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LOCK HAVEN MAN IS FATALLY INJURED.

Suffers Fracture of the Skull in Accident While on Way to See Elimination Games and Dies in Hospital.

Fatally injured when the car in which he was riding, on his way to witness the championship semi-finals at State College, Friday night, was side-swiped by another car, William R. Henderson, of Lock Haven, died in the hospital in that city Saturday morning at 9:13. The man suffered from a fractured skull and other injuries.

Leroy Fox, Harry F. Fetzer, Lee J. Schwartz, William Henderson and George Fox, the 15-year-old son of George Fox, left Lock Haven late Friday afternoon in a touring car, en route to State College. When about 100 yards west of Nittany Inn, in this county, they attempted to pass a big motor bus but did not see a coupe, driven by Clark B. Ohl, with his mother as passenger, coming in the opposite direction. Mr. Ohl saw them coming and tried to run his car into the ditch but Fox struck him and sideswiped him.

All the other members of the party were badly bruised and shaken by the collision and both cars were badly wrecked.

Passing motorists took the injured men to Lock Haven and Mr. Henderson was taken to the hospital. The others were able to go to their homes. After the accident Mr. Henderson never regained consciousness. He was 38 years of age and is survived by his wife, a son, William Lee, Jr.; his father, James Henderson, of Milfiln, and a brother, James S., of Harrisburg.

It is probable that an arrest may be made in the case. State police are investigating the accident. The coroner of Centre county was in communication with the coroner of Centre county, and it has not been decided as yet which will conduct an inquest, if one is deemed necessary.

Writes from Minnesota.
Sebek, Minn., Mar. 24, 1925.
Dear Editor:
You will find enclosed check for Reporter for another year. Yes, the Reporter is O. K. I see lots of old familiar names in it every week. Just noticed Rev. A. A. Kerlin passed to the beyond, as well as lots of others. There is A. W. Shadow—he is one of my old chums—we both got our "college" education at the Loop school house; both got about 6th grade diplomas.

The weather is quite springlike; the robins arrived and the prairie chickens are honking this morning. The snow is all gone but the roads are bad yet. The markets are pretty fair so far: Butter, 52c; eggs, 25c; barley, 68c; oats, 32c; flax, \$2.59; wheat, \$1.38; rye, \$1.00; so markets are not as bad, as they were.

With best wishes to all,
J. H. MERSINGER.
Easter Bazaar.
The ladies of the Sewing Circle of the Spruce town M. E. church will hold a bazaar and bake sale in the school house at Potters Mills, on the afternoon and evening of Saturday, April 11th. Aprons, bonnets and fancy articles; also, cakes, candies and popcorn will be for sale.

L. O. O. F. Installation.
Saturday evening the State College degree team will confer the second degree on a class in the focal I. O. O. F. hall, and Edward Zong, of Oak Hall, D. D. G. M., will install the officers recently elected.

PENN STATE TO GET ALMOST THREE MILLION DOLLARS.

Most Often Amended Bills Passed Finally and Sent to Governor.

The most often amended bills of the legislature, those carrying appropriations for the four institutions of higher education, were reported out by the Senate appropriations committee with the figures changed for the fifth time this session, finally passed and sent to the Governor.

The bills now carry the same amounts that were passed by the legislature two years ago. They are higher than the amounts which were approved two years ago. They are substantially higher than the budget figures presented by Governor Pinchot for this year.

State College is to receive the largest amount, almost \$3,000,000, which is still \$1,200,000 less than the college requested for maintenance.

The amounts as carried in bills when reported for the calendar are: State College, \$2,993,914; University of Pennsylvania, \$1,541,312; University of Pittsburgh, \$1,200,960; Temple University, \$500,000.

These amounts represent an increase from twenty-five to sixty-five percent over the budget requests for these institutions. The amounts asked for them by the budget are: State College, \$2,268,600; University of Pennsylvania, \$1,230,000; University of Pittsburgh, \$900,000; Temple University, \$270,000.

The proposed constitutional amendment providing an \$8,000,000 bond issue for new buildings for State College also passed finally in the Legislature. It will become effective if ratified by the people at the polls in November.

News from the L. & T.
The death of W. L. Campbell, station agent at Coburn since 1919, will according to accredited reports result in changes at stations on the L. & T. branch. While the company has not taken official action, it is likely that W. O. Dale, now at Millmont, will be assigned to Coburn. Mr. Dale was a student at Lemont under P. C. Bradford, when he began railroading.

Frank Ishler, who has been station agent at Linden Hall since 1906, is booked for Millmont, a very desirable place, and Miles Johnston, now a clerk at Coburn, may be assigned as the successor to Mr. Ishler. Prior to going to Coburn, Mr. Johnston was a clerk at the Rising Springs station.

Since the above was put in type it appears Mr. Dale informed the company that he preferred to remain at Millmont where he owns a home and is comfortably located. This condition may result in Mr. Ishler being sent to Coburn.

BARN AFIRE SAVED FROM THE FLAMES

Barn at Penn Hall Saved from Burning by Bucket Brigade — Fire in Woodshed a Few Days Previous.

It is almost unbelievable that a barn on fire on the interior could be saved from destruction by a bucket brigade of men, women and children, but this was done at Penn Hall, Thursday morning of last week, about 7:30 o'clock. The barn on fire was that on the farm of the Pittsburgh Limestone company, purchased from the late Miss Mary Fisher, and for many years was known as one of the Fisher farms, along the State highway at Penn Hall.

The farm is tenanted by Gregg Carper. Mr. and Mrs. Carper were eating breakfast and their only child, a boy, was yet in bed, when the alarm of fire was sounded by Charles S. Bartzke, who lives nearby. The fire was merely burning in one of the two large barn floors. The floor was covered with a litter of straw and dirt to the depth of from six inches to a foot, and where the fire was thickest stood a self-binder and a hay rake.

The barn doors were wide open. It appears everyone who came to the fire brought a bucket and from a stream nearby hundreds of buckets of water were poured onto the flames with such effectiveness that the flames were subdued. There was little or no hay or straw in the mows, but plenty of fine straw littered everywhere—an inflammable material. The flame rose well to the top of the barn and from the ventilators issued great volumes of smoke that told of the interior conditions. The gun-walls separating the barn floors and the mows on either side were constructed of oak, and although badly charred the fire had not gotten a good hold on them. To this is ascribed the chief reason for the fire not having made headway to such an extent that the bucket brigade would have been ineffective.

There has been no little excitement about Penn Hall village on account of the recent mysterious fire. Within ten days of this another large barn had been totally destroyed, an account of which appeared in the last issue of this paper. That property was unoccupied, but the tenant had expected to move into it within a few days.

To add to the mysteries of the fire, on Tuesday morning prior to the fire in the Pittsburgh Limestone company's barn, Mrs. Carper went to the woodshed at about 7:00 o'clock and found there had been a fire there. It had "burned itself out" after having spread over an area of about four feet in diameter.

Mr. Carper holds moderate insurance, and at the time of the first fire at Penn Hall, like many others, concluded his insurance not sufficient and made a move to increase it, but it had not been accomplished. The loss to him was not great. The binder partially burned can be repaired.

How these fires originated is at present a complete mystery. There is much speculation, a great variety of opinions, but that's all.

Mr. Carper has leased the George Ishler farm in Brush Valley, and will move onto it.

The barn that so narrowly escaped destruction last week was built in 1916 by Miss Fisher at a cost of \$5000 without taking account of the timber cut from the farm. The structure took the place of one totally destroyed by fire in the fall of 1915, while William Stokabine was tenant on the place.

DEATHS.

RUNKLE.—The following is taken from a Santa Barbara, California, paper and refers to a native of Potter township:

A. N. Runkle, one of Santa Barbara's best known businessmen, passed away Monday night, March 16, at his home, 2235 Hollister avenue. As he had not been in ill health, but up to a few days ago was around and active, news of his death came as a severe shock to his wide circle of friends and acquaintances.

Last Thursday Mr. Runkle, who had come as usual to the Runkle Shoe store on State street, to begin the day, complained of a growing drowsiness and was taken home by his son, Ralf T. Runkle, partner with him in the Runkle Shoe company.

That evening, as the drowsiness continued, Dr. A. P. Ousal was called in, and while feeling that there was a chance that Mr. Runkle might be his former self within a few days, warned the family that there was a possibility that Mr. Runkle might pass in his sleep, and it was thus that the end came.

Aaron Nathaniel Runkle was born on the Runkle homestead, Tusseyville, Centre county, Pa., February 5, 1854, and was therefore aged past 71 years. For the last twenty-two years he has made his home here in Santa Barbara. Some fourteen years ago he and his son opened the Runkle shoe store, which they made one of the city's leading business houses.

Of late years the son, Ralf, has taken the leading part in conducting the business, urging his father to relax from the routine of business activity, but, accustomed to a busy life, Mr. Runkle had continued a factor in the store, one of the first down in the morning, and showing an interest which came from a love of being always active.

In the twenty-two years he has been a resident of Santa Barbara Mr. Runkle made a host of friends. He was a man having an appreciation of others; he loved human comradeship and drew people to him because he was interested in them, and business never led him to lose this human interest to others.

He was Record Keeper in local lodge of Maccabees and highly regarded by his fellow members. Today on all sides one hears expressions of regret over his passing and sincerest sympathy for his wife and helpmate, who is widowed, for the son, Ralf, and others who were near and dear to him.

In addition to his wife and son Mr. Runkle is survived by three brothers and four sisters; Dr. S. C. Runkle, of Philadelphia; the Rev. James Runkle, Altoona; John H. Runkle, of Centre Hall; Mrs. (Rev.) W. A. McClellan, Rebersburg; Mrs. Laura White, State College; Miss Sallie Runkle, Rebersburg; Mrs. Anna Rubie, (half-sister), of Blackwell, Okla.

leaving one daughter, Mrs. Frank Houck, of near Franklinville, on Sept. 5, 1876, he was united in marriage with Miss Elizabeth Crust, and to this union were born three sons and two daughters. The widow and these children survive. The widow and these children survive.

STAM.—Rose E. Stam, wife of T. H. Stam, died at their home in Grand Rapids, Mich., after several months illness of pernicious anemia.

Deceased was the fifth child and fourth daughter of Daniel A. and Lydia (Schreffler) Musser and was born in Millheim August 4, 1863, being aged 61 years, 7 months and 19 days.

Surviving are her husband and two daughters, Mrs. Robert Lee, and Mrs. Charles Hoffman, both of Grand Rapids, Mich.; two brothers, M. O. Musser, of West Union, Iowa, and H. C. Musser, of LaCrosse, Wis.

The body was taken to West Union where burial was made.

BOWERSOX.—Dr. David Frederick Bowersox, a veterinarian, died at his home in Haines township Monday of last week, after a protracted illness of cancer of the stomach, aged 75 years, 3 months and 6 days.

Deceased was a practicing veterinarian in that section for the past forty years or more, but during the past few years he was unable to be about very much because of failing health.

Surviving him are his wife, Margaret Ann Bowersox, and two children, Rev. J. F. D. Bowersox, of Adamsville, Ohio, and Mrs. Thomas Weaver, of Aaronburg. Also eight grandchildren.

Funeral services were held from the home at 9:30 o'clock Friday morning and continued in the Aaronburg Lutheran church, conducted by Rev. F. H. Daubenspeck.

Interment was made in Wolf's Chapel cemetery.

"Joe Guess Wins \$1000."
A three act play, entitled "Joe Guess Wins \$1000," will be given in Grange Arcade, Centre Hall, Friday night, April 3rd, at 8:00 o'clock. The play will be of interest to every farmer.

It contains wit and humor. Bring your wives and enjoy a good laugh. After the play is over there will be given away by drawing, one 30-lb. milk scale. No charge for admission. Everything free.

The entertainment is under the direction of Bradford & Co., Centre Hall; Homer Fetterolf, Spring Mills; and McMullen Bros., Millheim.

Garbrick-Brown.
On Thursday evening of last week, at 8:00 o'clock, Louis H. Garbrick, of Centre Hall, and Miss Margaret M. Brown, of Potters Mills, were married at the Reformed parsonage by Rev. Delas R. Keener, pastor of the Reformed church. The beautiful ring ceremony was used.

McSparran Seeks Divorce.
John A. McSparran, of Lancaster, former Master of the State Grange, and recent Democratic candidate for Governor, has filed suit against his wife for divorce. He charges desertion. His wife was at one time prominent in Grange work in Massachusetts. She accompanied Mr. McSparran over the State when he was a candidate for Governor, but left him shortly after he was defeated.

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS.

Carl has again opened his ice cream parlor for the season. adv
The Pennsylvania Conference on Social Welfare will hold its annual sessions April 15 and 16 at Williamsport.

John Jordan, of Colyer, last week, purchased the Jacob Lee home, at Colyer, from George Lee. The consideration was \$15000.

William Walker moved to town from his farm west of here and is now located in the Crust property purchased by him a short time ago.

Clarence Blazier is succeeding Reed Hackett as tenant on the J. H. Detweiler farm, east of Centre Hall. Mr. Hackett is removing to Milfiln county.

S. M. Campbell, the Millheim furniture dealer, who had been ill, has again recovered his health and is able to give business his personal attention.

A baby alligator was received by L. E. Stover, one of the members of the Hosterman and Stover Company, Millheim. The reptile was at once put on exhibition.

J. Nevin Schaeffer, professor of ancient languages at Franklin and Marshall College, has been selected for president of the Lancaster Board of Education.

Daniel Bohn, the new tenant on the Brockerhoff farm, south of Old Fort, is handling the ploughing proposition on that big acreage with a new Fordson tractor.

S. S. Alpin, secretary of the Bellefonte Y. M. C. A. for several years, has been ordained a minister of the Baptist church and has accepted a charge at LaJone, Clearfield county.

Mrs. William Ertle and Miss Ethel Corman, of Coburn, visited the former's brother, Daniel Dausp, in Centre Hall. Mrs. John Mark, also of Coburn, was a guest at the R. M. Smith home.

The place on the surveying corps made vacant by the horrible death of Arthur D. Himes has been filled by John Morris, of Phillipsburg. The corps is continuing its work on Nittany Mountain.

Irwin C. Korman, of Bellefonte, was last week appointed to a position in the State Highway service. Edward G. Lantz, of State College, was appointed as a technician in the State police service.

In an auto accident near Madisonburg, Paul Brown, of Millheim, had his left shoulder dislocated and the arm broken near the shoulder. Miss Sarah Dehl, of Rebersburg, suffered from shock and numerous bruises.

The William Arthur Construction Co. of New York, was awarded the contract for building the hangar at the new aviation field, nearby Zion. Mr. Arthur arrived in Bellefonte last week to begin work. He expects to have the hangar in readiness for use in a few weeks.

The Millheim Journal says it is reliably informed that the federal government leased an emergency landing field for air mail carriers from Jacob F. Musick, north of Fiedler, of sufficient acreage to permit landing and taking off of mail planes when it becomes necessary to make stops while enroute from station to station.
Notice has been sent out by the State board of fish commissioners that two State game refuges in Centre county will be closed to fishing for a period of three years. The one preserve is located in Haines township and the other in Rush township. The streams in these refuges have been set aside a nursery streams, and persons violating the law will be subject to a fine of \$100 and the costs of prosecution.
Each season the tractor plays a more important part in the preparation of and planting crops. About here four tractors were recently sold by D. W. Bradford to Jewett Brooks, on the D. K. Keller farm; Clarence Blazier, who a few days ago moved onto the J. H. Detweiler farm, Lloyd Smith, at Centre Hall, and Perry H. Luse, on the Huyett farm. Neither of these farmers had used tractors before.
Earl Krise, of Chicago, Illinois, was the guest of his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Slick, in Centre Hall, for a few days last week. He is a son of the late George Krise. From here he expects to take a six weeks' course with the Lanston Monotype company with a view of becoming a monotype operator. The monotype is a typesetting machine, dissimilar from the linotype in that instead of setting lines of type it casts individual type letters.

Total for 28 head.....\$5207