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WHAT SORT OF SNOW REMOVAL ON THE ROADS?

Importance of Work to Highway Investment.

A good road may be badly injured by improper snow removal. As yet, clearing a highway of snow is "anybody's job" in most localities; if the State or county doesn't do it, the transportation company will. Indeed, many automobile trucking concerns in the Middle West and North have more adequate snow removal apparatus than the States, the roads of which they use.

But the private concern, in removing snow from a highway, naturally considers only its immediate benefit, and spends no more money on the task than necessity requires.

Snow removed from the complete width of the highway, down to the surface, permits the road to freeze, but it freezes all over, and in the spring, thaws all over. Snow removed from the center of a highway presents a strip for freezing, leaving the sides of the road protected from cold by snow. When the thaw comes and the snow disappears, the sides are left soft and the center hard; result, ruts and broken crown.

Snow which is removed but partially results in ruts in the covering mat of snow, which all wheeled vehicles follow. There is no more destructive treatment to be given any highway than a concentration of all loads on the same spot. The result is a speedy pushing aside of foundation stones, and a rutty condition which is extremely destructive of the road.

County, State and municipal authorities can well afford to make regulations regarding snow removal which will protect the highways which cost so much. An investment of five, ten, twenty, thirty thousand dollars a mile should not be impeded because of unwillingness to spend a few dollars per mile during winter for proper and adequate snow removal.

No Paper Next Week.

Conforming with the time-honored custom, no paper will be issued from this office next week, which is the glorious Yuletide season. The office will be open, however, very day except Christmas day for the transaction of business—taking money on subscription, and orders for job printing and advertising.

That every reader of the Reporter may have a very Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year is the wish of the Reporter.

Former Potter Twp. Man Killed.

The following dispatch was sent out from York under date of 16th inst.: Struck by an automobile on the Lincoln Highway, a short distance east of York last night, Robert Lee Searfoss, 54 years old, died from the effects of his injuries today in the York hospital. His companion, Charles Williams, also is in the hospital, with probably fatal injuries. Both men were thrown on their heads and their skulls were fractured.

Williams has not regained consciousness and Searfoss was unconscious up to the time of his death. The driver of the car which struck them did not stop to ascertain whether they were seriously injured, but speeded from the scene.

The man killed is a son of Jonathan Searfoss and was reared at Centre Hill. He is a half-brother of Mrs. Jerry Stump of Centre Hall. He left Potter township many years ago with his parents who located at Bellefonte and later at York.

Put in the Right Class.

(From the Huntingdon Monitor.) Judge Bonniwell of Philadelphia, who has been a mighty factor in helping swell the Republican majority in Philadelphia, is busy trying to tell the Democratic voters that they should elect him National Committeeman from this State. The judge has always been a busybody in politics, and poses as a Democrat. The up-State Democrats take little stock in Judge Bonniwell's democracy. They regard him as a wolf in sheep's clothing in Democratic councils.

Photoplays at Seaside and Opera House.

At the Seaside, Thursday, Dec. 20—Special cast in "The Slave of Desire" is a 7-reel Goldwyn picture adapted from the story of "The Magic Skin," by Balzac, with George Walsh, Beanie Love, Carmel Myers and others. A story of the mysteries of Paris; a picture that you don't want to miss. Also a two-reel Sunshine comedy.

Friday—Gladys Walton in "The W20 Party" is a good evening's entertainment. Also, the third episode of "The Steel Trail."

Opera House, Tuesday, Dec. 25—Neat Hart in "The Fortified Range," Larry Semon comedy and The Leather Pushers.

COURT NEWS.

Grand Jury Favors Separate Room for Ladies Who Are Witnesses Before Grand Jury.

The Grand Jury made its final presentation on Wednesday forenoon that it had passed on twenty-four bills of indictment, of which eighteen were found true bills and five not true bills, and one bill withdrawn. That they had inspected the county buildings and that the kitchen ceiling, room and Sheriff's office need re-papering; and painting of the outside porch and erecting of a small portico over the cellar door on the North side of the jail; and that six new army cots and mattresses be provided. That a door be made through the dungeon for a fire escape; that the toilets in the Court House be kept in a more sanitary condition. That a witness room be made for the ladies to be called before the Grand Jury.

James A. Gleason, of Dubois, J. J. Kintner, formerly of Lock Haven, now of Johnstown; and Cordell Bell, of Clearfield, were admitted to practice at this term of court.

Jeff Tierney and Fred (Gander) Meyer were found guilty of bootlegging. The latter was sentenced from one to two years in jail. In the case of the former sentence was suspended upon agreement that the defendant should sign a pledge to abstain from the use of liquor for a period of two years.

Henry Vogel was found guilty of larceny of a saw from Samuel Gross; also of adultery. The penalty for adultery was suspended. On the charge of theft he was sentenced to a fine of \$1 and to the Western Penitentiary for a period of not less than one year nor more than two years.

The case of George E. Homan vs. John McPhillips resulted in a verdict in the sum of \$189.96 in favor of the plaintiff. The case grew out of the care of a horse by the plaintiff for the defendant.

Commonwealth vs. Edward Chambers; charged with assault and battery and aggravated assault and battery. Prosecutor, John M. Soltis. This case was settled between special counsel for the prosecutor and the defendant and his counsel by making some restitution, and the defendant pled guilty to the charge of assault and battery, upon which the Court suspended sentence upon request of special counsel for the prosecutor, and in addition to pay the costs of prosecution and enter into a recognizance to keep the peace and good order towards all citizens of the Commonwealth and especially towards the prosecutor for a period of one year in the sum of \$500.00.

Commonwealth vs. same; charged with fornication; being a District Attorney's bill. The defendant pled guilty and was sentenced on Friday morning to pay the costs of prosecution and a fine of \$10.00.

Commonwealth vs. Daisy Quick; being a District Attorney's bill charging adultery. The defendant pled guilty and on Friday morning appeared before the Bar and sentence was postponed until February sessions of court.

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Commonwealth vs. W. R. Quick; indicted for adultery and bastardy; prosecutrix, Elsie Hinchliffe. True bill and case continued to February sessions upon motion of special counsel for the Commonwealth.

Stuart, Mercantile Appraiser.

W. H. Stuart, of Boalsburg, was appointed Mercantile Appraiser for Centre county for 1924. The appointment to this position is made by Auditor General Lewis. It was formerly made by the county commissioners.

Deaths Throughout Centre County.

Philip Benner Kephart, in Buffalo Run Valley, aged 64 years. He was never married, but is survived by three sisters and one brother—Dora M. S. Gray and Laura, and Mrs. James P. Parsons.

Mrs. Anna Way, in a Blair county hospital of Myocarditis after a long illness. Interment was made in the Branch cemetery, near Lemont.

J. Milton Furey, in Williamsport, a native of Centre county. He was born at Pleasant Gap and was a son of John M. Furey. For a number of years he was engaged on the Clinton Democrat, Lock Haven, and while living in that city wrote a history of Clinton county. At the time of his death he was engaged in the real estate and insurance business and was a director in the Locomotive County City Bank. Interment was made in Williamsport.

DISTRICT S. S. CONVENTION.

Local District Reorganized—County Chairman Pleads for Support to Liquidate Financial Obligations.

The eleventh district in Centre county which comprises the territory covered by Centre Hill, Potter and Gregg townships, held a convention in the Lutheran church at Centre Hall on Thursday afternoon and evening. Of the twelve Sunday-schools in the district, eight were represented. The chief object of the convention was to call together representatives of the Sunday-schools so that the district might be reorganized, the organization effected a year ago failing to function. The convention was the thirty-second held in the district and was presided over at the afternoon session by Rev. M. C. Drumm, Dr. I. L. Foster having been unavoidably absent.

Rev. J. M. Kirkpatrick acted as song leader. The first business transacted was the appointment of a nominating committee to place in nomination candidates for the various offices. The committee consisted of the secretary together with Rev. Kirkpatrick and H. W. Durst. The first speaker was Rev. Ambrose M. Schmidt, pastor of the Bellefonte Reformed church, who spoke on the topic, "The Sunday-school at Work." The talk was highly instructive and gave practical suggestions for more efficient work in the Sunday-school.

Rev. Kirkpatrick in a short talk dwelt on "The Interrelation of church Sunday-school and Home" and Rev. J. P. Bingham selected the topic, "To What Do We Owe Our Civilization?" A duet by Mrs. F. V. Goodhart and Miss Nancy McWilliams was pleasing to the audience.

The evening session was presided over by the chairman of the county organization, Dr. I. L. Foster, of State College. He gave a glimpse of world spiritual conditions today, and then spoke of the work in the county and the local district. An appeal was made to aid the county organization in its obligation to the state organization and the Tri-County Camp, explaining that when he took office the county was short \$500 in meeting its pledged quota to the state, and had done little to pay its pledge quota of \$2500 to the Tri-County Camp. To date, Centre county has paid \$1100 toward the latter fund, leaving a balance for this item of \$1400. This sum plus the \$250 prior shortage on the state quota, and \$550 pledged the state organization for the current year, makes a total of \$2200 which represents the total obligations in the county. These schools have a membership of 18,090, said the speaker, and by each paying the sum of ten cents per year, the price of a dish of ice cream, or a cigar, or one-third the price of a movie admission ticket, the obligation could almost be met in one year. Mr. Foster was confident the Sunday-school workers could ultimately liquidate the obligation.

The Penn State Y. M. C. A. had their representatives at the evening session. One was a violinist and the other two spoke on Sunday-school work, stating that the extension department of the Y would be pleased to lend its forces in rebuilding and rejuvenating a Sunday-school spirit.

The officers elected were as follows: President, Rev. M. C. Drumm; vice president, Rev. J. F. Bingham; secretary, Mrs. William Bradford; treasurer, William F. Rishel.

The following district department superintendents were appointed by the president: Children's division, Miss Helen Bartholomew; Miss Orpha Gramley; Young People's, Prof. W. O. Heckman; Rev. C. F. Catherman; adult division, Prof. C. I. Fuhrman; Rev. W. H. Haney; Missionary, Mrs. F. M. Fisher; Mrs. S. W. Smith; teacher training, Rev. J. M. Kirkpatrick; T. M. Gramley; Temperance, Mrs. J. B. Wert; Mrs. C. E. Royer; Home Department, Mrs. F. V. Goodhart, Mrs. J. C. Lee.

Christmas P. O. Holiday.

The Post Office Department has declared Christmas a legal holiday, and hereafter the rural mail carriers will not make their regular trip and the post office will be closed to all patrons after 12 o'clock, noon. Heretofore rural carriers served on Christmas day and post offices were open for the greater part of the day. Here is another reason for mailing early.

Williamsport Commercial College.

A good Business Education means a position for life. It is an asset for life and can be obtained at a very reasonable cost and a good salary at graduation. It is the best equipment for all young people. Promotions come fast and every promotion means an advance in salary. Business firms, railroads, etc., need office help at all times. Forty-two good positions were filled during the fall term. Good positions are always open. Winter term begins January 2nd. F. P. HEALEY, Proprietor.

TARIFF ILLUSTRATION.

Farmer Sells Cheap, Buys Back Dear After Manufacture.

Comparison of prices on November 1, 1923, with those on the same date in 1922, reveals that while the farmer was getting an average of 8 or 10 cents a bushel less for his wheat this year than last, breadstuffs were 8 1/2 per cent higher than twelve months previously. The price which the farmer received for wheat this season was considerably below the cost of production.

These facts illustrate the way in which agricultural products grow in price to the consumers after they have left the producer's hands. Potatoes furnish another instance of the same sort. In 1922 the farmer got an average of about 60 cents a bushel for his potatoes, but the consumer paid from \$1.75 to \$2.50 a bushel for them.

The farmer makes money for other people on what he sells as well as on what he buys. The profiteers take his grain and cattle and wool and cotton and most of his other produce, manufacture them in whole or in part and sell them back to him at a big profit to themselves. The tariff on wheat, meats and wool are of no significant value to the farmer when he is selling them. But when he goes to market to purchase flour, cured meats, or woolen clothing he finds that the tariff has been added and pyramided by every vendor who handles these products from the time they left his possession in the raw state until he bought them back in finished form.

Has Killed Half-Hundred Deer.

There are few hunters in this section who have to their credit the killing of a half-hundred deer, yet this is what Alfred P. Krape, of Centre Hall, accomplished when he killed a five-point buck north of Woodward one day last week. He has hunted in various parts of the state and has also killed game other than deer.

After putting the above in type it is learned through the State College Times that Edward Raley has performed a similar feat. The Times says:

Edward Raley, who is coming close to his eightieth birthday anniversary, brought to earth his fiftieth deer last Friday. Despite the fact that he is an octogenarian he hikes over the mountains with as little exertion as a much younger man, and on Friday evening he danced a jig in celebration of his achievement.

Frederick Carter Buys Home.

The Krumbine property, owned by Clifford S. Thomas, and long occupied by I. A. Sweetwood, was sold last week to Frederick K. Carter, of Williamsport, who expects to occupy it next spring. The price paid was \$2200.

A little less than a year ago Mr. Carter sold his home in Centre Hall to H. L. Ehrlich, and later moved to Williamsport. Mrs. Carter preferred living here, which largely accounts for the transaction given above.

This sale was made through C. D. Bartholomew, real estate agent.

Red Cross Nurse Report.

Mrs. Maude C. Jones, State College Chapter Red Cross nurse, has submitted her report for the month of November, showing a total of 124 visits in addition to clinical and administrative work. Mrs. Jones has been doing work in this locality, and that her services are greatly needed by the community is evidenced by the report which is as follows:

Total nursing care visits—41, of which 28 were adults, 2 babies and one a school child.

Instruction or demonstration visits—17, of which 10 were school children; 5, children from 1 to 6 years; and 2, babies under 1 year.

Investigation visits—22, of which 17 were adults; and 5 babies under one year.

Miscellaneous visits—23.

Visits to schools—21.

In addition to a well-baby clinic which was attended by 23 babies, a dental clinic was held. A total of 279 anti-diphtheria treatments were given.

One talk was given in addition to talks to school classes. A total of \$77.65 was collected in fees.

The Christmas Tree.

The Forestry Department is advising owners of timber land having on it small trees suitable for Christmas trees that the removal of them without the consent of the owner is a violation of the law carrying with it a fine of \$500 and imprisonment not exceeding three months, or both. The Department is further advocating that owners should not permit the cutting of these trees, but keep a careful watch on them. This is a note of warning to those who heretofore started out with a hatchet or axe a few days before Christmas, and came home with a tree over their shoulders.

Surveyed New School Ground.

The first step looking to a new school building for Centre Hall was taken by the local school board, on Monday, when a section of ground, five acres in area, was surveyed and boundaries marked by H. B. Shattuck, county surveyor. The tract is a part of the J. J. Arney farm and extends along Hoffer street from the Odd Fellows alley to a point south just beyond where L. R. Lingle's new home is located. Westward the ground extends for a distance of thirty-three rods.

The school board and the owners of the ground unable to reach an agreement as to price, the land was taken by the power invested in a school board by a provision of the school code. A board of viewers must now be appointed by the Court who will appraise the ground taken.

Grove-Royer.

A very pretty wedding ceremony solemnized at the Lutheran parsonage in Centre Hall, Saturday evening at 6 o'clock, when Miss Mae A. Royer became the wife of Chester W. Grove. The beautiful and impressive ring ceremony of the Lutheran church was used.

Mr. Grove is the son of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Grove, of Centre Hall, and is a former school teacher and now manager of the milk depot at Centre Hall. He is very popular in church work, being a member of the church council and superintendent of the Sunday-school. The bride is the accomplished daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Royer, of near Centre Hall. She is a graduate of Centre Hall high school and a member of the Lutheran church. They will make their home in Centre Hall.

The marriage ceremony was performed by the pastor of both bride and groom, Rev. M. C. Drumm.

Alexander Home Sold.

The James Alexander home, occupied by Mrs. Alexander until last spring, was sold at public sale on Saturday to T. L. Smith, the present tenant, for \$2290. Mrs. Samuel Rachau, of near Spring Mills, was the next bidder, and J. Elmer Royer the third. The latter's last bid was \$3225.

100 More Freshmen.

Penn State has decided to admit a class of 100 new freshmen at mid-year this year for the first time in the history of the institution to replace those who will graduate at that time or who have dropped out during the first semester. Many of the students from this county expect to visit the local high schools and they will be able to give information concerning this mid-year class to any high school students who will be prepared to enter college at that time.

Recount of Vote Asked.

Owing to various illegal irregularities by the election board in the borough of Millhall, proceedings have been begun to make a recount of the ballots. The trouble started in a contest of school directors, but later included the office of sheriff. Roy M. Hanna, Democrat, was declared elected with a plurality of but eighteen votes.

Crops Below Average of 1922.

In Centre county there are but two staple crops that yielded more in 1923 than in 1922. The yields are indicated in bushels, the first figures representing the 1922 yield and the latter the yield for 1923: Wheat, 16.9—15.0; corn, 42.0—35.0 (shelled bushels); rye, 15.9—15.7; oats, 22.7—27.1; buckwheat, 16.7—19.8; potatoes, 106—120.

Voice Attracts Stokowski.

The silvery tenor voice of William G. Rosky, the crippled telegrapher at the Kinbrae Block Station tower, near Dubois, will no longer be heard there. His vocal ability has been discovered by Leopold Stokowski, leader of the Philadelphia Symphony Orchestra and the maestro took Rosky to Philadelphia where his voice is to be trained.

Rosky is only twenty-two years old, and has been in the Philadelphia Railroad service for nine years. Recently he sang at the veterans' reunion at Oil City, which was his first public appearance.

A few days ago he went to Trenton, N. J., and while there was taken to Philadelphia by an uncle. They went into a music store, where Rosky was induced to try his voice, and Stokowski who was also in the store, was attracted by the singer.

Juniors Win Off Millheim.

The junior soccer ball team won a game off the Millheim juniors, on the latter's field, Friday evening, in a hotly contested game. At the close of the second half, neither team had been able to score. Millheim made the proposal to prolong the game for a five minute period, which was accepted. About the middle of the period, the Centre Hall team scored.

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS.

No paper next week.

The law is again protecting the deer—they can flit over the mountains undisturbed.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas F. Delaney, at Old Fort, the latter part of last week.

David F. Mauger, former principal of the Centre Hall schools, was elected district attorney of Berks county.

Mrs. H. K. Allison, who has been living in Chicago for some time, is now making her home in Bellefonte with a daughter, Mrs. Earl Kline.

Friday and Saturday were a bit blustery but Sunday came on with a less pretense of winter weather and Monday the weather was delightful.

Thursday of last week Mr. and Mrs. John H. Breen, of Centre Hall, were called to State College on account of the illness of their daughter, Mrs. Platts.

The Millheim knitting mill is running a day and a night shift which indicates a goodly supply of orders ahead. The night shift is being made up of men only.

H. C. Stricker, of Burnham, formerly of Aaronburg, had several ribs broken recently. During the past few years he had several narrow escapes from death through accidents.

Miss Esther Wagner, of near Centre Hall, was called to her home at Spring Mills, the latter part of last week, on account of the illness of her mother, Mrs. Jasper Wagner.

News your friends forget to write to you; news about the folks you are interested in; the current history of your native town; it is all in your home town paper. Subscribe today.

Dr. A. H. Spangler, pastor no the Yeagertown Lutheran church, has been ill during the past two weeks. He was confined to bed for two weeks and last Sunday was not yet able to fill his appointments.

The Millheim Hunting Club added a bear to their game bag. Grover Musser did the shooting. It is reported that, although a small member of the Bruin family, this one has an excellent pelt.

Posts have been set from the brick road, on Nittany Mountain, to a point a little beyond where the old Gregg road and the highway intersect. When supplied with a cable it will be a means of great protection to automobiles.

Former Commissioner John L. Dunlap was appointed deputy sheriff by sheriff-elect E. R. Taylor. Mr. Dunlap has a wide acquaintance over the county, which, added to his other qualifications, fits him well for the place.

A big black bear mistook Jay Vonada, of near Woodward, for a novice and loitered too long near him to get away. Jay, who formerly blacksmithed at Old Port, was hunting with a Woodward party when he made the lucky shot that gave him a pet as a 1923 trophy.

Stover G. Snook, of Philadelphia, bought the four-acre field on the north side of West Main street, in Millheim, from G. E. Mensch, the consideration being \$1800. It is understood Mr. Stover contemplates the erection of a modern dwelling house on it and will have extensive lawns surrounding it.

A check boasting his subscription to 1925 was received a few days ago by the Reporter from Korman Spicher, of Philadelphia. Mr. Spicher, as has been his custom for some years past, spent a week with the Bradfords in their chase after the deer in the Seven Mountains, an outing he looks forward to annually with great delight. Mr. Spicher is a mail carrier in the city of Philadelphia.

After a residence of a quarter of a century at State College as the head man on the college farms, D. C. Krebs and family moved back to their old home town, Pine Grove Mills. In his early life Mr. Krebs conducted a general store at Pine Grove Mills but twenty-five years ago he sold out and moved to State College where he has been in charge of the college farms under C. L. Goodling.

In giving an account of the sale of the general store of Williams and Livingston at Linden Hall, the statement was made that Daniel Hess had established the store, which was an error. Mr. Hess did business there before and after the Civil war and the stand became well known during the period he did business there. The stand originated however, a considerable period before Mr. Hess put it on the map, and was conducted by the Irvins and probably others during the early history of Harris township.