



NEW COUNTY OFFICERS ASSUME THEIR DUTIES

Supreme Court Justice Administrators Oath to Judge-Elect Fleming and Retiring Prothonotary to All Other County Officials.

The various officers-elect in Centre county were inducted into office on Monday between the hours of 1:00 and 2:00 in the afternoon.

The remainder of the officers-elect were sworn in by Roy Wilkinson, the retiring prothonotary, and are as follows:

Harry M. Dunlap, Sheriff. S. Claud Herr, Prothonotary. Lyman L. Smith, Treasurer.

Among the notables from a distance who were present as guests from Judge Kephart were Hon. J. Mitchell Chase, representative in congress from this district; his brother, Judge Roy Chase, from Clearfield county, and of course, Hon. H. B. Scott, and Hon. P. E. Womelsdorf.

It appears Judge Kephart is doing a bit of political missionary work. It is intimated he will represent the Bedleman Republicans in a contest for the U. S. Senate, and is out over the State renewing old and making new political acquaintances.

COURT NOTES.

Commonwealth vs. Harold Bohn, Charles Wilson, Paul Stoner and Richard Slack. This case is for breaking into the school house at Centre Hall.

Comm. vs. Wm. Smith, charged with larceny of money and cigarettes from the store of L. E. Davidson of Snow Shoe intersection.

Comm. vs. Carl Markle, charged with operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor.

Comm. vs. Frank Crust, charged with first count, manufacturing liquor; second count, possession of same.

Comm. vs. Ira Stere, charged with illegal possession of intoxicating liquor and transporting the same.

Winter Sports Field at Penn State. Erection of a dam to make an artificial lake for skating has been started at the Pennsylvania State College.

537 Cars of Apples Inspected. Five hundred and thirty-seven cars of apples were inspected at 23 shipping points, principally in Adams, Franklin, Cumberland, York and Wyoming counties this year by the Bureau of Markets, Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture.

New Chevrolet Sold. The Homan Motor Company, of Centre Hall, reports the following sales of new Chevrolet and Oldsmobile cars.

C. H. H. S. ALUMNI ASS'N. HOLDS FIRST BANQUET

Get-Together of "Old Grads" a Pleasant Affair—One Hundred Are Members of the Association.

The Centre Hall High School Alumni Association which was organized last summer, held its initial annual banquet in the Grange hall on Thursday, December 29th, at seven o'clock.

The procession from the second floor of the Grange hall to the banquet room was led by Prof. and Mrs. J. F. Wetzel, Prof. and Mrs. W. O. Heckman, H. B. Hubler and sister, and Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Bradford.

The tables were arranged artistically by the ladies of the Grange who served the banquet. The menu follows:

Chicken Soup Pickles Celery Roast Chicken Peas Mashed Potatoes Cranberries Cole Slaw Ice Cream Coffee

Between the courses W. O. Heckman called on a number of people for funny stories, and Harry B. Hubler led group singing. The program follows:

Card-playing and dancing provided means of entertainment after the banquet.

Ninety-nine persons, including invited guests, alumni and friends, were present at the banquet. Their names are listed here:

Ellen Allen, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Arney, Mabel Arney, Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Bartholomew, Elizabeth Bartholomew, Mary Helen Bartholomew, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Booser, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Bradford, Frances Brooks, Emeline Brungart, Ellen Burkholder, Eugene Burkholder, Hazel Burkholder, Newton Crawford, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Dapp, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Dingus, Harold Durst, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Emery, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Fetterolf, Mrs. J. Finkle, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Foss, Agnes Geary, Mrs. Charles Geary, Ruth Grove, Samuel Groves, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Harvey, Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Heckman, Mr. and Mrs. E. Homan, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Homan, Mr. and Mrs. Cornelius Houtz, Harry Hubler and sister, Charlotte Keller, Harold Keller, Hammel Kline, Fred Lucas, Helen Lucas, Cora Luse, William Luse, Alma Lutz, George Lutz, Grace Martz, Edith Moltz, Phillip Musser, Mr. and Mrs. Stewart Musser, Helen Neff, Ralph Neff, Mary Delinda Potter, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Ralston, Anna Reark, Curtis Reiber, Prof. and Mrs. W. R. Reitz, Luella Ripka, Zella Ripka, Mrs. Roxanna Robertson, Verna Rowe, Gerwin Shaeffer, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Seanson, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Sharer, Jr., Mrs. Roy Sharer, Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Smith, Louise Smith, Ruth Smith, George Sweeney, Sara Sweeney, Jennie Thomas, Mary Weber, Prof. and Mrs. J. F. Wetzel, Kenneth Wert, Martha Wert, Mary Wert, Mr. and Mrs. Frank White, Grace Wible, Martha Yearick, Vianna Zettle.

One hundred alumni have become members of the association by paying their dues of fifty cents a year, and eight more have expressed their intention to join. Miss Ruth Smith, corresponding secretary of the association, received numerous letters from High school alumni who were unable to attend the banquet but who are very interested in the new organization and are ready to offer their support.

Forester's Engagement Announced.

The engagement has been announced of Miss Imogene Kathryn Summers, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Stueben, 236 Schuykill street, Harrisburg, to William Erdmann Montgomery, of the same city, son of Mr. Peter Brooke Montgomery, of Chambersburg. They will be married sometime in February.

Borough Council Organized.

Monday evening the borough council met and organized. The body is composed of seven councilmen, four of whom were elected in November and had never served on the body before.

The new members are D. M. Bradford, George W. Seanson, W. A. Alexander, and Warren A. Homan. The holders are A. H. Spayd, W. H. Homan and M. L. Emerick.

NEW BARN ON A. B. LEE'S FARM DESTROYED BY FIRE

Structure Cost Over \$4,000—Replaced Barn Burned January 10, 1925—Origin of Fire Unknown.

The morning following Christmas the large barn on the Sheriff A. B. Lee farm on Sinking Creek, about three miles west of Spring Mills, was totally destroyed by fire together with much of the year's crops, three horses and a calf.

The personal property had been purchased at sheriff's sale a short time ago by Merchant C. P. Long of Spring Mills, and Mr. Bechtol, of Hecla.

The first person to reach the burning structure after Mr. and Mrs. Poorman was Roy Noll, of Centre Hall, and Earl Frazier, a neighbor, followed, January 10th, 1925, while the farm was tenanted by John Condo the barn was tenanted by Mr. Lee at once set to work to rebuild.

Mr. Lee had insurance of \$2500 on the barn and \$200 on his share of crops in the Farmers Mutual Company, F. M. Fisher, secretary.

Mr. Poorman held insurance with the Sugar Valley Company for \$3000, on his personal property. This included household goods. The insurance was transferred to C. P. Long, who, it appears, purchased the interest of Mr. Bechtol in the personal property he and Mr. Bechtol acquired at sheriff's sale.

DR. MORROW HOME DAMAGED IN CHRISTMAS NIGHT FIRE

About 12:00 o'clock on Christmas night the dwelling house of Dr. Hugh Morrow was discovered to be on fire. The fire having originated from a defective flue at the rear of the house.

The fire had, from all appearances, been smoldering for a considerable length of time, and had only come to the surface a short time before its discovery.

The hose wagon from the southern section of town was on hand in good time, and it was not long until the flames were subdued. Most of the damage wrought was from water.

KLINGER BARN BURNED.

Friday Evening at 5:00—About Half of Implements, But No Cattle, Consumed.

The barn on the Daniel Klinger farm, near Tusseyville, was totally destroyed by fire on Friday evening at about 5:30 o'clock. The origin of the fire is a complete mystery.

The cattle and horses were removed and some of the implements before the flames consumed them. A binder, corn planter, carriage, buggy, and about one hundred chickens could not be saved.

The Klinger farm is a portion of the George Grossman farm, and was owned at one time by George Showers. The buildings on it were the original ones on the Grossman farm, which later was divided into three farms and were in very fair condition.

Greens Valley Nursery to Become a Show Place.

What was known some eighteen or twenty years ago as the Greens Valley Forest Nursery, is being made a show place by Forester T. C. Harbison, of Milroy, who has charge of the State forest lands on Seven and Nittany Mountains.

The gallery extends well forward and the sides run to the organ loft. The gallery is built on an independent foundation, making it possible for it to stand should the outer walls for some reason fall.

The bill introduced in Congress by Congressman Chase to appropriate \$125,000 of a public building in Philadelphia is likely to go the way of similar bills introduced by the Hon. Charles Rowland and William I. Swope—to the waste basket.

RIPKA BROS. AWAITING TRIAL

Confessed to Theft of Rishel Car and Charged With Having Stolen One or Two More During Past Year.

Unable to furnish bail in the sum of \$4000 each, Daniel Ripka and Elias Ripka, brothers, sons of the late Benjamin Ripka, Spring Mills, are held for trial in the county jail, charged with having stolen one or more automobiles during the past year.

Later he and his brother, Elias, were brought before Justice Kline Woodring charged with the theft of the last of them from L. L. Thomas, a Stomastown gangster. The latter was also held on the charge of having had a part in the theft of the Rishel car, and also for having received stolen goods.

Largely Attended Funeral.

The funeral services over the remains of James Zubler, son of Mr. and Mrs. Tibbens M. Zubler, was an unusually largely attended one.

Frank Musser, of Spring Mills, will become the tenant. Mr. Lee had insurance of \$2500 on the barn and \$200 on his share of crops in the Farmers Mutual Company, F. M. Fisher, secretary.

The day following the accident Harry Ilgen, whose car was being driven by his son Frank, and damaged by being hit by the Berwick car, was paid in full for his loss.

This incident calls to mind that Mr. Zubler's sister, Mrs. Sylvia Grenoble, lost a daughter in a very similar manner eight years ago when Mrs. Grenoble and her husband were living in Lewisburg.

Christmas Bells and Wedding Bells.

On Christmas eve, Santa Claus paid his annual visit to the Methodist parsonage in Spring Mills and had nicely finished his work and disappeared when Paul W. Bressler of Rebersburg, and Loretta M. Stover of Livonia, accompanied by a number of friends, called at the parsonage.

At the clock struck twelve and announced that Christmas day was here, the young couple stood together in the glimmering light of the Christmas tree, the fire place and lighted candles, and the pastor, Rev. C. E. Hazen, united them in marriage, using the beautiful ring ceremony of the church.

THE NEW "STATE" THEATRE.

Moose Theatre to Be Completed by Middle of February—Brief Description of Remodelt Show House.

A brief description of the remodelled Moose Theatre, now to be known as the "State" Theatre, will be of interest to our readers. The work of remodeling and refitting will be completed some time in February.

The fire law requirements have been complied with in full, making it possible for the 800 occupants to vacate through the exits and eight fire escapes in three minutes.

The orchestra pit has been greatly enlarged. The fine Robert Morien pipe organ, now in the scenic theatre, will be reconstructed in the organ lofts.

There will be completely furnished and commodious ladies' and gentlemen's retiring rooms and checking rooms adjacent to the large and beautifully decorated lobby.

The decorations throughout are not gaudy, but ornate and subdued. A marquee 14x25 feet in size, reaching from the theatre to the curb, will have 64 lights, and prominent on the top—"State"—the name of the theatre.

The Homan Motor Company has taken on the agency for the sale of the King radio, long manufactured by the King Manufacturing Company, Buffalo, N. Y.

TO REBUILD NARROWS ROAD.

Will Make One of the Most Beautiful Drives in State.

Indications are that the Penns Valley Narrows road, from the Union county line to Woodward, in Centre county, a distance of four and one-half miles, will be rebuilt next summer.

The State Highway Department is preparing ten thousand tons of ballast, or crushed stone to complete the work, which will not be let to contract but will be performed by the Department, thus giving employment to many local laborers.

The first curve to be eliminated starts at the county line and cuts through the Harry John's Park buildings, which will be moved from the south side of the road to the north.

Clarence Newberry, while admitting he had been with Leach, tried to make it appear that he had no part in the theft of the chickens. He was sentenced to not less than one and not more than two years in the penitentiary.

GROSS-MEEKER.

In Baltimore, on Saturday, December 24th, Philip Gross, of Bellefonte, and Miss Ellen Meeker, of Potters Mills, were united in marriage, and the following Tuesday returned to their respective homes.

The couple began housekeeping in one of the apartments in the Decker building, High street, Bellefonte. Mr. Gross is employed in the Beizer meat market, Bellefonte, and will continue his work there.

The bride is a daughter of Mrs. Clara Meeker and is well qualified to preside over a home such as is the ideal of the young man of today.

MOYER—BEST.

On December 24th, at the Reformed parsonage in Rebersburg, J. Cyrus Moyer and Ruth C. Best were united in marriage by Rev. W. A. McClellan.

These are well known young people and have the best wishes of their friends and the whole neighborhood.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.

James G. Uzzle, Snow Shoe Evelyn G. Turner, Snow Shoe J. Cyrus Moyer, Rebersburg Ruth C. Best, Millheim John J. Donnelly, Pa. Furnace Mary E. Parsons, Pa. Furnace Edward G. Cantwell, Ashland, Ohio Margaret J. Mignot, Bellefonte George E. Way, Coatesville Evelyn C. Troup, Bellefonte Charles W. Heilmann, Williamsport Hazel C. Holmes, Williamsport Joseph H. Diehl, Howard Nelle G. Bannison, Nittany

Old Offender at New Stand.

The following dispatch was sent from Washington, Washington county, on the 22nd ultimo, and two of the men referred to are known here. The elder Hetzel visited the hen house on the George E. Heckman farm, east of town, something like eighteen months ago, and as a result was sent to the pen for one and one-half to three years.

The Sherandoah hunting club, comprising twenty members, purchased the home property of J. R. Smetzler, near Potters Mills, recently. The property consists of a log house and twenty acres of land.

The new owners contemplate making changes on the property next summer, which will include an addition designed to provide quarters for the club during the big-game season.

If the last Friday in the month rules the following month, as many believe, January will, for the greater part, be mild, for Friday, December 29th, was that kind of a day.

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TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS.

Harry A. Decker, of Altoona, sent the Reporter most substantial greetings for the Christmas season. Jury Commissioners Harry Frantz and James C. Condo, together with Judge Fleming, are filling the jury wheel for 1928.

Bellefonte post office was advanced from the second to that of a first class office. The rating is based on the sales of stamps. A skid and flop over the road to a culvert. No one hurt, not much damage. That's what happened the mail wagon the other morning.

John Robert Sterrett, civil war veteran, former County Commissioner, tax collector and road supervisor, at Reedsville, died at the age of 82 years. Robert Neff, teacher in the local High school, submitted to an operation for the removal of tonsils and adenoids, at the Centre County Hospital, during the holidays.

A picture published in the papers of Charles M. Schwab showing one of his socks dropping, brought him through the Christmas mails more than a dozen pairs of garters. Harry Neff is employed on the Susquehanna Dairy Farm, at Brackney, Susquehanna county, to which place he went last week. He was employed on a dairy farm at State College for a number of years.

Hugo Bezdiek, athletic trainer for some years at Penn State, became a citizen of the States last week. He was born in Czecho-Slovakia forty-three years ago, and came to America with his parents when eleven years old.

Walter R. Hosterman returned from Detroit, Michigan, Friday evening with a new Graham Brothers two-ton truck sold to Neidigh Brothers, State College. He left here Tuesday evening of last week. He covered the route home in 455 miles. County Auditor Robert D. Musser was appointed a justice of the peace by Governor Fisher, to fill the place made vacant by the death of Justice A. J. Shook. Mr. Musser will hold both offices, which is permissible under the law.

Among the many good wishes received by this publication was one from Dr. J. K. Hosterman, St. Louis, Missouri. Mr. Hosterman, a brother of our townsman, T. A. Hosterman, is secretary-treasurer of the Tiffany Adjustable Stand Company, a concern of importance in St. Louis.

The Nash Motor Company employees received approximately three-quarters of a million dollars in cash Christmas remembrances. The gifts were two dollar bills, which with a Christmas message was handed to employees personally by C. W. Nash, the president of the company. Edgar Miller is now regularly employed by F. V. Goodhart, the undertaker and furniture dealer, and will give assistance in both branches of work. Daniel Dapp, who was always ready man about the Goodhart place of business during the past ten years, will continue to give service, but only on part time.

The forty-first annual meeting of the school directors' association in Centre county, convened in Bellefonte today (Thursday). Dr. C. C. Ellis, president of Juniata College, Huntingdon, and Jonas E. Wagner, assistant director of the teachers' bureau at Harrisburg, will be among the speakers.

It must have resulted from the idea that their selections of their clerks weren't worth it that the County Commissioners knocked off \$300 a year from the chief and \$240 from the assistant, making the yearly salary \$1500 and \$960, respectively, or else the helpers will be helped to extras to make up the apparent cuts.

Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Meyer and little granddaughter of Boalsburg, made one of their infrequent visits here on Monday following Christmas and were guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Olsen. Mr. Meyer continues to hold down the postmastership in his town, and consequently has an every week-day, holidays included, job on hand.

From the State College Times: Mr. and Mrs. Harry Wolfe and children, of Centre Hall; Mr. and Mrs. Byron Decker, of Conneautville, and Harry Bartges, of Washington, Pa., spent the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Bartges, Mr. Decker and Mr. Bartges are both instructors in the vocational high schools in their respective towns.

J. R. Harshbarger, tenant on the Michael Grove farm west of Roopersburg, was a caller at this office last week, having come to Penns Valley accompanied by several gentlemen. The Grove farm was sold and rumor has it that the place passed into the hands of Raymond Spicer and that he will operate it. Mr. Harshbarger has not decided as yet where he will locate and intimated that he might discontinue farming.

The State College and Harvey Brothers bakeries, at State College, have merged and will do business under a charter applied for. The Harvey Brothers have been in business at State College for many years, and the Harshbarger & Rodgers firm is also of long standing. Combined the proposed corporation aims to give its patrons even better service than heretofore. Fred Harvey, one of the firm members, is the husband of Helen Luse, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Milford Luse, of town.