



### SEMINARY MERGER VOTED DOWN

Susquehanna Synod, First to Act, Declines to Approve Plan, Although Trustees Favor It—Will Raise \$20,000 for \$100,000 Church at State College.

The proposed merger of the three united Lutheran seminaries in eastern Pennsylvania—Mt. Airy at Philadelphia, Gettysburg at Gettysburg and Susquehanna at Selinsgrove into one large seminary to be located within twenty miles of the city hall of Philadelphia, created a great deal of discussion at the sessions of the Susquehanna Synod of Central Pennsylvania in convention in Trinity church, Selinsgrove.

The opposition led by Rev. Jacob Diehl, D. D., of Selinsgrove, contended that the Susquehanna Synod was not prepared to pass favorable action on the merger at this session, because of the lack of information available, the increased expense involved in the building and maintenance of the new seminary to be located at Philadelphia, a possible decrease in the number of students preparing for the ministry, and the removal of three seminaries well established, which are meeting the needs of the churches of the constituent synods which they serve.

The supporters of the proposed merger led by Rev. G. Morris Smith, D. D., president of Susquehanna university, urged its ratification by the synod on the grounds that favorable action has been passed on the merger by the boards of the three seminaries involved; that it has the approval of the United Lutheran church at its last two biennial conventions at Richmond, Va. and Erie; that such a seminary as contemplated would result in a better equipped and more efficient school for the training of Lutheran ministers and that it would result in creating closer harmony and unity among the ten eastern synods of the United Lutheran church.

Among those who spoke against ratifying the merger were Rev. W. E. Fischer, D. D., of Shamokin; Rev. F. P. Maxart, D. D., of Selinsgrove, and Senator Benjamin Apples, of Sunbury. Among those who spoke in favor of the project were Rev. Norman Wolf, D. D., of Bloomsburg; Dan Smith, Jr., of Williamsport; and Rev. John Aberly, D. D., president of the Gettysburg Theological seminary.

Rev. George W. Nicely, D. D., of Williamsport, made a motion which was seconded and carried that the president, Dr. John Wagner, of Hazleton, appoint a committee of seven members, four of whom are to be ministers and three laymen, who should confer and present suitable resolutions to be presented at the session of synod.

The resolution adopted declared "it is evident such a merger would not receive the degree of unanimity necessary for a happy consummation of such a momentous project."

On a motion by Rev. Norman Wolf, D. D., of Bloomsburg, which was seconded and carried, Susquehanna Synod voted to raise \$20,000 of the \$100,000 asked by the constituent synods for the erection of a large Lutheran church building at State College.

The amount is to be raised in conjunction with the financial campaign to be launched by Susquehanna University in 1930.

The convention closed with a banquet in Zion Lutheran church, Sunbury.

### SMITH-FLORAY.

Albert I. Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert I. Smith, of Centre Hall, and Miss Susan Pearl Floray, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank P. Floray, south of town, were united in marriage in Lewisburg, on Saturday a week. The marriage ceremony was performed by Rev. Walter J. Dice, pastor of the Evangelical church, Lewisburg. The couple had been guests of the groom's sister, Mrs. Roy Bayliffe, from where they went to the marriage altar. Before returning home here Mr. and Mrs. Smith drove to Park Place, Schuylkill county.

### COBLE-ISHLER.

On Saturday evening at 8:00 o'clock at the Reformed parsonage, Calvin E. Coble, son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Coble, of Linden Hall, and Miss Esther A. Ishler, daughter of William Ishler, of Colver, were united in marriage by Rev. Delas R. Keener. The friends of the couple showered best wishes.

### Benefits Former Teachers.

A measure which received the official approval of Governor Fisher will be of much interest to a number of former public school teachers, who benefit by its enactment. It authorizes payment of pensions to teachers who reached retirement age before the original pension act was made effective in 1919.

The bill was presented before the legislature carrying the approval of the Pennsylvania Education Association, which had also rendered a measure appropriating \$150,000 for payment of the pensions. While Governor Fisher approved the payment of pensions to the former teachers he was of the opinion that the sum which the legislature voted was too large and he therefore reduced it to the extent of \$50,000, thus leaving \$100,000 available for pension purposes.

### Notice.

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### MAY COURT IN SESSION.

[Reported by S. D. Gettig, Esq.]

Court convened on Thursday morning, May 16th, to take pleas of guilty and hear desertion and non-support cases.

The first case taken up was Commonwealth vs. Kenneth H. Saylor, charged with desertion and non-support of wife and child. Prosecutrix, Gladys F. Saylor. Order of the Court for the defendant to pay the costs of prosecution and the sum of \$35.00 per month.

Comm. vs. Floyd Boone, charged with desertion and non-support; prosecutrix, Lulu A. Boone. Cause dismissed.

Comm. vs. Frank R. Strickler, charged with desertion of four children, in Harris township. Prosecutrix, Elizabeth Strickler. Order of the Court to pay the costs of prosecution and \$25 per month to the probation officer for his four children.

Comm. vs. Ambrose Pisky, charged with possession of intoxicating liquor for beverage purposes. Prosecutrix Leo Boden, county detective. The defendant pleaded guilty, sentenced to pay the costs of prosecution, fine of \$50.00 and put under probation for a period of three years.

Comm. vs. Wm. H. Turner, charged with desertion of wife prosecutrix, Jessie R. Turner. Order of the Court to pay the costs of prosecution and \$25 per month to the probation officer.

Comm. vs. Russel E. Cable, charged with desertion and non-support; prosecutrix, Hazel E. Cable. Desertion of wife and three children. Order of Court to pay costs of prosecution and the sum of \$25 per month to the probation officer.

Comm. vs. Herbert J. Justice, charged with desertion and non-support; prosecutrix, Elizabeth Justice. The parties settled and the county was directed to pay the costs.

Comm. vs. Mack G. McCracken; breaking, entering and larceny. Prosecutrix, Harry Dukeman. This is one of the men who broke into the Elk's Club in Bellefonte more than a year ago and robbing the club of the cash in the register and the steward's tools. The defendant pleaded guilty and was sentenced to not less than two years nor more than four years in the penitentiary, and pay the costs and \$1.00 fine.

The parties who broke into the Elk's Club were sentenced at Williamsport some time ago and Mr. McCracken's time had expired and he was brought here on a detainer lodged with the officials of the Eastern Penitentiary at Philadelphia, having served one year in said institution. The other defendants will be brought to Centre county on the completion of their respective terms of service.

Comm. vs. Mode Auman and Newton Lingle. Charged with breaking and entering. Prosecutrix, Walter Powell, State Police. Ten indictments have been returned against these men for breaking and entering hunting camps in the Seven Mountains. These two men appeared before the Court and raised the legal question for the Court to pass on, which questions apply to all of the ten indictments, and after the motion by the counsel for the defendant to quash the indictments for the legal reasons given, the Court held the matter under consideration until Monday, May 20th.

The following camps were robbed and constituted the ten indictments: Lamar Hunting Camp, Elysburg Rod and Gun Club, The Little Poe Rod and Gun Club, The Millburg Log Cabin Club, The Sunset Club, The Rebersburg Camp, The Lost Creek Camp, The Shamokin Gun Club, The Mohawk Rod and Gun Club, Manor Camp.

Comm. vs. Joseph Kochik, indicted for illegal possession of intoxicating liquor; prosecutrix, Leo Boden, county detective. The defendant appeared in open court and pleaded guilty, was sentenced to pay the costs, a fine of \$200 and undergo imprisonment in the county jail for a period of 30 days.

Comm. vs. Sophia Puhalla, indicted for manufacturing and being in possession of intoxicating liquor; prosecutrix, Leo Boden. This individual is past 69 years of age, and was sentenced to pay the costs of prosecution, fine of \$100 and put under probation for period of three years owing to her age and want of proper place to imprison a person of this age.

Comm. vs. John Kelley. Three indictments: one for carrying concealed weapons, one for pointing a deadly weapon at an individual, and one for attempting to discharge the weapon. Prosecutrix, Merrill Pletcher. Sentence suspended on the first count; on the second count sentenced to pay costs of prosecution, fine of \$1.00 and not less than six months nor more than one year in Western penitentiary; on third count sentenced to pay costs of prosecution, fine of \$1.00 and not less than six months nor more than one year in the Western penitentiary.

Comm. vs. Charles Probst, charged with desertion and non-support. Prosecutrix, Mary Probst. Court ordered defendant to pay costs of prosecution and pay to the prosecutrix, his wife, sum of \$25.00 per month.

Comm. vs. Ruth Estler Barner, charged with a statutory offense; prosecutrix, Roy Wilkinson. Desertion and non-support. The defendant pleaded guilty and was sentenced to the Home at Muncy for an indefinite period.

Comm. vs. Earl Waite, charged with contempt of court; prosecutrix, J. L. Trestle. Cause ordered to be placed upon the Argument List in June.

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### CENTRE COUNTY HOSPITAL NOTES.

Mrs. Charles Dianck, of Pine Grove Mills, was admitted on Monday for surgical treatment.

Philip McCandless, of Philadelphia, a student at Penn State, who had been a surgical patient for the past seventeen days, was discharged on Monday.

Mary Justice, of Coleville, a surgical patient for the past four weeks, was discharged on Monday.

Mrs. Sarah Heaton and infant, of Marion township, were discharged on Tuesday.

Clara Love, a student nurse at the Hospital, who had been a medical patient, was discharged on Wednesday.

Mrs. Ida Shope, wife of Charles Shope, of Boggs township, who had been a medical patient, died on Wednesday.

Lavinia Jean Unger, 9-year-old daughter of Edward Unger, of Bellefonte, was discharged on Wednesday after having been a surgical patient at the Hospital.

Mrs. George Neff, of Pleasant Gap, a medical patient, was admitted on Tuesday.

Mrs. Russell Rider, of Bellefonte, was admitted on Tuesday for medical treatment and was discharged on Sunday.

Mrs. Burlin Collocat, of Kenner township, was admitted on Wednesday for surgical treatment.

Charles Tibbens, of Spring township, is a surgical patient, having been admitted on Wednesday of last week.

Mrs. John Meyers, of State College, became a surgical patient on Thursday.

Raymond Martin, of State College, who had been a medical patient, was discharged on Thursday.

Freda Hendershot, of State College, was discharged on Thursday after having undergone medical treatment.

Philip E. Grenoble, of State College, a surgical patient for the past two weeks, was discharged on Saturday.

Mrs. Samuel Zertzy, of Bellefonte, a surgical patient, was discharged on Saturday.

Clyde Fishburn of State College, was admitted on Saturday for surgical treatment.

John Horner, of Eska, a student at Penn State, was admitted on Sunday for surgical treatment.

Frank P. Parks, of Bellefonte, was admitted on Monday for surgical treatment.

Mrs. Raymond Wescher and infant daughter, of New Castle, were discharged on Monday.

There were twenty-seven patients in the Hospital at the beginning of this week.

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Comm. vs. John Smay, indicted first count sale and possession of intoxicating liquor; second count, for possession of intoxicating liquor for beverage purposes. Defendant pleaded guilty, was sentenced to pay costs of prosecution, fine of \$75.00, and two years in the county jail.

Comm. vs. Mary C. Watson, indicted for assault and battery; prosecutrix, Ira Veldhorst. This case is from Burdise township and grows out of an altercation on the third day of May between the tax collector and the defendant, when the tax collector went to the premises of the defendant to levy on her personal property for taxes. Verdict Tuesday morning of guilty of assault. Fine of \$50 and costs, probation for one year and to arrange unpaid fine for former conviction as a common scold.

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### LOCAL HIGH SCHOOL WILL GRADUATE CLASS OF 18

Dr. J. H. Frizell, of State College, to Be Speaker—Exercises to Be Held in Auditorium, Grange Park.

The program of activities incident to commencement at Centre Hall High school are as follows:

Excellence services will be held in the Reformed church on Sunday, evening May 26th, at 7:30; sermon by Rev. J. M. Kirkpatrick.

The program for both class night, Tuesday, May 28th, and Commencement, Wednesday, May 29, represent something of a departure from similar programs of previous years. Part one of the Class Night program consists of the usual class parts and songs by the Seniors. At 10:15 time the class gift to the school will be presented by the president, Dorothy Garbrick.

Part two is a pageant, "The Altar Flame" which portrays the Spirit of the School, showing to the Spirit of the Community by means of symbolic characters, the history of education, the part education plays in community life, and the activities of our school. All the pupils in High school participate in the pageant cast or in the chorals, but the arrangement, staging, costuming, and directing are all done by the Seniors as an English project. The committees are:

Properties—William McCormick and Kathryn Goodhart Stage—Eugene Golyer Robert McCenahan, Mykes McClellan, Lighting—Bruce Knary and Russell Colyer. Costumes—Dorothy Emrick, Bertha Sharer, Celia Delaney. Music—Myra Spyster.

The complete program for Class Night follows:

Part I.  
Song, "Nonopolitan Nights".....Class '29  
Song, "Fisher Boats".....Class '29  
Will and Presentation of Gifts.....  
Sara Runkle, Gladys Heckman  
Song, "By the Mississippi".....Class '29  
Song, "The Mississippi".....Class '29  
Prophecy.....Emily Flory  
Song, "The Soldier".....Quartette of '29  
There will be a ten-minute intermission between Parts I and II.

Part II.  
Pageant, "The Altar Flame".....School  
Commencement Night, the salutatory will be given by William McCormick and the valedictory by Myra Spyster. Dr. J. H. Frizell of the English Department of Penn State will deliver the address. Commencement music is by a High school chorus with Helen Oshkirk, 31, accompanist.

Commencement decorations will be planned and executed by the Junior class. The decorating committee, representing both classes, is: Bruce Sharer '29, Paul Palmer '29, John Wert, Jr. '30, Evelyn Bradford '30, Ruth Noll '30.

Program for Commencement follows:

Song, "The Spring".....Chorus  
Invocation.....D. R. Keener  
Salutatory.....William McCoy mick  
Song, "Old Folks at Home".....Chorus  
Address.....Dr. J. H. Frizell  
Song, "Mountain Stream".....Chorus  
Valedictory.....Myra Spyster  
Song, "Our Pledging Time".....Chorus  
Presentation of Diplomas.  
Benediction.....Rev. W. E. Smith  
Chorus—Laura Smith '30, Wilma Allen '30, Edna Cummings '30, Mary Reber '31, Wanda Brown '31, Sara Smith '31, Margaret Delaney '31, Marion Smith '32, John Wert, Jr. '30, Richard Balley '31, Paul Marx '32, James Lutz '32, Benjamin Gentsel '32, Chester Wagner '32, William Dasher '32.

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### \$2000 SALARY INCREASE FOR JUDGE FLEMING

Under a law signed by Governor Fisher appropriating \$676,000 for the coming two years to be added to the compensation received by Pennsylvania jurists, Judge M. Ward Fleming will receive an increase of \$2,000, or \$9,000 per year. The increase will be effective at once.

### Will Build Rendering Plant.

Two Wilkes-Barre gentlemen—E. C. and J. G. Vogt—will locate here and will build a rendering plant on a parcel of ground purchased from Robert W. Bloom, west of town. The site is located on the south slope of Nitany Mountain, about two miles west of town, a short distance east of the Black Hawk road leading over the mountain, and is locally known as the gravel pit.

The process is known as "cooking," but if the venture proves sufficiently profitable the "roaster" system, a most modern way, will be installed. The men are fully acquainted with the business. The site of the plant is located where it is felt sure it will not be objectionable.

The former Mr. Vogt will occupy a part of the Lambert house, and will come here this week.

### Potter Twp. Elects Teachers.

The Potter township school board, the latter part of last week, elected teachers for the ten schools in the district:

Potters Mills—Mrs. Mary Foust, and Bessie Zorby.  
Centre Hill—Bertha MillerHaskell.  
Earlstown—Ellen Burkholder.  
Manor—Vesta Blausner.  
Pine Stamp—Lilae Brooks.  
Tusseyville—Frances Brooks.  
Pum Grove—Tacy Smith.  
Tussey Slick—Sarah Sweeney.  
Colyer—George Sweeney.

Other business transacted was the election of George H. McCormick as a member of the board to succeed Wellington Yearick, who moved from the district in April.

### Hunters Buy Long Place.

A group of Johnstown hunters, organized as a hunting club, purchased the property owned by the late Susan Stoner at an administrator's sale on Saturday. The property consists of a house, stable, etc., and five and one-half acres of land and is located in Potter township, east of Colyer, close to choice game fields in Seven Mountains. The price paid was \$480.00.

### Aaronsburg H. S. Commencement.

The Aaronsburg High school will graduate nine girls and four boys at the commencement exercises to be held 8:30 (Thursday) evening. The speaker will be Dr. Robert C. Shaw, deputy superintendent of public instruction. The young people graduating are: Viola Harter, who will give the salutatory address; Ray Hazel, class historian; Marian Hosterman, Helen Cobbe, Mary Stover, Edith Pressler, Robert Ard, Grace Acker, Madeline Wert, Mae Stover, John Bechtel, Edward Kern, Elva Winklebtech, valedictorian.

### Local Girl Honor Student at Penn State.

Miss Agnes Geary, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. P. Geary, of Centre Hall and a senior at Penn State, has been elected Post, one of the six honors positions of the college. In June, Miss Geary is Women's editor of the Collegian. She is a member of Archonah and Alpha Omicron Pi sorority, and also is president of Kappa Delta Pi, honorary education society, and vice-president of Beta Chi Phi, honorary science society. She has taken active parts in the Women's Student Government Association, serving on the senate for two years, and in Y. W. C. A. work.

### The "Wheeler Road Act"

Last week mention was made in these columns calling attention to the disposition of \$400,000 of road funds due Centre county. This sum becomes available under the "Wheeler Road Act," and is a part of the \$23,000,000 that act provides to be allotted to all counties in the ratio of improved roads on the system to the total mileage of the system. No county may receive more than \$600,000, while the minimum is fixed at \$200,000. Thus every county will benefit under the terms of this act.

### Buy and Wear a Poppy.

Through the A. L. A., State College, Centre Hall will be canvassed for the sale of poppies. "Buy a poppy; buy me—I stand for service; wear me, for I am a memorial for all." The sale will begin Friday of next week.

### League Milk Price.

A net pool price of \$2.61 per hundred pounds for 3.5 milk at the 201-210 milk zone will be paid members of the Dairyman's League Cooperative Association, Inc., for their April milk, according to an announcement from League headquarters.

This is 36 cents per 100 pounds higher than was paid for April milk in 1928, and 17 cents above the return of April, 1927. Last month's price is also 45 cents above the average for the seven years of the pool operation.

Saturday evening, June 8th, is the time set for holding of festival by the Centre Hall baseball club. The Spring Mills band has been engaged for the occasion.

### TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS.

B. Gardner Grove and Frank D. Lee are painting the exterior of their homes.

While working on the Harter Bros. lumber operations near Tylersville, a log rolled on W. J. Throssel's foot and broke a toe.

White lines and railroad and road crossing signs are being painted on the State road through town. Workmen are also doing patch-work within the borough limits.

The Ladies' A.M. society of the Evangelical church of Spring Mills will hold a festival at that place on the Vocational school grounds on Thursday evening, May 10.

At the Sunday morning service in the Lutheran church, Rev. S. P. Greenhoe will give a report on the work of the Susquehanna Synod meeting held at Selinsgrove last week.

Beginning last Thursday most of the Milheim stores will close at noon on that day, remaining closed the balance of the day. The same closing schedule will be observed until fall.

Thirty-seven Lutherans from town and nearby, on Thursday evening, attended a banquet in Zion Lutheran church, Sunbury. The trip from here was made in one of the Johnson busses.

The Centre Hall High School Alumni Association will give a reception to the graduating class, Friday evening of next week, in the High school building. All members of the association are urged to be present.

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Kerlin, on Monday morning, returned from St. Petersburg, Florida, where they had been living in their home since early last fall. They came to Sunbury Saturday evening and remained there over Sunday.

The Gregg Township Vocational School, under the direction of John Decker, disposed of a large quantity of tomato, cabbage, celery, pepper and other plants. The supply was large but the demand for the strong and vigorous plants could not be met.

Miss Rebecca Derstine returned to Muncy, on Friday, where she is engaged as housekeeper for her brother, Rev. M. S. Derstine. While here she became ill and on recovering her sister, Mrs. John H. Puff, suffered a severe attack of rheumatism. Both are now nearly or altogether normal.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee R. Markle, their son, John Thomas Markle, and bride of a few months all of Altoona, motored to Centre Hall on Friday to attend the funeral of James Wesley Mowery, a young apprentice on the U. S. Ship Richmond who was killed in a motor-cycle accident on the highway between New York and Philadelphia.

Mrs. Keener Runkle, of Williamsport, has been a guest of Miss Laura Runkle, in town, for several weeks past, and will continue to remain with her during the summer months. Mrs. Sallie Slick, mother of Mrs. Runkle, who had also been Miss Runkle's guest for a week or more, on Sunday returned to her home in West Chester.

A Studebaker touring car driven by George Seaton, of Centre Hall and a Buick touring car driven by C. A. Bonine, of State College, on Friday morning collided at a point opposite the Hagans Garage here, with more or less damage to both cars. A gas pump was also put out of commission, one of the cars striking and leveling it. Mr. Seaton was traveling north with the Hagans Garage as his destination. The other party was going through southward.

Charles Tibbens, a husky sixteen-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Tibbens, east of Pleasant Gap, and grandson of Frank D. Lee, of town, underwent a successful operation for appendicitis in the Centre County Hospital, Wednesday evening of last week. He is a High school student at Pleasant Gap, and became ill when at school. He went to Bellefonte to consult a physician who advised him to return home at once, which he did. His condition became worse and a trip to the hospital and operation followed.

The Milheim Journal makes this reference to one of Milheim's business men and one long prominent in baseball circles: Paul Musser, of the Milheim Motor Co. departed last Friday for Des Moines, Ia., where it is expected he can slide his cloak of single blessedness and took unto himself a wife. They expect to bridge the thousand miles or so between here and there by motor. When they'll arrive here is problematical and will depend largely on when they start, their traveling speed and due consideration of the vagaries of