

# The Centre Reporter

VOL. CI.

CENTRE HALL, PA., THURSDAY, JANUARY 6, 1927.

NO. 1

## MAY INCREASE PRIMARY ROADS \$4,000,000 FOR MOTHERS' ASSISTANCE FUND

### Movement to Place 1400 Miles of Secondary Roads on Primary List—Road Between Old Fort and Lewisburg on the Schedule.

In a letter to Governor-elect Fisher, the Pennsylvania Motor Federation recommended that, as soon as possible after the beginning of the new administration, January 18, the State Highway Department add 1400 miles of State roads to what is known as the "primary highway system." The mileage is scattered throughout the State.

In 1919, Governor Sproul and Highway Commissioner Sadler laid out a system of roads connecting centers of production with centers of consumption. It was termed the "primary highway system," because it comprised roads of importance to the State at large. It totaled approximately 2945 miles. Since that time little, if any, change has been made in the system, and the State has proceeded so rapidly with construction that at this time only 30 miles of primary highway remain unimproved. It has been the practice of the Highway Department to pay the entire cost of construction on such roads.

"Pennsylvania has made rapid strides in its road construction program because it followed a definite plan," says the letter of the Governor-elect. "It set itself a certain construction task, and proceeded to finish it. Now all that the primary highway system as originally laid out is almost entirely improved. It is necessary that we set ourselves another mark. The system of primary highways should be extended, and the Highway Department continue its policy of laying out a definite program and following it. Hazardous selection of roads for improvement is a thing of the past. The Motor Federation has known for years your great interest in better roads, and it trusts that interest will continue."

About forty routes ranging in length from seven to sixty-seven miles have been suggested. The routes in this section of the State are these:

Lewisburg to Old Fort, one mile south of Centre Hall; 45 miles.  
Millersburg to Sunbury, over Route 1; 26 miles.  
Tyrone to Water Street, over Route 55; 10 miles.  
Levittown to Mt. Union, via Meyersdale; 23 miles.

### The School Christmas Cantata.

In order that the school boys and girls might have an active part in the celebration of Christmas, the High school and the children of the first and second grades gave a cantata entitled, "What Happened to Santa," on Wednesday evening preceding Christmas. The cantata was selected by Mr. Wetzel, the High school principal, both because it required a large number of characters for its successful production and because it portrayed a spirit appropriate to the Christmas season. Since rehearsals started only four days before the program was given, much effort had to be put forth on the part of the pupils and Mr. Myers, the director, for such a successful production. Aside from the work required for the spoken and singing parts much work was done by the costume committee, composed of Edith Moltz, Beatrice Brown, Dorothy Emerick and Wilma Allen. Those represented in the cast of characters were these: Elwood Smith, Emory Froy, Harold Bradford, Wilbur McClellan, Fay Bradford, Lenora Froust, Sara Runkle, Lucia Ripka, Hazel Burkholder, Margaret Luse, Algie Emery, Vernon Godshall, Walter Wilkinson, tots from first and second grades, "fairies," "gypsies" and "brigands." Edith Moltz, Eugene Burkholder, Robert McClellan, Dorothy Garbrick.

The Grange hall was filled to capacity long before the hour for starting the performance. The offering lifted at the door was sufficient to pay the expenses of producing the cantata, and to leave a balance of \$9.06 which was used to buy chairs for the new school library.

### Near East Drive in Local Schools.

Following is a report of the Near East Relief drive in the Centre Hall public schools:

High school	\$ 7.36
7th & 8th grades	2.44
5th & 6th grades	1.75
3rd & 4th grades	4.55
1st & 2nd grades	1.50
Total	\$18.00

### Wm. Katz, Merchant, Retires.

After an active business career of thirty years in Bellefonte, William S. Katz, on the first of the year retired from the active management of the business which bears his name. He will still retain an interest in the firm, the management of which will be vested in Miss Nell Plack who has been in his employ for twenty-six years, and Miss Blanche Poorman, who for twelve years has been buyer for a store at Windber.

### New President at Penn State.

Dr. Ralph D. Hetzel, on Monday, took up his duties as the tenth president of Pennsylvania State College. Upon arrival at this office he received a floral tribute from the Penn State Alumni and messages of good will from friends and from students and alumni of Penn State and the University of New Hampshire, where he has just completed nine years of service as president.

**THE PINK LABEL this week. Does yours show a 27 or 28? If not, you are in arrears, and a remittance will be appreciated.**

## AMERICAN LEGION FAVORS CARE OF CHILDREN IN OWN HOME.

The American Legion is definitely committed to the policy that dependent children should be cared for in their own home and therefore has a very natural interest in seeing that the Mother's Assistance Fund of Pennsylvania obtains the \$4,000,000 it needs from the State for the next two years' work," declared Colonel E. E. Hollenback, of Philadelphia, in accepting an invitation to serve on the state-wide Citizens' Committee organized to place the urgent needs of the Mothers' Assistance Fund before the general public—and to induce the coming Legislature to appropriate the sum named. Colonel Hollenback is chairman of the American Legion Department of Pennsylvania Welfare Committee and has been active in furthering the American Legion's plan of providing care in their own homes for children of veterans of the World War.

"The needs of the Mothers' Assistance Fund should be met," said Colonel Hollenback. "According to the facts presented to me the sum of four million dollars is needed not only to provide increasing better care for the 5500 families now being aided, but also to wipe out that tragic and unhealed list of 2400 equally eligible families, many of whom, I am told, have been on the waiting list for more than a year and a half and suffering great hardships because the present appropriation has not met the real need of the situation."

Among the latter 1926 social events was a party given to friends by Mr. and Mrs. F. V. Goodhart, at their home in Centre Hall.

The Missionary Society of the Lutheran church recently entertained the Young People's Society, serving refreshments. A program was rendered by the junior members, a play being one of the numbers. The gathering was held in the church.

### The Community Christmas Tree.

One of the prettiest community Christmas trees in this section was located near the diamond in Centre Hall. The spruce was tall and its branches projected uniformly and gracefully clothed the trunk. Many lights of various colors decorated the tree.

On Christmas eve the program at the tree was opened by several selections by the Spring Mills band, and singing. Later Santa Claus appeared, and instead of driving "Donder and Blitzen" or any of the eight proverbial reindeer, he drove a pair of grey mules hitched to a decorated wagon, and from this several hundred gifts were distributed to little children who had gathered from all sections of the community.

### Related Marriage Notices.

Two daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Robert I. Smith were married within the recent past, and now the related notices of the events first appear:

Miss May Smith was united in marriage to George Barner, and live in Bellefonte. Mr. Barner is employed by the American Lime and Stone Co.

At the Lutheran parsonage in Frederick, Maryland, on December 24th, by Rev. Rupp, Miss Romie Smith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert I. Smith, of Centre Hall, became the bride of Harry Newton Zeil, of Bellefonte. The ring ceremony was used. They were attended by Mr. and Mrs. George Barner, the latter a sister of the bride. The bride was employed at the Spring Mills silk mill, but recently went to Bellefonte, where she had been employed. For the present the couple will reside with Mr. and Mrs. Barner in Bellefonte.

### Miles Barger Home Burned.

Monday of Christmas week the dwelling house owned and occupied by Miles Barger was totally destroyed by fire. The place was formerly owned by A. P. Burrell and is located at Green Grove, north of Penn Hall, in Gregg township. The fire when first seen by Mr. Barger, who was working nearby, had eaten its way through the roof. The furniture in the lower story was saved, while all on the second floor was destroyed. The loss is considerable. Mr. Barger conducts a planing mill at Spring Mills.

### New "Chevy" Added.

The Chevrolet people announce that the new cars are mechanically finer, entirely new in body lines, smarter in appearance, complete in equipment and outstanding in the display of colors. Seven models, five closed and two open cars, comprise the line. One model, a rakish, beautiful sport cabriolet has been added.

### Oscar Wert Killed.

Oscar Wert, aged 56 years, was instantly killed at the Chemical Lime company operations, near Bellefonte, when a stone, about the size of a man's fist, blasted from a quarry 300 yards away, struck him, tearing off the top of his head.

Wert was engaged in unloading coal at the lime kiln when the accident happened. He was married, but had no children.

Last May he was severely injured when he fell off a narrow gauge railway train, his injuries keeping him away from work until September. He had been an employe of the company for two years.

Mr. Wert is a native of Millheim, but moved into Nittany Valley some years ago, finally locating at Axe Mann where he lived until killed. He is survived by a wife who before marriage was Miss Owens, of Bellefonte.

## DEATHS

**GROVE.**—Mrs. Howard E. Grove passed away Tuesday morning at her home in Centre Hall, after an illness extending over a period of several years. An operation for the removal of a goitre in the meantime afforded temporary relief. Interment will be made in the local cemetery on Friday after services at the Lutheran church by Rev. S. F. Greenhoe, at 2:30 P. M.

Mrs. Clara Grove was one of eleven children of John and Christina (Custler) Kramer, and was the second of the brothers and sisters to die. She was born near Pine Grove Mills, October 13, 1856, making her age 66 years, 2 months and 21 days. She was married December 25, 1884, and began house-keeping in Bellefonte. Fourteen years ago the family moved to the Hshel farm at Stone Mill, Mr. Grove having purchased it, and eight years ago the family moved to Centre Hall. Mrs. Grove was a member of the Lutheran church since 1896.

There survive her husband and all of her nine children, namely: Herbert F. Centre Hall; Clarence of Bellefonte; Earl J. Altoona; Samuel, Chester W., Alfred and Ruth, Centre Hall; Mrs. Irvin McClellan, and Mrs. Paul Lingle, Potters Mills. The surviving brothers and sisters are these: E. F. Kreamer, Tusseyville; William Kreamer, Altoona; Mrs. Mary Hoy, Mrs. David Trester, Mrs. Elsie Cori, Jacob, John A. and Samuel Kreamer, State College; Franklin Kreamer, Tusseyville; Mrs. Frank Lohr, Pleasant Gap.

**RUNKLE.**—Mrs. Rosetta Runkle died at her home, the Centre Hall hotel, December 28th, and was laid to rest in the local cemetery on the last day of the year. She had been in delicate health for several years, and finally was stricken with apoplexy, death following a few days later. Her age was 76 years, 3 months, 29 days.

Mrs. Runkle was born in Georges Valley, and was a daughter of the late Peter Brown by his first wife, Catharine Grove. Mrs. A. C. Ripka, deceased, was a full sister, and Mrs. H. G. Strohmeyer, Mrs. William F. Flory, and Mrs. C. N. Kryder, are half-sisters. Her mother having died when Mrs. Runkle was but three years old, she was reared by her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. William Grove.

Her husband, the late James W. Runkle, died during the past summer, but there survive her a daughter, Miss Laura Runkle, at home.

Mrs. Runkle was long a member of the Lutheran church. She was a woman of most kindly impulses and her benefactions were numerous. Many a youngster was taken into her home and given her love and devotion. As a neighbor and friend she was all that those words in their best form imply. Funeral services were conducted by her pastor, Rev. S. F. Greenhoe.

**ZEIGLER.**—Irvin A. Zeigler died at his home in New Ulm, Ind., Carleton county, Thursday forenoon of last week, from an infection of the frontal bone. Interment was made at Reading on Monday.

The deceased was the youngest of the children of Henry and Lydia Wolf Zeigler, and was born at Clintonville, Clinton county. The family later moved to west of Centre Hall, on the Van Trice farm, from where the deceased attended and later graduated from Bucknell University. He took up the profession of school teaching, and about 1908 was principal of the Centre Hall High school. From here he went to Ashburn, Montgomery county, and later to points in Cumberland county, continuing his profession of teaching school.

His wife, who survives him, before marriage was Miss Mabel Barolet, of Oile. Six children also survive him, namely: Miss Constance, a student at Dickinson; Louise, Henry, Rosemary, Alice and Irvin, Jr., at home. The brothers surviving him are: Nathan, Spring Mills; William, West Virginia; Adam, State College; Howard, Spring Mills; Lizzie, State College; Catharine, Illinois.

**LOSE.**—Jacob Strohm Lose, son of John W. and Mary Ellen Lose, both deceased, died in Los Angeles, Calif., December 15th, just two weeks from the time his father passed away. The deceased was born in Millheim in 1834, making his age 42 years. He was a member of Hohenbeck Lodge of Masons for the past seven years. They had charge of the funeral. He was employed by the Doheny Oil Co., Tampico, Mexico. Surviving are his widow, Genevieve, and one sister, Mrs. John Long, 289 E. 65th St., Los Angeles.

Death was due to complications. The body was cremated.

This information was kindly forwarded to the Reporter by Mrs. W. Cunningham, formerly of Centre Hall.

**SPICHER.**—At the home of his son, Charles P. near Rockview, Lucian Spicher passed from this earth to the great beyond. Mr. Spicher was aged 79 years, 1 month and 28 days. He was born in Juniata county, but he resided in Centre county from early childhood, for many years living west of Old Fort, on the Boalsburg road. For the last sixteen years he has resided with his son, Charles, at the above mentioned place. His entire life was spent on the farm. He leaves to mourn his death four children: Mrs. John McPherson, of Vintondale; Mrs. Clarence Heaton, of Ebensburg; Elmer Spicher, of near Waddle, and Charles E., with whom he resided. Fifteen grandchildren and three great-grandchildren survive. Funeral services were held on Dec. 21, Rev. Wagner officiating; interment at Shilon.

(Continued on inside page.)

## FARM HOUSE BURNED.

Dwelling House on the Charles H. Foust Farm, at Centre Hill, One of the Best Houses in That Section, Totally Destroyed, Wednesday of Last Week.

The dwelling house on the Hosterman farm, now owned and occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Foust, located west of Centre Hill, was entirely destroyed by fire on Wednesday forenoon of last week. The fire originated in the kitchen, at either the stove or chimney in the kitchen. The chimneys of the house were all built up from the cellar and are supposed to have been in good condition.

The fire soon enveloped the house, but neighbors by using the telephone, aroused the community and by quick action much of the house furnishings were carried to a place of safety.

The house was built in 1907 by Dr. James K. Hosterman during the lifetime of his father, the late Alfred P. Hosterman. Its cost at that time was close to \$6,000. It was quite large and was built of the best of material. The Fousts acquired the property a little less than two years ago from T. A. Hosterman of Centre Hall.

The Bellefonte pumper was called for, but did not arrive early enough to save any portion of the house, but might have been of service to protect the barn had the wind changed.

At the time the house took fire, Mr. Foust was at the barn and Mrs. Foust was teaching school at Tusseyville. Insurance was carried to the amount of \$4,000 on the house and contents. Deduction from this will be made for furniture and fixtures removed.

**Killed Moose in Canada Woods.**

A handsome specimen of bull moose was shot in the Canadian woods by William W. Kerlin, the poultryman, of Centre Hall, during the hunting expedition of a party of four Centre Hall young men and one from Bellefonte, about two months ago. The hunters went to Maine for deer, in which State moose are protected. After killing his legal buck, Mr. Kerlin decided to step over the border into Canada, which he did, and procuring a Canadian license at a cost of \$50.00, soon had his quarry. The head arrived at Centre Hall on Christmas morning and was the object of curiosity to all, especially to native "old hunters" who are pleased to content themselves yearly with a buck deer. The horns on the moose head have a spread of 55 inches; the plates are from 8 to 10 inches broad. The beast evidently weighed from 1,099 to 1,209 pounds. Its head adorns the office of the poultryman along with other trophies, including silver cups won in egg-laying contests, and other highly prized possessions.

## Dinner for "Miss Pittsburgh."

J. Russel Hosterman, of Millheim, gave a formal dinner party on Christmas eve, at his home, in honor of "Miss Pittsburgh," locally known to her friends as Miss Thelma Williams, of Port Matilda. In the words of the host, the dinner was given in honor of the creditable showing that Miss Williams made in the "Atlantic City Beauty Pageant."

The affair was an immensely elaborate and fashionable one, as well as one that will not soon be forgotten by those who were present and participated in the partaking of the layout. The menu consisted of grapefruit cocktail, roast turkey, mashed potatoes, creamed corn, scalloped oysters, green olives, hearts of celery, cranberry sherbert, white lily salad, and the many tasty "trinkets" that only a fine host could think of. The feast was concluded with several toasts to the host and the guest of honor.

Miss Williams delightfully entertained the seven complex present, reciting the poem, "Let me live in a house by the side of the road and be a friend to man." Miss Mary Goggle also contributed to the occasion by dramatizing the poem, "The Trees." The remainder of the evening was spent by dancing and singing Christmas carols.

Among those present were: Thelma Williams, Mary Goggle, Miriam Nieman, Lucille Gramley, and Bernice Crouse; J. Russel Hosterman, William Nieman, Harold Keller, Kenneth Haines, and S. Miller.

## Historical Events.

The following historical events occurred in 1863—Emancipation proclamation.

Jan. 1st, 1863—Emancipation proclamation.

Jan. 6th, 1919—Theodore Roosevelt died.

Jan. 8th, 1815—Battle of New Orleans.

Jan. 17th, 1706—Benjamin Franklin born.

Jan. 18th, 1782—Daniel Webster born.

Jan. 19th, 1808—Robert E. Lee born.

Jan. 21st, 1824—"Stonewall" Jackson born.

Jan. 29th, 1840—William McKinley born.

## ENTERTAIN AT COLYER STORE.

Glee Club Does Stunts on New Year's Night—Grizzly Bear A Performer.

A number of residents of Colyer and Tusseyville organized a glee club for the purpose of giving Harry S. Goodyear, the new store-keeper at Colyer, a housewarming, on New Year's night. George Jordan was unanimously elected president of the club and S. E. Jordan, vice-president. William Mulbarger was appointed chairman of the entertaining committee.

The officers and members of the club arrived at the store, which was crowded with people anxiously awaiting the entertainment at 8:00 o'clock. The program consisted of old-time songs, accompanied by the different musical instruments, also several short talks were given by the president, Mr. Jordan, and secretary, Mr. Mulbarger. Aside from the main part of the program, several comical features were rendered, one of which was a "Grizzly Bear," managed by Mr. Jordan. He, of course, gave orders before the bear was brought in that no one should tease him, as he was very hard to manage if tampered with too much. The orders were obeyed and the bear did his part very well. Harry McClellan entertained the children and ladies with his grind organ and pet monkey. The club members were clothed in their proper regalia and everything went along smoothly with one exception—while Mr. Mulbarger was giving his address in a forceful manner, he had the misfortune of having his underwear separate in the back, but immediately after the address the ladies of the Colyer sewing circle came to his assistance and repaired the rent.

The entertainment lasted one hour and thirty minutes. Twenty-five of the members were present, several being unable to be there on account of business. The people of Colyer, including Mr. Goodyear, wish to take this method of thanking the club for the entertainment. No admission was charged, not even an offering proffered by several in the audience was taken.

The club meets regularly each week, and anyone desiring to make any engagements with them will kindly communicate with Mr. Mulbarger, secretary.

## DIED FROM BURNS.

**Christmas Dinner—Body Burned to a Crisp.**

Mrs. James McCall, who before marriage was Miss Mary Coble, of Linden Hall, was burned to a crisp Christmas morning and died in the Johnstown hospital on Sunday morning afterward. She was alone when the accident happened, and from appearances in the kitchen she was in the act of preparing the Christmas dinner and probably was singeing a chicken when her clothing took fire. Her entire body from the knees to the top of the head was burned so badly that from many parts the flesh fell away. Her husband was upstairs at the time, and heard his wife give an alarm of fire, but did not reach her soon enough to save her life.

Mrs. McCall was the daughter of John Coble, now living at Beech Creek, and was but about twenty years of age. There were no children. Two half brothers and two half sisters survive her.

## DRINKING PARTY RESULTS IN MURDER OF COAL MINER.

Peter Jeiz Is Found by Son Lying Dead in Shack With Head Split Open with Axe.—Companion Is Arrested.

As a result of a drinking party Saturday afternoon, Peter Jeiz, a miner who lived in a shack near the boundary line between Clearfield and Centre counties, was killed, and Geo. Kosut, one of the party, is in the Bellefonte jail, charged with his murder.

The tragedy occurred about 1 o'clock Saturday afternoon, but an eye-witness, Mike Bug, who also lived in the shack and who is also in jail held as an accessory, failed to report it until the authorities "knew nothing of it until the body of the dead man was discovered by his son, who came to the shack about 5 o'clock.

His head was split open, apparently with an axe, and Sheriff Dick Taylor is in possession of a bloody axe found in the shack when the authorities investigated after the reporting of the tragedy by the son of the murdered man.

Kosut, who is accused of the crime, was brought to the Centre county jail on Sunday, by the chief of police of Philadelphia. The arrest of the two men now in jail was made by the Clearfield county authorities, it being supposed at first that the crime had been committed in that county. It is believed that the men were fighting, as the thumb of Kosut had been badly chewed and the theory is that while Jeiz was chewing his thumb Kosut seized the axe and hit him over the head.

## Killed Moose in Canada Woods.

A handsome specimen of bull moose was shot in the Canadian woods by William W. Kerlin, the poultryman, of Centre Hall, during the hunting expedition of a party of four Centre Hall young men and one from Bellefonte, about two months ago. The hunters went to Maine for deer, in which State moose are protected. After killing his legal buck, Mr. Kerlin decided to step over the border into Canada, which he did, and procuring a Canadian license at a cost of \$50.00, soon had his quarry. The head arrived at Centre Hall on Christmas morning and was the object of curiosity to all, especially to native "old hunters" who are pleased to content themselves yearly with a buck deer. The horns on the moose head have a spread of 55 inches; the plates are from 8 to 10 inches broad. The beast evidently weighed from 1,099 to 1,209 pounds. Its head adorns the office of the poultryman along with other trophies, including silver cups won in egg-laying contests, and other highly prized possessions.

## Dinner for "Miss Pittsburgh."

J. Russel Hosterman, of Millheim, gave a formal dinner party on Christmas eve, at his home, in honor of "Miss Pittsburgh," locally known to her friends as Miss Thelma Williams, of Port Matilda. In the words of the host, the dinner was given in honor of the creditable showing that Miss Williams made in the "Atlantic City Beauty Pageant."

The affair was an immensely elaborate and fashionable one, as well as one that will not soon be forgotten by those who were present and participated in the partaking of the layout. The menu consisted of grapefruit cocktail, roast turkey, mashed potatoes, creamed corn, scalloped oysters, green olives, hearts of celery, cranberry sherbert, white lily salad, and the many tasty "trinkets" that only a fine host could think of. The feast was concluded with several toasts to the host and the guest of honor.

Miss Williams delightfully entertained the seven complex present, reciting the poem, "Let me live in a house by the side of the road and be a friend to man." Miss Mary Goggle also contributed to the occasion by dramatizing the poem, "The Trees." The remainder of the evening was spent by dancing and singing Christmas carols.

Among those present were: Thelma Williams, Mary Goggle, Miriam Nieman, Lucille Gramley, and Bernice Crouse; J. Russel Hosterman, William Nieman, Harold Keller, Kenneth Haines, and S. Miller.

## Lutheran Joint Council to Meet.

The annual meeting of the joint council of the Penns Valley charge of the Lutheran church will be held on Saturday, January 8th, in the Lutheran church, Centre Hall, at 1:30 o'clock.—Wm. H. Haney, Pres't.

## Progress Grange Officers.

At a regular meeting of Progress Grange of Centre Hall, held Saturday evening, past master D. K. Keller, assisted by Mrs. Jacob Sharer, installed the following officers:

Worthy Master, V. A. Auman; lecturer, Helen Neff, overseer, Curtis Barber, steward, A. E. Spayd; assistant steward, J. C. Brooks; chaplain, Mrs. G. W. Ralston; treasurer, Richard Brooks; secretary, G. W. Ralston; gate keeper, Lilia Brooks; ceres, Mrs. H. L. Ebright; pomona, Mrs. V. A. Auman; flora, Mrs. P. H. Luse; lady assistant steward, Frances Brooks; pianist, Mrs. Della Reiber. Next meeting, Saturday evening, Jan. 15th.

Elaborate calendars are being given out by the Kerlin poultry farm, F. V. Goodhart, undertaker, D. A. Booser, W. A. Homan and W. R. Hosterman, garagemen; Wm. McClellan, dealer; Centre Hall Roller Mills; C. F. Emery, merchant; First National bank and Penns Valley bank.

## DIED FROM BURNS.

**Christmas Dinner—Body Burned to a Crisp.**

Mrs. James McCall, who before marriage was Miss Mary Coble, of Linden Hall, was burned to a crisp Christmas morning and died in the Johnstown hospital on Sunday morning afterward. She was alone when the accident happened, and from appearances in the kitchen she was in the act of preparing the Christmas dinner and probably was singeing a chicken when her clothing took fire. Her entire body from the knees to the top of the head was burned so badly that from many parts the flesh fell away. Her husband was upstairs at the time, and heard his wife give an alarm of fire, but did not reach her soon enough to save her life.

Mrs. McCall was the daughter of John Coble, now living at Beech Creek, and was but about twenty years of age. There were no children. Two half brothers and two half sisters survive her.

## TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

### HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS.

Carl A. Auman was home from Steubenville, Ohio, at the Christmas time.

O. E. Bailey, of Harrisburg, was in Centre Hall with relatives over the New Year.

Mrs. George E. Heckman and little son George, recently visited the former's daughter, Mrs. Lee Lingle, in Altoona.

While cranking his Fordson tractor, farmer John Dutrow was struck on the right arm with sufficient force to break one of the bones close to the wrist.

Prof. L. O. Packer enjoyed the Christmas season away from the class room in a Pittsburgh High school, with his family at his home in Centre Hall.

Mrs. Shutt, widow of Frank Shutt, of Wellington, Ohio, is visiting her mother and brother, Mrs. Emma Shutt and Calvin Vonada, respectively, who live near Potters Mills.

Claude K. Stahl, of Philadelphia, was at his home here over Christmas. He was the only one of a number of men of his age who have gone out from here to return this year at this season.

The local grammar school pupils were singing the praises of their teacher, Robert Neff, who treated them so handsomely at the Christmas time. A pound box of chocolates and an ice cream sundae put the youngsters in high glee.

"Giggles and Girls Company," one of the best musical comedy shows now showing at popular prices, appears this week at the Richelieu. Super-special pictures are also being shown. Afternoons, pictures only; evenings, 25 and 50 cents.

A charter was granted by Governor Pinchot to Halfpenny and Grove, Inc., of Swengel, Union county. The purpose of the corporation is to manufacture light and power for domestic and industrial use in the vicinity of Swengel. It is capitalized at \$37,500.

Miss Elsie Geiss, a short time ago, gave up keeping two apartment houses on Green street, Philadelphia, and is now living with her sister, Mrs. Virginia Miller, at 2011 Mt. Vernon St. D. K. Geiss, father of the ladies, also makes his home at the latter address.

A rifle, firing a 22-calibre long, got one or more boys in bad a few days ago. The lads were shooting mark, when one of them left a shot go in the wrong direction, the bullet hitting the glass in the front door of the James Peterhoff home. The bullet had sufficient force to go through the glass and strike a door on the opposite side of the room.

In our last issue appeared a statement to the effect that "Miss Nittany," was partially wrecked at Eoomsburg. It was not "Miss Nittany" but "O'Henry," one of Henry Myer's buses, of State College, that figured in the wreck. We take pleasure in saying that "Miss Nittany's" figure retains all its original shapely lines.

Fred Lucas, son of Mr. and Mrs. John D. Lucas, of Levittown, was a guest at the home of his aunt, Mrs. D. K. Keller, in Centre Hall. The young man is a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania and is now taking a course in Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia. While a University student he won the scholarship in Jefferson.

Fourteen hundred patrons of the Centre County Bank, that closed its doors May 13, 1922, expect soon to receive about fifteen per cent. of their deposits. The sum of \$80,000 will be distributed unless some complications unforeseen arise. This sum represents the cash realized from the estates of John M. Shugert and Mrs. George F. Harris, stockholders in the defunct bank.

Judge Harry Keller is considering the advisability of not calling the traverse jurors until Tuesday of the first week of the various terms of court. It is seldom that jury trials are had on the day of the opening of court, owing to the fact that frequently grand juries are unable to have passed on a case, and other good reasons. Bringing the traverse jurors to court one day later, it is claimed, will save about \$800. Jurymen are paid \$4.00 per day.

The changing of residence from Spring Mills to Millheim, next spring, of T. M. Gramley and family, will take from Gregg township a citizen who has been active in business, social and church life for thirty-seven years. Mr. Gramley at that time came to Spring Mills from Rebersburg. He had previously purchased the Peter Wilson home and had lived there since. He began life as a school teacher, following the profession for fourteen years. While at Rebersburg he and his brother, Prof. C. L. Gramley, engaged in the mercantile business. On coming to his present location he engaged with R. E. Eisenhart as bookkeeper at the creamery he afterwards acquired and which was conducted under the name of Spring Mills Creamery Company. The creamery was a good earning proposition and was conducted on safe lines. Mr. and Mrs. Gramley and daughter, Miss Orpha, now constitute the Gramley family who next spring will occupy a new residence in what is known as Gramley's Addition. Millheim. The home was built by L. E. Hartges, and is located close to where two sons—S. Ward and Window—of Mr. Gramley's live.