



## Coasting Accidents in Bellefonte Bring Death to One, Injury to Another

Coasting in Bellefonte cost the life of one child, and a fractured skull of a second.

Miles Hasse, Justice, son of Homer Justice, coasted down a screening pile at the American Lime works, on Monday, in front of an approaching locomotive crane. Both legs of the boy, aged nine years, were severed. He died at 11:00 o'clock that night.

The second youth, Billie Omer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Omer, and a nephew of George W. Johnston, of this place, in coasting in an alley off Bishop street, crashed into a State Highway motor truck, and sustained a fractured skull. He is in the Centre County hospital and may recover.

### ZEBBY-SNYDER.

Rufus Zebby and Miss Orpha A. Snyder, both Gregg township young people, were united in marriage Tuesday evening of last week by E. T. Jamison, J. P., at his office in Spring Mills.

### U. S. CIVIL SERVICE EXAM. FOR TAILOR SHOP FOREMAN

An examination has been announced to be held at Centre Hall post office, date of March 2, 1933, for tailor shop foreman. Blanks can be obtained from the postmaster giving preliminary information necessary to applicant. The earning power is not given, but no doubt will be stated on the blanks.

### Fish and Game Assoc. Meeting.

The Spring Mills Fish and Game Association will hold a meeting in the Vocational school building this (Thursday) evening. Questions of great interest will come up for discussion, and a tentative program for the coming summer will be presented for consideration. The officers urge every member to be present.

### CROP MEETINGS.

Centre county farmers in general are facing the necessity of substituting some emergency crop that will take the place of clover stands that were lost through extreme heat and dry weather last year, according to the County Agent, R. O. Baney.

Arrangements have been made for Prof. Schmitz of Penn State to discuss crops that may be used to fill in the rotation. On Monday evening, February 20, at 8 o'clock in the Eagles Hall at Port Matilda and Tuesday evening, Feb. 21st, in the High school building at Rebersburg.

The public is cordially invited to attend.

"I'll be satisfied with a cup of hot water, madam." This was the plaintive statement made by an elderly man to three or more sympathetic mothers in town on Tuesday morning. His simple request in each instance provided fit food. It is presumed he pocketed some of the surpluses against a morning when the kettle was not boiling. Anyway it proves it is better to ask for water, hot or cold, than a beef-steak.

Pomona Grange No. 13 presented the traveling journal to Penn State Grange, Thursday evening. About 70 members were present. The program consisted of monologues, singing, instrumental music and an address by Prof. T. L. Mairs; also, a two-act play by Rebersburg grange, which was much enjoyed. Penn State grange served refreshments. The journal will be presented to Progress Grange some time in the near future by members of Penn State Grange.

Under a bill introduced in the House all salaries of district attorneys are reduced. If the bill passes, the salary of that officer in Centre county will be \$1,562.50, which sum is the salary allowed for counties having a population of from 50,000 to 60,000. Centre's population is 55,600.

## Pinchot's 53,000-Mile Road Bill Merely A Smoke Screen

The Pinchot plan of having the State assume control of all second class township roads, introduced by Senator Eonnett, Indiana, has been scored by tax groups, members of general assembly and local officials not only because it would give too much additional power to the already powerful department of highways but because a small percentage of taxpayers would be relieved of taxes on their properties and this would require increased taxes from other sources to finance the maintenance of this enormous additional mileage of road.

The governor, always forthcoming in laying foundations for his plans, has for the past few weeks been unmercifully falling local officials and especially township supervisors as inefficient and extravagant in order to create sentiment for his bill, setting a precedent for the august dignity of the governor's office.

A great majority of persons declare that the governor's road plans enounced in the Bennett bills will never

### GREGG TWP. FARMER FAILED TO EVADE LEVY FOR TAXES

James Smeal, forty-five, resorted to a most peculiar method to avoid his personal property being levied on for taxes by the Gregg township tax collector, H. E. Stover. Smeal and his wife disappeared one night last week, but before doing so distributed his stock, implements, etc., among farmers in the neighborhood.

On Tuesday Tax Collector Stover set to work gathering together the personal property of the farmer, placed the live stock in the barn on the farm occupied until recently by Smeal, which farm is known as the Martin Stover farm, a very productive farm, north of Penn Hall, and is taking a personal interest in its care until taxes due Gregg township are satisfied.

The cattle were taken to the Robert Strouse farm; horses to Herb Hettlinger; hogs to Lloyd Houser, chickens and implements to Ernest Steyers.

### BUSINESS MEN'S ASSOCIATION HOLDS FIRST BANQUET

Thirty-four of the forty members of the Centre Hall Business Men's Association sat at the tables in the Mitterling cafe Tuesday evening. It was the first strictly social meeting held since its organization, and the occasion was voted a signal success.

The speaker of the evening was Edward R. Owens, of the Bellefonte Hardware company, who recited in a most interesting manner his experiences of an overseas trip to France, England, and the former home of his parents in Wales. Before relating the travel incidents, Mr. Owens spoke of the benefits derived from organizations such as he was addressing.

Harold Duck, of Madisonburg, entertained the gathering with his singing and playing on the guitar.

There was much favorable comment of the splendid food and manner of serving by the Mitterlings.

The committee in charge of the program and all arrangements was R. S. Hagan, W. W. Kerlin and C. D. Bartholomew.

### LETTER FROM NORTH DAKOTA.

W. L. Royer, of Taylor, North Dakota, writes an interesting letter for Reporter readers. He went west from Potter township many years ago, is now 81 years of age, and has been a Reporter reader for many years.

Under date of February 3, Mr. Royer writes:

I see by my label that it is time to renew, so will enclose money order.

We had a nice winter so far, but at present it is colder, with a foot of snow. Farmers have plenty of feed, but what they have to sell has no price. No. 1 wheat is only 25c a bushel; No. 2, 26c; barley, 8 cents; oats, 5 cents; hogs, live weight, from \$1.50 to \$1.75; eggs, 7 cents.

I have a neighbor farmer who has over 12,000 bushels of wheat at home. He told me he could not sell it at this price; he has held it for three years, and he can still hold out, but lots of farmers can't do that, they have tractors and no money to buy gas to run them. Now they need horses. Those that have the money are offering \$100 for a good horse.

We have a highway (No. 10) that goes through here; now they are running buses from Seattle, Wash., to Chicago; next comes the airmail; it starts at the same place and goes to St. Paul. A truck brings bread, pies and cakes from Bismark, two trips a week. Bismark is 100 miles east of here. We have two bakeries in Dickinson, only twenty miles away, but they can't compete with Bismark—a pound and a half loaf costs ten cents.

We suffered from the flu out here, with some deaths.

The supper contemplated by the senior class of the local High school has been postponed to some future time not yet fixed.

### HERB TRACTS OF LAND SELL FOR \$1845.00

The real estate of the late Anna M. Herb, located in Madisonburg, and a tract of timberland nearby, were sold on Saturday for the sum of \$1845. The property in Madisonburg consisting of four tracts—the first being two lots on which was erected a two-story dwelling house; the third, two acres; the fourth, four acres, were purchased by H. P. Confer, a Madisonburg merchant, for \$1790. It is intimated that four tracts sold together were purchased for others. The fifth tract, woodland, was bid up to \$55.00 and sold to P. P. Vonada.

There were five or six bidders, all apparently anxious to secure one or more of the parcels. The tracts in the village were then sold together, the offer being \$1790, which sum was more than the total for the individual tracts.

The woodland was sold separately, and as stated above, was purchased by Mr. Vonada.

The personal property sold at good prices. The furniture was in good condition and considering the scarcity of ready cash, the prices obtained were considered very fair.

### PREBYTERIAN MANSE NEWS

Allen Leroy Sponser, of Everett, and Miss Lillian Allen Keeter, of Commodore, and her girl friend, of Clearfield, drove to the Kirkpatrick home on Saturday afternoon and made a little visit. The object of the call was that common one—Mr. Sponser and Miss Keeter had gotten tired of the monotony of living alone, believing that two could live cheaper than one, if the two were made one. They decided that while they were on their way to York they would get the binding knot tied in the beautiful village of Centre Hall.

### MOTORISTS, HURT IN CRASH, ARE ARRESTED AND FINED

The following dispatch sent from York, under date of Saturday, appeared in the Harrisburg Evening News:

After being injured in an accident on Friday morning, two motorists were arrested by the police and fined by Mayor H. B. Amstutz in police court yesterday. Paul A. Noll, of Spring Mills, Centre county, according to police, was at the wheel of a machine which crashed against a steel girder on the Market street bridge. The impact broke a cast iron pipe carrying illuminating gas. With Noll in the car was Floyd Marrell, of Harrisburg. The two men suffered cuts about their faces and they were treated at the York hospital.

Later in police court Noll was fined \$25 for reckless driving and Morrell was fined \$15. The sentences were suspended upon condition that the motorists pay the damage they caused to the bridge and to the gas company's property.

### G. B. WOLF WINS DEMOCRATIC POST

Warren Van Dyke, Democratic State chairman, on Friday announced appointment of George B. Wolf, of Williamsport, to the party's State Executive Committee.

Wolf fills the 8th district vacancy caused by the death of John P. Short, Clearfield publisher.

Wolf has been a member of the State Committee about 15 years.

The 8th district comprises Cameron, Centre, Clearfield, Clinton, Lycoming, McKean, Potter and Tioga counties.

### GOVERNMENT IN BUSINESS.

So much has been made of the principle that the government should not engage in business in competition with private enterprise, this theory being enunciated time and again in connection with debate over power development in recent years, that Congressman Robert F. Rich, representing the 15th Congressional district, is doubtless correct in predicting that his colleagues in the House, will be surprised to learn the extent to which the government has been in business, when the first report is made.

The people of his home district have been to some degree familiar with and interested in the work which Mr. Rich has been doing as a member of the committee which has been investigating this subject. He has traveled extensively and, with his committee colleagues or alone, has conducted numerous hearings into various phases of the government's business activities. This committee has found that numerous governmental agencies are engaged in manufacturing which could be done by private enterprise and in retail merchandising much of which comes in direct competition with private business in communities throughout the land.

The growth of this business has been so gradual that its extent has not been suspected. Divided as it is among various departments, it is doubtful if anyone connected with the government has had any idea of its magnitude. Certainly congress has not been aware of it. The work of Mr. Rich and his associates in bringing together enough of the facts of the situation to present an effective picture of the scope of the government's operations as manufacturer and merchant should prove a valuable contribution toward remedying conditions. It is significant that the mere suggestion of the practices to be inquired has been sufficient to eliminate many of them.

### 57 EMPLOYEES OF STATE HIGHWAY DEPT. DISMISSED

Further reduction in the highway department forces of the State was revealed on Friday.

The latest of dismissals, comprising 67 employees in various departments, included 57 in highways. The dismissals include:

G. A. Rothrock, Bellefonte, draftsman; Charles G. Ammerman, Clearfield, assistant draftsman; Hugh B. Gaullin, Clearfield, assistant draftsman; Mahlon E. Gearhart, Phillipsburg, assistant inspector; Gordon E. Hewlett, Phillipsburg, assistant draftsman; Samuel E. Lauman, Mill Hall, rodmann; Charles Penepacker, Clearfield, assistant inspector.

### THE 1933 ELECTION.

The 1933 primary and general elections will be quiet ones in the State and county, nevertheless local voters will have a number of borough offices to fill. The only State-wide matter to come before the voter will be the Constitutional amendments, while the county offices to be filled are those of district attorney and jury commissioners.

John G. Love, the present district attorney, will seek re-election.

The term of office of Jury Commissioners J. G. Gates and James C. Condo, the former a Republican and the latter a Democrat, also expire. There is a rumor that both will be candidates for re-election.

Most of the interest in the coming election will result in the naming of candidates and their election.

### FORMER BLANCHARD MAN LOST IN COLORADO MOUNTAINS

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Bechdel, of Blanchard, received a communication on Saturday notifying them of the disappearance of the former's brother, Charles Bechdel, of Ouray, Colo.

Mr. Bechdel was born and reared at Blanchard, but left this section more than 40 years ago for the west. He has been engaged as watchman at a mine in the mountains out from Ouray. He was last seen at that town January 14, when he bought provisions for his isolated mountain dwelling. Following his disappearance the sheriff of the county and a group of Mr. Bechdel's friends searched an entire day through the mountains for him. It is believed that he lost his life in a snow slide.

Mr. Bechdel visited Centre county three times since he has lived in the west, making the last trip east in 1922. He has several other brothers and sisters in this section.

### MERCHANTS AND PUBLIC TOGETHER PREPARE FOR BIG SALE AT LEWISTOWN

Lewistown merchants are again sounding the bargain call. "Not an earthquake," smile, the sponsors of the coming city-wide sales, "but it will be felt for miles around. Not a war, but an army will carry away treasures. Not an epidemic, but everyone will catch the fever. Not a gold rush, but all may stake their claims and benefit."

The old friend of the family—Lewistown's Community Sales and Dollar Days! This week!—now in full swing! Opening Thursday morning, continuing until Saturday night. Leading scores in every line of business are co-operating to keep up the reputation of these special shopping days which are always patronized far and wide.

Sale days in Lewistown have become a family buy-word. They are planned at intervals so that their welcome has never worn out—enthusiasm of stores as well as shoppers has never cooled. They have been widely imitated but the co-operative effort that Lewistown merchants put forth is duplicated only where every store is willing to submerge itself and put aside individual interests for a day. The friendly rivalry which exists between stores, spurring each and every one to outdo his neighbor in sheer value-giving, has lifted Lewistown's Community Sales to the height of shopping importance they have attained.

It is to this genuine bargain carnival that everyone is invited.

Look for the ad in this issue giving names of business places sponsoring the event. Look for the big white card with the "official seal" in the windows. It will help you to locate the biggest values.

This week!—now in full swing. Continuing until Saturday night. Merchandise values equalled at no other time in the year—free parking—special programs at all the theatres—special shoppers' luncheons at all restaurants—you'll enjoy every minute.

R. J. Barnett, well-known Sandy Ridge merchant, was named foreman of the Centre county grand jury called into session on Monday. The jury had before it forty-five Commonwealth cases, a definite number scheduled for each day.

### NOTICE.

We, the undersigned merchants, hereby agree to discontinue the issuance of green stamps (S & H) on and after June 1st, 1933. We also agree to pay our share of the cost of printing suitable cards advertising such discontinuance. We also agree to pay our share of any other advertising in papers, etc., as agreed by the undersigned to be necessary.

D. J. NIEMAN CO.,  
R. S. STOVER,  
M. R. SHRECKENGAST,  
A. A. FRANK & BONS.

### GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY OF MR. AND MRS. B. F. HOMAN

Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Homan, of State College, celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary in the social rooms of the Lutheran church in State College, on Wednesday evening of last week. One hundred and ten members of the family participated in the anniversary dinner, at which Rev. J. F. Harkins was toastmaster. Mrs. Clayton Struble, of State College, and Mrs. Anna Homan, Centre Hall, were guests at the wedding. There are six sons all of whom except one were present.

Mrs. Homan, before marriage, was Miss Maggie Ellen Fye.

A list of those present at the anniversary celebration, given to the Reporter for publication on Monday, is appended:

Adam Fye, 76 years of age, of Denver, Colorado, only living brother of Mrs. Homan; Mr. and Mrs. Earl Ross and children, Richard, Margaret, Dean and Donald, of Centre Hall; Mr. and Mrs. Waldo Homan and children, David, Eugene, Frederick, Blair, Paul, Rosella and Miriam, of Oak Hall; Mr. and Mrs. George Homan and children, Gene and Marjorie, of Boalsburg; Mr. and Mrs. Merrill Homan and children, Ralph, Frank and Louise, of State College; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Mothersbaugh and son Charles, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hoy and daughter Margaret, of State College; Mr. and Mrs. Forest Homan and daughter Kathleen, of Unionville; Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Homan and daughter Mary Anne, of Freeport, Ill.

David Homan, who is engaged in farming in the West, was unable to be present.

### MINISTER'S TERRIER DOG IS FIRE ALARM IN HOME

"Judy," the pet Boston terrier belonging to Rev. Victor H. Jones, pastor of the St. Paul Reformed church in Waynesboro, saved the parsonage occupied by the Rev. Mr. Jones and his family, and also the lives of the family by its timely warning, Wednesday night of last week.

The dog was placed in the cellar of the home for the night and, at 11:30 o'clock, Rev. Jones heard a thumping at the door leading to his room on the first floor, and at the same time he smelled smoke.

When he opened the cellar door to investigate, the dog ran past him and upstairs to awaken other members of the preacher's family.

Rev. Jones discovered flames eating their way through the door in the cellar, near the furnace. He immediately turned in an alarm for the fire department. He then began throwing water upon the fire and when the firemen appeared they soon extinguished the flames with chemicals.

Rev. Jones is of the opinion that the fire was started by a hot poker he had been using in stirring up the fire, and which had been replaced against the partition of the room, and which rested upon a piece of old carpet on the floor.

It was through the Boston terrier that the building was kept from burning and the animal was also responsible for saving the lives of the family.

Rev. Jones is a son of Rev. and Mrs. R. R. Jones, of Landisburg, formerly of Centre Hall.

### BULL ON RAMPAGE.

An infuriated bull made himself extremely obnoxious until his bulldog was brought to an end with a rifle ball, after he had chased a milk truck driver from the road to the top of a hen house. The bull was the property of Floyd Gulswite, below Millheim. His first escapade was to halt a milk truck driven by Fred Stover, while paving up the earth in front of Mr. Stover's truck, a milk truck came along, the driver of which did not observe the situation until the bull began chasing him. From the hen house roof he arranged to have a rifle brought to him and with it in hand he came to earth and made a dash for the barn, the bull in hot pursuit. Reaching the barn the truck driver sought a good point of vantage, and laid his assailant low with a well-aimed rifle ball.

### DESERTION, PROBATION AND PAROLE OFFICER REPORTS

Roy Wilkinson, Desertion, Probation and Parole officer for Centre county, makes report for the fifth year of service. His report is to the Court, who is the authority for his appointment.

The first items in his report sum up to \$2887.00 and include: salary, \$2,500; postage, \$69.00; officer expenses, \$90.00, and traveling expenses, \$128.

The receipts show a total of \$20,162.00. The item includes fines, \$4104; costs, \$2988; support, \$9960; restitution, \$1489; laying in expenses, \$360, together with \$1259, balance from previous year, totaling \$20,162.

Disbursements are: Fines and costs, \$7254; support, \$9848; restitution, \$1,841; laying in expenses, \$260; miscellaneous costs, \$222; balance in bank, \$634; totaling \$20,162.

### Woman Hiker Dies in Auto.

Mrs. Helen Reese Matalavage, 45, of Lewisburg, formerly of Tamaqua, died in an automobile from a heart attack while enroute to Milton early Thursday evening. She started hitch-hiking for Milton. In apparent good health, she signed a Lewisburg motorist, named Stapleton, who stopped and picked her up, and a few minutes later spoke to her. She did not answer him and upon examination he found her dead. Her husband is living in Tamaqua.

## TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

### HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS

The county tax rate in Union county is six mills, no change from last year.

Lock Haven residents are planning to hold a fitting celebration for the city's one hundredth anniversary.

H. L. Ehrlicht publishes letters of administration in the estate of Wilbur S. Runkle, late of Potter township, deceased, in this issue.

The crop of new automobile drivers in Centre county during the past month has been light. At the last test but one applicant, Homer Henry, of Bellefonte, appeared.

In making distribution of \$30,000 to various charitable institutions, Charles L. Lafan, of York, deceased, remembered Treasurer Orphans' Home at Loysville in the sum of \$3,000.

No wonder eggs are cheap when a white Leghorn lays three a day as one did at the Kerlin poultry plant, last Thursday, when the temperature ranged between zero and twelve above.

A hog killed by Brad Stover, along Pine Creek, in Penn township, dressed 974 pounds. It is believed to have been the largest hog killed in Centre county during the past four months.

The three-story frame building owned by Sheldon McKean, located on the main street at Beech Creek, and housing two apartments, a five and ten cent store and a pool room and cigar store, was badly damaged by fire.

Miss Ethel Letzell, a student at Temple University, Philadelphia, was a recent guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Letzell, in Millheim. Miss Marjorie Ayer, of London, England, is a guest of Postmaster and Mrs. W. L. Swarn, in the same town.

The Tremaglio Brothers, contractors for the \$59,000 post office building in Bellefonte, while at the county seat last week, gave out information that raising of the buildings on the site to be occupied by the new Federal building, will begin in the near future.

A pure-bred Holstein heifer calf weighing 123 pounds at birth is reported by C. E. Erdly, a well known farmer in Buffalo township, Union county. The dam in question is also worthy of mention. As a three-year-old she produced 12,701 pounds of milk and 423.1 pounds of butterfat.

From the Milliflora Telegraph personal mentions: Mr. and Mrs. Lester Weaver, Centre Hall, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Martin Hommel. Miss Ruth Hommel accompanied them here and visited with her mother, Mrs. Mable Hartley. On their return to Centre Hall Donald Hartley went with them.

A golden eagle, weighing fourteen pounds, with a wing spread of six feet, seven inches, was captured near Lewistown in a fox trap. The bird carried the trap and fastening to a distance of 600 feet. After held in captivity long enough to insure it was not injured, the bird was liberated in Treaster Valley.

The North and West election districts in Ferguson township are considering consolidation as did the North and North-west districts. The movement appears also to have taken hold of voters in Gregg township, and there may be a combining of the three districts into two in that township. The approximate average cost of each of the election districts in the county in 1932 was \$200, or \$12,049 for the sixty-five districts.

The Reporter is indebted to Clay W. Reesman, formerly of Centre Hall, now of Camden, N. J., where he is director of Parks and Public Property in that city, for a copy of the Annual Report, 1932, of the Board of Education of Camden. The report is a comprehensive review of Camden's educational system, and even a cursory examination of the report with its numerous graphs, reveals that education is one of the major operations of Camden. The cost of the public school system in Camden last year was \$2,039,736.

How we wish someone had shot the grouse! Hardy had the Reporter come off the press last week telling of an average maximum temperature of 45 degrees during January, and inquiring as to what had become of our old-fashion winters, when a 100 per cent article from Old Man Winter's collection was handed us. Temperature fell like a plummet and lodged at the zero mark Thursday and Friday mornings. The cold was intensified by storm which drove the cold into every crevice and defied the efforts of the best firemen to keep buildings warm. There was a lull of the cold and a four-inch snowfall Friday night.

Richard Robb, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Robb, and Roy Wilkinson, Jr., both of Bellefonte, were named first and second alternates, respectively, to a cadetship at Annapolis Naval Academy. This means that if for some reason the appointee fails to make the grade, Richard and Roy will be in line for appointment, but the latter only should Richard fail. Hugh Morrow, Jr., son of Dr. Morrow, of Centre Hall, is one of the twenty-five who took the examination at the same time, and while he is not of the three to rank highest in the examination, his score is most creditable. He was probably the last to make application for entrance in the class and did no preliminary preparatory work.