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ARE AGAINST LEGAL KILLING.

Majority of Newspaper Men Who Have Witnessed Executions Are Opposed to Capital Punishment.

Interviews with newspaper men who were official witnesses at the executions of Ruth Snyder and Judd Gray revealed that a majority of them are unalterably opposed today to capital punishment.

Several of the twenty reporters and special writers who saw the condemned couple die in the electric chair changed the views they had previously entertained. Some of them, however, adhere to their opinion that capital punishment is the best deterrent of crime.

Some of the opinions expressed follow:

Dudley Nichols, New York Morning World: "You only have to see it to be against it."

"It is indescribably terrible," said Dick Williams, of the New York Evening Journal. "That sight of Mrs. Snyder and Gray being brought to that room was one of the most horrible things in the history of the civilized world. Capital punishment should be abolished."

Gene Fowler, of the New York and Universal Service, declared he is absolutely against capital punishment, "except in the case of kidnapers, who deserve lynching."

"I'm for capital punishment," said Al Turk, of the Long Island Press. "I think the electric chair is the most humane way of doing away with murderers. Ruth and Judd did not suffer, once they were in the chair. It put them out of the world easily and quickly."

Raymond Wiley, of the Standard News Association, merely stated: "I am in favor of capital punishment."

"Capital punishment has no justification," declared Whitney Bolton, of the New York Herald-Tribune. "I think it has failed in every State it has been used."

The present writer believes nothing could be more pitiful than to witness the deliberate, legal murder of a woman—no matter what she had done.

Sid Sutherland, of Liberty Magazine, said: "It was a very horrible thing, but Mrs. Snyder deserved to die. When I thought of what had happened to Albert Snyder I knew that capital punishment was all right."

"I am in favor of capital punishment," declared Alva Johnson, of the New York Times. "It is not a pleasant thing to look at, but I feel that it is a strong crime deterrent and should be retained."

Charles Slattery, of the New York Daily Mirror: "I was in favor of capital punishment until recently. Now I am unalterably opposed to it."

Wilbur Rogers, of the Brooklyn Eagle who has witnessed six executions, said he has never been so affected as he was by the electrocution of Ruth and Judd.

"I had a nightmare all the next night," Rogers said, "and I haven't been able to sleep well yet. That sight in the silent chamber of death is ever before me. It was a most terrible thing, and I for one, am dead against capital punishment. It was particularly hard to see a woman go."

Courtney Terrett, of the New York Evening Telegram: "I've always believed in capital punishment. While I believe capital punishment was deserved in the case of these two persons, I now think the system of capital punishment should be abolished for two reasons: It is not airtight. Some who should get it manage to escape it, and it is wrong from a purely ethical standpoint, because society is destroying something it cannot create."

Justice Townsend Scudder, who pronounced the death sentence upon Ruth and Judd, but who did not witness the execution, scored the death penalty as "a degradation of justice," adding: "Capital punishment turns a court of justice into a charnel house. This is not in keeping with either the dignity or great elevation of justice. The home, not the courts, is the place to stamp out crime."

Centenarian Dies.

Israel Culvey, of Sugar Valley, who recently passed the centenary of his age, died at the Lock Haven hospital Friday morning of infirmities of age.

Mr. Culvey, who was a descendant of a Hessian soldier who left the village of Lock Haven after the Revolutionary war, leaves no survivors. He had been a township charge for some time.

Wins Sophomore Speaking Contest.

Winners of the annual sophomore oratorical contest at the Pennsylvania State College were announced a few days ago by the department of public speaking.

First prize of \$50 went to John C. McKirachan, of Philadelphia, whose talks on "Campus Paths" was voted the best by a committee of judges. The second prize of \$20 was won by Jack R. Richards, of Scranton, who gave humorous presentation of "That Chicago!"

Others of the sophomore class who competed in the final contest were: Robert P. Campbell, Pennsylvania Furnace; Miss Reba M. Hendricks, of Rowenna; Manuel Andujar, Porto Rico, and Harry M. Tinkoom, of Armath.

Transfer of Real Estate.

Michael H. Spicher to Boyd Spicher, and wife, tract in Potter twp.; \$1.

Andrew Lytle, et ux, to James P. Alkens, tract in College twp.; \$3000.

Darius W. Cole, et ux, to E. C. Strohman, tract in Spring twp.; \$1400.

A. S. Stover, trustee, to Samuel A. Boyer, tract in Aronsburg; \$530.

Fred D. Stoner, et ux, to Harry Bower, tract in Aronsburg; \$1400.

F. B. Bower to Harry J. Bower, tract in Aronsburg; \$3,000.

John R. Williams to Martin A. Williams, tract in College twp.; \$1.

Jacob Auman to Edward Finkle, tract in Penn twp.; \$40.

STATE FARM PRODUCTS SHOW LARGELY ATTENDED

Number of Winners from Centre County—Two Lamb Prizes Come to Centre Hall—Governor Fisher Will Ask Legislature for Housing Facilities.

This locality sent more than its proportionate share of visitors to the State Farm Products Show held in Harrisburg last week, and two members of the Centre County Lamb Club living near town brought with them cash prizes and ribbons.

Fred Luse secured money (\$19.00) on Shropshire lambs. He is a member of the local High school and a son of Mr. and Mrs. Perry H. Luse. He sold his lambs at a good price to a Lancaster county breeder who will use them as foundation stock.

Another lamb grower near Centre Hall is Alice Foust, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Foust. She is but ten years of age and is a grade pupil in the Centre Hall schools. She stayed by her lambs during the exhibition, which indicates they were not reared and fitted for the show by proxy.

James Vial, of State College, drew first money for Southdown lambs and was named a reserved champion. This latter recognition means that her lambs pitted against lambs of all breeds, and won.

Clarence Hoy, of Axe Mann, was the fourth of the seven exhibitors from among the fifteen members of the Centre County Lamb Club to win, with a pen of Hampshires.

The winners of cash prizes received them from the various associations of breeders. This being the case the cash prizes were not uniform, but depended upon how enthusiastic the breeders' association might have been.

After the exhibition the lambs were all sold at auction by the pound, the price ranging from 14 to 20 cents. The young farmer element was found especially appealing during this show. Records attained by farm boys and girls in club work and in vocational school projects were never outstanding.

The fact that world's records were shattered by Keystone boys and girls is to them gratifying in the light of future development and expansion of agriculture in this State.

From this locality the show was attended by the following: Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Luse, Fred Luse, Ralph Luse, D. W. Bradford, Jonathan L. Tressler, Earl Giegerich, A. M. Reigle, George W. Rowe, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Colyer, Mr. and Mrs. Cleveland Euzard, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Ripka, Mr. and Mrs. Morris A. Burkholder, Emanuel Zeigler, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Bradford, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Dimes, Frank Homan, W. H. Homan, I. M. Arney, Bruce Arney, Shannon Boover, Edward Duret, Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Fisher, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Ebright.

Governor Fisher gave the show added impetus when he declared that he proposed to keep very definitely in mind provisions for adequate housing facilities for the exposition, outstanding statement was taken to mean that the 1929 Legislature will be asked to make an appropriation for buildings.

The Governor said that the people had developed the show out of their own lives and that it was the duty of the State to make ample provision for it, either in Harrisburg or its immediate vicinity.

County Agent Makes Report.

R. C. Blaney, the extension representative, sends the Reporter the following report:

Nine boys and girls out of the fifteen in the Centre County Lamb Feeding Club exhibited their lambs in the State-wide contests. In the face of the keen competition the Centre county lambs placed as follows according to breeds: Southdowns—1st, Jane Vial, State College; 2nd, Donald Campbell, Pa. Furnace; 3rd, Alice Foust, Centre Hall; 4th, Ray Homan, State College; Hampshires—1st, Clarence Hoy, Bellefonte; 2nd, Joseph Whiting, Susquehanna county; James Campbell, Penna. Furnace; 4th, Floyd Weight, Bellefonte; Charles Hartel, Nittany. In addition to these, Fred Luse, of Centre Hall, won second in the Shropshire class in competition with several pens from Washington county. The pen of Southdowns exhibited by Jane Vial, of State College, also won Reserve Grand Champion. The Centre County Club exhibitors won \$118.96 in prize money. The lambs were sold by public auction after they were judged for an average of 16.3c per lb. The Centre county lambs averaged 16.5c per lb. The six pens that did not go to Harrisburg sold locally for 14c per lb. The lambs made an average gain of approximately 30 lbs. a piece and were bought at the start of the feeding period for 12c per lb. thus making a nice profit to the members of the club.

H. E. Hennigh, of Spring Mills, was a successful exhibitor of White Rock chickens, winning 3rd and 4th on pullets, and 3rd and 5th on cockerels. There were a large number of entries in the White Rock show and the competition was very strong.

There were approximately 150 Centre county farmers and their families in attendance at the show, which was the largest and best show ever held.

S. H. D. Autocratic, Says Snyder.

The State Highway Department is too autocratic, according to Charles A. Snyder, of Pottsville, former State Treasurer and now District Attorney of Schuylkill county. He told the Lion's Club in Reading at its weekly dinner that the department has invaded the rights of the Legislature.

"The State Highway Department," he said, "is entirely controlled and has been operated like an automaton since 1909. There is no legislative interference. All of the millions we collect every year are appropriated and expended without legislative enactment. The department has invaded the rights of the Legislature, and I say to you that it has in it the final dissolution of a great people."

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SHAMOKIN YOUTH GOES TO ELECTRIC CHAIR

Leon Scovern, Aged 20, Who Wielded Revolver With Fatal Effect When Denied Permission to See Sweetheart, Electrocuted at Rockview—Is 10th Man to Be Electrocuted at His Age and 179th to Pay Penalty in Chair.

A 20-year-old youth, Leon Scovern, of Shamokin, went to the electric chair at Rockview on Monday morning and paid the penalty of death for the murder of his former sweetheart's brother.

Scovern seemed calm and unperturbed as he walked into the death chamber a few seconds after 7:00 o'clock. He was accompanied by the Rev. Gregory Zaplanski, Shamokin priest, who administered the last sacraments to the condemned youth in his cell before he started the march to the chair.

It was 7:02 when the switch was pulled by Robert Elliott, State executioner. Four minutes later the prisoner was pronounced dead by Dr. Chas. J. Newcomb, the prison physician.

The witnesses in the chamber attracted Scovern's first attention as he was led through the door. He scanned the faces of all those sitting there as though looking for some one he knew. All were strangers and he went to the chair resigned to his fate without making a single remark as the straps were placed about him.

The body was claimed by relatives and will be returned to Northumberland county for burial.

Scovern's killing of the brother of the girl he was in love with was declared to have been unprovoked and premeditated. Forbidden by John Baranoski to further force his attention upon Baranoski's 17-year-old daughter, Mary, because of Scovern's unsavory reputation, the young man armed himself with a revolver and on Sunday morning, January 3, 1925, lay in wait for the family's return home from attending church services at Shamokin.

Meeting the family on the street, he drew the gun and opened fire, stopping only when the gun was emptied. He not only shot the girl, but her father and two brothers, John, Jr., and Joseph Baranoski, also fell to the street, wounded. Joseph was shot in the abdomen and died within a day. The others recovered.

Scovern was arrested the same day and tried in October, 1925. He was convicted of first degree murder with the death penalty attached. Scovern heard the jury pronounce his fate with utter indifference and as he was being taken back to jail, he remarked to his keeper, "This is the happiest day of my life."

The night following his sentence he broke out of the Northumberland county jail but was captured within a week by State police while cooking his breakfast in a vacant farm house near Paxinos. Thereafter he was more closely watched but made no further attempt to escape. He was 18 years old when he committed the crime and 20 when he was executed. He was not the youngest man to go to the chair in Pennsylvania, as the records show two men have been electrocuted who were only 15, while Scovern makes the tenth youth to have been executed in the electric chair at the age of 20, this number being exceeded only by men 24 years of age, of whom there were an even dozen.

Scovern is the 179th man to be electrocuted since the law went into effect in 1915.

650 CHEVROLET DEALERS MEET IN PITTSBURGH

Homan Motor Company Represented at Gathering—A Million Cars in 1928 Is Planned by Vice President Grant.

With its production capacity 1,000 cars a day greater than a year ago, the Chevrolet Motor Company in 1928 is planning to break all production records in the history of the company, according to W. A. Homan, representing the Homan Motor Co., local Chevrolet dealers, who recently returned from Pittsburgh, where he attended the annual Chevrolet meeting in Syria Mosque on Wednesday of last week.

Six hundred fifty Chevrolet dealers who attended the meeting heard R. H. Grant, vice president of the Chevrolet Motor Co. in charge of sales, sound the keynote of the biggest campaign ever undertaken by Chevrolet. Applause rocked the big auditorium repeatedly as the Chevrolet sales chief outlined the plans for the sale of another million cars in 1928.

"Never before did a Chevrolet meeting create the enthusiasm that was displayed over the Chevrolet prospects for the year," Mr. Homan declared. "Everywhere there was confidence that Chevrolet would more than reach its goal."

High officials of the Chevrolet Motor Company assisted Mr. Grant in the conduct of the meeting, which took the form of the most comprehensive sales presentation ever attempted by an automobile manufacturer. Talks were illustrated in the form of playlets, depicting the proper procedure to be followed in the successful operation of a retail automobile business.

Immediately following the meeting the dealers and 150 bank associates were guests of the Chevrolet Motor Company at an elaborate banquet in the William Penn Hotel. W. E. Holler, Sales Manager of the Pittsburgh zone, served as host to the visiting Chevrolet officials.

The Pittsburgh meeting was the third of a series of 43 similar sessions that will be held from coast to coast this winter and spring.

Mrs. Homan accompanied her husband to Pittsburgh, and while he attended the meeting in Syria Mosque, she was entertained by Mrs. H. F. Horne, wife of the Pittsburgh Chevrolet representative, at her home.

PORT TAILOR SHOP ROBBERIES CAPTURED

Two Young Men Landed in County Bastille Sunday Night—Stolen Clothing Found in Possession of Both—One or More Companions Sought.

Sunday night William A. Slick and Wilbur Stover were placed under arrest by Policeman Dukeman, of Bellefonte, and are being held for a hearing and further evidence in connection with the robbery of Blaine Port's tailor shop in Bellefonte on Friday night, January 6th. The shop is located under the Bellefonte Hardware Company's place of business and entrance was gained by cutting out a portion of a window light and unfastening the hoist. Thawork was said to have been very neatly done.

The authorities are watching one or more of the companions of the two young men now under arrest who are thought to be implicated in the robbery. Reports from good authority state that one of the two now being held gave a recital of his conduct and connected various others in escapades about here. There is good authority to state that clothing taken from the Port shop was found in possession of both Slick and Stover.

The clothing taken from the Port shop, only a part of which has been recovered, includes two brown suits belonging to M. A. Landsay, of the Brookborough House; a 3-piece light gray suit belonging to Mark Williams; a dark coat belonging to P. Shope; a 3-piece dark suit of Wm. A. Slick; a 3-piece dark blue suit of Frank Sasserman; a 3-piece light gray suit belonging to H. Turner; a sport coat, the property of Frederick Kurtz; two light knickers belonging to Mr. Witcraft, and a 3-piece dark gray suit, the property of Mr. Brooks. The clothing, except that of Slick's, belonged to Bellefonte parties.

Could on Vacation.

Cupid, the little love god, must be on vacation or giving attention to other sections with neglect to Centre county. No marriage licenses were issued during the past week.

High School Boy Hit by Car.

Serious injuries to a thirteen-year-old Centre Hall high school boy, were narrowly averted on Friday morning. The youth was Robert McCormick, son of Mr. and Mrs. George H. McCormick, of Potters Mills, who came to town in an auto with his brother, William, and Walter Wilkinson. The latter and Robert alighted from the car where School street and Main street intersect, and were about to cross the street when Arthur M. Riegel, driving a coupe, came along, traveling in the same direction as the McCormick car. Young Wilkinson and McCormick both made an effort to dodge the car and in doing so, the latter fell a wheel of the Reigel car passing over Robert's ankle. The injury was slight, but the lad was somewhat unnerved and was taken to his home, but by Monday was back to school with no apparent ill results from the mishap.

Mr. Riegel stopped and offered to take the boy to Dr. Morrow's office for examination, but the youth preferred to be taken direct to his home, and this was done.

Broke Arm Cranking Car.

While cranking his father's car, Russell Geary sustained a fracture of both bones in the right arm. The fractures were reduced by Dr. Hugh Morrow. The youth, who is the thirteen-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Geary, near Red Mill, suffered the injury some time after the accident, but on Monday he was reported as resting easy and without pain. The accident happened on Saturday.

Judge Chase on Collecting Fines.

Judge Chase of Clearfield county called before him the board of commissioners in that county and told them in the plainest manner that it was their duty to collect the fines and penalties imposed by the court. Three years ago, Judge Chase took the matter of collecting these penalties in his own hands, and made almost a perfect score, collecting during the three years, \$93,754.14.

During the three years prior to the time Judge Chase gave the matter his personal attention the commissioners had made such a miserable score that the Judge in his address said:

"The collections were practically negligible and was unfair to the Court, the public, and made a farce of the imposition of fines."

Continuing, the Court said: "In returning to its proper source the duties assumed by the Court, it is desired to state that this responsibility rests primarily, because of the position, on the president of the Board of County Commissioners, George H. Hines; and no doubt the public will hold that officer responsible for the effective administration of these duties."

In Centre county this collecting, it appears, will be turned over to Roy Wilkinson, the appointee of the Court, to an office heretofore held to be unnecessary, at a salary of \$2500 per annum, and expenses. By following Judge Chase's example in Clearfield county, collection of fines would have been accomplished through officers already in service.

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LOCAL LUTHERANS HEAR TALKS ON PENSION FUND CAMPAIGN

District Meeting Brings Large Representation from All Parts of the Valley—\$4,000,000 the Aim of the Campaign.

Three laymen are the guiding spirits of the \$4,000,000 Pension Fund Campaign which will begin in every congregation of the United Lutheran Church in America, February 6th, and which will include the entire United States and Canada in its scope.

As the three chief officers in the Board of Ministerial Pensions and Relief, these laymen form the only group of their kind in American religious life as the pension boards and systems of all other denominations are headed by clergymen. This fact makes the anticipated campaign a "laymen's movement" in the strictest sense of the word. The three men are Paul F. Myers of Washington, D. C., president of the Board; Peter P. Hagan of Philadelphia, treasurer; and Harry Hodges, secretary, also of Philadelphia.

Mr. Myers has two distinct services to his country accredited to him in addition to the service to his Church. He is the author of the present income tax law, and during the late War, was in charge of the sale and distribution of the various Liberty Loan issues that made victory in France possible.

Mr. Myers secured the pension bonds when they were sold because of his position at that time as Assistant Commissioner of Internal Revenue in the United States Treasury Department. Later while holding the same position, he took up the income tax problem, and wrote the Income Tax bill as it now stands. He also secured its passage through the Senate and House of Representatives. When the late Warren G. Harding became President, Mr. Myers resigned, and entered private legal practice. He is a graduate of Princeton University. While there, he became intimately acquainted with the late Woodrow Wilson, who was then president of that institution. It was through the latter's personal fondness for Myers that he requested him to come to the Capital.

Mr. Hodges' history is more intimately connected with the Church which he now serves "full time," a thing he has been doing for many years in various other capacities. He took up his new duties as secretary to the Board soon after the death of the former official, the late Rev. Dr. Edgar Grim Miller, which occurred last May.

After engaging sixteen years in the clothing manufacturing business in Philadelphia, Mr. Hodges headed the call for the secretaryship of the Luther League of America, a young people's organization within the denomination, and made it a virile Church movement.

Mr. Hagan, who as treasurer of the Board gives more than half of his entire time to the present \$4,000,000 campaign, is likewise a manufacturer in Philadelphia. His service to the Church is given despite the fact that he is president of the Charles P. Cochran Carpet Company. He is chairman of the Pensions Campaign Committee as well, and finds time to direct the vast machinery of the drive that is to open February 6th, and which is to double the present pension paid to the disabled and retired ministers of the Church.

Local Lutherans, and those from various sections of Pennsylvania, had the matter of the pension fund campaign forcefully presented to them by Rev. I. C. Hoffman, of Philadelphia, at a mass meeting in the local Lutheran church, Sunday afternoon. Present also were Rev. W. J. Wagner, of Boalsburg; Rev. A. C. Enslin, of Pine Grove Mills; and Mr. Hoffman, registrar at Penn State College, a layman who is interesting himself in the success of the campaign.

Pennsylvanian Asks Job of State Executioner.

A resident Pennsylvanian seeks the position of State executioner, now held by Robert Elliott, of New York, who acts in the same capacity for that State and several others. Governor Fisher received his application, but declined to disclose the identity of the writer.

The applicant said that he was a citizen of the United States and of Pennsylvania, a world war veteran and 30 years old. He added that he had a practical knowledge of electricity, "a full knowledge of his duty from the experience of two years' service in the army during the war."

The position pays \$200 for each execution, except where two or more persons are electrocuted the same day, in which instances the rate falls to \$150 for each additional execution after the first one.

The Henry Wilt Memorial Aleeve.

Susquehanna University recently received from the estate of H. C. Wilt, a music library of over 2,000 volumes. Mr. Wilt, whose death occurred on March 8, 1927, was organist of the Tabernacle Presbyterian Church, Philadelphia, for thirty-six years, at the same time being official organist for several Masonic orders in the city.

His pride and ambition was the building up of the music library, and his desire often expressed was, to have these books go to a school where they might be of real service.

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS.

The Brush Valley narrows, on Friday, were covered with several inches of snow.

At the annual meeting of the Community Bank of Port Matilda, Boyd F. Jordan was retained as cashier.

Adam Blazer, of Sells Grove, visited his son, Clarence Blazer, tenant on the Detweiler farm, east of town.

Miss Elizabeth Gross, of Centre Hall, was a guest of relatives in Bellefonte for a few days last week.

Sinle Hoy, deputy sheriff, was in this section of the valley last Friday on business pertaining to the sheriff's office.

The fifteenth annual convention of the Association of School Board secretaries will be held at John Harris High School, Harrisburg, February 7th.

The State Highway Department has about completed plans for a new bridge over Bald Eagle creek at the western approach of Mill Hill bridge.

Mrs. Sarah Stover, who had been in Altoona with her daughter, Mrs. Alvin S. Myers, for a considerable length of time, returned to Centre Hall recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Stover, of Burnham, were in town last week and were guests of Mr. and Mrs. George Searson, the former a brother of Mrs. Stover.

Mrs. Archey Moyer, in Centre Hall, on Thursday night, entertained very handsomely the Sunday school class in the Lutheran church of which she is a member.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Samuel S. Horner, of Nittany Mountain, at the Centre County hospital, Friday, January 13th. The little Miss will be named Alta Louise.

At an administrator's sale the Thos. B. Motz home in Millhelm was sold to L. E. Stover for \$5750. The 97-acre tract of timber and farm land was knocked down to F. C. Mensch for \$1010.

Dr. Hugh Morrow, wife and children, last Sunday started out on an automobile drive with no particular destination in view, but finally landed in Philadelphia where they have relatives living.

A note from W. A. Wagner of Juniata, formerly a Potter township resident, indicates he is in the running. Mr. Wagner is secretary of the Shaffer Stores Company and of the Juniata Booster Association.

Mildred Gusewite, daughter of John Gusewite, proprietor of the Loganton creamery, suffered a concussion of the brain when she fell Friday morning on an icy sidewalk near her home, striking the back of her head.

A divorce was granted to Lt. Commander Joseph H. Hoffman, of Millhelm, an officer in the U. S. Navy, from his wife, Francis G. Hoffman, by Judge Miles I. Potter, of Snyder county, who heard the case in the Centre county court.

Fifty Milroy citizens organized a Chamber of Commerce and elected D. G. Meek, cashier of the Milroy National Bank, president. Mr. Meek is a brother of Mrs. Henry Homan, and for a time was cashier of the Citizens Bank at State College.

John Horner and Charles Adleman, two young men from the south side of Potter township, journeyed on foot to Baltimore two weeks ago in search of employment. They were unsuccessful in their quest, finding labor difficult to obtain, and they have returned home.

Marion Talley, the prima donna soprano at the Roosevelt auditorium, Altoona, on Friday evening, was the attraction that took to that city Mrs. F. V. Goodhart, Mrs. J. F. Wetzel, Miss Mary Delinda Potter and Miss Sarah Neff. The performance of the youthful singer is highly spoken of by them.

The Clover Club, a ladies' organization of the town, during the past week placed sanitary paper towels and steel cabinets in the local grade school building. Some time ago W. W. Kerrin, the postmaster, did a similar service for the High school. These acts are appreciated by the pupils as well as by teachers and the local board of school directors.

Wednesday night a portion of the concrete road over Nittany Mountain was patrolled by a workman every hour. This was necessary to make travel over it safe. The rain and soft weather loosened many stones and rocks on the slopes where excavations for the road were made and these were constantly rolling onto the concrete and it was to keep the road clear that the roadman was in service.

The removal of Lynn Ross, about April 1st, from Linden Hall, may result in the rural mail route No. 1, from here, being extended to cover the territory served by the Linden Hall post office. For some years it has been with difficulty that anyone could be induced to assume the responsibility of postmaster at that place, since the allowance is but a pittance, and conditions will not be better when the next vacancy occurs.

At the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Farmers National Bank & Trust Company, in Millhelm, reports of the increase in the number of depositors, as well as increase in the volume of business, was read by Dr. C. S. Frank, who was chosen to act as chairman. Talks for the good of the bank were made by several stockholders. All the directors of the bank were re-elected to serve during the year. The board of directors is constituted as follows: G. S. Frank, C. L. Gramley, S. W. Gramley, A. A. Frank, L. E. Stover, F. M. Fisher, R. S. Stover, H. E. Crover and L. W. Stover.

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