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CHURCH CENSUS SHOWS GAIN OF 573,000 IN 1927

Catholic Group Makes Biggest Advance Methodist Next—Presbyterians Decrease.

Churches in the United States gained 573,000 communicants during 1927, the census of the Christian Herald, made public, shows. The total enrollment in these churches was 48,594,163. The increase over the 1926 gain was almost 100,000.

The greatest gain was made by the Catholic group, composed of Roman, Polish and American Old Catholics, which added 183,889 members for a total of 16,854,691 communicants. Of this number 16,735,691 were Roman Catholics.

The Methodists, divided into sixteen bodies, were second with a gain of 150,910, while 20 bodies of Lutherans had a gain of 67,879. Others, in order of gain, were Disciples of Christ, Baptists, Latter-Day Saints, Oriental Catholics, Menonites Reformed, Brethren (Dunkards), United Brethren and Adventists. The only groups registering decreases were the Presbyterians and the Friends.

The census result follows:

- Roman Catholic, 16,735,691.
- Methodist Episcopal, 4,929,004.
- Southern Baptist, 3,765,001.
- National Baptist (Colored), 3,253,369.
- Methodist Episcopal (South), 2,567,962.
- Presbyterian, U. S. A., 1,885,727.
- Disciples of Christ, 1,813,376.
- Northern Baptist, 1,392,820.
- Protestant Episcopal, 1,190,938.
- Congregationalists, 914,693.
- United Lutheran, 890,671.
- African Methodist Episcopal, 781,692.
- Lutheran (Missouri Synod), 645,346.
- Latter-Day Saints, 567,319.
- African Methodist Episcopal, Zion, 500,000.
- United Brethren in Christ, 396,946.
- Jewish Congregations, 357,135.
- Reformed in U. S., 351,926.
- Evangelical Synod of N. A., 336,118.
- Colored Methodist Episcopal, 333,902.
- Churches of Christ, 317,387.
- Norwegian Lutheran, 294,227.
- Creek (Hellenic) Orthodox, 285,000.
- Lutheran Augustana Synod, 224,528.
- Evangelical Church, 217,935.
- Russian Orthodox, 200,000.

The census disclosed that consolidation of churches has decreased the number of ministers. There were 217,204 at the start of 1928, almost 1500 less than a year previous. The number of churches in the country was set at 235,991, or 1470 less than in 1926.

Dr. Ham, one of the Republican candidates for assembly, is in the "Who's Who in America" list. Another of the Republican candidates in the same section of the county will be on "The Retired" list after April 24.

Greenly Island got itself on the map by giving the Bremen a safe landing place. The island is a tiny spot of land still lightly gripped by misty Northern winter, with an area of not over one square mile and a winter population of fourteen persons—keepers of a fishing station.

John W. Keller, for twenty years associated with the State Forestry Department, has been made a member of the Harrisburg Shade Tree Commission. It is believed a municipal nursery will be established in Harrisburg as a result of his becoming a member of the city commission. Mr. Keller, before going to Harrisburg, was a forester in the Seven Mountains district and was located at Boalsburg. Up until last week he had charge of the nurseries throughout the State.

Methodist Pastor Dies.

Rev. Aaron James Martin, who was pastor of the Yeagerstown Methodist church, died after an illness of but a few days. He came to his new field on the first of the month. He was aged forty-four years. He came to Yeagerstown from McVeytown.

TOO EARLY PASTURING NOT GOOD PRACTICE

Good Advice Offered Farmers on the Subject by County Agent Blaney.

With spring comes pasture for the dairyman's cows, but too many dairy-men turn their cows out too early, says County Agent R. C. Blaney.

"The dairy herd should not be turned on pasture until the grass is well started," he contends. "It is a serious mistake to allow grazing too closely in the fall and to use the pasture too early in the spring. Grass can grow only by having leaves above the ground in contact with air and sunshine. If it is eaten off short in early spring the growth is not only slow but the grazing will be poor all summer. It pays to give the grass a good start and to keep the stock off the pasture until the ground is dry, because trampling wet ground does much damage."

Changing from dry to green feed should be gradual, especially with heavy milking cows. The young immature grass is mostly water, over 80 pounds in each 100. This is very similar to the water content of milk. It is almost impossible for a heavy-producing cow to obtain enough of such watery feed to supply the nutrients necessary for milk production. For example, a cow giving 35 pounds of milk daily requires about 30 pounds of dry matter in her feed. Fresh pasture grass contains not over 25 pounds of dry matter to the hundred. It will take nearly 150 pounds of grass to supply the nutrients.

This shows the importance of supplementing the early spring pasture with some roughage and grain, for the first two weeks at least. When the amount of grain fed is small any home-grown grains, such as corn, oats, or barley, will supplement pasture as the grass supplies a liberal amount of protein.

COUNTY INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

Will Hold Annual Meet on New Beaver Field State College, May 19.

The Centre County Athletic Association will hold its eighth annual spring meet on Beaver Field, State College, Saturday, May 19, the track and field events to begin at 4:30 P. M. The classes—Bellefonte, State College and Phillipsburg comprising Class A, and in Class B are included all the other schools.

Scoring—First, 5; second, 3; third, 1. Boys' and girls' points will be scored separately in both Class A and Class B. (Note change from previous years.) Prizes—Medals for first place, except relay teams. Ribbons for second and third places. Team trophies for best boys' and girls' teams in both classes. Present team trophy in Class B continued as combined team trophy. Small cups for team relay winners.

Registration—Lists of entries must be sent to R. L. Kressler, Snow Shoe, Pa., Chairman of the program committee, ten days before the meet, accompanied by a fee of twenty-five cents for each name entered.

The following committees will manage the meet:

- Officials—Stock, Bellefonte; Brink, Port Matilda; Callin, Milesburg; Bender, Boalsburg.
- Program and advertising—Kressler, Snow Shoe; Ehrenfeld, Phillipsburg; Yeager, Howard; Dunkle, Blanchard.
- Officials—Watts, Greig, townsfolk; Wetzel, Centre Hall; Wion, Pleasant Gap; Zebby, State College; Hancy, Aaronsburg.
- Gate and Police—Bartges, Millheim; Bream, Bellefonte; Lenhart, State College; Snyder, Hubersburg; Hancock, Rebersburg.

Tills Looted.

Youths, it appears, have again committed depredations on Church street. On Sunday afternoon, the millinery store of Mrs. Lucy Henney was entered by using a key and \$150.00 removed from the cash drawer. Tracks of the thief led to a fence indicate some little person had been about the place.

During the same period the home of Mrs. Belle Whitman was entered. A child's bank was all that was missing from the place. The Whitman home, on a previous occasion, proved more profitable to youths.

Smeltzer—Dutrow.

Thursday of last week, Leroy Smeltzer, of Pleasant Gap, and Miss Mary Dutrow, of Centre Hall, were united in marriage at the Lutheran parsonage here by Rev. S. P. Greenhoe. The couple were unattended. The groom is a son of Clyde Smeltzer, of Spring township, and is at present engaged in a planing mill at State College. The bride is the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde E. Dutrow, of this place.

The couple will not begin house-keeping at once, but expect to do so in the near future.

No Defense for Klan Here.

The Reporter, like many other newspapers on Monday received a communication from H. W. Evans, Imperial Wizard, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, speaking for the Klan and himself. The Wizard aims to refute the findings of the court in Pittsburgh in giving his decision. Judge Thompson made these remarks: "The plaintiff organization, the Klan, through its actual operations and teachings, has stirred up racial and religious prejudices, fomented disorder and encouraged riots and unlawful assemblies, which have resulted in flagrant breaches of the peace, defiance of the law, bloodshed and loss of life and such unlawful assemblies and riots have, in many instances, been brought about for the avowed purpose on the part of the officers in control of increasing the membership of the organization."

Imperial Wizard Evans can find no defense for his organization in these columns. Let him look for publicity to those who climbed fire escapes to enter the meeting places of the order of which he is the head.

WHERE WE GET OUR PRODUCE.

All States But Rhode Island Send Carload Lots of Produce to Feed Hungry Pennsylvanians.

Every State in the union with the exception of the smallest, Rhode Island, supplies Pennsylvania cities with carload shipments of fruit and vegetables, the bureau of markets, Department of Agriculture, says. While California, one of the most distant States, supplied more than twenty-five per cent of the total receipts, it is pointed out that many of these products, such as oranges, cantaloupes, and lettuce, are not directly competitive with Pennsylvania-grown supplies. However, California supplies over eighty per cent of the grapes, which are seriously competitive to those grown in the commonwealth.

North Carolina supplies more strawberries than any other State while Georgia ships in about two-thirds of the peaches and is the heaviest shipper of watermelons. New York ranks first in shipments of cabbage with Virginia leading in sweet potatoes.

In all, nearly 90,000 cars of produce were used in fifteen large consuming centers in the commonwealth last year, and of this amount Pennsylvania is supplied two per cent more than it did of the shipments in 1926. This is in addition to the great volume of fruits and vegetables hauled from nearby points to Pennsylvania markets by motor trucks or sold direct to consumers at market houses, roadside stands and door-to-door selling. In fact, it is estimated that more than ninety per cent of the potatoes and fruits grown in the commonwealth reach the markets by other means than rail.

SEARSON HOME BURNED.

Sparks from Fire Ignite Roof—Entire Top of Structure Destroyed—Bellefonte Fire Company Arrives After Flames Are Conquered.

The top of the residence of George Searson, located in the central portion of town, was burned off on Wednesday at noon, before the flames were extinguished. A spark from a flue ignited a shingle roof that was not in good condition. The fire spread over the entire roof in almost an instant and before the family was aware their home was on fire.

Alarm sent out by telephone brought out the fire department from both north and south sections of town, the former reaching the scene first. In an exceedingly short time after the hose were attached, the flames began to recede. The entire roof was reduced to ashes; the attic floor burned through in various places, and the outer walls damaged in some places below the top square.

While the flames were being subdued the furniture was being removed. Practically everything, including a piano, was carried out. Mrs. Searson, upon realizing the situation, bundled up her clothing and threw them from an upper window but later burning embers did these considerable damage.

Everything on the attic was burned, and on this, like all the household goods, there was no insurance. The largest loss on the attic was harness, valued at not less than \$500.

The Bellefonte fire company arrived after the fire had been conquered, although they made a speedy getaway and record run over the mountain.

Insurance on the house was secured by Mr. and Mrs. George Searson and their son, James, the latter's wife and little daughter. They at once moved into the house known as the old Reformed parsonage nearby and owned by the son. The place had been leased to Ralph Hogan, who had expected to occupy it shortly.

Mr. Searson had no insurance on any of his personal property, the loss on which was extensive. The attic was packed with boxes filled with valuable and useful articles, all of which was burned. While the furniture on the first and second floors was removed, the damage to it from various sources is large.

On the house there was insurance in the sum of \$3600. Settlement was made for \$2300, or thereabouts. Insurance was held in a company represented by C. D. Bartholomew.

The Searson place is better known as the W. B. Mingo home, which was destroyed by fire in 1918. From the best information obtainable the house was built by William Harbison during the 1850s and was occupied by him during the early history of Centre Hall.

It is terrible to contemplate the damage that was done here wrought at the Searson fire had nothing more than a "bucket brigade" been brought into action to combat the spreading flames. The phrase "bucket brigade" was used in a report of the fire contained in a Bellefonte paper, and was doubtless a member of the Bellefonte fire company after they returned home. The local fire company did speedy and efficient work, and with good hose and a water pressure of 85 pounds, the flames had little chance to win over the opposing forces. The Robinsons made these remarks: "It is considered remarkable by anyone who witnessed the fire in its early stages."

Compliments Local Fire Company.

The Centre Reporter:

The reports published in the several county papers last week relative to the fire in the Searson property may have created an erroneous impression as to the efficiency of the Centre Hall fire department. As one who has been connected with fire department activities for the past thirty years, I want to say that the work done by your department at this fire was very creditable indeed and your town should be justly proud of the way this fire was handled.

The Bellefonte Fire Department is always ready to furnish aid in emergency but fortunately in this case such aid was not necessary owing to the excellent work of your local department.

Very truly,
JOHN J. BOWER,
Chief Bellefonte Fire Department.

Fit and Show Stock.

Penn State students in animal husbandry are staging their twelfth annual Little International Livestock Exposition, Saturday, April 21. The event is under the direction of the Block and Bridle Club, campus organization of livestock enthusiasts.

John J. Mann, formerly county agent in Centre, will officiate as judge.

Where Wheat Is Dead, Sow Oats and Barley.

Owing to the lack of snow during the past winter and the frequent freezing and thawing, much of the wheat in central and western Pennsylvania and adjacent territory is badly winter-killed.

There seem to be two courses to follow. Nicholas Schmitz, farm crops specialist of the Penna. State College states. One is to seed clover this spring, as usual, and take a chance on the weeds not killing the young seedling in the early part of the season. With this method no straw nor grain will be obtained. The other alternative is to thoroughly disk and work the soil with a spring-tooth harrow and seed it to oats or barley with clover and timothy applied in the usual manner. Soy beans may be planted in such a field if more legume hay is wanted and the field seeded to wheat in the fall after the hay is harvested.

E. E. Welser was appointed a notary public in State College by Governor Fisher.

Toxin-Antitoxin Clinic.

A clinic to immunize children against diphtheria will be held in the grade school building, Centre Hall, on the afternoons of the following dates: April 24, May 1, May 8, from 2:30 to 4:30 P. M.

Swedish school children and school children will be able to receive this protection free of charge at this clinic, which will be conducted by the Red Cross, Dr. Hugh Morrow attending.

Anyone wishing to have their children receive the toxin-antitoxin will kindly call on Mrs. Clyde A. Smith, fill in the consent slips sent home with the school children, or use the following form:

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

It is possible to protect children against diphtheria by the hypodermic injection of a harmless fluid—no injection each week for three weeks.

I hereby request that..... be given the benefit of protection against diphtheria by the injection of Toxin-antitoxin mixture.

Parent or Guardian

Address.....

Shipping Shade Trees.

The Seven Mountain nursery, under Forester T. C. Barbeson, Milroy, with Forest Ranger W. F. McKinney as local superintendent, is the scene of activity at this time due to the shipment of shade trees from the nursery to various sections of the State. Most of the consignees are superintendents of city and borough schools. The trees, mostly sugar maple, ranging in height from seven to nine feet, will be planted on school grounds.

Teachers Elected in Borough.

At a recent meeting of the local school board teachers for the 1928-1929 school term were elected. In the High school a new teacher was added to the force, bringing the number up to seven. All the former High school teachers were re-elected. The personnel of that school is: P. Wetzel, principal; Miss Sara Neff, teacher; Robert Neff and Joseph Hancy, 7th and 8th grades—Wm. H. Hancy, 5th and 6th grades—T. L. Moore, 3rd and 4th grades—Miss Martha Yearick, 1st and 2d grades—(Vacant).

Potter's Creek Gets Trout.

Twelve cans of trout were dumped into Potter's Creek in Seven Mountains on Thursday by Forest Ranger W. F. McKinney. The trout, measured from four to five inches and came from the Corry hatchery. This stream is the one coming from the west, reaching the State highway at Sunset club house.

Express Appreciation.

The George and James Searson families take this means of extending thanks and appreciation to their many friends and neighbors of the town and country who rendered their assistance after the destruction of their home by fire. The very commendable work of the local fire organization, whose good work the families feel should be supported and encouraged, by their quick response, proved to be the only means of saving the furnishings and foundation of the home.

Reunion of Blue and Gray to End All Ill Feelings.

At the approach of Confederate Memorial Day (April 25) in Alabama, Georgia, Florida and Mississippi; May 10 in North and South Carolina and June 3 in Louisiana and the national Memorial Day (May 30) it is interesting to note that there is now a project under way which is designed to obliterate the last remnant of ill feeling between the sections of the North and the sections of the South, as we once knew them.

This project is the proposal made by a congressman from Nebraska for a joint reunion of Union and Confederate veterans in Washington this year and has special interest for citizens of this State. In this issue of the Centre Reporter there is an illustrated feature article by Elmo Scott Watson which tells of the plans and which also contains some interesting comment on events which are helping to do away with unpleasant memories of the War Between the States. Be sure to read "Joint Reunion of Blue and Gray" in this issue.

LOW PRICES PAID FOR MANY STATE FARMS

Decline in Values Except in Some Sections Is Revealed by a Survey.

With a few exceptions, the value of Pennsylvania farms is declining or has reached a low level, with no indication of immediate recovery, the Federal-State Crop Reporting Service announced after completing a survey. The exceptions were farm lands within 30 miles of Philadelphia, which are desirable for suburban and country residences; in Monroe county, where there is a demand for summer and winter resorts and lands bordering on improved highways.

The report also showed that not only are very few farms changing hands in Pennsylvania, but that the kind demanded by the so-called "one-man" farm of from 10 to 100 acres in size, on improved highways preferably near centers of population, and adapted for dairying, trucking, fruit or poultry. Apparently there is very little demand for large farms or for those adapted for general crops.

Even though farm lands have decreased in value, there have been comparatively few foreclosures or "distress" sales, according to the report. The survey showed that most of the buying of farm lands had been done by city residents who want country homes or by truck and fruit farmers.

JURORS FOR MAY COURT.

Three Weeks' Session Called Beginning May 21—Grand Jurors Called for Wednesday, May 16.

GRAND JURORS

Harry Binger, contractor.....Spring
E. A. Hoover, farmer.....Phillipsburg
C. A. Dolan, farmer.....Marion
Christ Eckley, laborer.....Bentley
H. H. Eyer, laborer.....Burnside
Charles Grebe, lumberman, Phillipsburg
Frank Grove, farmer.....Marion
George C. Harper, auto dealer.....State College
P. A. Hoover, farmer.....Taylor
J. O. Hise, plasterer.....Spring
John F. Krage, merchant.....Haines
Harry Kreamer, carpenter.....Penn
C. M. Martoff, janitor, State College
Albert Moon, shop-keeper.....Liberty
James Morrow, supt.....Bellefonte
Wm. R. Neff, assessor.....Union
Eliot Parsons, farmer.....Union
P. L. Struble, ice mfr., State College
Elwood Steele, farmer.....Hijeton
J. B. Stover, farmer.....Walker
J. W. Stein, agent.....Phillipsburg
J. E. Taylor, farmer.....Patton
John White, laborer.....Spring
J. C. Weaver, laborer.....Miles

TRAVESSE JURORS, DRAWN FOR FIRST WEEK, MAY 21st.

Perry Alters, laborer.....Bellefonte
Charles Andrews, farmer.....Potter
Mrs. Josephine Alexander, State College
Clark Alkey, laborer.....Milesburg
Carl Baumgardner, coal dealer.....Port Matilda
A. N. Berly, mfr.,.....Bosque
Earl E. Boal, taxi-driver, State College
G. C. Bingham, supt., Bellefonte
Mane Bryan, laborer.....Bellefonte
Samuel Dorman, miner.....Liberty
Elwood Brooks, plasterer.....Spring
Charles Byron, clerk.....Phillipsburg
C. A. Berly, retired.....State College
George F. Breen, laborer.....Greig
Daniel Colyer, farmer.....Harris
Wm. Caldwell, laborer.....Bosque
William Condon, supt., Phillipsburg
P. S. Cobb, professor, State College
Fred Day, laborer.....Howard
Homer Decker, farmer.....Spring
Claton Eiters, miller.....Harris
Leslie Emeric, brick-maker.....Liberty
H. A. Elder, laborer.....Ferguson
Jacob Freedman, mfr., Snow Shoe
Fred G. Grading, minister.....Bellefonte
John Heverly, farmer.....Curtin
Walter Heaton, coal op., Snow Shoe
Olin N. Heaton, laborer.....Milesburg
W. E. Hartsock, laborer, Port Matilda
James Heaton, farmer.....Bosque
Roy Joseph, foreman.....Phillipsburg
Thomas Kerin, laborer.....Snow Shoe
Harry Kessler, clerk.....Bellefonte
J. L. Laird, farmer.....Bellefonte
Jas. J. Martin, agent.....Liberty
Harry McElwain, merchant, Unionville
Edwin S. Muisser, farmer.....Penn
Maurice Mullinger, laborer.....Spring
Earl G. Myers, farmer.....Patton
W. I. Miller, farmer.....Bellefonte
Elmer Muisser, agent.....Potter
R. E. Nolan, farmer.....Phillipsburg
Wm. H. Pletcher, laborer.....Howard
C. L. Porter, clerk.....State College
George W. Page, shopkeeper, Liberty
Wm. H. Smith, merchant, Bellefonte
David Treasler, janitor, State College
G. Weaver, farmer.....Potter
A. Walke, laborer.....Bellefonte
Maxwell Ward, clerk.....Ferguson
Harry P. Watson, farmer, Snow Shoe
Roy Williams, tinner.....State College
Willis Zettler, supt., Phillipsburg

TRAVESSE JURORS, DRAWN FOR SECOND WEEK, MAY 28th.

Mrs. Marg. Bates, hskpr., Phillipsburg
N. W. Billett, clerk.....Bellefonte
L. J. Burris, farmer.....Centre Hall
James Bower, laborer.....Bellefonte
W. B. Busch, farmer.....Ferguson
Clarence Bitter, farmer.....Liberty
Harry Behrer, merchant, State College
Fred Cori, farmer.....Spring
Albert Coder, farmer.....Howard
John Dixon, weighman.....Rush
Robert Foote, laborer.....Millheim
H. G. Gherity, laborer.....Bellefonte
W. B. Gates, farmer.....Ferguson
Wm. A. Grove, fruit grower.....Spring
Edward Green, laborer.....Spring
Louis Galanopoulos, merchant.....Phbg.
T. B. Hosterman, farmer.....Haines
Oscar C. Harvey, merchant, State Col.
Chas. Johnstonbaugh, carpenter, Spring
Elmer Joski, engineer.....Snow Shoe
E. Keating, clerk.....Snow Shoe
S. C. Kephart, farmer.....Patton
W. E. Keen, retired.....Millheim
Edw. Murhead, laborer.....Spring
Jacob McCloskey, farmer.....Marion
Robert McCloskey, laborer.....Howard
Dewey McLaughlin, laborer.....Snow Shoe
Geo. McCullough, merchant, Milesburg
James Mann, farmer.....Curtin
J. C. Myers, farmer.....College
Chester Miles, clerk.....Milesburg
L. A. Nichols, farmer.....College
Wm. Ott, carpenter.....Bellefonte
Charles Osmer, painter.....Bellefonte
James Peters, farmer.....Ferguson
E. B. Parsons, gentleman, Unionville
Harry Raymond, mechanic, Bellefonte
Wm. Richards, owner.....Huston
Russell Roseman, laborer.....Penn
Wm. F. Rishel, farmer.....Greig
Charles Shawley, laborer.....Bosque
Thomas Stark, mfr., Snow Shoe
George Stevens, farmer.....Warth
Grover Stowery, laborer.....Spring
Harry C. Taylor, bookkeeper.....Bite.
John B. Wert, farmer.....Potter
Wm. H. Walker, farmer.....Bosque
Earl Yearck, farmer.....Walker

TRAVESSE JURORS, DRAWN FOR THIRD WEEK, JUNE 4th.

Mabel Allison, hskpr., Greig
Wm. A. Boves, laborer.....Liberty
John C. Bailey, farmer.....Miles
Russell Biglow, merchant, Phillipsburg
Lewis Beightol, farmer.....Greig
M. H. Batzer, farmer.....Ferguson
Cyrus G. Bright, gentleman.....Haines
D. N. Crosswell, pub. act., State College
Verna Chambers, clerk.....Bellefonte
Mrs. Edith Campbell, hskpr., Howard
Wm. E. Confer, aged.....Howard
R. K. Dippert, carpenter, State College
B. E. Everett, merchant.....Miles
Samuel Finberg, clerk.....Phillipsburg
W. J. Harter, lumberman.....Penn
W. K. Harshbarger, laborer.....Walker
Wm. Heffeman, miner.....Potter
Calvin B. Hackett, farmer.....State College
Thomas House, clerk.....Patton
John Kelly, farmer.....Miles
George Kline, carpenter.....Bosque
Thomas King, laborer.....Bosque

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TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS.

Lewistown council voted down an ordinance authorizing a vote on a \$25,000 loan for a new town hall.

At the recent Holy Communion services in the Lutheran church, there were twelve accessions to the church membership.

John D. Homan, the dairyman, purchased the business of his competitor, Harry E. Reish, and is now serving patrons in all parts of town.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Grove of Berwick, were in town last week. Guests of Mrs. Belle Whitman, sister of Mrs. Grove. "Squire Grove is looking well."

Scarcely the average amount of field farm work was accomplished during the first half of April. Some plowing was done, but the periods were cut short by successive rains.

Rev. G. W. McInlay, who left the Centre Hall Methodist pastorate twenty years ago, continues to serve a Methodist church in Centra, where he has been located for several years.

While there are several Democrats willing to carry the Democratic banner to victory next fall, Al Smith, New York's governor, appears to date to have all or nearly all the delegates instructed for him.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Ulrich and two children of Altoona, were over Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Hettlinger, in Centre Hall. Mr. Ulrich is a machinist in the Pennsylvania Railroad shops in Altoona.

Mrs. Roxanna Robertson returned from Miami, Florida, the latter part of last week. She was in the South during all of the winter. She will remain here for a short time and then return to her home in Hartford, Conn.

Mrs. Flora O. Barfoot, during last week visited at Mill Hall at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Beaumont, former residents here. Mr. Beaumont was transferred from here to Lock Haven district by the Sheffield Farm Company.

Mrs. Mattie Luse, who for two years has been living in Harrisburg, is circulating among friends here. From here she will go to Latrobe, Alton, Ohio, and Chicago, and return to Harrisburg in mid-summer.

Luther Gulawette, formerly of Rebersburg, but who has been living in Harrisburg for a number of years, is in very delicate health and for four weeks has been confined to bed. He is a sufferer from what is known as slow paralysis.

J. Spigelmyer, a Millheim merchant, purchased the stone crushing and hauling equipment of V. T. Stover, of Coburn. The amount involved was not disclosed. The equipment includes an air drill, a stone crusher and two five-ton trucks.

A meeting of the Farmers Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Centre County was held at Bellefonte on Monday, and much new business was passed upon. The Farmers Mutual now has risks totaling five million dollars, all of which is on property in Centre county.

Compared with a ten-year average, wheat prospect in Pennsylvania is rated at 75 per cent on April 1st, as against 93 per cent for the same period last spring. This is the average for over the whole State. The central portion of the State is only given a prospect of 64 per cent.

Dr. George W. Krumrine accompanied by Mrs. Krumrine and daughter, on Saturday, stopped in Centre Hall for a short while on an auto drive through this section. Dr. Krumrine, who is a native of Centre Hall, continues the practice of his profession at Ashville, west of Altoona, where he has long been located.

John Mowery leased a portion of the Old Fort woods south of town, and will erect on it a building in which light lunches and soft drinks will be served. Mr. Mowery for the conducted the restaurant feature of the Old Fort woods site was leased from T. F. Delaney, it being a part of the Col. Taylor farm which Mr. Delaney owns.

Isaac R. Wagner, of Spring Mills his son, Theodore R. Wagner, and the latter's two children, of Harrisburg, were in Centre Hall for a short time on Saturday. The junior Mr. Wagner is a railway mail clerk, his run being between Harrisburg and Williamsport, and with his wife and children is taking a short vacation at his parental home. Father and son are whipping the trout streams in Greig township this week.

Attorneys representing the Latrobe Hunting and Fishing Club and the heirs of John D. Decker argued in the interest of their respective clients before Judge Fleming. A few years ago the Latrobe hunters purchased the Decker farm in Seven Mountains, and after payments had been made, Mr. Decker, now deceased, refused to give a deed. The attorneys for the Decker heirs contend that since the hunting club is not incorporated it cannot take title to the real estate in controversy.

Mrs. John M. Coldron and Mrs. D. C. Mitterling, while in Lewistown last week, called on Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Kreamer and daughter, Miss Rebecca Kreamer. The latter is very much pleased over a new pipe organ recently placed in the Reformed church of which the Kreamer family is a member. Miss Kreamer has been appointed organist and was sent to Harrisburg at the expense of the Reformed congregation for instruction in pipe organ music. The Reformed congregation referred to is in a flourishing condition and hereafter more stress will be given the musical feature of the services.