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Wireless Relays Messages.

The storm gave Pennsylvania State College wireless station operators a busy session. Four of them under the direction of Chief Operator G. L. Crossley, stuck to their post for forty-eight hours without sleep, relaying messages for the Pennsylvania railroad, the Bell Telephone Company and the Penn-Central Company.

An apparent successful effort is being made to consolidate the six schools in East Buffalo township, Union county, in a new proposed building at West Lewisburg.

Former Congressman Benjamin K. Foicht was defeated for congress by the present congressman, Hon. E. M. Beers, by a majority of several thousand. Foicht carried but two counties—Union by 500 and Snyder by 125—in the district composed of eight counties.

HIGH SCHOOLS ARE REACHING LARGER FIELD EACH YEAR

Twenty-five Out of Every Thousand In State Were Enrolled Last Term Compared With Seventeen in 1920 and One in Thousand in 1880.

Pennsylvania's high schools are reaching an ever increasing proportion of the population, according to figures announced by the division of research and information of the department of public instruction.

In 1880, less than one of every thousand population was enrolled in a public high school. In 1890, two of every thousand population were receiving the benefits of high school instruction.

In 1900, the number had increased to four for every thousand population; in 1910, it was the equivalent of six and in 1920, to seventeen. Records show that in 1926-27, the last school year, twenty-five out of every thousand population were receiving instruction in the public high schools of the commonwealth.

PENN TOWNSHIP CENTRAL SCHOOL PROJECT

\$22,000 for Building, \$1945 for Plumbing, \$945 Electric Wiring, and \$915 for Sewage Disposal—Contracts for Heating Not Yet Let.

In giving an account of the Penn township central school project, the Millheim Journal makes these comments:

The bid for general building work was let to Joseph F. Drass, of Hollidaysburg, for approximately \$22,000, and at this time the cellar is dug out, concrete footings are in and concrete wall forms are being erected for a four-room school building. The construction will be of brick and tile in two stories. The ground floor is slightly below grade and the floor above it is called the first floor.

Contracts were also let to the Hosterman & Stover Co. of Millheim, for electrical wiring, \$945.00; for plumbing, \$1945.00, and for sewage disposal, \$915.00.

Contract for heating has not been let as yet. New letting of bids will be made for that later on, all former bids having been rejected.

The board will probably issue 30-year 4½ per cent. bonds for the amount authorized at the last election—approximately \$28,000.00. Semi-official information seems to indicate that a 25-year redemption plan will be instituted and the school tax raised to meet the interest and sinking fund charges, the present school rate in Penn township is \$4 head tax and 12 mills property tax.

The new school building is to be completed by September 1st next. Four teachers will be required to teach the eight grades. The first and second grades will be in the one room, third and fourth in another, fifth and sixth in another, and seventh and eighth in another.

Three buses will probably be necessary to carry the students to the new seat of learning.

In addition to the Journal's comments it is noted that the Penn township project is not a high school project. The purpose is to centralize all schools in the district at Coburn, which experience teaches is the ideal method of providing school facilities in the rural districts.

Young People Win Prizes.

A few weeks ago mention was made of several young people in the Centre Hall Reformed church having won prizes for writing papers on "Stewardship in the Reformed Church." These prizes were paid out of funds collected in the several congregations. The meritorious papers were then sent on to Classical Stewardship Essay Contest judges with the result that a number of prizes offered by Classics were won by contestants in Centre Hall charge, as follows:

Group A, 9 to 11 years—Margaret Greenoble, 1st, and Mabel C. Eungard, 2nd; Spring Mills congregation.

Group B, 12 to 14 years—C. Isabel Bradford, 1st, Centre Hall congregation.

Group D, 18 to 21 years—Helen E. Neff, 1st, Centre Hall congregation; Mary C. Brungart, 2nd, Spring Mills congregation.

These papers having won in the Classical contest, are now being passed on by the Denominational Contest Judges.

The prizes consisted of \$3.00 for first and \$1.00 for second.

Notice of Stores' Closing.

Beginning Thursday, May 10th, the undersigned stores in Centre Hall will close on Thursday afternoon and evening, and will be open Friday evenings, until further notice—Cupples Store, Odenkirk's Store, Oriole Store, Emery's Store.

Two States Claim Grave of Original "Uncle Sam."

Everybody is familiar with the figure of "Uncle Sam," as drawn by the cartoonists to symbolize the United States, but not everybody knows who the original "Uncle Sam" was nor the circumstances under which the name came into being.

The original "Uncle Sam" had an interesting history and it is fairly complete one, except for the fact of the site of his burial. Two states, Indiana and New York, claim the honor of holding his body within their soil and the dispute between the two is still unsettled. There is an interesting feature in this week's issue of The Centre Reporter which tells the story of this famous character. Be sure to read "Who Was Uncle Sam?" by Elmo Scott Watson, in this issue.

Letter from Subscriber.

Huntingdon, Pa., April 27, 1928.
Editor Reporter:

As I glance at my label I see that it is time for me to write to you. Enclosed find check for subscription.

We still like to get the Reporter. When you think it is twenty-seven years ago we left Centre county you would hardly think your "Personals," "Locals," etc. would interest us, yet we cannot get along without the Reporter, which we think is better than ever.

Lately I have been trying to get in touch with some of the old-time band men in your section but find many of them are missing. I am helping Rev. J. J. Weaver, now of Harrisburg, to get a roster of the old timers with a view of publishing same soon.

With kind regards and best wishes,
Respectfully,
W. A. BROWN.

20-INCH SNOW FALL

Highly Destructive to Telephone and Electric Light Lines—Traffic On Nittany and Seven Mountains Held Up.

The most destructive snow storm experienced in this section in many years was experienced the latter part of last week. The worst destruction was to telephone and electric light lines. AB communication was cut off between here and Bellefonte and exchanges east. Many poles carrying the telephone and electric wires were broken down and wires lying across the roads at many points. The telephone line from here to Pottery Mills was almost completely wrecked. This was not only the condition here, but throughout all of Centre county and west to Pittsburgh. Automobile travel over Nittany and Seven Mountains was extremely difficult all of Saturday. It was almost impossible going up grade to pass a car without stalling. Those fortunate to keep the "track" were better able to get through.

The State Highway snow plows had all been dismantled, and it was Saturday night before the trucks with plows attached could be put into service. By midnight Saturday the mountains were pretty well cleared.

The depth of the snow was variously estimated, and differed greatly in localities. Here the fall was from 17 to 20 inches. In the mountain districts the estimated depth was eight to ten inches more. The fall began Friday at 4:00 P. M. and continued without interruption until Saturday night about 7:00 o'clock. The snow was very heavy, much as a foot underneath was a perfect slush.

Some damage was done to buildings, the heavy weight breaking down the roofs. Fruit, ornamental and forest trees were also damaged to a greater or lesser extent.

Sunday morning broke in with bright sunshine and this condition continued throughout the day. By noon the main roads were in good condition and many autos drove through the country to view the destruction. There was little or no through traffic during Sunday.

On Monday morning at ten o'clock, the electric lines were restored and light and power were available.

Fire Company Meeting.

A meeting of the local fire company is called for this (Thursday) evening at 7:30 o'clock. The company is anxious to have an electric siren installed some where in the town, and will attempt to persuade council to make the purchase, the fire company agreeing to extend a loan, without interest, to be used as part payment on the siren.

Aged Woman Pinned Under Chest of Drawers for About Twelve Hours.

Hearing cries and means issuing from the home of Mrs. S. Weis, aged resident of Sellingsgrove, neighbors investigated and found her pinned beneath an old fashioned and bulky chest of drawers. The piece of furniture weighed about 200 pounds and the woman was forced to remain in that position for about twelve hours.

Mrs. Weis was engaged in house-cleaning and it is believed that she was in the act of placing some articles into one of the drawers when in some manner she caused it to topple over on her.

LITTLE CRIPPLES IN THE RURAL DISTRICTS

Crippled children in rural districts in Pennsylvania have no further fear for lack of medical attention. It has been announced by Pennsylvania State Society for Crippled Children in conjunction with the observance of Crippled Children Week. The summary states that it was a reality that only crippled children living in cities received attention of experts before the formation of the society. Children residing in rural districts at that time were practically forgotten.

With the formation of the State society in recent years, said progress was made to handle the crippled children in rural districts. The fact that the patient lives, perhaps scores of miles from a center, now means little to the authority assigned to the case.

Prior to the beginning of the society, the child was taken to the physician for treatment. Now, the orthopedist is taken to the child to make examination and recommendation. Rural country children are no longer forgotten. They are receiving the same specialized care as the children in the city.

Evidence of progress made in this work is the fact that majority of general hospitals in the State now have orthopedic wards or clinics. In some counties, diagnostic clinics are held, while in other sections, children are taken to large centers for operations. There also are a number of schools and few convalescent homes for the children.

In many communities, clinics are held every week. Clinics in other centers are held once a month, every six months and sometimes once a year. There is a small percentage of communities not holding clinics.

If there are crippled children in a community without clinics, the State society will assist and cooperate with the community in making a survey and starting a clinic. Advancement in rural districts with the constructive plan to offer aid to the crippled youngsters is regarded as one of the most important movements of the society.

After clinics are held, a follow-up plan is arranged which looks to proper medical, surgical, hospital, convalescent, educational and custodial care, as well as employment service.

ORDER FOR REDUCING TRAIN SCHEDULE CANCELLED

P. R. R. Officials Recall Order That Would Have Hampered Business Along L. & T.

Several weeks ago the Pennsylvania Railroad officials issued an order curtailing the train service on the Lewisburg and Tyrone branch of its system, and would have given this important line two trains. The westbound train in the morning would have continued to run on the old schedule, but the return trip would have been advanced several hours—the time here at 10:45 instead of 1:17 P. M. The train east in the morning and west in the afternoon would have been abandoned under the new order.

On Saturday, official notification was received along the line that the service would be continued as heretofore. The only change being that the train east in the afternoon would leave Bellefonte eleven minutes earlier than heretofore, and will reach here at 2:06 P. M. instead of 2:17 P. M. The schedule as now changed will continue to accommodate passengers on the Eastern Flyer from the west, arriving in Bellefonte at 1:14 P. M. and leaving there at 1:20 P. M.

No one seems to know what the pressure was that brought about the recalling of the curtailing of train service order. It is thought by many that the order was a result of the peculiar railroad conditions prevailing in Centre county, found they had made a second blunder and desired to restore prestige.

HAGAN-ZERBY.

Ralph S. Hagan, of town, and Miss Anna Zerby, from east of here, were united in marriage on Saturday evening at the Lutheran parsonage by Rev. S. F. Greenhoe, and then started by auto on a brief wedding trip through New York State.

The groom is a son of Harvey D. Hagan, of Farmers Mills, and is the proprietor of the Hagan Garage here, succeeding his half-brother, Walter R. Hosterman. He is doing a prosperous business due to a large extent to his fine personality and business ability.

The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Zerby, of Greer township, and is a school teacher by profession, having completed a school term at Farmers Mills a few days previous to her marriage. She is a young woman of ability in various lines and is held in the highest esteem by all her many acquaintances.

Mr. and Mrs. Hagan will begin house-keeping in Centre Hall in the near future. They will occupy the old Reformed parsonage when vacated by the Pearson families.

WATCH THE COPS.

Car drivers who pass over the roads in cars not bearing the official sticker indicating the car having been inspected during the month of April, will need to watch the cops closely if they do not want to be quizzed on the subject.

It appears the Highway Department is stationing details of patrolmen and State Constabularymen in all sections. These have orders to stop all cars not having the official sticker on them. Two of the State Constabulary force will be located in Centre Hall this week.

"A Little Clodhopper."

A comedy drama in three acts was given in Grange Acadia, Friday evening, by members of the Millersburg Baptist Sunday school, under the title given above. The audience, in size, was all one could expect under the weather conditions prevailing then, and they were appreciative of the fine effort put forth by the young ladies who staged the entertainment. The acting was very creditable and the music unusually good. The orchestra of six or eight pieces aided in making the whole a success.

The local Y. P. B. sponsored the movement and shared in the door receipts.

CHURCH LEARNS IT MUST AGAIN PICK NEW NAME

"United Protestant" Previously Adopted by a New Jersey Religious Body Obligates the Action.

Because a New Jersey religious body, by previously adopting the name "United Protestant," made another change advisable, the East Pennsylvania conference of the United Protestant Church decided at its annual sessions, in progress in Mohnton, Berks county, to drop the title. A special session will be held later.

The name "United Protestant" was adopted in February because a change was required by the terms of settlement, the Evangelical church, after more than five years of litigation and controversy after the partial absorption of the United Evangelical church by the parent body, the Evangelical Association.

At the time the name "United Protestant" was adopted, it was selected from among nearly eighty titles suggested.

Favorable action was indicated on the plan to change the pastoral limit from five years to seven, and passage of the plan is said to be assured.

A Philadelphia layman, that a third presiding eldership be created, was accepted by the conference. At present Harrisburg and Reading have presiding elders, but Bishop E. S. Woodring, of Allentown, who is presiding at conference, has served as elder for Allentown district. The change will give him more time for episcopal work and extension efforts in the other conferences.

Hucksters are paying from 1.60 up for potatoes.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION FOR DISTRICT NO. 11

Two Sessions to Be Held at Tusseyville, Friday, May 4th—The Program.

The semi-annual convention of the Sunday schools of this, the eleventh district of Centre county, will be held to-morrow (Friday) in the Union church at Tusseyville. There will be an afternoon and an evening session. The following is the program:

AFTERNOON SESSION—2:00 P. M.
Devotional services, Mrs. S. W. Smith Business relating to the Home Department—

1. Enrollment of delegates.
2. Reports from Home Department supts.
3. Statistical Secretary.
4. Treasurer.
5. Appointment of Committees.

Address, "Home Department," Bishop Shuey, County Supt.
General discussion.
Hymn and benediction.
4:15. Social hour and luncheon in the S. S. room of the church. Each delegate is asked to bring his and her lunch.

EVENING SESSION—7:30.
Devotional services, Rev. C. E. Hazen Business; enrollment of delegates; appointment of committees; reports of district officers—statistical secretary, treasurer; election of officers.
8:45. Address, "The Home."
Duet, Rev. and Mrs. J. M. Kirkpatrick Silver offering.
Hymn and benediction.

Literary Club Observes 25th Anniversary With Banquet.

The Ladies' Literary club, of Millheim, enjoyed a banquet at the Brockhoff home, Bellefonte, Thursday evening of last week, as a fitting celebration of the twenty-fifth anniversary of its organization. All told about forty plates were laid, which included the members and a number of invited guests. The decorations were in the club colors, purple and white.

Mrs. Mary Neff, of Centre Hall, the club's first president, acted as toast-mistress. Among the responses were the "Club History" by Mrs. L. E. Stover, of Millheim; the club motto, "Be What You Seem to Be," Mrs. W. A. Siskey, of Millheim; "What the Club Has Meant to Me," Mrs. J. T. Musser, Bellefonte, and "Reminiscences," by Miss Edith M. Sankey, of Pine Grove Mills.

The first officers of the club were: President, Mary Ziegler Neff; vice-president, Eva Meyer; secretary, Jennie E. Kramer; Ralph Snyder; treasurer, May Eda Hartman.

Of the ten original charter members, all are living but one, Eva Meyer.

Millheim Student Wins Prize.

More than 200 students at Penn State on Thursday received prizes, medals, scholarships and election to honorary scholarship fraternities at exercises presided over by President Ralph D. Hertzell and at which Dr. Josiah H. Pennington, provost of the University of Pennsylvania, was the principal speaker.

Two students in Centre county are mentioned as having won honors, namely, Miss Maryeva Fetteroff, of Millheim, who secured the Maude Elizabeth Foster economics and sociology prize; Miss Winifred M. Forbes, of State College, the John White medal, valued at \$50. She also won a Phi Kappa Phi membership.

Money for Roads Unclaimed.

One million dollars of the \$5,000,000 fund appropriated in 1927 for State-aided fund improvements still is on hand, the Department of Highways announced. Opportunity to obtain this money on the dollar for dollar basis will end June 1. After that date what remains will be reallocated so that only those counties that have petitioned for aid and require money for the completion of projects, will be permitted to enter.

Centre county is not taking advantage of this means for securing funds for road building.

Next week it is planned by former Sheriff A. B. Leas, of Spring Mills, to begin the erection of a new barn on his farm along Sinking creek, west of Spring Mills. The structure will be 48x58 feet with the addition of a straw shed 35x40 feet. The head carpenter selected is Samuel Richards, of Martha Furnace, who three years ago erected a barn on the same site—the barn destroyed by fire a few months ago. The new structure, although of large dimensions, will be constructed of plank, which were cut and sawed on the farm.

Three boundary lines of the five-acre plot comprising the Centre Hall High school play ground, were ornamented last week by planting Norway spruce trees in large numbers. The trees were secured from the State Forestry Department and were grown in the Seven Mountain nursery cared for by Forest Ranger W. F. McKinney. The Norway spruce is a very beautiful tree and is ornamental from the beginning. Along Hoffer street maple trees were set at points where trees already well established were missing. The boys of the High school did the planting.

Twelve or more boys and girls, members of the Centre Hall Y. P. B., accepted an invitation of a similar organization at Pleasant Gap to attend one of their monthly meetings held on Thursday night of last week. A special program of music and readings was executed. The Pleasant Gap organization, although comparatively young, is a very much alive one, and its membership includes a large percentage of young men who take an active part in the work. The visitors from here were elated with the manner in which the meeting was conducted and on the floor, Miss Fay Bradford, a member, and Mrs. F. V. Goodhart, superintendent, spoke in a complimentary way of it and also referred to the work being accomplished in the Centre Hall organization.

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS.

Robert McClellan, at Linden Hall, lost by death a valuable brood mare.

About seventy students will graduate from the Bellefonte High school on June 5th.

Most of the business places in Bellefonte will be closed on Thursday afternoon from noon, until October.

Gurney Boob, of Millheim, purchased the W. C. Weldemer farm, in West Brush Valley and will move onto it.

The Lock Haven State Teachers' College will hold its commencement May 29. The summer session will begin June 18 and close July 25.

Many cellars in town, never before known to have water, were flooded beginning of the week following the melting of Saturday's heavy snowfall.

William C. Currin, a Williamsport attorney, died in that city last week. He was a son of Rev. G. W. Currin, and lived with his family here during much of his boyhood.

The annual Sunday school convention of the 12th district of Centre county will be held in the Evangelical church at Rebersburg on Friday, May 11. Afternoon and evening sessions will be held.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Lebo and son, Victor, of Millersburg, while making a business trip through this section by auto during last week, stopped with Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Miller, in town, for several hours. Mr. Lebo is a farmer by occupation.

Mrs. Elizabeth Mitterling returned from her western trip last Thursday. After spending some time with her youngest son, Henry Mitterling, at Glendale, California, she was with her eldest son, Charles A. Mitterling, in Chicago, three weeks prior to her returning home.

George R. Meles, the former Colyer merchant, moved to Lewisston last Saturday, where he purchased two properties—one a residence and the other a business place, a small grocery, adjoining his home. The location is 603 East Walnut Street. Mr. Meles plans to conduct the business himself.

Nathan Koffman has been awarded the new star mail route between Bellefonte and State College, the compensation being \$2500 per year. The schedule calls for leaving Bellefonte at 5:45 A. M. and returning to Bellefonte after the mail from Tyrone arrives at State College. In the afternoon the time for leaving Bellefonte is 1:30 o'clock.

The roof on the Charles T. Crust farm barn was crushed in by the weight of snow that fell during Saturday. He will rebuild the entire barn. The Crust barn is more than one hundred years old, the farm improvements having been among the early improvements made in this section of the valley. The hay barn, on the A. J. Cummings farm, tenanted by Ralph Treel, was also damaged by the roof collapsing.

Potter township will build a half-mile of State-aid road, the stretch selected beginning at the junction of the Earliestown road with the State highway near Old Fort. This piece of road is extensively traveled by residents of the south side of the valley and for a number of years has been in a most miserable condition. There is a natural bad foundation, giving the road supervisors in charge an opportunity to a practical demonstration of just how much they know about road building.