



COMMUNITY BUILDING FOR MILLHEIM.

Splendid Community Spirit Shown By Its Citizens—Historical Notes and Brief Description of Structure.

Millheim has a splendid community spirit. It took fifteen years to bring about the thing that led the writer to begin this article with the words in the first sentence, but fifteen years is not too long to wait and work for the accomplishment of what is meant.

Millheim's community building is well on in construction and the treasury is not depleted. That is very fine, but to say that a town—a small town—has a worthwhile community spirit, a working community spirit, means much more than figures following a dollar mark express.

The beginning of this story starts a way back, and begins by the generous act of a generous citizen of Pennsylvania, long before Millheim was a borough. It was in 1820, more than one hundred years ago, that James Duncan expressed his solicitation for his community's welfare educationally, and religiously by donating a parcel of ground through which Penn street passes, the parcel on the west side to be devoted to school purposes and that on the east to church.

This bit of history prior to describing Millheim's present efforts are highly interesting. The first improvement on the west parcel donated was a log building used for school purposes. Later, in 1857, by popular subscription, a substantial building in its day took the place of the log cabin schoolhouse. The first floor was used for school purposes and the second for a town hall. Here many important meetings, bearing on the social and political life of the community, were held. Some years ago Millheim needed a better school building, and then its present splendid high school building was erected, leaving the combined school and public hall building empty. It had had its time and day; now it was forsaken because it had decayed. It was purchased for \$700 by the borough.

But that splendid community building! It had its inception fifteen years ago when the Ladies' Civic Club set out to do something worthwhile. Within a short time after the organization of this body it succeeded in raising \$3,000. In 1921 the borough council was induced to take action and that fall presented the matter of bonding the borough in the sum of \$12,000 for the erection of a public building. There was some opposition, but the counted votes were three "for" for every one vote "against" the movement. The bonds—bearing 4 1/2 per cent. interest—were sold to the state and form a part of the scheme whereby the state pays its retired school teachers.

With \$12,000 available the municipal building company was formed. This organization is composed of five ladies, namely, Mrs. John C. Hosterman, Mrs. W. L. Swann, Mrs. H. H. Leitzel, Mrs. Albert H. Stover and Miss Jennie Reifnyder, the first the chairman and the latter the treasurer. The organization appointed L. E. Bartges overseer, and A. E. Bariges, assistant.

The structure is built of Fishlock brick, red in color, and made in Watontown. The size is 8x8 inches, the face showing being the same as the ordinary building brick. There are fifty-four thousand of these and twenty thousand ordinary brick in the building, laid in white mortar.

The outward appearance of the structure is imposing. It has a frontage of fifty feet, two stories high along the main street. It extends back one hundred twenty-five feet, maintaining its width and height.

The entrance will be through two sets of swinging double doors, leading from a porch with massive pillars, to a hall fourteen feet in width. On the south and west sides of the hall are two rooms 16x19 feet, the one to accommodate the town council and the other for civic club, election board, and library. To the rear of these rooms is a hall extending from wall to wall, two stairways leading to the second floor from it.

The main auditorium is a perfect delight, the dimensions being 48x72 feet, with an extremely high ceiling. The balcony is 48 feet in width and extends with a pitched floor 23 feet. The combined seating capacity is 800. The stage proper is 22x30 feet, with wings on either side.

The floor of the auditorium rests on a series of stone and brick pillars and is so constructed that no part of the building rests on the floor supports. The floor has a good pitch which permits a full view of the stage from all parts. There are but two slender columns, well to the rear, to obstruct the view, the balcony being held rigidly by ingenious construction of wood and I beams.

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LOCK HAVEN MAN COMMITS SUICIDE.

Oliver Wendle Shaw Blows Top of Head Off With Shotgun—Ill Health Given as Cause.

Oliver Wendle Shaw, of Lock Haven, was instantly killed on Sunday afternoon when the top of his head was blown off by a shotgun, apparently with suicidal intent. Shaw, his wife and six-months-old son had been visiting Mr. and Mrs. Charles L. Herr, of the same city. Mrs. Shaw's parents, and had just returned home. Shaw picked up a Winchester shotgun and walked about the room with it and while Mrs. Shaw was out of the room the gun went off. Neighbors attracted to the scene by the shot and the scream of Mrs. Shaw, found him sitting at a table, his feet in a large pool of blood. The stock of the gun was between his feet and the barrel rested against his chest. The left hand held the barrel near the end and the right laid over the gun. It is thought that he stood the gun between his knees, aimed it at his head and pulled the trigger. He had been in ill health for about a year.

Shaw is twenty-eight years old and a blacksmith by trade. He is survived by his wife and one son, his mother, Mrs. James Shaw, two sisters, Mrs. Clyde Riggle and Mrs. Oscar Sunburg, and a brother, all of Avis.

Autos Collide at Tusseyville.

Early Saturday evening, the big eight-cylinder Cadillac owned by Col. T. D. Boal, of Boalsburg, and driven by "Peck" Poorman, the Colonel's chauffeur, "locked horns" with the Overland car of John H. Horner, of Tusseyville, who with his family of wife and six children were on their way to Centre Hall. Poorman was coming around the sharp turn at the Ramer store, at Tusseyville, and eye-witnesses declare he was driving faster than was consistent with safety on a sharp curve. It was also said Poorman made the turn in a manner not calculated to bring him to the right of the road. The cars came together with a crash, the Overland being done up as a consequence—radiator, fenders and lights being badly damaged. The sturdier Cadillac was practically unscathed.

Mrs. Horner was thrown from the car and sustained numerous body bruises. None of the children were hurt.

Looks for New Auto Speed Mark of 125 Miles Per Hour.

A new world's mark of 125 miles an hour, the highest in the history of automobile racing, will be hung up at Altoona on Labor Day, according to Ora Halbe, the veteran driver. He made an official inspection of the new Altoona speedway for the group of speed demons entered in the 200-mile classic, and he sent a glowing report of the board oval to the drivers, and also to manufacturers of cars entered in the event.

Halbe predicts the Altoona track will surpass those of Kansas City and Indianapolis, and he is confident that all speed records will be smashed when the world's foremost drivers step on the gas to set new figures. After examining the Altoona speedway, Halbe promptly added his name to the list of fourteen entrants. He will pilot one of the three Duesenberg specials.

Jack Prince, the builder of speedway tracks, is rapidly pushing the Altoona track to completion. The grandstand will have a seating capacity of 15,000 persons.

About 115 acres are inside the oval. On that tract there will be developed a football field, an airplane landing station, a baseball diamond, a quarter mile cinder running track, and a mile dirt track.

On the second floor along the street is a spacious room to be devoted to the American Legion.

The basement along the street will be finished for dining room and kitchen, and the rear section will be constructed to accommodate the heating plant and town fire equipment, and a dressing room on either side with easy access to the stage.

It has not been definitely decided what kind of wood will be used for finishing the interior, but it is thought either yellow pine or chestnut will be selected.

The architects are Stetler & Son, Middleburg. The foundation walls were built by the Garis masons, Centre Hall; brick work by Wallace, Milesburg; carpenters, F. V. O. Houseman crew.

The bronze tablets bearing the names of the various war veterans on the monument to the front of the building will be removed and placed on the pillars of the municipal building, these having been constructed to accommodate them. The monument will then be razed to construct a suitable approach to the building.

LETTERS FROM THE EDITOR.

Gives Impressions on Trip Through Ohio, of Special Interest to the Farmers.

Wellington, Ohio, August 5, 1923.

My dear Readers:— Ohio is a great state. They tell us here that all the great men come from the Buckeye state. We know better than that, even if the Keystone state has produced but one President. Ohio is, however, great in many respects. The country is beautiful, and so are its towns. If it wouldn't be that it is everyone's duty to boost its own locality, one from Centre Hall might even with some conscience admit that there are prettier places than his home town. The Ohio towns are neat and clean. The homes are pretty, and the surroundings are kept in the best of condition. The towns in Ohio are unlike those through Pennsylvania. They are either fifteen hundred, two or three thousand in population, or else quite small. We passed through none of 550, and therefore can make no real comparison.

The country districts look prosperous. There are very few farm homes that are not painted up—all dolled up for Sunday. Nearly every barn is painted, the surroundings clean. The barns are not so large as those found in Central Pennsylvania, but they are well filled, or else the crops—wheat and oats—are yet in the field awaiting the threshing machine. There is the same complaint among the Ohio farmers as in Pennsylvania so far as help is concerned, but there is nothing in the appearance of the farm home to indicate it. Most of them look like "gentlemen's" homes near the larger cities. The modern Ohio farm house is much smaller than those built during 1850 to 1875. These were mansions—many of them brick. They are here now and represent the first settlers' prosperous days. Since the section (640 acres) has been divided by 2, 4, 8 or 16 and on each of these plots is built a farm home after the pattern found today on the outskirts of the cities. Many of them are of the bungalow type and the surroundings are as neat as any found on the city outskirts.

Our first stop was made at Homestead, close up to Pittsburgh, where the great steel works furnish employment. The black smoke makes one dirty, but since the country is so much dependent on iron and steel, we must overlook it.

The second day—Saturday—Cleveland was reached at 3:30, and about an hour later we were piloted to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clayton H. Homan. They live in a beautiful section of Cleveland—in one of those sections where everything is new and every house and garage looks as though the "fresh paint" sign had just been removed. The Homans live in a pretty little home, equipped with every modern convenience. They are the first tenants, that is, not renters, but the first to occupy the place. Opposite their home is a new place, not as desirable as the Homan home, with a "for sale" sign on it. The price? \$15,000! If this sum were converted into German marks, there would be sufficient to paper the interior with 1000 notes and enough left to keep a bonfire burning for some time.

Mr. and Mrs. Archie E. Homan are also most comfortably located in their own home.

After a short visit with these people we went on to Elyria, by the Lake Shore drive. Say, how they do burn gas in Cleveland. It wasn't slow, but rapid driving that bothered one unacquainted with city driving.

Ohio has many good roads—McAdam, brick and concrete. Auto drivers in Ohio are more courteous than in Pennsylvania. This is especially true of the truck drivers. It is seldom you need to "honk" him off the road—he is always well to the right. The first improved roads were built rather narrow, but as a rule there is an earth road to one side, and this gives one ample room for passing safely.

We are now located near Wellington, in Loraine county, with a cousin, Mrs. Amanda Campbell, who with her son, Roscoe Campbell, are conducting two farms. They occupy one of the old mansion homes built back in 1850. Mr. Campbell is secretary of the county farm bureau and is a man of affairs in his locality.

Wellington is a town of 3,000. It has a number of factories and an immense creamery, and everybody in it knows "Bill" Shutt, formerly of Centre Hall. From here we go to Bellevue, about twenty-five miles northwest.

August 11, 1923. If you ever drive through Ohio—day or night—and are stopped along the way by a badged policeman and asked: "Have you any green corn in your car?" don't be alarmed, provided you

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THE FIFTIETH ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT AND FAIR.

Committee Planning for Campers', Friends, and Visitors'—Comfort, Pleasure, Education and Entertainment for Entire Week.

Grange Park never appeared more beautiful than at present as work begins in earnest in preparation for the coming Encampment and Fair, September 1-7. The grounds were surely well chosen and the growth and development prove the wisdom and foresight of its founders.

The committee is again planning for campers', friends', and visitors' comfort, pleasure, education and entertainment for the entire week.

Each department will be a credit to the Encampment and Fair, no effort being spared to improve and build a better institution each year.

Necessary repairs and changes are under way. The new arrangements in tent locations, it is hoped, will prove as pleasant as the old.

Exhibits promise to be more complete than ever as interest grows. To secure the liberal premiums care in the selection of exhibits is urged in every department.

A fine program is planned for Sunday. Free entertainments on Grange Park will be given each day. Plenty of band music.

Wednesday—Grand Army Day—an educational program has been arranged for the afternoon, and speakers representing the Department of Public Instruction will address the people on present day educational problems. The Veterans' Club will also have a fine program.

Thursday—Grange Day—the National Grange will have a representative here, as also will the Pennsylvania State Grange. In addition, many men and women identified with Grange work and Grange history in Pennsylvania will attend the gathering.

The stage to be used presenting the pageant on Tuesday evening, September 4 and Wednesday evening, September 5, is now under construction.

The pageant will be a big thing worked out through community efforts, under the direction of W. R. Gordon of the Rural Life Organization, aided by interested people in a number of localities. It will portray the history of agriculture and its future development, the organization of the Grange and many symbolical features and scenes. A large number of men and women, boys and girls will be used to stage this spectacle. Nowhere in Centre county or Central Pennsylvania has a similar work been attempted. The best talent the county affords is interested in its preparation, and it is the intention to make it the big thing of this Encampment and Fair, and free on Grange Park.

All needed supplies can be purchased on Grange Park. Where possible campers should provide themselves with oil stoves. Campers may have electric light placed in tent at their own expense.

Grange Park will be open to campers beginning Thursday, August 30, and admission charged from that day, except Sunday, when admission is free. Fifty cents admission, good for the week, will be charged those 14 years of age and over. Those under 14 years free admittance.

Auto admission, 50 cents. Tent rents, \$5.00 and \$7.00, according to size. No tickets given with tents.

All trains stop at Grange Park beginning Saturday, Sept. 1st.

Heavy Mule Breaks through Floor.

A 1600-pound mule, owned by John H. Horner, of Tusseyville, had a peculiar experience the other day. The animal got out of its stall and wandered up onto the barn floor. Going back to the straw shed where the boards were thin, the big beast broke through and hung straddle of a big girder. The mule strove desperately to free itself, first getting its front legs up, only to break through again, and then its hind legs, but unable to get a footing. Mr. Horner, discovering the plight of the animal, brought its mate on the scene and planned to haul the animal out. Just when the ropes were adjusted for the haul, the struggling mule made a final lunge and dropped through the opening to the manure shed below, a distance of fourteen feet, landing on a soft bed of straw, unhurt. Fortunately, the rope fastened to the other mule slipped off, otherwise there would have been a struggling mass of mule flesh on either end of a stout rope.

Pomona Grange to Meet at Centre Hall.

A regular quarterly meeting of the Centre County Pomona Grange will be held in Centre Hall, Saturday, August 18th—forenoon and afternoon sessions will be held. A good attendance is desired. Come, and bring lunch along.—J. Gross Shook, secretary.

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FROM PHOENIX, ARIZONA.

Mr. and Mrs. George Meyer Continuing Homeward—Have Covered Over 6,000 Miles on Journey.

After last writing we went to Anaheim, Cal., to the home of H. B. Royer, former Penna. people. We surprised them when we told them we were from Pennsylvania, and they were much pleased to see us, although they had not known us before. Mr. Royer has an orange grove of eleven acres—900 trees. He sold a crop off it some months ago for \$4,000. The orchard is ten years old. Mr. Royer planted it himself. When he bought the place it was just wild sage brush and no water. Today it is worth \$55,000. The trees are growing into more money each year.

The family and we spent a day at Long Beach; we were in the ocean and had a salt water bath—it was fine.

From the Royer home we went to see Mr. and Mrs. Howard Homan, a former Pennsylvania family who came here 13 years ago to Fullerton, Calif., and are living happy.

We went to San Diego on the coast route; were along the ocean much of the time and saw it from some very nice angles. At San Diego we took a boat ride of 50 miles on the ocean to Coronado Islands. Here we were in a glass-bottomed boat and viewed the bottom of the ocean. This was a beautiful sight and the ocean ride was some experience. At Ocean Beach we were at the home of Miss Holly and Miss Helen Woods. The water comes up to their house when high. It is a nice place.

San Diego is a nice city, with good ocean breezes. We were at the auto camp three nights; on Sunday we attended church services.

Monday morning we started for the East, or home. Came as far as Yuma, Arizona, just at the border line. There it was very warm. Now we are Phoenix, Arizona, and am writing at the capitol building. We have crossed the desert—it was warm but not so bad otherwise. Last night we camped at Arlington, Ariz., and the mosquitoes were very annoying, but did not eat us up entirely.

We have now traveled over 6,000 miles. We are well, as usual.

GEORGE E. MEYER.

Here After 42 Years Absence.

Forty-two years ago A. B. Tobias left Penn Hall for Michigan, and now he is enjoying his first return. When he came to Centre Hall on last Friday he met a number of former schoolmates and boys of his youth, and the meeting was one of real pleasure. In town for several days he was the guest of the M. L. and George H. Emerick families.

Mr. Tobias came east with his wife and daughter, Miss Mattie Tobias, several weeks ago and has been spending some time in the lower end of the valley, principally at Aaronsburg. On Monday he returned to that point and expects to go from there to Snyder county, and also visit a number of towns in Central Pennsylvania; then to Niagara Falls to complete the trip of pleasure, and homeward.

Mr. Tobias is 72 years of age, and is a happy and cheerful individual. He made farming a success and still looks after a small fruit arm at his home in Berrien Springs. Two of his sons attended to two other farms of considerable larger acreage. He is pleased with Michigan, and not at all sorry that he took Horace Geely's advice forty-two years ago to "go west."

Entered Garage; Stole Tires from Auto.

Two rear tires were stolen from the Ford sedan belonging to Mrs. Frank Williams, near the station, in Centre Hall, on Tuesday night of last week. The sneak thief entered the garage by means of a key in his possession that opened the padlock on the garage door. This is the second theft from this garage and was no doubt perpetrated by the same rascal whose identity is not merely a matter of conjecture but from his manner of operating suspicion falls on one individual whose reputation is unsavory to say the least.

Says Nearly All Liquor Is Poison.

Ninety-nine per cent of all the liquor seized by prohibition agents is poisonous, according to Prohibition Commissioner Haynes issued a day or two ago in a statement. Of 80,000 samples analyzed during the fiscal year ending July 30, last, less than 800 were found to be good liquor. The remaining 79,200 contained substances that would have resulted in varying degrees of injury to the health of persons drinking them all the way up to sudden death. Those capable of causing death within a few hours, for the most part, had wood alcohol contents.

Mr. and Mrs. Sheridan P. Garis and children, of Altoona, spent several days last week with relatives in Centre Hall.

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS.

Miss Louise Smith was the guest of her friend, Miss Hazel Ripka, in Millheim, for several days last week.

Miss Algje Emery went to Millburg beginning of the week with her sister, Mrs. R. R. Finkle, to visit a dentist.

Mrs. J. H. Knarr and youngest son, John, and Miss Mary Delinda Potter, spent several days the past week with friends in Altoona.

F. S. Ocker, of Bellefonte, Democratic candidate for the nomination for Register of Centre county, was a visitor in town on Monday.

Two of the local churches—Lutheran and Presbyterian—are having no services during August, both pastors having been granted a month's vacation.

Ground has been staked for a new dwelling house, which when completed will be the home of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Dutrow. The location is south of the Frank D. Lee home.

Dr. John M. Thomas, president of the Pennsylvania State College, delivered an address at the memorial service for the late President Harding, held in the Court House at Bellefonte on Friday.

Business was pretty well at a standstill in Centre Hall last Friday, out of respect to the memory of President Warren G. Harding. Most places were closed for the greater part of the day.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Mitterling, who have been in the east for a month or more, part of the time in Centre Hall, left for the west on Sunday by auto. Their destination is Portland, Oregon, where they expect to make their future home. Mr. Mitterling is a salesman for the Fuller Brush company.

Recorder William H. Brown wishes the Reporter to say that he has on hand for free distribution in Centre county, four-page cards giving a complete digest of the Pennsylvania Game and Fish laws. Those interested may call at his office, phone or write, and they will be sent a copy by return mail.

A. E. Kerlin and son, William W. Kerlin, witnessed the funeral ceremonies for the late President of the United States, Warren G. Harding, at Washington, D. C., on Wednesday of last week. It was a never-to-be-forgotten occasion, they declare, and wished that all Centre Hall folks could have witnessed the ceremonies. The Kerlins were in the National capital to attend the convention of the International Baby Chick Association.

A very delightful touring trip was made recently by Mrs. Annie M. Furey, her two daughters—Mrs. F. W. Kerstetter, of Curwensville, and Mrs. Hiram Lee, of State College—and her sister, Mrs. A. G. King, of Centre Hall. The trip was made in Robert Roan's big seven-passenger sedan and the splendid driving of Mr. Roan was highly praised. The trip included stops at Curwensville, State College, Centre Hall, Milroy, Lewisstown, Lancaster, Gettysburg via York, thence to Chambersburg, Bedford Springs, Hollidaysburg, Water Street, State College, Centre Hall, Bellefonte.

Claude E. Musser is the new assistant editor of the Millheim Journal. He is a native of Millheim and for several years was assistant manager of the bookkeeping department of the Miller Rubber company, Akron, Ohio. Mr. Musser resigned his position with the rubber company and a few days ago assumed his new duties in the Journal office. Orvis M. Shull, who has been with the Journal for a number of years, has decided to change vocations and the latter part of this month will go to Davenport, Iowa, where he will enter the Palmer Chiropractic school. He will take his wife and three children along to the Iowa city to remain with him until his school course is completed.

Wilmer Andrews, three-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Allen Andrews, tenants on the A. C. Keplar farm, 2 miles west of Pine Grove Mills, was found in the mountains about 1 1/2 miles from his home on Tuesday evening of last week. The child had been playing about the home early in the morning and strayed away, becoming lost. When his mother discovered the boy was missing, District Attorney Furst, at Bellefonte, was notified and searching parties began a search of the countryside. As hours passed and no trace of the youngster could be found, wild stories were circulated, one telling of how he was possibly kidnapped, a party of cherry pickers having heard the child's screams as an auto went by. State police were called and arrangements were being made to put bloodhounds on the trail when the child was found.