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SUNDAY CHURCH SERVICES
PENNS VALLEY LUTHERAN CHURCH
(Rev. S. F. Greenhoe, Pastor.)
The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be administered at—
Farmers Mills—10:30 A. M.
Every member present at the Lord's Table. Do not forget your Sel-Denial Offering envelopes.
Preaching services at—
Centre Hall, 2:30 P. M.
Georges Valley, 7:30 P. M.
Let every member bring his Sel-Denial Offering.

CENTRE HALL REFORMED CHURCH
(Rev. Delas R. Keener, Pastor)
Centre Hall—
9:30—Sunday School.
10:30—Holy Communion Service.
Friday evening at 7:30, Preparatory Service.
Tusseyville—
9:00 Church Services
10:00 Sunday School.

EVANGELICAL
(Rev. W. E. Smith, Pastor.)
Bethesda—10:30 A. M.
Locust Grove—2:30 P. M.
Spring Mills, 7:10 P. M.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL
Rev. H. A. Pryn, Pastor.
Centre Hall—9:30, morning worship; 10:30, Sunday School.
Strucktown—10:00, Sunday School; 11:00, morning worship.
Spring Mills—S. S. 9:30; public worship at 7:30 P. M.

FORGER AND IMPERSONATOR
COMES TO GRIEF
Landen Shreckengast, of Loganton, Offers Forged Check to Be Cashed at Penns Valley Bank—Later Tries to Deal for a Car at Homan Garage, Offering Same Check in Sum of \$550—Second Forged Check Offered in Rebersburg Bank.

Passing forged checks in Centre Hall and Rebersburg proved more difficult than was anticipated by Landen Shreckengast, of near Loganton. He is now in the Centre county jail, having failed to secure bail in the sum of \$1,000 asked by Justice Jamison, Spring Mills, before whom the forgeries and impersonation were acknowledged at a hearing on Tuesday afternoon.

Here is the story of the case: Landen Shreckengast, employed for three weeks by Lewis Bechtol, on the Fisher farm near Penn Hall, on Saturday evening, offered a check in the sum of \$500.00 to be cashed at the Penns Valley bank. The check was drawn in favor of Earl Kerstetter, whom Shreckengast represented himself to be, and was signed by (Samuel) B. Condo, and had written at the foot "for six years' labor." Mr. Condo is a resident of Loganton and Mr. Kerstetter lives near the home of Shreckengast's parents, a few miles east of Loganton. The check was a counter check of the Loganton bank. C. D. Bartholomew, assistant cashier at the Penns Valley bank, looked over the check, and asked the young man whether he had anyone to identify him. Not being able to furnish identification cashing, of course, was refused. On leaving the bank Shreckengast went to the Homan garage and there represented he desired to buy a car in a few days, explaining that he would first need to have a check cashed and with a part of the funds would be able to gain title to the car he had in possession. After this was accomplished he would deal for a car. The check presented was the same one offered to the bank, and like the banker, the cashing of it was refused.

From the Homan garage Shreckengast went to Rebersburg, where a Loganton bank check drawn in favor of Earl Kerstetter and signed by Ammon Shreckengast, father of the forger, a second forgery, was presented. Communication with the cashier resulted in refusal to accept the check, although the supposed maker of it is in excellent financial circumstances. This check was for \$500.00.

From Rebersburg Shreckengast drove to Loganton, aiming to build up an alibi.
On Monday a search was made for the forger. He represented himself to be from Lewistown, but it was finally discovered through a Rebersburg garage man who he was and that he was employed by Mr. Bechtol. C. D. Bartholomew, W. A. Homan and George Sweeney drove to the Bechtol home and identified Shreckengast, and in a short time information was made against him by Mr. Condo. Shreckengast managed to elude the officers and reached Loganton, where he was apprehended by a constable and held until called for by the Centre county sheriff, late Monday night.
Shreckengast is a little over twenty-one years old, robust in appearance and does not impress one as being very bright.

DEATHS
CENTRE HALL'S OLDEST
RESIDENT PASSES ON

Mrs. Nancy Benner, Past 93 Years of Age, Died Monday Evening.
Mrs. Nancy Benner, the oldest person in Centre Hall, passed out of this life suddenly on Monday evening between ten and eleven o'clock. She had been in her usual health during the day, and had retired without giving signs of distress.

The deceased was the daughter of George and Nancy Hughes Odenkirk, and was born March 14, 1837, making her age ninety-three years and twenty-three days. She was the last survivor of the family. The two deceased brothers were John H. and James P. Odenkirk, and a half-brother, Robert Porter, is also deceased. William H. Benner, husband of the deceased, died in February, 1899. There survive her five children, namely, George O. Benner, John, Miss Bessie Belle and Miss Breezee, of Centre Hall, and Frank W., of Boston.

The deceased was long a member of the Presbyterian church and her pastor, Rev. J. M. Kirkpatrick, will conduct the funeral services on Friday afternoon, at the late home of the deceased. Interment will be made in the local cemetery.

BITNER.—William Bitner died at his home at Tusseyville after having been in delicate health for about seven years during which time he was able to perform but little manual labor. Death occurred Saturday afternoon.
Funeral services were conducted by Rev. S. F. Greenhoe and Rev. D. R. Keener, Tuesday forenoon; interment in the Tusseyville cemetery.
The deceased was one of two children of Henry and Rachael Clingman Bitner, and was born on the farm now occupied by Claude Wert, west of John Neyhart, of Millinburg, survives him. The father died when quite a young man.

There survive the deceased a wife, who before marriage was Miss Alwidia Wagner, and these four children: John H. Bitner, Youngstown, Ohio; Lizzie, wife of John Neff, and Esther, wife of Gilbert Rimmey, of near Tusseyville, and Samuel H., of Centre Hall, Pa.
The deceased would have attained his seventy-third year on June 29th.

AUMAN.—Philip J. Auman, one of the oldest residents of Johnstown, died of a heart attack between 3 and 4 o'clock Tuesday morning of last week at the home of his son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. D. Auman, in 509 Somerset street, Johnstown, in his 83rd year. Mr. Auman was hit by an automobile in Kernville about two years ago and for seven months following the accident he was a patient at one of the Eighth Ward hospitals. Since his discharge from the hospital he was able to be about his home and vicinity until recently.

Mr. Auman was among the oldest members of the First United Brethren church and also of the Otterbein Bible Class connected with the First Ward church in Johnstown. His pastor, the Rev. C. C. Gohn, conducted funeral services at 2:30 o'clock Thursday afternoon at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wesley M. Rohrer, of Palisier street, son-in-law and daughter of the deceased. Interment was made in the Grandview cemetery.

The deceased was born in Gregg township, Centre county, June 2, 1847, and was a son of Wm. and Amanda (Osman) Auman. P. J. Auman was one of a family of 18 children and is survived by the following brothers and sisters: Mrs. Jane Blauser, Potters Mills; Wm. N. Auman, Mühlem; Urial G. Auman, Spring Mills; Jeremiah W. Auman, Fort Wayne, Ind.; Thomas F. Auman, Potters Mills; Mrs. Louise Zerby, Youngstown, Ohio; Mrs. George Klumfelter, Lock Haven; Mrs. Miles J. Barger, Lorain, Ohio.
P. J. Auman and Miss Eileen R. Meyer were married about 60 years ago in Schuylkill county. More than 40 years ago they located in Rebersburg and removed from there to Conemaugh soon after the flood of May, 1889, later removing to Johnstown. Mrs. Auman's death occurred there August 12, 1921.

Many years ago Mr. Auman served as a telegrapher for the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad. After teaching school in Schuylkill and Centre counties he went to Cambria county where he worked for the Barkers of Ebensburg for a short time. Mr. Auman was among the first principals of the Roxbury School at the time the city was incorporated about 40 years ago. For a number of years he also worked as a clerk in the R. R. office in Johnstown. His last employment was as a weighmaster in the Gautier plant of the Bethlehem Steel Corporation.

Five children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Auman, three of whom survive, with 10 grandchildren and five great grandchildren. The surviving children are Wm. D. Auman, of Johnstown; Mrs. Wesley M. Rohrer, of Southmont; and Mrs. John B. Bratton, of Cleveland, Grace, one of the daughters, died in infancy, and James P. Auman, one of the sons, passed away in April, 1924.
MCCUMMON.—Robert McCummon, long a resident of Altoona, died suddenly at his home there on Wednesday. Interment was made on Friday. He was aged 72 years, and is survived by a wife, whose maiden name was Miss Bertha Jamison, a sister of Mrs. V. A. Auman, of Centre Hall. Also by a son living in Altoona and a daughter in Baltimore, by his first wife; also a brother and two sisters.
Mr. McCummon was employed for many years in the P. R. R. blacksmith shops, and about two years ago was retired with a pension.
HAINES.—William Burkett Haines died at his home in Rebersburg after a brief illness from Bright's disease,

on Friday. Interment was made at Rebersburg on Monday.
The deceased was a son of George and Emma Burkett Haines, both deceased, and was born and reared in Miles township. His wife, who before marriage was Miss Lydia Ocker, died about twelve years ago. There survives him a son, Harry Haines, living in the Pittsburgh district; also a brother, Claude Haines, of Rebersburg, and a sister, Mrs. Orvin Walker, of Landsdown, near Philadelphia.
Mr. Haines had been living alone since the death of his wife. He was aged 61 years.

HARLACHER.—F. J. Harlacher, a son of C. Frank and Lucetta Gray Harlacher, died after a lengthy illness. He was born at Centre Hall, April 6th, 1872, but spent most of his life on the farm near Stormstown. For many years he was an active member of the Methodist Episcopal church and a great reader and student of the Bible. He is survived by two sisters, Mrs. A. H. Melville, of Greenwich, Conn., and Susan H. Harlacher, of State College.

Funeral services were held at Gray's church last Friday morning at 10:30; interment in Gray's cemetery.
LOHR.—Frank Lohr, retired farmer, died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Mechtley, at Pine Hill, following an illness of some weeks. He was a son of David and Isabel Lohr and was born in Buffalo Run valley over seventy years ago. He followed farming until his retirement six years ago. His wife has been dead for some years but surviving him are two children, George Lohr, of Centre Hall, and Mrs. Mechtley, of Pine Hill. He also leaves the following brothers and sisters: Robert Lohr, of Pine Grove Mills; John, of Snow Shoe; William, of Penn township; Samuel, in the west; Mrs. Otis Corl, of Pine Hall, and Mrs. J. H. Hoy, of State College.

He was a member of the Pine Hill Lutheran church and the Boalsburg lodge I. O. O. F. The funeral was conducted by Rev. Keener of Centre Hall, and burial was made in the Meyers cemetery.
SCHRECK.—William W. Schreck, an aged resident of Lemont, died at his home there Wednesday of last week, following an illness of one year with heart trouble, aged 79 years. He was born at Lemont and was a son of Peter and Sarah Schreck. He is survived by his wife, Sarah Houser, and two sons, John R. and James H., both at home. One sister, Mrs. Sarah Moore, of Phillipsburg, also survives. Funeral services were held on Saturday afternoon at the Houseville church by Rev. Keiner. The deceased was a member of the I. O. O. F., the P. O. S. of A. and the United Brethren church.

The Pennsylvania Railroad company has ordered the taking up of a number of sidings on the L. & T. and other sidings will be reduced. In this section two sidings will be affected. The siding at Grange Park, immediately west of the Centre Hall station, will be reduced by 1600 feet. This is the longest passenger siding on the line. "WQ" siding, near Linden Hall, will be entirely removed. This siding was a prominent one when the road was first built through the valley. Many hundreds of cars were loaded with lumber and props from the Bear Meadows section while standing on it.

R. L. Murphy, general manager of the Pennsylvania Gas company, visited our office on Monday morning and stated definitely that work on the gas line to Centre Hall will be started within the next three weeks. He expects to employ as much local labor as possible. Several dozen men will be needed. Mr. Murphy placed a full-page advertisement in the Reporter, and you should read it for your information and profit.

BOALSBURG ITEMS.
Mr. and Mrs. Jasper Knarr and daughter, of Milesburg, and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Knarr, of Pleasant Gap, Mr. and Mrs. John Weber and son of Bellefonte, were callers at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kuhn on Sunday.
Miss Grace Smith, of Centre Hall, spent Friday in town.
Miss Mary Hazel returned home from Slingersland, N. Y., accompanied by her niece, Joanna Maxwell.
Mac Mothersbaugh, of Philadelphia, was here for a Saturday night and Sunday visit with his parents and friends.
Mr. and Mrs. Luther Dale, Misses Margaret and Dale and Fredrick Dale, of Oak Hall, were guests of the Misses Dale on Easter.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry McGurk and Finn McGlirk, of Altoona, were visitors in town on Sunday.
The instructors and pupils of the High school enjoyed a vacation on Good Friday and Easter Monday.
Mr. and Mrs. Paul Coxey of Indiana, were among the week-end visitors in town.
Misses Marian Dale and Margaret Gingrich and Misses Russell Bohn and Wm. Sweet, of Lock Haven Teachers' College, spent the Easter vacation with their parents and friends.
Paul Derner, of Bellefonte, spent a few days at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Derner.
Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Gohsen visited at the home of their son, Richard, and wife, at Holidaysburg, over the week end. Prof. and Mrs. E. H. Meyer of Newark, were also guests of their daughter, Mrs. Richard Gohsen, the entire party coming to Boalsburg to spend Easter Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Francis Gimberling and son, of Bellefonte, were recent visitors at the home of Henry Reitz.
Mrs. Jackson and daughter, of State College, were guests at the Charles Segner home several days.
Warren Cupp, of Williamsport, spent Sunday with his wife and baby son at the E. M. Kuhn home.
Mrs. Mary Condo was an over-Sunday visitor in town.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL.
We put rubber tires on boys' bicycles and wagons.—W. H. Miller, Bellefonte.
H. L. Ebricht is the owner of a new maroon-colored Dodge Eight coupe, purchased from the Hagan Garage agency.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Kelley, of Reedsville, returned to their home after spending several months with their son, Walter, and family, in Texas.
Mrs. Grace Breon and family moved from the Mitterling home to that of the Odd Fellows' about to be vacated by H. D. Brisbin.

John H. Horner, who began farming this spring on the W. A. Reiber farm at Colyer, purchased a new tractor, and is speeding up the work on that large farm.
Prof. and Mrs. Andrew Smith, and the former's mother, from New York State, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Frank D. Lee, in town, last Thursday. Prof. Smith is a nephew of Mr. Lee.

Fourteen new members were added to the Lutheran church roll at Friday evening's service preceding Easter. The majority were received by letter of transfer.
Frank Hgen, of Farmers Mills, and another car about five miles below McMillin, on Sunday. The cars were pretty badly damaged. On of the parties received a scalp wound.

James M. Grove, who when a young man left Gregg township to make his home in the west, is now here among friends. He is now living in Wilmington, California, and is engaged in church work.
Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Boon, on Wednesday morning, left for their home in Hartford, Conn. Mrs. Robertson remained here with her father, B. D. Brisbin. They expect to make the trip to Hartford by train as soon as Mr. Brisbin is physically able to do so.

Alison street, running east and west a block north of the P. R. R. station, is being improved. The section east of Main street had never been given any attention and it finally became impassable. Stones are being hauled onto it and these will be covered either with cinder or crushed lime stone.
The tool house of the Lewistown Reedsville Water company along the State highway in Seven Mountains was recently destroyed by fire. The Milroy fire company went to the scene of the fire and prevented it from spreading through the forest. The cause of the fire is unknown.

Mrs. Margaret Godshall and son, Vernon Godshall, of town, and Miss Miriam Shook, of Spring Mills, on Saturday motored to Washington, D. C., and returned Monday. While in the city they were guests at the home of Mrs. George Sachlis, a daughter of Mrs. Godshall.
Porter Odenkirk, of Lewistown, accompanied his son and several others to Centre county, and while the others of the party fished on the banks of Spring creek, Mr. Odenkirk called on former cronies in Centre Hall, and also spent some time with his aged mother, Mrs. Mary Odenkirk. Mr. Odenkirk is employed at the Burnham works.

A. E. Kerlin, writing from St. Petersburg, Florida, to the Reporter, says: "Getting hot now in the South. We will return soon to be with you all for another six months if life is spared. Do not send Reporter to our Florida address until further orders. It has been a welcome visitor each Saturday the past winter. Trust we will find you all well on our return."
Mrs. L. C. Swartz, of Abington, and Mac Mothersbaugh, of Philadelphia, a Bell Telephone Co. employee, on Saturday drove to Centre Hall, where Mrs. Swartz visited her sister, Mrs. Edward Durst. Mr. Mothersbaugh went on to Boalsburg where he was with friends until Sunday afternoon, when both returned to the city.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.
FOR SALE.—Pure-bred Shorthorn bull, 16 months old.—P. H. Luse Centre Hall, Pa.; phone 25R12. c19
SALESMAN WANTED to solicit orders for lubricating oils, greases and paints. Salary or commission. Address The Harvey Oil Co., Cleveland, Ohio.
FOR SALE.—A few nice sheep, at a price which will pay for themselves this year.—Fred Slack, Centre Hall.

PLANTS.—Bermuda onions, extra fine plants, 25c per 100; also, Frost-proof cabbage, 12c per doz.—Ray G. Decker, Centre Hall, R. D. 1.
FOR SALE.—Crosley radio and eliminator, in good condition; also, feather bed. Call at home, in Odd Fellows building.—B. D. Brisbin, Centre Hall.
FOR SALE.—5 shoats, weighing about 50 lbs. each.—H. R. Wolfe, Centre Hall.

A RACING PILOT'S
Slant on Everyday Motoring

by **Ralph Hepburn**

How to Buy a Car
A RACING driver's slant on ordinary, everyday automobile driving may seem rather warped in the eyes of the average individual. Yet, when you think about it, why shouldn't a racing driver be in a better position to know about automobiles and driving than the average person?
On the race track, the speed demon crams into a few hours all the experiences that Mr. and Mrs. John Public get in the average year's driving. Things happen faster on the race track. And they happen in such a way as to leave a lasting impression.
On the highway, if a motorist makes a turn too quickly, it generally means a close call with a lamp post or a pole. The same occurrence on a race track usually means serious trouble and the racer who commits this error of judgment may find himself lying in a distant field—in case he ever finds out anything.
Writing for the instruction of the ordinary driver is a large order. I can think of a lot of things I am more capable of doing, but if the motorist reads these, and profits thereby, it is well worth any effort on my part.
In the first place, I have some strong ideas about choosing a car. An automobile should be fitted to the use of the individual, his family and business requirements, and his pocket-book. This can be done, these days. Many people buy high powered, ponderous transportation, when a lighter car would fill their needs and leave money in the bank. Others choose the wrong style of body, while still others risk their necks in a "lot for the money" chariot which is all body and display and which has little, if anything, under the hood.
I believe in a motor as small in horsepower as is consistent with the work it will be called upon to do, on the average.
If my use of a car is mostly in connection with city driving or its congested environs, I want a car that can be easily steered and controlled, with a short wheel base for easy parking. It must have an all-steel body for, in my opinion, this type of body is safer and less liable to rust and rattle. Its door posts are smaller, thus increasing visibility. And its finish coats are more durable. In fact it is conducive to the main characteristic I seek in a car—long useful life. This type of body can withstand much abuse and if an accident should occur, my chances of escape from injury are considerably increased.

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2 lb. drum Cocoa	- - -		25c
Camay Toilet Soap, the choice of 73 leading Beauty Shops of America, regular price 3 for 25c; Special,			3 for 15c
Bowl-O Oats—a bowl in every package,		large pkg.	34c
Elbow Macaroni	- - -	2 lbs.	15c
High Grade Coffee	- - -	lb.	28c
Peanut Butter	- - -	1 lb. jar	21c
Sandwich Spread	- - -	8 oz.	21c
Knighthood Soups	- - -	3 for	25c
Baked Beans, No. 2 Can	- - -	3 for	25c
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