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## BROTHERHOOD OF LUTHERAN SYNOD IN WILLIAMSPORT

Outstanding Laymen from Churches in All Sections of Central Pennsylvania Will Attend Afternoon and Evening Sessions—Prominent Speakers.

The second annual convention of the brotherhood of the Susquehanna synod of Central Pennsylvania will be held in St. Paul's Lutheran church in Williamsport today (Thursday), afternoon and evening. Outstanding Lutheran laymen from churches in all parts of Central Pennsylvania will attend.

The afternoon activities start at 2:30 o'clock with the registration of delegates. H. S. Stedler, of Lewistown, will lead the devotional period at 3 o'clock, and the business session will follow at 3:15. A. Monroe Hall, president of the organization, will give his message at 3:30 o'clock.

The address of the afternoon will be delivered at 8:45 o'clock by the Rev. Arthur F. Purkiss, D. D., of Pittsburgh. He will speak on "Personal Evangelism," the convention theme. The speaker is one of the strongest Lutheran ministers in the western part of the State. An open forum will follow the talk.

A big banquet is to be held at 6:45 o'clock in the evening at the First Evangelical church. Originally it was intended to have this banquet in St. Paul's, the convention church, but it was feared the attendance would be so great that all of the men could not be accommodated. Plans are laid to care of 800 banqueters, half of them from Williamsport.

Another outstanding Lutheran has been secured as the speaker at the banquet. He is the Rev. M. H. Krumbine, D. D., of the Parkside Lutheran church, Buffalo, N. Y. His theme will be "Fishers of Men."

An attractive program of entertainment will follow the banquet and precede the talk by the Rev. Mr. Krumbine. The Messiah's Lutheran Sunday school orchestra will play during the meal, the Susquehanna university male quartet will sing, and there will be other musical numbers.

At the evening session of the convention an organ recital will be given by Harriet Weigle Nicely, and the Rev. George W. Nicely, D. D., pastor of the convention church, will conduct the devotions. The installation of officers will be in charge of the Rev. John Wagner, D. D., of Hazleton, president of the synod.

## BELL TELEPHONE CO. USED BIG SHIPMENT OF SUPPLIES

Total of 123,422 Pounds of Wire Cords and Other Material for Repair of Lines Damaged by Recent Storm Received at Phillipsburg Express Office—Big Crew of Repairmen Have Been Working from Daylight Till Dark All Week.

All last week shipments of material, including coils of wire, pole arms, contact caps, and other material used on outside lines, arrived at the express office in Phillipsburg, this county. The total in weight and the number of packages and pieces received are away up in figures.

Monday the Bell people received three express car loads of material, all of it shipped from Phillipsburg. The combined weight of the shipments was \$3,017 pounds.

During the week other shipments of material for the Bell company came, bringing the total tonnage to 113,046 pounds and the number of packages and pieces totaled 1,022. One car contained 333 packages and bundles, the combined weight of which was 10,376 pounds.

All the shipments last week contained a total of 1,355 packages or bundles, and the weight of all was 123,422. And probably the end is not yet. This material could not be shipped by freight because of the Bell company's well known policy of giving its patrons the best possible service, regardless of the emergency. There was urgent need of the repair material. The only way to get it on the scene was by fast express. Another car load of materials, to be used for further repair work, if the survey made shows the need, has arrived by freight.

**A Stupendous Task.** Some idea of the tremendous damage done by the storm to telephone, telegraph and electric light wires may be gained by the volume of repair supplies received by the Bell people. But it gives no idea of the task that confronted the repairmen. The storm did its damage between 2 o'clock and daylight Saturday morning April 28. Wind which followed the snowfall, did the work. The wet, sticky snow clung to the wires, which sagged under the weight. A slight fall in temperature clinched the snow's grip on the wires and then when the gale of wind came in the early morning hours, poles snapped and the heavy wires dropped in a tangled mass.

Though the Tyrone-Altoona district suffered most, the damage done in the local region was plenty. Toll lines east and west and north and south of here were out of commission. A crew of repairmen worked all day Sunday in the Seven Mountains beyond Pottery Mills.

State Treasurer Lewis opposes the twenty-five million bond issue for the purchase of forest lands on the ground that the loan is not needed. He argues that the interest on the loan at four per cent, or \$1,000,000, would furnish ample funds to buy all available lands from year to year. In addition to this, the State Game Commission expends something like \$200,000 annually for forest lands.

Jersey Shore school board voted a 53 mill school tax, besides a \$5.00 per capita tax. Some tax!

## HALT BUCK DEER KILL FOR A YEAR IN THIS STATE

Game Commission Orders Open Season on Does in Drastic Move to Prevent Extirpation of Herds—Week-End Hunting Plan Also Established for Small Game.

Closing the entire State to the killing of male deer next fall and a State-wide open season on doe deer from December 1 to December 15, was announced on Friday by the Pennsylvania Game Commission.

These drastic changes are among several innovations incorporated by the commission in rules and regulations for the 1928 hunting season which it issued on Friday.

Among other changes are "week-end hunting" throughout the entire small game season, excepting the rabbit period. This hunting is restricted to Thursday, Friday and Saturday, but the length of the season in most instances has been increased by two to four weeks.

The outstanding change, however, is in the deer regulations, which state: "There shall be no open season for male deer with visible antlers during 1928."

"There shall be a State-wide open season on antlerless deer of 50 pounds or more, from December 1 to December 15. The killing of deer with visible antlers shall be punishable by a fine of \$100 for each animal."

This is the first time in the State's history that a general open season has been declared on doe deer and also the first time since Pennsylvania has taken front rank as a gunner's paradise that shooting of male deer has been prohibited in all parts of the State. There have been times when the commission has closed certain counties to deer hunting to permit restocking.

In recent years, however, deer have become more and more numerous and have destroyed orchards and field crops, resulting in many claims of damage by farmers. To meet this situation the commission for several years declared three day open seasons on doe deer in isolated counties at the close of the regular season on male deer, for the purpose of thinning out the animals. These seasons generally were as unsuccessful as previous efforts to trap surplus deer, because sportsmen generally refused to shoot does.

To curb the increasing deer population, the commission last year employed sharpshooters to shoot does and reduce the number of deer where they had been causing damage. This practically raised a storm from sportsmen, one petition of protest alone containing 17,000 names of gunners. During the past winter the commission has reported repeatedly that deer were dying from lack of food, and in the regulations of Friday decided upon the open season on does to reduce the number of animals.

The week-end hunting plan is also a novelty here. It is made possible in part through the increase last year of the hunter's license fee from \$1.25 to \$2. Part of the extra money has been used to purchase game refuges near large cities, including a recent purchase of a Chester county tract. This was to provide sport for city nimrods close to home, obviating necessity of hunters taking a full week from work to travel to distant hunting grounds. Because the full season has been restricted to three days a week, however, the period has been lengthened, to prevent crowding of hunters with a repetition of last year's record with 62 gunners killed by other hunters.

**Other Game Regulations.** Details of the commission's regulations in addition to deer are:

**Bear**—Open season from November 1 to December 15; hunting restricted to Thursday, Friday and Saturday of each week between November 1 and December 1 and December 15. Last year's season was Nov. 15 to Dec. 15.

**Ruffed grouse, pheasants, bob white, quail, woodcock, male ringneck pheasants, grey, black and fox squirrels**—Open season from Oct. 15 to Nov. 30, with hunting restricted to Thursday, Friday and Saturday of each week. Last year's seasons were November 1 and 15, excepting squirrels whose season was Nov. 1 to 30.

**Cottontail rabbits and hares**—Open season, Oct. 15 to Dec. 15; hunting restricted to Thursday, Friday and Saturday of each week between October 15 and Dec. 1; six-day hunting permitted in weeks between Dec. 1 and 15. Last year's season was Nov. 1 to 30.

**Raccoons**—Open season from Oct. 15 to Nov. 30, six days each week, with the season's bag limit 15 animals. Trapping restricted to November only. Last year's season was Nov. 1 to 15, with no bag limit.

The closed season of last year was continued for this year on Hungarian Partridges. For the purpose of restocking, the commission also declared a three-year closed season on wild turkeys in Westmoreland, Somerset and Fayette counties.

**"Mother" Theme as Been Great Poets' Inspiration.**

Mothers' Day is a day of special observance which was originated by a Philadelphia, Pa., girl twenty years ago and which struck with a popular chord of sentiment that few of our holidays are celebrated with more sincerity than it is. For the idea of back of Mothers' Day is one which appeals to everybody. And the "mother" theme which has been the inspiration for many great poets has produced some of the best known and best loved poems ever written.

There's an interesting article in this issue of The Centre Reporter which tells about some of these poems and which you will enjoy reading. Look for "Mother's Day," by Elmo Scott Watson in this issue.

## OUR HOSPITAL.

Annual Membership Drive to Begin Saturday, May 12, National Hospital at Day—Brief Financial Report for 1927.

A membership and contribution drive for the benefit of the Centre County Hospital will open on Saturday, May 12th, National Hospital Day. The drive is under the leadership of John S. Sommerville, of Bellefonte, and is being supported by citizens in all sections of the county who are being organized into committees to make the solicitations.

The need of a hospital is no longer to be argued—it is admitted by all. The efficiency of the Centre County



ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DRIVE BEGINS SATURDAY, TO AID CENTRE COUNTY HOSPITAL.

Hospital is also accepted. Financing is the question to solve and this will be made easier if the residents of the county will take the time to scrutinize the very complete financial statement issued by the directors and study the report of the work done in the hospital during the past year. The 1927 report will be in the hands of the solicitors who will be able to give a brief summary of the finances and accomplishments of the institution when they call on you.

The first division of the report covers the school of nursing and is devoted to a brief survey of the present nursing staff, together with the aims of the department in the future, while the second division is a tabulation of the number of patients, including charity, part pay, and full pay patients admitted to the hospital during 1927. Other divisions are devoted to laboratory, X-ray, Medical, Surgical and Women's Auxiliary reports.

Of the 496 surgical patients admitted, 465 were cured, 15 improved, 5 not improved, and 11 died, according to the report of the surgical department, while during the same period, of 246 medical patients admitted, 60 were cured, 132 improved, 24 were not improved and 30 died. The large percentage of patients materially benefited by hospital treatment proves conclusively that Centre county could ill afford to lose the services of the hospital.

The report further shows that the average stay of each patient in the hospital was 13.5 days, while the average cost of each patient for a day was \$4.08. The total maintenance of the hospital for 1927 was \$1,108.95, and the total receipts were \$37,400.56, the current deficit being, therefore, \$3,708.42, which must be made up by individual subscriptions.

**"Serve Centre's Sick."** The following is the organization in Potter township for the second annual membership and contribution drive for our Centre County Hospital, May 12th to 19th:

**West Precinct**—Mrs. John B. Wert, captain; committee, Mrs. C. P. Raiser, Mrs. Frank Dashner, Mrs. Claude Wert, Mrs. Bertha Miller Haskell, Miss Ruth Royer, Miss Mae McClellan.

**South Precinct**—J. Maynard Burger, captain; committee, Mr. and Mrs. G. H. McCormick, Mr. and Mrs. Frank F. Palmer, Mr. and Mrs. Charles S. Smith, Wm. P. McKinney, Miss Orpha Fleisher, Miss Martha Yearick, Miss Burkholder, Miss Ellen Allen.

**North Precinct (East Centre Hall)**—Thomas Delaney, captain; committee, Paul Bradford, Foster W. Frazier, Jacob Sharer, John Delaney.

**North Precinct (West Centre Hall)**—Maurice Burkholder, captain; E. Clayton Wagner, Ralph Trester.

**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.

Farmers have had a good week of it for plowing, preparing for seeding and seeding. Much of the oats and barley crops have already been sown, but there remains a large proportion of the two crops to be seeded. With the modern machinery and power the work is accomplished in much less time than heretofore. It seems to be the general experience that the soil does not work as easily now as before the deep snow which fell on April 27th and 28th.

## WISCONSIN GOVERNOR LANDS IN PENNS VALLEY

On Saturday afternoon, Governor Zimmerman, of Wisconsin, accompanied by four others from his State, and a pilot, were forced to land in their plane near Millheim. The party were on their way to New York City to invite the German flyers to visit Wisconsin. When over Millheim it was discovered the oil tank needed replenishing and it was for this reason the plane came to ground.

The plane was equipped with a White whirlwind motor and in many respects was built on the lines of the Lindy "We" machine.

The mountainous region encountered in this portion of the State threw somewhat of a fright into the Wisconsin party who had no desire to run undue risks with low fuel and oil.



F. O. HOSTERMAN RETIRES FROM HARDWARE BUSINESS

**Late Sale, But Good Prices.** Although a sale out of season and under unusual circumstances, the auctioning at public outcry of stock and implements, on the Dr. Lieb farm, east of town, on Friday of last week was largely attended. It was predicted that the attendance by farmers would be small owing to the press of farm work and lateness of the season, but the contrary seemed true. The personal property was sold as being owned by C. D. Bartholomew. The sale was attended by the former owner, Dayton Lansberry, who is now back to railroad in the Williamsport district.

## ANNOUNCE 68TH PENN STATE COMMENCEMENT

Formal announcement of the 68th annual commencement at the Pennsylvania State College was made this week by President Ralph D. Hetsch. The program is to open on Friday, June 8 and close with the graduation of over 500 seniors on Tuesday, June 12th.

Dr. Alexander Meiklejohn, former president of Amherst College and now professor of philosophy at the University of Wisconsin, will be the commencement speaker. The baccalaureate sermon will be delivered by the Rev. Hugh Thompson Kerr, of Shady-side Presbyterian, Pittsburgh. Undergraduate activities will occupy the first three days. Alumni Day and class reunions will be observed on Monday, June 11.

**Near East Relief Appeal.** Unless Centre county reaches its quota of \$3,861, the training of the children of the Near East for self support cannot go on to its culmination. The budget for sufficient funds to meet his great task has been very carefully prepared, and if any unit in the United States fails to meet its quota, it means that some child must suffer. Centre county has always gone over the top, but we have not yet met this quota. The pledges do not have to be paid until June, 1929. It is the earnest desire of the Centre County Committee that as many people and organizations as possible will send in cash contributions and pledges to the treasurer, Charles M. McCurdy, the First National Bank, Bellefonte—M. H. Linn, Chairman.

**WHO IS A FRIEND?** Who is a friend? We will tell you. He is a person with whom you dare to be yourself. Your soul can go naked with him. He seems to ask of you to put on nothing, only to be what you are. He does not want you to be better or worse. When you are with him you feel as a prisoner feels who has been declared innocent. You do not have to be on your guard. You can say what you think, so long as it is genuinely you. He understands those contradictions in your nature that lead others to misjudge you. With him you breathe free. You can avow your little vanities and envies and hates and vicious sparks, your meanness and absurdities, and in opening them up to him they are lost, dissolved on the white ocean of his loyalty. He understands. You do not have to be careful. You can abuse him, neglect him, tolerate him. Best of all, you can keep still with him. It makes no matter. He likes you.

A friend, we repeat, is one with whom you dare to be yourself and whom you can trust.

## Miss Rearek Elected Primary Teacher

Miss Sarah Rearek, of near Spring Mills, was the fortunate applicant from a list of nearly a dozen for the primary grade of the Centre Hall public schools, to be elected by the school board at a meeting held Monday night. Miss Rearek is a graduate of Gregg Township Vocational School, class of 1923, and also a graduate of Central State Normal School, Lock Haven, class of 1925. She has taught three terms of school, and has a fine reputation as a school teacher.

Just now, Centre Hall presents about the cleanest appearance of any town in the State.



F. O. HOSTERMAN RETIRES FROM HARDWARE BUSINESS

**Sells Interest to E. J. Husted, of Lancaster—The Firm Name of Hosterman & Stover to Be Continued.**

Rounding out 44 years as a merchant in Millheim and Penns Valley, F. O. Hosterman retires from the hardware firm of the Hosterman & Stover Co., a business firm established October 1, 1884.

Mr. Hosterman first embarked in the mercantile business at Fiedler on February 1, 1884, when he bought the general store at that place from Henry Fiedler. He conducted that stand profitably until the spring of 1893, nine years later, when he auctioned off his stocks and moved to Millheim.

He built himself a home and on October 1, 1894, with L. E. Stover as partner, the hardware firm of Hosterman & Stover was established through the purchase of the J. C. Smith hardware. The firm gradually built up a lucrative business and increased its prestige until today it stands as one of the strongest and soundest retail mercantile firms in the county.

On January 1, 1925, A. H. Stover was taken into the firm and the name was changed to The Hosterman & Stover Co.

With his retirement, Mr. Hosterman states that his entire business interest is being taken over by E. J. Husted, of Williamsport, now a traveling salesman for the Rabus Supply Co. of Lancaster.

The hardware firm name of Hosterman & Stover Co. will remain the same. Mr. Hosterman having granted the request that his name be used as heretofore.

**Sunbury Man's Arm Severed at the Shoulder.**

As though cut by a knife, the right arm of Paul Noll was severed at the shoulder, when he extended his arm from the window of a car at Paxinos and the member struck the railing of the bridge over the Pennsylvania railroad tracks.

Mr. Noll, traveling with Harry Henninger, had extended his arm through the window to deposit the ashes of a cigarette outside.

An approaching car crowded the machine in which Mr. Noll was riding to the side of the bridge and his arm was sliced off. He was immediately rushed to the hospital where an operation was performed.

**Death Claims Mother of Colonel Shoemaker.**

Mrs. Blanche Shoemaker, widow of Henry F. Shoemaker, capitalist, died at her home in New York City after an illness of two weeks. Death came Wednesday of last week.

She was the daughter of the late James Williams Quigley, of Philadelphia, and is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Donald Carr, of Mount Kisco, N. Y., and a son, Colonel Henry W. Shoemaker, chairman of the Pennsylvania historical commission and publisher of the Altoona Tribune.

**Progress Grange Meeting.**

The members of Progress Grange are requested to attend a meeting to be held Saturday night to arrange for the Grange Homecoming Week, June 4 to 9, of all Subordinate Granges. It is urged that the attendance be large. By order of the Master, V. A. Auman.

## TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS.

Daniel Damp, Sr., is improving his residence by rebuilding the front porch.

Frank D. Lee attended the funeral of his brother-in-law, John B. Royer, at Bellefonte, last Friday.

William S. Brooks will hold public sale of his household goods, at his home in Centre Hall, Saturday afternoon of this week.

A horse belonging to Daniel Bohn, on the Brockerhoff farm near Old Fort, was kicked by a mate while in the stable and seriously injured.

The first district to go over the top with its quota for Near East Relief was Unionville. It had a quota of \$100 and the local committee reports a total of \$119.

The tree foliage in Mifflin county, on Sunday, was very perceptibly farther advanced than in this section. The higher altitude here no doubt accounts for the difference.

W. H. Decker, who discontinued the grocery business in Millheim, will be associated with his father, T. G. Decker, of Spring Mills, in the lumber business, but will continue his residence in Millheim.

The enlarged and reorganized Grange Encampment committee met at Centre Hall Tuesday evening of this week, at which time locations for the new buildings to be erected on Grange Park this summer were selected.

Harrison H. Grove is now a high private in Company C, 17th Tank Battalion, Fort Leonard Wood, Maryland. He was formerly a resident of near here, but some time ago became joined with Uncle Sam's forces.

Mrs. George Skea, of Williamsport, was with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. F. Funk, for a week or more. Her husband, who is a battery man at an auto service station, came here on Sunday and on returning took her back home with him.

Miss Miriam L. Moore, who is a senior student at State Teachers' College, Shippensburg, has had a great honor bestowed on her by members of the college faculty in being selected as "Queen of the May" for the May-day festivities of the college.

The four commissioners elected to represent the Huntingdon Presbytery at the General Assembly to be held in Tulsa, Oklahoma, are Rev. T. Stacy Capers, of Hollidaysburg; Rev. Howard Oakwood, of Milesburg; Elders J. P. Rearek, of Martinsburg, and G. M. Wakefield, of Alexandria.

While a bunch of cattle were being driven to a pasture lot by Butcher John Dauberman, a heifer became frightened and ran onto Egg Hill Mountain and completely evaded near approach to her. A day or more later she was surrounded and was driven to a barn in Georges Valley.

A fire broke out Sunday afternoon on Nittany Mountain back of the Fiedler farm, a cross from Linden Hall, and before it was put under control burned over about 125 acres. Forest Ranger Richard Brooks and Fire Warden John Knarr took a number of men to the scene to fight the destructive element.

Mr. and Mrs. F. V. Joden, residents of Millheim for more than a year, will return to Centre Hall within the next week or two and occupy the Williams S. Brooks home. Their coming here is due to their desire to make a home for Mrs. Joden's father, Mr. Brooks, who has been left alone since the death of Mrs. Brooks, a short time ago.

Eighty cans of brown trout were deposited in the streams in the western section of Centre county, this week. The shipment was made by truck from the Pleasant Gap hatchery, at Phillipsburg, where they were taken in charge by local sportsmen who saw to it that the fish were placed to the best advantage of the devotees of the rare pastime of angling.

Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Stover, of Yeagertown, were in town on Thursday of last week, having come to Centre county to make repairs to a monument marking the last resting place of John Grove, Mrs. Stover's father. This attended to in the Cross church cemetery, Georges Valley, the couple came on to Centre Hall. Mr. Stover says the Viscoe plant is the big thing in Mifflin county and gives employment to many from his town.

George Whippo, of New York City, is visiting his mother, Mrs. Wilbur Hand, in Centre Hall. He is an ex-service man with an overseas record, and is one of Uncle Sam's large family of mailed soldiers, having had a bone shattered in his leg by a piece of shell which necessitates his wearing a steel brace. Besides this, he was shell shocked, and the terrible effects of this huge misfortune thwarts every effort of the young man in his desire to do any real work. George is a splendid young man, with more than the average intelligence, and his plight arouses our deepest sympathy.

As much as six inches of snow lay in various sections of Centre Hall last Friday when the thermometer was pushing up to the highest point in the year, real mid-summer conditions at 55 degrees in the shade. The snow was what remained from the record-breaking fall of Saturday previous when the valley was buried under 20 inches of snow and slush. We believe that is something that the present younger generation can tell their grandchildren, but, then it is likely that the youngster of that time will only eye his elder with suspicion and exclaim, "Tell us another, Granddaddy."