



PENNSYLVANIA HAS HIGH STANDING IN NUMBER BANKS

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Pennsylvania possesses more than ten per cent. of the banking resources and more than six per cent. of the banking institutions of the nation. Peter G. Cameron, secretary of banking, told members of Group Five of the Penna. Bankers' Association, at their meeting held in Harrisburg.

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Mr. Musser was accompanied to the Metropolitan Hospital, Philadelphia, where the operation was performed, by Dr. J. V. Foster and Mr. Goodhart, and with a number of others witnessed the operation which required two hours to perform.

Thursday noon Dr. Foster and Mr. Goodhart, in response to a telephone conversation with Mr. Musser, drove to Philadelphia to arrange to bring him back home with them on Wednesday evening.

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General Martin said that the cost of maintaining roads and bridges of the commonwealth during the year 1926 in round numbers was \$12,000,000 and that during that year the State constructed roads and bridges costing a little more than \$20,000,000.

The superintendent of schools at Perry, New York, circulated a questionnaire among his pupils, and among the questions was this: "Which is the biggest problem you are facing now?" The answer to these questions throw light on young folks' problems everywhere.

Seventeen different problems were named by these students. Among them were such as "getting through school and graduation," "finances," "whether or not to quit school," "making an athletic team," "how to get through college," "finding remunerative employment," "what to do after graduation," "my future," etc.

Now these are serious problems, and young heads are doing earnest thinking on them. The demand on them to make good in life is strenuous now. They get the idea that they simply have to make what the world considers successes in life, and the more thoughtful ones probably do a good deal of worrying about them.

Perhaps some of the extravagancies which young people resort to are of the nature of a reaction from the intensity of their lives. They have to study fairly hard to get through school or college, then they throw themselves into all their activities with an ardor that is often overdone.

It will pay them to seek the counsel of older heads, who have seen life from all sides. They will counsel them not to try to pluck the fruit before they are ripe. Their parents and teachers are their best advisers, and if they take their counsel, they will not fail to meet their problems.

"ESTATE" FRAUDS REVEALED BY STATE SECRETARY

Head of Department of Internal Affairs Mentions "Baker Estate" and the Emerich Estate as Illustrations of Gigantic Swindle Widely Worked

The hopes of thousands of persons in the United States and Canada who had been led to believe by unscrupulous "hears" association promoters, that they could inherit mythical millions of centuries-old estates, received a rude shock last week when Secretary of Internal Affairs Woodward branded one of the largest of these organizations as "a gigantic swindle."

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The Hon. Lester Shaffer, of Milroy, who with the Hon. J. Laird Holmes, of State College, take the credit for killing the Cox Valley State Highway route through Seven Mountains.

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FEBRUARY COURT OPENED MONDAY

Grand Jury Met Week Previous and Reported 17 True Bills—Special Session of Court On Thursday.

Court opened Monday morning in regular form with the Hon. M. Ward Fleming on the bench. James L. Ketter, of Spring township, was made foreman of the grand jury which finished its work on Thursday and made the following report:

That they had acted upon nineteen bills of indictment of which seventeen were found true bills, and two not true bills.

We were further to report: That we have visited and inspected the county buildings and find the windows and floors need to be cleaned in the court house; the jail is in a general bad condition and disrepair.

Special Court Sessions. Special sessions of Court convened on Thursday morning, February 23rd, with the Honorable M. Ward Fleming presiding, and the following cases were called and disposed of:

Commonwealth vs. Edward Snyder, charged with desertion and non-support of his two children. Prosecutrix, Teresta R. Snyder. This case is from Penn township. After the case was heard by the court the defendant made its order that the defendant was to pay the costs of prosecution and the sum of \$18 per month to the probation officer.

Commonwealth vs. George Hook, charged with illegal possession of intoxicating liquor. Prosecutor, A. E. Yougel. The defendant waived the finding of the grand jury and pleaded guilty and was sentenced to pay the costs of prosecution and fine of \$100.

Commonwealth vs. Sylvester Jones, charged with desertion and non-support. Prosecutrix, Edith Jones. This case is from the vicinity of Philadelphia, and after hearing the case the court ordered the defendant to pay the costs of prosecution and the sum of \$25 per month to the probation officer.

Commonwealth vs. John Unick, charged with assault and battery on his mother. Prosecutor, Alexander Unick. The defendant waived the finding of the grand jury and pleaded guilty and was sentenced to pay the costs of prosecution, fine of \$50, and six months in the county jail.

Commonwealth vs. Earnest Long and Ralph Snyder, charged with forcible entry and larceny. Prosecutor, Jeremiah Zettle, of Spring Mills. The defendants waived the finding of the grand jury and pleaded guilty, and after pleas in their behalf for leniency of sentence, the sentence was suspended upon both of the defendants upon the payment of \$1,000.

Commonwealth vs. W. A. Slick, Melvin Scott and Wilbur Stover, charged with forcible entry and larceny. Prosecutor, Harry Dukeman. These defendants are from Centre Hall and entered the tailor shop of Blaine Port in Bellefonte some time ago.

Commonwealth vs. Andrew Yanosky, charged with shooting a human being in mistake for a wild deer. Prosecutor, Thomas Moster. Game Protector. Defendant and others were hunting during the deer season when the defendant shot one of the party by mistake. The defendant waived the finding of the grand jury and pleaded guilty and was sentenced to pay the costs of prosecution, \$200 fine and one year in the county jail.

Commonwealth vs. D. E. Ripker and F. W. Ziska, charged with larceny. These defendants are from the vicinity of Spring Mills and are the persons charged with the stealing of an automobile from J. H. Rishel at Spring Mills, as well as automobile from I. J. Thomas at Stormtown. Prosecutor, J. J. Edwards, State Highway patrolman.

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Cordella Out for Congress. Mrs. Gifford Pinchot on Monday announced her candidacy for Congress from the Fifteenth district. The district comprises the counties of Bradford, Susquehanna, Wyoming, Wayne and Pike. Mr. Pinchot's home is in Pike county.

INTERIOR OF GENERAL STORE AT POTTERS MILLS BURNED

Fire Discovered at 6:00 O'clock Friday Morning—Proprietor Third Generation of Merchants There.

The general store of L. Earl Smith, at Potters Mills, was considerably damaged by fire on Friday morning. The fire is thought by some, was the result of a careless cigarette-smoker who threw his lighted stub without thought of possible consequences.

The interior of the store was badly damaged from flames and heat, as was also the merchandise in it. The damage to the building is estimated at from \$500 to \$1000. The loss in goods is undetermined. Mr. Smith holds insurance in a cash and in a mutual company.

The fire was discovered at 6:00 o'clock by Frank F. Palmer, who passed the store on his way to ascertain whether he would be required to work with the State Highway road force. Mr. Palmer gave the alarm, and the result was the formation of a bucket brigade, whose work became almost immediately effective.

The present building is a two-story structure, and larger than the one before it. The brick for it were burned in Centre Hall, near here, in 1873. The original store building, a wooden structure—on this site, was also destroyed by fire about seventy-five years ago.

The proprietor of the present store is the third generation of Smiths to do business there. Henry R. Smith became a merchant when he was 15. He was William Thompson, and later Mr. Smith's son, Emanuel Smith, and Mr. Thompson became partners and continued until the death of Mr. Thompson when Mr. Smith purchased the Thompson interests. Upon the death of Mr. Smith his son, the present merchant, began business there.

Mrs. C. A. Leister Injured. Mrs. Charles Leister, of Potters Mills, is suffering much pain from an injury above the eye received in a slight automobile accident more than two weeks ago. The car in which she was riding was hit by a car driven by a Union county young lady as the latter was going down and the Leister car going up the Ripka hill west of Spring Mills.

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MANUAL TRAINING ADOPTED IN MILLHEIM SCHOOLS

The Millheim Journal makes this reference to the schools in that borough:

An elective course in manual training was instituted in the Millheim High School Monday of last week, and practically all the male members of the school are taking this work. The board found it necessary to decide between the manual training course and the agricultural extension work, and since results from the latter were not satisfactory, the former was adopted.

An appropriation of \$200 was made to buy equipment and Prof. F. J. Widmire was instructed to complete the arrangements. The "shop" is located in the basement and Prof. Widmire, himself an able mechanic, is busily engaged instructing the class in the proper use of tools preparatory to launching them in their first project work. For the girls needlework is the chosen line and their work will be directed by an extension specialist from Pennsylvania State College.

Births. A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Brooks of Centre Hall, in the Centre County Hospital, early Thursday morning of last week.

Personals from State College Times. Mrs. Jennie Harter and Mrs. E. C. Radle, of Spring Mills, spent last Wednesday and Thursday with Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Burrell.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Ripka and son Dean, Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Confer and daughter Pearl, spent last Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Jacob McCool at Spring Mills.

Demented, Threatens to Kill. Threatening to kill his aged mother, when he became angered, Arthur W. Aurand, aged fifty-seven, of Millfiling, is a patient at the Danville State Hospital for the third time.

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TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS.

The February just passed was the longest in four years. Mrs. John E. Rishel returned home from the Gettysburg Memorial Hospital on Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Winegardner, a Millheim resident, is improving after having undergone an operation in the Clearfield hospital.

If you don't have your 1928 driver's license today you will be obliged to tell the road cop a nice story about the mail being slow.

Miss Daisy Rowe, at State College, daughter of George W. Rowe, of Boalsburg, recently underwent an operation for appendicitis at a Williamsport hospital.

Ex-Sheriff E. R. Taylor purchased the Mrs. Augusta Shoemaker farm at sheriff's sale, paying \$4500 for same. The farm contains 140 acres and is located along the Jacksonville road.

On March 22, the officers of the order of De Molay will be publicly installed in the Constants Commandery Hall, Bellefonte. Curtis Reber was elected Master-Councilor.

Guy Springer, who has been conducting a barber shop at Lemont, purchased the shop in the State College hotel building from C. B. Hartman and will conduct it.

You can't write to your absent friends as often as you would like to nor as often as they would like to hear from the home community.

Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Cooney and interesting little daughter, Rebecca and Margaret, returned to their home at McKees Rock, the middle of last week. Before doing so they visited friends about Millheim and Aronsburg.

To say the least, many residents hereabouts have had great cause for the sentence the seven or eight from Penna Valley drew from the Court for law violations confessed to by them.

Bankers throughout Central Pennsylvania are seriously discussing the adoption of a service charge of fifty cents per month on all checking accounts.

The Department of Public Instruction announced that eight hundred and thirty-three school districts have filed claims for State reimbursement for transportation furnished pupils during the school year ending July, 1927.

With a view of giving his time to conducting the Bush House he purchased a short time ago, William Emerick sold his bus line between Lock Haven and State College to Glenn M. Johnson, of Woodrich.

Russell Hosterman is probably the first Penna Valley business man to call into service an airplane to fulfill a business engagement.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Eugene Shadle, of Mt. Vernon, West Virginia, arrived in town on Thursday and are guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Bradford.

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