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REFORMED CHURCH MEMBERSHIP INCREASING

And Is Now 351,926 in U. S.—Property Value of Congregations, $45.998,-926, With But $4,164,818 Indebtedness.

Changes in family life have increased the difficulties of the Church's task, according to reports of pastors and workers sent to the central offices at Philadelphia of the Reformed Church in the United States.

The Year Book of the denomination for 1928 just issued points to this condition in presenting the achievements of the Church for the year. The Reformed Church has its largest membership in Pennsylvania and Ohio.

The membership of the Reformed Church in the United States, according to the Year Book statistics, is onw 351,926, an increase of 2,215 persons. It owns churches valued at $40.328,-150 and parsonages valued at $5,670,-776, upon which there is a total indebtedness of only $4,764,818. The property of the Church has increased by $3.808,710 in the year. During the past year the entire Church raised $1,-629,961 for benevolences, a decrease of $285,072, and for congregational purposes $5,181.048, an increase of $422,-780. The falling off in the benevolences of the Church is attributed to the reaction that followed the supreme effort of the Forward Movement.

The membership and per capita contributions of the various Synods for congregational and benevolent purposes follow:

	Members	Congre	Benev.
Eastern	145,792	$13.51	$4.43
Ohio	58110	18.31	5.53
Northwest	25,015	13.68	3.02
Pittsburgh	32,114	14.57	4.84
Potomac	56,076	12.55	5.06
German East	16,173	17.18	3.33
Mid-West	18,646	18.86	5.03
	351,926	$14.71	$4.63

"In the matter of attendance," says the year book, "there is evidence that the pendulum has already started to swing in the right direction. Gifts for the current expenses of the congregations continue to grow. The various summer schools and conferences report not only more of our ministers but also a gratifying number of our young people in attendance, many earnestly seeking to equip themselves for larger usefulness in the work of our Church."

The Foreign Mission Board reports 49 missionaries and 219 native workers in Japan, and 59 missionaries and 163 native workers in China. The Church is called upon, despite some material reverses in China, to meet the situation with "united loyalty and heroic determination"

Andrew M. Thompson's Estate.

In the will of Andrew M. Thompson, the last of the firm of Thompson Brothers' Knitting Mills, Lewistown and Milroy, Guy J. Shope, a public accountant, 602 N. Sixteenth Street, Harrisburg, and Mrs. Helen McCartney, of Reedsville, who was in charge of the business at Milroy for years, have been named executors. They estimate the value of the personal property at more than $300,000 and real estate more than $50.000.

The only public bequest was $2,500 to the Milroy Presbtyerian church. The real estate, machinery, etc, are bequeathed to T. O. Williamson, married to a niece of the decedent; Albert Thompson, a nephew, and Mrs. Helen McCartney, former manager of the Milroy plant. They are requested to continue the business under the firm name as it now operates, the business to be incorporated and to share the profits, share and share alike. His personal property is to be held in trust for the nieces and nephews, Mrs. Paul H. Allis, Mrs. T. O. Williamson, Mrs. Alberta Eaton, Mrs. Catherine Cowen and Albert Thompson.

FOR THE AUTO DRIVER.

After January 1st the new auto code provides that it is unlawful to:

Loan registration plates to another.

Fail to have windshield cleaner.

Fail to have rear view mirror.

Have any plates, cards or lettering of an obscene or vulgar nature attached to the car.

Have any posters non-transparent on the windshield or windows.

Drive with more than three persons on driver's seat.

Coasting down grade with gears in neutral.

Fail to report to police every accident where injury resulted or damage exceeded $50.

Deface injure or damage any highway sign.

Park or stop in front of any private driveway.

Park within 25 feet of intersection.

Drive faster than 15 miles an hour when passing a school while children are going to or from the building.

Follow another vehicle closer than is reasonable and proper.

Display or have in one's possession an operator's license or a learner's permit which is fictitious, or which has been cancelled, revoked, suspended or altered; to lend an operator's license or learner's permit; to represent as one's own an operator's license or learner's permit issued to some other person; to refuse to surrender to the Highway Department upon demand license cards, registration plates and certificates of title; to tamper with or make use of a motor vehicle without consent of the owner or custodian; to operate a motor vehicle or to permit any other person to operate a motor vehicle who my be under the influence of drugs or liquor; to extinguish motor vehicle lights for the purpose of avoiding identification or arrest; to operate a motor vehicle after license or permit is suspended or revoked.

LETTERS FROM SUBSCRIBERS.

Dr. H. F. Bitner Says "Pennsylvania Dutch" Is a Misnomer.

Lewisburg, Pa., Dec. 2, 1927.

The Centre Reporter:

Enclosed find my check for $3 to boost my subscription to the latter half of 1929. Also accept my thanks for the complimentary notice given me in your paper upon my election as vice president of Eastern Synod. Honors like that come very rarely to me and hence are highly esteemed.

Permit me also to say a few words about a short article in yesterday's paper entitled "Dutch Dialect Is Disappearing." I don't wish to criticise the Reporter, for you give it as coming in a dispatch from York. The main fact that it states is correct. The dialect is disappearing in Pennsylvania and its disappearance will be an advantage in the education of the children in English schools. However, it is not a Dutch Dialect. It is a German Dialect. Our ancestors who brought the dialect here were Germans from Germany, and not Dutch from Holland. In the second place to call it Pennsylvania Dutch is a misnomer. It should be called Palatinate German. It is not a mixture of German and English made here in Pennsylvania as some may suppose. Our ancestors spoke it in Germany and when they came to Pennsylvania they of course brought their language with them and while a few English words have crept into it, it is the old Palatinate language now spoken in many parts of Germany. Dr. J. Frank Meyer, of Washington, D. C., formerly of Spring Mills, who attended a meeting of scientists this summer in Switzerland, says he conversed with ease, using this dialect, in many parts of South Germany.

I was much surprised in the summer of 1924 when I met a shoemaker in Hastings, Nebraska, who said he was a Russian and yet he and I talked together a long time in what is called Pennsylvania German. I asked him, "When did you come to this country?" He said, "When the World War began. We are Mennonites; we do not go to war." "Was you born in Russia?" "Yes." "Was your father born in Russia?" "Yes." "How about your grandfather?" "I don't know. All I know is that long, long ago my ancestors left Germany because of a war and many Germans went to Russia and formed a settlement and many are there now." "I can speak Russian too, and now I have learned a little English also."

How similar that is to what happened here in Pennsylvania.

Excuse this long letter, but as you know I am Pennsylvanian, of German descent, and am more proud than ashamed of it. The dialect seems well suited to rural communities and some of its expressions are more forceful than the same thought is when expressed in any other language.

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year, I am,

Cordially yours,
H. F. BITNER.

Letter from Subscriber.

Huston, Texas, Dec. 3, 1927.

Dear Editor:

Please change my address to Houston, Texas. My former address was Raymond, Nebraska I do not want to miss a single paper, for I read every item in it, including advertisements.

MRS. SUDIE MORTLOCK.

[Mrs. Mortlock was born and reared at Potters Mills, and is a daughter of Henry Crawford, deceased. She is now with a son in the Lone Star State. Mrs. Mortlock visited about her old home more than a year ago, at which time she was a guest of Mrs. James Stahl, Centre Hall, Mr. and Mrs., G. H. McCormick, Potters Mills, and many others.]

Buy Christmas Seals from Local Committee.

A house-to-house canvass will be made this or next week in Centre Hall for the sale of Christmas Seals. Firms or individuals who receive Seals from State College by mail should return them and purchase through the local committee. If, however, such indivuals have already purchased the Seals so received, the local committe will appreciate your reporting that fact to the solicitor who calls upon you.

Candidates File Accounts.

Nine candidates for county offices last week filed their expense accounts with Prothonotary Roy Wilkinson, bringing the total filed to ten. Accounts on file now, exclusive of S. Claude Herr's, include Lloyd Stover, Recorder, showing expenses of $437.84, with unpaid bills of $34.25; Harry Rossman, Register, $307.92; John Spearly, Commissioner, $86.39; Harry Dunlap, Sheriff, $311.55; N. I. Wilson, Commissioner, $107.85; H. N. Miles, Commissioner, $125; Robert D. Musser, H. E. Garbrick, less than $50, and B. F. Boal, unsuccessful candidate for Register, less than $50. Neither judicial candidates have filed accounts.

Tom Mix's Father Dies at DuBois.

Edwin E. Mix, one of the most highly respected citizens of DuBois, where he had resided for more than forty years, father of Tom Mix, the motion picture star, died Tuesday evening of last week, after an illness of but a few hours at his home, his death being attributed to heart trouble.

While perhaps his greatest notoriety was gained because he was the father of Tom Mix, he held, in his own right, the esteem and respect of thousands of people in the DuBois-Bennets Valley-Driftwood section because of his fine character. He was born at Mix Run, February 12, 1854. He is survived by his widow and three children.

MAIL YOUR CHRISTMAS PACKAGES EARLY

P. O. Department Gives You Last Last Days on Which to Mail Packages to Various States In Order to Arrive Before Christmas Day.

In order that Christmas packages, mailed as parcel post, may reach their destination in time for delivery before Christmas Day, the Post Office Department has named the following dates which are the last days on which packages should be mailed in order to insure their arrival in the states named before Christmas Day:

December 14th—California, Oregon, Arizona, Washington, Nevada.

December 15th—New Mexico, Colorado, Utah, Idaho, Montana.

December 16th—Wyoming, Texas, South Dakota, North Dakota.

December 17th—Oklahoma, Kansas, Nebraska, Louisiana, Arkansas, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Florida, Mississippi.

December 18th — Iowa, Missouri, Georgia, Alabama, Tennessee, Kentucky, Idaho, Michigan.

December 19th—South Carolina, N. Carolina, W. Virginia, Virginia, Ohio, Indiana, Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts.

December 20th—Connecticut, Rhode Island, NewYork State, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Delaware, New Jersey.

TRIAL LIST, DECEMBER COURT.

Firs week, commencing Monday, December 19th:

Wm. McGowan vs. E. W. Watson.

Second week, commencing Tuesday, December 27th:

James Sterette vs. Harry Spector and David Sschwab, trading as Williamsport Auto Parts Co.; trespass; not guilty.

Domer S. Ishlre vs. James Schreck, Executor of the last will and testament of W. E. Tate, deceased; assumpsit; non assumpsit.

Daniel Paul vs. O. P. McCord; non assumpsit.

Reveived Call to Rockwood.

The Rev. J. W. Yeisley, pastor of the Buffalo Valley, Union county, Reformed charge, has received a call to the Reformed church at Rockwood, Pa. They have a new church, pay about $1000 more than his present charge, but he has not decided whether he will accept.

Glad Girls Render Program.

The program rendered on Friday evening in the Presbyterian church by the "Glad Girls," was very interesting. The girls were under the direction of Mrs. J. M. Kirkpatrick and most of them were students in music under her. The program was largely instrumental musical, with a "Mother Goose Village Missionary Meeting" and "Song Blossom Dear" as diversions.

The children who participated in the program were: Myla Sypker, Anna Wert, Margaret Delaney, Lilae Yearick, Gladys Smith, Isabel Bradford, Alice Sypker, Anna Martz, Lillian Bender, Catharine Bender, Bertha Bradford, Roberta Smith, LoraineBrungart, Thelma Brungart, Donald Goodhart, Woodrow Bradford, Jack Kirkpatrick.

7th and 8th Grade School Report.

The following pupils made 100 per cent. in arithmetic test: John Spyker, Muth Bailey, Hugh Morrow, Bruce Hartley. 100 in spelling test: Muth Bailey, Jack Coldron, Franklin Moyer. 100 in physiology, Betty Ebright.—Wm. H. Haney, teacher.

Victory Is Near in Battle on Corn Borer.

One of the greatest battles in modern history—a peacetime battle, but a bitter one nevertheless—is now being waged against an enemy that has threatened $10.000,000,000 worth of American crops. The federal government has appropriated the sum of $10,-000,000 to carry on the fight and several State legislatures have been enlisted in the cause. For the enemy is the European corn borer, the most deadly menace that has ever made its appearance in the corn fields of the country.

Although victory in this war is now in sight, according to the United States Department of Agriculture, it can only be won by keeping up the fight until the "assassin of the corn field" is thoroughly whipped. And that is a matter which is everybody's concern—not only the farmer who raises corn but everybody who is in any way connected with the agricultural industry. There is an interesting feature article about the corn borer menace in this issue of The Reporter. Be sure to read "Control the Corn Borer," by Elmo Scott Watson, in this newspaper.

State's Balances Grow.

November receipts at the State Treasury exceeded the expenditures by more than $5,000,000, the monthly statemnt disclosed. As a result there was a balance of $50,972,577.23 in all funds at the close of business November 30, compared with $45.593.960.11 at the end of October. Receipts of the month were $17,631,789.06 and disbursements $12,553,171.94.

The largest balance was in the general fund, which had $25,333.34g.22 at the beginning of business December 1. Balances in other funds included: Motor, $14,800,315.16; State bond road, $2.966.870.76; game, $747,692.25; fish, $279,502.54, and dog, $37,094.54.

The Mystery of the Figures 3854.

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Write here your age (this year)	27
Number of years married.....	7
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FLEMING AND HERR'S LEADS NOT MATERIALLY CHANGED

The Recounting of Ballots in Six Districts Fails to Change Final Result—Fleming Closes With 57 Majority and Herr With 16.

At the time this paper went to press it is presumed the contest opened and completed in the two wards in Philipsburg, two wards in Bellefonte, East Precinct of Liberty township, and Patton township, will be the end of the contest in the county.

The final result is 57 majority for Mr. Fleming for judge, and a majority of 16 for Mr. Herr for prothonotary. In some of the districts there were losses and gains by both candidates, but the final count of 2800 ballots resulted with no change in the majority for Mr. Fleming and a loss of but nine votes for Mr. Herr.

The count in the Third Ward in Philipsburg revealed errors by the election board in the case of twenty-two candidates, yet there was no indication of fraud. The erorrs ranged from one to one hundred votes. In the county ticket there were twenty-two candidates. The count was right in but six instances. There were nineteen candidates for borough offices. Errors wer found in all of the counts for these except one.

Third Ward, Philipsburg—Fleming count correct. Walker gained one; Wilkinson gained one; Herr lost four.

Second Ward, Pihlipsburg—Fleming lost four; Walker gained three; Wilkinson gained three; Herr lost one.

Bellefonte ,South Ward—No changes.

Bellefonte, West Ward—Fleming and Herr each gained one.

East Liberty—Vote correct.

Patton—Fleming gained one; Wilkinson gained two.

The decrees of the Court forwarded to this office state specifically that the recount reveals no indication of fraud, and that the candidates should not be criticised for having recourse to the law to ascertain the true state of affairs under the circumstances existing.

Miss Rachael Lambert, of Bellefonte, has been selected a clerk to the county commissioners. The "first" clerk has not been named. The board, it appears, is having some difficulty in agreeing on any one of the large number of applicants.

High school football teams are coming in for a great amount of attention. Here in Centre county we have the Bellefonte team riding rough shod over her opponents. Out in Steubenville, Ohio, the Steubenville High school has been a consistent champion over a number of years, according to the dope sent us by Guy W. Jacobs, who naturally is a booster for the home team. The team from that city rolled up a grand total of 1295 points against their opponents' 98 in the past five years.

GOVERNOR FISHER ISSUES CHRISTMAS PROCLAMATION

Pleads for Repitition of Liberality Formerly Displayed in Aiding Near East Relief Work In Its Effort to Salvage 33,000 Orphaned Children.

Governor Fisher, of Pennnsylvania, issued a Christmas proclamation calling upon the people of the State to respond liberally to the appeal of the Near East Relief for funds to carry on its work of supporting 33,000 orphan children whom it has salvaged in the wake of war, famine and disaster in the Near East.

It is the duty of every citizen of the Commonwealth, the Governor pointed out, to share in the maintenance of thelife-saving orphanages and hospitals of the Near East by contributing generously, at this happy season, to their support.

Fifty-five per cent of these orphans, the Near East Relief appeal points out, are not yet in their 'teens. The sum of $5 a month, of $60 a year, will provide food, clothing and shelter for one of these unfortunates, while $100 a year will guarantee food, clothing and shelter, together with an education.

Governor Fisher's proclamation is as follows:

"Pennsylvania has responded generously every Christmas season to the unprecedented humanitarian work of the Near East Relief. I am certain our people will not turn a deaf ear to this appeal as long as they are assured the need continues.

"As a matter of fact the need is today peculiarly urgent. The Near East Relief is facing the hard winter months with a depleted treasury. We in our happy homes, surrounded by the manifold blessings of this favored land, simply must not forget the vast army of boys and girls who are utterly dependent upon the care and training which has been provided in the wonderful life-saving orphanages and hospitals of the Near East. At this time of Christmas cheer and goodwill, I am counting confidently on you to do your share.

"No man is ever so tall or so straight as when he bends over to lift a little child. You are asked to take part in the support of 33,000 fatherless and motherless children whom America is still caring for in Bible lands. Surely we will not abandon them, as long as they are too young to care for themselves. Is there anywhere an investment that has in it a stronger appeal both to heart and mind? Christmas will not really be Christmas for these children without some gift from those to whom this appeal is directed. Your help is their only hope.

"Will you not please send your check now, making it your first Christmas gift because it has to go so far, and mail it to Near East Relief, N. E. Cor. Broad and Locust Sts., Philadelphia, Pa.?"

YOUTH OF 17 KILLED BY DISCHARGE OF OWN GUN

Bullet Passes Through Hunting Trousers, Bruises Leg By Hitting Pocket Piece.—Three Fatalities In Lycoming, One a Relative of Townsman Riegle.

Harry Ellenberger, the seventeen-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Stewart Ellenberger, of Marengo, in the western section of Ferguson township, was shot to death on the first day of the deer hunting season, when his gun was accidentally discharged while he and his brother wer returning from a hunting trip.

Harry was accompanied on a hunt in the Marengo district by his elder brother Melvin, who resides near Pine Grove Mills. Melvin had shot a buck and the brothers were on their way home with it when, becoming tired, they stopped to rest. Harry noticed an apple on a nearby tree and grasping his gun by the barrel he attempted te knock it down with the butt. The trigger caught in a branch of the tree and the gun was discharged, the ball going down through his breast, killing him instantly.

Three fatalities marked the opening of the deer season on the first day in Lycoming county. Two hunters were shot down and a third was killed when struck by an automobile while en route to the woods.

Howard Thompson, aged 31, of Jersey Shore,was instantly killed shortly after 6:30 o'clock a. m., in the Pine Creek region when a bullet, fired by one of the members of his own party, passed though his head. The men had started out early for deer and the first shot fired struck Thompson, who was standing on the running-board of the car. He is a relative of A. M. Riegel, of Centre Hall.

Maynard Griswold, of Brookside, who was found wounded lying in the woods near Jersey Shore, and who died on the way to a hospital, and Edward Myers, of Larrysville, whose lung was pierced when he was struck by a car on the way to the woods, were the other two victims.

C. B. Freeman, of Pottsville, hunting near Trout Run, had just fired at a deer when a bullet struck him in the right leg, passing through and scratching the other leg. He was given attention and then taken by automobile to his home.

Is Killed When Leaning on Gun.

Charles A. Snyder, 33 years old and unmarried, residing near Mount Oliver, near Pittsburgh, was killed in an odd accident near Pine Grove Mills, Friday morning.

The victim and his brother and others in the hunting party had gone to Pine Grove Mills and secured boarding. The party left the boarding house by automobile Friday morning about 7 o'clock bound for Tussey Mountain for the day's hunt.

Arriving at the foot of the mountain they parked the car and were planning the day's chase. Snyder had both ands on the muzzle of his gun, the stock of which was on the running board of thecar. As he leaned on the gun it slipped off the running board the hammer catching and discharging the shell.

The ball passed through both of his hands, entered the right eye socket and then through the head, causing instant death. The body was taken to an undertaker at State College and prepared for shipment to his home.

Snyder and his brother had been hunting together for twenty years.

Bullet Strikes Hunter.

A group of twenty hunters located at the John Ripka place, Decker Valley, were startled on hearing a bullet whizzing through the brush and striking A.H. Seigfried, of Selinsgrove, at the belt line. "I am hit," the hunter said, and closer examination revealed the bullet had not entered thebody, but had been deflected by the heavy clothing. Two doe deer had been seen approaching the hunters, and it is presumed the shot was fired at them.

Merchant Emery, a Hog Grower.

Merchant C. F. Emery is maintaining his record as a hog grower as will be shown in the results obtained by feeding six hogs for which he paid $15.00 each, December 14th of last year. Four of the hogs were fed ninety days at a profit of about $100. The remaining two hogs were killed on Monday and dressed 545 and 513 lbsh., respectively. The market price for dressed hogs is 14 cents, making the Monday and dressed 545 and 513 lbs., The cost of feed consumed, which consisted of corn chop, middlings and a small amount of tankage, was $100.-30, giving a net gain of $48.72.

It will be seen that the greatest profit was realized from the hogs fed but a short time.

Mr. Emery's net profit will be largely over that quoted above on the hogs killed on Monday. The hams, shoulders and sides will be cured and sold at top prices, as will also the other products—sausage, bone meat, pudding, lard, etc.

A vegetable soup supper and box social will be held in Malta Hall, Boalsburg, on Saturday evening, December 10th, by the senior class of the Boalsburg High school. The patronage of the public is solicited.

George Whippo, engaged in postal service in New York City, came here on Tuesday for a vacation. He is a World War veteran and was seriously injured, but is recovering from the effects of his participation in the conflict. Mr. Whippo is a brother of Mrs. Wilbur Bland, where he is staying.

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS.

Over 6000 hunting licenses were issued in Centre county prior to the opening of the deer season.

D. Sparr Wert, of Aaronsburg, spent a few days hunting with his brother, John B. Wert, at Tusseyville.

H. G. Stover, of Millheim, formerly oversees of farm work at Rockview, recently acquired a similar position at Kalamazoo, Michigan.

The dental hygienist will be in town after the Christmas vacation to work in the public schools. Buy Red Cross Seals to guarantee a continuation of this valued service.

During January and February the State Highway Department will let approximately 185 miles of concrete road construction. Of this 4,150 feet will be built in Rush township and Philipsburg borough.

The Red Cross will hold an anti-toxin clinic in Centre Hall, notice of which will appear in this paper in ample time for parents to have their children ready for the date set.

Dog licenses to the number of 3,268 have been issued in Centre county up to December 1st, and there have been twenty-four prosecutions for violations. In the State, 486,320 such licenses were issued.

William E. Allen, of Williamsport, an extra station agent, is taking care of the Centre Hall railroad station while W. Frank Bradford and D. M. Bradford, agent and assistant respectively, are in the Seven Mountains hunting deer.

M. T. Zubler, of Spring Mills, called at this office on business on Friday, and inquiry brought from him the bit of news that the Farmers Mills hunting club killed three nice bucks the first half of the season. The bucks were killed on Nittany Mountain.

The State Highway Department was credited with wisdom for having begun the erection of snow fences in November, during days of bright and warm sunshine. But snow came December 2nd, at which time but a very small per cent. of the snow drift preventive had been strung up.

Fred Chandler, aged almost seventy-four years, cut his throat and then shot himself in the basement of his home in Bellefonte, on Sunday a week. He was taken to the hospital, and died from the effects of the self-inflicted wounds in the afternoon of the next day.

Jack Duck, five years old, son of W. N. Duck, of Millheim, on jumping from the rear of a wagon, landed in the path of an auto driven by Elmer Duck, of Madisonburg. The boy was knocked down and when taken to the Centre County hospital it was found suffered from a broken leg, broken shoulder blade and numerous bruises. The accident was termed unavoidable.

Harry McClellan, of near Tusseyville, during the hunting season is entertaining J. R. Ritnover and Gail H. Kellogg, both Cleveland business men. While neither of them killed a buck last week, they are hopeful of doing so before the close of the season. For several years these gentlemen hunted in the wilds of Canada, but this year concluded to spend their time in Pennsylvania hunting fields.

In this issue appears comments by Dr. H. F. Bitner, of Lewisburg, on an article that appeared in this paper in its issue of December 1st, that will be of more than passing interest. Dr. Bitner tells us that "Pennsylvania Dutch" is a misnomer of the dialect many of us can speak, and that the dialect instead of being "Dutch," is German and was brought here by Germans.

The Penns Valley Hosiery Mills, Incorporated, ot Millheim, has acquired several acres of land adjoining its plant. Foundations are now being laid for a brick and steel annex 27½ x80 feet, three stories high. Some of the land acquirement will be used for parking of cars by employees.

Three or four big bears are reported having been seen at various times in the region of the Big Kettle, Seven Mountains, since the open season for bear, but they eluded all hunters so far as reports are in to date.

While crossing Spring street, on the north side of High street, Bellefonte, the other evening, John T. Noll, of Pleasant Gap, narrowly escaped serious injury by being hit by an auto. He was struck on the arm and side with such force as to cause him to completely spin his body one or more times, but was not knocked over. The affair was over so quick that those who were in full view scarcely realized it. Mr. Noll had a few-word interview with the driver, but did not ask his name, nor take his number.

William L. Ashley and wife and the latter's mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Mitterling, on Sunday morning left Centre Hall for California, where they will remain for an indefinite time. They are making the trip, reckoned by Mr. Ashley to be 3139 miles to Los Angeles, in a Chevrolet sedan, and calculated to drive an average of 250 miles each day. From here the party went to Washington, D. C., and will go over the southern route by way of Little Rock, Arkansas. Mr. Ashley is a foreman employed by the Stone and Webster company, builders and contractors, who have under contract construction work at both Los Angeles and Long Beach, California. Henry Mitterling, a brother of Mrs. Ashley, is located near Los Angeles. Mr. and Mrs. Ashley formerly lived at Baltimore.