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CENTRE COUNTY HOSPITAL MEMBERSHIP

Join now and become a member in the Centre County Hospital Corporation for the year 1932. If you were a member in 1931 your name appears in the Hospital Report, now being distributed.

Four hundred solicitors are now soliciting for members. One dollar or more entitles you to membership. Those who are missed by the solicitor or live out of the county, may forward their subscription direct to the Hospital and a Membership card will go forward to them.

In 1931 the enrollment was two thousand, two hundred twenty members. It is hoped to increase the membership to three thousand. Join now and have your name inscribed in the 1932 Annual Report.

CHECK YOUR DISTRICT ON SERVICE GIVEN BY CENTRE COUNTY HOSPITAL

Below is reprinted a table from page 42 in the report of the Centre County Hospital for the year 1931. A careful study of it will be interesting. The table shows the number days of treatment and townships; the gross cost per day, the allotment of State and county appropriations, amount received from membership drive.

(* indicates over paying the cost for charity patients from their districts; - indicates not paying the cost for charity patients from their district.)

Boro or Twp.	No. Days	Allotment		Over Pd. Not Pd.
		Cost to State, County	Contribution Members'p Drive	
Bellefonte	1315	\$4,883.79	\$2,217.37	\$3,254.75
Benner Township	553	2,053.80	932.48	1,190.90
Boggs Township	493	1,830.96	837.30	83.35
Burnside Township	32	118.84	53.96	64.88
Centre Hall Boro.	35	129.99	59.02	364.00
College Township	768	2,852.29	1,295.03	85.59
Curtin Township	172	638.79	290.03	7.59
Ferguson Township	218	809.63	367.59	257.25
Gregg Township	181	672.21	305.21	341.26
Haines Township	81	306.82	136.59	45.99
Halfmoon Township	77	285.37	129.85	31.90
Harris Township	239	887.62	403.02	127.50
Howard Boro and Twp	262	973.01	445.78	117.50
Huston Township	128	479.99	217.52	84.69
Liberty Township	14	51.59	23.60	20.50
Marion Township	115	427.09	193.91	28.50
Milesburg Boro	170	631.36	286.66	204.68
Miles Township			48.50	344.70
Millheim Boro	63	233.98	104.23	48.50
Port Matilda Boro.	2	7.43	3.38	20.73
Potter township	205	761.35	345.67	9.95
Penn Township				348.68
Patton Township	15	55.70	25.29	8.41
Snow Shoe B. and T.	353	1,310.99	596.23	693.76
Spring Township	1945	7,219.87	3,277.99	2,711.90
State College Boro.	499	1,853.30	841.42	430.61
Taylor Township			3.00	3.00
Unionville B. and T.	133	493.95	224.27	180.18
Walker Township	165	612.79	278.22	245.82
Worth Township			2.00	2.00
Out of County	292	1,084.46	492.38	577.58
Hospital employees	119	441.96		441.96
Total	8646	\$32,102.03	\$14,375.90	\$7,847.60

Nine Applicants Granted License.

Ten persons took the tests for motor operators' cards Wednesday of last week. Of this number nine were successful. Those who received their permits this week are: Grant Fleck, State College; Howard Phillips, Pine Grove Mills; Leon Stone, State College; Richard Forbes, State College; Anna Troup Bellefonte; Lester Yohe, New Oxford; Thomas Wallace, Milesburg; Emory Floray, Centre Hall; Andrew Roewers, Clarence.

COLLINS' LIFE TAKEN FOR GIRL MURDER

Negro "Trusty" Smiles on Way to Death Chamber, But Sobers Up and Pales at Sight of Chair.

Fred Collins, Negro, was executed at Rockview Penitentiary early Monday morning for the murder of a daughter of the prison psychiatrist.

Collins, while serving a sentence for second-degree murder, last January, attacked and killed Betty Hickok, the daughter of Dr. Asa L. Hickok. In 1924, he had been convicted of killing a Beaver county storekeeper.

Accompanied by the Rev. C. P. Lauer, prison chaplain, Collins walked in to the death chamber with a smile on his face. He became sober and pale, however, as he was led to the electric chair and seated. While the guards were adjusting the straps he drummed on the side of the chair with his fingers.

It was 7:02 when he entered the chamber, and it was only a minute before the current was applied. He was pronounced dead at 7:08.

Collins refused breakfast and spent his morning with the Rev. Mr. Lauer.

On January 13, Collins, serving a ten- to twenty-year sentence for second-degree murder, surprised the daughter of Dr. Asa L. Hickok in the bathroom of her home and killed her. He told a coroner's jury it was something he had planned to do for some time, explaining that he was jealous of the kindness displayed by the girl toward another Negro trusty.

After the slaying he walked quickly to the home of a prison warden and confessed. A hurriedly summoned coroner's jury met in the deathhouse for its inquiry, and Collins, literally in the shadow of the electric chair, heard them return a verdict that he had committed murder, "premeditated, growing out of a spirit of revenge and jealousy."

The slaying occurred while Dr. Hickok and his wife, as well as a younger son, were away from home and the daughter was alone. Henry Malone, the second trusty employed about the farmhouse, was shaving in the basement and did not learn of the killing until the prison authorities arrived after Collins' confession. The inquiry revealed that the girl had been choked into insensibility, assaulted and then fatally cut across the throat with a knife stolen from the Hickok kitchen.

HOSPITAL DRIVE ON—CAPTAINS AND SOLICITORS MEET

A large percentage of the captains and solicitors for the Centre County Hospital Membership Drive which opened Thursday, met at the hospital on that day to receive definite instruction, literature and blank membership cards. The representatives of the various districts were seated in the sun parlor of the hospital, where J. S. Somerville, chairman of the membership drive committee, presided. After referring to a misstatement in a letter from the Williamsport hospital to the effect that the Centre County hospital did not render free service, Rev. Robert Thema made a plea to the solicitors to put forth more effort than heretofore to induce citizens to secure hospital membership cards. The plea was based on two facts—first that requirements for free service would likely be greater in the next year than in any previous year, and second, that the larger contributions made heretofore would likely be reduced during the coming drive.

The next speaker was Rev. J. W. Claudy, superintendent of Rockview Penitentiary, who gave the hospital great praise and stated that aid from some source in the State institution he represented would be forthcoming.

Ice cream, cakes and coffee were served prior to the speaking.

Before and after the meeting in the sun parlor, captains and their workers inspected the hospital building, the equipment, and visited patients.

SHAMOKIN MINISTERIAL ASS'N DUE HERE MONDAY

The Shamokin Ministerial Association will make its spring auto trip on Monday, its objective point being Altoona, where on the city park the gentlemen of the cloth will engage in pitching quoits, after having dined. There will be sixteen ministers in the group, among whom will be Dr. W. E. Fischer, former pastor here, and Dr. E. H. Gerhart, also well known here. The party will reach Centre Hall at about 10:30 and will make a brief stop.

REMODELING BEATY HOME AT SPRING MILLS

The Beaty home, owned by members of the Beaty family for sixty years is being extensively remodeled by its new owner, Carl Bressler, son of William Bressler, of Spring Mills. The property is at the western entrance to Spring Mills and was purchased by Mr. Bressler from Orvis Beaty, of Avis. The house will be weather-boarded, fitted with new windows frames and sash, and will be greatly improved on the interior.

Another property in the Spring Mills district being improved is that formerly owned by Samuel Wise and recently purchased by Walter S. Auman, who with his family located there, having previously lived in the Pittsburgh region where Mr. Auman was engaged as a railroad. The property is being enlarged and supplied with modern conveniences.

LINDBERGH CHILD FOUND.

The kidnaped child of Colonel and Mrs. Charles A. Lindbergh was found dead late Thursday afternoon, May 12, in the woods near Hopewell, N. J., scarcely five miles from the scene of the kidnaping. The baby had been brutally murdered beyond a question of a doubt.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.

- Guyer R. CrustPort Matilda
- Gertrude Alice Benner.....Bellefonte
- George S. MertzCleveland, O.
- Grace A. DyerBoalsburg
- Willis C. TaylorEmporium
- Helen G. EldredEmporium
- Carl HastingsPleasant Gap
- Maragret MeyersCentre Hall
- Miles L. BiletState College
- Katharine SundayAxemann
- George C. WielandPine Gr. Mills
- Isabelle NideighState College
- Walter S. Gustwisch.....Coudersport
- Naomi P. Baumgardner...Centre Hall

C. E. CONVENTION AT CONNEAUT LAKE PARK

Delegates from many of the Christian Endeavor societies in Centre county will attend the fifteenth biennial convention of the Pennsylvania Christian Endeavor Union to be held July 11 to 15 at Conneaut Lake Park, according to Gilbert M. Strunk, President of the County Union. Alice A. Owens, convention registrar for the county, has declared there will be two registrants from each society in Centre county. Many persons not now active in a Christian Endeavor society will want to register and attend this convention.

The convention is expected to be one of the best attended in the history of the State Union, principally because unusual efforts have been made to make the program as attractive as possible.

Heading the list of speakers and conference leaders are Dr. Daniel A. Poling, Dr. Wm. Hiram Foukes, Dr. Louis Evans, Harry N. Holmes, and Dr. S. Wilmer Bellier. Homer Rodeheaver, famed for his evangelistic services with "Billy" Sunday, will be present to direct the singing and music.

R. J. McDonald, head of the Conneaut Lake Company, has arranged to have the veterans of Foreign Wars Military Band of 300 members present during the convention. This band, which has a national reputation, is directed by Captain Lester D. Friend and will cooperate in the convention activities.

Park officials are making special arrangements to entertain the delegates during the afternoons and other recreational periods.

LETTERS FROM SUBSCRIBERS.

Momence, Garden Eden, Ill. May 12, 1932.

The Reporter: Here I am in a summer camp to remain until fall, so please send my paper here and that will be something to look forward to each week.

This is a lovely place, but somewhat lonely now as people are only beginning to come in—too cold. There is a lovely golf course and about fifty cottages.

Very truly,
MRS. O. G. DAVID.

Bruce Barton gives one of the best ways to prevent future wars in his article, "Let's Advise This Hell," in the current American magazine, that it has ever been our pleasure to read. We've heard of advertising working wonders in the business world but never thought of it as a preventive of war. If you read it, you'll be convinced it can be done. It's hard-headed sense, logical, and not the dream of an idealist.

Why not a hedge or privet? Just imagine how it would improve the appearance of your home surroundings. Every one should plant some ornamental shrub or tree, this spring, if not a hedge. Perhaps you could do both.

CHANGE OF DATE.

The festival to be conducted by the Rebersburg Baseball Club will not be held on the date (May 30) originally advertised, but will be shifted to the evening of Saturday, June 4 instead. Music by Spring Mills band, Baseball game with Lamar in afternoon.

MILK SELLING AT 7c QUART.

Bottled milk, delivered to the home, took a decided drop in price in Centre Hall, when L. H. Garbrich & Son, of near town, announced that the bottled goods will be sold at 7c a quart. Other dealers had been getting 10 cents.

Mr. Garbrich has a herd of Holstein and Guernsey cows, 16 tested. He is equipped with live steam for sterilizing bottles, etc., and with a cooler to bring the temperature of the milk down to 50 degrees. His place of business has passed State inspection, so that he has complied with all the rules and regulations prescribed by law.

GIRLS UNDER 21 CANT WORK AFTER 9:00 P. M.

Under a new ruling by the Department of Justice made on Thursday, women under 21 years of age, except telephone operators over 18 years of age, can not lawfully be employed in any establishment after 9 o'clock at night.

The ruling, made by Deputy Attorney General John A. Goss for A. M. Northrup, Secretary of Labor and Industry, reverses a previous departmental ruling of December 18, 1931.

The previous ruling held that women under 21 years of age might be employed between 6 a. m. and 10 p. m. provided they did not work more than ten hours a day in any week of six full days nor more than 12 hours on any day of any week in which there was a holiday.

BACCALAUREATE SERMON SUNDAY EVENING, MAY 22

The baccalaureate sermon or farewell sermon to the graduates of the Centre Hall High school will be delivered by Rev. H. A. Pruyn in the Lutheran church, next Sunday evening, 7:30 o'clock. An invitation to the service is extended to the public.

FRANK MILLER IN TOILS OF THE LAW

Frank Miller, of Rebersburg, is in the county jail charged with several serious offenses. His family lives in Rebersburg.

"Live Wires" Entertained.

A class in the Lutheran Sunday named "Live Wires," organized recently held their second meeting at the home of William W. Kerlin, Jr., on Thursday evening. A set program was executed by the youthful Bible students after which refreshments were served and entertainment offered.

The teacher and treasurer of the class is Lynn Breen; the officers—William W. Kerlin, president; George Homan, vice president; Donald Foust, secretary; James Gerhart, assistant secretary. Others in the class are Roy Gentsel, Reeder Shafer, Gerald Peterson, George Emeric, Richard Luse, Bobby Homan, Chalmers Weaver, Eugene Emeric.

ACTION ON REDUCTION OF SYNODS POSTPONED

The ninth annual conference of the Susquehanna synod of the Evangelical Lutheran church at its meeting in Lewistown last week, postponed action on realignment of the synods in the State so that the number would be reduced from six to three.

Rev. F. P. Manhart, Sellsingrove, recommended the realignment problem be placed before the four conferences to be held this fall, the Juniata, North Branch, Northern and West Branch conferences, before final action is taken.

The executive committee of the synod was appointed as follows: Rev. W. M. Reardick, Mifflinburg; Rev. Morris F. Wood, Kalmont; Rev. J. G. Knipple, Loysville; Rev. I. F. Sassavann, Williamsport; I. A. Shaffer, Lock Haven, and H. A. Gast, Mifflinburg.

FOURTH COMMENCEMENT AT SUGAR VALLEY SCHOOL

The fourth annual commencement of the Sugar Valley Vocational School will be held in the I. O. O. F. Hall at Loganton on Friday, May 27, at 8 o'clock, with the commencement address by Edward J. Thompson, of Philadelphia. Music will be furnished by the high school orchestra, which is directed by Allen Laney. The honor roll includes Faye Royer, valedictorian; Helen Douty, salutatorian; Marian Klaser, Charles Shreckengast, and Ralph Lambert.

The baccalaureate sermon will be preached in the Lutheran church at Loganton Sunday evening, by the Rev. Ralph H. Casner.

WMSPT & ELMIRA DIVISION OF PENNSY CONSOLIDATED

The consolidation of the Williamsport and Elmira Division of the Pennsylvania Railroad was put into operation Monday. There will be no change of passenger or freight service, and the headquarters will continue in Williamsport.

The new merged division will extend from Harrisburg to Canadawaga and Sodus Point on the north and from Harrisburg to Renovo on the west.

It will also include the Tyrone branch from Lock Haven to Tyrone; the Bellefonte branch from Montandon to Bellefonte; the Berwick branch from Watson town to Berwick, and the Lykens branch from Millersburg to Lykens.

The main line mileage of the merged division was announced as approximately 537 miles.

CENTRE COUNTY POMONA TO PRESENT HISTORIC GAVEL

The quarterly meeting of the Clinton County Pomona Grange will be held in the Lutheran church at Avis today (Thursday.) It will be the ceremony conveying the historic gavel made of wood from the old state house at Philadelphia, and brought to Avis by representatives of the Centre county grange, which received the gavel from Bedford county on April 2, at Centre Hall. The gavel is being passed about among the Pomonas of the various counties in this section, and will be taken to Potter county on June 16, when a Pomona meeting of Potter county grangers will be held at Galeton. Dinner will be served at noon by members of Avis grange.

MIFFLIN COUNTY SLAYER'S TRIAL POSTPONED TILL AUG.

The trial of David Rankin Weaver, charged with manslaughter in the shooting of his wife upon her return from church, which was scheduled to be brought up at the current term of Mifflin county's criminal court, has been postponed until the August session because the docket in that court already contains two murder cases which will take up the greater part of the session. This case is of special interest to Centre county since both Weaver and his wife were born and raised in the county, and for some time lived close to Centre Hall. The former is a son of the notorious Elletta Weaver and was born in the Western Penitentiary while his mother was incarcerated there on a murder charge.

Rain fell every day last week, following two days in which it rained the week previous.

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TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS

The State Teachers Colleges on May 24th will graduate 2600 students.

Saturday, May 28th, has been designated as official poppy selling day by the American Legion.

Rev. H. A. Pruyn, wife and children are visiting in Holidaysburg, their former home, this week.

Children's day will be observed with appropriate services in St. John's Union church, Sunday evening, June 12.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Hazlett, of Quakertown, were guests last week of Miss Laura Runkle, at the Centre Hall hotel.

The 3rd annual Barges reunion will be held on Saturday, June 11, at Woodward Cave. On August 20th the Brungart family will hold their reunion at the same place.

The Bellefonte Lime company, operating a quarry at Salona, with J. Linn Harris, of Lock Haven, as superintendent, is operating on full time. This is due to orders on hand for stone used in road construction.

Mr. and Mrs. William Cassin, of Pittsburgh, were over night guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Bradford, in town. The couple were on their way to Spring Mills to attend the funeral of Mrs. R. Gates Kennedy, an aunt of Mr. Cassin.

Auctioneer E. M. Smith removed from Centre Hall to State College, with his family, last week, where they will reside in the future. Mr. Smith is associated with his brother, Hugh Smith, in the sale of Chrysler cars.

The Democratic State Committee meets in Harrisburg today (Thursday) for reorganization.

While Charles P. Long, of Spring Mills failed to attain his aspirations to be elected a district delegate to the National Republican convention late the recent primaries he got a vote that was extremely complimentary. Centre county gave him 3,149. Clearfield 4,406 and Blair 3,903, a total of 11,357.

O. W. Houtz, a State College contractor, has acquired the interests in the Oak Hall Lime and Stone company which were formerly held by H. O. Smith, State College. Mr. Houtz will have direct supervision of the management in the future. Plans are under way for extensive improvements to provide efficient handling of business.

Mrs. John C. Robinson, of Spring Mills, is visiting her daughters, Misses Barbara and Rebecca Robinson, who are training in a school for nurses connected with one of the large hospitals in Philadelphia. She also has a sister who is in a school for nurses in the same city. Mrs. Robinson was planning to surprise her daughters and sister, not having given them notice of her intended visit.

A large truck carrying Curtis publications was ditched at the foot of the church, held at Lewistown, Rev. C. E. Arnold, of Bellefonte, was elected ministerial delegate to the Biennial convention of the church to be held in Philadelphia, in October; Rev. J. F. Harkins, of State College, and Rev. Edward Dingham, of Snydertown, alternates, and J. Randall Miller, of Millheim, and B. F. Homan, of State College lay delegates.

After hearing testimony and arguments for and against the admission of a section known as Lytle's Addition to the borough of State College, the grand jury recommended annexation before closing its business for the May court on Wednesday afternoon of last week. The borough of State College was represented by Attorney N. B. Spangler while the township was represented by former Judge James C. Furst.

A large truck carrying Curtis publications was ditched at the foot of the mountain Thursday morning, due to the driver falling asleep. After a part of the burden was unloaded, the truck with the aid of rope and tackle was hauled onto the concrete. Clay to Homan superintended the "reclaiming" process, using his truck, loaded with granite bases, for power.

Official inspection agencies in Centre and Clinton counties will gather in Bellefonte this (Thursday) to receive instructions as to what will be required to fit automobiles properly for the next semi-annual inspection, which will begin on July 1 and end September 30th.

The Brotherhood banquet held in Lewistown at the time of the meeting of the Susquehanna Synod of the Lutheran church, Wednesday of last week, was attended by 266 from all sections of the country covered by the synod. The Penns Valley charge was represented by Messrs. Kryder Frank, Irvin Zettle, W. E. Lee, Nevin Kryder, Ernest Frank, H. L. Ebricht, R. S. Hagan, Wm. F. Rishel, Wallace Igen, J. W. Zerby, Henry Zerby, Obert Igen, Dean Igen, C. T. Musser, S. W. Smith, and the pastor, Rev. S. F. Greenhoe. The Millheim, Rebersburg, Boalsburg, State College, and Bellefonte charges were also well represented. The banquet was served in the new Evangelical church, of which Rev. S. A. Snyder, former pastor of the Evangelical church here, is the pastor, by the ladies of that church.