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MARMON LEADER TALKS ON ROADS

Points Out Inadequacy of American Highway System, Despite Great Mileage.

European nations might be inclined to envy our American system of highways with its 3,000,000 miles of paved roads, and, as a matter of fact, were not exactly ashamed of it themselves.

But if every registered automobile in the United States were to be taken out tomorrow, and if these cars were to be distributed equally over the 3,000,000 miles of road, a traffic congestion would result which would approximate the conditions of a holiday jam.

The inadequacy of American highways and a transportation problem which has been created by a registration of 23,000,000 motor vehicles were pointed out by H. H. Brooks, general sales manager of the Marmon Motor Car company.

"It is difficult to visualize 23,000,000 automobiles," said Mr. Brooks, "but the significance of this amazing registration can be better appreciated when we are told that if all these cars were to be started at once and scattered in all directions over the 3,000,000-mile highway system, each would have a headway of only about forty-five yards."

"Highway mileage figures are a bit misleading. For while the aggregate mileage is impressive, there is a total of only 600,000 miles of surfaced roads outside the paved streets of our larger cities. This begins to look as if our highways were approaching the flood stage—the saturation point. And the saturation point in automobile production certainly is still far distant."

"A registration of more than 30,000,000 cars may be anticipated within the next five years, but unless our road-building activities are increased to a scale hitherto unknown, it will be a case of being all dressed up with no place to go."

"It is true that our road-building program has been one of the phenomena of the present age. The automobile has made almost every town and hamlet of the country accessible by paved roads. Only yesterday, as it were, a fifty-mile motor trip over the old dirt roads was something of an achievement. Year by year we have increased the cruising radius of the motor vehicle."

"But, remarkable as the progress has been, the fact remains that highway building has failed to keep pace with the production of automobiles. The main arteries of traffic, especially those leading in and out of the more congested population centers, already are dangerously crowded and on Sundays and holidays are all but impassable."

"Highway improvement and development in 1927 cost us \$1,350,000,000—a sum that rather takes the breath away. But if we are to realize the value of the automobile and derive the full health-giving benefits from the gas-driven vehicle; if we are to enjoy the open road and the open country instead of using our cars only as taxicabs, we shall have to double our appropriations for hard roads and for wider highways."

Squire W. S. Shelton, of Millheim, recently underwent a minor operation at the Geisinger Memorial hospital at Danville.

WEEKLY HEALTH TALKS.

By Dr. Theodore B. Appel, State Secretary of Health.

"There are many people who look forward to old age with a sigh. They realize that the inevitable sequence of life and death is one of the fixed laws of all natural phenomena. Having reached a point of inactive resignation, they early develop a worry complex which increases with the years—and do nothing whatsoever about it."

"If that were the end of the story it would be had enough, but it is worse than that. Of course, worry over getting into a way of aging people speeds up. Sustained worry is a bugaboo that not only ages the unfortunate victim but sometimes even kills. Worry therefore has no place in anyone's plan if he really has a desire to live long and happily."

"On the other hand, there are many things a person can do that should prolong life, stave off old age and maintain the youthful spirit. Years of themselves do not necessarily spell old age. It is what one does with the years that really scores for or against the vitalizing processes."

"If the young man or woman, as well as those of middle age, who are foolishly engaging in habits which definitely reduce bodily and mental energy would but realize that they have within their grasp the determining factors with respect to the old age problem, less premature old people would be noted."

"Naturally, if one lives long enough wrinkles and feebleness will arrive. But why hasten the day? There is no set in being ninety or a hundred years old physiologically when in reality one has only lived fifty or sixty. But that is exactly what happens to many."

"The things that make people old before their time are:

1. Excessive lack of sleep.
 2. Continuous lack of the necessary amount of sleep each night.
 3. Habitual over-eating (one of old age's most powerful allies.)
 4. Continual worry.
 5. Breaking the speed limit in either work or play.
 6. Lack of physical exercise.
 7. And, in general, forgetting that the body, as well as business and pleasure, needs careful, systematic and intelligent attention.
- "Old age grows on the above. Eliminate them from your daily program. Substitute common sense. And thus defer old age."

SIX MILLION FOR AGRICULTURE AND HOME ECONOMICS

Measure Authorizes Regular Appropriation for Payment of Salaries of Teachers and Directors of Agriculture and Home Economics Education.

Tremendous increase in facilities for agricultural and home economics education in Pennsylvania will result if congress passes the bill just reported favorably to the house of representatives by the committee on education.

The measure authorizes appropriation of \$6,000,000 the first year for agricultural and home economics education, and the progressive increase of this appropriation by a half million dollars every year until an appropriation of \$6,000,000 a year is provided in the eleventh year, and after that \$6,000,000 will be permanently appropriated annually.

This fund will be divided among the states in proportion to their farm population, bears to the total farm population of the United States, exclusive of the territories and insular possessions, and shall be divided equally between agricultural and home economics education. This is in addition to funds already authorized for cooperative work in agricultural education. It will be used to pay the salaries of teachers, supervisors, and directors of agricultural and home economics education, irrespective of what the individual state spends on such education. The bill is heartily endorsed by L. H. Dennis, deputy superintendent and director of vocational education of Pennsylvania.

SAFETY "SAVE-A-LIFE" CAMPAIGN

Free Car Inspection, April 2 to April 30—Homan Motor Company Designated to Perform Service.

The State Highway Department has designated the period between April 2nd and 30th as safety "Save-A-Life" campaign and has arranged with a large number of garages to inspect free of charge automobiles with reference to:

1. Brake requirements.
2. Lights.
3. Horn.
4. Steering mechanism.
5. Mirrors.
6. Windshield wipers.
7. License tags.
8. Operator's license.

The Homan Motor Company, Centre Hall, has been designated one of these inspectors.

The inspection will not include repairs of any kind. Repairs and adjustments may be made by agreement with the garageman at the usual rates.

If the car is found to fulfil the requirements on the points named above, the inspector will label it so with a "stickler" furnished by the State Highway Department.

LOOSE TALK BY SENATORS.

Gerald P. Nye, of North Dakota, is the youngest member of the United States Senate. He is, indeed, a very young man; and yet even his extreme youth cannot excuse him for the foolish letter he wrote to Governor Smith, of New York. It comes dangerously near making him as ridiculous as his associate in the incident which excited the wrath of Senator Robinson, of Indiana—and of "birds-of-a-feather" fame, Nye and Robinson, between them, and without any warrant whatever, grossly insulted Governor Smith by intimating that the taint of Sinclair was on him. Because Governor Smith promptly rebuked him Nye now has the audacity to say that he, the Governor, is "giving the law and order" to a scoundrel whose infamy has been exposed, etc."

If the public loses confidence in the committee it will be largely the fault of Senator Nye himself.

CLEAN UP!

A Community Clean Up Involves No Expense, Except Bit of Labor—Routes Breeding Places of Disease Germs—Improves General Appearance of Town.

There is no "sure sign" of spring but spring should have a "sure sign" of the arrival of that time for the community to clean up. There is no superstition or prophesying about this clean-up sign.

When warm weather has come to stay (until cold weather returns in the autumn) every owner of property and tenant should instinctively feel it his duty to remove the evidences of winter's ravages and to aid and augment nature in her work of re-vegetation.

Every spring clean-up program should include disposal of winter's accumulation of litter and decayed vegetation, repairing and repainting of buildings and landscape gardening. Landscape gardening is no longer associated with large estates alone.

Cleanliness about the person or the home costs nothing. A community clean-up need involve no expense, except a moderate amount of labor on the part of the householders. If there ever were excuses for uncleanness they were removed long ago.

What is the compensation of a community-wide cleanup campaign? It improves the general health of the community by removing deposits that are breeding places of disease germs and disease carrying insects. A clean town is a better place in which to live than one that is unsanitary and ugly. And the best community advertising is the appearance of being "clean-up, painted-up and planted-up."

U. S. CITIZENS' MILITARY TRAINING CAMP

Thirty Days of Camp Life Free for Young Men—Eat, Sleep, Train, and Swim in Outdoor Air.

Your parents, your teachers, your doctor and your preacher will all advise you not to loaf this summer for the sake of your good health. You don't want to slave all summer at some dirty job, either. All right! Go to Camp! You have your chance and it doesn't cost you a cent, not even for carfare, nor are any strings tied to the offer. But you will have to act quickly, for the number of applicants permitted is nearly complete. Naturally, when something great like this is given away, the chances don't last long.

The Camps we are writing about are the United States Government's Citizens' Military Training Camps. Thirty days of camp life and developing instruction, exercises, athletics and recreation are offered you at various beautiful and healthful camp sites. Period of the camps is from July 6th to August 4th.

Do you drill all day? I should say not. You drill four hours a day, play ball and swim the rest of the time. Saturday afternoons and Sundays off to sight-see, go on boat excursions or dance with the girls. Plenty to eat, including fresh milk, butter, eggs, meat, vegetables, chicken and ice cream and cake. Ask anybody who has been there.

The following young men from this county attended last year: Bellefonte: Arthur Auman, James C. Bower, David H. Deckman, George Ray, Harry Rothrock; Centre Hall: Bruce Knarr; Howard: Harold Confer, Lewis Dorman, Walter Gallagher; State College: Richard Detwiler, John S. Fritzell, Richard Hook, Snow Shoe: John Russell, Harry Skeel, Ambrose Watson; James DeLong, from Oristown; James Duck and Everett McLaughlin, from Phillipsburg.

The following have already applied to go this year: Harold Confer, Howard Spritz, Gerald Borland, State College; Thomas Spitzer, Bellefonte; and Bruce Knarr of Centre Hall.

If you are next, write to the headquarters for C. M. T. Camps, Room 7, Post Office Bldg., DuBois, Pa. Information for young men and their parents without charge or obligation.

He Was Dry on Sundays, But Sold Rum Weekdays.

John C. Pearson, mid-mannered Sunday-school teacher of Nippenose Valley, was sentenced by the Lycoming county court to serve four months in the county jail and pay a fine of \$400 for bootlegging, on Saturday.

Pearson posed as an advocate of the prohibition law and exhorted his Sunday school pupils to abstain from the use of intoxicating liquor. He manufactured the liquor and took it to town with his market produce.

Chevrolet Cars Sold.

The Homan Motor Company recently sold Chevrolet cars as follows: Palmer Bieri, Rebersburg, coach; John Harter, Spring Mills, coupe; Boyd Spicher, Bellefonte, coach; George E. Heckman, Centre Hall, coach; Joseph Tressler, Pleasant Gap, coupe.

House Painting.

House painting on the exterior and interior, will be carried on by us during the coming season as heretofore. Material furnished at reasonable prices and all work guaranteed.

SCHOOLS TO PLANT TREES.

In 1927 students in 177 public schools and colleges of Pennsylvania planted 475,000 forest trees on idle forest lands near the school buildings. This is an excellent record. Tree planting by schools is a commendable work.

During the month of April, 1928, the Pennsylvania Department of Forests and Waters will furnish trees to public schools free of charge, except the small cost of transportation. This cost should not exceed 60 cents per thousand trees. The only consideration in receiving the trees without cost is that the students will help to plant them. White pine, Scotch pine, and Japanese larch seedlings that are from 4 to 10 inches in height will be furnished.

Farmers, Notice.

We have unloaded car of Harrows, as follows: Perry, Lever and Center Sections. We have an attractive cash price on these harrows, with a two-year guarantee on them. Come in and let us show them to you.

Batteries.

A new battery for your car at \$3.90, and up, including your old battery—Clyde A. Smith, the Battery Man, Centre Hall.

The basket ball game between the Jersey Shore and Hazelton High school teams played at State College on Friday night was largely attended by fans from both Jersey Shore and Hazelton. Hazelton won by a score of 22 to 19. Cars from the coal regions passed through here in the afternoon and evening in large numbers. The returning cars after the game continued running until morning.

THIRD TERM PLEA IS HAVING AN EFFECT

Expected to Retire Centre County Legislator in Favor of Scientist.

The following dispatch from Bellefonte appeared in the Philadelphia dailies on Monday:

Latest reports received from various sections of Centre county indicate that the leaders in the contest for the Republican nomination for the Legislature are Dr. William R. Ham, of Boalsburg and State College, and J. Orvis Heverly, of Bellefonte, with the present member, John Laird Holmes, of State College, third in the race. In fact, it is not believed the latter has much of a chance because he is running for a third term, and third-termers are taboo in this county.

Holmes originally was picked by the Scott-Fleming forces as their man, but early in the contest it was evident that he was up against the third term proposition, and following the withdrawal of Rev. Reed O. Steely from the race, when he decided to remain in the ministry, Dr. Ham was importuned to come out as a candidate. His entry into the campaign has resulted in many Republicans forsaking the Holmes banner to rally around his standard.

Having gone into the fight, he is making an active canvass for votes and he means to keep up the work until the day of the primaries. The doctor is head of the department of physics at State college, a position he has held for 20 years. He has a national reputation as an eminent scientist and is a veteran of the world war, having served as an ordnance officer.

High School Plays at Middleburg.

The Centre Hall high school seniors gave their play entitled "A Regiment of Two," at Middleburg, on Friday evening to a capacity house, which netted the home organization \$25.00. The greater portion of the receipts went to the Middleburg High school, who entered into an agreement similar to that when the Middleburg musical organization were here a few weeks ago. Aside from the net profit to the young people in dollars and cents, the experience of appearing before an entirely strange audience and coming in close contact with school pupils of their own kind in another town, is counted of much value.

The group of pupils were conveyed to the Snyder county seat by Messrs. R. M. Smith, Prof. J. F. Wetzel and J. F. McClellan, all of whom rendered the service free.

Detwiler, State Runner Joins Army.

Richard Detwiler, star freeman distance runner at Penn State, joined the army Monday a week, and is now stationed at Fort Slocum, N. Y., a letter to a friend of his at State College revealed. Detwiler had not been heard from since making a trip to New York a few days ago, and his letter cleared up some speculation as to his whereabouts.

He enlisted at Harrisburg. Friends here believe that Detwiler intends to apply for admission to West Point after a year's service through the medium of an enlisted man's examination, although he did not give that as a reason for leaving college. Detwiler was one of the most promising track prospects at Penn State. Last fall he won the freshman intercollegiate cross-country championship in New York.

Lodges Burglarized.

Friday night the Lodge of Elks cash register, in Bellefonte, was smashed and \$100 in cash stolen.

At Williamsport, on Sunday night, one of the safes in the Royal Order of Moose was jammed and its cash contents—\$300—removed. Checks were left.

An attempt was made to rifle a heavy iron safe in the grill room by using an electric drill. The safe was damaged, but the contents were not secured.

The coin box in an electric piano was rifled. It is thought the robbers secreted themselves during the day previous.

LIME AND BACTERIA NEEDED BY ALFALFA

Aside from good drainage the most important factor determining success or failure in growing alfalfa is the supply of lime in the soil, asserts County Agent R. C. Blaney.

Supplying all the lime the soil needs is not all that is necessary.

When the soil requires over a ton of ground limestone per acre it is seldom advisable to sow alfalfa, even though the lime requirement be fully satisfied.

County Agent Blaney suggests that a sample of soil be taken from the field intended for alfalfa and brought into his office for a test to determine the lime requirement.

When more than a ton is needed, it is best to put on a part of the lime required a year or two before the time of planting alfalfa and then the year before seeding have another test made and apply the remainder needed.

Another important factor in alfalfa growing is inoculation of the seed with the necessary nitrogen-fixing bacteria. Where alfalfa or sweet clover has not grown previously on the fields, inoculating the seed is absolutely necessary.

LOCAL K. G. E. OBSERVE TWENTY-SECOND ANNIVERSARY

The Centre Hall Castle Knights of the Golden Eagle celebrated their 22nd anniversary Thursday evening of last week with an attendance of more than a hundred. The committee presented a very interesting program. Central Queen Temple presented a one-act play, "Aunt Matilda's Birthday Party," which was well put on and much enjoyed.

Male quartette composed of Eugene Colyer, Harold Bradford, Paul Martz and Paul Fetterolf, rendered a selection.

After all speaking and music the K. G. E. committee presented an excellent Gillette safety razor to the brother whose name was drawn from a box by two ladies, Clyde E. Bradford was the lucky brother. After this, the Ladies' Temple presented a "barrel of fun," realizing over \$12.00 for the orphans' home now started at Harrisburg. Next the committee served delicious refreshments.

Since January 1st, 1928, the local Castle has increased its membership to more than double their former number, and about a dozen new application cards are in the hands of various members for consideration by the Castle.

G. T. V. S. Senior Class Play.

The senior class of the Gregg Township Vocational school will present the two-act comedy entitled, "Mr. Bob," on Friday night of this week at 8:00 P. M. in the Grange hall at Spring Mills.

The play develops many humorous and perplexing situations which make it a most entertaining and enjoyable performance.

The players: Philip Royson, nephew of Miss Rebecca; Fred Malone, Jr., Robert Brown, clerk of Benson and Benson; Carl Myers Jenkins, Miss Rebecca's butler; John Glasgow, Rebecca's maid; Sara Eungard, Katherine Rogers, her niece; Irene Garrett, Marion Bryant, Katherine's friend; Sara Foreman, Patty, Miss Rebecca's maid; Barbara Robinson, Business manager, Guy Jamison.

Suffers Stroke Attending Sale.

Charles Carter, who lives on the mountains at Rosencrans, near the Florida fruit farm, in Clinton county, suffered a stroke of paralysis while attending a public sale at the home of Norman Seyle, of Sugar valley, Mr. Carter, who is aged about forty-eight years, was attended by Dr. M. D. Campbell, of Loganton, and then removed to his home.

Two of the Largest Sales.

The Ray and Mary Allison sale held Thursday of last week, was the largest reported to date in the county. The sale was held on the Jodon farm, along the State highway, near Pleasant Gap. The footing up of the clerk's sheets amounted to \$7,082.

The W. E. Bartzes farm stock and implement sale, held on the Bartzes Brothers' farm, west of Old Fort, on Wednesday of last week, was probably the largest sale held or to be held in the valley. The sale amounted to \$5,840. The attendance was large and good prices were obtained for stock and implements. Clarence Blasler, now living on the Detwiler farm east of Old Fort, will become tenant on the Bartzes farm.

Incendary Work in Snyder County.

A barn and a house on the old Auer Loss farm, near Middleburg, were destroyed by fire within twenty-four hours, on Friday. The property is owned by E. T. Zechman of the Pine Creek section, and investigations are being made as to it is thought that the fires were of incendary origin.

Mr. Zechman is of the opinion that the person who started the fires had thought the flames from the house would ignite the barn when the blaze first occurred. The failure probably resulted in the second attempt being made within twenty-four hours.

Hats of Good Quality and Style.

Well dressed ladies do not care for cheap department store hats. They must have hats of good quality and style. The place to buy is at THE HAT SHOP, Mrs. Lenore V. Burd, Millheim, Pa.

How Eggs and Rabbits Became Easter Symbols.

Many people think of Easter in terms of eggs and rabbits and new raiment, but not everybody knows how these came to be associated with this day.

Are they connected with the religious significance of the day or are they relics of pagan superstitions? For Easter customs, like Christmas customs, are a curious mixture of the Christian and the pagan and if you would know the significance of these Easter symbols you can find out by reading the illustrated feature article, "Easter Eggs, Rabbits, etc.," by Elmo Scott Watson in this issue of The Reporter. Don't miss this interesting article.

Mother of Pickfords Dead.

The mother of Mary, Lottie and Jack Pickford, noted screen stars, died in Los Angeles. She was born in Canada in 1872, and was herself an actress, having at one time played with Chauncey Olcott. She was fifty-five years old. Charlotte Hennessey was her maiden name. She was married to John Smith, who became the father of the three noted screen stars. The name Pickford was assumed when the father, John Smith, died. It was the maiden name of Mrs. Pickford's grandmother.

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS.

C. J. Harter and family moved on Monday from Centre Hall to Bellefonte. Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Spayd returned to Greensburg last Friday and spent several days among relatives.

S. M. Campbell, the Millheim funeral director, was a brief business caller at this office one day last week.

Hugh Ralston, of Millifinburg, now with the Millifinburg Hardware company, was a caller at this office on Tuesday.

Randall Eugene is the name of a son born to Mr. and Mrs. James Foust in Centre Hall on the first day of Spring.

Harry Moyer moved from the Goodling farm, where he was employed by Harry Burris, to the Nearhood property on Hoffer street.

Mrs. G. O. Benner underwent an operation for the removal of an inward growth at the Clearfield Hospital, Wednesday of last week.

Forrest Bible bought a property at Centre Hill from Lloyd Smith and has moved into it. It is located across the State road from the A. S. Allen home.

The Women's Missionary society of the northern conference of the Lutheran church will be held at St. John's Lutheran church at Bellefonte on May 17th.

W. E. Bartzes and family moved from Earlstown to Millheim this week. Mr. Bartzes expects to find employment in one of the mills in Millheim.

T. E. Jodon will hold another sale of choice western Ohio horses and cows, at his barn at Pleasant Gap, tomorrow (Friday.) See his adv. in this issue.

Confirmation services will be held in the Reformed church on Friday evening when the pastor, Rev. D. R. Keener, will admit eight or ten to church membership.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Calvin Gferrer, of Pleasant Gap, announce the engagement of their daughter Helen to J. L. Norris, of Philadelphia. Mr. Norris is a student at Penn State.

Mrs. Eliza Meyer, who with her son, John D. Meyer, the Tyrone banker, lives in Tyrone, is at present in Columbia, South Carolina, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. J. W. McCortrick.

Mrs. Jennie Woomey, of Altoona, formerly housekeeper for the late William Tate, was among friends in Centre Hall last week. She was also a guest of the G. W. Ralston family, west of town.

George Michael, of Woodward, was in town on Friday. He tells the Reporter he will be employed during the coming summer by Gene Stover, who on Tuesday of this week moved from Woodward to a farm near Rebersburg.

The Bon Mot and the Colonial restaurant, in Bellefonte, were sold recently. James Caldwell passed the former to John Marks. Mr. Marks sold the Colonial to James Bissett, owner of the pool room adjoining Mr. Marks' restaurant. Mr. Marks continues ownership of the Governor restaurant.

Local Odd Fellows will meet in their hall on Saturday night at 7:00 o'clock instead of the usual later hour. At this time past grands will vote on the matter of electing a new District Deputy Grand Master. Joseph M. Carson, of the local lodge, is one of the three candidates in the field; Henry M. Hatterman, of Boalsburg, is another.

Friday night and Saturday large numbers of wild geese passed over this section on their way to their breeding places along the northern lakes. The flocks on Saturday flew in almost perfect V-formation in three distinct groups, the first having the widest spread. It is estimated that the number was not less than one thousand.

Prof. H. C. Rothrock, assistant superintendent of the schools of Centre county, last week attended the fifteenth annual meeting of the school masters which was held at the University of Pennsylvania. Superintendents and principals were guests of the University. It is one of the big school meets of the year, taking its southeastern Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Maryland.

The State Highway Department is obtaining the names of all officials in boroughs throughout the State for filing with their records. It is presumed that one of the items borough officials will be consulted on, is the selection of roads through the corporate limits to be classed as through thoroughfares and the erection of proper signs along the route and at intersections.

Marcellus C. Royer, of Colver, the latter part of last week, received a consignment of rabbits for breeding purposes, their breed being Malkrans. The shipment came from the Malkrans Rabbitry, New Bethlehem. The young man now has a fine stock of Belgian hare and Flemish Giant rabbits. The latter are an exceptionally large breed of rabbits, some attaining a weight of between twenty and twenty-four pounds.

A portion of the Federal Match Co. in Bellefonte was shut down, throwing over 100 employees out of work, with no definite indication as to when work will be resumed. The portion of the plant shut down was the same department which was closed several weeks ago. At that time repairs were being made and additional machinery installed. An over-stock of matches at this time is said to have been the reason for the cessation of work.