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MOTHER AND FOUR OF FAMILY PERISH AS HOUSE BURNS

Flames Sweep Home in Isolated Region Lacking Fire Protection — Son Saves Three Brothers.

A mother and four of her eight children lost their lives as the result of a fire that destroyed their home near McElhattan, Clinton county, about midnight Saturday night. Four others were saved, an older son lowering two of his brothers to the ground from their bedroom window and rescuing two others at the front door. One of these died later, while the other is near death from burns.

Mrs. Elizabeth Shadle, 50, and three little daughters were trapped in their rooms by the flames and perished at once. The fifth victim of the tragedy, a boy of 11, died in the Lock Haven hospital the following morning.

The family retired at its usual time and at 12 o'clock the oldest son was awakened and finding a brother, who slept with him, was not in bed, he stepped out in the hall to find the lower part of the house a mass of flames. He rushed into a bedroom of two other brothers and lowered them out of the window to the ground.

He tried to force his way into his mother's room and that of the other children, but was forced back by the flames. He then lowered himself to the ground by a drain pipe, and upon opening the front door, found two of his brothers in the hall, one of them with his clothing blazing.

He quenched the flames by beating them out and the boys were taken to the hospital. One of them died and the other is not expected to live.

As the village of McElhattan has no fire protection, the dwelling was quickly consumed. The Shadle house was situated along the road which leads to Colonel Henry W. Shoemaker's park and occupied an isolated position.

A grim stillness permeates the tranquil village of McElhattan today, as nothing like this tragedy ever happened in that section before. No one knows what caused the fire.

The "God" They Serve Best.

Here is one from the Democratic Watchman's "Ink Silings" that is worth repeating:

The Berwick ministerial association has set November 4 as a day of special prayer for the defeat of Smith. Smith might be defeated, but it won't be in answer to any such misguided petitioning. If the good Lord had wanted to mix politics and religion he would have answered the prayers that went up all over the country for Smith's defeat at Houston. Then his politico-servants might have been working for Him, during the four months of the campaign, instead of for the Republican party.

Two Electrocutated at Rockview.

William R. Phillips and Jesse G. Parker were electrocuted at Rockview penitentiary Monday morning for the murder of Norman B. Gibson, near Media, on the night of March 23.

Gibson, son of the deputy prothonotary of Delaware county, was shot to death when he resisted the attempt of Phillips and Parker to hold him up and rob him.

Both men appeared composed as they left their cells for the death chair. They were accompanied by the prison chaplain, Rev. P. N. Osborn, after whom they repeated a prayer. Phillips sang a hymn before leaving his cell.

HOOVER'S WHEAT PRICES.

Republican publicity agents are attempting to deny the responsibility of Herbert Hoover for the fixing of the price of wheat during the War, while other prices were permitted to go sky high.

However, Mr. Hoover himself, in 1913 was only too eager to admit the part he took in that outrage against the American wheat growers. In a speech delivered in New York City, April 30, 1918, Mr. Hoover said: "I agree with the contention of some farmers that they would have received \$5.00 and perhaps \$10.00 per bushel for wheat had it not been for the restraint imposed by the government."

In passing the Food Control Act of August 1917, Congress intended that there should be a minimum price of wheat, yet the Food Administration, under the leadership of Secretary Hoover, so interpreted the law that the minimum price was fixed upon as the maximum price.

Congress intended to guarantee that the farmer should get no less than \$2.00 per bushel. Herbert Hoover used his power so that the farmer could get no more than \$2.20; he closed open market trading and forced millers and elevators into line under the implied threat of putting them out of business if they refused.

The fact that the specific price of \$2.20 was determined by an outside committee under Dr. Harry A. Garfield does not alter Herbert Hoover's responsibility for his twisting of the law in this manner and for initiating and carrying out the scheme of price control which worked so disadvantageously to the farmer.

Mr. Hoover represented that there was danger of conspiracy among the Allied governments to force the price of wheat down to \$1.50, yet by his own admission on April 30, 1918, as well as by his testimony before the Senate Agricultural Committee, on May 8, 1917, Mr. Hoover has betrayed that the real danger in his mind was that the price of wheat would go above \$3.00.

If Mr. Hoover was not ashamed of his record in price fixing of wheat in 1917 and in 1918, why does he try to dodge it now?

GIVES FIRST-HAND IMPRESSIONS OF DESTRUCTION IN FLORIDA STORM AREA

Prof. Erdman West, Returning from Trip to Devastated Area, Pens Word Picture of Destruction Wrought.

The Reporter is in receipt of the following communication from Prof. Erdman West of Gainesville, Florida, a noted plant pathologist connected with the State University at that place, in which he gives the Reporter readers his impressions following a trip to the south-eastern part of Florida, the section which suffered so disastrously from the hurricane at a few weeks past. Prof. West is married to Miss Ruth Lambert, formerly of Centre Hall, Gainesville, Florida, September 24, 1928.

Editors Reporter: I got back Friday from a hurried trip through the hurricane-swept section of the State and would like very much to give you my first-hand impressions. On driving into the area from the north there are minor indications of the high wind for over 100 miles from the center. Occasional sign boards thrown down, citrus fruit blown from the trees or exposed hillsides and a few oaks and pines uprooted. As I went southward, more trees were down, an increasing number of sign boards were flat on the ground and even the leaves of broad-leaved trees were shredded. Twenty miles from Palm Beach there are no sign boards standing at all, many houses have lost shingles or strips of roofing, and most trees except pines have had their leaves blown off. For twenty miles north and south of West Palm Beach which was the center of the storm, practically all wires (and nearly all the poles) were down; every house has suffered material damage in the way of roofing or siding blown off; many large trees were broken off, even healthy trees. In the center of the area some houses, perhaps two or three per cent, are entirely down just heaps of wood and house furnishings. These however represent the cheapest kind of construction. Probably 50 per cent of the homes and business buildings were severely damaged by the high wind. Whole roofs were taken off in some cases, in others the material came off piece-meal. Flying portions of the latter did much damage to windows and neighboring houses. Practically every house roof was laid open to the entrance of rain to some extent and to add to the discomfort of the people, when I left Friday morning there had been but three hours of sunshine following the storm.

The Red Cross had plenty of workers and food in the territory. The next immediate need was dry clothing and roofing material. The weather prevented the drying of clothing in the unprotected homes and a few small local stocks of roofing were used up immediately after the storm. Unharmful sections of Florida have since supplied these necessities.

The fact that only three lives were lost in the Lakeworth (none) West Palm Beach area is due to the fact that the people heeded the storm warning and took refuge in the larger and more solidly built structures.

Inland from Palm Beach in the Lake Okechobee section conditions were far different. Most of the inhabitants had little or no warning. Most of them had no means of transportation even if they had been warned. There are very few substantial buildings in this area. Most of the land in this section is not more than a foot above the level of the lake and is separated from it only by dikes and a natural low ridge that surrounds the lake. When the storm arrived, the high winds and low pressure combined to force the water over the dikes and ridge in a solid wall from 6 to 10 feet deep. Those in the path of this wave had very little chance of escape. A few in the few solid schools and hotels in the ridge escaped, the remainder were washed off with their flimsy cottages or trapped in the lowlands. Most of the 1500 dead in this region are negroes. The exact number of dead will never be known for many negroes will never be found and many negroes will never be reported missing. Much new labor is employed at this time of year in the sugar cane harvest and in the raising of much truck crops.

In Gainesville, the storm struck Monday evening. I sat up and gave the newspapers the official barometer readings. The lowest point reached, however, was only 28.94 in. At West Palm Beach it went nearly 1 1/2 inches lower. The wind blew hard and gusty all afternoon. Some heavy showers of rain fell. From 7 until 9 P. M. while the barometer was lowest, we had a lull or calm that is characteristic of this type of disturbance. This was followed by strong gusty winds that reached a maximum velocity of perhaps 60 miles an hour. A number of trees went down at this time and a few shingles and signs were blown loose. From 12:30 A. M. on the wind was steady and the rain fell heavy. We received 4.33 inches of rain for the 24-hour period in which the storm occurred.

There have been a few amusing incidents associated with the storm. A friend of mine in Lakeworth went back Monday to find his small automobile standing in its usual place. The garage that usually enclosed it however was scattered over three blocks.

One of the first trucks of supplies going into the area was piled so high with materials that it temporarily blocked traffic on the only highway when it encountered a leaning telephone pole that was too low to pass.

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LIVE CHESTNUT TREE AT HAIRY JOHN'S PARK

Located at Place Where the Aged Recluse and Philosopher Lived—A Strange Tale from Pen of Henry W. Shoemaker.

Hon. Henry W. Shoemaker, writer of local Pennsylvania history and legends, referring to a visit to Hairy John's park, wrote the following for his Altoona Daily Tribune:

The other day this writer was a visitor at Hairy John's Park in Penns Valley Narrows in company with Jacob M. Hoffman, Governor Fisher's live-wire superintendent of State parks. Right by where once were the foundations of the log cabin occupied for many years by the diminutive hermit "Hairy John" Vonoda stood a living chestnut tree covered with beautiful burrs, which only awaited a frosty night to open and scatter their bristly seeds on the ground.

Why this one chestnut tree had survived its tens of thousands of fellows which once were the joy and beauty of the Narrows until the blight destroyed them is a mystery, unless it be that Hairy John's deathbed prediction that he would become a tree is realized. And frowled, whiskered, unkempt Hairy John would be more like a chestnut tree with its shaggy bark and prickly burrs than any other kind.

When the old recluse was in his 92nd year he had his last "bad spell"—like some old chestnut tree he had been dying for years—and his companion, the beautiful Gypsy-like mountain girl, Twila Monray, who admired his keen mentality—was the only natural philosopher that the Pennsylvania Dutch produced—which shone through his uncouth exterior, just as the ripe chestnuts emerge from the crackly, prickly burrs, rushed out on the road, in lantern in hand, prepared to run to Motz's Bank, as Woodward was then called, a distance of seven miles, to try and secure assistance. A party of woodsmen from Tylersville, as the east end of Motz's Bank was known, happened to be passing along, and they went back to the lonely cabin to help make the anchorite's last hours tolerable. "When I die," gaped the expiring philosopher, "I will live again as a tree. I will bear fruit just as in my life I sought to solve the mystery of the ages in my writings. I will linger in the Narrows where I spent the only happy days of my life."

Recently Mr. Hoffman located some of Hairy John's philosophical treatises, which show a deep learning, even if they come no nearer to solving the eternal mysteries than "The Bridge of San Luis Rey"—Henry W. Shoemaker in Altoona Tribune.

To Attend United Lutheran Church Convention at Erie.

The sixth annual convention of the United Lutheran Church in America to be held in Erie, October 9th to 13th, will have from among its 192 delegates representing this State, Revs. W. J. Wagner, Beaslyburg; John S. English, Pine Grove Mills, and A. H. Stover, Millheim.

This convention, which is the legislative body of the United Lutheran Church, is composed of 550 clerical and lay delegates from all parts of the United States and Canada, apportioned according to membership among the thirty-four district synods. These synods, with a total baptized membership of 1,555,545, are grouped in 5,416 congregations, served by 3,252 ordained pastors.

You Can Now Sit at Home and Still Go to the Movies.

"Going to the movies while sitting at home" doesn't sound possible does it? But it's true, for one of the recent triumphs of American engineering genius has been to send moving pictures over the radio and experiments which are now being made indicate that the radio transmission of motion pictures will soon be one of the commonplace things of our lives.

The process is not so complicated but that it can be understood by the layman and in this issue of The Centre Reporter there is an illustrated feature article by Elmo Scott Watson which tells how it is done. Look for the article "Going to the Movies While Sitting at Home" in this issue.

Voters Register in Centre.

Final returns from the registration assessors on the number of voters in Centre county were received by the county commissioners a short time ago and a compilation shows a total of 22,374. Of this number 11,342 are men and 11,032 women. Politically they are divided as follows:

	Men	Women
Republican	7016	6721
Democrats	4942	3788
Labor	5	
Socialist	26	9
Prohibition	80	195
Non-partisan	173	319
Totals	11342	11032

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One Chevy coach was crushed nearly a foot out of plumb by a falling garage wall—the radiator and hood were also "pushed over," but still it ran and everybody paused to smile as it went by. Many negroes had secured whatever vintage automobile vehicle was obtainable and are headed north with the most remarkable collections of furniture, bedding and picniconies.

On the whole, the spirit is not discouragement but an ardent desire to clean up and rebuild—to remove the marks of disaster as soon as possible.

Sincerely yours,
ERDMAN WEST.

OPPOSED TO KILLING DOES.

Spring Mills Rod and Gun Club Passes Measure to Furnish Landowners With Notices to Post Against Hunting for Doe Deer—Secretary Derworth Talks on State Forests.

A meeting of the Spring Mills Rod and Gun Club was held in the Vocational School building, Spring Mills, on Friday evening and it was largely attended by hunters and others from various sections of the district which includes Gregg and Potter townships and Centre Hall borough. There appeared to be a strong sentiment prevailing in opposition to the doe-killing ruling made by the State Game Commission, and that everyone who owned land in which doe deer might be found should be induced to post it forbidding the slaughter of does. To accomplish this the organization passed measures to furnish landowners free of cost the necessary posters, and a committee was appointed to make a proper distribution of them.

At the time of the destruction by fire of the Meyer garage, the organization's trap-shooting paraphernalia was destroyed, and it was agreed that a new trap be purchased.

After the routine business was transacted, the chairman, former sheriff A. B. Lee, announced an election officers would be held. This item of business was dispatched quickly by a motion to retain the present officers, as follows:

President, A. B. Lee; vice president, Miles Bressler; secretary, B. F. Kennelly.

The speaker of the evening was Charles E. Dorworth, head of the State Department of Forestry. He made an effort to impress upon the men before him the importance of such organizations; of its social and educational sides and the advantage over individuals when requests were made to the fish and game commission for stocking streams or the forests with fish or game, as the case may be. He urged that each member should feel a personal obligation to contribute labor and funds that they should become acquainted with the vast projects of the Forestry Department, and the transformation taking place to serve humanity.

Miles Barger, Guy Corman and Jacob Sharer were named a committee to secure a trap for blue-rock shooting, and Charles Zetter, Bruce Roseman and Harold Stover to secure posters for posting lands against the killing of doe deer.

S. S. District Convention, November 9.

A meeting of the officers of District No. 11 of the Centre County Sabbath School Association met in the Lutheran church on Monday evening to arrange for the fall district convention. It was decided to have the convention meet on Friday, November 9, in the Lutheran church in Centre Hall.

Another item of business to be transacted was to induce workers in the district to attend the State convention next week in Philadelphia.

Mrs. J. W. Decker and Mrs. John Meyer, of Spring Mills, were named delegates, and Mrs. R. S. Hagan, Centre Hall, an alternate.

Women Demand to Become Pastors.

A motion favoring the right of women to hold offices as pastors, deacons or elders in the Reformed church, was adopted at the closing session of the Women's Missionary Society of the United Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States in the First Reformed Church, in Lancaster.

Mrs. J. M. Mengel, of Reading, was chosen president and other officers were elected as follows: Vice presidents, Mrs. George W. Spotts, Telford, and Mrs. H. C. Stauffer, Harrisburg; recording secretary, Mrs. Fred W. Diehl, Danville; corresponding secretary, Miss Besie R. Shade, Royersford; statistical secretary, Mrs. Clarence Kelly, Steelton; treasurer, Mrs. L. A. Gass, and historian, Mrs. W. H. Mease, Bethlehem.

After the Does.

More than 50,000 special deer licenses already have been sold to hunters in Centre State, a number only slightly below the 56,000 regular licenses issued, the State Game Commission reported at the close of last week.

Twenty-two counties in the State have exhausted their supply.

Annual Meeting of Centre Co. Hospital

Next Monday evening at 8 o'clock, in the Court House, the annual meeting of the Centre County Hospital will be held. According to the constitution of the corporation, this is the meeting of the members of the hospital corporation, the members being all persons or firms who have during the year subscribed to the membership fund or donated to the hospital to the amount of one dollar or more. All such persons are entitled to vote at this meeting upon matters which may come before it.

Reports of the year's activities of the different departments of the organization will be read, including the Women's Auxiliary. At this meeting it will be necessary to elect five trustees to fill the expiring terms of five trustees of the Bellefonte district.

Attend Monday night's meeting and show your interest in your local institution. Learn some inside facts of its progress and the service it is rendering in the community. If you do not show interest in your hospital, you are hardly in position to appreciate its progress, its necessity to the community nor to criticize. Let's make it a large meeting.

Community Day at Spring Mills.

Friday, October 12, is Community Day at Spring Mills. Exhibits of fruit, garden products, poultry, grain, sewing, canned and baked goods will be displayed. In the afternoon there will be a poultry judging contest for men and a similar contest for women. A chicken supper will be served in the Vocational school building from 5 to 7 P. M. The evening program will consist of a one-act play entitled "Cabbages," and will be played by a group of High school students in the Grange hall.

The Spring Mills band will play at different events throughout the day and will be at the Grange hall in the evening.

The health program in the morning will be in the Grange hall at 10:00 o'clock. The grade children who are being trained by some of the senior Vocational girls and their instructor, are preparing this program. Several reels of motion pictures will be shown at the morning meeting.

H. G. Nisley, Assistant Director of Agriculture Extension at the Penna. State College, will speak in the Grange hall at 1:30 P. M., on a topic of interest to farmers as well as to other members of the community.

Athletic contests with Millheim High, and games and races for all, will be staged during the day.

Worthwhile prizes will be awarded to winners in the men and women judging contests, as well as to winners in the general exhibits. These prizes will be awarded in the Grange hall during the evening meeting.

Premium lists will be distributed throughout the various schools of the township this week, and they may also be secured at the Vocational school building. All rural schools in the township as well as the grade schools at Spring Mills are planning to exhibit.

Cars Collide at Colyer Farm.

A Dodge sedan and a Pontiac coupe collided on Route 45, to the front of the Colyer farm house, east of Old Fort, resulting in damage to wheels, fenders and running boards on both cars. When the cars came to a standstill each was on the left of the road, one on a fence and the other on to it. The Dodge was driven by J. A. Johnston, a Clearfield town salesman, and the Pontiac by Roy Noll, employed in the Bradford & Co. mill, here.

Caring for Unfortunates.

The Lutherans are but one of the large denominations in the United States but they spend about \$10,000,000 a year in helping so many people in so many different ways that it is vain to try to enumerate either the recipients of their aid or the methods by which it is extended. However, it is worth noting that according to the report that Dr. Wm. Freas, secretary of the Inner Mission Board of the United Lutheran Church, will make to the convention which meets at Erie, Pa., from October 9th to 17th, this one denomination maintains 331 institutions which care for about 448,000 dependents, invalids, orphans, children, the aged, and this is but a fraction of the vast number reached and helped by Lutheran congregations and mission agencies right here in America. About one-third of this work is done by the United Lutheran Church in America whose Synods extend from New England to the Rocky Mountains and from Manitoba to the tropic coast of the far South, even to the Virgin Islands.

The bean soup at McClure, on Saturday, was declared poor, fair and good, according to taste, by a goodly number from here to attend the gathering. The attendance was said to have been very large.

TYRONE-BELLEFONTE LINK IS UNDERWAY

Johnstown Firm to Do the Grading and Draining Between State College and Fairbrook.

Awarding of a contract for the grading and draining of the new section of the Bellefonte Central Railroad, between State College and Fairbrook, to James and Nicholson, Johnstown contracting firm, has been announced. When this work, extending over 5.4 miles, is completed, a connecting railroad link from Bellefonte to Tyrone will be established. For this reason the improvement is regarded as being of considerable importance. One advantage that it provides will be better freight accommodations to and from State College, it has been pointed out.

Following the granting to the Pennsylvania Railroad Company of permission to abandon its Fairbrook branch this line was acquired by the Bellefonte Central Railroad, officials of the latter having in mind a direct line from Bellefonte to Tyrone.

James & Nicholson were the low bidders among 11 companies that submitted estimates for the work, which embraces about 85,000 cubic yards of excavation and pipe drainage costing between \$5,000 and \$6,000. It is proposed to start the work immediately, material and equipment having been shipped from Johnstown. The contract will be carried out under the direction of G. R. Nicholson, who makes up the firm along with E. Arthur James. That the contractors have 60 working days in which to complete the project is cited in the agreement.

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS.

Gettysburg and Penn State football teams play at State College Saturday afternoon.

Prof. H. C. Rothrock deputy superintendent of schools in Centre county, visited the schools here on Friday.

Friday, October 12th, has been designated "Father's Day" at Penn State. The program will continue over Saturday.

Rev. E. E. Haney, of Grover, spent last Thursday with his sons, William H. and Joseph R. Haney, in Centre Hall.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Gross, son Frank and daughters Miriam and Elizabeth, spent a few days with an uncle of Mr. Gross, at Erie, returning home last Thursday. The trip was made by motor.

The notion that it is harmful to eat fish and drink milk together has no foundation, according to a statement issued by the Department of Agriculture. The idea that food must be removed from a can when opened is also declared a false idea.

County Treasurer L. L. Smith informs the Reporter that not one-half of the 13,100 doe licenses allotted to Centre county have been purchased, and that the licenses are on hand and his clerical force ready to serve hunters desiring to secure them.

A group of ten hunters in Mt. Carmel secured doe licenses with the view of protecting instead of slaughtering does. They have a camp and lands somewhere in Centre county wilds and propose posting their holdings to further aid them in the protection of female deer.

The Penn State Collegian, which now finds its way to the Reporter desk regularly, announces the Student Council has taken definite measures to prohibit posting stickers or seals bearing the college insignia, believing the use of them undesirable and not conducive to the welfare of the institution.

Hasten Long, of Millheim, whose truck collided with a car driven by Ralph W. Houser, a local High school boy, by a decision of the court last week was declared a reckless driver. The case had nothing to do with the damages inflicted on the occupants of the two cars or the cars themselves. The accident happened in Centre Hall last spring.

George W. Ocker, of Harrisburg, came up to visit with his many Lewisburg friends, remarks the Journal of that town. Mr. and Mrs. Ocker have just recently returned from a trip to the western coast where they attended the World Sunday School convention. They had a most delightful trip and enjoyed every minute of the time.

Paul E. Bradford and W. Frank Bradford advertise public sale of a number of grade Holstein cows and heifers, three pure-bred Holstein bulls; also, 50 shoats and two brood sows, at Old Fort farm, on Saturday, 27th. Posters and a more complete descriptive advertisement will appear later. An opportunity will be offered here to secure some high grade cattle and bulls fit to head a herd.

Another youth tried his hand at beating a Millheim bank by forgery. This time it was Stanley Gingery of Tyroneville, who presented a check of \$30.00 drawn on a Lock Haven bank to Adolph Abrahamson, a Millheim merchant, in payment for a purchase. The check bore the name of the young man's father, the payee being an alias. Gingery was recognized by Samuel Hubler, and when this was discovered the forger fled.

Matthew Daniel Poorman, a native of Potter township, was elected a member of the York council to fill a vacancy caused by death. Mr. Poorman, a bridge contractor, who went from here to York almost forty years ago, will hold office until November of next year under the election named. He will have charge of the department of streets and public improvements. He is a Democrat and was elected as such in 1900 to 1903 he held the office of Director of the Poor of York county, as a Democrat.

After living on St. Joseph Blitzer farm at Farmers Mills, for three years, Fred Slack will make sale of surplus cattle next spring and move back to the place he left. This farm now belongs to Mr. Slack's father, Charles W. Slack, of Centre Hall, but when the son moves out, he will be moving to his own farm, so the story goes and this story happens to be as near correct as can be told. Mr. Slack has made farming and cattle growing and milk producing a marked success. He adopted the Holstein breed some years ago and now has an unusually fine herd.

One of the seven candidates for President whose name will appear on the official ballot November 5th, spoke in Grange Arcadia several times some time ago. He was here with his wife and several others in the interest of temperance. Reference is made to William F. Varney, of Rockville Centre, N. Y., candidate of the Prohibition party. His running mate is Jas. A. Edgarton, of Alexandria, Virginia.

County Treasurer Lyman L. Smith is preparing to remove his family and household goods from Centre Hall to an apartment in the Cadillac building in Bellefonte, now occupied by Miss Verna Chambers.