

CORRESPONDENTS' DEPARTMENT

REBERSBURG.

Lee Kidder drove to Washington, D. C. on Thursday to bring home Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Heller, who had gone to the capital city to spend the winter months.

Mrs. W. J. Hackenberg has so far recovered that she was taken from the Williamsport hospital to the home of her daughter, Mrs. Rev. Catherman, at Muncy.

LaVand Eberly had been confined to his bed for several days with tonsillitis and grip.

Robert Beirly, who at sheriff's sale bought the Lloyd store some time ago, sold it to Harold Hackenberg within the past few days.

Dan Meyer and son Ray, from Osceola, spent the week-end with Mr. Meyer's sister Mrs. Jared Kreamer.

Mrs. Harold Hackenberg spent several days the past week with her parents in Muncy.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Cummings drove to Monongahela this week to look over a job that is offered the former at that place.

John Klinefelter and family, from Millheim, visited Mr. Klinefelter's mother, Mrs. James Zeigler, on Sunday.

Adam Wolfe and wife drove to Akron, Ohio, to visit her daughter, Mrs. Fred Wolfe, and will remain several weeks.

John Spangler is back in his home and has secured Mrs. Volga Walker as housekeeper.

BOALSBURG ITEMS.

One hundred and twenty persons, members of Victor Grange and their friends, enjoyed a delicious supper in Grange hall on Thursday evening. The menu consisted of oysters, cold meats, fruit salad, pickles, potato salad, spiced fruit, and coffee.

Master—Edwin Dale; Overseer, Luther K Dale; Steward—Frederic Dale; Ass't Steward—Daniel Mothersbaugh, Lady A. S.—Mary Segner; Chaplain—Mrs. Kunes; Gate Keeper—Kenneth Thomas; Secretary—Margaret Dale; Treasurer—Waldo Homan; Ceres—Sara Ross; Pomona—Christina Bailey; Flora—Dorothy Graham; Lecturer—Mrs. Geo. Mothersbaugh; Ins. Agt.—Clement Dale; Ex. Comm.—Edward Glenn; Forest Evey and Edwin Dale.

Quite a number of members have been added to the order within the past year and a class will be initiated at the next meeting.

Among the guests present for the evening were Mrs. Boak and Mrs. John S. Dale of State College, and Mrs. Myra Winegardner of Centre Hall.

Mrs. Ella Black, of Beaverdale, president of the State W. C. T. U., gave a splendid address in the Lutheran church on Sunday evening. Mrs. Thomas Jodon, president of the county organization, and Mr. Jodon accompanied Mrs. Black.

Mr. and Mrs. George L. Homan and daughters, Marjorie and Jean, were visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hoy, at State College, on Sunday.

Robert Heesa and Miss Fern Bennett of Altoona spent Sunday at the E. W. Hess home.

There will be quite a lot of moving in this vicinity in the spring.

POTTERS MILLS.

H. E. Faust and daughter visited over the week-end with his daughter, Lenora, at Camden, N. J., and his son, Edward, and family, in West Chester.

G. H. McCormick and wife, Mrs. E. Lee and Miss Orpha Fleisher made a business trip to Lewistown on last Thursday.

Clyde Walker and family, of Centre Hall, and Franklin Sharer and family of near Millheim, visited on Sunday at the home of the ladies' parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Palmer.

Michael Smith, who had been housed up with neurachia of the heart, is able to be about again.

The stork paid a visit on Friday to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Irvin McClellan and left a baby boy—No. 3.

LINDEN HALL.

Mrs. Ruth Ishler spent Thursday at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank McClintic.

Mrs. Grace Ralston and three children spent last Wednesday with Mrs. Irene Ross.

J. H. Ross took dinner at the home of his son, Earl, last Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Mesmer went to the home of their son, Elmer, of Loganton, Thursday, where they remained until Sunday. While there they assisted in killing a beef, bringing a portion home with them.

Mrs. Harold Callahan spent Saturday at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Bailey, at Boalsburg.

Mr. and Mrs. John Reifsnnyder returned home Sunday after spending almost a week with Mrs. Reifsnnyder's sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Moodler of Lock Haven.

J. H. Ross spent Sunday at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Edward Durst, in Centre Hall. On returning home he brought with him Mrs. Ross, who had been at the Durst home two weeks recuperating from the effects of a sprained knee and an infected toe.

Ed. Perryman arrived home last Friday from Exeter, N. H., where he had been employed for some time.

Miss Bessie Page of Oak Hall spent Sunday at the Perryman home.

Interesting Life History of Dr. H. F. Bitner.

(By a Staff Correspondent in the Williamsport Sun.)

Dr. Henry Franklin Bitner, of 1117 Market street, Lewisburg, who spent a very active career as an educator and a prominent figure in the Reformed church denomination, is now living a simple retired life, spending most of his time engaged in gardening five lots in the rear of his home, which life he enjoys immensely.

Dr. Bitner received a B. A. degree from Franklin and Marshall college in 1879, was professor at the Millersville Normal school for 24 years, was a professor at the Keystone State Teachers college at Kutztown and also at the Penns Valley Institute, known as the Centre Hall Academy. Mr. Bitner also had the unusual honor of being a delegate to the General Synod of the Reformed Church five times and is also a former vice president of the Eastern Synod of which he was a member for many years. The General Synod meets every three years.

Long before radio sets were common, some 30 years ago, Mr. Bitner experimented in what was then known as wireless telegraphy and built a successful set and delivered lectures on the subject.

Mr. Bitner's greatest interest now is in his four sons, all of whom are making splendid marks for themselves. Mr. Bitner, who is almost 79 years old, is a native of Centre Hall and was the son of a farmer. He began teaching when he was 16 years old, his first term having been taught in Gregg township. He also taught a term in Wisconsin. He came back east at the close of the term and then enrolled at Franklin and Marshall college. He graduated head of his class, receiving his A. B. degree in 1877. Two years later he received his A. M. degree.

Upon graduating from college he decided to become a lawyer and entered the office of Attorney Adam Hoy, who later became Judge of Centre county. His next move was to accept a position at the Penns Valley Institute, known as the Centre Hall Academy. He was there two years and met with remarkable success. While here he fell in love with his brightest pupil, Miss Cora Murray. This girl, who two years later became his wife and mother of his four children, persuaded Mr. Bitner to give up thoughts of being a lawyer and showed him that he possessed natural ability to teach school.

About this time Mr. Bitner received a call from Dr. Nathan C. Shaeffer, State superintendent. Dr. Shaeffer had been Mr. Bitner's professor in Latin at F. and M. Mr. Bitner was asked to accept the position of professor of mental science and English literature at the Keystone State Normal school at Kutztown. He accepted and was there from 1881 until 1886. The same year he accepted a position at Millersville Normal school and remained there 24 years. After he was there 23 years his wife died. While at Millersville Dr. Bitner gained a splendid reputation as a chemistry instructor.

A year after his wife's death he retired from teaching and purchased his father-in-law's drug store at Centre Hall, which business he conducted for seven years. He then married his former wife's older sister. She was associated with him in the drug store as she was a graduate of the Boston Pharmacy college.

Mr. Bitner's oldest son, Harry M. Bitner, is now located in Pittsburgh and is publisher of the Sun-Telegraph newspaper and is also assistant manager of the Hearst newspaper chain.

Lawrence Shaeffer Bitner, who is now located in Boston and is an official of a large chain stores corporation, was also graduated from Franklin and Marshall. After graduation Lawrence was associated with the Philadelphia Press. He was later sent to China and for three years was assistant general manager of a medical company. He made a trip around the world, spending some time at Paris and London. He afterwards located at Seattle, and then spent five years at Alaska. He then was appointed assistant cashier of a bank at Hopewell, Va. He was an official at the DuPont Powder plant in that capacity during the World war. After the war he became associated with the Proctor and Gamble Soap company and then with the chain store in Boston where he is now located.

Ralph Emerson Bitner, the third son, was graduated from Pennsylvania State College. He then accepted a position as an instructor at the State University of Kentucky, where he received his A. M. degree. He later taught at the University of Chicago and was an instructor at Cornell University. When the war broke out he became a second lieutenant because of his R. O. T. C. work and in a short time was promoted to a first lieutenant. He was in charge of a government laboratory for about seven months. He later became associated with the Western Electric company. He is now located in New York city and is engaged in making designs for radios.

Ralph Bitner has the distinction of being the first person to broadcast the King of England's voice. Mr. Bitner was in charge of an acoustic system at a dedication ceremony of a large gridge. He also has the honor of receiving an invitation to luncheon with Lloyd George while in England. He later had the pleasure of lunching with Conan Doyle.

The youngest son, Linn Bitner, who is 20 years younger than his oldest brother, is now located at Ogdensburg as advertising manager of the Ogdensburg Republican Journal. He did not finish his college course at Bucknell but stopped to accept a position with the Pennsylvania railroad.

CHARTER NO. 11213. REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF The First National Bank, at Spring Mills

In the State of Pennsylvania, at the close of business on Dec. 31, 1931.

RESOURCES: Loans and discounts, including rediscounts, \$60,104.62; U. S. Government securities, 38,348.12; Other bonds, stocks, securities, owned, 56,375.72; Banking House, \$100.00; furniture and fixtures, \$621.89; Real estate owned other than banking house, 5,900.00; Lawful reserve with Federal Reserve Bank, 7,420.34; Cash and due from banks, 5,900.00; Outside checks and other cash items, 8.55; U. S. Treasurer and due from U. S. Treasurer, 1,250.00; Other assets, 291.00; Total, \$231,147.14.

LIABILITIES

Capital stock paid in, 25,000.00; Surplus fund, 5,900.00; Undivided profits—net, 146.94; Reserves for interest, taxes, and other expenses accrued and unpaid, 200.00; Circulating notes outstanding, 25,000.00; Due to banks, 146.94; Demand deposits, 60,344.24; Time deposits, 104,444.91; Bills payable and rediscounts, 8,700.00; Total, \$231,147.14.

State of Pennsylvania } ss. County of Centre } ss. I, H. F. ERDLEY, Cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

H. F. ERDLEY, Cashier. Subscribed and sworn to before me this 9th day of Jan., 1932. C. A. LONG, Notary Public. My commission expires March 7, 1933.

EXECUTOR'S NOTICE. In the Estate of EDWARD BUBB, late of the Township of Potter, County of Centre and State of Pennsylvania, deceased.

Letters testamentary on the above estate having been duly granted the undersigned, all persons knowing themselves indebted to the estate are requested to make immediate payment, and those having claims against the same to present them duly authenticated for settlement.

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REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

W. R. Hosterman, et ux, to William J. Wagner, et ux, tract in Ferguson twp.; \$550. Wash Unick to Julia Unick, tract in Rush twp.; \$1. Citizens Building and Loan Association to Frank Michaelis, tract in Philipsburg; \$1,100. James B. Spangler to Charles S. Stoner, tract in Potter twp.; \$3,500. Charles S. Stoner to Clara M. Moy-er, tract in Potter twp.; \$2,500. I. G. Gordon Foster, et al, to Nancy M. Henderson, et al, tract in State College; \$1.

Look at your label this week.

The Charred Match

CHARLIE, the hired man, hunted for the liniment. Old Nell was limping again. It was dark on the barn floor, but Charlie struck a match and found the bottle, tossing the charred match-end aside.

Before he had finished with Nell, a thin whisp of smoke was curling from the barn door. It grew quickly to a billowing cloud. Then Charlie heard the crackle. "Fire!" He rushed to the farmhouse and seized the telephone. "Fire at Farmer Blake's!" he shouted to the operator. The alarm was spread. Neighbors raced to the rescue. The town's fire company clanged along the highway. Working feverishly, Charlie and Farmer Blake drove out the livestock and battled the flames. Then help came and the worst was over. Once more the telephone had saved the day!

The modern farm home has a telephone



Farm 2

The two bridges between Millheim and Coburn, built by the county, are now open to traffic. The bridges are estimated to be of ample strength for present day traffic, and are double car width.

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AUDITORS' STATEMENT of the Receipts and Expenditures of POTTER TOWNSHIP for the Year Ending November 28, 1931.

W J Royer, Collector 1930 Road Tax 1931 DR. Nov 28, To balance, \$2158 39 Total, \$2158 39

Apr 30, 1931, By cash paid F A Carson, \$946 01 On lien docket, 382 16 Balance, 830 28 Total, \$2158 39

W J Royer, Collector 1931 Road Tax DR. Nov 28, 1931, To amt. duplicate, \$8695 24 Nov on \$2465.99 uncollected, 123 30 Total, \$8815 54

June 5, By cash paid F A Carson, \$5300 65 5% rebate on \$5300 65, 265 03 Oct 1, By cash paid F A Carson, 602 72 Exonerations, 61 85 Printing and postage, 9 00 Balance, 2589 29 Total, \$8815 54

W J Royer, Collector 1930 Poor Tax DR. Nov 28, 1931, To balance, \$832 06 Nov on \$93.70 uncollected, 4 69 Overpaid, \$2 82 Total, \$920 57

Feb 17, By cash paid E C Wagner, \$118 87 Feb 17, Cash paid J H Runkle, 118 87 Apr 21, Cash paid J H Runkle, 79 80 May 15, Cash paid E C Wagner, 108 52 May 19, Cash paid J H Runkle, 164 35 July 1, Cash paid J H Runkle, 149 54 5% com. on \$739.36, 36 97 On lien docket, 143 65 Total, \$920 57

W J Royer, Collector 1931 Poor Tax DR. Nov 28, 1931, To amt. duplicate, \$2871 63 Total, \$2871 63

Sept 25, By cash paid J H Runkle, \$154 27 Sept 25, Cash paid E C Wagner, 154 27 Oct 6, Cash paid E C Wagner, 248 58 Oct 6, Cash paid J H Runkle, 248 58 Nov 2, Cash paid J H Runkle, 390 75 Nov 3, Cash paid E C Wagner, 390 75 5% rebate on \$1587.20, 79 36 2% com. on \$1587.20, 31 74 Printing and postage, 1 75 Exonerations, 11 26 Balance, 1160 32 Total, \$2871 63

E C WAGNER, Overseer of Poor DR. Nov 28, 1931, To balance, \$286 99 Feb 17, To cash from W J Royer, 118 87 May 15, To cash from same, 708 52 Sept 26, To cash from same, 154 27 Oct 7, To cash from same, 248 58 Nov 3, To cash from same, 390 75 Total, \$1307 98

By support of—Boyd Confer at Danville, \$169 72 Bruce Ishler at Danville, 169 72 Helen Long at Danville, 169 72 Ben Confer, 173 30 George Treasurer, 275 00 Ed Bryan, 52 00 John Cuyler, 90 00 Fred Klinefelter, 65 64 Services, 75 00 Balance, 67 88 Total, \$1307 98

J H RUNKLE, Overseer of Poor DR. Nov 28, 1931, To balance, \$188 05 Jan 16, To County Treasurer, 5 91 Feb 17, Cash from W J Royer, 118 87 Apr 21, Cash from same, 79 80 May 19, Cash from same, 164 35 June 10, Cash from Co. Treas., 77 46 Sept 26, Cash from W J Royer, 149 54 Oct 7, Cash from same, 154 27 Nov 2, Cash from same, 390 75 Total, \$1577 58

By support of—Eliza Jordan, \$439 96 Emery Zorby, 195 73 Jerry Weaver, 17 15 John Horner, 168 94 Earj Grove at Danville, 119 54 Total, \$1157 23

W J TREASTER, Treasurer of Audit DR. Nov 28, 1931, To cash from J H Runkle, \$20 00 Dec 7, Cash from F A Carson, 35 00 Total, \$55 00

Nov 28, By cash to audit, \$15 00 Printing Auditors' statement, 17 50 Dec 7, Cash paid Audit, 17 50 Stationery, 16 Balance, 4 90 Total, \$55 00

Dec 7, 1931, By balance First National Bank, \$102 25 Due from Penns Valley Bank, 551 74 Balance on 1931 tax, 2589 29 Balance on 1930 tax, 530 28 By tax lien entered, 382 19 Rental road machinery, 28 63 Due from W L Mathues, 196 40 Liabilities, 2309 21 Total, \$7000 00

We, the undersigned auditors of Potter township, have examined the above accounts and certify to the correctness of same. H. F. MUSSIER, J. F. TREASTER, J. E. BUBB, Auditors.

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