

COMPULSORY INSURANCE PROPOSAL IS OPPOSED BY MOTOR CLUBS

Minority Declared to Be Responsible for Appalling Waste of Life—Prerogative of Connecticut Idea.

Prediction that efforts to secure enactment of compulsory automobile insurance laws will fail in the Pennsylvania legislature is made by the American Automobile Association.

Motor car owners and drivers in Pennsylvania are reported to be the national association to be almost unanimously opposed to the blanket insurance proposition.

The association strongly advocates against all forms of compulsory insurance, which would, it claims, work a hardship upon a majority of motor drivers who have due regard for the lives and property of others.

By compelling drivers who have proven records of reckless to take out insurance, according to the association, the public would be safeguarded against a minority which is declared to be responsible for appalling waste of life and destruction of property.

The program of the association is the adoption of rigid rules governing the granting and holding of drivers' permits and the cancellation of permits when those who possess them persistently disregard the rights of others.

Advocates of broad ideas in education may say that many of these young people have put time into special preparation for some line of work, which ought to have gone into their general development.

Many of these students did not have much liking for book knowledge. While they were being given lessons in Latin and algebra and history which they grasped with some difficulty.

DORWORTH'S FORESTRY PROGRAM Secretary of Forests Makes Known His Program, Which Is to Be Aggressive and Progressive.

At the dedication of the new Science Hall at the State Forest School, Mont Alto, Charles E. Dorworth, the new Secretary of the State Department of Forests and Waters, announced four of the main features of his forestry program for Pennsylvania.

Better protection of all the forests of the State; an immediate extension of the State Forest purchase program; an enlargement of the recreational facilities on the State Forests, and the development of forest demonstration plots in all parts of the State that show in a small way how forestry may be practiced in a big way.

In speaking of the State's forestry program, Mr. Dorworth said: "As I look at Pennsylvania forestry today I see a background of 50 years of progressive achievement and a foreground filled with important work to be done."

During my administration the work of the Department of Forests and Waters will be waged aggressively and progressively. Pennsylvania's proud record of achievement in forestry will not only be maintained but further expanded.

As long as the annual fire damage in Pennsylvania exceeds or approximates the million dollar mark, there remains with us a serious forest fire situation. No system of forest management can flourish as long as forest fires burn.

Monday of this week marked the 45th anniversary of the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Byron W. Garis of Centre Hall, and the event was quietly observed.

Two plays—"Malden Folio" and "Sewing for the Heavens" will be given in Grange Hall, Centre Hall, on Friday evening, March 18th, by the helpers of St. Paul's Lutheran church.

A large number of friends and relatives of the F. V. Jodon family, west of town, participated in a farewell party at the Jodon home Friday night.

There are few incidents in Pennsylvania's history which are stressed in school histories. The colonization by the Quakers, the events of the French and Indian wars centering about the present site of Pittsburgh, the signing of the Declaration of Independence.

"Why is Prohibition?" If somebody should ask as they often do: "Why is Prohibition?" tell him that one of the most effective and unanswerable answers to that important question is the vastly increased efficiency of the American working man.

Frank L. Yearick, son of L. G. Yearick, of Lock Haven, formerly a resident of Centre Hall, is a member of the Fourth Regiment, United States Marines, which is now protecting American interests in the vicinity of Shanghai, China.

Notice of Dividend. The Board of Directors has declared quarterly dividend No. 29 of one and three quarters (1 3/4) per cent. upon the 7 per cent. Preferred Stock of Keystone Power Corporation.

Centre County Hospital Makes Feb'y Report Average Cost of Caring for Patient Is \$3.66 Per Day, as Against \$2.59 Charged.—Assistance of State Appropriation Is What Makes Possible Continuing of Service.

The business management of the Centre County Hospital has just made public an interesting report for the month of February. A total of seventy-six patients received treatment during the month, and forty-seven were released from the hospital entirely sound.

The report shows that the receipts do not cover the expenses by quite a figure. The seventy-six patients spent a total of 872 days in the hospital, or an average of eleven days each, and they paid for this service a total of \$228.85.

A fact often overlooked by the casual observer is that a hospital is a school of vital importance to the community in general. A patient who spends a period of time under the care of trained nurses and scientific physicians, ever afterwards has a better knowledge of health measures of various kinds than he had before.

Another feature worthy of special mention in this report is the nominal expense for such efficient treatment. The average cost for a private room in a large hospital is from six to ten dollars per day, but we are shown in this report that the total cost for each patient was only \$3.66 per day.

Many proposals for "special days" in the public schools of the State are without any merit to recommend them and their multiplicity makes them objectionable because they take too much time from the regular school work.

There is, however, an immense amount of Pennsylvania history which school books do not mention, and which is important not only because of its association with the development of this commonwealth but by reason of its relation to the progress of the nation.

"Pennsylvania Day," March 4, while designated to mark the anniversary of the granting of the charter of the colony to William Penn by Charles II of England, will afford an annual opportunity for the pupils in the schools to delve into Pennsylvania history and discover some of its riches.

Milroy, one of the prettiest little towns in Mifflin county, nestling beautifully at the foot hills of the Seven Mountains, and the end of the wonderful Big Valley trail, was the birthplace of Mrs. Mary E. Shoop, on Mar. 8, 1842.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bloom and son Donald, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Walker and children, Russell, Robert and Marie; Mr. and Mrs. James Brooks, Robert Foote, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Emory and daughter Isabel, Mrs. William Parker, Louise McCormick, Eugene Mowery, Mr. and Mrs. F. V. Jodon and children, Grace, Jean, Emma, Cherrill, and Isabel.

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TWO BUSINESS CHANGES. Hosterman Garage and Homan Cafe in New Hands.

During the past week two business places in Centre Hall changed hands. The Hosterman garage together with the building was sold by W. R. Hosterman to Ralph Hagen, who had been in Mr. Hosterman's employment during all of the time he conducted business here.

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TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS.

The Grangley creamery site, at Spring Mills, was recently purchased by Ralph Shook for \$900. Three large flocks of wild geese were observed passing over town last Friday on their way North.

Nine applicants to become mail carrier over Route Two from Centre Hall post office took the civil service examination here on Saturday. The local degree team of the I. O. O. F. lodge will go to Milroy Tuesday of next week to confer the second degree on a class of twenty-six candidates.

Rockview pen has bills pending in the Legislature giving it a total of \$26,700. Of this sum \$500,000 is for the completion of the cell block, \$330,000 for maintenance and \$90,700 for various improvements. Ralph Musser, of Millheim, who had temporary charge of the Pennsylvania railroad station at Millifield, Columbia county, has been made the regular agent there, and will move his family to that place the beginning of next month.

Three brand new models—a Cabriolet, with a rumble seat, on a special six chassis, at \$1,290; a coupe, with rumble seat, on advanced six chassis, \$1,175; and a sport touring model on the advanced six chassis, at \$1,540, are announced by the Nash Motors Co. Prices are f. o. b. If you don't want to be judged by your back yard, hunt up your pick, shovel and wheelbarrow and as soon as the snow is melted by the March sun, apply a bit of head and muscle.

The ladies of the W. C. T. U. at Pleasant Gap are preparing to entertain the visiting Unions of the county on March 30 at that place. An all-day program is in order. The visitors will bring their lunches but an evening dinner will be served in the church basement at a nominal cost. On the day of his sale the report was spread about here that Clayton Musser was very ill and might not live over the day, while the fact was that he was looking after the details of the sale all day long, and spent the evening reckoning the good prices obtained over the auction block.

A rural route mail box maintained by George E. Ishler, to the south of the borough limits, was saved off one night last week. It is stated the post and box were located to the front of the property owned by Mr. Williams, next to the Ishler lot, and on the same side of the road, and that the owner objected to its being there. The Phillipsburg Journal in an open letter to Governor Fisher advocates the appointment of George W. Zeigler, of Phillipsburg, to the judgeship, the object being to avoid embarrassment to the governor and give all candidates a fair field.

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The auto traffic for this season of the year, was unusually heavy on Sunday. For much of the day there was an almost continuous stream of cars. Those coming over the Seven Mountains found the half-mile link between the two portions of concrete road in a most horrible condition. One can scarcely believe that the State Highway department would permit such a trap to exist, and especially for so long a time on such an important road.

March, the public sale month in Central Pennsylvania, is more than half completed. All kinds of cattle, horses, hogs and sheep sold at very fair or higher price. Implements, in workable condition, also sold well, while on the "good as new" kind little money was lost, not considering the use the farmer had of them. The attendance is said to have been large at all sales and the lunch bags full. Mifflin county sales are also reported as having been profitable to the seller rather than to the buyer.

Jeremiah Zettle, of Spring Mills, dealer in raw furs, was in the upper end of the county a week or so ago, and bought from trappers the furs they had accumulated during the winter. In the neighborhood of Pine Grove Mills he bought from James A. Gumbo, 31 foxes and 42 skunks; from Guy Rossman, 28 foxes and 18 skunks; from Archey Laird, 20 fox pelts; from M. C. Wieland, 10 skunks and 2 weasels. William Gumbo has a big lot of fox, skunk and weasel pelts to his credit.

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Table listing game killed in Pennsylvania in 1926, including Deer, Ruffed Grouse, and Bobwhite Quail.