# 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 di-

rectors, 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. Yearick, F. E. Wieland, H. L. Truckenmiller, burg next week, according to County and D. S. Wert.

costs is the watchword.

meeting was February 26, 1858. At Centre Hall. subsequent meeting held March 6. indicating that each was skilled with

Geo. Buchanan, Samuel Strohecker, Adam Hess, Peter Zeigler, Ph. Meyer, Henry Kreps, Peter Hoffer, Wm. Durst, Wm. C. Duncan, Amos Alexander, G. W. Campbell.

John Shannon was the justice of the peace who administered the oath. At a specall meeting of the board on February 26, 1858, the board organized by electing George Buchanan president; and Phipip Meyer, vice president. John Shannon was appointed secretary, and Henry Witmer, treas-

Compensations and fees were designated for officers and agents or sur-

The presidents to receive \$1.50 per ular meeting attended. Agents were allowed fifty cents for each application at \$50.00 for the year.

Insurance risks were limited to \$4. sylvania can produce. 000, actual. Rates varied from four ried a rate of nine per cent, and on all wooden houses in town, ten per cent. The highest rate applied to saw mills.

#### MILESBURG THE SCENE OF FATAL AUTO ACCIDENT

While passing through Milesburg, on Reds. Friday, the car in which Mrs. Travis before she could be gotten to the Cen-

Mr. Norris was driving through of their agricultural projects. through Milesburg when the car operated by Parrish A. Estright, aged about 28 years, of Milesburg, was driven from a side street, the front bumper of the Estright car hooking in the chine and turning it upside down.

lodged against him.

# missioners Reduced.

The first step the new board of added. County Commissioners took shortly after they reorganized was to slash the pay roll of the Court House employes. Chief Clerk Charles Freeman of Phil-

predecessor, Fred B. Healy. Assistant clerk will receive a salary of \$80 per month, \$10 less than was 85 judgements and writs, 3 divorces paid his predecessor, Mrs. Hugh Wil- and 1 appeal during the month. son. Fireman William Moyer will rewas received by him during the past the month. appointed janitors also received a slash Phoenixville "on the Bum," four years of his service. The newly in wages. Lewis Wion will receive \$40 per month instead of \$80, while John Breon will get \$70 per month, a reduc- Centre Reporter: tion of \$10 over his predecessor, Jas.

town for a few days.

Thompson.

#### CLUBS AND INDIVIDUALS REPRESENTED AT FARM SHOW

Will Send a Horse Shoe Pitcher-

Centre county will be well represented at the State Farm Show in Harris-

The Centre County lamb club will carries insurance as per its statement The club members will attend the the most vexing problem in American in this issue of the Reporter of \$5,- State 4H club camp, which is held in life. 596,539.00. During the last year the connection with the show, under the total fire losses were but \$2,648.54. direction of the State 4H club office at and it should appeal not only to fair-The company laid its last assessment State College. The lambs will be on minded Democrats but also to fairin 1928. Surely, economy in overhead exhibition the entire week of the minded Repubulicans. show and will be judged either Thurs-The original minutes of the organiza- George Luse, of Centre Hall, club continue to plague the legislators of tion of the company have been discov- leader, will assist the club members both parties, cause endless futile deered by Secretary Fisher. The com- while at Harrisburg. The following bate, and waste the time and the monpany when organized and throughout boys and girls will attend the show as ey of the country until it is eliminatits early history was always designat- members of the club this year: Carl ed from politics. ed thus: "The Farmers Mutual Fire Burkholder, Centre Hall; Lee Heman. Insurance Company of Centre County, State College; Margaret Ross, Centre to settle this question permanently and Located South of Nittany Mountain." Hall; Albert Homan, State College; in a popular way. The minutes show the first meeting, Wm. Hipple, Pine Glen; Minnie Tate, at which the directors were elected State College; Richard Luse, Centre ple vote on it. If three-fourths of the Oberlin Conservatory of Music, in Obtational men of State College gave a Action of the Oberlin Conservatory of Music, in Obtation of t was held in the "House of John G. Hall; Eugene Lederer, State College: States voted for the home rule amend- erlin, Ohio, gave her graduating re- zell, retiring president of borough coun-Yeager, Centre Hall." The date of the Charles Harter, Nittany; Richard Ross, ment, it would give each State the cital in singing in Warner Hall, Ober-cil at the Centre Hills Country Club on

the directors took the oath of office in- Mills will represent Centre county and alcoholic beverages within its own Centre Hall when her father was member of council for sixteen years. dividually, the manner of oath select- this district, including Mifflin and Clin- territory after the pople of that State pastor of the Lutheran church here. ed following the signature of each di- ton counties, in the State one-act in a State-wide referendum have aprector. The directors signed the oath play contest. They will present 'Moth. proved the plan. It would leave to del's Radamisto, the Allelujah from To commemorate the occasion, the in the following order, their signatures er's Old Home." The group is being every State which wants to be dry the Motette Exsultate, by Mozart; a hosts presented Leitzell with a parch-Musser. The play will be presented in return anywhere of the open saloon. Thief River Falls, Minnesdta. the little theatre in the State Show Building.

pionship horseshoe pitching honors in people, as this proposal of Mr. Raskob, one hundred invited guests, the State contest, which will be held in the arena in the show building on that prohibition is not a political but Monday and Tuesday of next week. The preliminaries will be run off on Monday and the finals on Tuesday. Representatives from Centre county it would be the first time that all are Howard Stere, Unionville, and the people have had an opportunity day for each day actualy engaged in Lester P. Fiedler, of Aaronsburg, to vote directly their attitude on probusiness for the company, and the di- These men were the winners of counrectors were allowed \$1.00 for each reg- ty horseshoe pitching contest held at the Centre county fair in Centre Hall. In the dairy cattle show Peters Brofor insurance and survey, and each hers of Stormstown will exhibit eight her. The secretary's aslary was fixed dairy cattle show will bring together nitely out of politics. some of the best competition Penn-

The hog show and sale will include to twenty per cent., that is, premium three Poland China gilts bred and exnotes were demanded on these per- hibited by Peters Brothers, Bellefonte. centages on the actual insurance is one Poland China gilt bred and exsued. The lowest rate, four per cent, hibited by Peters Brothers, Stormswas on dwellings of stone or brick, town; and 8 gilts of various breeds with metal or slate roof and located in bred and exhibited by the Animal Husthe country. No schedule is shown for bandry department of the Pennsylvana similar house in town, but a brick ia State College. The practice of holdor stone house with wooden roof car- ing a sale will be followed as in past years. This will be an excellent opto purchase some good bred gilts. Judging at the swine show will take place on Tuesday, January 19th.

Spring Mills will exhibit Rhode Island

In addition to the above mentioned Chappel, of Petersburg. Virginia, was exhibitors, a number of individuals tion because she loved her mother and est to the reader. The editorial is a passenger, was upset, resulting in are expecting to send in exhibits of the young man wan infidel. He had printed below in full: the death of the woman. Death came corn, small grains milk, eggs, etc. Boys' and girls' in vocational works tre County hospital. The car was under the direction of W. S. Jef- which were suitable for their mothers' driven by Mrs. Chappel's son, Archie fries. E. H. Dale and John Deck-entertainment. Twelve of the girls of A. Norris, of Pleasant Gap, whose er, are preparing and sending in a the organization were present and nine large number of exhibits,, productions of their mothers.

## SNOW SHOE BANK PAYS

Payment of a 15 per cent, dividend when it came to the eats. left front wheel of the Norris ma- to depositors of the Snow Shoe bank, of Snow Shoe, this county, has been PLEASANT GAP GRANGE HALL An inquest was held at the Wetzler announced to be paid today (Thursfuneral parlors at Milesburg in charge day), by State Secretary of Banking of coroner W. R. Heaton, of Philips- Wm. D. Gordon. Dr. Gordon said he

paid to depositors in closed banks of first begun. Salarier of Appointees of County Com. the State through medium of private bankers licensed October 15, Gordon tractor and he has made remarkable

December. ipsburg will receive a salary of \$1,600 19 marriage licenses and 11 sets of is of steel framework construction. per year, \$200 less than was paid his letters, administration and testament- which was furnished by the George S. ary, during the month of December. Dennithorne Construction company of

The recorder, Lloyd A. Stover, isceive \$90 per month, \$10 less than sued 114 mortgages and deeds during

## Writes

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before this, but could not make it, pushes the gas throttle nearly to the W. P. Cole, for a number of years Everything down here is on the bum; miller for Bradford & Company, but you could not buy a job just now at now living retired at Lemont, was in any price. I hope it is better up there, paraphrase a well-known saying, a J. R. KELLLER.

### MR. RASKOB'S PLAN.

An Entirely Fair Proposal to Both Wets and Drys to Take Prohibition Out of Politics.

The proposal of John J. Ruskob, Centre Hall and State College Youths chairman of the Democratic National Will Exhibit Lambs-Aaronsburg Committee, for a plank in the Democratic platform instructing Democrat-Spring Milles Fathers Rhode Island to vote for a national referendum on ic members of the Senate and House constitutional amendment for home ule 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 at proximately 2400 policyholders, and again exhibit with 10 pens of lambs. the polls by the people themselves, of

It is an eminently fair suggestion,

The question of prohibition will nevday afternoon or Friday morning, and er be settled in our country until the sold at auction on Friday afternoon. people vote directly upon it. It will

Mr. Raskob offers an excellent way

Briefly, he would have all the peo-No suggestion for the final dispo-The drys have argued for years a constitutional and social problem This proposal meets their views, and should a national referendum be held,

hibiton. Mr. Raskob's plan ought to be adoptd by the delegates to the two conventions, both Democratic and Republican. Then, with both parties exinsurance applicant was charged 25 head of purebred Holstein cattle Ad- pressing their desire to have the peocents for each policy issued him or vance information indicated that the ple vote on it, prohibition will be defi-

## "GLAD GIRLS" HOLD SPECIAL

eld a special meeting in the Presby- production and under-consumption. terian church on Monday evening. Alice Burkholder, the president of DICTATING DEPOSITORIES the organization, had charge of the

neeting. Myla Spyker had charge of the devotions. Evelyn Colyer gave a portunity for farmers over the State ficiated at the piano during the prelude throughout the county, since it was and the offertory.

In the poultry show J. C. Robinson of ericans Thought of Their Mothers." Alice Burkholder told an imaginary story of two youths and their views

> little thought of his mother. The 'Glad Girls' sang two hymns

Following the program the girls served their mothers with cookies, picklessandwiches and cocoa, and like their 15 PER CENT. DIVIDEND mothers, they served an abundance

# NEARING COMPLETION

The Pleasant Gap Grange Hall which burg. Estright was found guilty of had aranged for Vance C. McCormick, has been under construction since Occontributory negligence and a charge Harrisburg private banker, to handle tober 20, is to be ready for occupancy of involuntary manslaughter will be payment of the \$26,302.65 available. in the near future, just about three Approximately \$9,150,000 has been months from the time construction was

> W. R. Dale, of Bellefonte, is the conprogress on the project, having regu-Court House Reports for Month of larly employed a fairly large group of workmen. One noteworthy feature of the building is that everything possible Register Harry A, Rossman issued was purchased locally. The building Prothonotary S. Claude Herr issued Bellefonte, and all the labor was furnished by local persons.

The building is of brick veneer con struction, 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

We know a young man who is flirt-I had expected to be in Centre Hall ing with grave danger when he floor in descending the Nittany mountain road on the Centre Hall side.

### · · · · · · · · · LOCAL BASEBALL CLUB FORMER CENTRE HALL GIRL GIVES RECITAL AT OBERLIN



MISS FRANCES BIEBER.

Miss Bieber sang an aria from Han-College Rotary and Kiwanis clubs. coached by Mrs. D. S. Peterson. Pine the right to be dry and would, under group of German songs, including Ich ment scroll which set forth that "In Grove ills, and directed by Mrs. Al- the Webb-Kenyon law, help prevent bin eine Harfe, by Wolff, and Ah ein grateful recognition of your stxteen fred Allbright, of Penna. Furnace The shipments of alcoholic beverages from Veilchen by Brahms; a modern French years of devoted service as a member players in the group are as follows: wet territory into dry territory. Fur-group, among which was the lovely of the council of the Borough of State ther, it would enable possibly wet Lamento Provincal by Paladilhe, and College, Pa., we, the undersigned citelbis, Clair Irvin, Ruth Frank. Edna States to become dry again if they a group of English songs. Her accom- izens, on your retirement wish to ex- cess in their new field. Albright, Mrs. Mary Walker, Foster chose, and provides ways to bar the panist was Miss Lucile Hermanson, of press the high esteem in which we

sition of the prohibition question so in Butler, this State, attended the of your unselfish and efficient efforts Two representatives of Centre coun- far suggested has been as fair, and recital at Oberlin and assisted in the for the welfare of our community." ty will compete for the State cham- as strong in its appeal to fair-minded formal reception held afterwards for Each of the hundred citizens who par-

### SHEFFIELD MILK PRICES.

reight, grade and butterfat differe tials. This is the same as \$1.47 for milk sold on a 3.5% butterfat basis. This is the lowest price paid Sheffield dairymen in many years and is bound to result in hardship and distress.

Low prices have ben predicted for everal months and dairymen have been warned repeatedly that prices MEETING MONDAY EVENING could not be maintained at the form-The "Glad Girls" Missionary Society er rates in the face of continued over-

The fact that Robert F. Hunter had reading which dealt with Missions in not secured a bond at the time for Korea. It was a very interesting story taking over the office of County Treasand well presented. Jane Campbell of urer, was a great surprise to many not known generally that a law on Mrs. Kirkpatrick gave an interesting the subject had been materially changtiff, J. H. Detwiler.

The subject of the plaintiff, J. H. Detwiler.

The subject of the plaintiff, J. H. Detwiler. talk on the subject: "What Great Am- ed, putting county officials at the mercy of bonding companies. The Demlocratic Watchman in its last issue published an editorial on the subject that on religion. The young girl was Chris- will be informative and of great inter-

> 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 corporate bonds before they can qualify for the offices they have been elected to. The act in question also puts the cost of such bonds on the county.

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 forsee 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

That situation is here now. County officers who have to be bonded may go only to an incorporated bonding company for their sucety. 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. That would be making an official account preferred against all other depositors in the bank and manifestly, would be unfair, and possibly illegal.

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.

# 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 Refber; vice-president, Ernest

urer, George Stover. It was agreed to correspond with clubs throughout the county and invite representatives to meet at Centake up the matter of forming a coun- October price.

Frank; secretary, Paul Martz; treas-

ty league. A tentative list of the clubs follows: Grove Mills, Howard, Lamar Pleasant til spring.

It will be recalled that the Centre Hall team led the county league in the finish of the contest last season.

P. Keller are advertised at private sale in this issue. The goods may be strong, although no statement of the receipts, expenditures and surplus was furnished for medical and surplus was The financial standing of the club is furnished for publication.

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

One hundred business and profes-Miss Frances Bieber, a senior in the sional men of State College gave a tion. right again to control the manufacture, lin. Miss Bieber is a daughter of Dr. Tuesday night. Leitzell retired from Dig, but since it weighed 300 pounds The Rebekah lodge of Pine Grove transportation, importation and sale of and Mrs. B. F. Bieber, and was born in office January 1 after having been a The dinner was sponsored by the State

hold you as a useful and public-spir-Both Dr. and Mrs. Bieber, now living ited citizen, and the deep appreciation ticipated in the testimonial signed the parchment.

Speakers of the evening were John The net cash price to be paid the Henry Frizzell and Dr. S. W. Fletchnembers of the Sheffield Producers er, the one tracing the early history of Cooperative Assocation, Inc., for the the borough and the other giving the tering upon his seventeenth year, three per cent grade B milk delivered story of its development during the 201-210 mile zone, with the usual been head of the board since 1922.

freight grade and butterfat different.

At the last regular meeting of the retiring council, the burgess and counolution expressing "their deep appreciation and understanding of the lastof service" which Leitzell made during tion for a year. his years in public office.

# NON-SUIT IN DETWILER-

In an opinion and decree handed down by Judge M. Ward Fleming, the court refused to lift the non-suit FOR COUNTY OFFICERS in the famous Detwiler-Coldron case most three years, and was brought to determine the ownership of a narrow strip of land on the top of Nittany Mountain. When the case was originally tried in the Centre county court flowing out of the rocks some distance

> took an appeal to the Superior court, ular times, claim its source is either and the case was sent back to the from a leak in the main pipe or direct lower court for retrial. It came up from the reservoir, while others conat the November term of court and tend its source has nothing to do with certain testimony in contravention to ing there is periodically a flow of wathe deed the court refused to admit it, ter of some consequence at the point decreeing that the deed, itself, was the referred to and it would appear that proper evidence.

> It was then that attorneys for the defendant made a motion for a nonsuit, which was granted. The court's Lancaster, seventeen years of which decree leaves Coldron 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 by re-electing D. M. Bradford, presi- been born and raised at Centre Hall, dent. Roy Searson, not a member of In retiring from the office Mr. Hosterthe council was continued as secretary man made an appeal to the court in Richard Brooks, Fred Bender, A. M. counsel fees who in his opinion. Riegel, George Searson, W. A. Homan should have just as able counsel apand A. W. Alexander. The holdover pointed them as the attorney repreouncilmen were Messrs, Brooks, Ben- senting the Commonwealth. der 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 Philadel- hitched up one of his Shetland ponphia held a meeting in the office of ies to a small express wagon placed William S. Furst, Esq., on Tuesday, a box in the front, on which he sat. and decided to pass the 1932 banquet, while the other two boys crowded in The regular annual picnic, however, will be held in June, as usual.—Warner up-town was uneventful, but going Underwood, president; John C. Beale, ecretary.

President Hoover is very much opposed to reducing the salaries of Fedral office holders, yet the remainder of his "subjects" have suffered reduction of their incomes ranging from twenty-five to one hundred per cent.

## LADIES' HAT SALE.

entire stock of hats at the ridiculous tions on the public road. Marvin held low price of \$1 each. This is the reg- on to the reins, however, and got his ular January clean-up sale, offering pet under control. None of the boys unprecedented bargains.

#### HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS

It is claimed 1850 deer were killed fr Mifflin county during the open seas-

on in December. A dealer's license plate bearing the number X8133 was picked up near the

P. R. R. station by the stationmaster. The Dairymen's League price paid for December milk is twenty-nine cents jess than that paid for Novemtre Hall on Friday, 29th inst., and then ber and thirty-two cents less than the

Mrs. Rebecca Wolfe, of Aaronsburg, long a resident of near here, will Spring Mills, Millheim, Coburn, Reb- make her home with her children liversburg, Boalsburg, State College. Pine ing in Aliquippa, Beaver county, un-

The household goods of Miss Tillis seen at the home of Mrs. Annie Ho-

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 opera-

Daniel Shue, of Wood township, Huntingdon county, evidently stole & there was no "away he ran." Shue is held under \$500 ball 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. Flegel, who before marriage was Miss Ida Sweetwood, is well known here. The friends of the couple about here will wish them suc-

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 appionted deputy on 1915. He therefore has completed sixteen successive years of service to the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania and is now en-

The following is reprinted from the by them in the month of December years Leitzell served on the borough Milheim Journal: After the State is \$1.27 per hundred pounds in the council. The retiring president had Highway Department repairs the fence at the E. L. Stover farm west of town, At the last regular meeting of the tenanted by Elmer Limbert, they will cil members passed a testimonial res- within the farm's boundaries. Rough and ready tactics by former employes of the department seems to have ing value of the large contribution placed the state on a period of proba-

> There are times when nothing proves so effective as the birch rod in discipling the youth. A case in point is COLDRON CASE STANDS that of the two Oak Hall boys who took fiendish delight in saturating & neighbor's dog wth gasoline, putting & match to him, and then watching the dumb brute write in agony unth merwhich has been hanging fire for al-The boys paid \$10 each and the costs. A few well-placed lashes should have been included for good measure.

The source of a stream of water residents who claim to have been not-The defendant, Musser E. Coldron, ing its rapid rise and fall at partiewhen the plaintiff sought to submit the water plant. There is no disputan investigation should be made. After twenty-one years or service in

the office of thedistrict attorney, in 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 becase of the fact that Mr. Hosterman Year, the borough council reorganized is a native of Centre county, having The other councilmen are Messrs, behalf of defendants too poor to pay

A Sunday afternoon "buggy ride" came to an abrupt ending for Marvin Ishler, local High school youth, his younger brother and Vinton McChellan, the latter two small boys. Marvin the rear half of the wagon. The trip down street the pony, in taking a more rapid gate, struck its hoofs against the front of the wagon, which doubtless frightened it, for it started on a gallop. Marvin is a youth of more than ordinary strength, but he could not hold his pony in check. Descending the grade at the Clyde Dutrow home, the pony was going "wide open." Marvin attempted to turn in at the alley at the Grange hall to get to his home, and the result was a grand Mrs. Lucy Henney is offering her spill the youngsters flying in all direcwas hurt.