

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

The public schools throughout the country are again in full swing and will continue so until the Christmas-New Year holiday period.

Beginning Saturday of this week (December 3rd), the two local banks will remain open all day Saturday and be closed in the evening.

Mrs. Harkins, wife of Rev. John Harkins, of State College, who had been treated at the State College hospital, is reported to be improving.

A carload of cows sold by T. E. Jordan, at Pleasant Gap, last Friday, averaged \$150, with the highest cow selling for \$180. E. M. Smith was the auctioneer.

November is finishing nicely. The weather conditions throughout the month have been favorable for outside operations. We had rainy days, but we need rain at times.

Harry Gross is the only local hunter reporting a limit on rabbits killed during the season which closed Wednesday. Besides killing thirty of the cottontails, Harry also bagged sixteen grey squirrels.

The "Glad Girls" invite all to attend the entertainment which will hold in the Presbyterian church Friday evening, 7:30 o'clock, December 2nd. An offering will be taken for the benefit of the Junior Missionary Band.

Pasture lots are in fine condition for this season of the year. Clover and grasses continue to retain almost their full feeding value, due to the fact that we have not had temperatures sufficiently low and long enough to destroy it.

Unless the borough council has used its best efforts toward having the Bell Telephone company remove the few poles it has on our main street, that body has not done its duty toward the owners of properties whose fronts it mars.

Mrs. Margaret Runkle, of Shamokin, is suffering from the effects of a light stroke of paralysis. Mrs. Runkle, who before marriage was Miss Margaret Stover, is a sister of the late Mrs. John H. Runkle whom she frequently visited.

It appears that recounting of the ballots from the Phillipsburg districts, which will begin on Friday, will not be conducted behind closed doors as is stated in an article appearing elsewhere in this issue, but may be witnessed by any one who cares to do so.

Mrs. John J. Wherry, Mrs. C. B. Hunter, Mrs. M. L. Nelson and Mrs. R. B. Wolf, of Altoona, and Rev. Emerson Kerns, superintendent of the Methodist Home for the Aged, at Tyrone, accompanied the body of Mrs. Mary Shoop from Tyrone to Centre Hall, where interment was made on Wednesday morning of last week.

Among the throng that witnessed the Pitt-Penn State football game on Thanksgiving day, at Pittsburgh, was John H. Knarr, of town, who made the trip with State College parties. On the return home while parked on Creson mountain to mend a tire one of the party narrowly escaped being run down by a reckless driver.

The State Highway Department is communicating with cities and asking that they designate "through" streets. Once through streets are accepted by the Highway Department, the State will take care of them and will erect stop signs on other streets that approach them. In boroughs the State Highway Department designates "through" streets.

Rev. G. W. McInay, of Centrella, Columbia county, was here to officiate at the funeral of Mrs. Mary Shoop. This is one of the minister's former pastorates and one in which the parishioners appear to retain their affection for him. It is rumored that he might locate here, that impression resulting from inquiries made by him about certain real estate for sale here.

Miss Edith Sankey, who is living with her cousin, Miss Viola Smith, at Pine Grove Mills, was in town beginning of the week. Today (Thursday) she will accompany Miss Smith to Philadelphia where an examination and possible operation for cataract on the eye will be made by Dr. Zentmeyer in the Wills Eye Hospital. Miss Smith's condition is considered quite serious.

There will be the usual large number of hunters in the Seven Mountains during the open season for deer, which begins today, the first of December. Most of the hunters belong to some club having permanent camps of more or less pretension located in every section of this prolific field. Some of these clubs are of long standing, the present hunters belonging to the third and fourth generation of the founders.

Prof. L. O. Packer spent his Thanksgiving vacation with his family here. He is one of the faculty in the David E. Oliver public school, Pittsburgh. The school building which is new and one of the handsomest in the city, is located in the vicinity in which the recent gas explosion took place and was close enough to make the structure tremble and thoroughly frighten some of the school pupils and timid teachers.

In order to check up on the work of the 1927 season before Pomona Grange, the committee in charge of the Grange Encampment and Centre County Fair met on Monday evening. It was unanimously decided that the 1927 Encampment, in every respect, was the best in its history. Attendance, interest, educational activities, number of tenters (353), exhibits, and proceeds far surpassed those of any previous year.

Mr. and Mrs. William F. Lingle and daughter Arlene, of Sunbury, came to Centre Hall last Friday to give a helping hand at the annual butchering at the home of Mr. Lingle's brother. Mr. Lingle is route foreman for the Sunbury Milk Products company. He is a satisfied employee of that company, and therefore a valued employee. He has seen his company grow from a small beginning to its present comparatively large organization.

Wood Is Favored Diet of Tropical Insects

Logs, eight feet long, form the menu of a family of grubs which recently reached the Zoological gardens, London, from Trinidad.

They are the larvae of the Harlequin beetle, a gayly-hued insect four inches long.

The colony brought their first issue of rations with them, and the log was so heavy that it needed two keepers to shift it. A pall full of sawdust in the crate provided ample evidence that the grubs had been busy during the voyage.

A large number of logs will probably be required for their diet, for it is estimated that it will be fully three years before the caterpillars become pupa prior to taking part in the final "Harlequinade" as adult beetles.

The grubs are being kept in a greenhouse having a temperature of about 100 degrees F. in the shade, and one can hear the tap of their horny heads as they strip away the tissues of the timber.

Trinidad may well be pleased to be rid of them!

Realizing His Profits

He walked into a brokerage office several months ago, deposited \$10,000 and bought some stocks on the firm's advice. No one saw him until lately when he walked in again and asked how much profit he had.

"Twenty thousand dollars, or thereabouts," replied one of the partners, after the account had been checked up.

"Sell my stocks and give me my profits in cash," the customer directed, after a few minutes.

As soon as the orders could be executed and a messenger returned from the bank, the partner counted out to him twenty one-thousand-dollar notes and some odd bills and change. He stuffed the money in his wallet and sat down. Then, after he had enjoyed for half an hour the sensation of carrying his profits in his clothes, he pulled out the money, handed it back to the partner, and said:

"Buy all those stocks back again!" —Wall Street Journal.

Christmas Money for You

Search Your Attics for Fortunes in Old Envelopes.

Among the old letters of many families are hundreds of very rare stamps and envelopes. Many have been found and sold for fortunes. Single envelopes have been sold for as high as \$5,000 and many have brought upwards of \$100 each. It sounds "fishy," but it's true. They are valuable because they are rare. And they are rare, not because there are only a few, but simply because most of them have remained stored away and forgotten, in old trunks, family chests and closets.

Make a thorough search through your attic or store room for such old letters—anything mailed from 1845 to 1865. Fortunes in rare stamps have been found in old trunks which no one ever dreamed contained anything of value. Keep the letters if you wish, but send the envelopes to Mr. Harold C. Brooks, Box 347, Marshall, Michigan, and he will immediately write you, stating their value. In sending them to him, you are not obliged to sell unless his offer meets with your approval. Anything not purchased he will return in good order. Mr. Brooks, who is mayor of his city, is a private collector and has paid thousands of dollars for old envelopes bearing stamps. Although the rare issues are especially desired, he also buys many of the commoner kinds. Many people in this way are getting Christmas money with very little trouble and no expense.

The First National Bank of Marshall, Mich., writes: "Mr. Brooks has been in business here for twenty years. You will make no mistake when you recommend him to your readers as worthy of the fullest confidence, both financially and personally."

Mr. Brooks states that there are so many different stamps which are similar in appearance he cannot quote from written descriptions, but must see the envelopes. Furthermore, he is not interested in buying loose stamps or stamp collections, but only old envelopes bearing postage; so do not cut stamps from the envelopes. It is not necessary to write dates on envelopes as Mr. Brooks is fully acquainted with all issues even though the postmark shows no year date. Those especially wanted are United States issues, but he also buys Confederate, Hawaiian, and certain foreign stamps provided they are on the original envelopes and mailed not later than 1865.

If envelopes are sent in a bunch they should be carefully packed in a cardboard box to protect them from damage while in the mails. If you have reason to believe your envelopes are of special value, send them by registered or insured mail. If you have no old letters written during or before the Civil War, show this notice to your friends—especially those whose families have lived in the same house for several generations. Many old families, old banks and law firms still have stored away hundreds of letters, waiting to be burned or sold for large sums. Before destroying such envelopes or folded letters, investigate their value. Mr. Brooks' address is as follows:

HAROLD C. BROOKS, adv. Box 347, Marshall, Mich.

When Sabbath Was Day of Rigid Observance

In Connecticut, perhaps more than anywhere else, Sunday was a sort of popular idol, nor did the rigor of its observance abate perceptibly until long after the Revolution.

This extreme scrupulosity about Sabbath keeping was doubtless the moving cause of the building of the "Sabbath-day houses"; these were little shanties standing on the meeting house green, each intended to accommodate a family during the interval between the two services.

Some Sabbath-day houses were built with a stall at one end to shelter the horse, while the family took refuge in the other, where there was a chimney and a meager furniture of rude seats and a table.

Here on arrival before the first serv-

ice the owners lighted a fire and deposited their luncheon, and to this camplike place they came back to eat their doughnuts and thaw themselves out after their first long sitting in the Arctic climate of the meeting house. Sometimes two families had a Sabbath-day house together.

But some parishes in Massachusetts, and perhaps elsewhere, had a common "noon house" for all comers to rest in.

Fireside assemblages on Sunday, whether in the parsonage or the noon house, were in danger of proving delightful to those who were prone to enjoy the society of other human beings, and hence the pastors "were put upon their best contrivances" to have most of the interval between the services filled up with the reading aloud of edifying books and other exercises calculated to keep the mind in a becomingly listless frame.—Philadelphia

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