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APPEAL TO SAVE 25 OF THE POOREST ORPHANS.

Reformed Church Messenger—Editor Backs Governor Pinchot's Plan to "Adopt" These Little Ones.

From Athens, in Greece, comes this appeal to the Near East Relief from one of its workers in the refugee camps there:

"May I take into the orphanage at Christmas time twenty-five of the poorest orphans among the hundreds of refugees there?"

Upon Pennsylvania's answer to this pathetic plea depends the life of twenty-five children, now destitute and almost starved—boys and girls who have been weakened by two years of oppression and the long, tedious journey from their former prosperous settlement in Konia, from which they were driven by the Turks.

These children are huddled together, along with thousands of others, in tents provided by the Greek government. All of them are undernourished and many of them are suffering from disease. Their clothing comprises of bits of flour bags and burlap which they have managed to pick up along the roadway. Their food consists of only one meal a day. They are facing a hard winter, with the grain crops in that section of the world reported to be almost a total failure and absolutely inadequate to take care of the thousands dependent upon the soil for their bare existence.

Near East Relief orphanages are filled. Trouble is being experienced in taking care of those already in the orphanages because of the lack of funds. To meet this emergency, Governor Pinchot recently issued an appeal urging Pennsylvania to "adopt" these little ones, explaining that \$50 a year or \$5 a month will maintain one of them.

"There are thousands of orphans in the refugee camps who should be taken into the orphanages," explained Rev. Paul S. Leimbach, editor of the Reformed Church Messenger, "but we cannot take them in because we haven't the money to support them. The request of one of our workers that he be permitted to take in twenty-five of the little ones is indeed, pathetic. It comes to us on the eve of the Christmas season when we in our prosperity, are 'planning happy Christmas celebrations for our little ones. It recalls the search in Bethlehem on that memorable Christmas eve when Christ was born in a manger after Mary had been refused admittance to the Inn.

"Upon Pennsylvania's response to this appeal depends the happiness of these little ones at Christmas. If we fail them, they face starvation and death. If we take them in, they will be cared for and educated to become Christian citizens. Isn't it worth just a little sacrifice at this season?"

Dr. Leimbach asked that contributions be sent to Near East Relief, Regional Headquarters, Broad and Locust Streets, Philadelphia.

Colleges Are for It.

"Light wines put France at the bottom of the list in the Olympic games, with 26½ points, while the prohibition United States led the list with 255 points. Prohibition Finland won 156 points, while 'personal liberty' Great Britain won only 85½ points.

These figures are brought to mind again by the results of the debating tour conducted in this country by teams from Oxford and Cambridge. In their meetings with the debating teams of American colleges and universities, the visitors proposed Prohibition and the League of Nations as their favorite subjects. Though judges presided the verdicts in most instances were directed by the vote of the audience. Here are some of the collegiate verdicts on prohibition:

At the University of Michigan the audience decided that the Michigan debaters had worsted the Britishers, the vote being 1,247 to 529. At the University of Minnesota the vote was 1,343 for the prohibition defenders, to 493 against. At the University of Cincinnati the vote was 1,714 for to 698 against. At Coe College, 437 for to 95 against. At Hillsdale College 432 for to 88 against. At the University of Kansas the vote was four to one for prohibition.

It would seem that Prohibition is capable of producing equally good records on the athletic field and the debating platform.

Raise Own Decorations.

Christmas decorations, often more attractive than those sold in the stores can be made at home. Plan now to plant some Crataegus Pyracantha (Evergreen Hawthorne) and some Ilex verticillata (Native Winterberry) on the home grounds. If this is done, next Christmas you will have material for home decoration, both original and beautiful.

Merry Christmas

DEATHS.

HEILHECKER.—Charles W. Heilhecker, manager of the Bell Telephone office in Bellefonte for the past six years, died at his home there Friday morning at 11 o'clock after an illness of but two days with grip. He was aged 57 years and is survived by his wife and one daughter, Amy.

Mr. Heilhecker was a native of Williamsport and before going to Bellefonte was manager of the Lock Haven office of the telephone company for eight years. Prior to that time he was connected with the Rishel Furniture company in Williamsport. His work brought him to Centre Hall quite frequently, and all who came in contact with the man found him to be of most pleasant disposition and respected by those who labored with him. His death is sadly regretted by those who counted him a friend in this section.

AIKINS.—Mrs. Addie Aikins died at her home in Cleveland, Ohio, Sunday morning, aged about eighty years. The remains were brought to Bellefonte on Tuesday afternoon, interment having been made from the train.

—Mrs. Aikins is well known in Centre county, where she and her husband, the late A. J. Aikins, engaged in business for many years. Her maiden name was Miss Addie Odenkirk. She was a cousin of the late John Odenkirk, at Old Fort, and was reared in Huntingdon county, in the vicinity of Mill Creek.

There survives the deceased two daughters, Mrs. George Johnston, of Beaver Falls, and Miss Emma, who lived with her mother. Several brothers also survive.

MEYER.—Austin B. Meyer, a highly respected and substantial resident of Coburn, died at his home there of a complication of diseases.

Deceased acquired an education at Spring Mills academy and New Berlin academy, and upon completion of same returned to his home, dividing his time between working for his father and assisting in the office of the Coburn Grain and Creamery Co. Upon the death of W. L. Hosterman, then manager of the Creamery company Mr. Meyer assumed the duties of manager, retaining same until several years ago when he left that position because of ill health.

In only a few weeks, however, a vacancy in the Millheim Banking company, caused by the death of D. L. Zerby, brought him back to fill the position. This he held until several weeks prior to his death.

He was married to Miss Tammie Weaver, of Woodward. No children were born to this union.

Deceased was a member of the Reformed church at Coburn and of Millheim Camp No. 9833, M. W. A.; a sound business man and well liked by all his associates. His age was 52 years, 9 months, 12 days.

Surviving him are his wife, his father, Jacob W. Meyer, of near Coburn; a sister, Mrs. Clayton Corman, of Duquesne, Pa., and a brother, Cyrus, a lawyer, of Pittsburgh.

DIEHL.—Charles Diehl, a former resident of Brush Valley, died at his home in Clyde, Ohio, aged 48 years, 9 months and 7 days. He was in delicate health for some time from cancer of the stomach.

Mr. Diehl was married to Rosie Corman, a daughter of the late James T. Corman, of Rebersburg, who survives with one son, Corman. Several brothers also survive.

He was a blacksmith by trade but for the past three years he conducted an implement store at Clyde, Ohio, going there from Colby, O., where he had lived for a number of years.

LAMEY.—Catharine (Snaveley) Lamey, relict of Harvey Lamey, died at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gomer Stutta, in Millheim, of a complication of diseases, aged 71 years. Mrs. Lamey was a daughter of Jacob and Marie Snaveley, of Penn township, and spent the greater part of her life in Millheim. She was of kindly disposition and always ready and eager to render assistance to anybody when needed.

Her husband died several years ago. She is survived by one daughter, Mrs. H. C. Cable, of Millheim. Interment was made in the Union cemetery, Millheim.

(Other deaths on inside page)

The Centre Reporter, \$1.50 a year.

NO PAPER NEXT WEEK.
The Reporter will observe the Yuletide season, as in former years, by omitting an issue of the paper; therefore, no Reporter will appear next week. The next issue will bear date of January 8th, 1925.

That the Christmas season may be one of joy and happiness in the homes of its readers, and that the New Year may give promise of increased prosperity and all that makes life worth living, is the wish of the Reporter.

CLEARFIELD ODD FELLOWS TO PLAY HOST IN 1925

Allegheny Region Anniversary Association to Hold Gathering in April in Clearfield.

The Allegheny Region Anniversary Association of the I. O. O. F., at their 1924 meeting at Ebensburg selected Clearfield as their 1925 meeting place and the time is the month of April. Clearfield lodge means to show their brethren that they made no mistake in selecting this city and to this end early last fall named A. M. Pearce, superintendent of the Penn Public Service company and a man with a record for putting things across, as general chairman; Frank S. Gilliland, vice chairman; H. S. Mann, secretary, and E. Clair Davis, treasurer. Supplementing this able staff are eight major committees, each with a chairman who is a "go getter." Every committee has been busy; in fact, the details of the celebration are well in hand and with almost four months to go there is time to carry out to the last degree the elaborate program that is in the making.

The first general committee meeting was held Monday evening and Chairman Pearce was delighted to see thirty men out to participate in the making of the arrangements. Beginning at eight o'clock the committee labored until late in the night discussing various suggestions made for the success of the event. The committee is determined to set a new high record for successors to shoot at. Odd Fellows should keep in touch with Clearfield during the coming six weeks when the full program should be ready for public distribution.

Christmas Entertainments.

To-night (Wednesday) the M. E. church people will hold their Christmas entertainment, at 7:30 o'clock. An invitation is extended to be general public to attend.

Christmas night, at 7:30 o'clock, the local Lutheran church will hold their annual Christmas service.

Dollings Stock 15 Per Cent.

Claims aggregating more than \$600,000 against the funds in the hands of the receiver of the R. L. Dollings Co. of Pennsylvania are refused by A. G. Geary, special master appointed by the federal court in Philadelphia, who announced the completion of his report. He allowed claims totaling about \$52,000. The two largest claims refused were those of the International Note and Mortgage company, of Columbus, Ohio, which exceeded \$500,000, and the Crane Ice Cream company, of Philadelphia, amounting to \$50,000.

Should the report be approved by the court the indications are that the Dollings stockholders will receive between 15 and 25 per cent. of their investment, but should all the claims be allowed, they would receive practically nothing.

Rishel—Hosterman.

At the Lutheran parsonage at Aaronburg, Nevin Bower Rishel, of near Spring Mills, and Miss Bessie Caroline Hosterman, were united in marriage by the pastor, Rev. F. H. Daubenspeck.

The groom is farming with his father, being one of Gregg township's hunting young men. The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. O. Hosterman, of Penn township, and is well and favorably known hereabouts.

The Bellefonte newspapers—both Republican and Democratic—refer to Judge Arthur C. Dale, the Pinchot personal appointee, as though he were a nonentity. Much of the criticism offered at this time is the mouthing of desires of attorneys whose jealousies are getting the better of them. There will be ample time to offer criticisms if they need be, after errors have been made on the bench. It sure is no crime for a young ambitious attorney to accept an appointment to the judgeship. Give Judge Dale a chance.

RURAL MAIL SERVICE.

Routes Increased from 148 in 1898 to 44,000 in 1924.—Million Miles Traveled Each Day.

How large a part in the United States postal service is now occupied by the rural free delivery system is indicated in the annual report of the postmaster general in which he announces the establishment of 396 new rural routes last year, the additional routes supplying mail service to approximately 56,940 families.

A number of existing routes were also extended and frequency service on 176 routes increased. More than 500,000 persons were benefited by the extension of service during the 12-month period, according to the postmaster general's figures.

The remarkable growth of the rural free delivery has been one of the features of the postal service during the last quarter century. In 1898 there were 148 carriers. Three years later the number had increased to 4,301. In the next two years there was a jump of nearly eleven thousand in the number of carriers, the total going to 15,119 with a daily mileage of 332,618.

Today there are more than 44,000 carriers who travel more than a million miles each day. The rural routes now supply thirty million patrons at an annual cost of about \$86,000,000.

The rural free delivery has played a most important part in bringing the city and country into closer relations.

Betts, Mercantile Appraiser.

Among the appointments for Mercantile Appraisers made throughout the State was Mervin H. Betts, of Jacksonsville, for Centre county.

Memorial to Andy Lytle.

Freshmen at the Pennsylvania State College have started the work of building a memorial cabin for the student Y. M. C. A. at the foot of Tussey mountain, three miles from the college. It is to be a memorial to "Andy" Lytle, known to all Penn State students as the "oldest freshman" and the oldest football roster at the college. "Andy" was made an honorary member of the present freshman class this fall. The cabin is to be for the use of student hiking parties.

TWO BARN BURNED.

\$10,000 Loss Near Nittany—Believed to Have Been Set on Fire by Tramps—Barn Near Smullton Also Total Loss—Light Insurance Carried by All Owners.

Fire believed to have been of incendiary origin caused damages estimated to exceed \$10,000 on the J. Harold Long farm at Nittany early Tuesday morning of last week. The farm is tenanted by N. E. Schindler. He was awakened at an early hour by the barking of a dog, but paid no attention until perhaps a half hour later the fierce howl of the animal led the farmer to investigate from the bedroom window, and he discovered his large barn was enveloped in flames.

In the barn were two veal head of cattle, two head of horses and twenty-one head of swine, a Chevrolet automobile, Fordson tractor, an entire season's crop of hay and straw, 1,200 pounds of chop, 225 bushels of oats. Clothed only in his undergarments, Mr. Schindler risked his life that his stock might be saved. He succeeded in leading all the animals to safety but one horse, which was burned so badly that it had to be killed. Mr. Schindler believes that tramps occupied the barn during the night and probably set the hay afire while smoking. He carried no insurance on his personal equipment, but stated that the owner had some insurance on the barn. The Mill Hall fire department sent their pumper to the scene.

The large farm barn on the W. J. Haakenberg farm, near Smullton, tenanted by T. A. Bennage, was discovered to be on fire about 11:30 Wednesday morning of last week, and before any assistance could be rendered the structure was entirely destroyed, together with all the contents, excepting the stock.

The family was at dinner when the fire was discovered, but by prompt action all the stock was removed. All other contents of the barn were burned.

There was but very light insurance on the barn and contents.

Captain Charles E. Sahl, commanding officer of Troop "A," 62nd Machine Gun Squadron, of Boalsburg, tendered his resignation, to become effective at once.

LETTERS FROM SUBSCRIBERS.

Dr. J. K. Hosterman Sees Great Country in the North-West.

Seattle, Washington, Dec. 11, 1924

Dear Editor:

We have moved from Crystal City, Missouri, to Seattle, Washington, and expect to make this our future home. The farther from home I get, the greater need for the Reporter, so enclosed you will find my check for another year's Reporter. The North-West is a great country, the most promising part of the United States. Seattle is the coming city of the coast and will be in time the New York of the Pacific. This is their slogan, and they will make it good. The population has more than doubled in the last ten years. It has the second best natural harbor in the world. The city is built on seven hills overlooking the sound and harbor. The climate is ideal; a mild frost is about the coldest weather and the summers not hot—not enough variation in the seasons to cause much change in dress. Just now we are having the rainy season, people care no more for the rain here than they do for the sunshine. The roses are blooming and the lawns and shrubbery are as green as anytime in the year.

Lumbering in its many forms is about 65 per cent. of the industry; shipbuilding, dairying and fruit raising and gardening are among the great industries here. Their public markets are among the greatest and best I have ever seen. There is much to say of this city and the North-West but I will cut it short by wishing you and all my friends a prosperous 1925. Yours very respectfully,

J. K. HOSTERMAN.
1414 Seneca Street.

Words of Appreciation from Williamsport.

Williamsport, Pa., Dec. 17, 1924.

Editor Centre Reporter:
Enclosed you will find check to advance the Reporter for the year 1925, coming to us in the name of Miss Mary E. Evans.

We have enjoyed and appreciated your clean, newsy paper. We wish you greater success for the year 1925. Sincerely,
MARGARET E. BOLLINGER.

Fisher Home Resold.

The Major J. B. Fisher homestead, at Penn Hall, is now owned by Percival Sharp, of Gregg township, who expects to occupy it a year from April first. The place was sold by Frank M. Fisher, executor of his sister, Miss Mary Fisher, at public sale, to W. A. Neese. Mr. Neese later sold it to Mr. Fisher, and a few days ago the place was again sold to Mr. Sharp, as noted above. At the public sale the home sold for \$2575. It is understood that the later sales did not create profits except to cover legal expenses.

Carter—Osman.

The marriage of Frederick K. Carter, of Centre Hall, and Mrs. Agnes Osman, of Spring Mills, was consummated at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Shunk, in Centre Hall, on Tuesday evening, by Rev. J. F. Bingman, of the Evangelical church. After the ceremony, which was witnessed by twenty or more close relatives and friends of the bride and groom, a sumptuous repast was served by Mrs. Shunk, a sister of the bride, and after that the calthumpians had their inning.

Mr. and Mrs. Carter will begin house-keeping in a part of the David Stoner house, near the station.

The Reporter joins with the friends of the bride and groom in extending congratulations.

Enemies Live in Peace

The Juniata Valley Country Club, while clearing the land for the golf course, were engaged in removing an old apple tree which stood for many years near the farm buildings, and when the axe was laid to the old tree, they found a chicken hen and a nest of eggs.

Midway up the tree, a nest of red field mice was sheltered from the blasts of winter and near the top of the tree in a hollow limb was the habitat of a large screech owl. The strange neighbors had evidently been living peacefully, as there was no visible signs of disagreement.

School Entertainment

The pupils of Tusseyville school, of which Harvey Flink is teacher, will give a Christmas entertainment today (Wednesday, 24th) in the form of a play, entitled "Sing a Song of Sleepyhead," to which the public is invited. The hour is 2:30 o'clock.

Merry Christmas.

No paper next week.

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS.

The latter part of last week Mrs. F. E. Arney went to Millinburg to spend a few days with her son, William E. Arney, and Mrs. Arney.

The Raymond hunting party, located at Sand Spring, at the entrance of the Bear Meadows, had the unusual experience of killing six bucks on one drive.

W. H. Swartz, who lives just south of Millheim, killed three fine porkers which weighed, when dressed, 482, 434 and 495½ pounds, and produced eleven 50-pound cans of lard.

A superintendent of school administration has been added to the field staff of the State Sabbath-school Association in the person of L. L. Aber, of Lackawanna county.

The Reporter office force is indebted to John M. Coldren for choice venison steaks, taken from the nice four-point buck he killed on Nittany Mountain on the last day of his season.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy W. Jacobs and two children, of Steubenville, Ohio, will spend the Christmas season in Centre Hall, at the home of the former's mother, Mrs. Lizzie Jacobs.

Mrs. J. E. Ward, of Bellefonte recently received word that her first grandchild—a daughter—was born. Young Miss Ward is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Ward, of Cleveland, Ohio.

But few of the mechanics and day workers about Centre Hall are employed at the present time. About all of the State highway men are idle. All are looking forward to the New Year bringing better conditions locally.

A belted buck has been seen on Nittany Mountain in the Madisonburg region. The deer carries a fine rack and is capable of doing fast time, and thus eluded all hunters during the past season.

While operating a saw to saw wood, Floyd Snaveley, of Woodward, accidentally got his hand into the saw, resulting in four fingers being amputated. After first aid was given, the young man was taken to the Bellefonte hospital.

Christmas means very much more than "Merry Xmas" can ever express. The short and foolish word is incorrect, irreverent, insignificant and ugly. It does not get across the complete meaning of the Yuletide season. Let's all write it: "Merry Christmas."

A little less than one hundred applications for special hunters' license were made in Millin county, and in Huntingdon county one hundred and two special licenses were issued. Three townships in Millin county and four in Huntingdon county were open.

The vacation period for the borough schools is on, the last session of school having been held Friday afternoon. The schools will open again on Monday, December 29th, and in the meantime the school children are enjoying all the glories of a Christmas vacation offer.

Trolley cars are not being run over the Juniata river bridge, at Lewistown. The trolley company thinks the sum of \$4000 too high for the privilege. And now the good people of Lewistown are beginning to realize as they never did before the service the company is offering.

Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Fisher, on Tuesday, went to Sunbury to be with their daughter and Rev. R. E. Corman over the Christmas season. They expect to be home about the beginning of the New Year. Later in January they will return to the Corman home to remain for a considerable length of time.

The Williamsport Sun began an expansion of its physical property in the purchase of an adjoining building which extends to the rear of the present Sun building. An annex will be erected which is to house a new press of 48-page capacity. The Sun is up to date as a newspaper and with the new press and other facilities in the expansion program it will be able to lead its competitors.

The "Rev." John F. Gill, of Snyder county, was found not guilty of charges under the Volstead act, in the Snyder county courts. The charges against Gill's two sons were withdrawn. The verdict of acquittal was probably due to some of the evidence, a jug of liquor having been stolen, and other evidence ruled out on account of the way the case was handled. There was also a hitch between the Snyder county and Millin county officers. It is possible that the Gills will be prosecuted under the Federal laws.