

## Centre Hall to Be Stage for Grange Dramatic Tournament

### Elimination Contest to Be Put On, Winner to Compete at Annual Farm Show in Harrisburg in State-Wide Contest.

"Al! the world's a stage..." or so it seems in many sections of Centre county next week. Four committees have prepared one-act plays to be given in the second annual dramatic tournament at Centre Hall on Thursday, December 8th. The performances will begin in the Progress Grange hall, beginning at 7:30 o'clock.

Centre county is one of forty Pennsylvania counties holding these contests this fall preliminary to selecting entries for a State-wide rural one-act play tournament as a feature of the annual Farm Show at Harrisburg. The following is a list of the organizations and the plays they will present:

- "Kidnaping Betty," by Victor Grange, Boalsburg.
- "Kidnaping Betty," by Logan Grange, Pleasant Gap.
- "Sauce for the Gossings," by Penn State Grange, State College.
- "Paradise," by Halfmoon Grange, Warriors Mark.

Three competent judges will pass on the merits of the plays. The winning group will compete with the winning group from Huntingdon county in order to select the district representative from this section to compete in the State tournament at the Farm Show in Harrisburg. The district tournament will probably be held at Warriors Mark.

In order to help pay expenses the committee has decided to make a nominal charge of 25 cents for adults and 10 cents for children under fifteen years of age. This contest will form a real evening's entertainment and the public is cordially invited to attend.

The dramatic contest is aimed to stimulate a form of self-expression that is of generally recognized value. This activity is a part of a program in rural recreation carried on through volunteer rural leadership under the direction of the Centre County Agricultural Extension Association.

### Columbia and Johns Hopkins on Penn State's 1933 Football Schedule.

Penn State's football team will meet Columbia and Johns Hopkins for the first time next season.

In addition, the 1933 campaign will bring the resumption of the Nittany Lions' gridiron clashes with the University of Pennsylvania after a three-year lapse. Only two of the teams met this year—Lebanon Valley and Syracuse—reappear. The schedule, approved a few days ago by the board of control, follows:

- Oct. 7—Lebanon Valley, at home.
- Oct. 14—Muhlenberg, at home.
- Oct. 12—Lafayette, at home.
- Oct. 28—Columbia, away.
- Nov. 4—Syracuse, away.
- Nov. 11—Johns Hopkins, at home.
- Nov. 18—Pennsylvania, away.

### \$20,000,000 MORE FOR PINCHOT LOW-COST ROADS

Centre county has been allocated the sum of \$20,901 for construction of additional low-cost roads. The funds are a part of a total allotment of \$2,000,000 made by the State emergency relief board to all counties in the State for use in constructing a total of 386 miles of low-cost roads in the State. All the roads to be constructed are on the township system taken over by the State last year. Philadelphia, which has no township roads, does not share in the allocation.

The \$20,901 is calculated to construct 9.25 miles of road. Which of the Pinchot roads in Centre county will be improved has not yet been made known.

### LICENSES ARE GRANTED TO SEVEN APPLICANTS

Only eight persons took the tests for motor operators' cards at the last examination in Bellefonte. Of this number seven were successful. Those who received their permits are: Mary E. Way, State College; James W. Wilson, Spring Mills; Eleanor Nell, Millersburg; Florence A. Smith, Bellefonte; Lila Irene Wolf, Millheim; Donald S. Wert, Aaronsburg; Ray Warnock, Jr., State College.

## Potters Mills-Boalsburg Road Completed as Cold Weather Sets In

The last batch of stone, sand and cement on the Potters Mills-Boalsburg pavement was poured at 4:10 Saturday afternoon, at a point at the Wesley Sharer farm southeast of Linden Hall. There was the usual "ceremony" of wrestling in the last batch by two stalwart aids in the construction work, and in this instance both were downed and well mixed. And all this in a temperature of 18 above and strong north-east wind. The pavement was quickly finished on the surface, and covered with canvas and a liberal supply of hay—straw not being available.

The original contract for the building of this road was let to the Robert E. Lassiter Construction Company, of

Raleigh, N. C., who laid the pavement and will build the birms. The grading was sub-let to the Shoemaker Brothers, as was also the hauling of stone from the White Rock Quarries to Centre Hall and the carefully weighed batches of stone, sand and cement from there to the point of construction. Pouring concrete was begun the latter part of August and the grading several weeks previous to that time. Pouring of the concrete progressed steadily until the rains set in during October, since which time the work was greatly interfered with by either rains or freezing temperature.

Work of dismantling the works at Centre Hall station began on Monday.

### DEMOCRATIC STATE LEGISLATORS PLAN LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM

Democratic assemblymen and senators will meet in Williamsport Friday, December 9, to draft the Democratic legislative program for the 1933 legislature.

Among topics to be discussed will be the course to be pursued by the Democrats in the House in the triangular contest for the speakership.

It is expected that the Democratic bloc will support its veteran floor leader, Wilson G. Sarig. There are two Republican candidates—Rev. Hugh M. Stevenson, Farrell, Mercer county, and Grover C. Talbot, Chester, Delaware county.

Although a possible coalition of "Pinchot Republicans and Democrats to elect a speaker has been mentioned, political observers believe the Democrats at this conference will decide to function in the legislature as a strong minority bloc, leaving the Republican factions to settle their own differences unaided.

Warren Van Dyke, Harrisburg, Democratic State chairman, predicted that 65 Democrats will be seated in the House minority caucus and seven in the Senate minority caucus.

"The Democratic party has long been advocating a program of beneficial legislation much of which has been clearly expressed in the national platform of the Democratic party adopted at the recent Chicago convention," Van Dyke said.

"The coming session will be the first opportunity the party has had to exert enough influence to bring this program within the realms of the possibilities in Pennsylvania."

Beavers are active in Stone creek, near the Slack hunting camp, close to the head of the run. While engaged in the State Forest, Forest Ranger Richard Brooks picked up two billets of birch wood each about eighteen inches in length and seven inches in circumference, and brought them to town to show how skilled the beavers were in cutting timber. Both pieces referred to were cut from the same tree, which had lodged. After the second cut failed to bring down the young birch, the beavers apparently went in quest of other standing trees.

### GRANGE WILL OPPOSE GENERAL SALES TAX

#### Also Goes On Record as Against Reduction of Income Rates.

Opposition to the general sales tax was voted by the National Grange, at a session of the 66th annual meeting held at Winston Salem, N. C., given over almost wholly to registration of favorable or unfavorable opinion on various legislative matters that came before the body.

The delegates opposed any reduction in Federal income taxes and advocated safeguards against the teaching of Communism in public schools; favored maintenance of the increase in estate taxes and for allowing States to exact a portion of the tax collected.

It opposed the general sales tax and voted to request the Treasury Department to exempt from the three per cent. power tax users of electricity for production of foodstuffs and other raw materials on the farm.

The grange opposed the issuance of bonds to cover current expenses; the diversion of gasoline taxes to purposes other than highways; and recommended appointment of a special tax committee of three to prepare an educational program to acquaint the 800,000 members of the organization with the tax situation and to work in co-operation with other national bodies.

Collection of a limited tax on luxuries was favored as was the utilization of a State income tax as a means of better distribution of the tax burden. Limitation of all special assessments against real estate and laws to control the debt incurred by taxing units.

### SOME HEAVY HAMPSHIRE.

Squire E. T. Jamison has long been recognized as a grower of heavy porkers, and at this season of the year usually ranks among the toppeas when weights are made known. This year the Spring Mills J. P. selected the Hampshire breed. He bought the hogs a little less than a year ago and when dressed last week the weights carefully made are recorded at 561 and 511 pounds, respectively.

### ATTENDED FUNERAL OF CLYDE A. SMITH, SATURDAY

The funeral of Clyde A. Smith, on Saturday, was attended from out of town by Mr. and Mrs. H. Witmer Smith and daughter, Elizabeth, of Millersburg; Mr. and Mrs. James W. Smith, of Williamsport; Mr. and Mrs. H. Russell Smith, of Harrisburg; Mrs. Nancy Henderson, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Yearick and family, Mrs. John Dale, and Mr. and Mrs. Ray D. Gilliland, of State College; Mrs. Emma Stuart and Mrs. Wm. Stuart, of Boalsburg; Mr. and Mrs. John Foster, of Aaronsburg; Miss Emma Wolf, of Ardmore; Mrs. Sarah Harpser, of Lewisport; Mrs. Luther Smith, Benjamin Tate, Paul Fortney, of Bellefonte; John D. Meyer, Mrs. Eliza Meyer, Mrs. Flora Limbert, Mrs. R. T. Bayard, and Dr. and Mrs. C. W. Dunlap, of Tyrone.

Mr. Smith was a member of the Presbyterian church, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, Patriotic Order Sons of America, and served in the Spanish-American War.

Mrs. Smith and Miss Grace Smith, wife and sister, respectively, of the deceased, return thanks for kindnesses shown by friends during the last illness and subsequent death of Mr. Smith.

### MARRIAGE LICENSES.

Ardell Borda ..... West Decatur  
Elleen Miller ..... Ocoosa Mills  
Lawrence J. Fiedler ..... Spring Mills  
Ella C. Albright ..... Spring Mills  
John David Miller ..... Linden Hall  
Isabel Caroline Horner ..... Linden Hall

The approach of the deer hunting season created but little commotion among hunters in this section. It appears much of the hunting this year will be done by "day" hunters, and that many of the well-known camps in Seven Mountains will be vacant during the next two weeks, or at least will not be occupied by regular organizations of former years. Deer appear to be very scarce in the region where they once thrived in herds. Travelers over Seven Mountains during the past year saw few deer browsing about. This year only bucks with two or more antlers may be legally killed.

The Game Commission makes complaint that many persons making claims for bounty insert the bounty affidavits in the same package with the skins, making the package first-class mail instead of parcel post, causing much trouble and finally an additional cost to the sender. Affidavits should be mailed separate from the skins as first-class mail.

### WEEK-END SPECIALS!

While they last we offer the following unusual values, all suitable for Christmas Gifts—

Reg. val. Special

10 in. Cast Aluminum Skillet ..... \$1.65 89c

Aluminum Twin Sauce Pan Set ..... \$1.75 90c

No. 6 Griswold Chrome-Nickel Skillet ..... \$1.70 98c

Also, for a limited time, the famous White Star Broom, always sold for \$1.00, at 89c

HOSTERMAN & STOVER CO., MILLHEIM.

### HAINES TWP. FARMER'S WIFE FOUND TIED AND GAGGED

Mrs. Paul Orndorf, near Woodward, Tells How Three Masked Men Early Friday Morning Overpowered Her—Sheriff and County Detective Investigate—Story Unbelieved by Neighbors.

A most peculiar incident is reported from near Woodward, one that would create much excitement in any community, provided there were supporting evidences of its truth. So far as investigation goes, it is reported, the lack of supporting evidence causes the neighborhood to smile.

It is a fact, however, that Mrs. Paul Orndorf was found at the milk house at her home on the Orndorf farm, near Woodward, early Friday morning with her hands and feet tied and her mouth filled with some substance. She was discovered in this condition before daylight by "Ted" Breen, of Coburn, who collects milk from farmers in that section for one of the Coburn shipping plants. The milkman called Mr. Orndorf, who was doing chores in the barn.

Reports current are that Mrs. Orndorf, who before marriage was Nora Pressler, of near Coburn, had made the statement that three men wearing rubber coats and faces partially masked, bound and gagged her and left her in the condition found by the young milk gatherer, Ted Breen.

The purpose of the men, rumors so far, has not been made clear. Sheriff Boob and County Detective Boden were called to the scene.

### THOSE "SAFE" WOMEN DRIVERS.

The State Highway Department would have us believe that because of the 5689 motor vehicle operators reporting accidents in October, 5263 were men and 426 were women, that women are the more careful drivers. We ask men who drive cars regularly to think back during the past few months and recall how many times they drove off the road to avoid a collision with a woman driver. The writer needs only to go back as far as last Sunday, when on the new concrete road which gracefully circles Boalsburg, a young woman would have run down every car to her left, had the drivers of them not pulled dangerously near the edge of the concrete. Going off the road would have been a real relief, but for a drop of from ten to eighteen inches. And the woman—well, she drove like John, and looked like a stuck-calf. She was a real man chaser from the highway.

### CATFISH, SUNFISH, FROGS PLACED IN SINKING CREEK

Trout above legal size, sunfish, catfish and frogs were stocked in waters of Centre county during October by the Fish Commission. The trout were released in Bald Eagle creek, sunfish in Sinkink Creek, Reservoir Dam, Citizens Water Reservoir and Shields Dam, and the frogs in Mix Run Pond, Sinking Creek, Reservoir Dam, Citizens Water Reservoir and Shields Dam. The catfish were released in Reservoir Dam, Citizens Water Company, Shields Dam and Sinking Creek.

### AUTOS MADE INTO TRUCKS TAKE HIGHER LICENSE FEE

During the past year State Highway patrolmen discovered several thousand wrongly registered vehicles—autos that had been changed from passenger cars into commercial vehicles—without obtaining the proper license plates. Vehicles affected are those where the owner of a passenger vehicle has removed the rear portion of a passenger car body, and substituted a truck or box body. Such vehicles lose their identity as passenger cars and become commercial vehicles.

### CHESTERWHITE LEADS ALL

John Bohn, tenant on the W. F. Bradford farm, at Old Fort, killed four hogs a few days ago, one of which was a Chesterwhite and dressed 780 pounds. The three others drew the scales to but 350 lbs., or near there, in each case.

### Potato production in Pennsylvania now promises to be about five million bushels below the 1931 crop and more than a million bushels under the five-year average.

"Too Pretty to Be a Poor Man's Wife" and "Science Explodes Many Popular Notions About Marriage" are only two of many interesting features—illustrated—in the American Weekly with Sunday's New York American.

### PAGEANT-DRAMA BY LOCAL AUTHOR, TO BE PRESENTED IN LUTHERAN CHURCH

A pageant-drama entitled "A Christmas Conversion," written by Harvey W. Flink, will be presented in the Lutheran church on Sunday, December 25, at 7:30 P. M. The work consists of a Prologue, five scenes from the New Testament, and an Epilogue.

The author is a resident of Centre Hall and a contributor to leading poetry journals. His ballad, "The Merrow," was reprinted in The Literary Digest, and also in The Harrisburg Telegraph under "Poems That Live."

### REUMING—LONG.

Howard Reuming, of Ridgeway, and Miss Mary Long, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Long, of the Penns Cave district, were united in marriage at Monroe, Clarion county, by a minister who is a personal friend of the groom, on Saturday. Thanksgiving Day was spent at the home of the bride's parents.

The groom is a chemist and is employed by the State in the Department of Health. The bride was a student at Penn State for three years, taking up Home Economics. During the past year her knowledge in home economics was instrumental in finding employment at St. Marys Elk county.

At the close of their honeymoon, the couple will take up housekeeping in Ridgeway.

### COUNTY TREASURER ADJOURNS SALE OF SEATED LANDS, FOR TAXES, UNTIL DEC. 24

Treasurer's sale of seated lands, for delinquent taxes, called for November 26, was adjourned, at that sale, until December 24, 1932. Robert F. Hunter, county treasurer, is making an urgent appeal to all delinquents to clear up arrears, before the date set for the next sale, as it is not probable that another adjournment can be effected.

### HUNTING NOTES.

Donald Hartley, of Milliflung, who has been with his cousin Bruce Hartley, in town, during the small-game season, succeeded last Friday in killing two ruffed grouse in one shot.

Muth M. Bailey, local High school senior, got his wild turkey—a nice 11-lb. hen—last Friday, after persevering in his hunt for the wily bird on Nittany Mountain since the opening of the season. Last year the youth was twitted for his blind luck in stumbling onto a turkey, but this year, having worn his spurs (not the turkey, but Muth Merton) in true huntsman fashion, he must be grouped with that class of Nimrods whose skill, rather than their luck, is responsible for bringing home the prized bird.

The small-game season is over, and in some respects it was a most successful one for the hunters. One thing sure—grey squirrels were never so plentiful as this year. Many hunters succeeded in killing the limit of twenty. The ring-necked pheasant has multiplied profusely since having been "planted" in Centre county only a few years ago, while the ruffed grouse, seemingly plentiful enough, continues to evade the most crafty huntsman with a greater degree of success than any other game, barring, perhaps, the wild turkey. Few turkeys were captured—only three were brought to town—due, principally to the fact that the hunters were unable to scatter the several flocks reported seen on the mountain. Rabbits were the usually good crop.

We are unable to see where our Game Commission has had anything to do with the comparatively large amount of small game in evidence this fall, giving them credit only for the ring-necked pheasant. The \$2.00 hunting license fee is too high, and sportsmen's clubs should protest vigorously against it.

### CHRISTMAS SAVINGS IN CENTRE COUNTY, \$46,450

Notwithstanding the hard times, and apparent scarcity of money, Christmas savings in Centre county this year, as reported by the various banks, excepting Phillipsburg, will aggregate \$46,450. This is \$500 less than last year, but at that it will be sufficient to do considerable holiday shopping. Following are the funds on hand in the various banks:

First National, Bellefonte.....	\$10,000
Bellefonte Trust Co. ....	15,000
Farmers National, Bellefonte..	2,000
First National, Centre Hall..	1,000
First National, Spring Mills..	1,000
Community Bank, Pt. Matilda	700
First National, Howard.....	2,700
First National, State College..	10,000
Peoples National, St. College..	4,000
Total .....	\$46,450

### CIVIL CASES DISPOSED OF AT FIRST WEEK OF COURT

Out of twenty-two cases on the civil list for trial during the first week of court, fourteen were either settled or continued. Those disposed of by trial included the following:

Dr. R. L. Caspers vs. John A. Shuey, of Aaronsburg; an action to collect damages as the result of an auto accident. Verdict in favor of the plaintiff for \$77.89.

The Trucon Steel Co., of Ohio, vs. The Borough of Millersburg, an action to recover for a consignment of reinforcing steel used in the construction of the Millersburg reservoir. The reservoir had been built by contract but the borough had guaranteed the pay for the steel. The matter was overlooked and the contractor paid in full, but he later failed to pay the Steel company, which brought suit to recover from the borough. The borough was ordered to pay the bill of \$500.

D. R. Cook vs. W. H. Seckinger, both of State College, another action to recover damages of an automobile accident. Verdict for the plaintiff in the sum of \$250.

Advertising will gain new customers

### TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

#### HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS

The deer season opens to-day (Thursday) December 1st, and will continue for fifteen days.

H. M. Smith, of Millheim, killed a hog that after hanging over a tripod over night weighed 590 pounds.

The construction of a new steel bridge over Penns Creek at New Berlin, was begun last week. It will replace an old-type covered wooden bridge.

The Hertzler & Zook-Company, Bellefonte, was awarded a contract at \$1750 for motorized drive units for machine tools used at the Army aircraft depot, Wright Field, Dayton, Ohio.

The Samuel Long farm, located on the Spring Mills-Farmers Mills road, offered at public sale recently, was bid up to \$1900. The offer was not attractive to George K. Long, who had the sale in charge.

Prof. O. R. Wagner, supervising principal of the East Penns Valley school district, accompanied by Prof. J. F. Wetzel, principal of the Centre Hall High school, attended the Conference on Education at Bucknell University. Several prominent speakers addressed the gathering.

Henry, 5 years old, a son of Franklin Royer, of near New Berlin, stepped into a can of hot lard, resulting in severe burns on the back of the leg from the knee down. Dr. L. E. Wolf, of New Berlin, who located at that place on leaving Centre Hall, is in charge of the case.

Purchase of an additional splendid game territory in Rush township, by the State has been announced by the State Game Commission. The tract includes 743 acres and adjoins State game lands No. 33, purchased in 1925, making a total area of 9281 acres. A game refuge of 2944 acres is maintained on the tract.

State College public school pupils, on Tuesday, were privileged to take the tuberculin test, and on Friday Dr. R. H. McCutcheon, director of the State Sanitarium at Mont Alto, who gave the test, will return to examine reactions of the pupils. The work is being done by the State and is being carried on without expense to the individual or to the school district where the tests are given.

The following persons appeared in the Millheim Journal: Bond O. Musser, P. H. Musser, Mrs. Lida McCloskey and Mrs. P. J. Meyer motored to York on Sunday to visit Mrs. P. C. Richey who recently had undergone an operation in a York hospital. Excepting Mrs. Meyer, they returned Sunday evening, accompanied by Mrs. P. H. Musser, who was at the Richey home for the past ten days. Mrs. Meyer, sister to Mrs. Richey, will remain there during the week.

Oliver B. Shawver, accompanied by his wife and one son and Mrs. Boyd Fredericks, all of near Millheim, motored to Frederickburg, Va., the purpose of the trip being to take Mrs. Fredericks down to the Virginia town where her husband has secured employment with a milling company. Mrs. Ida Fredericks, mother of Mr. Fredericks, is also with the family at this time. Mr. and Mrs. Shawver took this occasion to visit the national capital and other interesting points enroute.

A large barn born on the Norris Gulewite farm, on the road leading to Brush Valley narrows, north of Milliflung, was destroyed by fire on Monday morning. The Milliflung fire company was called and its members helped to save cattle, machinery and some grain. The origin of the fire is a mystery, no one of the Gulewite family having been in the barn within an hour from the time the flames were seen. The loss is estimated at \$2000, with but \$1000 insurance.

Kenneth Wert and sister, Miss Ann, the latter a local High school girl, son and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John B. Wert, one day last week visited their sister, Martha, wife of Ralph Dale, in Bellefonte, who was ill at the time, and while they were at the Dale home the physician pronounced the sickness scarlet fever. The brother and sister were permitted to go to the home of their grandmother, Mrs. M. F. Rosman, at Tusseyville, where they will be obliged to remain for the ten days before being privileged to circulate in public. Mrs. Dale is being cared for by a trained nurse and at last reports was not seriously ill.

In defense of a general assault by taxpayers against the expenditure of tax money for salary paid for a county probation and desertion officer, Roy M. Wilkinson, the officer in this county, in an interview with a State College Times reporter, endeavors to convince the public that through his officiating the county is saved much needless expense, instead of being a drain on the county finances. He produces an array of figures that may mean much or little in disproving that he, as an officer, is a means of saving money to the ridden tax payers. The thing the average man fails to comprehend is how these affairs are all taken care of in other counties where the probation and desertion officer is unknown, and how Centre county got along with a much lower tax rate prior to January 8, 1929, the date upon which the office was created in this county upon a decree of President Judge M. Ward Fleming.