at the College, Monday evening, June 5th. All Centre and Clinton county Duroc breeders should attend this meeting. The Farm Bureau office is prepared to give Centre county breeders additional information in regard to the plans that concern this county.

Vault Walls Completed.
The reinforced concrete work of the vault for the First National Bank is now completed. The vault is 7 1/2 by 10 feet on the interior, the ceiling being 8 feet. The walls begin on a rock foundation found at a depth of about five feet and are eighteen inches in thickness. The walls, floor and ceiling are reinforced with railroad iron, cut to proper lengths with a blue flame. In the floor and ceiling, the rails are spaced about eight inches from center to center, and in the walls the heavy irons were laid like the building of a log house, leaving the space between them the thickness of a single rail. It required almost a carload of finely crushed stone and many tons of cement for the concrete work. The structure will require a week to season sufficiently to remove the frame work. The vault is built outside of the original Reporter building, it being the intention of the bank building committee to extend the building about twenty feet, which will provide for the vault, toilet and directors' room. The latter room will be spacious and may be reached from the main lobby without going through the working section of the bank.
The contractor of the vault concrete construction is J. Will Mayer, of Howard, with H. S. Smull, of Rebersburg, as foreman. Other workmen employed in this particular structure were Newton Emerick, Kryder Frank, Thos. L. Moore and Philip S. Brady.

High School Commencement.
The exercises connected with the commencement of the Centre Hall High school were up to the standard. There were eleven graduates, namely: Paul Ripka, Philip Musser, John Relsh, Madaline Smith, Daniel Daup, Mary Bingman, Newton Crawford, Ethel Frank, George Reiber, William Faust, Helen Tressler.
The invocation was offered by Rev. J. M. Kirkpatrick and the benediction was by Rev. M. C. Drumm.
One of the features most delightful and fully appreciated by the audience was the music which was furnished by the Millheim High school orchestra. While every one of the musicians performed his or her part most creditably, special mention is due the cornetist, David Kessler. The music rendered was of a much higher order than that usually played by orchestras styled as High school musical organizations.
John Sunday, of Nebraska, is in Pennsylvania looking up acquaintances of the family. He is a son of Andrew Sunday, who before locating in the west more than forty years ago, lived in various parts of Harris and Potter townships, one of the places he lived being the Huston farm, east of Centre Hall. Mr. Sunday is a grandnephew of the Evangelist, William Sunday, near whose home in Nebraska he lives.

A Naughty Cock Robin.
An exceedingly naughty cock robin makes its headquarters in Centre Hall. It is called a naughty bird because it deliberately destroyed the foundation of a home made by the pretty female Baltimore oriole on a tree at the front of the home of Mrs. Isaac Smith. The oriole has been making this particular tree their nesting place for some years and last week a pair of the birds, after much investigation, began one of their peculiar swinging nests, having securely tied strips of inner bark of some weed to a light twig of a swinging branch, when along comes cock robin, who deliberately tore loose all the material entering into the construction of the nest he could, and to make a complete job of it, broke off the branch to which was fastened the strings he was unable to loosen otherwise.
The same day the orioles began the construction of another nest, and by evening its general form presented the peculiar characteristics of an oriole home.
LOST—Auto license tag No. 534-449, somewhere between Old fort and Spring Mills. Finder please return to Jerry Shunk, Spring Mills.
Mrs. Clyde A. Smith, last week, visited relatives in Howard, her former home.
Mrs. F. M. Fisher and Mrs. Thomas F. Delaney represented the local Reformed church at a missionary convention held at Howard, last week.

Turned the Tables—15 to 9.
The Centre Hall Grammar school baseball team found sweet revenge in their victory over the Bellefonte Grammar school team, on Grange Park, last Thursday afternoon, winning the game by the score of 15 to 9. A few weeks ago our boys met defeat by a close margin, at Bellefonte, but Thursday's one-sided score more than made up for the defeat received away from home. The Bellefonte team used three pitchers to ward off the heavy artillery of our boys, but to no avail. Bellefonte's best material was found in left field, behind the bat, and in young Mr. Mensch occupying the mound. Left fielder was death to fly balls; "Isky" was the peppy catcher, who emulated the bigger boys in his manner of taking 'em off the bat, and he had a lot to say, too. Little boy Mensch was a midget of a pitcher, but the best by far of the three pitchers.
Centre Hall's line-up was as follows: Cliff Slick, catcher; Frank Gross, pitcher; John Meeker, first base; Curtis Reiber, second base; Byers Ripka, short stop; Ralph Martz, third base; George Lutz, left field; Wilbur Mellan, center field; Paul Smith, right field.

Deposits Increase 25 Millions.
Deposits in the 823 banking institutions coming under the supervision of the state banking department are shown to have risen to \$1,674,443,540 by the summary of results of the call for statements as of April 4, just issued by Acting Commissioner of Banking John W. Morrison. Captain Morrison's figures show this to have been a gain of more than \$25,000,000 since the December 31 report. In the same period, the number of depositors rose from 3,600,052 to 4,425,777.

Profit by the Hen.
Profit by the HEN. Worm or no worm, she scratches.
Business or no business, ADVERTISE.

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.
HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS.
Musser Coldron has opened his cafe on top of Nittany mountain.
Hecla Park will be opened to the public May 30th—Memorial Day.
Report of the condition of the First National Bank at Spring Mills appears in this issue.
C. T. Gerbrick, for many years a prominent Bellefonte citizen, has been seriously ill for some time.
Tania is the people's medicine and the people themselves have made it what it is—Centre Hall Pharmacy.
The Rearick general store, at Millroy, was sold to James McMullen, of Lewistown, who is now conducting it.
Former Commissioner Isaac Miller, of Bellefonte, fell from a trestle and the result was a broken shoulder. He is eighty-two years of age.
Mrs. D. W. Geiss and daughter, Miss Martha, of Bellefonte, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. James C. Goodhart, in Centre Hall, for several days.
The Phillipsburg Journal has this to say of its home town: There is no let-up in Phillipsburg's building boom. Strike, or no strike, the old bug proposes forging ahead.
The oats is all in and a large percentage of the corn is planted. Much corn was planted last week, and some during the first week of May. Early planted corn is up.
Those who went to Grange Arcadia about 6:30 were accommodated with seats during the commencement exercises that began a bit after 3:00 o'clock, Friday evening.
Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Slack and sons John and Russell, and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Slack drove to Millmont on Friday to pay a visit to the former's sister, Mrs. Alfred Catherman.
Shannon Boozer made a trip to Harrisburg one day last week for parts for his truck, taking with him Warren Homan, John Whitman, John Slack and W. L. Jacobs. The run was made in a Dodge touring car.
Henry Kline, formerly proprietor of the Haag hotel, Bellefonte, has leased the Garman hotel from August Glinz, proprietor, and will take charge on May 15th, when Mr. Glinz leaves for an extended visit to Europe.
John A. McSparran, Democratic candidate for Governor, will speak at State College, Monday evening, Standard time, in the Open Air Theatre. If the weather is inclement, the meeting will be held in the Auditorium.
Representatives of Houtz & Chase, Inc., were in Centre Hall, last week, offering six per cent. bonds to citizens here. The bonds are to be secured by the modern apartment house to be erected on East College avenue, State College.
A new 12-25 Waterloo Boy tractor was purchased by George S. Shook, of near Spring Mills, through Hosterman & Stover, Millheim agents. Mr. Shook accompanied Albert H. Stover to Pottsville, where a carload of tractors had been unloaded, and drove one home.
James Solt, of Frederick City, Maryland, accompanied by Dr. Harner and S. J. Newcomer, of the same place, is making his annual fishing trip to Centre county, and for a brief time stopped at Centre Hall, his former home. The party fished in the various trout streams in the valley and also followed the banks of the stream leading to the fish hatchery. From here they went to Mifflin county.
Squire Cyrus Brungart held court the other Wednesday and heard a number of witnesses in a dispute between George H. Emerick, a local implement dealer, and Clarence Miller, a young Potter township farmer. The dispute was about a gang plow Mr. Emerick claims Mr. Miller purchased unconditionally, while Mr. Miller claimed the plow was not purchased and the implement did not work satisfactorily. From the testimony produced it appears this particular plow had been sold twice previously. The first purchaser, John D. Homan, however, stated it was not returned because of its failure to work. The second purchaser was a Mr. Burd, of Aaronsburg, who condemned the implement. The justice reserved decision for ten days. Mr. Emerick was represented by Attorney N. B. Spangler, and Mr. Miller by Attorney Samuel D. Gettler.