

**HUMORIST WRITES ROAD SIGNS BETTER THAN HE KNOWS.****Hard Road Sense in Fun for the Press. May Be Taken Seriously With Benefit.**

"Bugs" Baer, a well known newspaper humorist, has written and published a series of "road signs," probably merely intended to entertain. But many of them might be erected with benefit to the safety of traffic.

"Don't run up your mileage with skirts," contains a lot of real caution in tabloid form. "Don't do your thinking with your brakes," will strike a responsive chord in every man who has had near-nervous prostration at the sight of the reckless driver stopping in a hurry. "There are three grades of eggs, but only one grade of crossing and that's dangerous," ought to be pasted in the hat of all those who try to "beat the train" across its right of way.

"The glass in your windshield is the same stuff they put in hospital windows. Which will you look through?" is a very pertinent query, and "Fifteen miles an hour may be a chill but fifty is fever," is not to be medicated to be understood.

To towns troubled with too much speeding by tourists, Mr. Baer suggests "Speed limit in this town fifteen miles an hour. One day for every mile over that!" or "We have seven hotels and one jail, take your pick!"

"Don't try to scare locomotives with your horn." "The minute you save may be your last one." You wouldn't travel on a freight train, so don't try to travel under one." are all good to remember.

Mr. Baer intended to be funny, and succeeded; he may not have intended to be serious, but many can take his cleverness seriously with benefit to themselves and the general public.

In other words (Mr. Baer once more) "Accident insurance is a good thing to have without the accident."

**Mothers' Assistance.**

The conservation of child life, the State has realized, is of great importance. Also, statistics show that it is much more economical to maintain children in their homes than it is to support them in children's institutions. Children cared for in their own homes under the care of their own mothers, have a better chance to become healthy normal citizens. The State Legislature with these facts before them, established the Mothers' Assistance Fund. In March 1923 one million, two hundred thousand dollars were appropriated for this work. The division of this appropriation is made according to the class under which the county is listed, the class depending upon the number of inhabitants Centre county being a sixth class county for apportionment its class being only \$2199.00 per year. To this the county is required to appropriate a like amount. The Mothers' Assistance Law states that the Board of Trustees may use 10 per cent of the fund for maintenance or expense each year. During the existence of the Centre county Board, six years, their account for expense has not exceeded \$25.00 per year.

The following is a list of the Centre county board of trustees: Mrs. Frank D. Gardner, president, State College; Miss Mary H. Linn, vice president; Mrs. John S. Walker, secretary and treasurer; Mrs. W. F. Reynolds, Bellefonte; Mrs. Charles E. McGirk, Mrs. L. W. Nuttall, Philipsburg; Mrs. G. S. Frank, Millheim.

The board at present have under their care thirteen mothers and sixty children. The small amount of money granted to each family per year, keeps the home together.

**Elks' Kiddies' Day.**

The sun shone little on Thursday of last week, the day designated as Elks' Kiddies' Day, but there was plenty of sunshine on the faces of the twelve to fifteen hundred of Centre county's dearest children who gathered on Hecla Park. Their little faces beamed so brightly that the sun was scarcely missed. The children gathered early about the Elks' home in Bellefonte and by 9:30 all had been transported to the park, and many others came from all directions in private cars. It was a great day for the children who took advantage of the invitation extended them by their big brothers to spend the day on the park wholly at their expense. And yet it is doubtful if the children enjoyed the day more than the Elks themselves—in fact, they could not. The joy of the Elks came through the knowledge everywhere manifest that their little guests were happy. And what can gratify a normal adult more than to be able to do something to bring real joy into the life of a child? And so we find that at the close of the day the children had more than paid their obligation.

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**DAILY VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL.****Two Weeks' Session Opens Auspiciously Monday Morning—Seventy-Five Children, from 5 to 14 Years, Enroll.**

A two weeks' session of a Daily Vacation Bible School opened Monday morning under the most favorable circumstances, seventy-five children between the ages of five and fourteen years enrolling. The ministers of the town are guiding and giving assistance, but the teaching proper will be done by others. The teachers so far enlisted are Miss Mary Delinda Potter, Miss Eva Bailey, Mrs. William Bradford, Miss Miriam Huyett. Others are being prevailed on to give their time and skill and no doubt will respond.

The children who enrolled the first session classified in departments, are given below:

Kindergarten department—Arda May Ishler, Marie Walker, Winifred Markie, Gerald Markie, John Kirkpatrick, James Bradford, George Martz, Anna May Martz, Bertha Bradford, Dean Runkle, William Confer, Lawrence Bender.

Primary Department.—Warren Homan, Robert Bradford, Muth Bailey, John Spyker, Robert Longwell, Fred Spyker, Jay Runkle, Woodrow Bradford, Robert Walker, Robert Elliot, Vinton McClellan, Fred Blingman, John Delaney, Kenneth Frank, Ralph Packard, Hazel Lutz, Imogene O'Bryan, Mary Alice Spyker, Ruth Hartley, Gladys Smith, Ruth Reiber, Anna Jane Mussler, Kathryn Bender, Katherine Runkle, Miriam Mitterling.

Junior Department.—William Weaver, Miriam Gross, Sarah Odenkirk, Isabel Bradford, Betty Ehrlich, Margaret Bradford, Mary Alice Reiber, Reuben Rickerd, Richard Bailey, Harold S. Dunkle, William Spyker, Richard Shultz, Russel Walker, Miriam Ishler, Olive Gleckner, Miriam Smith, Evelyn Colyer, Lois Packer, Sara Smith, Genevieve Ruble, Madeline Emerick, Mary Garner.

Intermediate department.—Margaret Delaney, Helen Odenkirk, Dorothy Emerick, Kathryn Martz, Lila Stoner, Dorothy Odenkirk, Mary Buckley, Fay Bradford, Beulah Blingman, Sara Runkle, Philip McClenahan, Fred Luse, Eugene Colyer, Russel Colyer, Bruce Knarr, Kathryn Goodhart, Mary Shreckengast.

**Auto Accident at Milesburg.**

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Caldwell, of Jersey Shore, while on a motor trip on Monday, had a thrilling experience when their automobile went through a gap in the railing of a bridge over Bald Eagle creek at Milesburg. The car was badly damaged when it fell into water which came up to the waists of the occupants. Mrs. Caldwell was thought to be seriously injured but was taken to her home and is much improved. She is suffering from cuts and bruises and shock. Her husband was less seriously hurt.

**Lutherans to Meet at Lakemont.**

The Lutheran Reunion association of Central Pennsylvania is the oldest Lutheran association of its kind in this country, and has done much to popularize Lutheranism in this part of the state. In a few weeks it will hold its 39th annual meeting. To be exact, on Thursday, July 24, the Lutheran hosts and their friends will assemble at Lakemont park for a sprightly feast and social fellowship. Here old friendships will be enriched and new friendships will be formed.

A fine program of music and addresses is being prepared, and appetizing meals will be served by the ladies of the Temple Lutheran church of Altoona. Every loyal Lutheran and many of their friends will want to make this the best of reunions.

**Stocking Nittany With Bear.**

The state game commission is stocking Nittany Mountain with black bear, captured in the northern tier counties. Monday afternoon the third bear was released near the "watering trough," along the break road between Centre Hall and Pleasant Gap. His bearship climbed the mountains eastward, after stopping several times to take a look at the hundred or more "kiddies" and men who witnessed the releasing.

**Keystone Power Corporation.**

The Board of Directors of Keystone Power Corporation has declared quarterly dividend No. 9 of one and three-quarters (1 3/4 per cent), covering the quarter ending June 30th, 1924, payable on the 7th per cent, Preferred Capital Stock of the Company on July 1st, 1924, to stockholders of record at the close of business on June 30th, 1924.

C. C. McBRIDE, Treasurer.

The ten millionth Ford car is making a trip from New York to the Pacific coast.

**MILES TOWNSHIP TO HAVE FIRST CLASS HIGH SCHOOL.****Partial Centralization of Schools Will Give Rebersburg Splendid School Facilities.**

Miles township is forging ahead in school work and has mapped out a program it has already commenced to carry out that will result in a first-class High school being organized at Rebersburg, the most central point of the district.

The "little brown" school houses at Lavonia, Wolfs Store and the one west of Rebersburg known as Harter's will be closed. The buildings also will be razed and the material used in the construction of a school house in Rebersburg to accommodate the primary and intermediate grades of the districts named as well as the pupils of that grade in Rebersburg. The present handsome school building at Rebersburg is being remodeled, so that instead of accommodating four schools as heretofore six schools will be provided for. The school board is contemplating these changes without greatly increasing the tax rate. Miles township is one of the wealthiest townships in the county and for many years had a school tax rate the lowest in the county.

The High school at Rebersburg heretofore had but fourteen pupils, but with plans now being carried out not less than thirty-five pupils will be on the roster during the 1924-1925 school year.

It is proposed to fulfill all the requirements needed to make the school one of the first grade, and to do this two additional teachers must be added. Mrs. Mary Abbott, daughter of Hon. Henry Meyer, of Rebersburg, who so successfully taught the High school last year, was re-elected principal. The two assistants have not yet been selected. The grade teachers elected are Harry Zeliger, grammar; Miles W. Bron, intermediate; T. A. Auman, primary.

**Dr. Sparks Dead.**

Dr. Edwin Earle Sparks, who retired in 1920 as president of the Pennsylvania State College after twelve years of service, died at his home on the college campus, Sunday forenoon. He was about eighty-two years old, but later returned to his room, and when he failed to respond to a call for one o'clock dinner, he was found lying across the bed in his room. The college physician said he probably had been dead for two or more hours.

The former president had been suffering with neuralgia in the region of the heart for many weeks. During the last two weeks his health was impaired through his taking a number of motor trips throughout the state while he delivered high school commencement addresses. His last public appearance was on Friday morning, when he spoke to the Pennsylvania county agents and others of the extension staff in conference at State College. His talk at that time was declared one of the best he had given in several years.

The widow of Dr. Sparks is traveling in California with the special tour of the State Federation of Pennsylvania Women and was notified at San Francisco. Their only child, a daughter, Mrs. Carvel E. Sparks, arrived from her home in Piedmont, N. J.

The resignation of Dr. Sparks was presented first in 1917, but he was persuaded to continue in office. Since the fall of 1920 he had been a special lecturer for freshman classes in American history, in which subject he was considered an authority.

The second half of the past two college years was spent by Dr. Sparks in traveling to colleges and universities all over the country in the interests of Phi Kappa Phi honorary fraternity, of which he was regent general. He visited the South and Far West on a trip during February and March of this year.

Dr. Sparks was born in Licking county, Ohio, July 16, 1860. He was graduated from Ohio State University in 1884 and in 1890 became principal of the preparatory department of Penn State. After five years he went to the University of Chicago as dean and professor of history and was called to the presidency at Penn State in 1908. His administration is regarded as the expansion period of the college.

Funeral services will be held in the college auditorium on Saturday morning at 11 o'clock. It has been announced. Dr. John M. Thomas, now president of the college will have charge of the services, assisted by Rev. Samuel Martin, pastor of the local Presbyterian church.

The services were set for Saturday to enable Mrs. Sparks to return from California, where she had been on a tour with the Penna. Federation of Women's Clubs. She is expected to arrive Friday.

**ALL HEALTH PROMPTED MAN TO KILL HIMSELF.****Philip Saul, of Beaver Falls, Ends Life at Daughter's Home—Used Belt As Noose.**

Philip Saul, aged 68 years, of Beaver Falls, was found dead Saturday night a week ago in his bedroom at the home of a daughter, Mrs. William Fike, in Buffalo Run Valley. In a moment of despondency due to ill health, he hanged himself with a belt attached to the bedstead in his room. Funeral services were held from Shiloh church at 2:30 o'clock Tuesday afternoon, and burial made in the cemetery nearby.

Mr. Saul was known to comparatively few persons in the Buffalo Run valley. About 6 weeks ago he came from Beaver Falls to the Fike home, where he received every care and attention possible at the hands of his daughter. There are four other daughters and also five sons, of the latter one being in the Navy and another residing in Kansas. Appreciating that their father's condition had become quite serious the children assembled a short time ago to plan for his future care and to provide the very best medical attention that might be secured for him. Late Saturday night two of his sons found his lifeless body, a short time after Mr. Saul had retired.

Deceased was born in Germany, and came to this country in 1882, living for a short time at Centre Hall. He was united in marriage to Susan Michael, who preceded him in death thirteen years ago. The names of the children who survive him are: Mrs. C. V. Smith, Charles, Lottie and Robert, all of Beaver Falls; Mrs. L. D. Kyler, of Waddle; George and Mrs. Lester Corl, of State College; Claude, of Kansas City; Sylvester, of the U. S. S. "Cuyana," stationed at San Francisco, and Mrs. William Fike, of near Bellefonte.

The foregoing is reprinted from the Bellefonte Republican of last week's issue.

Mr. Saul came to the States early in the eighties, landing at New York. He immediately went to Wheeling, West Virginia, where he engaged at work in the iron mills. He tried of conditions there and felt the great disadvantage of being in a country whose language he could not speak. Talking the sun for his guide he set out for New York, determined to take the first boat to the homeland. He came up through the Juniata valley to Millin county and near Reedsville stopped on a farm with the family of William Michael, who died west of Centre Hall about thirty years ago. He married a daughter of Mr. Michael, and when the family came to the McNitt farm, west of town, Mr. Saul and family came with them. Most of the children were born here. Mr. Saul was an industrious man, never idling. He was wrapped up in his children and when he had his own health he was always with them.

**Declines College Post.**

Howard R. Omwake, dean of Franklin and Marshall College, has refused the offer to become president of Catawba College, at Salisbury, N. C. Several weeks ago an invitation to head the Southern Reformed church college was received by Dean Omwake, and since then he has been considering the change, but now has formally notified the trustees of his desire to remain in Lancaster.

Catawba College is the institution for which Rev. John H. Keller, of China Grove, N. C., a native of Centre Hall, is canvassing for funds and meeting with considerable success.

**Notice to Taxpayers.**

To all those who are liable to a special tax for any of the occupations mentioned on Form 11, 11A, or 732, notice has been issued from the collector's office at Scranton, Pa., that a deputy collector of internal revenue will sit in the following places on the dates named, for the purpose of receiving applications for the required special stamps:

Renovo—Clinton Hotel, June 23rd.  
Lock Haven—Postoffice, June 25.  
Philipsburg—Moshannon National Bank building, June 24.  
State College—Nittany Inn, June 26.  
Bellefonte—Court House, June 27th, 28th and 30th.

Tax must be paid for the full year, July 1, 1924, to June 30, 1925, except where business is begun after July 1, 1924, in which case tax must be paid for the period from which the first day of the month in which business is begun to June 30, 1925.

The following persons appeared in the Millheim Telegraph: Mrs. Alfred Catherman, Mrs. Daniel Catherman and Mrs. George Harter spent Monday in Aaronsburg. Rev. N. J. Dubs left for Albright College, Myerstown, as a member of the visiting committee, to be present at the commencement exercises.

**Gives to Church Boards.**

Miss Mary Fisher, in a will written six or eight years ago, disposed of her property, estimated at between \$25,000 and \$40,000, giving the greater part of it to church boards.

Frank M. Fisher of Centre Hall, was named executor, and is taking measures to fulfill the wishes of his sister, whose death was mentioned in the last issue of this paper. Four persons—her brother, F. M. Fisher, Miss Lola Ulrich, and Mrs. (Rev.) E. R. Corman, niece, and Charles Snyder, a nephew, were given \$1000 each.

The Reformed Church Boards received funds to establish building funds in memory of Jared B. Fisher, Sarah L. Fisher, Charles W. Fisher and Mary C. Fisher. After these bequests have been paid the remainder is to be equally divided between the five following objects:

The society for the relief of ministers and widows of the Reformed Church of the United States.

The Bethany Orphans' Home, Womelsdorf, Pa.

The Phoebe Deaconess Home of the Reformed Church in the United States, located at Allentown, Pa.

The Board of Foreign Missions of the Reformed Church.

The Theological Seminary at Lancaster, Pa.

**Mrs. R. E. Sweetwood Injured.**

Mrs. R. E. Sweetwood was seriously injured Saturday evening in an automobile accident on the way from one cemetery to another to participate in services in memory of departed members of the lodge of Odd Fellows. The car was being driven by Mr. Sweetwood, and was coming down the hill from the Georges Valley Lutheran church. The car was heading the procession and when the turn was reached something went wrong with the steering apparatus, the car crashing through a wire fence and before coming to a rest turned over once or more. Mrs. Sweetwood sustained a broken bone in the left arm above the wrist and a long gash over the forehead, and other bruises. While the wounds are painful, no serious results are anticipated. A son of the couple was also in the car, but like Mr. Sweetwood, was not injured.

**Sherman Children Improving.**

Virginia and William, aged eight and seven years, respectively, children of Rev. H. H. Sherman, pastor of the Methodist church, are confined to their beds at their home in Spring Mills, suffering from scarlet fever. The father, Monday morning, reported the children improving with the brightest hopes of their complete recovery.

**Kern—Gentzel.**

Clarence E. Kern, of Coburn, and Miss Mary Helen Gentzel, of Spring Mills, were united in marriage at the Lutheran parsonage, Centre Hall, at 4:15 P. M. Saturday, by the pastor of the bride, Rev. M. C. Drumm.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Kern, of Coburn, and is employed in the pipe kilns of Cambria county. The bride is the daughter of Mrs. G. C. Gentzel, of Spring Mills. They will reside in Western Pennsylvania in the near future.

**County S. S. Convention.**

The Centre County Sunday-School convention will meet in Port Matilda, Wednesday and Thursday of next week. The two State speakers on the program are H. C. Criddle, Pittsburgh adult division superintendent, and Miss Emma G. Lemen, Philadelphia, adult division superintendent.

**W. C. T. U. Picnic.**

The local W. C. T. U. will hold a basket picnic at Penns Cave on Friday, June 27th. Transportation will be provided for those who, have no way to reach the grounds. Autos will leave the diamond, Centre Hall, at 1:00 o'clock p. m., and also at 2:00 p. m., for the accommodation of those wishing to attend.

**McSparran Penn State Trustee.**

John A. McSparran, of Furness, master of the Pennsylvania State Grange, was elected a trustee of the Pennsylvania State College by forty delegates from engineering and agricultural societies, Col. William P. Rothrock, of State College, was also elected.

The two new trustees succeeded State Senator E. E. Jones, of Harford, and Congressman L. T. McFadden, of Canton. George G. Hutchinson, Warrior's Mark, and Chester J. Tyson, Florida, were re-elected.

**Millheim School Teachers Elected.**

The Millheim school board elected the following teachers:  
Principal—J. L. Hackenberg.  
Assistants—R. A. Miller and Hattie C. Fertig.  
Grammar—J. N. Moyer.  
Intermediate—Miss Violet Gutelius.  
Primary—Mrs. J. L. Hackenberg.

**TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.****HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS.**

The first car load of lumber for the new school house arrived and was delivered on the grounds last week.

On Sunday E. M. Huyett returned from Delaware, Ohio, where he had been for some weeks at a well-known sanatorium.

Mrs. J. D. P. Smithgall and children, of Franklin, are at the home of Mrs. Smithgall's grandmother, Mrs. Susanna Spangler.

Imogene O'Brian, eight years old, of Axe Mann, is being taken care of by Rev. and Mrs. J. M. Kirkpatrick. She will remain here for several weeks.

Mrs. John Haugh, of State College, mother of Mrs. (Rev.) J. M. Kirkpatrick, was a guest at the Presbyterian Manse for a few days, returning home Monday.

Forest fires during the forest fire season just passed were less than for some years. There were a total of 903 fires, burning over 41,748 acres of land in the state.

After graduating from the medical department of the University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, George K. Swartz, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Swartz, of State College, is serving his internship at Geisinger Memorial Hospital, Danville.

While the rain was falling cut worms were busy trimming off the corn, close to the ground. There is considerable complaint by the farmers of the damage done to crop. Let us hope the wreck is not nearly as bad as it is thought to be.

James A. Keller, of Landisville, for several days was a guest at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. K. Keller, in Centre Hall. He filled the position of assistant principal of the Landisville (Lancaster county) high school, and was re-elected for the coming school year.

Miss Adaline McClenahan, for several years located in Baltimore for her parents, is home for a few weeks' vacation. Since her graduation from a Baltimore institution as a stenographer she has been regularly employed with the same firm, all of which speaks well for her ability.

Miss Gladys Jones, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. H. R. Jones, of Lutzville, was a guest of Miss Sarah Heckman, at State College, during commencement week, and Saturday the two came to Centre Hall and were entertained by Miss Heckman's cousins, Misses Helen and Ruth Runkle, until Monday afternoon.

Orrin Kister, of Aaronsburg, who for the past several months has been employed at Akron, Ohio, in company with James Wyle and another friend from Akron, started on an overland trip to California. The journey is being made in a Ford touring car which they bought and re-conditioned for the purpose.

Memorial services were held on Sunday by the local lodge of Odd Fellows. After decorating the graves in the cemetery here, W. E. Montgomery, connected with the forestry department, at Harrisburg, spoke to the members of the order and others assembled. Mr. Montgomery is a fluent speaker and presented an array of facts of particular interest to his audience.

Engineer McCullum, on one of the local freight trains, had hard luck on Thursday of last week. His engine went bad at Spring Mills and was helped out by Engineer Shure and crew. McCullum then ran light to Bellefonte. At Oak Hall the engine hit an auto truck loaded with milk, upset it but never made a scratch on the driver, Mr. Martz. Between there and Bellefonte several cows were bumped off the truck.

A passenger on the train east on the day the Clyde Bradford stable burned is making a holler to the Pennsylvania Railroad company about getting her clothes soiled. It appears that an open window in the coach she was riding permitted a portion of water intended to extinguish the fire to fall on her gown, and this raised her temper to such a degree that she feels nothing will bring it back to normal except a certain amount of Penns cash.

Those who visited Miss Margaret Luse in the Bellefonte hospital found her in the best of spirits, and recovering nicely from the mishap resulting in a badly splintered collar bone which had to be fastened with wires to hold it in position. Sunday she was taken to the home of her sister, Mrs. Fred Harvey, at State College, where she was put to bed for an additional week. Mrs. Harvey is a graduate nurse and was with her sister nearly all the time she was in the hospital.