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## TWO CHURCH CONFERENCES TO BE HELD IN WILLIAMSPORT.

Central Pennsylvania Methodists to Meet in Pine Street March 12, Closely Following Evangelical Sessions in St. John's Church Mar. 6.

Two denominational conferences are scheduled to be held in Williamsport during the month of March.

The Central Pennsylvania conference of the Methodist Episcopal church will meet in the Pine Street M. E. church on March 12, and will continue for about five days. Prior to this conference the Central Pennsylvania conference of the Evangelical church will open in St. John's Evangelical church, Newberry, on March 6, and will continue until March 10.

The Methodist conference will be presided over by Bishop William F. McDowell, of Washington, D. C., and many leading men in Methodism will appear on the program for addresses.

The conference will open Tuesday evening, March 11, with a mass meeting of Sunday-school and Epworth League workers. Dr. W. S. Boward, of Chicago, will be the principal speaker at this meeting.

There will be about 350 ministers in attendance at this conference. In addition to the sessions of the conference proper, the Lay Electoral conference on Methodist Episcopal church will be held in that city. Prominent laymen from every church will be present. This conference will elect six laymen to attend the general conference of the Methodist Episcopal church which will be held in Springfield, Mass., in May. There will be six ministerial delegates elected at the same time.

The first session of the Central Pennsylvania conference of the Evangelical church will meet in St. John's Evangelical church on March 6, at which time the examination for junior preachers will start. These examinations will be concluded on March 7 and the conference proper will open on the eighth. The closing session will be held on the tenth.

## OUR FOREIGN POLICY.

The Philadelphia Ledger, Republican in politics, has this to say about the foreign policy of the present administration in its editorial columns in its Sunday issue:

First, the United States sends arms and ammunition to President Obregon and Mexico. Second, we prevent De la Huerta from obtaining war material from private firms in this country. Third, we tell De la Huerta he must not blockade Tampico. Fourth, we allow Obregon troops to be moved over United States territory. Fifth, we dispatch two cruisers and half a dozen destroyers to Vera Cruz, where the insurgents have their headquarters. Sixth? Seventh? Eighth? Undoubtedly we are becoming somewhat involved. We must hold on to the tail of the bull, trusting it is not a wild one. We also trust we know where we are going.

## What the Farmer Gets for Cattle.

The packers and Secretary Wallace would have us believe that the farmer gets eighty-eight cents out of every dollar the packers receive. The Census Bureau in 1919 reports that the finished products of the packers for that year sold for \$4,246,000,000, all of which except twelve per cent. went to the farmers.

In 1919 there were 1,395 meat packing establishments in the country, not including the thousands of local slaughterers. About one-third of all food animals are marketed locally.

## Birthday Surprise Party.

A delightful surprise party was given last Wednesday night by Mr. and Mrs. John Rudy at their home just west of Centre Hall, in honor of their daughter, Miss Margaret, who that day entered upon the 'teen age—her thirteenth anniversary. The young people present enjoyed themselves in various games. Refreshments consisting of sandwiches, pickles, popcorn, ice cream and cake were served. Those present were: Mary and Ruth Reiber, Evelyn, Russer and Eugene Colyer, Helen and Frank Rines, Ethel, Dorothy and Margaret McClennahan, Robert and Philip McClennahan, Margaret Delaney, Ollie Gleixner, Sarah Smith, Fred and George Luse, Guy Shunk, Betty Ehrhart, Estella Rubie, Genevieve Rubie, George and John Ritter, Wilbur McClennahan, Alverta and Frances Weaver, Hazel and Harold Potter, Samuel Gngerlich, Mrs. P. H. Luse.

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## FARMERS' MEETINGS.

County Agent Robinson Will Hold Meetings to Take Place of Farmers' Institutes.

During the next few weeks the county farm agent, J. N. Robinson, will hold a series of meetings in five different communities of the county. These meetings will be similar to the ones held last winter and of interest to all farmers and their families, having been arranged the past couple years to take the place of the old time farmers' institutes which were very popular in Centre county until discontinued three years ago by the State Department of Agriculture.

The first of the series will be poultry meetings conducted by H. D. Monroe, head of the Poultry Extension work in Pennsylvania, and will be given Monday evening, January 28th, at 7:30, at Pine Grove Mills school house; Tuesday, January 29, at 7:30, at the Gentzel school house; Wednesday, January 30, at 7:30, at Hatfmoon Grange hall; Thursday, January 31, 7:30 P. M., at Spring Mills Vocational school, and Friday, February 1st, at 7:30, at Rebersburg school house.

The same plan will be followed this year—as last, viz: a meeting on the same night each week for at least five consecutive weeks at each of the above places. For example, every Monday evening there will be a meeting at Pine Grove Mills; every Wednesday evening at Hatfmoon Grange hall, and so on for the other three places. The very best men obtainable have been secured for these meetings. Each one is a specialist in his particular line of work and has a real message for Centre county.

## Grangers Install Officers.

At a meeting held for that purpose on Saturday evening in Grange Arcadia, Progress Grange installed its officers for 1924. The attendance was large and the meeting full of genuine interest. After the installation of the officers, refreshments were served. The evening was enlivened by piano and violin music by Mrs. Della Reiber, Misses Margaret Luse and Lottie Keller.

The officers of the organization are as follows:

Master—George W. Ralston.  
Lecturer—Rev. J. M. Kirkpatrick.  
Chaplain—J. T. Potter.  
Secretary—Sarah Neff.  
Treasurer—Jacob Sharer.  
Flora—Mrs. C. R. Neff.  
Ceres—Mrs. G. W. Ralston.  
Pomona—Mrs. Richard Brooks.  
Stewards—Mrs. Alice Durst, Curtis Reiber, Margaret Luse.

The installing officer was Daniel A. Grove.

## Intermediate School Report—4th Month.

Per cent of attendance, boys 99, girls 99%. Pupils present every day during term to date: Sara Smith, Margaret Rudy, Margaret Delaney, Mary Reiber, Helen Odenkirk, Helen Meyer, Hazel Potter, Genevieve Rubie, Marjorie Smith, Adeline Dinges, Evelyn Colyer, Miriam Gross, Helen Rines, Madeline Emerick, Margaret McClennahan, Emma Grove, Isabel Bradford, Lorraine Brungart, Gladys Smith, Ruth Hartley, Sara Odenkirk, Margaret Rees, Helen Weaver, Fred Luse, James Lutz, Bruce Smith, William Weaver, Harold Dunkle, Muth Bailey, Jack Coidron, Lawrence Hartley, Marvin Ishler, William Spyker, John Spyker, Harold Potter, Donald Rubie, Reuben Rickert, Arthur Scott.

The following made 100 per cent in spelling test: Jack Coidron, Muth Bailey, Lorraine Brungart, Betty Ehrhart, Sara Odenkirk, Reuben Rickert, Margaret Rees, Franklin Moyer, Dorothy McClennahan, Margaret Bradford.—T. L. Moore teacher.

## THE RAMBLING REPORTER.

John W. Decker, a Penn State student, visited his home in Spring Mills during the week end.

During the week of January 17, President Thomas of Penn State spoke to 135 County Agents and Agriculture extension specialists at their annual conference session. He stated that their record of the past year is possibly the best of the sixteen years of extension history.

Assistant Scout Master Thomas C. Y. Ford, of Honeybrook favored Coburn with a visit during the past week end. It has been a long time since Mr. Ford last visited Coburn but he assures us that his future trips will be more numerous.

The Penn State basketball team defeated Gettysburg in a hard fought game on Saturday night. The visitors held State to a 19-19 score up to the last few minutes of the game when the Nittany tossers succeeded in gaining two more field goals, making the final score 23-19. The State yearlings defeated the Westmont High school team of Johnstown in the preliminary game by a 41-19 score.

## VOTING BY MAIL UNCONSTITUTIONAL, SAYS JUDGE HASSLER.

Lancaster County Jurist Bases His Opinion on Interpretation of Constitution by the Supreme Court.

Declaring that the act of May 22, 1923, conflicts with the constitution of the state, Judge Hassler in the Lancaster county court, on Saturday, handed down an opinion in the contested election of Ira H. Bare, Republican, of the Fifth ward, Lancaster, to select council. He declared that Bare's opponent, Leonard L. Lewis, coalitionist, is elected. The ruling may have a wide influence, as it is on the validity of the mail votes. Lewis won on the strength of the votes at the polls, but Bare was given enough mail votes to overcome his lead and win by ten.

The judge declares that "the act of 1923 does not provide a method of voting, that is, a means by which an elector shall declare his intention other than by ballot, but it does provide a method of voting by ballot. Its only purpose is to permit electors to cast their votes outside their election districts, which, being contrary to the interpretation placed upon article 8, section 1, of the constitution by the supreme court is as we have said, beyond the power of the legislature to do and it, therefore, in our opinion, is unconstitutional and void."

Should this decision be sustained it will effect but one officeholder in Centre county, Mr. Rossman, the recorder, who lost out counting only the votes cast in the regular way by ten. Slinie Hoy was the Democratic candidate and it is possible that he will be inducted into office some time during the next four years.

The judge who made the decision is a Republican in politics. The legality of voting by mail was questioned by many attorneys who made a study of the law.

## \$124,000 Available for Roads.

There is available for Centre county \$124,000 for state aid roads in Centre county. This sum is the allotment from \$50,000,000 from the National government to the State. Clearfield's portion is \$216,999, and Huntingdon is entitled to \$127,626. These sums are ready for expenditure in townships in the counties that will bond themselves for improvement of secondary roads.

## THE INCOME TAXES.

### Mellon Tax Plan Dead—Democratic Tax Reduction Plan to Pass.

The Mellon Tax Plan is dead. Its end was hastened by the opposition of a large group of Republican members, including most of those from the western agricultural states. The floor leader of the House, Mr. Longworth, of Ohio, and the Chairman of the Ways and Means Committee, Mr. Green of Iowa, are reported to have told the President that it cannot pass and that they are opposed to the Mellon Plan of cutting the higher surtax rates in half, which would be an unfair relief to a very small number of the largest taxpayers.

The Democratic tax reduction plan is sure to pass, and it is the only one of the three plans that has ever had a chance to pass. It will command the vote of the large group of western Republicans opposed to the Mellon plan, and practically the solid Democratic vote of the House.

The fake propaganda instigated by the interests embraced in the very small group of the largest taxpayers to obtain an unfair discrimination for themselves, has over-reached itself. For a week or ten days it had Congress frightened because it was mistaken for genuine propaganda. In a short time Congressmen began to see that it was merely the result of a conspiracy to bulldoze and coerce Congress, and abundant evidence was produced to show that it originated from a single source. The propaganda in behalf of the Mellon plan is no longer regarded as a bugaboo by Congressmen but as a joke.

Here is your income tax under present law, the Mellon Plan and the Democratic Plan. This comparative table shows the total tax payable by a married person without dependents:

Income	Present law tax	Mellon plan tax	Democratic plan tax
\$ 3,000	\$20	\$15	.....
4,000	60	45	\$20
5,000	100	75	40
6,000	160	120	80
7,000	250	180	120
8,000	340	240	160
9,000	430	300	200
10,000	520	360	240
20,000	1,720	1,260	1,040
40,000	5,840	4,540	4,140
60,000	11,940	8,490	8,240
80,000	20,040	14,080	16,550
100,000	30,140	19,540	26,430

The Democratic plan gives 33 1-3 per cent reduction on earned incomes; the Mellon plan gives 25 per cent. Surtaxes begin at \$12,000 under the Democratic plan; \$10,000 under the Mellon plan. They begin at \$6,000 under the present law.

## LOCAL ODD FELLOWS BANQUET.

### Forty-Eighth Anniversary of Centre Hall Three-Link Organization Fitly Observed.

A royal red letter day was last Friday for local Odd Fellowship. Celebration of the forty-eighth anniversary of the founding of the order in Centre Hall was marked by an elaborate banquet and program of speech making that caused the more than one hundred and twenty Odd Fellows and their wives and sweethearts to feel that it was good to have been there.

The banquet hall was Grange Arcadia where four long tables accommodated the banqueters. The jargon gathering marched from the second floor of the hall, each one donning a paper hat of some odd design and coloring, seemingly calculated to evoke laughter from one's nearest neighbor and thus stimulate the digestive organs for the big task which lay ahead. The menu consisted of roast chicken, scalloped oysters, mashed potatoes, small timpano, cranberry jelly, ice cream, cake and coffee. It was tastefully served by the Bible class of the Reformed Sunday school, and left nothing to be desired.

Following the repast, the crowd repaired to the upper floor where William E. Montgomery, former State Forester at Potters Mills and now Chief of Maintenance, Department of Forestry, Harrisburg, acted as toastmaster. Mr. Montgomery at present is noble grand of the local lodge and one of the most efficient officials who has occupied that chair in years. As a toastmaster he was a decided success, presiding in a most unusual and happy manner, and displaying a natural ability that is as rare as it is delightful. He called upon Rev. M. C. Drumm, District Deputy Grand Master Mr. Shope of State College; Rev. C. F. Catherman, of Spring Mills, and S. D. Gettig, Esq., of Bellefonte. All spoke in generous terms of the growth and development of the local order in its nearly half century of existence.

A Penn State student orchestra was present and interspersed the several talks with delightful selections.

## Wheat Yield in State.

There was harvested wheat in Pennsylvania from 1,260,960 acres in 1923, the total production being 24,389,710 bushels an average yield per acre of 19.1 bushels, which sold at an average of \$1.02.

In Centre county the acreage of wheat for 1923 was 31,371, yielding a total of 476,565 bushels, an average yield of 15 bushels per acre. The average selling price was \$1.04.

The four counties averaging the highest yields were these: Northampton, 24.7; Lancaster, 24.6; Chester, 24.5, and Delaware, 24.2.

## Glen Iron Store Burned.

The general store of Harry Feaster, at Glen Iron, was destroyed by fire at 8 o'clock Wednesday morning of last week, a brief mention of which was made last week. The store building was owned by Mrs. J. L. Fessenden and the loss is \$4,000. The stock of merchandise was owned by Harry Feaster and the loss is \$3,000. The fire was caused by an overheated flue by burning soft coal. The building and stock were partly covered by insurance.

The Glen Iron post office was also located in the store building.

The barn of Henry Hartman, near Laurelton, was completely destroyed by fire on the afternoon of the same day, with all its contents. Children playing in the barn with matches caused the fire. The loss is \$2,000.

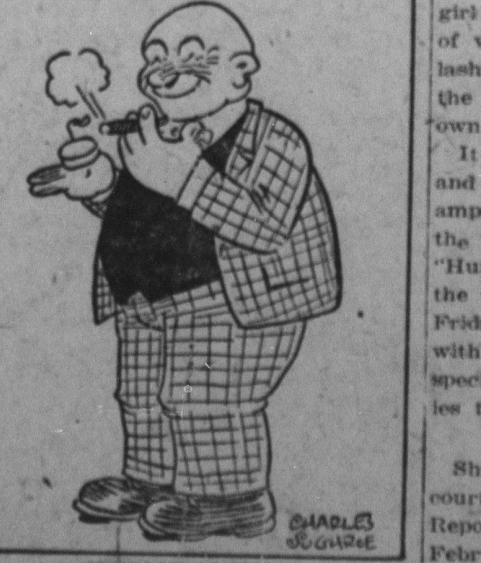
## Mifflinburg Man Injured.

Howard W. Hopp, of Mifflinburg, was seriously injured on Sunday morning when his car overturned on the state road between Northumberland and Lewisburg, near Chillesquaque creek. He was taken to the Mary M. Packer hospital at Sunbury, where it was found that he was suffering from concussion of the brain. He was operated on immediately and his condition on Tuesday was reported as somewhat improved. Mr. Hopp is a prominent manufacturer of Mifflinburg, being the proprietor of the Hopp Carriage works.

The "P" in Pepper does not stand for Pinchot, nor will the senator stand for the Pinchot coal bill. Senator Pepper refused to introduce the Pinchot measure for the reason that he stated he could not give it wholehearted support.

## BILL BOOSTER SAYS

"MANY A DEAD TOWN SHOULD HAVE CUT ON ITS 'TOMBSTONE THIS SHORT EPITAPH, 'KILLED IN A FAC-TION FIGHT.' WE CAN HAVE AN HONEST DIFFERENCE OF OPINION WITHOUT STARTING A FEUD, SO IF WE MUST FIGHT, LET US FIGHT PEACEABLY!"



## Re-Dedication Service in Lutheran Church.

During two periods on Sunday, morning and evening, re-dedication services will be held in the local Lutheran church. Three former pastors—Dr. W. E. Fischer, Rev. J. M. Reaick and Rev. B. F. Bieber—will be present.

## Centre County Boys Honored.

Six Centre county boys selected at the County Stock Judging Contest at State College under direction of Vocational Supervisor John B. Payne, of Bellefonte are guests of the Bellefonte Trust Company, the business men of Bellefonte, State College and Millheim at the State Farm Products Show at Harrisburg, which opened on Tuesday and will close Saturday. The contest was conducted in the presence of several hundred boys and prominent Centre county business men. Two boys were selected at a potato contest held at Millheim. They are Carl Boehm, of Aaronsburg high school, and Owen Smith, of Millheim. The other four boys selected at State College are: Edwin Way, State College high school; judge of dairy cattle, and alternate judge, Russell Heckman, of Walker Township high school; Charles Campbell, State College high school, judge of swine, and Eugene Burkholder, Centre Hall, high alternate.

## The Timber Rights of a 16-acre tract of timberland near Zorby station, was sold at public sale by the heirs of Jacob J. Gentzel for \$4,465. J. K. Reish was the purchaser.

John A. Kline, of Centre Mills, will make sale of his personal property on Saturday, February 2nd, and will make his home with his daughter, Mrs. Vernon Godshall, in Centre Hall.

New York was named as the place and June 24th as the time for holding the Democratic National Convention, for the selecting of Democratic candidates for President and Vice President.

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The Millersburg school board received and accepted bids for a new high school building in that place. The total of the lowest bids for the various character of work and material is \$70,000. The borough will issue bonds for payment of the structure, having been authorized by the citizens to do so.

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In keeping with her custom for some years past, Mrs. James W. Runkle, of Centre Hall, has finished working by hand a comfortable bed quilt for the Loyville Orphans' Home, which will find its way to the bed of some child and provide warmth and comfort for cold winter nights. Mrs. Runkle, who is seventy-three years of age, delights in doing deeds of kindness whenever and wherever opportunity presents itself. Indeed, this grand old lady's entire life has been devoted to making happy those less fortunately situated than she. Many many more years be given her to continue her good work.

## TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

### HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS.

Mrs. Clyde Smith visited her home at Howard.

Roy Shaeffer, the huckster, advertises for 2000 pounds of lard.

The Millheim school board appointed George E. Mensch truant officer for that town.

Rev. J. M. Kirkpatrick, pastor of the Presbyterian church, is holding services each evening this week.

A second gas tank is being installed by D. A. Booser from which high test Atlantic gas will be sold.

It is estimated that during 1924 there will be fifteen millions of automobiles in use in the United States.

Squire Frank A. Carson, of Potters Mills, recently installed a radio in his home, the first in that section.

Miss Carrie Gentzel, of Spring Mills, was in town on Saturday in the interest of young people's work in the Lutheran church in her home town.

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