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MAP SHOWS NEWSPAPERS INTERESTED IN ROADS.

National Highways Exhibit Features 7,452 Pins—Eastern Newspapers, Most Alive.

In the National Highways exhibit at the great road exposition at the Coliseum, Chicago, this week, is a great map of the United States, in which 7,452 red-headed pins have been driven, indicating the location of that number of newspapers of the 13,388 daily and weekly papers of the United States which have accepted a Newspaper Association membership in the National Highways Association and are in receipt of, and publishing from time to time, the road news the association sends to its members.

The map must be seen to appreciate the thorough way in which this great educational campaign is being carried on by the newspapers of the United States more than half of which are so progressive and so interested in the transportation problem which affects in one way or another every one of their readers, that they contribute of their valuable space to the cause of good roads everywhere.

As is natural, the pins in the map are thickest in the extreme East and Middle Eastern States, and thinnest in the far West, where towns are more widely scattered and newspapers are fewer. Certain parts of the West, however, notably the immediate vicinity of San Francisco, Los Angeles, and Portland and Seattle, are so thick with pins that the map is completely hidden from view.

Visitors to the National Highways Association exhibit in the Coliseum express themselves as amazed at the amount of effort being put into the cause by the newspapers, as well as much pride and satisfaction when their own particular home paper is found to be represented upon the map.

The Schools A-Crusade.

A fine movement is now on in the schools through the county. The pupils have heard the cry of orphan waifs in the Near East and their response will guarantee bread to many.

The after-war cry of anguish is reaching its height this winter in the Near East. A message from Chas. V. Vickrey, General Secretary of the Near East says that "Today there is grim reality, not only of individuals, and families but of whole races literally without a country. These people dare not return to their once prosperous homes. They are destitute, but with our help they will not only be saved, but will become helpful citizens of the countries to which they have fled.

"Last winter a hundred and fifty thousand refugees died for want of proper food, shelter and medical care. Thousands are facing a similar fate today. Only prompt and bountiful gifts will save 150,000 of these from death.

"These are in addition to the 60,000 orphans whom the Near East Relief is supporting in orphanages in the lands bordering Turkey."

Through our school children the voices of these homeless orphans will be heard in every home in the county. When they speak, suppose your boy—yes, your girl, was rugged and friendly with the rest in the wintry streets,—and do for those that you would have someone do for yours.

S. E. Sharp, of Linden Hall, was a caller at this office on Saturday. He has the Mrs. Angeline Weaver residence in Centre Hall to offer for sale, an advertisement to which effect appears elsewhere in this issue.

OUR DEBT IS \$550,364,000.

The State and Its Subdivisions Have Increased Debt 124 Per Cent in Ten Years.

In 1922 the entire debt for Pennsylvania and its political subdivisions, less the sinking fund assets to meet such debt, was \$550,364,000, and in 1912, it was \$225,979,219, or an average per capita of \$61.27 in 1922 and \$30.34 in 1912. The increase in ten years was 124 per cent.

The debt of the State, counties, cities, towns and all other subdivisions are given below, for the year 1922:

State	\$49,562,000
Counties	70,290,000
All other subdivisions (including cities and villages, towns, school districts, and poor districts)	430,007,000

Total \$550,364,000

The assessed valuation of all property subject to general property taxes was \$9,767,273,506 in 1922 as compared with \$5,068,802,988 in 1912, an increase of 93 per cent. The per capita assessed valuation increased from \$225.17 in 1912 to \$1987.35 in 1922. The per capita tax levy increased from \$11.52 in 1912 to \$26.70 in 1922.

LETTERS FROM SUBSCRIBERS.

D. J. Mitterling Tells of Dakota Cold Weather—40 Below Zero the Coldest—Then Weather Man Sends Mercury Up Tube to 40. All in 36 Hours.

Madison, S. D., Jan. 7, 1924.
Editor Centre Reporter:

This is the season of the year when even an editor of a home paper should be made glad, so will contribute my portion to have the label on the Reporter appear in a 1925 dress.

Weather conditions are always proper subject to talk about, so will I here. South Dakota enjoyed one of the most delightful autumn seasons known to oldest residents. One week ago real winter suddenly came upon us and twenty degrees below prevailed until Saturday, January 5th, when forty below zero was the maximum. Yesterday weather moderated and by afternoon forty above zero surprised us, at a range of eighty degrees in thirty-six hours!

South Dakota had wonderful crops. The greatest corn crop ever produced. It has become one of the greatest corn-growing states as well as other grains, raising of stock, etc.

Business in general has greatly improved and money matters are much easier.

Recently I was somewhat surprised when several political parties in a joint convention nominated me for County Justice. The convention assembled desired a man who possessed certain qualifications and especially sufficient bull-dog tenacity to clean up the booze factories, bootleggers and kindred outlaws. Whether their judgment in the selection was well founded would be a matter of future experience. With due respect for the consideration I had my name withdrawn from the ticket as my business matters require all my time. I retain a lingering desire to have a chance to measure justice to the infamous, law-defying elements. Our police would be kept busy and jails well patronized if I had my way about it.

Yours,
D. J. MITTERLING.

Interesting Letter from J. H. Jordan, of McConnell, Illinois.
McConnell, Ill., Jan. 8, 1924.

Dear Editor:
The label on my paper does not look right so am enclosing \$1.50 to put it ahead.

Will write a few lines in regard to crops in Illinois, and the weather. We had fair crops in 1923; corn got nipped by the frost; oats was a good crop. I had a field which yielded 86 bushels to the acre; the other field was not quite so good but still went close to the 50 bushel to the acre mark. Our corn went above 50 bushels to the acre and it is selling at sales as high as 87 and 88 cents. I sold some for 1 cent a pound; oats at 50 to 55 cents per bushel. Wheat is not raised much about here any more. Hogs are selling on the market for \$7.20 to \$7.50 per cwt.

We have lived in McConnell for eight years, and last spring the folks wanted to go on a farm, so I bought my nephew's place for \$15,500 and sold my town property for \$4,800, and now we will try the farm for a while.

I can not but help think back to my old home state and of the old log house where we used to live; the old old saw mill dam where we boys used to go swimming and have a good time together, and see William Mulbarger come down from his place with the old family dog hitched to an old tin bread pan, and go together in the evenings and eat pound apples and chestnuts and tell hunting stories. I can not help but think back to the morning of December 31, 1878, when John Lee took us over to Bellefonte to come west—nine of us: father, mother and seven children. When we came on top of Nittany Mountain we all stood in a row and looked down on Penns Valley and said good-bye to old Penns Valley and the "Loop." Some of us never saw the Loop again; four of us have been back and the rest never got back to the old home. I have been back four times—three times on visits and once for a car load of apples. Four of us are still among the living, the other five have gone to the world unknown to us.

Just at the present time I am laid up with a lame back, but am gaining somewhat. I am nearing the 62 year mark.
Last Saturday morning it was 34 degrees below zero, here.

Wishing all the readers of the Reporter a prosperous new year.

J. H. JORDAN.

From J. K. Hosterman, Crystal City, Missouri.
Crystal City, Mo., Jan. 11, 1924.

Dear Editor:

Enclosed please find my check for one dollar and fifty cents for subscription to the Reporter for another year. 1923 was a prosperous year in all

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PREACHERS SEEKING NOTORIETY

Newspaper Man Says "Fundamentalists" and "Modernists" Should Be Dubbed Sensationalists.

The following little sermon preached through the editorial columns of the Clearfield Republican is worth more to most of us than the higher criticism stuff we are reading about on the front pages of our daily papers. Here is the sermon in full:

Of late our great newspapers published in the large cities have been running front page stories with pictures telling about the controversy between "fundamentalists" and "modernists" regarding the long-accepted truths of the Bible. After reading most of what has been advanced by both sides it appears to us that it would be appropriate to dub the high lights on both sides "sensationalists." They want their names and pictures in the papers and are willing to go almost any length to achieve that result. When the preacher Grant walked out of the divorce court a few months ago and announced to the world that certain of the centuries-old teachings of the Scriptures were false, he was only adjusting himself to his new surroundings. He could not reconcile divorce court decrees with his long attempted effort to preach his brand of apostolic succession. Naturally, he was forced to start a creed of his own. Since Grant succeeded in getting countless columns of front page space in the big newspapers, he has had scores and scores of imitators on both sides of all these sensationalists can justify themselves in conscience is not clear. Why arouse doubt in the mind of your neighbor when he is perfectly satisfied with what he has and is living according to the laws of God and man? Why not leave him alone with what he received at his mother's knee? All this buffoonery and huckstering in the name of higher criticism and scientific reasoning is nothing more or less than sensationalism run wild. The people are not worrying about the alleged contradictions of the Scriptures. What is of more importance today is getting the people into the churches, no matter what the denomination, and living as the creeds prescribe.

McFeaters Gets Ten Years.
The sentence meted out to E. C. McFeaters, the bank swindler, by Judge Blair in the Blair county court, will be learned with interest by many Reporter readers as a number of them were fleeced by him. He got ten years in the pen for the swindle worked on the Juniata bank to the extent of \$13,000. The swindles took place in the spring and summer of 1922 and consisted mostly in the sale of fictitious bonds in amounts from \$5,000 to \$15,000. Individuals were also tapped in the same way. It is estimated that the frauds perpetrated in this way aggregated \$190,000 and covered a large section in Central Pennsylvania.

The sentence he is now serving is for but one offense, and at the expiration of it there is a likelihood that the bond salesman will be required to face the court on other similar offenses and in this way he may be kept behind the bars for the remainder of his life.

For the Movie Fans.

At the scenic: Thursday, Jan. 17—Geo. Arless in "The Green Goddess" is an unusually fine 9-reel production that will please everybody. A story laid in India, revolving around heroine and friend aviator who fly to rescue of some children, are wrecked, fall into hands of a Rajah, condemned to death but saved by wireless and aeroplane; also Clyde Cook in "Tropical Romeo." Friday, Jan. 18—Al Hart in "Crooked Alley" is a story of a girl's determination to strike at a man through his son and later regrets by falling in love with the son. Also, 4th episode of the "Steel Trail."

At the Opera House: Saturday, January 19—Tom Mix in "Mile a Minute," who, as usual, gives many thrills in his hairbreadth escapes from death. Also, 2-reel comedy, "The Life of a Lily."

Farmers and Poultry Raisers: Are you getting your share of eggs? Are you getting highest prices for your eggs? Our purchasing system enables us to sell HIGH GRADE Laying Maas at ROCK BOTTOM prices and our breeding system assures you ABOVE MARKET PRICES for the right kind of eggs. Let us serve you.—A. E. KERLIN AND SON.

(Continued from previous column) lines in our part of the country, but we anticipate still greater prosperity during 1924.

We are having our first winter weather here; it has been cold but without snow since New Year's day.

I wish the Reporter and all my friends in Centre Hall and vicinity a prosperous year. Yours truly,
J. K. HOSTERMAN.

Work of Real Charity.

A short time ago Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Bedlyon, tenants on the Dr. A. G. Lieb farm, east of Centre Hall, made a trip to Pittsburgh, and while there visited an orphanage. The little children so much appealed to them that they decided to take one of them into their home which consists of the parents and a daughter, aged about fifteen years. Mr. Bedlyon fell in love with a boy, thirteen months old, and his good wife with a boy just two months old. Each thought their choice was the best, and finally a compromise was made by agreeing to take both the children with them, and today the little tots are being cared for at the farm home.

Work of real charity; indeed, it is.

Local Ministerium Met.

The local ministerium met at 2:00 P. M. Jan. 8th, in the Presbyterian parsonage with the following ministers present: Catherman, Drumm, Keener, and Kirkpatrick. Rev. Catherman opened the session with devotions. The Week of Prayer was discussed and final arrangements were made for the second and final week of its duration. Some Sunday-school projects were also under consideration. The next meeting is scheduled for February 4th in the Evangelical parsonage, Spring Mills. After the business session the ministers were joined by Mrs. Catherman and son, Mrs. Drumm and daughter, Mrs. Kirkpatrick and Mrs. Keener in a social hour. Mrs. Kirkpatrick served a delightful repast.

County Grange Meeting.

A regular quarterly meeting of the Centre County Pomona Grange will be held at Centre Hall, Saturday, January 26th.

Installation of officers will take place. Forenoon and afternoon sessions will be held.

We are anxious to have a good attendance. Come and bring lunch with you.—J. Gross Shook, Sec.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Bartholomew spent a few days the past week in Altoona combining business with pleasure.

Miss Maybell Sharer is in Tyrone at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Puff where she will remain for a few weeks. She was taken there by Mrs. Puff's father, William Petteforf. On his return he brought with him Miss Bedlyon, a neighbor's daughter.

A remittance from Claude W. Harpster, of Missoula, Montana, for subscription to the Reporter, was without comment except an apology for a bit of tardiness. From the stationery used the Reporter is led to believe that he is connected with the fire department of his city, in an official way.

In another column is a brief article headed, "Work of Real Charity," that the writer asks the reader of this item to read and ponder over. Are there not many homes throughout the land that could be made more real homes instead of the stopping place it now is by taking into it one or more bits of humanity?

The Ralston Purina Company, manufacturers of the Purina stock feeds, called a convention of their dealers and salesmen at Harrisburg on Monday and Tuesday. At Centre Hall this company is represented by Bradford and Company, and Messrs. V. A. Auman and J. William Bradford attended the convention. Homer Fetterolf, representing the Spring Mills Milling company; the McMullens, of Millheim, and C. Y. Wagner, of Bellefonte, were also in attendance at the convention.

Bills Country Club.

F. G. Albright, of Tyrone, has bought the extensive and beautiful property of the Fairbrook Country club at Pennsylvania Furnace, the consideration being \$15,000. Mr. Albright will proceed at once to make improvements to the property to have it ready for re-opening March 1st, as the Fairbrook Country Inn. He plans to make the Fairbrook Inn the ideal modern country resort of this section. Originally the mansion house, property of John Lyon, the pioneer iron-master at Pennsylvania Furnace, the place is of historic interest and is impressive in the character of its building and grounds. It is splendidly adapted to the purpose marked out for it by the new owner.

"BEAUTIFUL ISLE OF SOMEWHERE"

A Sermon on HEAVEN

SUNDAY NIGHT, 7:30

at THE LUTHERAN CHURCH CENTRE

By the Pastor, REV. M. C. DRUMM

Everybody Welcome.

\$500,000 GYMNASIUM ASSURED.

\$100,000 Gift to Gym Fund Makes Possible the New Physical Education Building.

A massive new gymnasium by the fall of 1924 is no longer a remote possibility at Penn State, but instead is a real probability. A gift of \$100,000 from the college athletic association through the alumni advisory athletic committee has just been announced by Hugo Bezdek, director of the department of physical education and athletics. While this gift was turned into the general college building fund, it was specifically designated for the new physical education building for men.

This pledge to the building fund campaign, the largest yet received, swells the fund for the new gymnasium to such an extent that it is hoped to be able to start construction in the spring or summer. Special efforts will now be made to secure the remainder of the \$500,000 estimated as the probable cost of the building.

Surprise Party at Potters Mills.

A surprise party was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Boal at Potters Mills, in honor of Mr. Boal's fiftieth anniversary. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Sweeney, Mr. and Mrs. G. Frank Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Royer, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Carson, Mr. and Mrs. F. F. Palmer, Caroline McCloskey, Mr. and Mrs. Perry Koonsman, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Loughner, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Shaeffer, Mr. and Mrs. George McCormick, Mrs. Harry Foust, John Armstrong, Sarah Sweeney, Alvin Flory, John Shaeffer, William Hanna, Kathryn Wagner, Geo. H. Sweeney, Ellen Melas, William Foust, Miles Snyder, Violet Palmer, Charles Foust, Sarah Snyder, Edward Loughner, Marie Carter, Ralph Sweeney, Edith Flory, Dorothy Sweeney, Phyllis Sweeney, Grace and Harold Smith, Rachael, Mary, Madeline and Alberta Foust. The evening was spent in playing games and social chats. At a late hour refreshments were served, which everyone enjoyed. All returned to their homes wishing Mr. Boal many more happy birthdays. ***

Cridland State S. S. Superintendent.

Ever since Walter E. Myers, former superintendent of the Adult Division of the Sabbath Schools of Pennsylvania, was elected General Secretary of the State forces, it has been evident that one man could not possibly fill both positions so that the State Association has for some months been on the lookout for the right man to fill this important position.

H. C. Cridland, of Little Rock, Ark., a man of rich experiences, was called by action of the State Board to be superintendent of the State Adult Division and has accepted.

Mr. Cridland is a graduate of the Ohio University, of Harvard and of the International Training School and gave up a lucrative position in commercial life in order to satisfy his heart's desire in Christian work.

Mr. Cridland was General Secretary of the Montgomery (Ohio) Sabbath School Association for two years and General Secretary of the Arkansas State Sabbath School Association for two and one-half years from which position he comes to Pennsylvania.

He is a splendid type of Christian manhood, in the prime of life, winsome, earnest fellow with a rich experience in organized christian work that will be quite an asset to the adult division work of Pennsylvania.

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TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS.

Mrs. James Osman sold her property in Spring Mills to J. L. Graden for \$1,300.

The Honorable Benjamin K. Focht has formally announced himself a candidate for Congress in the 18th district.

John Laird Holmes, of State College, has announced that he is a candidate for the Republican nomination for assemblyman from Centre county.

Deroy K. Fye purchased the equipment and good will of the Boob lunch room in Millheim and took charge and is now serving the many customers of the place.

The Daniel Ripka property at Spring Mills was sold recently to R. H. Shook for \$2,000, and the farm and timberland in the mountains to B. W. Ripka for \$1,000.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Wallace O. Horner, at McKeesport, a baby girl, which has been named Ruth Irene. Mr. and Mrs. Horner were former residents of Centre Hall.

Bilbert Nolan and Mrs. Grace Ketter, for years valued employes of the Potter-Hoy hardware firm, at Bellefonte, purchased the furniture business in State College and have taken possession of it.

The local Odd Fellows' anniversary banquet will be held in Grange Arcade to-morrow (Friday) night. The banquet is for Odd Fellows and their wives or ladies. A class in the Reformed Sunday-school will furnish the banquet.

The first shipment this season to this section of cotton bolls from Kansas was released in various sections of Clearfield county. They were liberated at points between Northwood, Vall, McCann's Crossing, Bald Eagle and Orchard Crossing.

The Fairbrook Country Club, formerly the Lion homestead at Pennsylvania Furnace, was sold to F. G. Albright, of Tyrone. The place will be remodeled with a view of making it a country inn, now becoming so popular, and will be known as the Fairbrook Country Inn.

James I. Fetterolf, on Friday, went to Altoona and drove home a new model Star coupe that he declares no one would recognize as "retired" to the former models. The new coupe is now on view in the Fetterolf show room.

While filling a station road truck with gas, at a Coburn station, the gas took fire and burned all the inflammable portions of it. There was no explosion. A portion of gas was spilled over the engine and this took fire, the flames then led to the tank which was full.

The Fowler mansion, near Hannah Furnace, the most pretentious farm house in that section, was recently totally destroyed by fire. It was erected by John T. Fowler almost fifty years ago. When Mr. Fowler failed in business, the property passed into other hands, and is now owned by a Pittsburgh party.

The Bellefonte Lodge of Moose recently acquired by purchase the Garmann opera house, the price being \$15,000. A portion of the building will be fitted up for lodge purposes and other sections for lounging rooms. The opera house will be leased on the best terms possible after the present lease of Clayton Brown expires, which is April 1st.

Walter M. Kerlin, formerly of Centre Hall, but now located in Cincinnati, Ohio, is financial secretary of the Mt. Auburn Welfare Association. On Tuesday the association held its first meeting for this year. The program included several prominent speakers. Vote for Men, not Birds, was the subject on which Hon. Henry Bently, a student of civic affairs, spoke.

The plasterers and carpenters will soon have their work completed in Millheim's new municipal building. The installation of the steam heat plant is also about completed. New 20-inch opera chairs, the stage curtain and fixtures and two motion picture machines have also been contracted for. It is thought these fixtures can be secured by the middle of February when the auditorium will be completed.

According to a decision of Judge Baird in the contest of the election of sheriff in Clinton county, it is not unlawful for the husband to pay the poll tax or county tax of his wife. Judge Baird declares that a woman whose taxes have been paid in this way is a legal voter. The ballot box of the Mill Hill borough election district is to be opened and recounted. Roy M. Hannah, who on the face of the returns was elected sheriff, has been inducted into office and by the time the courts get through with the contest case, his term of office will have pretty well expired.

