



Local Fire Insurance Co. Has Unique Record

The Farmers Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Centre County, a local mutual company, is one with a decidedly unique record. It held its seventy-fifth annual meeting in Bellefonte, on Monday, re-electing its former directors, named below:

George Mitchell, president; J. M. Campbell, vice president; F. M. Fisher, secretary; J. R. Brungart, treasurer; James E. Harter, E. M. Huyett, E. J. Gentzel, T. M. Huey, C. A. Yenrick, F. E. Wisland, H. L. Truckenmiller, and D. S. Wert.

The original minutes of the organization of the company have been discovered by Secretary Fisher. The company when organized and throughout its early history was always designated thus: "The Farmers Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Centre County, Located South of Nittany Mountain."

The presidents to receive \$1.50 per day for each day actually engaged in business for the company, and the directors were allowed \$1.00 for each regular meeting attended.

MILESBURG THE SCENE OF FATAL AUTO ACCIDENT

While passing through Milesburg, on Friday, the car in which Mrs. Travis Chappel, of Petersburg, Virginia, was a passenger, was upset, resulting in the death of the woman. Death came before she could be gotten to the Centre County hospital.

Mr. Norris was driving through Milesburg when the car operated by Parrish A. Eastright, aged about 25 years, of Milesburg, was driven from a side street, the front bumper of the Eastright car hooking in the left front wheel of the Norris machine and turning it upside down.

Salarier of Appointees of County Commissioners Reduced.

The first step the new board of County Commissioners took shortly after they reorganized was to slash the pay roll of the Court House employees.

Assistant clerk will receive a salary of \$50 per month, \$10 less than was paid his predecessor, Fred B. Hesly.

The recorder, Lloyd A. Stover, issued 114 mortgages and deeds during the month.

Phoenixville "on the Bum," Writes Subscriber.

Enclosed please find \$3 for subscription to Reporter.

W. P. Cole, for a number of years miller for Bradford & Company, but now living retired at Lemont, was in town for a few days.

CLUBS AND INDIVIDUALS REPRESENTED AT FARM SHOW

Centre Hall and State College youths will exhibit lambs—Aaronsburg will send a horse shoe pitcher—Spring Mills Fathers Rhode Island Reds.

Centre county will be well represented at the State Farm Show in Harrisburg next week, according to County Agent R. C. Blaney.

The Centre County lamb club will again exhibit with 10 pens of lambs. The club members will attend the State 4H club camp which is held in connection with the show, under the direction of the State 4H club office at State College.

The Rebekah lodge of Pine Grove Mills will represent Centre county and this district, including Mifflin and Clinton counties, in the State one-act play contest.

Two representatives of Centre county will compete for the State championship horseshoe pitching honors in the State contest, which will be held in the arena in the show building on Monday and Tuesday of next week.

The hog show and sale will include three Poland China gilts bred and exhibited by Peters Brothers, Bellefonte.

In addition to the above mentioned exhibitors, a number of individuals are expecting to send in exhibits of corn, small grains, milk, eggs, etc.

Boys and girls in vocational work under the direction of W. S. Jeffries, E. H. Dale and John Dekker, are preparing and sending in a large number of exhibits, productions of their agricultural projects.

SNOW SHOE BANK PAYS 15 PER CENT. DIVIDEND

Payment of a 15 per cent. dividend to depositors of the Snow Shoe Bank, of Snow Shoe, this county, has been announced to be paid today (Thursday), by State Secretary of Banking Wm. D. Gordon.

Approximately \$95,000 has been paid to depositors in closed banks of the State through medium of private bankers licensed October 15, Gordon added.

Court House Reports for Month of December.

Register Harry A. Rossmann issued 19 marriage licenses and 11 sets of letters, administration and testamentary, during the month of December.

Prothonotary S. Claude Herr issued 85 judgements and writs, 3 divorces and 1 appeal during the month.

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Phoenixville, Pa., Jan. 4, 1932, Centre Reporter:

I had expected to be in Centre Hall before this, but could not make it.

Everything down here is on the bum; you could not buy a job just now at any price. I hope it is better up there.

J. R. KELLER.

MR. RASKOB'S PLAN. An Entirely Fair Proposal to Both Wets and Drys to Take Prohibition Out of Politics.

The proposal of John J. Raskob, chairman of the Democratic National Committee, for a plank in the Democratic platform instructing Democratic members of the Senate and House to vote for a national referendum on a constitutional amendment for home rule control of the liquor question, should meet with the approval of both drys and wets.

It is, in itself, neither wet nor dry, but a proposal for the settlement of the polls by the people themselves, of the most vexing problem in American life.

It is an eminently fair suggestion, and it should appeal not only to fair-minded Democrats but also to fair-minded Republicans.

The question of prohibition will never be settled in our country until the people vote directly upon it.

Mr. Raskob offers an excellent way to settle this question permanently and in a popular way.

Briefly, he would have all the people vote on it. If three-fourths of the States voted for the home rule amendment, it would give each State the right again to control the manufacture, transportation, importation and sale of alcoholic beverages within its own territory after the people of that State in a State-wide referendum have approved the plan.

No suggestion for the final disposition of the prohibition question so far suggested has been as fair, and as strong in its appeal to fair-minded people, as this proposal of Mr. Raskob.

The drys have argued for years that prohibition is not a political but a constitutional and social problem. This proposal meets their views, and giving a national referendum be held, it would be the first time that all the people have had an opportunity to vote directly their attitude on prohibition.

Mr. Raskob's plan ought to be adopted by the delegates to the two conventions, both Democratic and Republican. Then, with both parties expressing their desire to have the people vote on it, prohibition will be definitely out of politics.

"GLAD GIRLS" HOLD SPECIAL MEETING MONDAY EVENING

The "Glad Girls" Missionary Society held a special meeting in the Presbyterian church on Monday evening.

Alice Burkholder, the president of the organization, had charge of the meeting. Myla Spayker had charge of the devotion. Evelyn Colyer gave a reading which dealt with Missions in Korea.

The "Glad Girls" sang two hymns which were suitable for their mothers' entertainment. Twelve of the girls of the organization were present and nine of their mothers.

Following the program the girls served their mothers with cookies, pickles, sandwiches and cocoa, and like their mothers, they served an abundance when it came to the eats.

PLEASANT GAP GRANGE HALL NEARING COMPLETION

The Pleasant Gap Grange Hall which has been under construction since October 26, is to be ready for occupancy in the near future, just about three months from the time construction was first begun.

W. R. Dale, of Bellefonte, is the contractor and he has made remarkable progress on the project, having regularly employed a fairly large group of workmen. One noteworthy feature of the building is that everything possible, was purchased locally.

The building is of brick veneer construction, 40 by 70 feet, one story and basement, and is situated along the State highway, Route 53, near the intersection of the highway to State College. It will be used as a community hall and will be a model of its type in Centre county.

We know a young man who is flirting with grave danger when he pushes the gas throttle nearly to the floor in descending the Nittany mountain road on the Centre Hall side.

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FORMER CENTRE HALL GIRL GIVES RECITAL AT OBERLIN



MISS FRANCES BIBBER.

Miss Frances Bieber, a senior in the Oberlin Conservatory of Music, in Oberlin, Ohio, gave her graduating recital in singing in Warner Hall, Oberlin.

Miss Bieber sang an aria from Handel's Rinaldo, the Alleluiah from the Motets, Excelsite, by Mozart; a group of German songs, including Ich bin eine Harfe by Wolf, and Ah, ein Veilchen by Brahms; a modern French group, among which was the lovely Lamento Provincial by Paladilhe; and a group of English songs.

Both Dr. and Mrs. Bieber, now living in Butler, this State, attended the recital at Oberlin and assisted in the formal reception held afterwards for one hundred invited guests.

SHEFFIELD MILK PRICES.

The net cash price to be paid the members of the Sheffield Producers Cooperative Association, Inc., for the three per cent grade B milk delivered by them in the month of December is \$1.27 per hundred pounds in the 291-216 mile zone, with the usual freight, grade and butterfat differentials.

Low prices have been predicted for several months and dairymen have been warned repeatedly that prices could not be maintained at the former rates in the face of continued overproduction and under-consumption.

DICTATING DEPOSITORIES FOR COUNTY OFFICERS

The fact that Robert F. Hunter had not secured a bond at the time for taking over the office of County Treasurer, was a great surprise to many throughout the county, since it was not known generally that a law on the subject had been materially changed.

The security companies doing business in Pennsylvania no doubt conceived and lobbied the act through the Legislature that makes it mandatory for county officials to furnish separate bonds before they can qualify for the offices they have been elected to.

Before that law was passed an official whose office happened to be one for which a bond was required often offered personal bondsmen and when that was not done he paid for the bond as an essential part of his personal qualifications for the office.

The Act of 1929 has some merit, but no one had wisdom to foresee a contingency because of it that could make the several security corporations doing business in Pennsylvania the dictators as to the depositories of every county official in the State.

That situation is here now. County officers who have to be bonded may go only to an incorporated bonding company for their surety.

Many of these companies refuse to issue such bonds unless the depository in which the official proposes to carry his funds gives a bond also or earmarks a certain percentage of its own securities as collateral for the account.

All over Pennsylvania men who took office this week were in straits as to where to get bonds. Many banks declined to meet the requirements of the bonding companies, and the situation has brought to public attention the danger that lurks in legislative enactments that have such far reaching possibilities as the Act of 1929 seems to have vested in it.

LOCAL BASEBALL CLUB REORGANIZES FOR 1932

The Centre Hall baseball club met last week and effected a new organization for the 1932 baseball season. The officers elected are: President, Curtis Reber; vice-president, Ernest Frank; secretary, Paul Martz; treasurer, George Stover.

It was agreed to correspond with clubs throughout the county and invite representatives to meet at Centre Hall on Friday, 29th inst., and then take up the matter of forming a county league.

A tentative list of the clubs follows: Spring Mills, Millheim, Coburn, Rebersburg, Boalsburg, State College, Pine Grove Mills, Howard, Lamar Pleasant Gap and Hecla.

It will be recalled that the Centre Hall team led the county league in the finish of the contest last season. The financial standing of the club is strong, although no statement of the receipts, expenditures and surplus was furnished for publication.

Give Testimonial Dinner to Harry A. Leitzell, of State College.

One hundred business and professional men of State College gave a testimonial dinner to Harry A. Leitzell, retiring president of borough council at the Centre Hills Country Club on Tuesday night.

To commemorate the occasion, the hosts presented Leitzell with a parchment scroll which set forth that "In grateful recognition of your sixteen years of devoted service as a member of the council of the Borough of State College, Pa., we, the undersigned citizens, on your retirement wish to express the high esteem in which we hold you as a useful and public-spirited citizen, and the deep appreciation of your unselfish and efficient efforts for the welfare of our community."

Each of the hundred citizens who participated in the testimonial signed the parchment. Speakers of the evening were John Henry Frizzell and Dr. S. W. Fletcher, the one tracing the early history of the borough and the other giving the story of its development during the years Leitzell served on the borough council.

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NON-SUIT IN DETWILER-COLDIRON CASE STANDS

In an opinion and decree handed down by Judge M. Ward Fleming, the court refused to lift the non-suit in the famous Detwiler-Coldiron case which has been hanging fire for almost three years, and was brought to determine the ownership of a narrow strip of land on the top of Nittany Mountain.

The defendant, Musser E. Coldiron, took an appeal to the Superior court, and the case was sent back to the lower court for retrial. It came up at the November term of court and when the plaintiff sought to submit certain testimony in contravention to the deed the court refused to admit it, decreeing that the deed itself was the proper evidence.

It was then that attorneys for the defendant made a motion for a non-suit, which was granted. The court's decree leaves Coldiron the rightful owner of the land in question but an exception for the plaintiff was noted and he can carry the case to the Superior court if he so desires.

Borough Council Reorganizes.

At the first meeting in the New Year, the borough council reorganized by re-electing D. M. Bradford, president. Roy Searson, not a member of the council, was continued as secretary.

The other councilmen are Messrs. Richard Brooks, Fred Bender, A. M. Riegel, George Searson, W. A. Homan and A. W. Alexander. The holdover councilmen were Messrs. Brooks, Bender and Riegel. None other than routine business was transacted.

C. C. A. of Phila. Passes Banquet.

The officers and directors of the Centre County Association of Philadelphia held a meeting in the office of William S. Purr, Esq., on Tuesday, and decided to pass the 1932 banquet. The regular annual picnic, however, will be held in June, as usual—Warner Underwood, president; John C. Beale, secretary.

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LADIES' HAT SALE.

Mrs. Lucy Henney is offering her entire stock of hats at the ridiculous low price of \$1 each. This is the regular January clean-up sale, offering unprecedented bargains.

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS

It is claimed 1850 deer were killed in Mifflin county during the open season in December.

A dealer's license plate bearing the number X8123 was picked up near the P. H. R. station by the stationmaster.

The Dairymen's League price paid for December milk is twenty-nine cents less than that paid for November and thirty-two cents less than the October price.

Mrs. Rebecca Wolfe, of Aaronsburg, long a resident of near here, will make her home with her children living in Alliquippa, Beaver county, until spring.

The household goods of Miss Tillie P. Keller are advertised at private sale in this issue. The goods may be seen at the home of Mrs. Annie Homan. H. L. Ebright is Miss Keller's agent.

M. Neal Baker, postmaster at Lewisburg, was reappointed to that post by President Hoover. His salary is \$3,000, which will be materially increased when the Federal Penitentiary now under construction is put into operation.

Daniel Shue, of Wood township, Huntingdon county, evidently stole a pig, but since it weighed 300 pounds there was no "away he ran." Shue is held under \$500 bail for a court trial, since the pig was found on the attic of his home.

Dr. and Mrs. W. M. Flegal, who had been living in Waynesboro, will be located in Maywood, New Jersey, after February 1st. Mrs. Flegal, who before marriage was Miss Ida Sweetwood, is well known here. The friends of the couple about here will wish them success in their new field.

W. Harrison Walker was re-appointed several days ago as District Deputy Grand Master of Masons in Pennsylvania for the twenty-first District which comprises the counties of Clearfield and Centre. Mr. Walker was originally appointed Deputy in 1915. He therefore has completed sixteen successive years of service to the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania and is now entering upon his seventeenth year.

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After twenty-one years of service in the office of the district attorney, in Lancaster, seventeen years of which were as a deputy and the past four years as district attorney, Sumner V. Hosterman ended his career as a public prosecutor, last Saturday a week ago, and returned to the private practice of his profession. There is a touch of local interest in this item because of the fact that Mr. Hosterman is a native of Centre county, having been born and raised at Centre Hall.

A Sunday afternoon "buggy ride" came to an abrupt ending for Marvin Isher, local High school youth, his younger brother and Vinton McClellan, the latter two small boys. Marvin hitched up one of his Shetland ponies to a small express wagon, placed a box in the front, on which he sat, while the other two boys crowded in the rear half of the wagon.

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