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## 'SQUIRES' PROFITABLE BUSINESS.

### "Fining Squires" Got \$431,000 Illegally In Three Years, Is Charge by Pittsburgh Motor Club.

A total of \$431,000 has been pocketed or illegally turned over to municipalities by "fining squires" in Pennsylvania in the last three years, C. H. Roth, secretary of the Pittsburgh Motor Club, charged. The money was taken in fines from motorists, he said.

"We have made an investigation of the records at Harrisburg," Roth said, "and the \$431,000 is exclusive of amounts illegally collected in padded costs, and also of payments made by motorists for which no receipts were given and no records kept."

"It also is exclusive of huge sums diverted from the State Treasury yearly through the practice of imposing fines for disorderly conduct by the motor vehicle code. Disorderly conduct fines are not returnable to the State, and it is estimated that fining squires benefit to the extent of \$600,000 annually through the imposition of such fines."

## Rebersburg Organizes Ball Club.

At a special meeting held Friday evening, the Rebersburg Baseball Club was reorganized and the following officers were elected: President, P. C. Bierly; manager, R. W. Bierly; assistant manager, S. O. Millroy; captain, J. H. Wolfe; secretary, S. C. Bierly; treasurer, P. W. Bierly.

## CENTRE COUNTY HOSPITAL NOTES.

Harry Mills, 11 year old son of Harry Mills, of Bellefonte, was admitted on Monday of last week for surgical treatment, and was discharged on Thursday.

Mrs. Thomas Frank, of Millheim, was admitted on Monday as a surgical patient.

Mrs. John Hevelly, of Curtin township, was admitted on Monday to undergo surgical treatment.

Mr. and Mrs. John Burns of Spring township are receiving congratulations over the birth of a daughter born on Monday of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Simon, of Bellefonte, are the happy parents of a daughter, born on Tuesday of last week.

Miss Catherine Sellers, of Zanesville, Ohio, was discharged on Wednesday after having undergone surgical treatment.

Walter Parsons, young son of Walter Parsons, of State College, was discharged on Wednesday after having been a surgical patient.

Edward Gilliland, of State College, who had been a surgical patient, was discharged on Wednesday.

Thomas McClellan, of Fleming, was discharged on Tuesday after having undergone surgical treatment for several days.

Mrs. John Larimer and infant daughter were discharged on Wednesday.

Mrs. Richard Mabus and daughter, of Bellefonte, were discharged on Wednesday of last week.

Mrs. John Benner, of Bellefonte, was admitted on Wednesday for medical treatment.

Miss Julia Trostle, of Penna. Furnace, was admitted on Tuesday and was discharged on Saturday after having received surgical treatment. She is a daughter of Ernest Trostle.

Mrs. Charles Duck, of Madisonburg, was discharged on Thursday after having undergone surgical treatment.

Mrs. James Jury of Bellefonte, was discharged on Thursday after having been a surgical patient.

Anna Sunday, 12-year-old daughter of Harry Sunday, of Penna. Furnace, who has been a surgical patient, was discharged on Thursday.

Miss Rose Rowan, of Fleming, a medical patient, was discharged on Thursday.

John Patterson, 4-year-old son of John Patterson, of Boalsburg, was discharged on Thursday after undergoing surgical treatment.

James Haupt, of Bellefonte, was discharged on Saturday after having undergone surgical treatment.

Miss Mary Hoekman, of Zion, was admitted on Tuesday for surgical treatment.

Mrs. Linn McGlinchey, Jr., of Bellefonte, was admitted on Sunday for surgical treatment.

Mrs. J. C. Barnes, of Spring township, was admitted Sunday for surgical treatment.

Mrs. Tony Coco, of Bellefonte, was discharged on Saturday after undergoing surgical treatment.

Mrs. Thomas Frank of Millheim, was discharged on Sunday.

Harry Grove, of Marion township, was discharged on Saturday after having undergone treatment for injuries received last week in an automobile accident.

Harriet Alexander, 13-year-old daughter of Kyle Alexander, of Huston township, a surgical patient for the past seven weeks, was discharged on Saturday.

## COW TESTING ASSOCIATION AWARDS IN CENTRE COUNTY

### 19 Centre County Dairymen Receive Ribbons—Three Come to Local Men.

Awards have been received by county agent R. C. Blaney from the Pennsylvania Dairymen's Association for members in the Centre County Cow Testing Association who have had outstanding herd averages during the year of 1928. These ribbons are presented to members of Cow Testing Associations all over Pennsylvania on the following basis: Purple ribbons for those herds averaging 400 lbs. of butterfat per cow or better; blue ribbons for those averaging from 350 lbs. to 400 lbs. of butterfat, and red ribbons to those having herds averaging from 300 lbs. to 350 lbs. of butterfat per cow.

The Centre County Cow Testing Association No. 1 had a herd average last year including approximately 300 cows of 957 lbs. of milk, 340.7 lbs. of butterfat with an average return of \$135.67 above feed cost. The Centre County Cow Testing Association No. 2, with 108 cows had an average of 7997 lbs. of milk per cow and 319.5 lbs. of butterfat, with an average return above feed cost of \$121.24. This is the fifth year for the number one association and shows an average increase per cow in the association during the five-year period of 3310 lbs. of milk and 97 lbs. of butterfat and \$47.15 return above feed cost.

The following is a list of the men receiving these awards:

Purple Ribbons: Allen Harter, Bellefonte; A. C. Hartle & Bros., Bellefonte; J. Fred Slack, Centre Hall.

Blue Ribbons: J. V. Brungart, Rebersburg; Peters Bros., Port Matilda; W. C. Krape, Bellefonte.

Red Ribbons: Hugh Wilson, Warriors Mark; Paul Bradford, Centre Hall; Nolan Brothers, Nittany; John Dinkler, Minerva; Western Penitentiary, Bellefonte (R. D.); J. O. Miller, Pine Grove Mills; Epley White, Bellefonte; George M. Wilson, Bellefonte; Peck Bros., Nittany; Henry J. Stover, Aaronsburg; W. F. Rishel, Centre Hall; R. C. Blair, Smulton; F. S. Bowen, Bellefonte.

## HIGH PRICES AT SALES.

Auctioneer E. M. Smith makes the claim that he succeeded in obtaining the highest price for a team of horses, cow, calf, sheep, hog, and chicken, sold on the block at the public sales held in Centre county during the sale season just closed. The particulars sales are noted thus:

Dodds horse sale, a team of horses, \$670, R. E. Meeker, Holstein cow, \$315, and a nine-day-old calf by her side, \$37.50, making the total \$352.50. At the same sale an eight weeks old calf, \$46 F. O. Walker, brood sow, \$76, Fred Slack, five sheep at \$32.50 each, Plymouth Rock chickens, \$310.

That is a fine record for a young auctioneer.

## More Money for Vocational Schools.

Expenditures of at least \$45,784 additional for vocational education in Pennsylvania in 1929, and of twice that amount in 1931, was assured with the announcement of the Federal Board of Education of allocation by States of money provided under the Reed-George act.

This act, passed by the last Congress, makes \$500,000 available, beginning July 1, for the next fiscal year, and twice that sum for the following year.

The board has allocated \$22,892 to Pennsylvania for the coming fiscal year, and \$45,784 for the following fiscal year. Since this money will be matched, dollar for dollar, by State, county or municipal funds, the decision means that twice those sums will be spent in the State in the next two years.

Of the \$22,892 to Pennsylvania, \$7819 will go for agricultural education and \$15,073 for home economics education.

## Test 20,039 Cows in Keystone State.

Fifty-nine Keystone associations tested 20,039 cows during February, the Pennsylvania State College dairy extension service reports.

One cow in six gave over a half-ton of milk while one cow in nine produced more than 40 pounds of butterfat. Of the 1000-pound cows, 1489 gave more than 1200 pounds of milk, and 665 of the 40-pound fat producers exceeded the 50-pound mark.

Testing the largest number of cows, 526, was the Wayne association, Cumberland No. 1 had the largest number of 40-pound butterfat producers 102, and the greatest number of 1000-pound milkers, 146. During the month 189 cows were found to be unprofitable and were sold to the butchers.

## Recognizes Patronage.

The undersigned, who for three years conducted a general store at the Centre Hall railroad station, is appreciative of the continuous patronage offered him by the people of Centre Hall and environs, and takes this method of thanking them, and at the same time wishes his patrons success in whatever lines they may be engaged in.

We are justified at this time to recommend to the buying public our successor, George C. Johnson, who he believe fully capable of serving you in the future.

With the best wishes for all of you, customers and others, Very truly,

CHARLES CUPPLES.

March went out in a very decent way. The afternoon was very pleasant. Traffic was comparatively light.

## HORSE AND COW SALE

### FOOTS UP TO \$6734.00.

The Jodon Sale, on Friday, Largely Attended—One Team Sold for \$500, Five Others for \$100 and Over.

The T. E. Jodon horse and cow sale held at his sales stables at Pleasant Gap, on Friday, brought together buyers from about home and distant points. The attendance was large and bidding active. A detailed report by the clerk, C. D. Bartholomew, shows the figures the animals were sold for on the block by auctioneer E. M. Smith:

Horses and Mules:

C. R. Miller, Centre Hall (2) \$480.00  
 Cliff Vonada, Mackeyville (2) 485.00  
 J. P. Bloom, Ebensburg (2) 490.00  
 J. P. Bloom (1) 237.50  
 G. W. Grove, Coburn (2) 530.00  
 Harvey Miller, Tyrone (2) 520.00  
 L. L. Narehood, Clearfield (1) 250.00  
 N. Zimmerman, L. Haven (1) 227.50  
 N. Zimmerman (1) 185.00  
 D. H. Smith, Jersey Shore (2 mules) 400.00  
 Jas. Nyman, Howard (2 mules) 435.00  
 Frank Hall, Mill Hill (1) 194.00  
 Earl Armstrong (1) 163.00  
 R. L. Maps, Mill Hill (1) 135.00  
 Paul Hackman, Rebersburg (1) 175.00  
 L. R. McGill, Mackeyville (2) 300.00

Total .....\$5122.00

Cows:

C. L. Thompson, Salona, 1, \$170.00  
 Same 177.50  
 Same 152.50  
 Clarence Miller, Centre Hall, 1, 165.00  
 H. P. Carson, P. Mat., 1, 137.50  
 H. B. Walker, P. Mat., 1, 127.50  
 Jas. Briggs, Mill Hill (1), 125.00  
 L. L. Musser, Aaronsburg, 1, 133.00  
 H. L. Burris, Centre Hall, 1, 150.00  
 H. L. Burris, 1, 134.00  
 A. P. Rusnock, Snow S., 1, 160.00

Total .....\$1612.00

## Bald Eagle Road Improvement.

The State Highway between Millersburg and Mill Hill, known as Route 64, through Bald Eagle Valley is now on the primary system and it is the intention of the department to permanently improve the section within the width of fifty to sixty feet clearance. A section for a distance of four miles from Millersburg eastward will be constructed of concrete this summer, with the greater part of the same re-located so that in the four miles there will be no sharp turns and only half a dozen curves of any account. This will join up with a macadam surface built two years ago and extending to Besch Creek borough.

## Enlarging State Village.

A large laundry plant will be built at the Laurelton State Village, Union county. At present laundering is done under difficulties and a new building is greatly needed. It will be a two-story structure, stone construction and complete in every respect.

The Village is primarily for female defectives. It is crowded to capacity at present, there being more than 500 women under care. Ten buildings are occupied and two more are nearing completion. The women are sent there next few years and about two patients are sent back to their homes each month and the average age of the patients is 20 to 25 years.

In each building suitable entertainment is provided for leisure hours. Games are played, plays are given and motion pictures shown.

The institution is the largest of its kind in the State and has 1,000 acres of ground. Work on two projects which are abandoned during the winter has been started again on the building of a large dam for water supply and a sewage disposal system.

The Penna. Valley Ministerium met at the Evangelical parsonage, Centre Hall, Monday afternoon. A round table discussion of Easter services was presented by each pastor. The next meeting will be held Monday, May 6th, place to be announced later.

## THE TREND OF AGRICULTURE IN CENTRE COUNTY DURING PAST EIGHTY-FOUR YEARS

A marked increase in the production of potatoes, milk and eggs on Centre county farms during the past 40 years is revealed by statistics just compiled by the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture.

Rye, once an important crop in the county, is now being produced of a very small scale, while oats is increasing in importance as a grain crop and

Item	Unit	1844	1884	1924
Number of farms	.....	2,300	2,100	1,400
Improved land in farms	.....acres	114,200	148,700	146,300
Expenditure for fertilizer	.....	.....	\$27,700	\$100,100
Value of implements and machinery	.....	.....	\$165,200	\$461,600
Crop production:				
Corn	..... bus.	260,100	872,300	843,700
Wheat	..... bus.	373,600	442,400	360,700
Oats	..... bus.	207,400	382,900	692,100
Rye	..... bus.	125,000	38,000	9,400
Buckwheat	..... bus.	7,900	24,100	15,300
Potatoes	..... bus.	81,600	146,100	283,100
Hay	..... tons	14,900	35,500	45,600
Value of orchard products	.....	.....	\$90,500	\$53,700
Trees of bearing age				
Apple	.....	.....	99,000	17,400
Peach	.....	.....	6,100	12,800
Livestock numbers				
Horses	.....	4,900	8,300	6,200
Mules	.....	30	205	450
Milk cows	.....	5,800	8,700	12,600
Other cattle	.....	13,400	13,800	7,200
Sheep	.....	17,100	15,700	3,300
Pigs	.....	25,100	21,300	17,100
Chickens	.....	.....	97,600	180,100
Eggs produced	..... doz.	.....	484,400	886,500
Milk produced	..... gals.	.....	3,546,100	5,894,900
Butter made on farms	..... lbs.	414,700	757,700	314,800

## JUNIATA COUNTY FIRE

### BUG CONFESSES; JAILED

Burned Five Barns Valued at \$56,000—Barred Matches, Covered With Cheese, or Tied to Bone in Straw Mows.

Chayne Bender, aged twenty years, confessed to having fired five barns in Juniata county, the total loss of which is estimated at \$56,000. He is in the Juniata county jail. Young Bender was one of a threshing crew last fall that threshed the crops in the barns that were later destroyed by fire. He employed a method all his own.

According to his confession, while employed as a helper during the threshing season late last September and early in October, first wife the W. B. Honey Grove and later with the Edgar Eick outfit of Eick Station, he carried packs of matches covered with cheese or meat fat.

These he left in the straw mows in which he worked in the hope that within a week or two rats, driven from the fields to the barns by cold weather, would find and gnaw at the cheese and meat covering the match heads, thus firing the matches and setting the barns on fire.

He left packs of matches so covered in the straw mows of the five barns burned and also in the straw mows in the barns of Mark Stitt and Mrs. Johanna Noss. In those two barns the packs of matches were found before rats or mice had found them. At one of the two barns unburned rats had already begun to gnaw at a bone to which the matches were tied.

According to his confession he attended every fire in the role of a spectator, alarmed when fire engines from the various towns went madly dashing to the blazes.

He intended to fire only seven barns. The barns to which Bender confessed firing were those of Izak Book, \$5,000; Ray Armstrong, \$10,000; Carl Meford, \$10,000; R. Bruce Robinson, \$25,000; and C. C. Meninger, \$8,000.

## Local Minister Performs Three Weddings at Easter-Tide.

The Easter-tide is always a busy season for ministers, but Rev. D. R. Keener found it unusually so when three weddings claimed attention on his calendar.

**Grove-Lingle.**  
 On Saturday evening at 7:30 o'clock at the parsonage, Melvin H. Grove, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Grove, of Spring Mills, was united in marriage with Miss Grace E. Lingle, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Lingle, also of Spring Mills.

**Ritter-Miller.**  
 On Easter morning at 8:00 o'clock, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William H. Ressler, of Spring Mills, Justin T. Ritter, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Ritter, of Milton, was married to Miss Grace I. Miller, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Miller, also of Milton. They were attended by Paul Miller, brother of bride, as best man, and Miss Lena A. Bressler, cousin of the bride, as bridesmaid.

**Decker-Hettingler.**  
 On Easter evening at 8:00 o'clock, at the parsonage, Miles P. Decker, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Decker, of Centre Hall, and Miss Kathryn I. Hettingler, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Hettingler, of Farmers Mills, were united in marriage.

The beautiful ring ceremony was used in the solemnization. The best wishes of the many friends of these three couples go with them to their new homes and comradeships.

Women are gradually increasing in numbers in the teaching profession, and in 1928 almost eighty per cent of the teachers in Pennsylvania were women. The number was 47,629 women and 2,032 men. In 1838 there were 4,758 men and 1,974 women in the profession. Since the Civil War the percentage of women has been larger than men.

## D. A. Boozer Retires.

### After a continuous successful business career in Centre Hall for a period of forty-four years, D. A. Boozer retired on Monday at which time his son, J. Shannon Boozer, became his successor.

In 1885 Mr. Boozer purchased the saddle business from his brother, the late Henry Boozer. The harness shop was then on the second floor of the meat market building, which at that time stood alone. Later, in 1930, as his business grew, the shop was moved to where the hotel restaurant is now located. The hotel stable was also leased, and there a livery business was opened. The two lines of business were conducted jointly until the automobile age arrived, when his judgment foretold the doom of the horse as the power for transportation. The livery was sold, and a sub-agency for the sale of automobiles—first the Ford and later the Dodge cars—was established and continued for some years. In 1913 his present place of business was made into a show room. On abandoning the automobile sales agency, he continued to add to the auto accessories, oils, gas, etc., enlarging his area each year. He installed the first gas pump in town.

From a very small beginning in all lines, Mr. Boozer gradually expanded. During the past twelve to fifteen years his business has been one of the most profitable in the town. His first principle in business was to discount all bills. This enabled him to buy at the best price and from the best houses. This rule, never violated, brought a return much greater than the actual discount and made the salesman on the road diligently seek his trade.

The new proprietor has been with his father for five years, and for the past few years did most of the buying. The business will be continued in a general way as heretofore, all the lines of goods now handled will be kept replenished. The harness repair feature, however will be entirely dispensed with.

**Runkle Property Sold.**  
 Although the exact consideration named in the sale of the L. E. Runkle property in Centre Hall to Edgar Miller has not been made public, the figure is said to have been slightly below or above \$4000. The home was put up at public sale and was bid up to \$3600. That figure was not accepted, hence the private sale a few days later.

And now the wonder is, does the purchasing of the home by this young single man, the all round man at the Goodhart furniture and undertaking establishment, mean anything more than an investment? Mr. Miller might impart the information, if he is asked, but the question was not put to him by this paragrapher.

**The Floor in First National.**  
 The local First National Bank floor was improved by laying on the old hardwood floor Super-Co tile flooring, manufactured and laid by the Williamsport Building Products Company, Williamsport. The original floor was first covered with Homosote board and then with saturated felt and to this was cemented the six-inch tiles. The effect is very pretty and its durability is guaranteed.

The floor was laid by Paul R. Ulmer, a representative of the company, and a helper.

**Bill to Tax Interstate Buses.**  
 A proposal to impose an excise tax of 2 cents a mile on interstate motor buses was made in the House, at Harrisburg.

Representative Wilson, of McKean, introduced the bill, which would raise several millions of dollars every biennium.

Under its provisions all companies operating within Pennsylvania as interstate carriers would be required to submit an annual report before March 1 of each year reciting the number of miles traveled by their buses in this State. The act would become operative upon signature of the Governor.

Representative Wilson said that in his opinion the proposed tax is constitutional and that "it will be put through."

**Hospital Receives Easter Donations.**  
 The following Easter donations have been received by the Centre County Hospital. The Hospital deeply appreciates these very generous offerings and wishes to thank the associations sending them:

From the public schools—20 jars conserves and jellies, 21 qts. cherries, 9 qts. peaches, 4 qts. quinces, 6 qts. pears, 5 qts. tomatoes, 2 qts. pickles, 1 qt. raspberries, 3 qts. string beans, 5 qts. corn, 9 qts. peas, 2 qts. hominy, 2 qts. pineapples, 1 lb. white grapes, 2 qts. lima beans, 3 qts. pork and beans, 2 qts. asparagus.

From the W. C. T. U.—6 bureau scarves, 2 doz. pillow cases, 6 face towels, 6 bath towels, 9 sheets.

The Guild of St. John's Episcopal Church—1 basket containing layette of 2 doz. baby bands, 4 wash cloths, 6 cakes baby soap, 1 doz. baby shirts, 150 safety pins, 4 blankets, 5 dozen diapers, 24 dresses.

The Ladies' Aid Society of the Presbyterian Church—24 baby dresses, 24 baby skirts, 7 bu. potatoes, 6 bu. apples, 13 dozen eggs, 8 lbs. sugar, 4 heads cabbage, 1 lb. rolled oats, 3 boxes shredded wheat, 2 boxes corn flakes, 1 lb. prunes, 2 pkg. pie filling, 1 lb. rice, 1 lb. tapioca, 6 lbs. macaroni, 2 pkg. spaghetti, 1 pkg. noodles, 2 pkg. cornstarch, 2 cans tomato soup, 4 doz. oranges.

The Homan Motor Company here had overhead doors installed at their garage supplanting the old style of door carried on a track. The door was furnished by the Overhead Door Company, of Lewistown, and was installed by their installation men, A. R. Minnier and Gerald McElhenry. Outside of the great convenience over other styles of doors, the new overhead presents a very pleasing appearance on the outside.

A special election will be held in Miles township on Saturday, April 27, for the purpose of voting on a bond issue of \$16,000 with which to increase their school facilities. Miles township has no indebtedness and since the required amount is almost 34 per cent of their assessed valuation, the loan must be made through the issuance of bonds. However, the amount involved does not represent an insurmountable obstacle and will probably be authorized with little opposition. Miles township folks are to be commended for their efforts toward better schools.

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 While on their way to Centre Hall to install a tile floor in the First National Bank, on Monday, Messrs. Paul L. Ulmer and a workman narrowly escaped being crushed by the fall of a telephone pole. While driving on the State highway, about a mile below Hecla Park, a pole on the Nittany Telephone Company line fell, striking the Chrysler sedan they were driving. The left front fender and radiator were damaged.

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