

SAVING AT THE SPIGOT.

Economies Due to Restoration of Peace and Not to Republican Genius for Economy—Operating Expenses of Government Have Not Decreased.

This is a very thrifty Administration. The President's office must get along without an eraser because the supply is exhausted and there is no appropriation for more, although many Republican records demand expunging. The director of the Budget Bureau will allow no more red tape because white tape is cheaper, and he proscribes striped mail bags because the plain variety cost less.

But Chairman Madden sheds a good deal of light on the nation's balance sheet when he says we have reached the "post-war low mark" in appropriations. The Democrats have always insisted that the reductions of expenses about which the Republican hens cackle so loudly have been nothing more than the inevitable result of the end of the war and getting the country back to a peaceful footing. And now Mr. Madden virtually admits this. The economies of the last five or six years are due to the restoration of peace and not to Republican genius for economy, of which there is none.

Presidents Harding and Coolidge and Secretary Mellon have never tired of parading before the country the reduction of the public debt since March 4, 1921, but they have had nothing to say about the reduction of more than two billions in the public debt between August, 1919, when it reached its highest point, and March 4, 1921.

Representative Byrns, of Tennessee, ranking Democrat on the Ways and Means Committee, exposes the Republican humbug. He points out that the operating expenses of the Government have not decreased and the reductions are due to lessened fixed expenses due to liquidation of war-time expenditures. Indeed, Mr. Byrns says that the operating expenses are rising, and he points to juggling the books to make a good showing. This is done by excluding deficiency bills from the year's expenditures, ignoring future commitments and ignoring the sinking fund for the soldiers' bonus.

Second-class matter rates applicable to publishers of newspapers has been greatly increased. The public is only indirectly interested in this class of matter. Heretofore you could mail a Centre Reporter to a friend for one cent, but after April 15th it will cost you double that sum, or two cents.

For a ten-cent fee a letter or a package weighing under two pounds may be sent special delivery. Between two and ten pounds the special delivery fee is 15 cents; and over ten pounds, 20 cents.

A parcel may be marked "Special Handling" if a fee of 25 cents is paid. A parcel so marked and stamped is to receive the same handling as to promptness of delivery as a letter. A package so stamped and marked does not include special delivery at the office of address. If the special delivery feature is desired it must bear the regular special delivery postage in addition to that for special handling.

Insurance fees have also been advanced. Insurance in the sum of \$5.00 used to cost 3 cents, but under the new rate it is 5 cents. Here is the table:

\$ 5	5 cents
25	8 cents
50	10 cents
100	15 cents

Registration fees have been advanced from ten cents to fifteen cents, where the value is placed at \$50.00. From \$50.00 to \$100.00 the fee is 20 cents. If you want a return receipt for your letter or package, whether sent insured or registered, three-cent additional is charged.

Money orders may be had at these rates:

\$ 2.50	3 cents
5.00	7 cents
10.00	10 cents
20.00	12 cents
40.00	15 cents
60.00	18 cents
80.00	20 cents
100.00	22 cents

The Altoona Speedway.

The paramount question now before the experts of the automobile world is not how fast will the racing machines travel in the 250-mile championship classic at the famous Altoona speedway on June 13, but how to safeguard the pilots tooling their mounts around the giant oval at a gait close to 140 miles an hour.

This year, the last before the engines are reduced to motorcycle size, has already developed such terrific speed on the Pacific coast board track with Tommy Milton, Bennie Hill and Harry Hartz breaking all records up to 135 miles an hour. That officials of the bowl at Altoona have called in experts of the country to aid in protecting the drivers.

A huge steel band is being placed against the mammoth timber supports at the outer rim of the big saucer, with double strength at the ends of the turns, where the cars, after dashing around the extremely banked turns, swing for the straight-aways. Almost every bad crash of the disastrous 1924 season came at these points.

The tremendous momentum of the cars as they wind out of the turns has been analyzed with slow motion pictures, showing the wheels veering almost on to the side walls of the tires as the driver throws the steering wheel over again. The keenest skill and strength is needed to control the hurtling machine, with the ever present chance that fate in the form of a worn tire will dash them to death against the bulwarks. This combination, worn tire and side swing, caused the death of the valorous Joe Meyer last fall.

INCREASED POSTAGE RATE EFFECTIVE APRIL 15th.

One-Half Cent Postage Stamp Innovation—No Parcel Post Under 8 Ounces—Postage on Sealed Letters Unchanged.

With a few exceptions, after April 15th the postage rate on all classes of mail will be higher. The one old rate to hold is the sealed letter rate of two cents for one ounce or fraction thereof. Another is the one-cent United States postal card; another is the postage on books, catalogs, seeds, cuttings, bulbs, roots, scions and plants weighing up to and including eight ounces, the rate on which continues to be one cent for each two ounces or fraction thereof.

Private mailing cards, souvenir post cards, picture cards, etc., are increased from one cent to two cents for each card.

Generally speaking, parcel post will begin with a parcel weighing over 8 ounces, and packages of this weight will be carried at the old rates, except that a service charge of two cents will be added for each package not mailed on a rural route. Patrons on rural routes may mail parcel post packages at the old rate, but if the same package were mailed at the post office, an additional two cents will be charged.

Third class mail includes all packages of eight ounces or under in weight, not first-class, and by a special act not fourth class. (The exceptions are noted in the first paragraph of this article.) The rate on third-class matter is one and one-half cents for each two ounces or fraction of two ounces. This rate will carry your package anywhere in the United States or to its possessions. Take for instance a piece of jewelry weighing when wrapped eight ounces, six cents will carry it to California. This is cheaper than heretofore, if sent to California, but if you want to send the same package from Centre Hall to Boalsburg it will cost you six cents, while the old rate was five cents. There is no service charge on third-class matter.

Second-class matter rates applicable to publishers of newspapers has been greatly increased. The public is only indirectly interested in this class of matter. Heretofore you could mail a Centre Reporter to a friend for one cent, but after April 15th it will cost you double that sum, or two cents.

For a ten-cent fee a letter or a package weighing under two pounds may be sent special delivery. Between two and ten pounds the special delivery fee is 15 cents; and over ten pounds, 20 cents.

A parcel may be marked "Special Handling" if a fee of 25 cents is paid. A parcel so marked and stamped is to receive the same handling as to promptness of delivery as a letter. A package so stamped and marked does not include special delivery at the office of address. If the special delivery feature is desired it must bear the regular special delivery postage in addition to that for special handling.

Insurance fees have also been advanced. Insurance in the sum of \$5.00 used to cost 3 cents, but under the new rate it is 5 cents. Here is the table:

\$ 5	5 cents
25	8 cents
50	10 cents
100	15 cents

Registration fees have been advanced from ten cents to fifteen cents, where the value is placed at \$50.00. From \$50.00 to \$100.00 the fee is 20 cents. If you want a return receipt for your letter or package, whether sent insured or registered, three-cent additional is charged.

Money orders may be had at these rates:

\$ 2.50	3 cents
5.00	7 cents
10.00	10 cents
20.00	12 cents
40.00	15 cents
60.00	18 cents
80.00	20 cents
100.00	22 cents

Aims to Annul Oleo Law.

An effort to destroy the Pennsylvania law regulating sale of oleomargarine, which has been in force since 1901, is being made in a bill presented in the House, declares James Foust, director of the Bureau of Foods, in a statement a few days ago. The bill would permit the sale of colored oleomargarine.

"During the past quarter of a century the State has spent thousands of dollars in testing out every phase of the law, especially the color clause," said Mr. Foust in his statement. "If the proposed bill should become a law, colored margarine will be sold in Pennsylvania to the consuming public and in restaurants, hotels and other eating places, being colored to appear as butter."

"The bill eliminates retailers, hotels and restaurants from the license feature of the present law. It likewise permits a retailer to sell any quantity of oleomargarine while the present law restricts sales to ten pounds for any one person."

"The bill will be opposed by the State Department of Agriculture, Pennsylvania State Grange, all pure-butter interests and the public, which is strongly opposed to any form of fraud in food products."

"The change in the license feature alone would reduce State revenue from oleomargarine licenses by \$300,000 a year, the bureau estimates."

Presbyterian Orphanage at Lewisburg.

Plans to establish a Presbyterian orphanage near Lewisburg were discussed at a meeting of representatives from the Presbyteries of Carlisle, Northumberland, Lackawanna, Lehigh and Huntington. Mrs. Harrison of Lewisburg recently gave a farm of 90 acres to the Northumberland Presbytery. It has not as yet been definitely decided what kind of an institution will be built on the grounds, but a home for dependent Presbyterian children is the most highly favored. The farm is located along the state road about three miles west of Lewisburg.

Parent-Teachers' Meeting.

There will be a meeting of the Parent-Teachers' Association of the Centre Hall community, Friday evening at 7:30 o'clock, at the High school building. An English play will be rendered by the freshman class. We shall have a speaker from State College. A profitable hour for all. Let us have a banner attendance. President.

Mrs. Lucy Henney leaves today (Thursday) for Philadelphia for the purpose of purchasing her spring millinery stock. The goods will be on display on the opening days, April 2 and 3, and thereafter. Mrs. Henney has had large experience in selecting styles suited to her trade and never fails to have in her line just the head dress becoming to the customer, whether young, middle-aged, or elderly. Children are also provided for.

Miss Flora Love, of Bellefonte, visited Mrs. Henney in town on Tuesday.

SUBSTITUTE FOR FORESTRY BONDS.

Increase of Hunter's License to \$2.25 Would Yield \$1,000,000 for Purchase of Forest Lands.

Senator Baldwin's substitute bills for the \$25,000,000 forestry bond issue amendment, which practically has been killed in the Senate, were introduced at a recent session and given first reading a short time later. They provide for an increase in the hunter's license fee of from \$1.25 to \$2.25 a year. The Senator believes that \$2,400,000 can be raised annually, of which \$1,000,000 is to be set aside for the purchase of forest lands and the balance to be used in operating the Game Commission, stocking and propagation of game and payment for damage done to crops and livestock by game.

The bills contemplate an appropriation of \$150,000 annually for damages to livestock and crops and another of \$100,000 for purchase of game and fur bearing animals for propagation. Lands acquired under the increased license fee system would be set aside under the jurisdiction of the Game Commission for control of game and of the Department of Forests and Waters for fire protection and forestry purposes.

Some opposition is expected from the hunters against the increased license plan. There are approximately 500,000 licensed resident hunters in the State.

Installed Lutheran Pastor.

Rev. S. F. Greenhoe was installed on Sunday as pastor of the Penn Valley Lutheran church, having been the ninth pastor to serve the charge which was organized more than sixty-two years ago, with Rev. Parr at its head. The succeeding pastors, given in succession of their services, were Rev. Jacob K. Miller, Dr. William E. Fischer, Rev. Jacob M. Reardon, Rev. B. F. Bieber, Rev. Fred W. Barby, Rev. Daniel S. Kurtz, Rev. M. C. Drumm, and now the present pastor, Rev. Samuel F. Greenhoe.

The installation services proper were held in the Lutheran church, Centre Hall, Sunday afternoon. Rev. B. F. Bieber, delivering the charge to the people and Dr. John Wagner of Hazleton, president of Susquehanna Synod of Central Pennsylvania, charging the pastor. Both sermons were given the closest attention by the large audience and they were rewarded in turn.

Music was furnished by the local choir, and a solo was rendered in a most admirable manner by Miss Frances Bieber, fourteen-year-old daughter of Rev. and Mrs. B. F. Bieber. Mrs. Bieber was the accompanist.

The services were attended by the councils of the five congregations, all of whom took a part in the official installation.

Sunday morning Dr. Wagner held services in the Spring Mills Lutheran church, and Rev. Bieber did likewise in the Union church at Farmers Mills. In the evening services were held in Georges Valley, the sermon having been preached by Rev. Bieber.

Piano for Birthday Present.

A birthday party was given by Mrs. Vera Homan for her daughter, Anna Elizabeth, at the home of the child's grandmother, Mrs. Anna Homan, in Centre Hall on Friday, from 4 to 6 P. M. The event was the third anniversary. Many pretty gifts were presented, among which was a piano from the grandmother. The children had a delightful time, the dainty refreshments playing a prominent part. The ten guests were: Anna Elizabeth Homan, Warren Homan, George Heckman, John Knarr, Miriam Homan, Billie Kerlin, John Henry Homan, George Emerick, Miriam Mitterling and Helen Stevens.

Phone Companies to Merge.

Notices were sent out to stockholders of the Penn State Telephone Company, with headquarters in Lancaster that a special meeting would be called to pass upon the proposition from the Bell Telephone Company which contemplates the unification of the telephone within a year. The date of the meeting was fixed for Wednesday. Under the plan 12,000 Penn State subscribers and about 55,000 Bell subscribers in ten counties will be able to communicate with each other. The proposed merger affects these counties: Chester, Lancaster, Northumberland, Union, Lycoming, Lebanon, Schuylkill, Blair, Centre and Clinton.

Keystone Power Corporation.

The Board of Directors of Keystone Power Corporation has declared quarterly dividend of one and three-quarters (1 3/4 per cent) per cent, covering the quarter ending Mar. 31st, 1925, payable on the 7 per cent Preferred Capital Stock of the Company on April 1st, 1925, to stockholders of record at the close of business on March 20th, 1925.

C. F. KALP,
Assistant Treasurer.

On Saturday evening at 7:30 there will be a musical recital in the Presbyterian church by the pupils of Mrs. Kirkpatrick. An offering will be received for the benefit of the Young Girls' Mission Band which has recently been organized.

METHODIST CONFERENCE AT CHAMBERSBURG.

Bishop McDowell Presiding Officer—L. A. Miller, Lewistown, Secretary—Considering Union With M. E. Church South.

The Central Pennsylvania Conference of the Methodist Episcopal church opened its sessions at Chambersburg, Wednesday of last week, with Bishop McDowell presiding. Memorial services were held at the conference for five ministers who died during the year—The Rev. W. W. Reese, the Rev. Richard H. Gilbert, the Rev. Thomas W. Wilcox, the Rev. Frank T. Bell and the Rev. W. C. Robins. Similar services were held for the seven widows of ministers who died in the year.

The conference elected the Rev. L. A. Miller, of Lewistown, as secretary of the session, Friday morning the conference considered the amendments concerning union with the Methodist Episcopal church, South, and representation of laymen.

Members took examinations under board of examiners composed of the ministers, President J. H. Morgan of Dickinson college, is the chairman of the board.

Those examined in the conference course of study were:

First year, J. E. Cropp, B. E. Crites, J. A. Herritt, E. L. Parks, H. C. Stenger and S. W. Strain.

Second year, L. B. Barton, W. R. Buyers, J. L. Cochick, H. W. Glassco, L. V. Green, T. M. Hall, R. W. Kelley, B. L. Stenger, U. Z. Utts and N. R. Wagner.

Third year, R. A. Zimmerman, H. S. Ward, Adam Sommer, J. F. Smith, J. P. Miller, A. J. Martin and F. L. Henninger.

The Bible story telling contest, which was a feature of the conference, was won by Miss Elizabeth Brunstetter, of Everett, representing the Altoona district, with Miss Ruth Trevorror, of Hazleton, representing the Sunbury district, winning second. The prizes are \$25 and \$15, to be used in payment of scholarships to any of the courses offered the Methodist training camp at Newton Hamilton this summer.

Four girls, between the ages of 12 and 17 years, who won in their district contests last month, competed for the awards, Miss Brunstetter, first prize winner, is the daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. F. H. Brunstetter, formerly of Williamsport, but now of Everett. The other contestants were Miss Louise Vandyke, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Warren Vandyke, Harrisburg, representing the Harrisburg district, and Miss Edith Tate, of Lock Haven, representing the Williamsport district.

The ministers are being entertained under the new plan of being guests in the homes of Chambersburg Methodists for lodging and breakfast and are being served noon day and evening meals together in the Washington hotel.

Miss Rishel Awarded Scholarship.

Miss Helen Rishel, who is a student in Home Economics at the Pennsylvania State College, has been awarded the scholarship of \$150.00 given by the Junior Woman's Club of Sewickley, Pa. Miss Rishel is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Rishel, of near Centre Hall.

Sunday Milk Train.

The much talked of Sunday milk train over the Lewisburg and Tyrone branch made its initial trip Sunday. The train came out to Rising Springs, where it did its first work, leaving there about 6:30 or fifteen minutes after its schedule time. Going east the train stopped at Coburn, Mifflinburg, taking up milk at each of the places. The train runs on to Sunbury where the cars will be picked up by the regular night milk train which leaves Sunbury at about 10 P. M., arriving in New York City between 5:00 and 6:00 o'clock in the morning.

Putting Saw Dust to Use.

State Forest School Chemists Show Possibilities in Refuse Long Thought Useless.

During the last fifteen years practically all the larger chestnut trees in southern Pennsylvania have been killed by the chestnut blight. With the utilization of all the chestnut trees of commercial size for staves, bath and lumber, there have resulted many big sawdust piles. These sawdust piles contain enormous quantities of wood substance that were formerly burned or left to rot.

This enormous wastage of wood substance was called to the attention of Prof. J. T. Auten of the State Forest School at Mont Alto, who with the students in organic chemistry began to develop means of using the sawdust. As a result of their investigations they have made a considerable number of commercial chemical products from the sawdust. The products that have already been made are a sweeping compound, tannin, nitrocellulose, artificial silk, celluloid, collodion, acetic acid, acetone, methyl alcohol, calcium acetate, chloralhydrate, and isopropyl alcohol. All these products are now on exhibition at the State Forest School at Mont Alto.

Dr. E. A. Ziegler, Director of the State Forest School, a native of Brush Valley and the husband of Rebecca Moyer, formerly a school teacher in Centre Hall, says that as a result of chemical experiments "it may be possible to develop methods of putting to practical commercial use the enormous quantities of sawdust waste that is annually lost. We are just entering an era of more intensive utilization of all forest products. Too much wood substance is now being wasted. Each year the work of the organic chemist is playing a more important role in forest conservation problems."

BARN AT PENN HALL BURNED.

All of Old Fisher Home Outbuildings Consumed by Fire Sunday Night Origin Unknown.

The large barn, corn cribs, pig-pen, sheep stable, chicken house, etc., on the old Major Fisher homestead, at Penn Hall, was wholly consumed by fire Sunday night, the fire having been first discovered about eleven o'clock, when the barn and other buildings were all aflame. The origin of the fire is a mystery, although incendiarism is not charged to any one.

The property was purchased by P. M. Fisher, one of the heirs, at public sale some time ago, and later resold through Percival Sharp, of Penn Hall, through a contract. The passing of the deed on April 1st, next. Since the sale to Mr. Fisher the place had been vacant, but Mr. Sharp had leased it to Roland Zettle. The prospective tenant had already moved some of his belongings into the barn, and had expected to move there today (Thursday).

At one time the large brick mansion house was thought to be in danger of being set on fire and it was feared that should the fire spread to it, other nearby property would be endangered, and in that event an appeal would be sent to Bellefonte for aid. The wind proved to turn favorably, with the result that nothing was destroyed except on the Fisher lands.

Sunbury Shops to Close.

The Pennsylvania Railroad hit a hard blow when it announced that it will permanently close the Sunbury shops, a mainstay since 1876. Five hundred and fifty men are employed, most of them skilled workers, and they will be taken care of at other shops.

The reason given for closing the shops is a shortage of small locomotives. The plant is equipped only for repairs on small engines, and it is becoming increasingly difficult to assemble them and more costly to repair them at Sunbury than at more modern shops.

The shops were built soon after the Civil war at a cost of \$225,000, on land given to the railroad by J. A. Calk and, with the exception of a few suspensions, have operated ever since.

Big Appropriation for Laurelton Up.

An appropriation for \$1,463,000 for additional buildings and equipment at the Laurelton State Village for feeble-minded women at Laurelton, Union county, has been presented in the senate by Senator Augustus F. Daix, Jr., of Philadelphia, one of the Republican organization members.

Governor Pinchot, in an address before the Dauphin county League of Women Voters charged the organization with trying to disrupt the building program at Laurelton, by cutting the building item out of the Laurelton appropriation. The senate committee last week did remove an item of \$100,000 from the Laurelton appropriation, the \$100,000 having been designated for an addition to the laundry and power plant. Members of the appropriation committee state that the \$100,000 was removed because that bill was for maintenance costs at Laurelton, and did not cover the entire building program.

The new Daix bill, for \$1,463,000, covers not only building and equipment for an auxiliary power plant and laundry, but also the erection of additional units to increase the capacity of the institution, and for construction of water and sewage systems.

Town and County News.

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS.

And how do you like the style of the 1925 Spring weather?

A number of farmers have made little beginnings in plowing for corn.

A few ring-necked pheasants have been liberated in Penna Valley for breeding purposes.

Miss Sarah Snyder, who holds a position at the Pennsylvania Village, Laurelton, was at her home over Sunday.

Mrs. William Bower, of near Potters Mills, on Saturday, went to Altoona to spend a short time with her daughter, Mrs. Harry Harshbarger.

Spring opened beautifully on Saturday morning. The air was crisp, but the sun shone so brightly that opening of the new season was ideal.

James Runkle, of Tusseyville, has been named an overseer of the poor of Potter township, succeeding John H. Horner, who removed to Harris township.

Mr. and Mrs. John Slack, of Coburn, were at the home of Mr. Slack's parents in Centre Hall over Sunday. Mr. Slack is doing railroad duty at Mifflinburg.

Col. William J. Bryan is one of the men of national prominence who will speak under the auspices of the Lewistown Chamber of Commerce during the winter of 1925-26.

William E. Arney has been advanced to the position of chief clerk of the P. R. R. station at Mifflinburg. Mr. Arney began his services for the company at Centre Hall.

Mrs. H. A. Acker, of Aaronsburg, and Mrs. Margaret C. Musser, of Millheim, twin sisters, quietly celebrated their 74th birthday anniversary at the latter's home in Millheim.

William Garis has resigned his office as constable of Centre Hall borough, owing to his working away from home the greater part of the time. His successor has not as yet been appointed.

Rev. J. M. Kirkpatrick is finishing the term of school at Potters Mills begun by Floyd Jordan. Mr. Jordan removed to Reading, which was the cause of his resignation.

Several flocks of wild geese passed over town during night time last week. For several hours during the late period of the night a number of the geese kept up a constant honking, having evidently become confused by the lights of the town, and lost from the remainder of the flock.

Michael Spicher, of Pleasant Gap, made one of his frequent trips on foot to Centre Hall to attend to a bit of business, and called for a short time at the office. Mr. Spicher owns a large farm south of town and like most farm-owners is not pleased with the heavy tax burdens resting on them.

On Sunday afternoon Rev. J. M. Kirkpatrick baptized the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Slack, at the home of the former's parents, where they are spending a few days. Those present besides the immediate family were Mr. and Mrs. Lvcurgus Lingle and Rev. and Mrs. Kirkpatrick.

Dr. George P. Bible, of Bellefonte, was in town one day last week and appeared before the High school, giving an impromptu address. Dr. Bible is taking a brief vacation until May, when he will resume his lecture work with the Swarthmore Chautauqua. Most of his dates will be in Canada, although some will again be in the various New England states.

The barn on the farm belonging to the late George C. Tate, in Ferguson Valley, Mifflin county, was totally destroyed by fire. The fire was noticed as the Tate family was eating supper. Seven horses, nine cows, and harness were removed by farm hands, everything else was burned. There was insurance in the sum of a few hundred dollars. By the aid of the Burnham and Lewistown fire companies other buildings were saved from destruction.

The Logan Lutheran church, formerly a part of the Reedsville Lutheran charge now has for a pastor, Rev. Russell Auman, who will locate there as soon as some repairs on the parsonage are completed. He formerly served a charge at Thompston, Pa. Auman is a son of Thomas A. Auman, of Rebersburg, who last week was married to Miss Elsie Baul, of this place. Rev. and Mrs. Auman are in Rebersburg at the present time.

Rev. Dr. John Wagner, who was one of the ministers officiating in the installation of Rev. S. F. Greenhoe as pastor of the Lutheran church here, has an unique record as a minister. He began his ministry in Hazleton, forming a congregation of fifteen members. These he served continuously over a period of fifty years, the membership in the meantime having increased to eight hundred. At the close of his active ministry his congregation presented him with a purse of \$2500-\$50 for every year of service—and provided an additional \$50 for each year of his life. He is now pastor emeritus. By the way, Rev. Wagner will officiate at the installation of the new minister in charge at Rebersburg.

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS.

And how do you like the style of the 1925 Spring weather?

A number of farmers have made little beginnings in plowing for corn.

A few ring-necked pheasants have been liberated in Penna Valley for breeding purposes.

Miss Sarah Snyder, who holds a position at the Pennsylvania Village, Laurelton, was at her home over Sunday.

Mrs. William Bower, of near Potters Mills, on Saturday, went to Altoona to spend a short time with her daughter, Mrs. Harry Harshbarger.

Spring opened beautifully on Saturday morning. The air was crisp, but the sun shone so brightly that opening of the new season was ideal.

James Runkle, of Tusseyville, has been named an overseer of the poor of Potter township, succeeding John H. Horner, who removed to Harris township.

Mr. and Mrs. John Slack, of Coburn, were at the home of Mr. Slack's parents in Centre Hall over Sunday. Mr. Slack is doing railroad duty at Mifflinburg.

Col. William J. Bryan is one of the men of national prominence who will speak under the auspices of the Lewistown Chamber of Commerce during the winter of 1925-26.

William E. Arney has been advanced to the position of chief clerk of the P. R. R. station at Mifflinburg. Mr. Arney began his services for the company at Centre Hall.

Mrs. H. A. Acker, of Aaronsburg, and Mrs. Margaret C. Musser, of Millheim, twin sisters, quietly celebrated their 74th birthday anniversary at the latter's home in Millheim.

William Garis has resigned his office as constable of Centre Hall borough, owing to his working away from home the greater part of the time. His successor has not as yet been appointed.

Rev. J. M. Kirkpatrick is finishing the term of school at Potters Mills begun by Floyd Jordan. Mr. Jordan removed to Reading, which was the cause of his resignation.

Several flocks of wild geese passed over town during night time last week. For several hours during the late period of the night a number of the geese kept up a constant honking, having evidently become confused by the lights of the town, and lost from the remainder of the flock.

Michael Spicher, of Pleasant Gap, made one of his frequent trips on foot to Centre Hall to attend to a bit of business, and called for a short time at the office. Mr. Spicher owns a large farm south of town and like most farm-owners is not pleased with the heavy tax burdens resting on them.

On Sunday afternoon Rev. J. M. Kirkpatrick baptized the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Slack, at the home of the former's parents, where they are spending a few days. Those present besides the immediate family were Mr. and Mrs. Lvcurgus Lingle and Rev. and Mrs. Kirkpatrick.

Dr. George P. Bible, of Bellefonte, was in town one day last week and appeared before the High school, giving an impromptu address. Dr. Bible is taking a brief vacation until May, when he will resume his lecture work with the Swarthmore Chautauqua. Most of his dates will be in Canada, although some will again be in the various New England states.

The barn on the farm belonging to the late George C. Tate, in Ferguson Valley, Mifflin county, was totally destroyed by fire. The fire was noticed as the Tate family was eating supper. Seven horses, nine cows, and harness were removed by farm hands, everything else was burned. There was insurance in the sum of a few hundred dollars. By the aid of the Burnham and Lewistown fire companies other buildings were saved from destruction.

The Logan Lutheran church, formerly a part of the Reedsville Lutheran charge now has for a pastor, Rev. Russell Auman, who will locate there as soon as some repairs on the parsonage are completed. He formerly served a charge at Thompston, Pa. Auman is a son of Thomas A. Auman, of Rebersburg, who last week was married to Miss Elsie Baul, of this place. Rev. and Mrs. Auman are in Rebersburg at the present time.

Rev. Dr. John Wagner, who was one of the ministers officiating in the installation of Rev. S. F. Greenhoe as pastor of the Lutheran church here, has an unique record as a minister. He began his ministry in Hazleton, forming a congregation of fifteen members. These he served continuously over a period of fifty years, the membership in the meantime having increased to eight hundred. At the close of his active ministry his congregation presented him with a purse of \$2500-\$50 for every year of service—and provided an additional \$50 for each year of his life. He is now pastor emeritus. By the way, Rev. Wagner will officiate at the installation of the new minister in charge at Rebersburg.