

EXERTION FATAL TO VETERAN TEACHER

Dr William Day Crockett, for 24 Years on Faculty of State College, Dies While Removing Books from Burning Home.

A heart attack brought on by over-exertion as he was helping to remove his library from his burning home, proved fatal on Sunday to Dr. William Day Crockett, for twenty-four years professor of Latin at the Pennsylvania State College.

The fire was confined to the third floor of the house. Doctor Crockett collapsed after making several trips to the library on the third floor and died within a short time.

Doctor Crockett was known to thousands of Penn State students as "Davey." He spent his summer as a guide for European tourists and was a co-author of "A Satchel Guide to Europe."

Doctor Crockett was born in Sterling, N. Y. He was graduated from Hamilton College and received his doctor's degree from Temple University. For eight years he was pastor of the Presbyterian church at Canton, and then taught four years at the Mansfield State Teachers' college. He went to Penn State in 1906.

The deceased is survived by his wife, who before marriage was Miss Sara Gates, formerly a resident of Canton, and a sister of H. C. Gates, cashier of the Farmers National bank at Canton. Burial will be made at Canton.

More money is invested in farm equipment in Centre county than in any other industry, consequently John G. Miller, a full-fledged farmer, is the logical man to represent this county in the general assembly. Vote for him.

While Pennsylvania State College is entitled to every dollar appropriated to it by the State, the institution can make no claim that the member of the legislature from Centre county must sacrifice to it all other interests in the county. This it is charged as being done by Mr. Holmes, the present member of that body. He cites as an excuse for having voted for measures not popular that he must vote thus and so if he is to secure an appropriation at the hands of the powers. We do not believe this to be a fact. We believe Centre county can be represented as a unit in the legislature, if the right man is sent there on November 4th, and that man is John G. Miller.

Pinchot stock continues to drop, and will soon be taken off the political stock market as "obsolete."

Don Ginzery is acquainted with the methods employed in the legislature. He represented Clearfield county in the lower house and made a record for himself that will result in giving him a majority at the next election in that county. Vote for him for State Senator.

Republicans are solicitous for their party office holders should John M. Hemphill be elected governor, while Democrats wonder where they will find work when utilities and business in general is disorganized more than ever should Pinchot, the premier, win on November 4th.

The only excuse offered by John L. Holmes for voting for the pernicious tax bill at the last session of the legislature is that he had not read the bill but thought it quite all right. Had he supported the bill through an error of judgment it would have been bad enough, but when a legislator votes for measures he has not even read—well, that is just too bad. And with such a record Mr. Holmes has the audacity to solicit the votes of the very persons whose lands were posted for sale under the tax measure to send him back to the legislature for the fourth time! What assurance is there that he will hereafter study the measures before voting for them, or that if he does so, will he take into account the interests of the great majority. He failed to consider land owners and tax payers when he voted for the measure condemning for road purposes widths of from fifty to one hundred and twenty feet through villages, rural sections and boroughs.

Grundy is for Pinchot not that he likes him, but because he thinks there is a chance for him to dominate the Republican machine in Pennsylvania in the event of Pinchot's election. The Senator contributed \$10,000 toward Pinchot's campaign fund with the same purpose in view.

No wonder Mr. Pinchot travels in a \$5000 car handled by a paid chauffeur, for if he were as reckless in driving a car as he is about telling the truth in his campaign speeches he would be in the ditches more than out of them. The reckless Pinchot will have his big wreck on a Tuesday in November.

Do you know that we are now paying for the roads built under the Pinchot administration? He built roads with funds obtained by issuing bonds to the sum of \$56,000,000. We are paying the interest and a part of the principal of this indebtedness each year.

Even the Grangers no longer accept McSparran at par.

NOTES FROM CONVENTION OF UNITED LUTHERAN CHURCH

Dr Knobel Re-Elected President—Lutheran Church Not Faultless—Receipts for 1930 Largest in History.

The eighth convention of the United Lutheran Church in America, which recently closed its sessions in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, was deliberative and legislative rather than inspirational. The more than 2900 delegates represented every State in the Union and every province in Canada.

Tolerance in religious thought was the keynote sounded at the first session. "Our church has no ground for pride as to itself, believing itself without fault in its wise conclusions and its plans and practices. All church bodies have faults. We are not better than others." This was an expression by Dr. F. H. Knobel, a prominent church leader.

H. E. Isenhour, Salisbury, N. C., was chosen president for two years. Other officers are Charles Driever, Chicago; Charles F. Obenack, Niagara Falls, N. Y.; and the Rev. H. C. Michaels, Johnstown, Pa., vice-presidents; C. R. Edgar, Charleston, W. Va., secretary, and C. W. Howe, Chicago, treasurer.

Members of the executive committee are H. C. Poffenberger, Baltimore; O. E. Schellberg, Omaha, and Harry Cope, Greensburg, Pa.

In adopting the war attitude resolution the convention agreed, "to call upon all men as citizens of their respective lands to regard it as a solemn obligation of their citizenship to support all the forces which are working for a permanent peace among the nations of the world."

The work done by the 2,500 missionaries of the Lutheran Church in foreign countries cost \$1,900,000 annually.

"If the city is to control the nation, as now seems certain, then Christianity must control the city," Dr. Fry said. "It appears that men heed profit, lust and a multitude of other powers and passions, in fact every other call except the call of the infinite."

Newsletters were accused of being radical, and the church press of being inefficient in many cases by a report presented by the church papers committee.

"Neither the secular newspapers nor the magazines are interested in delving to the bottom of doctrinal differences because they have never fully appraised the close connection between doctrine and life. The secular press is radical," the report said.

Dr. Knobel as president; Dr. M. G. Scherer, secretary; and Dr. E. Clarence Miller, treasurer, were re-elected. They have served in these capacities since 1918.

Referring to the message sent the convention by President Hoover, to which Catholics took exception, Dr. Knobel said:

"It is technically not our affair. It is a quarrel, if you call it that, between a Catholic spokesman and President Hoover, or his message. Naturally, therefore, we Lutherans do not care to enter the discussion."

Rev. J. A. Haas, president of Muhlenberg College, Allentown, during his address to the convention, said: "We are again living in an age of social legalism. Churches are expending their power, money and influence to cure people from desires and evils through prohibitory laws. I am not discussing the necessity or value from the economic or social angle of restrictive laws, and I am not opposing any article of the constitution of our land in this statement. But I am contending that a mistaken puritanism is expending itself in a futile effort to make men good by law."

Reports were submitted by various executive committees. The treasury of the church handled a total of \$5,827,322 in 1929 and 1930, according to the treasurer's report.

On Sunday all convention activities were held in abeyance so that all the delegates might engage in worship. The clergymen who filled pulpits throughout the city, according to reports, voiced these sentiments:

Judged by this machine age, Jesus Christ was a failure. Culture declares that the desire to be immortal is a selfish wish to save our souls.

The church loses the world's confidence and wastes its energies by tinkering in apprentice fashion.

There are some who have nothing because of laziness; others strive for honesty and thrift and still have nothing.

Men are too busy observing God's workmanship to see Him. That is why science so seldom finds the Creator.

Church history is more thrilling than romance. How marvelous its spread, how wonderful its conquest!

The receipts for 1929 were \$1,422,919, the largest since the United Lutheran Church's existence. In 1929 the receipts were \$1,371,611. In 1919 the income was only \$223,687.

Pinchot addresses rural audiences on the theory that country folks believe anything and everything they hear.

More persons are engaged in farming in Centre county than in any other occupation, trade or profession, consequently, the farmers have a right to feel that they should be represented in Harrisburg by one of their number. John G. Miller, of Ferguson township, is a real dirt farmer at this time and has been for a long term of years. Vote for him for representative in the general assembly, Mr. Farmer.

HARRIS TWP. STUDENT WINS HONORS AT ST. LOUIS

Fred Bohn, of Boalsburg, Placed 8th in the National Dairy Show, or First Among the Team Representing Pennsylvania—Nineteen Teams Entered.

The Vocational Dairy Judging team selected from the pupils of Pennsylvania's Vocational schools, representing Pennsylvania at the National Dairy Show held annually in St. Louis, has returned after having won considerable honor.

Fred Bohn, a student in the Harris Township Vocational School at Boalsburg, was a member of the Pennsylvania team. The other two members were Kermit Peterson, of Cochranton, and Wm. Smith, of Guys Mills, Crawford county.

The Pennsylvania boys won national recognition in milk judging by placing 8th, 9th and 13th, which gave the team first place. In this contest there were 19 teams entered. The Penna. boys placed as follows: Fred Bohn, 8th; Kermit Peterson, 9th, and William Smith, 13th.

In addition to winning in milk judging the boys placed second, as a team, in the Jersey cattle class in which 32 teams from as many states were entered. This time Smith and Bohn were well up toward the head of the list.

A judging team in order to place among winners must have its members consistently placing high. Judging from the above, the Penna. boys have done just that thing.

The people of Pennsylvania and especially of Crawford and Centre counties should feel justly proud of the fine record the three boys, representing them, have made. In the first place, to make a team that represents the State of Pennsylvania is no small job, but to be able to win in the national contest, as these boys have done, shows natural ability, as well as experience gained from agricultural school work and very fine coaching.

It also shows the benefits a boy may derive from Vocational Agriculture, for these boys have received their training in judging in their respective agricultural schools.

E. H. Dale, Supervisor of Agriculture in the Harris Township Vocational School at Boalsburg, accompanied the Penna. team to St. Louis and was in charge of their work just prior to the National contest. Mr. Dale gave the team special instructions in milk judging.

The two boys from Crawford county were trained by D. L. Crum, County Vocational Supervisor of that county.

Mr. Dale reports that they had a very fine trip driving some 1900 miles. They made it possible for the group to see considerable of the middle west as well as many individual points of interest.

The Chamber of Commerce of St. Louis provided all entertainment for the boys while in their city.

MEFEATERS PARDONED BY GOVERNOR FISHER

Edgar C. McFeaters, who served time in the Pittsburgh and Rockview penitentiaries for forgery, has been pardoned by Governor Fisher upon the recommendation of the State Board of Pardons. The charge against him was forgery.

McFeaters is the man who mixed matters for the Spring Mills National Bank as well as for several other banks in Centre and adjoining counties. A number of private citizens in the same district also have cause to remember the smooth-tongued securities salesman. While operating in this section McFeaters made Bellefonte his headquarters and became chummy with Penna Valley business men of influence.

The criminals pardoned by Governor Fisher are: Harold W. Dean, of Conshohocken, second degree murder; Harry Fink, Allegheny, conspiracy; Peter Sevenstonk, Allegheny, assault; Edgar C. McFeaters, Centre, forgery; Fred Christy, Mercer, murder; Frank W. Fisher, Philadelphia, robbery; Harvey E. Teet, York, larceny; Alvin Gustafson, Clearfield, assault; Theodore McHenry, Columbus, larceny.

A SAFE BET TO TAKE.

It is a safe bet that the next Governor of Pennsylvania will be an Episcopalian, for both Mr. Hemphill and Mr. Pinchot are members of the Episcopal church. Mr. Hemphill, by the way, is a Quaker. This statement is made purely as a matter of news, and to show that the candidates of the two leading parties are only at odds on the questions of how and by whom Pennsylvania should be governed.

Mitchell I. Gardner Weds Widow of F. G. Harris.

Mrs. Glenora Harris, widow of Frank G. Harris, former State Treasurer, and Mitchell I. Gardner, former resident of Bellefonte, both of Clearfield, were married Wednesday morning, October 15, at the Harris home in Clearfield, Rev. E. L. Essinger, pastor of the Trinity Methodist church, officiating.

Mr. Gardner is a native of Howard, this county, and was twice elected prothonotary of Centre county on the Democratic ticket.

John L. Holmes, Republican candidate for representative in the general assembly, purchased advertising space in this issue of the Reporter. He did so just like a Republican purchases a pound of coffee or a can of sardines from a Democrat in the mercantile business. It is purely a business transaction.

BANKER KILLS PET DOG, TURNS GUN ON HIMSELF

C. Edward Robb, Assistant Cashier of Bellefonte National Bank, Victim During Despondency Caused by Ill Health.

When people passing the First National Bank of Bellefonte Sunday evening about 7:15 o'clock heard the sound of two pistol shots, they notified Paul Jones, the bank watchman, who investigated and found dead on the floor of the institution, with a pistol by his side, the assistant cashier, C. Edward Robb. His pet dog, also dead from a pistol shot, was with him. Mr. Robb had just returned on Saturday from a short vacation taken in the hope of improving his health, and had seemed despondent over his condition. No shortage or discrepancy existed in the bank funds.

Mr. Robb was considered as one of the best bankers in Central Pennsylvania. He was a native of Nittany, and aged 55 years. He is survived by his wife, two sons, Eugene, a student at the University of Pennsylvania, and Richard Robb; by his mother, Mrs. Ellen Robb, and the following brothers and sisters: N. E. Robb, Mrs. W. Harrison Walker, and Mrs. M. W. Williams, all of Bellefonte; Mrs. Catherine Miller, of Harrisburg; Mrs. Thomas S. Swartz, of Tusseyville; Mrs. Samuel Cole, of Dayton, Ohio, and Alfred and Lewis, of Altoona.

New Home Completed.

Sylvester E. Sharer has about completed the new dwelling house erected by him on his farm, near Linden Hall, which place he will occupy as his home, the farm being tenanted by a son. The new structure is one handsome in appearance, and is faced with mountain stone and is equipped with modern conveniences.

It is located several hundred feet to the south of the Boalsburg road. Mr. Sharer desiring to keep some distance from the new highway when built through to State College from Patton Mills. When the last survey for the proposed road was made, these calculations were somewhat discounted, for the route ran only about half the distance from the new home that the present road does. Mr. Sharer thinks himself lucky at that.

POLITICAL REGISTRATION IN CENTRE HALL BOROUGH

The registration of voters in Centre Hall borough indicates a Democratic majority of sixty-two. On the Democratic register there are 112 men and 125 women; total, 237.

On the Republican register there are 56 men and 89 women, a total of 145.

The total vote in the borough according to registration is 412.

Shipping Ornamental Trees.

W. F. McKinney, forest ranger on Seven Mountains, shipped a half dozen or more consignments of ornamental trees to as many school districts throughout the State during last week. The work of digging and packing is in progress this week and will continue this fall and next spring until all of the ornamental trees in the nursery have been removed. The varieties being handled this fall are arbutus, fir balsam, Scotch pine and white spruce.

The nursery at the State house is being cleared of ornamental trees so that the whole lot may be devoted to the growing of forest trees. This program was begun last summer when many thousands of forest trees were planted following the removal of maple and other similar trees from a large section of the nursery. The work of planting forest trees will be continued on a larger scale next season.

The Hollidaysburg Methodist church orchestra of nine pieces rendered the following selections in a very commendable manner at the evening service, Sunday, in the Methodist church here: Filtration Schottische, Song of the Night, Moonlight and Love, Sweet Memories, American Union March, Junior League March, Edgar Sellers, of Hollidaysburg, is the leader of these players.

KEEP OUT OF FORESTS.

Charles E. Dorworth, Secretary of the Department of Forests and Waters, issued a statement recently requesting all persons going into forests under present conditions to be more careful than ever with fire. The long continued drought has converted the forests into veritable tinder boxes. The summer fires swept over 300,000 acres of forest lands, only about seven per cent of which was State forests. A half million dollars were expended in saving the adjoining forests from destruction.

The Secretary says further: "We are, in fact, at the very border line of the fall fire season right now. We are confronted with danger from fires at every point where forests exist. Every agency of the State Government is being massed to meet whatever situation may arise. But the public at large must help by cooperating with us if still greater losses to timberland owners and fire fighting costs to the State are to be prevented."

"Countless numbers of sportsmen are advising that the small game hunting season, which ordinarily opens November 1, be deferred until we may have drenching rains. To bar the hunters from the mountains would only partly eliminate the danger from fire. The only effectual remedy would be to shut down all activities in the forests until the emergency period has passed. It is hoped that such extreme measures will not become necessary."

PRESBYTERIAN MEN PLAN CONVENTION

All-Day Program Will Be Carried Out in Harrisburg October 28—Dr. Francis to Be One of Speakers.

In the tentative program for the Presbyterian Men's All-Day convention, to be held at the Penn-Harris Hotel, Harrisburg, Tuesday, October 28, a 15-minute worship period for 9:45 will be in charge of Dr. Lindley H. Dennis, Shiremanstown. At 10 o'clock the Rev. Dr. Hugh Kerr, Pittsburgh, Moderator of the General Assembly, will speak on "Urgent Tasks Confronting the Church." Later in the morning, "A Spirit-Filled Church" will be the subject of an address by the Rev. Dr. John W. Francis, of the First Presbyterian church, Altoona; and the Rev. Dr. Charles H. McDonald, New York, will lead in a discussion of Men's Work and suggested problems from the local church.

Judge Wm. M. Hargest, chairman of the general committee in charge of the convention, will preside at luncheon, during which David McConaughy, New York, general director of the department of stewardship, will speak on "How Much Owest Thou?"

The afternoon session will open at 2:30 with a talk on "My Father's World," by the Rev. Samuel Mc C. X. Cartwright, executive secretary of the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America. "From Foundation Up" is the subject of an address by the Rev. Wm. Chalmers Cover, Philadelphia, general secretary of Board of Christian Education. This period will be closed by a discussion of Recommendations of the 1930 General Assembly to Presbyterians, led by the Rev. Dr. Winfield M. Cleveland, executive secretary of the Synod of Penna., assisted by Charles H. Ramsey, and Dr. John Campbell, Williamsport.

Judge Henry C. Niles, of the York county Courts, will preside at the dinner, planned for 5:30, at which the speakers will be Rev. Dr. Walter J. Houge, York, Moderator of the Synod of Pennsylvania, and Dr. Kerr, Moderator of the General Assembly.

The convention is being sponsored on behalf of the 216 churches in the Central Pennsylvania Presbyteries of Carlisle, Huntingdon, Northumberland and Westminster, with a goal of 400 registered delegates.

LYBARGER'S RULING BRINGS APPEAL

The ruling that the receivers in the famous Centre County Bank case should receive \$911.75 for their services instead of the \$7,500 charged by them, resulted in an appeal being taken by the former receivers, Ginter, Steeley and Dale.

The attorney's fees will also be very materially reduced, according to a statement made by Referee Francis Lee Lybarger, at a time set for the defense of the charge claimed to be excessive. Former Judge Arthur C. Dale failed to defend his case, although the referee sent a special messenger to his office and waited for an hour.

The referee announced he had classified the itemized list of service charges, and that under the law he made only for services beneficial to the estates being settled. For these, the referee said, the attorney would be allowed a fair rate, the sum to be announced later.

New President for Methodist Home.

At a meeting of the directors of the Methodist Home for the Aged at Tyrone, Dr. John B. Nason, of Roaring Spring, was elected president, filling the vacancy occasioned by the recent death of Hon. M. B. Rich, of Woolrich. Dr. Nason, who was vice-president, was succeeded by Attorney W. L. Woodcock, of Hollidaysburg.

At the present time there are one hundred persons in the Home with forty-eight on the waiting list. Supt. W. E. Karns, assisted by his good wife, the capable matron, leaves nothing undone to add to the comfort of the old folks under his care. "It is gratifying to know that the Home was never in better shape than at the present," is the report brought by persons who visited the institution recently.

LETTERS FROM SUBSCRIBERS.

Former Centre Hall Boy Adds Word of Praise for High School Teacher.

Ogden, Utah, October 14, 1930. Dear Ted:

I did not fail to note your comments in connection with Prof. Allison's letter, and I am in hearty accord with your opinion of his ability as an instructor. Perhaps at the time we were his pupils we thought we knew more than he did.

It is hard to realize that it is more than 27 years since I was a student at Centre Hall, but when I look into a mirror and see my gray hairs I know that tempo has been fugating. The Winter of 1902-1903 was the last I attended school, although I didn't leave Centre Hall until the spring of 1904.

I noted in the last issue of the Reporter that next year's Grange Encampment and Fair will commence August 29th. I am due for a trip East, it having been ten years since I have been east of Chicago, and I would like to be in Centre Hall at picnic time next year, but it is too far ahead to make any plans. Haven't had any vacation so far this year, but we hope to take a trip to Portland, Seattle, Vancouver, etc., next month. "BILL" (WM. B. KERR)

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS

W. H. Strohecker is a new driver of a new car.

Porter Odenkirk, of Lewistown, visited his brother, W. A. Odenkirk, last week.

Make arrangements to pay your taxes by the end of this month and save yourself the discount allowed.

R. M. Smith, C. W. Booser and H. W. Potter, on Monday, went to Reading to attend a shrine meeting in Rajah temple.

A new Pontiac coach was recently purchased by James C. Brooks, farmer west of town, from W. R. Hosterman, the State College dealer.

J. S. Rowe installed a Myers pump in a 185-foot well on the H. D. Decker farm, east of the aviation field. The pump will be operated by an electric motor.

George O. Benner, on Sunday, was taken to Lewistown for an operation for hernia. He was placed under the care of Dr. Cassidy, who was also to perform the operation.

Miss Annie C. Renninger, of Potter township, was admitted to the Evangelical Home, at Lewisburg, yesterday (Wednesday.) F. M. Fisher, of town, had the lady's finances in charge.

Sunday night mercury dropped to 23 degrees above zero, or ten degrees below the freezing point. It was a very severe and sudden change of temperature. It was the first time the ground was frozen this fall.

The next session of the Eastern Synod of the Reformed Church will be held in Harrisburg, and will open Monday, May 11th. Heretofore the annual meetings of the body were held in October.

E. M. Huppert, one of the representatives from Susquehanna Synod to the seventh biennial convention of the United Lutheran Church in America, which met in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, returned home Wednesday of last week.

Five dead horses were collected in one day last week, by the Vogt rendering plant. This was more than the equipment could handle during one day, and represented less than fifty per cent of the work done during the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Smith, on Tuesday, returned from Niagara Falls, N. Y., where they were guests of Mrs. Smith's brother, L. E. Henderson, for a short time. They brought back with them to Howard Mrs. Nancy Henderson, mother of Mrs. Smith.

Martha Virginia is the name given a newcomer in the home of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Harter, at Stone Mill, Potter township. The little girl came Sunday morning a week. A royal welcome was given her by ten brothers and sisters as well as by the parents.

Miss Phoebe Potter, on Friday of last week, fell and broke her leg, between the knee and hip, and was taken to the Centre County hospital where she is now a patient. Miss Potter is 83 years old and is making her home with a nephew, I. O. Campbell, at Fairbrook, where the accident happened.

And again, many of our residents are creating unnecessary fire risks. The penalty will be finally paid in one of two ways: One or more homes burned, or the enforcement of both local and State regulations prohibiting fires on streets or in places where property is endangered, by a State fire marshal who may happen along.

Edward Vogt, who with his brother, George Vogt, is operating a rendering plant, located several miles west of town, has taken the agency for the Ford automobile and will open a sales place for cars and supplies in the garage (the former Fetterolf garage) next to his home on East Church street. Two cars were brought from Detroit on Sunday by the new dealer.

The Kohl Brothers, of Myerstown, who have drilled a number of wells in this section, the latter part of last week, brought one of their outfits from Nittany Valley to deepen a well on the W. H. Baird farm, tenanted by M. C. Delaney, as then will correct a mishap in the well on the Barges farm, tenanted by Clarence Blazier, west of Old Fort. Wells, it is said, will be sunk on several other farms near town before winter sets in.

Boalsburg High school soccer team won a game off Centre Hall, on the latter's grounds, by the score of 1 to 0, Friday evening. The visitors got a center goal kick and it gave them a score in the third quarter. The first three quarters were largely played in dangerous proximity to the home team's goal, but after the visitors scored the hot fight moved to the other end of the field. The contest was interesting throughout and exciting at times.

The Senior Service class in the Lutheran Sunday school held the monthly meeting on Thursday evening at the home of Mrs. Andrew Zettl, a member of the class. The home was beautifully decorated with forest branches and plants, lanterns, etc., and dimly lighted, suggesting the Halloween season. The ladies, or at least most of them, appeared costumed, each representing some well-known character. Mrs. Zettl served refreshments at the close of the usual program, which were greatly enjoyed.