



PEDESTRIANS, KEEP TO LEFT.

Organized Effort to Reduce Number of Road Accidents.

A organized effort to reduce the number of accidents to pedestrians on the public highways is planned by the Pennsylvania Motor Federation in cooperation with other agencies.

The Federation, representing a large majority of the organized motorists of the state, has sent to its 62 affiliated clubs, a circular urging publicity for the recommendation of the American Automobile Association that persons walking on the highway, especially at night, face the traffic by walking on the left side of the road.

The national association has reached the conclusion, after a study of the situation, that most of the cases when automobiles strike pedestrians at night are due to the driver being partially blinded by the headlights of the approaching cars and swinging to the right, failing to see pedestrians. It is contended that if persons walking on the roads would face the traffic they would be better able to avoid being struck and also would be seen much sooner by the drivers of cars approaching in the opposite direction.

The State Highway Department has endorsed this campaign.

Farm Bureau Meeting.

The annual meeting of the Centre County Farm Bureau will be held in the Court House, Bellefonte, Saturday, December 22. Every farmer in Centre county has a voting privilege in this organization and should attend. One of the items of business at the forenoon session opening at ten o'clock is the election of officers.

In the afternoon Dr. S. E. Brunner, from the bureau of Animal Husbandry at Harrisburg, will discuss the control and eradication of tuberculosis in cattle in Centre county.

The farm products show will be held on the same day. All worthy exhibits will be sent to the State show at Harrisburg, January 22-25.

Have Any of These Bonds?

It is reported officially that Victory notes to the amount of \$40,000,000 have not been presented for payment, although interest on them stopped some months ago; also that \$22,000,000 of matured War Savings certificates remain uncashed, though interest on them, too, has stopped; and, what is a still more striking proof of negligence or stupidity, \$43,000,000 worth of the temporary bonds bearing only four coupons, that were given out until the permanent bonds could be printed, never have been offered for exchange.

According to these figures the owners of over \$100,000,000 worth of these gilt-edged securities for one reason or another, are not collecting the interest on the money they lent the Government, and are not treating the principal of them such as common sense dictates that it should be treated.

Child Killed in Ice Cream Plant.

Alvin Woods, 4 years old, was instantly killed at Keystone Ice Cream Company's plant at Clearfield early last Wednesday morning.

The boy and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leta Woods of Morgan Run, were guests at the home of Mr. Wood's brother, Foster Woods, who is one of the members of the company which operates the plant and who resides nearby. The Woods lad and his cousin, a boy about his own age and son of Foster Woods, visited the water pump un-noticed by others in the factory. Although there is a guard rail around the revolving shaft, the little fellows, unaware of their danger, crawled under it. Alvin's clothing got caught in the end of the shaft. It revolved at great speed and the child's body was whirled around, his head striking the floor with each revolution.

The little body was terribly mangled and life was extinct before the power could be shut off.

Photoplays at Scenic and Opera House.

At the Scenic: Thursday, Dec. 13—Pola Negri in "Mad Love," a foreign 6 reel feature of this tragic actress in which her acting is superb and the picture entertaining. Also, Pathe News and Review, Friday night—Hoot Gibbons in "The Rambler Kid," is a spirited action, good western picture, with rollicking and wild riding stunts that thrill with their daring in his race for the girl he loves. Also second episode of "The Steer Trail."

Opera House, Dec. 15—Tom Mix in "The Lone Star Ranger," Enuf sed. Also, fine Metro comedy, "When Knights Were Cold."

Keystone Power Corporation.

The Board of Directors of the Keystone Power Corporation has declared quarterly dividend No. 7 of one and three-quarters (1 3/4 per cent.) per cent upon the preferred capital stock of the Company, payable January 2, 1924, to stockholders of record at the close of business, December 20, 1923.

C. C. McBRIDE, Treasurer.

BRINGING OLD HOME BACK.

The Modern Stucco Is Modernizing In Appearance the Old Farm Home.

Modern stucco work is beginning to bring the old home back. It is modernizing the farm and town home in appearance. Many old structures that in their day were the swell homes of the country for various reasons were let to become anything but pleasing to the eye. By the use of stucco, which is nothing more than modern plaster pebbled with crushed granite of various shades these old landmarks are again becoming the most attractive homes in their community.

A concrete example of the modernizing of a plastered stone house is found west of Tusseyville, on the farm owned by Claude Wert. This house, from the best information at hand obtained from B. D. Brisbin, of Centre Hall, was erected in 1812. This date was chiseled one one of the stones forming the main wall, but the plastering—the original plastering—was permitted to cover it. In 1820, John Brisbin lived there, and our townsman, B. D. Brisbin, lived with him, the elder Brisbin being his grandfather. Later Clark Brisbin occupied the place, and it was while living there that he lost his life while hauling wood in the mountains. Ezra Spangler also occupied the place prior to going west. As did also Henry Bittner, father of William Bittner, of near Tusseyville. Auctioneer William Goheen also lived there and a number of others.

During the period the place was occupied as tenants and owners little attention was paid to the outer portions of the structure; it was substantial, but year after year it became less pleasing in appearance. Some weeks ago Mr. Wert engaged the services of the Moore Builders Supply Co., Milton, and now the old structure has every appearance of a high class modern country home. It is an example of a real transformation. The old plastering was all removed before the modern plaster was applied. Another improvement made by Mr. Wert was the erection of a wide porch on two sides of the house.

Mr. Brisbin related to the writer that years ago a one-story stone kitchen had been built to the main house on the east side. One morning when the owner or tenant, whichever it was, came down stairs and opened the door leading from the main house into this addition, he met the surprise of his life—he saw only the stone walls, the roof and all the interior woodwork had been consumed by fire. The family had slept through it all.

Ford's Lock Wheels.

A Ford touring car driven by Lawrence Runkle, of Centre Hall, and a Ford coupe driven by Harry L. Shutt, of Bellefonte, evidently locked wheels at the foot of Nittany Mountain, opposite the home of Postmaster L. M. Smith on Friday evening, at dusk. The touring car was coming down the mountain and the coupe was on its way up. The touring car was turned completely over, the top having been crushed in and a wheel torn off and one broken. The coupe also had a wheel knocked off, but was not badly used up otherwise.

In the touring car, beside Mr. Runkle, were four other men—Samuel Gross, H. E. Grove, Milford Luse and H. H. Mark. Runkle, Gross and Grove were injured to some extent, but there were no bones broken. The two men in the coupe were not hurt.

Rishel's Berkshires Win.

W. F. Rishel, of near Centre Hall, is one of the many progressive Berkshire breeders who last spring presented two or more Berkshire barrows to the Penna. State College to be fed out and shown as a carload exhibit at the International Livestock Exposition at Chicago, Ill., December 1-5.

The Penna. Breeders Berkshire Association took this method of demonstrating to the world that Pennsylvania breeds real Berkshires. The winning of second place on their class is ample proof of the wisdom of this step. A similar plan will be followed next year with hope of even greater success.

Mr. Rishel's hogs were outstanding individuals in the carload so it was decided to show these two together with one from Sycamore farms, in the open classes for individual honors.

The Rishel barrows placed second and seventh in this class and the three placed second in the pen of barrows.

The International Livestock Exposition brings together the best in the U. S. and Canada and it is a real honor to be among the winners in this show.

Public sale of household goods and poultry supplies at the feed store of C. D. Bartholomew, in Centre Hall, Friday, December 14th, at 1 P. M. See posters.

Worth selling is worth telling—advise.

IS THERE A SANTA CLAUS?

Yes, Truly There Is—He Exists as Certainly as Love, Generosity and Devotion Exist.

Is there a Santa Claus? Now really, truly, is there? Tell me! This question is being asked an endless number of times daily. Well, her is the answer:

A little girl, years ago, wrote to the Sun, New York, and the editor next morning published the following:

Is There a Santa Claus?

We take pleasure in answering at once and thus prominently the communication below, expressing at the same time our great gratification that its faithful author is numbered among the friends of the Sun.

Dear Editor:

I am eight years old. Some of my little friends say there is no Santa Claus. Papa says "If you see it in the Sun, it's so." Please tell me the truth, is there a Santa Claus?

Virginia O'Hanlon.

Virginia, your little friends are wrong. They have been affected by the skepticism of a skeptical age. They think that nothing can be which is not comprehensible by their little minds. All minds, Virginia, whether they be men's or children's are little. In this great universe of ours man is a mere insect, an ant, in his intellect, as compared with the boundless world about him as measured by the intelligence capable of grasping the whole truth and knowledge.

Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy. Alas, how dreary would be the world if there were no Santa Claus! It would be as dreary as if there were no Virginias. There would be no child-like faith then, no poetry, no romance to make tolerable this existence. We should have not enjoyment except in sense and sight. The eternal light with which childhood fills the world would be extinguished.

Not believe in Santa Claus! You might as well not believe in fairies! You might get your papa to hire men to watch in all the chimneys on Christmas Eve to catch Santa Claus, but even if they did not see Santa Claus coming down, what would that prove? Nobody sees Santa Claus, but that is no sign that there is no Santa Claus. The most real things in the world are those that neither children nor men can see. Did you ever see fairies dancing on the lawn? Of course not, but that's no proof that they are not there. Nobody can conceive or imagine all the wonders in the world.

You tear apart the baby's rattle and see what makes the noise inside, but there is a veil covering the unseen world which not the strongest man, nor even the united strength of all the strongest men that ever lived, could tear apart. Only faith, fancy, poetry, love, romance, can push aside that curtain and view and picture the supernal beauty and glory beyond. Is it all real? Ah, Virginia, in all this world there is nothing else real and abiding.

No Santa Claus? Thank God, he lives, and he lives forever. A thousand years from now, Virginia, nay, ten times ten thousand years from now, he will continue to make glad the heart of childhood.

Linden Hall Store Sold.

What is known as the Mrs. Keller store, at Linden Hall, conducted for a year or two by Williams and Livingston, was sold by them to the State College Real Estate Company who propose selling of the stock. The business stand, originated many years ago by Daniel Hess, will likely be closed.

Played Soccer Ball With Boalsburg.

The Centre Hall Juniors won a game of soccer ball off the Boalsburg Juniors on the latter's grounds, on Friday evening. The game was a spirited one from start to finish and closed without a battle of words. The teams were well matched. The score was 1 to 0.

Centre Hall and Boalsburg high school soccer teams battled to a scoreless tie on last Wednesday afternoon on the local school grounds. The muddy condition of the field made fast foot-work impossible.

Bellefonte Woman Hit by Car.

Mrs. Mary K. McClure, a well-known resident of Bellefonte, while crossing High street at Spring street, late Friday morning, was struck by an automobile bearing the license tag No. 977-663, and said to be driven by a man named Neff. The glass in the left headlight was broken and the woman's clothing caught in the light. She was dragged about fifteen feet and badly hurt before the car could be stopped. Mrs. McClure was then taken to the office of Dr. J. P. Rogers, where it was found she was badly injured.

PRIZE NEWSPAPER ARTICLE.

Miss Sarah Snyder Captures \$5.00 Prize for Best Newspaper Article on "Does Centre Hall Need a New High School Building?"

Some time ago a prize of \$5.00 was offered to any scholar in the Centre Hall high school who wrote the best newspaper article on the topic, "Does Centre Hall Need a New High School Building?" Several articles, all of them commendable, were turned in as competing, the one published below having been selected as the best.

The writer is Miss Sarah Snyder, who is completing her fourth year. This student last year daily walked to school from Centre Hill, not less than three and one-half miles from the school house. This year her parents live at Potters Mills, a distance of two miles farther, and her only mode of travel is walking unless picked up by a friend. She is up with her studies, however, and takes an active part in the literary society work as well as in the school sports.

DOES CENTRE HALL NEED A NEW HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING?

The question confronting the Centre Hall borough at present is, "Does Centre Hall need a new high school building or does it not?" If there are any readers of this article who think it does not, let them visit the school some day when in session and sum up the good and bad conditions and see if the bad ones will not outweigh the good ones.

Anyone knows that to give children the proper education there must be proper surroundings, along with a decent building. The building the students are now going to is anything but decent. Can a building that has opening in the windows so that people sitting near contract cold or when severe storms pass through the country the building shakes, be classed as fit for educational purposes?

The equipment is very bad and furnishings of the rooms are even worse. Lights glare down on the desks so badly that they are a hindrance instead of a help to pupils. Windows should be in such condition that they can be easily opened for good ventilation.

Sixty-five pupils assemble in the so-called Freshman room which has seating capacity for about twenty, and three pupils sit in a seat.

Who was the fellow who invented the idea of the cemetery corner for a school site? That fellow expected a dead future and would be amazed to see the lively bunch of students in the Centre Hall high school of today.

C. H. H. S. is noted for its great school spirit, both scholastic and athletic. What citizen did not enjoy the debates and spelling contests held with other schools. There are three banners won by C. H. H. S. in the school, at the county track and field meet. These show real school spirit. When pupils work for the school as a whole then give them something worth while in return, and there is nothing which will be more appreciated at present than a good building in which to work.

The majority of last year's graduating class returned for another year's work, which is equivalent to a first-class high school; also a number of other year's graduates returned. Now is it not altogether fitting and proper to give them fourth year working conditions.

For the last few years the pupils have been pleading for a new building and at last have been answered. Citizens of Centre Hall, you have responded with a promise of a bond issue to erect a building and you can be assured it will be used to the best advantage.

What should this building be? It should be a well planned structure with possibilities of building more to it if needed as years go by. It should not be more than two stories high, well lighted, good ventilation, situated in a healthy spot, good seats and separate rooms for different branches. The science room should be built far enough from study rooms so when experimenting odors cannot reach them. Have an auditorium large enough that the public may gather in for speaking. A good library is very necessary. A social and play room for the noon hour. A gymnasium should be included; also a swimming pool. A cafeteria would be a good idea, then country children could secure a warm lunch.

Five escapes must be built and in such places that pupils can easily descend in case of fire. When selecting a lot choose one that does not overlook the grave yard, for with burials mixed in with studies, any mind will grow dull with nothing but monuments to gaze upon.

Make a community center out of this building for the use of surrounding people to use at their leisure, for Centre Hall has neither public library nor community hall. Make the building as attractive as possible so to attract the

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Feed the Game.

The hunting season is well over and as a whole it has been successful, especially in the Seven Mountains district, and now that the hunters are back to their comfortable homes, or will be there shortly, how many of them have done their bit to preserve the game for a future time? How many gunners for deer, for instance, have taken the forethought to take with them to the frequented haunts of the deer a supply of corn and fasten it onto trees, snags and stumps, as is recommended by the game commission, for feeding during the coming winter? How many hunters who have not done what they can to preserve the game by feeding, will do so now that their attention is called to it? If every one in quest of game in the Seven Mountains during the season about to close would make a contribution of feed and see that it was properly distributed during the coming winter months they would be doing a real humane act. Come, let us not only desire to kill, but let us do something to aid the poor little animals pull through the winter when the mountains are covered with deep snow and the wilds are howling.

Grove—Bible.

Thomas Grove, son of Witmer Grove, of near Centre Hall, and Miss Marlon Bible, of Millburg, were united in marriage at Hagerstown, Md., Monday, November 5th. Mrs. Grove is a niece of Mrs. D. C. Rossman, of Millburg, where she made her home the past year. The bride, like the groom, is well known in Centre Hall among the young people, she having lived near here with her uncle, Frank Bible, prior to his locating at Aaronburg.

Report Lively Increase.

On Thursday evening, Nov. 22, the Gault family, west of Centre Hall, was much surprised when upon going to the barn to do the milking they found one of the cows missing. A search resulted in finding her in the corn stalks with a hardy pair of twin calves—a bull and a heifer. The two look much alike and are getting along fine. On Friday morning, November 23, another cow presented them with twin calves, both heifers but unfortunately both of them were dead.

Killed at Lime Works.

Samuel Heverly, of Millburg, aged thirty-five years, was instantly killed on Thursday of last week when he entered the mine quarry of the American Lime and Stone company, near Bellefonte, just as a charge of dynamite exploded.

Several charges of dynamite had been placed in the third level of the quarry and apparently exploded. One of the charges however, failed to go off, and as Heverly entered the level, it exploded, killing him. This is the first accident in the quarry, which was opened just recently.

He is survived by a wife, two brothers and two sisters. Funeral services were held at the home Sunday afternoon. Interment in the Treziny cemetery.

Deaths Throughout Centre County.

William Longwell, of Gassaway, W. Va., and a brother, Thaddeus Longwell, of Des Moines, Iowa, both died within a week at the home of a sister, Miss Elizabeth Longwell, in Bellefonte. The brothers were aged 60 and 61 years, respectively, and were both born in Bellefonte, having been sons of William Hamilton Longwell.

Harry Seibert, in the Windber hospital, aged 60 years. He was born in Bellefonte and was a brother of James D. Seibert, of that place. At the time of his death he lived at Barnesboro.

William Jacobs, a Civil War veteran, aged 81 years, at the home of his daughter, Mrs. John Thomas, in Oscoda Mills. He lived for many years at Pine Grove Mills.

Mrs. Frances A. Parsons, wife of William B. Parsons, a daughter of John C. Henderson, of Patton township, aged 66 years.

Mrs. Mary Ward Brett, wife of G. W. Ward in Pittsburgh. She was a daughter of Robert G. Brett, formerly a prothonotary of Centre county, aged 53 years.

J. Benner Wolf, in Altoona, aged 47 years. He was born in Bellefonte, a son of George C. Wolf. A wife, his father and three brothers survive him.

(Continued from previous column) visitors and advertise the interest of the people toward pupils by parents, citizens and friends.

This building may not appeal to some readers, but bear this in mind, that because sons and daughters of the past have worked under these preconditions does not go to show that the future pupils must. Everything else changes in style and most certainly education should be up to date. If the citizens observe the points from which the pupils look they will not question about a new building to be constructed.

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS.

Why not the Reporter for a Christmas gift?

Two bull elk, 11 and 12' points, were killed in the Dry Run section of Blair county the first day of the hunting season.

Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Bailey, of Philadelphia, on Saturday until Monday, were the guests of the former's brother and sister, in Centre Hall.

Charles McClenahan will take up farming on the Brass farm, east of Centre Hall, which will be vacated by Ralph Dinges in the spring.

M. L. Bron, of Millheim, was able to hear messages sent out by radio from England during the recent inter-charge of entertainment between the United States and that country.

William S. Martz, who, for twenty-nine years has lived as tenant on the Spangler farm, at Tussey Sink, will discontinue farming next spring and will move to the Lewisstown district.

The rebuilding of the road through Millheim, under state supervision, has been completed so far as construction goes. Next spring it is planned to give the road the customary oiling and chips.

Eighty-four years is the age of the oldest lady—Mrs. Rebecca Shaffer—in Millheim. On her birthday recently she was given a dinner party by her daughter, Mrs. Fahey Mooney, who lives in Millburg.

The heirs of the late A. N. Finkle of Spring Mills presented an organ to the Lutheran church in Georges Valley, known as the Holy Cross church, which which Mr. Finkle liberally supported during his life time.

Jacob Shurer, Jr., and Albert Henry, both of near Centre Hall, shot five-prong bucks the first day of the season on Nittany Mountain, mention of which we failed to give last week. It is the third successive season for each hunter to land a prize.

The Board of Directors of the State Sabbath School Association at its last meeting adopted the old plan of a mid-year conference of all the county presidents and secretaries. This will be held some time after the first of the year at a convenient point.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Slack, of near Centre Hall; James Runkle, of Tusseyville; Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Runkle, of Bellefonte, and Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Runkle, of Millburg, attended the funeral of Mrs. Slack's father, Calvin O. Slack, at Glen Iron, on Sunday.

Mrs. (Dr.) G. H. Whider, of Harrisburg, and her sister, Mrs. Catharine Moore, who recently came east from the Pacific shore, were guests of the Arney families, west of town, and also their sister, Mrs. Ellen Barr, in Boalsburg. They returned home on Saturday.

Miss Mildred Wieland, teacher in English and domestic science in the Gregg Township Vocational School, was a guest of Miss Mary DeWitt Potton one night last week. From here they went to State College to attend a meeting of the D. A. R., held in that place.

Mrs. Oliver Funk of Centre Hall, on Monday, went to Pittsburgh, where she will be employed as a sales lady in the department store of Bagg & Buhl until after the holiday season is over. Mrs. Funk has been helping out during rash seasons at this store for a number of years.

Dr. G. S. Frank and H. R. Auman, both of Millheim, traded properties, Auman getting the home he has occupied for a number of years and Dr. Frank got the home on South Penn street, recently vacated by G. W. Harter. Mr. Auman has already started to build an addition to his home.

Some twenty cans of trout from the Pleasant Gap hatchery were distributed recently in Elk Creek from Millheim through the narrows. The low water during September was responsible for the distribution of the baby trout being held until this time, the streams now being in a little better condition to receive them.

This (Thursday) afternoon and evening there will be sessions of the Eleventh District Sunday-school convention. All interested in Sunday-school work ought to attend at least one of the sessions. Dr. I. G. Foster, of State College, county president; Dr. A. M. Schmidt, of Bellefonte, will speak in a general way on Sunday-school work in the county, and Miss Ferree, of Oak Hall Station, who attended the Tri-County Camp for a period of instruction, will speak on the work accomplished by the camp.