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76 DEATHS ON STATE ROADS DURING PAST SIX MONTHS.

586 Injured During That Period—Majority of Accidents Occurred on Dry Straight Sections Rather Than on Slippery Curves.

Seventy-six persons were killed and 586 injured on state highways during the last six months.

The majority of accidents continue to occur on dry, straight road sections, rather than on slippery curves—reports received by the State Highway Department show. This is true not only of the month of March, but of the period beginning October 1 last, when the highway department began the compilation of accident data.

Since October 1, 1923, 698 accidents were reported to the department. Of this total 476 occurred on dry roads, 185 on roads that were wet and 37 on icy roads. Three hundred and forty-eight accidents occurred on straight road sections, 145 on light curves, 115 on sharp curves, 7 at undergrade crossings, 51 at highway bridges, 37 at road crossings and 31 at highway culverts. On light grades there were 217 accidents; on heavy grades, 59.

In the 698 accidents, 902 motor vehicles were involved, 250 of them being closed models. In 63 cases, the drivers were intoxicated.

Of the 79 persons killed, 19 were pedestrians.

Of the pedestrians killed and injured, 23 were walking in the same direction as the car.

In October there were 224 accidents; November, 149; December, 92; January, 104; February, 63; and March, 66.

Of the 66 accidents in March, 48 were on dry road sections.

In the accidents reported for the last six months, 2,206 persons occupied the motor vehicles involved. Fifty-seven of these persons were killed, 559 were injured and 1,590 were not injured.

THE HITCHING POST.

There is a story going about in Washington that one man stepped up to another and said:

"I am looking for President Coolidge."

"I saw him ten minutes ago standing in front of the White House by a hitching post."

"Well, either one would be all right to tie to, but what does he look like?"

"Like most of the neighbors. Just step up to, the pair of them and ask for an opinion on the oil scandal. Whichever one answers will be the hitching post."

The Klan in Action.

Some six hundred Klansmen of Johnstown hired a special train and dropped into Lilly, nineteen miles west. Before leaving the town there was a riot, six or more citizens of Lilly having been shot and injured to a more or less extent. One or two of them may die. The Cambria county sheriff placed under arrest twenty-five Klansmen who had guns on them. Fifteen additional guns were found in the coaches occupied by them. Two Klansmen were also hit by bullets, but it is claimed these were accidentally struck by bullets from fellow Klansmen who were firing their guns in the dark.

P. R. R. to Raise Dividend!

There is quite a possibility that when directors of the Pennsylvania meet on the twenty-third of this month an increase in the dividend will be approved, according to Wall Street reports Friday. The road now pays 5 per cent, or \$3 a share, having been increased from 4 per cent, or a \$2 rate, on October 25, 1922.

Reports Friday mentioned a possible 7 per cent rate, which would increase the annual rate to \$3.50 a share. A month ago Pittsburgh advices gave the same information, but at that time market conditions were not favorable.

LARGE DISPLAY EASTER GOODS.

I have one of the largest displays of Easter goods to be found in a country store. Please come in and look it over before buying elsewhere.

G. R. MEISS, The Colyer Merchant.

POULTRY RAISERS, LISTEN!

You are raising chicks this year. You want to raise them right yet as economically as possible. Give the FEED problem careful consideration.

Do you know that during the past three years we have shipped over 500,000 (five hundred thousand) pounds of our Starting and Growing Food to all parts of the U. S. A. and Canada?

This food is compounded by poultry food experts. All ingredients are scientifically tested. There are eighteen ingredients including dried buttermilk, ground shredded wheat, phosphorus, lime, sodium, silica, meat, bone, charcoal, gluten, etc. etc.

A better Poultry Food was never made, and the price—\$2.50 per 100 lbs. at the Farm—\$3.50 when shipped. Compare ingredients, quality and price—we leave you to be the judge.

A. E. KERLIN & SON, Centre Hall, Pa.

COWS MAKING GOOD RETURNS.

Cow Testing Association Reports Cow Yielding 1891 Lbs. Milk, With Butter Fat Content of 60.5 Lbs. in March.

Farmers of Centre county will be interested in the March report of Centre County No. 1 Cow Testing Association, turned in to the Farm Bureau office by tester Willard Atrax.

The association is made up of twenty-two herds over the county. Out of 219 cows in milk four produced over 50 pounds butterfat, and 16 over 40 pounds butterfat. Seven of these produced over 1200 pounds milk and 18 over 1,000 milk during the month.

The following is a list of the ten highest producing cows of the association.

Table with columns for Name, Owner, and Production (Milk and Butterfat). Includes names like Thomas Beaver, J. W. Blait, W. H. Raiston, etc.

South Potter Leads.

The south precinct of Potter township probably leads all districts in promptly pledging its hospital quota of \$250. The work was completed at 1:40 on Friday, the first day of the \$100,000 drive. F. A. Carson is the lieutenant in that district, but he gives all credit to the citizens—it was they who did it. Mr. Carson says. At noon of Friday the lieutenant informed the Reporter of the short, snappy, successful campaign in South Potter, and further stated that the district will do much more, probably double its quota.

Sportsmen Would Change Names.

Six requests for changes in the names of topographical features of the State were presented to the Pennsylvania Geographic Board at its meeting in Harrisburg. All were held under consideration pending investigations.

The Pennsylvania Alpine Club asked that the name of the mountain in the Weiser State forest known as Woodpecker's Head be changed to Speechy Kup; the Potter County Historical Society requested an unnamed peak in Susquehanna State forest to be called Mount Broadhead; the Clinton County Historical Society desired that the name of Gallaher township be changed to Gallaher township; a group of Clearfield county residents requested the spelling of the names of Benezet and Guffick townships be changed to "Benezet" and "Gaulchik." The Rothrock Rod and Gun Club, of Clinton county, asked that a ridge in Sugar Valley be called Kalkdesh Mountain.

War on Law!

Despite the fact that the United States has seen fit to snub the League of Nations the League is at the present time doing wonderfully beneficent work in promoting public health, in agriculture, in the suppression of the opium and White Slave traffic as well as in promoting good will among all countries.

The League has established the International Labor Office for which it is now erecting a solid structure at Geneva. Most important of its achievements has been the creation of a World Court. This court is mobilizing the opinion of mankind in behalf of peace and co-operation among nations. The hour has struck. "choose you this day whom you will serve—war or law," that is the spirit of the League.

There is this difference:

A smart man takes care that his neighbor does not cheat him. An honest man takes care that he doesn't cheat his neighbor.

BURSUM PENSION BILL PASSED.

Provides Flat Rate of \$72 a Month for Veterans of the Mexican and Civil Wars.

An "adjusted pension bill" designed to remove inequities between gratuity now paid veterans of the several wars, was passed by the senate a few days ago.

Introduced by Senator Bureau, Republican, New Mexico, the bill was described by him as substantially the same as that which would cost an additional \$55,000,000 the first year.

The bill provides a flat rate of \$72 a month for veterans of the Mexican and Civil wars as compared with the present basic rate of \$50, and makes allowance for each dependent of \$8 per month instead of from \$2 to \$5.

The vote on passage of the bill was 51 to 10, those opposing including Senators Bayard, Delaware; Bruce, Maryland; and Reed, Pennsylvania, Republican.

PENNSY PROSPERITY.

Pennsylvania's 144,000 Stockholders Pleased With 1923 Business.—Net Income for Year \$51,538,078.

A gain of more than \$8,000,000 in the net operating income of the Pennsylvania Railroad System last year, as shown by the annual report of President Samuel Rea, is not only pleasing to the 144,000 Pennsylvania stockholders but to the whole country.

The report shows that there was an increase over the preceding year of \$78,654,449 in operating revenues and \$60,317,549 in operating expenses. The net income for the year was \$51,538,078. As announced by President Rea, the substantial increase in operating revenues "reflects an improvement in general industrial and financial conditions," an improvement which resulted in new traffic records being established by the road during the year.

The report necessarily deals with large figures for the Pennsylvania railroad, a large enterprise. It has a road mileage of 11,800, and a total truckage of 27,319 miles. The average number of employees last year was 247,400 and the payroll of the company totaled more than \$423,000,000.

The outlook for a continuance of prosperous conditions "is encouraging, but it is well to consider the note of warning contained in President Rea's statement, when he says:

"This railroad, as well as other roads, surely deserves public support against any hostile legislation that would cripple the use of the initiative and experience of its management," and "its continued ability to give the public adequate transportation service requires full opportunity and fair rates to earn fair returns on the investment and assure steady work for its loyal employees at good wages."

Fortunately, there is little possibility of any serious "railroad regulation" being attempted at this session of congress, which is one of the best things that can be said of the present gathering of law makers at Washington.

TAX FREE HOMES.

If new homes erected in Centre Hall were relieved of taxes for a period of ten years, the town as a whole would profit. Of course, it is understood that only such taxes over which the borough has control could be remitted. It is important that additional homes be erected here, and it is not asking an unusual favor when prospective home-builders seek relief of this character, without a willingness to aid, there will be little or no building; under proper encouragement there might be sufficient to relieve the present tension. Because remitting of taxes has never been done here before is no reason why it should not be done. We must meet conditions as they arise. In this case it so happens that home builders can be greatly aided without a loss to anyone. The town has nothing to gain in taxes if there are no new homes built; it has everything to gain if the remitting of taxes induces home building. A borough council would not hesitate on such a proposition. Action is due; the need is pressing; awake!

New Buildings for Susquehanna Univ.

Susquehanna university will get a new library and chapel and an addition to the present Seibert hall. It was announced by President Charles T. Aikens. A special meeting of the board of directors was called to approve of the addition to the hall, which will cost \$75,000. The total expenditure will run about \$150,000.

Work will be begun in May, it is expected, if the plans are accepted. The university will start a campaign for funds this spring to hasten the realization of the new library and chapel. It is thought that this work will be begun as soon as the addition to Seibert hall is completed.

"Lena Rivers" to Be Given April 19.

Probably no American novel has enjoyed greater popularity than Lena Rivers, of which more than a million copies have been sold. With such a record, it was certain to find a place in dramatic literature, and is now numbered with the standard drama.

The Dramatic Club of Centre Hall has secured the rights to produce this splendid comedy drama. Remember the date—April 19, in Grange Arcadia.

The Susquehanna Trail.

Sponsored by the Williamsport Chamber of Commerce, plans are being furthered there for a big celebration to mark the completion of the Susquehanna Trail. The governors of three states are expected to be present. Tentative plans call for a historical pageant and barbecue interspersed with speeches by prominent persons which are to be broadcast by radio.

The three governors who will be invited to attend are Clifford Pinchot, of Pennsylvania; Alfred Smith, of New York; and Albert T. Ritchie, of Maryland. U. S. Senator Pepper and Senator Reed also will be invited and towns along the trail will be asked to send representatives. Preparations are being made for entertainment and accommodation of 50,000 visitors.

FORESTRY NURSERY PLANNED FOR ROCKVIEW PRISON.

Will Give Employment to Prisoners and Add to Support of Replants Available for Reforestation Purposes.

Idle prison labor now confined to the penitentiary at Rockview, Centre county, soon will be called upon to contribute its bit toward the reforestation of Pennsylvania reserves. A plan is now being worked out by the state department of welfare to begin a nursery and penitentiary farm and use some of the surplus inmates at the institution to care for the young seedlings.

Within a few weeks the project will be launched on a tract of fifteen acres on the grounds of the penitentiary. Dr. Ellen C. Potter, secretary of the department, says. Replants raised from seedlings will be sold to the department of forests and waters at the cost it would be to that branch of the state government to duplicate and it is estimated that by 1927 the transplantations of the state, and at the same time more than 6,000,000. Counties and municipalities also will be able to purchase small trees for planting purposes.

The department of welfare obtained the power for engaging in this new line of work through the passage of the administrative code at the last session of the legislature. Shortly after the measure became a law officials of the department began to plan for the nursery and it will be placed in operation within the next few weeks. The cost of installing the project is estimated at \$15,000 for purchasing an overhead irrigation system and the necessary tools and equipment.

Work on the part of the inmates at Rockview at the nursery will be voluntary, Dr. Potter states. "Already we have received many requests from prisoners to work there and if the project is successful it may be necessary to enlarge the nursery," she added. Each prisoner will receive the legal wage for service in a penal institution which is from twenty-five to fifty cents daily. Norway spruce, Japanese larch, white, red and pitch pine trees will be raised and in addition several miscellaneous varieties.

"I am keenly interested in the success of the project," Dr. Potter said a few days ago. "The nursery will serve a two-fold purpose, namely to provide some form of employment to many of the inmates who are now forced to remain idle and it also will add to the supply of replants available for reforestation purposes. The department is doing everything in its power to improve conditions at the penal institutions of the state, and at the same time make a better type of prisoner who will be able to go into some line of industry after discharge."

The nursery, although a welfare department undertaking, will be under the supervision of the department of forests and waters. The latest and most approved methods will be used on the farm. The forestry department of the Pennsylvania State College, which is located a few miles from the penitentiary, also, is lending its services to the establishment of the nursery.

Elected Vice-President of Ice Men.

Guy W. Jacobs was elected vice-president of the Ohio Association of Ice Industries at the annual convention held last week at Dayton, Ohio.

Rural Life Work.

Dean R. L. Watts, of the Agricultural Department at Penn State, and Prof. W. R. Gordon of the Rural Sociological Extension Bureau of the same institution, were in Centre Hall on Friday of last week in the interest of rural life work. A second meeting will be held Tuesday, 22d inst. At the meeting last week, G. W. Raiston was selected as chairman and Miss Sarah Neff, secretary.

The purpose of the organization is to hold a meeting on Grange Park during the week of August 21st to train leaders in Rural Life work. While the Grange is at the head of the movement, the instruction to be given is open to all who may be interested.

Two Plays by G. T. V. S.

The Junior Class of the Grange Township Vocational School will render two plays on Friday evening, April 11, at Spring Mills, and the following night (Saturday) April 12, in Grange Arcadia, Centre Hall. Further information may be obtained from posters.

The first play is entitled "Miss Marmaduke's Reign," with the following cast of characters and synopsis of the play:

THE PRATT FAMILY—Mary Pratt, ORIE WAGNER; Frances Pratt, MARY LONG; Grace Pratt, MARIAN AUMAN.

The Manager, THOMAS HOSTERMAN; Pondebelle, the Eighth, the King of the Kingdom of Hearts, WALTER HERRING; The Chancellor, Who Advises the King, HAROLD BRUNGART; Lady Violetta, the Queen-to-Be, who Cannot Cook, VIOLET HAGAN; The Knave of Hearts, who Proves to be a Hero, JAMES BRUNGARD; The Pastry Cooks—Blue Hose, ETHEL GENTZEL; Yellow Hose, DORETHA BIERLEY; The Herald, THOMAS HOSTERMAN; CHARLES HERRING; GEHALDENE BITNER; HARRY LEITZEL; CAMERON MUSSEY; The Pages, BERNICE SMITH; GLENN LONG; IRENE GENTZEL.

SCENE—The Royal Kitchen in the Kingdom of Hearts.

MAY BE FATALLY WOUNDED.

Bellefonte Officer in Lock Haven Hospital After Being Attacked by Several Men.

H. H. Gillette, constable of Bellefonte is in the Lock Haven hospital suffering from injuries that may prove fatal. He was attacked by three or four men on Thursday night of last week while serving four warrants for breaking the compulsory school attendance law.

Frank Bauman, alleged to have been one of the attackers, was arrested by Sheriff Dick Taylor, charged with striking Gillette over the head with the point of a pick. He will be held until it is known what the outcome of Mr. Gillette's injuries will be.

Pleased With Stock Sale.

Three years ago Robert Meeker began farming on the Luther Royer farm west of Spring Mills, and last spring he leased the Fleisher farm, near Tusseyville, then vacated by John E. Rishel. Mr. and Mrs. Meeker gave their business close attention, devoting much time and energy to growing stock. On Friday of last week a farm stock sale was held, the gross sales being \$1665. This was only selling surplus stock, there remaining on the farm fourteen head of cattle, four horses and a colt. Seven of the highest priced cows are noted: \$102.50; \$95; \$95; \$93; \$90; \$87.50, and \$81. Mr. Meeker was pleased with the sale and will continue farming in the same way as heretofore.

WesternHorses Sell Well.

The horse sale held in Centre Hall on Monday by D. S. Peuchey was largely attended by farmers and horse dealers from various points. There were twenty-seven horses in the lot, all of which were sold. The high horse passed for \$250 and the low for \$110, the average being \$174. The animals were the best lot offered here for some time, and the bids on them came promptly. This bears out the contention held here by many that if good horses are put on the local market there are always buyers on hand.

May Be a League.

At a meeting held at the Elks' Club Friday evening, three sections—Bellefonte, Centre Hall and Millheim—were represented. A committee was appointed to consult with State College with a view of organizing a four-town league. The committee as given to the Reporter is made up of the following: J. F. Smith, Bellefonte; C. A. Spyster, Centre Hall; R. S. Stover, Millheim.

Easter Bazaar.

The annual Easter bazaar and bake sale, including home-made candies, will be held by the ladies of the Sewing Circle of the Sprucetown M. E. church, in the school house at Potters Mills, on Saturday afternoon and evening, April 19th. Come one, come all, for aprons, fancy articles and good things to eat. —Committee. adv2t

Blackhanders to Go to Scranton.

Joseph and Goldman Stewart, of Rush township, landed in jail last week charged with having forced a boy to write threatening letters to Mike Patrick, have been taken in hand by the postoffice inspectors who have taken measures to have the men taken to Scranton for trial before the federal court.

1,000,000 Drivers' Licenses.

Since March when the motor vehicle drivers' license law became effective, the automobile division has issued 1,000,000 licenses. Up to April 1 approximately 800,000 license plates for passenger cars had been issued, and plates for all kinds of motor vehicles approach the million mark.

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Orvis Meyer within the past ten days.

M. M. Keller, of Pleasant Gap, was in town one day last week and paid his respects to the Reporter.

Union is the only county in the state that did not have an arrest by state cops during 1923, for automobile law violation.

Frank Waitz, a Flemington druggist, was arrested and placed under \$5000 bond for having sold alcoholic beverages without a prescription.

A radio was installed in the Mrs. Margaret Strohm home in Centre Hall. It was presented to her by Mr. and Mrs. Person, and is working fine.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Archie Moyer, in Centre Hall, on April 1st. The boy is doing fine. He is No. 2 in succession, but not in quality.

Prof. Harold Follmore, assistant principal of the Selingsgrove high school, was appointed superintendent of schools in Snyder county to succeed Prof. T. A. Stetler.

Mrs. Laura E. Lee, on Thursday evening, very handsomely entertained the members of the Sunday-school class of the Lutheran church, of which she is a member.

Mr. and Mrs. Fleisher, of Philadelphia, were in Centre Hall for a few days the latter part of last week. Mrs. Fleisher was a guest of Mrs. Elizabeth Jacobs wife in town.

The Gelsinger hospital presented the borough of Lewisburg a modern ambulance for the service of ambulance patients of the towns of Milton, Millinburg and vicinities as well as of Lewisburg.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Davies, of Altoona, were in this section on business and stopped with Mr. and Mrs. James I. Fetterolf, in Centre Hall, Wednesday night. Mr. Davies is a humane officer in Altoona.

Mrs. Mary I. Dice, wife of Rev. L. Dice, a retired Evangelical minister, died at her home in West Milton. Two weeks previous to her death she underwent an operation at a Williamsport hospital. She was aged fifty-nine years.

Gross R. Allison, who was called from his home in New Castle, Kentucky, to attend the funeral of his father, Dr. J. R. Allison, at Millheim, took ill shortly after his arrival here and was not able to return to his home until a few days ago.

Prof. B. E. Yearick, teacher of the North Bend high school, was a visitor in town on Saturday. He is a visitor of Mrs. Michael Delaney and is a native of Nitany Valley. Prof. Yearick is desirous of becoming a teacher in the Centre Hall high school next year.

The federal trade commission threatens to prosecute dealers for fixing prices on used cars. Let them fix the price—plenty high—and some of the auto owners may be convinced that they can make the old boat last another year.

Mrs. Margaret E. Strohm and daughter, Mrs. A. E. Person, arrived in Centre Hall the latter part of last week. Mrs. Strohm will open her home here for the summer, after having spent the winter with her daughters in New Jersey.

To my friends and patrons: I expect to be in Centre Hall as soon as the weather will permit with a fine line of hosiery—"The Hose that Wear." I have new styles and new shades for men, women and children, in silk and cheaper grades to suit every one. Thanking you for past favors I am sincerely, Mrs. C. E. ROYER, adv.

The Reporter was pleased to have a call on Saturday from Frank McKinney, of Juniata. Mr. McKinney is a son of Forester W. F. McKinney, of Potters Mills, but has been in the Altoona district for some years. He is employed in the P. R. R. shops in Juniata in the pipe-fitting department and has had continuous employment there or eight or nine years.

Elmer J. Dashem, one of the Potter township young farmers who prides in meeting bills and all personal obligations promptly, was in town on business Thursday of last week. It required four men shoveling for half a day to open the road between his place and the State Highway, on Thursday, so that he could reach here without too much delay.

H. G. Strohmeier, the senior member of the local school board, in company with H. K. Harnish, of Bellefonte, the architect employed by the board, went to Harrisburg on Friday to meet the State school officials and submit their new high school plan. The original plan has been discarded because of its extreme cost. Approximate figures on the new plan come within striking distance of the money which will be made available through the bond issue.