USE DEATH CHAIR FOR 165 PERSONS IN TWELVE YEARS

Pardon Board Shows That One-Third Committee Drafts a Uniform Code and of Men Sentenced Escaped Penalty.-Clemency on Increase.

One hundred and sixty-five men have been executed in Pennsylvania in the years from 1915 to 1926, inclusive, a report of the State Board of Pardons disclosed. Within this period 232 death warrants were issued, but 53 sentences were commuted to life imprisonment. The remainder of the death warrants either were recalled or have to be made on the green light, Dr. John A. H. Keith, Indiana, Indi-

The board, in the 12 years, received 1097 applications for pardons and approved 1163, together with 7895 applications for paroles. During the administration of Governor Brumbaugh there were 62 death warrants issued and 49 executions; Governor Sproul issued 92 death warrants, 71 of which were carried into execution and Governor Pinchot issued 78 death warrants, of which 45 have been executed. There now are six persons awaiting

The report disclosed that 756 applications for pardons were received and 252 applications granted during the administration of Governor Brum- highway at which a sign may be baugh; 1284 applications received and 382 granted during the administration of Governor Sproul, and 2039 applications received and 529 approved during the administration of Governor

Pinchot. Of the 529 . pardons recommended during the tenure of Governor Pinchot, the report pointed out that 261 were upon the recommendation of the trial judges and district attorneys; 71 upon recommendation of the juries. Mayor Louis Franke, of Johnstown, is probation officers, and 197 to restore citizenship to persons who had served their sentences.

Abandons Exams.

that no mid-year examinations will be way Departments. given to the students of the High school this year. In announcing this departure from the usual custom, Mr. Sloop stated that it was an experiment, upon the outcome of which will depend the future attitude of the school board on mid-year and final examinations. The value of examinations for determining the amount of knowledge a student has gained during a school term has often been disputed. Some educators maintain that an examination is not a fair test of a student's progress, because of the nervous stage fright, which assails the average student when examinations are mentioned. Other professors manitain that examinations ruin the character of the students subjected to thems since when it is a question of "cribbing" or falling in a subject there are very few who can withstand the temptation to seek outside help. Mr. Sloop declared that there were innur erable reasons for making the experiment in abandoning examinations, and possibly the two mentioned above have their place among them.

The Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture places the acreage value of the corn crop in 1926 at \$31.98. against \$40.8 in 1925. The total value of the last year's crop is placed at \$44,580,900, and the 1925 crop. \$57,446,-000. The acreage value of wheat in 1926 is placed at \$25.80 and in 1925, \$29.40. Oats for 1926, \$15.16, and in 1925, \$17.85. White potatoes in 1926, \$190.40, and in 1925, \$238.62. The total value of the potato crop in 1925 is estimated at \$37,699,000, and in 1925. \$48.201,000

Construction work on a new dormitory for girls at Bucknell University women who have made requests to son Hall in honor of Mrs. Katherine

Local High Seniors Give Program.

classes of the local High school for a Lock Company is making the installforty-minute period. Some of the feat- ation. ures of the program were: Respect for the seniors as shown by the fresh- Directors-J. H. Rishel, J. K. Bitner, men during the senior P. O. D. period; A. B. Lee, T. J. Decker, A. J. Shook. the four stages through which a High M. T. Zubler, Jeremiah Zettle, J. W. ly a Chevrolet sedan to Clayton Press-lege president. school paper; freshmen class song; baptism of the greenest freshman, H. F. Erdley, and teller, E. F. Lee. junior; senior play written by a senior. The benediction was pronounced as follows: "Now abideth seniors, juniors, sophomores, freshmen-but the greatest of these is seniors."—By a senior.

Lewistown sold its new \$28,000 bond issue to a Philadelphia house at a margin of \$1.50 per \$100 par value.

Under a recent ruling of the State Health Department, physicians are in the basement was the cause of the mountains for the birds and wild health all forms of pneumonia, that disease having been listed as a communicable disease.

Miks Jess M. Burns, who has been acting postmistress of the town since PLAN STATE-WIDE TRAFFIC SIGNALS

Will Ask Legislature to Enact It. The committee of mayors and traffic directors met in Harrisburg and decided to recommend to the Legislature that traffic signal lights be stand- Salary, \$8000 a year. ardized to mean the same thing. Under the proposed recommendations a Baldrige, Hollidaysburg, Blair, county. red light would mean "stop" and noth- Salary, \$12,000. ing else and a green light would mean

except at certain street intersections ana county. Salary, \$12,000. where peculiar traffic conditions exist. intersections with straight ahead traf-

the elimination of directing signs on ary, \$7500. private property along State high, ways. These signs, erected by business organizations, sometimes are tre county, Salary, \$8000. placed along fences or on boards eserected.

The committee also decided to make Salary, \$10,000 a recommendation to permit the State, on which vehicles would have the right of way over those crossing or entering such streets from intersect-

ing highways. Organization of the uniform traffic committee was perfected through efchairman. In addition to Mayor Franke those attending were: Burton Marsh, traffic engineer, Pittsburgh; W. B. Mills, superintendent of police, Philadelphia; Mayor George A. Hoverter, Harrisburg: former Mayor Wm. Bellefonte High school and the Belle-At a meeting of the teachers of the T. Ramsey, Chester; Mayor Henry Bellefonte High school, Professor Ar- Renninger, Allentown; and representhur H. Sloop, superintendent of the tatives of the State Motor Federation. Bellefonte public schools, announced the State police and the State High-

Banks Hold Annual Meetings.

The annual meeting of stockholders of the Governor. the bank was held last week and re-Decker, W. W. Kerlin, J. C. Brooks, Robert Y. Stuart, were ex-officio members of the commission. It was while beard of directors elected the following.

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Frust Company, Millhelm, held its annual meeting last week and re-elected all of ist former officers and directors, as indicated below:

G. S. Frank, president; C. L. G ramley, first vice president; A. A. Frank, second vice president; L. W. Stover, cashier; J. R. Miller, assistant cashier; S. W. Gramley, trust officer. Addi- living in Boalsburg tional directors: F. M. Fisher, L. E. Stover, R. S. Stover, H. E. Crouse, L. W. Stover.

The institution is capitalized at \$125. 000, and has a surplus of \$62,000; un- price is said to have been \$10.000. divided profits, \$12,223; deposits, \$1,-150,662.

The Rebersburg National Bank: At the annual sharehiolders' meeting held Tuesday afternoon. January 11th, the directors of last year were all re-elected viz-J. R. Brungart, M. C. Haines, J. N. Moyer, S. A. Bierly, C. H. Smull. will be started within a few weeks it Meyer and W. L. Barner. The board W. J. Kreider, C. J. Weaver, Jr., H. A. has been announced at Lewisburg by then organized with J. R. Brungart. building will be large enough to accommodate 160 girls, and will help M. Bierly, cashier. The bank is this week installing an entire new vauit enter the university next fall. The lining for entire inside of vault, and a ten inch burglar proof door. This Larison, who gave Bucknell \$25,000 of insurance known and give the paequipment will carry the lowest rate trons the maximum of protection. The equipment was shipped to Centre Hall station in order to avoid crossing conthe senior class entertained the other Rebersburg, and the York Safe and sports.

> chosen were: President, J. H. Rishel; vice president, J. K. Bitner; cashier,

Church at Snow Shoe Burned. About 10 o'clock Sunday morning,

fire destroyed the Presbyterian church at Snow Shoe, of which Rev. Howard E. Oakwood is pastor. The loss was estimated at \$10,000 and is partly cov-

The building, which is a one-story frame structure, was remodeled throughout about a year ago and it is 500 bushels of scratch feed has been

Appreciates Vallant Work at Fire.

Reporter to say for him that he has of county treasurer, in this issue. Mr. a deep sense of appreciation for the ing in the campaign four years ago early in September, has been advised kindness of all who fought so valiant-when he lost out to J. O. Heverly, the

THE FISHER CABINET.

Dorworth, Centre County Newspaper

The Fisher cabinet is as follows: Secretary of the Commonwealth, Charles Johnson, Montgomery county. Attorney General, Judge Thomas J.

Stuart, Pittsburgh. Salary. \$12,000.

Insurance Commissioner,

Secretary of Welfare, Mrs. E. S.

Secretary of Banking, Peter G. Camcounty. Salary, \$10,000.

Commissioner of Fisheries. Nathan Buller (Reappointed), Pleasant Mount, Wayne county. Salary, \$4500.

(Reappointed), Allentown, Lehigh county. Salary, \$8000. Charles E. Dorworth. Secretary of Forests and Waters, the Centre county fonte Academy, and since 1909 has been publisher of the Bellefonte Republican. Mr. Dorworth had extensive newspaper experience in Philadelphia and Pittsburgh, being a widelyknown political writer. In addition to He has long been a personal friend of

Daniel Daup; vice ter Supply Commission that the Py the building. themselves as being very much pleased power developments were supervised purchased it for \$6750. with the progress of the bank and and subsequently approved. Mr. Dor-

Three Farms Sold.

Boalsburg, was recently sold to John

William Cole, now tenant on the Goheen farm mentioned above, purchased the William Stewart farm, a short distance west of the Goheen place. The of any consequence occurring in Cen-

from Mr. Dale some years ago, to Dor- er lot the Shirk home (near town) The three new farm owners will each day night.

occupy their respective farms April 1st. Rev. Mitterling Writes from So. Dak.

Madison, South Dakota, Jan. 11, '27. Editor Reporter:

attention to its meaning associated Hetzel new president of the Pennsylwith numerical figures, I ask the ques- vania State College, in his first pubtion, how am I measuring up? To be lic address since assuming office, greatright with your usual friendly dispo- ly impressed an audience of over 2000 sition I inclose a P. O. order to shove Pennsylvania farmers at the opening ahead into more significant years. report of the hunters as given each this week. On Friday afternoon of last week demned bridges between Coburn and county is a leader among hunting year's hunting season. Surely Centre Yours truly, D. J. MITTERLING.

Local Chevrolet Sales.

ler, Millheim; one and one-half ton Chevrolet truck to Bradford and Com-McClenahan, Centre Hall,

Preserving Game,

Mifflin county sportsmen are making an effort to both increase and Kansas wild rabbits were liberated in tion of farm and industrial problems,

Since the closing of the hunting season over 200 bushels of corn and thought that an overheated furnace placed in Mifflin county woods and game,

L. L. Smith, of Centre Hall, an-Walter R. Hosterman desires the nounces his candidacy for the office HOSTERMAN GARAGE BURNED SUNDAY NIGHT

Man, Made Secretary of Forests Loss Falls Heavily on Owner, Walter First Planting by Individuals In This HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST R. Hosterman-L. L. Smith Loses Two Cars In Storage.

The Hosterman Garage, owned by flames from it were leaping high in ment of the State Forest. the air, greatly threatening the I. O. On September 1st, 1927, James E. Secretary of Highways, James Lyall O. F. building in which is located the McNeal a graduate of Mont Alto State

the Mitterling pool room.

garage and lives next to it. was bat- will be a difficult matter." eron (Reappointed), Wellsboro, Tioga two cars a Dodge coupe and Dodge planting was made under the direction new schedule of prices on Star cars. tiling to remove from the workshop Adjutant General, Frank D. Beary to yield, and it was only after the cars sery were used: were almost a total wreck that they

with others were removed. The loss sustained by Mr. Hosterman is estimated at between fifteen representative in the cabinet, was born and twenty thousand dollars. He carin Bellefonte in 1876, educated in the ried a reasonable amount of insur- and the trees were spaced 4 feet apart. ance. Of two policies he carried, the This planting was done at a total cost

In addition to the equipment and dan and the other a Nash car, were tion in the district. totally ruined. In storage were the Other ambitious foresters soon appublishing, he has extensive business two cars belonging to Mr. Smith, a peared and the territory was divided. sedan owned by the Misses Ecyrod of Forset planting then received an im-

ing board which consisted of R. M. mission of Pennsylvania, during which bility is that it was caused by the electhousand trees in the ground. Smith, F V. Goodhart, E. O. Durst, L. period Governor Pinchot, then Fortic wiring. The seat of the fire was In 1919 private individuals became by insurance. Frank Mayes, Daniel Daup, J. L. period Governor Pinchot, then For the wiring. The seat of the meter interested in planting their waste lands. For the first time in the history of

Klinger, who is now a tenant on the nally succeeded in awakening a few seedlings.

All Sunday Night Fires.

It is rather singular that all fires The John Dale farm, located above pened on Sunday nights. Memory retre Hall during the past 25 years, hap Rockview penitentiary. was sold by calls the planing mill, the Odd Fellows Harry Smeltzelr, who purchased it building, the large stable on the Harpand the Hösterman garage, last Sun-

FARMERS HAVE FRIEND

IN PENN STATE HEAD Declaring that he had always found his most sympathetic supporters, his Usually I am so busy that I fail to soundest counsellors and truest friends notice color of label, but when special among the farmers, Dr. Ralph D. meeting of the Farm Products Show I can assure you I greatly enjoy the in Harrisburg on Tuesday night of

"This was my experience in the middle-west, in the far-west and in New England," said President Hetzel, E. Smith. "and I hope I may prove myself wor thy of equal confidence in this State." He added that farming has one of his ultimate aim s in life, despite the fact Through the Homan Company agen- that he first became a lawyer and then Mifflinburg for the past six years, has a college professor and finally a col- purchased the L. G. Rearick furniture

pany, and a similar truck to William future possibilities in it. He sketched be associated with him in the business. the great industrial and agricultural They took possession of the store this service that State College is rendering week. Mr. Smith has been agent for the people of Pennsylvania. He prais- a cash register concern in Williamsed the college extension organizations port. that take educational information to all who desire it, declared for a still and expressed faith in the young colleg men and women of today, urging 99. The following pupils made 100 The Reitz farm is leased from Col. that facilities for their training be per cent in monthly tests: Arithmetic made the best available.

Appreciation of the kindly manner in which he has been received in Pennsylvania was expressed by President Hetzel and said that he feels he hall be happy in the service of the

Commonwealth. Scores of agricultural school faculty members and extension specialists from State College are in attendance at the FOREST PLANTING IN THE PENN FOREST DISTRICT TOWN AND COUNTY

Region Done by the Late Leonard Rhone and C. R. Neff.

The first forest tree planting in the Walter R. Hosterman, took fire Sun- Penn Forest was done shortly after Clearfield hospital. day night about twelve o'clock, and be- the first trained forester arrived to fore it was seen by nearby neighbors, take up active duties in the manage-

Oriole store, the hall of the order and Forest School, established headquarters at Milroy. At the end of that year It appeared a long wait, and yet it he recommended reforesting of affandwas but a short time, until the hand oned farm fields owned by the Com-A those the local authorities could per: B. Appel. Lancaster country of the plug, but not carried out the following year ty commissioners in Union country, died once in action the heavy stream (1908) probably for the yeason that he kist week from pneumonia. He was showed immediate effects, and in less was compelled to devote his entire aged 55 years. which flashes between the red and the G. Jordan. Volant, Lawrence county. than five minutes the flames were so time to combatting forest fires during reduced that one felt that while great the planting seasons of that year. For Colonel destruction in the interior of the ga- in 1908 he reported as follows: "Fires four below. At noon on Saturday Matthew H. Taggart. Northumberland rage was going on, adjoining property have occurred frequently in almost ev mercury was hovering around zero, No definite steps were taken toward borough, Northumberland county, Salwas reasonably safe. The attachment ery portion of the forest, and the conmaking it the coldest day for the of the second line of hose brought dition of the growth and soil plainly month to date. Secretary of Forests and Waters, from the station section of the town shows the destructive work which they Charles E. Dorworth, Bellefonte, Cen- guaranteed this There was a hard have done. Together with close lum- of John Petro, of Bellefonte, swallowbattle on for a considerable period, but bering fires have thinned the growth ed a piece of a mouth organ which re-Secretary of Labor and Industry, at no time was there anything but to such a great degree as to cause quired an operation at the Lock Hatablished for the purpose. A State Charles A. Waters, 4918 Green street, confidence of being able to keep the streams to become very high and mud-ven hospital for its removal. flames confined to the original struct dy after a small rain. The land is ure, and for this reason the proffered eroded and almost all the soil has been H. McCauley, Beaver, Beaver county, aid of the Bellefonte fire company was washed off many slopes. Unless an Secretary of Property and Supplies, During the early stages of the fire, fires is established, in the near future. cities and boroughs to designate Benson E. Taylor, Brockway, Jefferson L. L. Smith, who formerly owned the it will not be long until reforesting

touring—stored there by him. The of Forester McNeal. The planting was A substantial reduction is in effect on door was partially opened, where the done in Green's Valley on the Nittany closed models. See his ad. in this cars stood within arm's length, but Mountain, and the following two year issue, he got no further. The door refused seedlings, from the Mount Alto nur-

White Pine 3,500 Scotch Pine 1,200 European Larch Balsam Fir

heavier one was renewed a day before of \$5.25 per acre or at a cost of \$4.03 per thousand trees in the ground. Most of these trees are growing tostock, two new cars, one a Dodge se- day and there is not a thirftier planta-

aged the Fisher campaign last fall. Tusseyville, a Studebaker by a Pitts petus. To date a total of 194 plantings burgh party in storage since the hunt have been made on the Penn State sulted in the re-election of the retir-chairman of the Water Supply Com-determined absolutely, but the proba-for tree seedlings and cost \$4.79 per

of the Wa- were located on the opposite side of ry Department should provide tree from Sunbury having been made at president, F. E. Wieland; cashier, H. matuning Swamp Conservation project Mr. Hosterman came to Centre Hall, growing them. The honor for the first son, whose home and office is located. Leigh Ebright; assistant cashier, Dan previously authorized by the Legisla January 1st, 1925, and began business planting by private individuals in the in Lewisburg. The stockholders present expressed for the Clarion River and other large from L. L. Smith, and last summer lowing Centre countians. C. R. Neff. ly located at 727 Seventh Avenue, Juniture, was definitely launched, and plans, at that time. He leased the garage Penn Porest District goes to the folour chased it for \$6750.

Vifas Wise, a young man going These three individuals planted a total Mrs. Stoner's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. were very enthusiastic about the fu- worth married. May Sullivan Crider from his home in Brush Valley, to of 5,518 tree seedlings during the E. Foust, at Potters Mills, for a short State College where he is employed, spring of 1919. There pioneers in forvisit. Mr. Stoner is a brakeman on a gave the fire alarm. He observed the est set a splendid example, which 185 freight train running between Juniata flames shooting into the air while com different private land owners of the and Harrisburg. The Matthew Goheen farm, east of ing up the Brush Valley road. He had Penn District have followed to date, difficulty in arousing residents, but fi planting a total of 595.799 forest tree From the State College Times: A. P.

for themselves, and it is the District pital at Danville, returned home very Forester's job to assist and advise in considerably improved. the work. The spring of 1927 will be James Carner, of Hublersburg, rethe banner reforesting year. 20,000, cently returned to his car while it 000 tree seedlings will be planted by was parked in Bellefonte and discov-Pennsylvania's private land owners ered a man in the act of removing Applications from forty citizens of the his spare tire. The man was a strang-Penn District are already on file for a er. Mr. Carner ordered the fellow to total of 300,000 tree seedlings. How-replace it and he complied in a very ever, all the tree seedlings available confused manner and departed. have not yet been allotted. Have you ordered what you now need? If not, order now.-THOS. C. HARBESON, District Forester, Milroy, Pa.

\$83.68 for Red Cross.

The total contributions for the local Red Cross was \$83.69-\$69.00 for adult will also erect a new building to cost members and \$14.69 for the public \$27,000. school children. This is an increase over last year of \$11.83.

Houtz-Stover.

Miss Floda B. Stover, of Houserville, and Roy A. Houtz of Lemont, were married at the Evangelical parsonage in Centre Hall, on Wednesday afternoon of last week at 4:30, by Rev. W.

Purchased Furniture Store.

store at Lock Haven and will remove President Hetzel said that he was in to that place in the near future. Mr. love with his job and realized great Bridge's son-in-law, Russell Smith, will

> 5th and 6th Grades School Report. Report for fourth month of school: as the Reitz farm, at the approach of Per cent of attendance, boys 98, girls Gilbraith's Gap, in Harris township.

-Lawrence Hartley; History-Muth Hugh Morrow. The following made wild to restock the surrounding secey, John Spyker, Woodrow Hosterman, in breeding silver foxes, rabbits and that she had been selected as postmistress of Selinsgrove for the next four vears.

If you his interests at the fire which destroyed his place of business on Sunday night.

When he lost out to J. O. Heverly, the Republican and present incumbent of the treasurer's office, by the scant marking the farmers' organizations were adviced by the scant marking the farmers' organizations were adviced by the scant marking the scant m

FROM ALL PARTS.

Mrs. H. O. Fieder, of Woodward, recently underwent an operation in the

It is sometmies difficult to tell whether a man is rich because he is stingy, or stingy because he is rich. Elmer Noll shipped another bunch of Missouri rabbits to a distant cus-

tomer. One of the rabbits weighed eleven pounda

Agnes Petro, ten years old, daughter

It is estimated that more than one billion dollars will be spent in the sevadequate system of protection against eral States for road construction in 1927. This expenditure will be on 55,-000 miles of new highways.

James I. Fetteroif, the local Star car

Mrs. Catherine Horner, widow of the late William Horner, formerly of Colyer, suffered a paralytic stroke at her home in Sttte College, last week, and remained in an unconscious state for several days. Her condition is considered critical

Harry Clevenstine is improving the appearance of the front part of his place of business by installing french doors at the rear of the display windows. The new doors are trimmed in maple and present an attractive and well balanced background.

The interior of the residence of F. P. Blair, on Spring street, Bellefonte, was damaged to the extent of more than \$3000 by a fire early Thursday morning of last week. The fire is presumed to have originated from an op-

Hos farm, at Shingletown, above Boalsburg. Mr. Goheen quit farming and she at once called a large number of them. The telephone exchange operator, Miss Verna Rowe, was notified experiment and there is no need to on the road in western Pennsylvania. Several years ago and has since been of patrons in all sections of town.

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The many successful plantings speak under treatment at the Geisinger hos-The many successful plantings speak under treatment at the Geisinger hos-

The Reedsville National bank will erect a new building in the near future on the site of the Reedsville drug store. The site is located on the opposite side of the street from where the bank is now doing business. The Farmers National bank at Selinsgrove

Henry White, who for many years lived on his farm below Penns Cave. will move into one of his two town properties purchased a few years ago. He has selected the home in which Mrs. Reese lives, on Church street. He is said to have leased his farm to Frank Long, now a tenant on one of William Weaver's farms in upper Brush Valley.

A sure cure for gossip and slander s to breathe through your nosekeep your mouth shut. A certain amount of your dying body (for you die dally), momentarily, floats off on your breath into the air, and God has fielled the world with plant life to absorb such products, such effete and poison material. But gossip and slander on your outgoing breath have only people to absorb them.

David and John Bohn, of near Boaleourg, last week visited their brother, Daniel C. Bohn, living on the Brockerhoff farm, south of town. The former Boal by C. H. Boyer, a Chicago gentleman, who has been giving the place over largely to the raising of ringneck Balley; Spelling-Doris Moltz, Ruth pheasants. More than three hundred Reiber, Paul Foust, Muth Bailey, Jack of these pretty birds were raised last Coldren. . Geography-Muth Bailey and year, and most of them were let run between 95 and 100 per cent: Arith- tions. It is the intention of Mr. Boyer metic-Betty Ebright. John Spyker, who is in Chicago for the winter, to Hugh Morrow; Grammar-Muth Bail- enlarge during next season and engage