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SUNDAY CHURCH SERVICES

FENNS VALLEY LUTHERAN CHURCH
(Rev. S. F. Greenhoe, Pastor.)

Preaching services at—
Centre Hall—10:30 A. M.
Election and installation of church
officers.

Tusseyville—2:30 P. M.
Election and installation of church
officers.

Spring Mills—7:30 P. M.
Election and installation of church
officers.

CENTRE HALL REFORMED CHURCH
(Rev. Delas R. Keener, Pastor.)

Centre Hall—
9:30—Sunday School.
7:30—Church Service.

Spring Mills—
9:30—Sunday School.
6:30—Church Service.

Farmers Mills—
1:30—Sunday School.
2:30—Church Service.

EVANGELICAL
(Rev. W. E. Smith, Pastor.)

Centre Hall—10:30 A. M.
Tusseyville, 2:30 P. M.
Lemont—7:30 P. M.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL
(Rev. H. A. Frazer, Pastor.)

Strucetown—
10:00—Sunday School.
7:30—Evening Worship.

Smulton—
9:00—Sunday School.
10:00—Morning Worship.

Centre Hall—
10:00—Sunday School.

PRESBYTERIAN
(Rev. J. M. Kirkpatrick, Pastor.)

Centre Hall—
9:30—Sunday School.
No preaching service.

AT LINDEN HALL,
(Pilgrim's Holiness Church.)
L. C. Mitchell, Pastor.

Preaching of the Word at 7:30 P. M.

IS HE SINCERE?

Governor Pinchot informed mayors, burgesses, county commissioners, heads of school districts, county poor boards and supervisors, through a letter, that the State's motto is "the neediest first," and how he in the past year gave repeated orders to employ road workmen without regard to politics. How sincere is the Governor? Will the preference for Republicans be continued or may we expect a fair deal? How can the Governor expect the public to believe him to be sincere when he asks aspirants to higher stations to subscribe to his political program before he will appoint them? The relief legislation at the special session of the legislature, it is charged by Democratic leaders, got into its difficulties through the Governor's battle for control of the 1932 primary.

How sincere can we credit the Governor of being in view of the political performances in Centre county in the matter of "hiring and firing?"

TAXES AND VOTES.

The old cry about "taxation without representation" is being raised in Washington, as congress gives its attention to measures to make residents of the District of Columbia pay various taxes as contributions to the upkeep of the district. An income tax levy and an estate transfer tax are among four bills under consideration. Higher tax on motor vehicles and gasoline are the other proposals. The District of Columbia has no representation in congress and its local government is administered by commissioners.

OLD MAN WINTER ARRIVED.

Old Man Winter made his formal debut Tuesday at 2:30 p. m. when the winter solstice, that point in the ellipse at which the sun is farthest from the equator, is now reached.

Contrary to the belief that this day is the shortest of the year, there will be eleven days of the same length, nine hours and fourteen minutes. The first day was last Thursday, and the last one will be Sunday, December 27. Christmas, therefore, will be one of these short days, but his will be an advantage to Santa Claus who will have a lengthened Christmas eve in which to master the chimneys. Then, too, St. Nick should be able to make more calls.

Suicides are decreasing. During the first eight months of this year the rate was 14.2 per 100,000 population in Pennsylvania. This is one-tenth per cent less than during the same period of 1930.

DEATHS.

ROSSMAN.—Mrs. Catherine Rossman, widow of Louis Rossman, died early Monday morning at the home of a daughter, Mrs. Harry Mensch, in Milton, where she had gone six weeks ago from her home in Spring Mills with another daughter, Mrs. Bright Bitner. Funeral services were held Wednesday morning in the Salem Reformed church, Rev. Griesing, the pastor, officiating, with interment at Millheim. The body was laid by the side of her husband who three years ago was killed in Milton when a train hit an automobile in which he and Mrs. Rossman were passengers. Mrs. Rossman at that time was very seriously injured.

The deceased was a daughter of Daniel and Polly (Ripka) Weaver. She is survived by a brother, Howard Weaver, Millheim, and these children: Blanche, wife of Nelson Wert, Akron, Ohio; Charles, Spring Mills; Fern, wife of Harry Mensch, Milton, and Mrs. Bright Bitner, Spring Mills.

Mrs. Rossman last spring suffered a paralytic stroke from which she never fully recovered. She would have attained the 73rd year of her age had she lived until January.

GINGRICH.—Amelia Gingrich, wife of Jacob Gingrich, passed away at her home a short distance west of Madisonburg, Thursday of last week. Interment was made Monday afternoon in the Union cemetery, at Farmers Mills, services having been held by an Evangelical minister to which denomination the Gingrich family held.

The deceased was one of thirteen children of George and Barbara (Haugh), and she was born in Snyder county. She is survived by her husband and two children—George, living near Madisonburg, and Harry, at home. Also, a brother, Jesse Long, of Centre Hall.

DURST.—The death of Alfred Durst, a native of Potter township, removes from the community of Centre Hall all but one of the many who fought to preserve the Union three score and ten years ago.

Death came to the rugged warrior as the result of a long illness, the last eighteen months of which he spent in bed. His death was attributed to cancer, at the age of 89 years, 3 months and 15 days.

Mr. Durst was born near Centre Hall, a son of Daniel and Polly Condo Durst. His wife preceded him to the grave about 16 years ago and he is survived by a brother, James Durst, of Lewisburg; and four daughters: Mrs. Grace Deitzel, of Greensburg; Mrs. D. J. Wolfe of Homestead; Mrs. S. M. Goolhart, of Johnstown, and Mrs. W. F. Keller, of Centre Hall.

During the Civil War Mr. Durst enlisted in the Union army, and for two years and eleven months he served as a member of Co. H, 51st Regiment Pennsylvania Volunteers. Returning from the war, he moved to Potters Mills, where he farmed for many years. Thirty-one years ago he moved his family back to Centre Hall and has resided there since.

Funeral services were held from the home at 2:30 o'clock on Saturday afternoon, with his son-in-law, the Rev. D. J. Wolfe, pastor of the Homestead Reformed church, officiating. Interment was made in the Centre Hall cemetery.

CAMPBELL.—Malcolm P. Campbell, a native of Coburn, died suddenly at his home at Lewisburg. The tragedy occurred at his home in that town at 12:30 p. m. without a warning of any kind. He apparently was in his usual good health up to the moment when the fatal attack came, and his sudden passing was a distinct shock to the many friends and his family.

Mr. Campbell was a son of Andrew J. and Elizabeth Campbell, and was born at Coburn, January 2, 1883, hence was aged 48 years, 11 months and 8 days.

He was well known in lower Penns Valley, he having resided there for a number of years and was an employe at the Musser House, popular hostelry of another day.

More than twenty-five years ago he moved to Lewisburg where he was married to Eva Mertz, who survives with one son, Orvis A. Campbell, and the following brothers and sisters: Mrs. Mabel F. Kaler, of Trevorton; Edward R. of Williamsport; Charles A. of Shamokin; Walter A., of Shamokin, and R. Porter, of Annville.

"Hook Worm" in Penna.
Pennsylvania had a single case of "Hook Worm Disease" reported during the month of November, and one case of that sort, is news. The history of the patient shows that while he had lived in this State for five years, he had originally come from the South, in which section the "Hook Worm" develops his activities in the human body more readily and more generally.

**JUDGE POTTER POSTPONES
SNYDER COUNTY COURT**

Frank Bilger, Head of Millhelm Manufacturing Co., May Make Plea for Release, But Will Be Re-Arrested, District Attorney Says.

The regular term of court in Snyder county, scheduled for last week, was postponed until the February term, with a view of economy. Judge Miles Potter by that time will have closed his term of office and Judge-elect C. C. Lesher will be on the bench.

The case of Frank Bilger, former head of the Pennsylvania Marble Co., and the Millhelm Manufacturing Co., scheduled for trial, like other criminal cases, was postponed for trial.

Indications point to the fact that Bilger will enter a plea that he be released because his trial has not been called in two successive regular court sessions.

If he is released under his plea, he will be re-arrested and be back in the toils of the law, while there are enough charges from other communities to keep him in jail for some time, District Attorney Miller declares.

The first scheduled trial of Bilger in the Snyder county courts was postponed when the election fraud case came to the attention of the grand jury at the November sessions. He has been under the care of the jail physician for many weeks at a time and when first admitted he was very near his end, or so officials were led to believe.

While in the Snyder county jail Bilger spends his time in endeavoring to educate his fellow-prisoners in his "school" while in other moments he writes of his life, giving details of affiliations with gangs which operate in the liquor and smuggling fields.

**PINE GROVE MILLS REBEKAHS
WIN GRANGE PLAY CONTEST**

The dramatic club of the Pine Grove Mills Rebekah lodge won first place in the second annual rural dramatic tournament held in the hall of Progress Grange, Centre Hall, under the auspices of the Centre County Agricultural Extension Association. A large audience was present to witness the contest.

"Mother's Old Home" was the name of the playlet presented by the Rebekah lodge. The judges were L. R. Lenhart, of Bellefonte; Mrs. Agnes Geary, of Centre Hall, and Frank Millward, of Pleasant Gap. They had a difficult task in making a selection but finally decided on the Rebekah lodge, though both the Penn State and Half-moon Grange clubs were close seconds. The Rebekah club members are Mrs. Carrie Wieland, Kathryn Drebell, Clair Irvin, Ruth Frank, Edna M. Albright, Mrs. Mary Walker and Foster Musser. They have been coached by Mrs. Caroline Peterson, while the director of the club is Mrs. Alfred Albright.

This group will represent Centre county and the central district, including Clinton, Mifflin and Centre counties in the State-wide dramatic tournament at the Farm Products Show in Harrisburg, during the month of January. At the State tournament they will compete with farmers in other districts from all over the State. Centre county people are urged to follow the play at Harrisburg and support their local representatives.

**COUNTY OFFICERS-ELECT
HAVE NAMED DEPUTIES**

The Democratic county officers who will be sworn in on January 4th, have made selection of their deputies and clerks, according to recent announcement. Sheriff-elect John M. Booth will have as his deputy John Bower, a World-war veteran of Aaronsburg. The County Commissioners have selected Charles E. Freeman, of Philipsburg, as chief clerk, and Boyd Vonada, of Bellefonte, second clerk. Register John L. Wetzler will retain the services of Miss Geraldine Bilger as his deputy. As mentioned last week Recorder D. A. McDowell will have Roy Royer as his deputy. Prothonotary S. Claude Herr will retain the services of D. R. Foreman.

**PENN STATE STUDENT AGES
RANGE FROM 15 TO 43**

Students at the Pennsylvania State College range in age from 15 to 43 according to information compiled by Registrar William S. Hoffman. With four freshmen in the youngest age group and one senior in the oldest, the largest group of students, 900, give their age as 19, and the next largest group, 883, as 20.

The most general age at which to enter college is 18, and the largest groups of both men and women students advance regularly one year for each advance in class, the sophomore averaging generally 19, juniors 20 and seniors 21. Included in the 18 to 21 year age groups are 3252 of the 4320 undergraduates at Penn State.

While the youngest freshmen are 15, the oldest member of the class is 37. The oldest member in the senior class is 43, the oldest juniors are 33, and the oldest sophomore is 37. The youngest sophomore is 16, the youngest juniors 17 and the youngest seniors 18.

**PINCHOT'S CHARGES
CALLED "NONSENSE"**

Fight to Control G. O. P. Primary Blocked Relief, Democrat Declares.

Branding as "sheer nonsense" the charges leveled by Governor Pinchot against Republicans and Democrats failing to support his relief program, Assemblyman Wilson G. Sarig, of Temple near Reading, Democratic leader in the House, said the real difficulty in the fight over relief legislation was Pinchot's and his rivals' battle for control of the primary in spring of 1932.

"In his first blast, charging the Republicans with playing politics with human misery," Sarig said, "the Governor included the Democrats. In his attack a few days ago he exporates the Democrats from his ever-ready charge against all opponents of 'playing politics.' Thanks, at least, for that much. This is one of the very few times when the Democrats have received anything like a square deal from the Governor, although they have always supported such parts of the program as they considered beneficial to the people as a whole.

"It's just a case, when Pinchot attacks the Republicans of the pot calling the kettle black.

"The truth is that there is not a single stake on the political table at Harrisburg for which a Democratic member could pay. The one big stake on the table is the control of the Republican primary election in the spring of 1932. Why should Democrats be accused of 'playing politics' when they are entirely out of the picture so far as the politics of the session is concerned?

"The Democratic members have all along contended and still contend, that all the necessary relief could have been given without an additional dollar of new taxation if only the present administration had shown a will and a genuine desire to use reasonable economy and good housekeeping. There are other appropriations that could well have afforded to wait.

"But in a political game a Governor needs more and more political workers, who are paid out of an ever-increasing overhead government expense, and the very word 'economy' becomes offensive.

"As I sat in my seat in the House week after week during this special session and carefully watched the unfolding of this monumental political farce, inch by inch, foot by foot, I became more firmly convinced with each passing day that this special session would never have been called if it had not been for the immense political stakes involved—namely, the control of the Republican party in Pennsylvania and the further political ambitions of Governor Pinchot and of the First Lady of the State.

"In a political game of such vast political proportions the question of unemployment relief became a mere means to an end. No doubt we will hear a great deal from the pot and kettle between now and next April.

"The Democratic members won a great deal more than they lost in the special session. They won a complete victory in their stand against all additional taxation. Every tax bill is now definitely dead. The Democratic members took a firm stand against all tax bills long before any other members dared to declare themselves one way or the other."

Centre County Residents Charged with Larceny.

Grace Millward, of Pleasant Gap, and Agnes Hoover, of Bellefonte, were arrested last week by Chief of Police Harry Dukeman, on a warrant issued by officials in Lewisburg, charging them with larceny of watches, etc. Grace Millward posted bond for \$500 and was released, but Agnes Hoover was unable to furnish bond and was committed to jail until the sheriff of Mifflin county came to Bellefonte and took both the girls back to Lewisburg to answer to the charges.

Senior Bake Sale.

The Senior Class held a bake sale at the High school building, Saturday, December 12th. The donations were made by the members of the Senior Class. The amount of money that was taken in was \$9.93, and since there was no expense, that amount was profit.

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SCHOOL NEWS OF INTEREST

ALUMNI BANQUETS.

The alumni of the Centre Hall High school will hold their traditional banquet Saturday, December 26 at 7:30 o'clock, in the High school building. The Athletic Association of the High school will serve the banquet.

Election of officers for the new year will take place at this time, Daniel Daup, president, announces.

The mid-year reunion of the Gregg Township Vocational School alumni will be held at the Centre Hills Country Club at State College, Wednesday, December 30, at 7:00 P. M. All alumni should be interested in this get-together. The committee has arranged for good eats, plenty of room and a good time. Be sure and attend—why not? Get in touch with Miss Besse Zerby before December 28, and plan to attend.

**SCHOOL NEWS TAKEN FROM
CURRENT ISSUE OF 'THE TIGER'**

The members of the class of '32 decided to give a play on the 22nd and 23rd of January. The play is a comedy in 3 acts, entitled: "I Will; I Won't!" The cast of characters follows:

Dr. Anthony King, a school doctor
.....Adalin Dingus
.....Lynn Breon
Mr. Howard, a lawyer.....Dean Ripka
Carney Underwood, Jr., a man.....
.....about town.....Philip McClellan
Elliott Fletcher, a man about.....
.....school.....Chester Wagner
Lucile Owen.....Cherry Jodon
Joan Stevens, her cousin.....Lynn Breon
Lynn Patton, her roommate.....
.....Marian Smith
Glad Howard, a co-ed.....Helen Meyers
Mrs. Stevens, Lucille's grandmother.....
.....Evelyn Goyer
Dean Willis, Dean of the school.....
.....Adalin Dingus
Georgette, maid, ordinary and diplomat extraordinary.....Alice Burkholder
Place: The Living Room in the Girls' Dormitory at Brainerd College.

Time: The Present.
ACT I—A Friday night in Mid-winter.
ACT II—An afternoon a month later.
ACT III—Immediately following ACT II.

**ATHLETES SPONSOR
BAKED HAM SUPPER**

The Baked Ham Supper given by the Athletic Association on Saturday night was less well attended than those of previous years. The amount of money taken in was \$52.15 and the expenses, \$41.11, thus making \$11.04 profit. This money will be put into the Athletic treasury, and will be used later for school athletics.

Christmas Greeting Cards and Dressing packages were sold by the School for the benefit of the Athletic Association. Approximately \$15.00 has been realized from this sale.

The members of the Freshman Class received their pins which are made up of Moss Green and White, their class colors. The ones who ordered "dinky" caps and emblems received them also.

The Freshman Class has been doing its share for school citizenship.

On the Soccer Ball team there were two boys of that class who played at least a quarter or more. They were Fred Spyker and Vinton McClellan.

On the Volley Ball team there was Willa Blausser who played a majority of the games.

On the Dodge team Anne Allen and Freda Burkholder played as substitutes.

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MUSIC TEACHER UNDERGOES OPERATION AFTER ILLNESS

Mrs. Malcolm Smith of State College, instructor of music at C. H. H. S., has undergone a mastoiditis operation, December 16, at Centre County hospital.

This operation was due to the after effects of scarlet fever. Mrs. Smith has been unable to teach for some time and although her condition is improving, she will not be able to resume her duties at school for several weeks.

CLUB NEWS OF INTEREST.

Four Clubs have been formed, choice of membership remaining with the pupil. A "Travel Club" is being directed by Miss Geary, and a "Sewing Club" by Miss Haines. Prof. Wetzel has charge of the "Manual Arts" Division and Mr. Jamison will instruct a "George Washington" or "History" Club. Officers have been elected in each Club and progress is starting. Each Club offers many ways by which pupils can show their originality and genius. The Club work will be done with care, as exhibits of the work will be displayed near the end of the year. Through these Club projects the school receives instruction that it could not otherwise obtain. Some of the exhibits are entered in competition with other schools. The organization of Clubs was delayed until the outdoor sports were over. In the spring Club work will cease with the advent of the sports season again.

ANNUAL ELECTION.

The annual election of the Farmers Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Centre County will be held in the Centre County Court House, in Bellefonte, on Monday, January 11th, 1932, between the hours of 10 A. M. and 12 M. for the election of twelve directors for the ensuing year.

GEORGE MITCHELL, Pres.
FRANK M. FISHER, Secretary.

NOW is a good time to get that piano tuned. Then it will be in good condition for the long winter evenings. Phone 2512; Geo. E. Meyer, Piano Tuner, Boalsburg. 649

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