

Letters from Reporter Subscribers In Quake Area Say, "All's Well"

BUSHMANS, IN SAN DIEGO, BEYOND A BRISK ROCKING, FELT NO ILL EFFECTS

(By air mail)
San Diego, California,
March 22, 1933.

Dear Reporter:
In accordance with your request, I will try to give you Centre Hall friends an idea of the quake as it affected San Diego. Though the tremor which came a few minutes before 6 P. M. gave us quite a brisk rocking, some people did not feel it at all. Set off the burglar alarm in two of the downtown buildings, stopped a few clocks, and the like, but no one was injured and there was not the slightest property damage. In our part of the city no one seemed to think much about it until the reports from Los Angeles began to come in by radio.

Scarcely any of the other shocks were noticeable here, and many geologists claim this city is out of the zone where major ones are likely to occur. Let us hope they are right. The lesson from it seems to be that almost all the loss of life, as well as most of the property damage, can be prevented if the buildings are of the earthquake-proof type.

We, too, are anxious for news of the friends in the other sections, especially those in the Long Beach, Compton area where the damage was great.

Sincerely,
THE BUSHMANS.

FUNKS SAFE, BUT SHAKEN, AT COMPTON, CALIF.

The first word from Mr. and Mrs. O. F. Funk, at Compton, California, arrived Monday morning in the form of a letter from Mr. Funk. The letter indicates the writer had not entirely rid himself of the fright following the first quake.

Mr. Funk was alone in one of his poultry houses when he experienced the earth coming up, and the next instant he was thrown against the wall of the hen coop. The total damage in the Funk home was one broken dish, but everything in the line of furniture was moved, and when the severe quakes were over, the furniture was found in the center of the room. The radio was upset, but found its way to the center of the living room.

There was much destruction of property in Compton, but the Funk's, fortunately, escaped injury and loss of property.

HIGH SCHOOL B. B. SCHEDULE.

The Centre County High School Athletic Association met at Bellefonte, Monday evening and arranged the baseball schedule for the coming season. Baseball, Port Matilda, Snow Shoe and Centre Hall will make up the western division. The schedule for the local school follows:

- April 13—Centre Hall at Boalsburg.
- April 21—Snow Shoe at Centre Hall.
- April 28—Port Matilda at Centre Hall.
- May 5—Centre Hall at Port Matilda.
- May 12—Boalsburg at Centre Hall.
- May 19—Centre Hall at Snow Shoe.

E. S. SHUCK'S EULOGY OF MODERN HOTELS

Says the Industry Has Greatly Improved Under Prohibition, Being One of the Foremost Businesses in the Country.

Younger men in the hotel business are generally in favor of prohibition because they realize that in the years since the bar was removed from the hotel industry has improved greatly. E. S. Shuck told the members of the Clearfield Kiwanis club at a recent dinner. Mr. Shuck is proprietor of the Hotel Dimeling, Clearfield, Hotel Phillips, Philipsburg, and the Fort Ligonier Hotel at Ligonier, three of Pennsylvania's very best and most popular hosteries.

Older hotel men, who remember the days of the saloon, have been quite often outdistanced in the modern methods of hotel management and look to the "good old days" to restore bars to hotels and prosperity to their vanishing fortunes. Mr. Shuck said.

Since the advent of prohibition the hotel industry has advanced from the seventeenth to the seventh place in the industrial world, being one of the foremost businesses in this country. Investments in hotels is larger for many instances than in the bigger industries, Mr. Shuck said, mentioning the Waldorf-Astoria with its investment of 66 millions.

Hotels not only lead in the business world today but they have become arbiters of fashion for the country. The newest modes in furnishings and decorations appear first in hotels and then gradually are taken into the homes of the nation.

As in all other business fields today, hotel operations is a specialized and highly competitive field, Mr. Shuck explained. The hotel manager must have a wide knowledge of business affairs to deal with the complex problems that confront him. Managed on a strictly business basis, and catering to the traveling public which it serves, the hotel has achieved prestige and favor in the past decade which it never knew before.

W. W. BOOB AND WIFE ES. CAPE EFFECTS OF 'QUAKE'; "BUSINESS VERY GOOD"

W. W. Boob, a former resident of Centre Hall, now located in Los Angeles, Calif., sends a note of cheer from what many imagine a desolate section at this time. He is engaged with an "Equipment Exchange," dealing in air compressors, paint spraying outfits, auto tires, garage, mining and service station equipment. He states "business is very good, and getting better daily." A poem, under the title of "No More," will provide interest in connection with Mr. Boob's letter:

March 22, 1933.
Thank God, here we are, all safe. I happened to be driving from the store to the house at the time of the quake and did not know when it happened. On the other hand, a lady a few blocks from me lost control of her car, ran over a man and killed him.

Mrs. Boob happened to be on the side walk at home, and was rocked quite a bit, but she held to a wire fence and was not hurt.

If you could see the large buildings that were wrecked, you would wonder that it did not kill many thousands instead of only about 140. With it all, this is God's country to live in and we could not think of living anywhere else, except heaven. The question with all of us is, are we ready to go. The people in this old world are so wicked that it takes a quake to make them think, and most of them do not even want you to approach them on the subject of religion. So until people get right with God, this world is no safe place to live in, with all the murders, kidnappings, robberies.

We are enclosing a list of killed; they may be a help to check up any of your subscribers were killed.

We are still having about two quakes a day, but very light, and it is said they will continue for a few months.

We are enclosing check. Please extend subscription on paper.

Business has been very good, and getting better every day.

With best regards to you and all our friends,
Respectfully,
W. W. BOOB.

No More.
Let us check our prospects o'er
With the accent on NO MORE.
No more quivers, no more fears,
No more quakes for fifty years;
No more cars with empty tanks,
No more closing of the banks;
No more tightwads free to hold
Hoarded heaps of secret gold;
No more grinding private axes,
No more upping public taxes;
No more jobby, bloc or faction
Thwarting Presidential action;
No more shouting, "Take our
dollars."

Every time that Europe hollers;
No more sales of phony stocks,
No more business on the rocks;
No more scarcity of dough.

Hang the sign out and LET'S GO!

FARM MANAGEMENT MEETINGS.

The result of the farm management study made on 281 Centre county farms by the farm management department of the Penna. State College during the past two years, will be presented to the farmers of the county at five public meetings arranged by the County Agent, R. C. Blaney.

This study of farm conditions in the county has been carried on in order to obtain information that will be helpful to the farmers of the county in the management of their business. Prof. J. E. McCord, who had charge of the survey, will present the figures as given by the cooperators. E. L. Moffett will discuss the findings and make recommendations as to good farm management practices.

These meetings will be held according to the following schedule:
Wednesday, April 5—Vocational School Building, Boalsburg, 8 p. m.
Thursday, April 6—Eagles' hall at Port Matilda, 2 p. m.
Thursday, April 6—Assembly room in the East Penns Valley High school building, Millheim, 8 p. m.
Friday, April 7—Assembly room of the Old High school building at Howard, 2 p. m.
Friday, April 7—Court room in the Court House at Bellefonte, 8 p. m.

The meetings have been arranged for the benefit of all farmers in the county and the information to be presented will be valuable, particularly during the next year.

Will the Legislature permit the sale of beer within the two-mile limit of the "Farmers' High School," which a law passed in 1858 prohibited, is a question being asked by State College residents. The sale of intoxicants was well controlled in this two-mile area under the various license laws, but since Volsteadism, violations have been frequent and serious. Will the new law be better? Can it be worse?

Thank God for Rev. Charles E. Coughlin. He is spreading the gospel of truth via the radio, and in last Sunday's talk took a fling at the money changers, mentioning names and pointing the accusing finger in no uncertain manner. The officers of several of the Detroit banks came in for special denunciation, and if you heard the Rev. Mr. Coughlin, you no doubt said, "Amen."

COMM. CHRISTIAN EDUCATION MET IN REFORMED CHURCH

The committee on Christian Education of the West Susquehanna Classis of the Reformed Church in the United States met in an all-day session in the local Reformed parsonage, one day last week. The committee among other projects is now engaged in the third year's work of an extension field promotion plan in Christian Education in cooperation with the denominational Board of Christian Education. Items in the current year's program, as planned in this meeting, are a continuation of the Pastor's Seminar on Christian Education, meeting monthly in the Reformed church of Lewisburg, and under the expert leadership of Dr. N. C. Horner, of the Theological Seminary faculty at Lancaster; a series of district conferences similar to the one held in the Reformed church in May, 1932, to be held this fall in all of the five districts into which the Classis was divided three years ago when the field project was initiated; an intensive leadership training program; a continuation of the Snyder county cooperation project, which thus far has resulted in the unified staff of that county in Christian Education; and a church school of the Classis; an integrated Missionary Educational program for the Classis.

In the morning the last item was discussed with a committee from the Woman's Missionary Society of West Susquehanna Classis, consisting of Mrs. H. L. Wink, of Boalsburg; Mrs. John Hartwick, and Mrs. Earl Hoffer, both of Bellefonte.

Those present, in addition to the ladies above mentioned, were Dr. C. A. Hauser, of the denominational Board of Christian Education, Philadelphia; Rev. Earl G. Kline, of Sellersville; Rev. G. A. Fied Griesing, of Aaronsburg; Rev. George R. Johnson, of Howard; Rev. H. B. Zechman, of New Berlin; Prof. J. H. Eisenbauer, of the faculty of Bucknell University; Lewisburg; and Rev. D. R. Keener, Dr. George L. Dunkleberger, dean of Susquehanna University, is also a member of the committee.

THIRTEEN APPLICANTS ARE GRANTED LICENSES

The following passed the examination to receive drivers' licenses, at Bellefonte: Carl Wyland, Bellefonte; Paul Myers, State College; G. S. Decker, Millheim; D. M. France, Bellefonte; E. S. Risan, Bellefonte; W. E. Mallory, Centre Hall; E. S. Maloy, Jr., Bellefonte; John Yonkovich, Clarence; Albert Grenoble, Rebersburg; Mrs. Florence Newell, Pleasant Gap; L. H. Musser, Rebersburg; J. E. Drebbelha, State College; Emma Bumgardner, Flemington. Two applicants failed to pass the examination.

LACK OF KNOWLEDGE OF SAFE CONSTRUCTION PROVES HARTLETON YEGG AMATEUR

The hinges of a safe containing \$500 in the garage office of Buck Diehl, at Hartleton, were sawed off by an amateur yegg, to find the door would not open.

Several hack saws and other tools, taken from the mechanical department of the garage, were used to do the work. The manner in which the thief gained entrance to the garage is not known. No windows were found to be open, no doors were unlocked.

Police believe that the attempted robbery was the work of some local person, some one who was aware of the money's presence in the safe, but at the same time inexperienced in safe-cracking.

FARMERS' FIELD DAY WILL BE ON JUNE 15

Farmers' Field Day has been scheduled for Thursday, June 15, at Pennsylvania State College. Field trips, demonstrations, talks, contests, and visits to experiments, the college herds and flocks, and laboratories will be included in the program. Members of the agricultural and home economics staffs of the college will appear on the program.

STATE COLLEGE-BELLEFONTE CONCRETE RIBBON HIGHWAY— WILL IT BE BUILT?

State College and Bellefonte interests are united in an effort to induce the State Highway Department to construct a concrete ribbon road direct from Bellefonte to State College. Bellefonte much desires this short cut road, for many reasons aside from the fact that present roads diverge, which to some extent would be recovered by building this link. It would run all traffic north and northeast through Bellefonte, whereas at present the intersection with route No. 229 is mostly at Zion.

State College has had a long lead on Bellefonte in securing modern roads, the most important of which is the link of the Lakes-to-Sea highway passing directly through that town. The traffic went west and to the northwest sections of the State which heretofore was through Bellefonte; has practically all been diverted from the county seat to State College over the new concrete road opened last fall.

The short cut from State College to Bellefonte would be beneficial to the hospital, would aid in bringing the official business center near State College develop closer business and social relations between the two towns.

ELLIS D. REARICK CASE CLOSED—NOT GUILTY

The case of the Commonwealth vs. Ellis D. Rearick, charged with involuntary manslaughter, is definitely closed. The defendant is relieved of all responsibility.

The case grew out of an automobile accident on the night of March 14, at which time a car driven by Mr. Rearick, son of D. H. Rearick, of Georges Valley, struck and almost instantly killed Daniel Boob, on the State highway, near the Dunkard church, a short distance west of Mifflinburg. The case was closed when Justice Lee Francis Lybarger, Jr., Mifflinburg, on Thursday evening, discharged Rearick because of insufficient evidence. Justice Lybarger, in a note to the Reporter, under date of March 24, says:

"The hearing in the case of the Commonwealth vs. Ellis D. Rearick, was held at my office last evening at 7 P. M. The Commonwealth's testimony was heard. The defendant was discharged because of insufficient evidence to establish that he was operating his car recklessly or negligently. As you probably know, the coroner's jury found that it was an unavoidable accident and exonerated Mr. Rearick. District Attorney William L. Showers represented the Commonwealth last evening and Miller Alanson Johnson, Esq., represented the defendant."

STATE COLLEGE MAN INJURED AS AUTO GOES INTO SPIN

A crash on the Port Matilda mountain Sunday evening resulted in serious injury of Charles E. Boyer, State College, and a miraculous escape of his three children.

Boyer was taken to the Phillipsburg State hospital. He suffered head injuries and lacerations. The father and three children, the eldest fourteen, were on their way home from Allport where they had visited relatives. On reaching the first, down grade this side of Phillipsburg the car went into a spin, due to icy road conditions, striking the cable guard.

MEETING OF TRI-COUNTY ASSOCN PAST TEMPLARS

A monthly meeting of the Tri-County Association of Past Templars, was held in the hall of the Golden Eagle, Centre Hall Thursday afternoon and evening. The meeting was presided over by Mrs. Marjory Young, Bellefonte. Devotions were conducted by Mrs. Edward Hazel. Many items of interest to the organization were discussed. Mrs. Effie Sarvey, of Lock Haven, is vice-president, and Mrs. M. Johnston, Bellefonte, secretary, of the association.

There were fifteen members present from Bellefonte, four from Lock Haven, two from Mill Hall, seven from Spring Mills, and twenty-four from Centre Hall.

A chicken supper was served by the hostess lodge, to about fifty members.

A play was presented by the local lodge, and jig saw puzzles were also a part of the amusements.

"THE LANDS OF THE BIBLE" ILLUSTRATED LECTURE

An illustrated lecture, entitled, "The Lands of the Bible," will be given by E. P. Miller, Altoona, in the local Lutheran church, Sunday evening, at 7:00 o'clock. The forty-five pictures (taken on a 16,000 mile cruise) will be dwelt on by one who has traveled through the historic places. The lecture will be given under the auspices of the Young Woman's Missionary Society of the Lutheran church. The silver offering will be equally divided between the lecturer and the society.

TRI-H-Y MEETING.

The Tri-H-Y of the local High school held its induction ceremony on Friday night in the High school building. This was the first induction ceremony since the club has been organized, in January.

The eleven new members taken into the organization were: Laura Bronn, Dorothy Blazier, Freda Burkholder, Lois Packer, Doris Moltz, Miriam Mitterling, Sara Odenkirk, Gladys Smith, Roberta Smith, Hazel Smith and Marian Treasurer.

During the ceremony a quartette composed of Miss Geary, Mrs. Wetzel, Mrs. Kerlin and Mrs. Goodhart, the club's home and church advisors, sang, "Lead On, Kindly Light."

After the ceremony, the club had a social hour, followed by refreshments.

VIEWERS PLACE VALUE OF P. O. SITE AT \$37,000

The report of the three viewers who appraised the properties taken by the government as the site for Bellefonte's new post-office has finally been made public. The total appraisement was \$37,000 divided as follows: Krader property, \$19,000; Hubler home, \$10,000, and Montgomery home, \$8,000.

The appraisers were Edward R. Owens, Col. W. Fred Reynolds and William L. Fleming. At the time of the hearing on December 29th, to determine a fair valuation of the properties, attorneys for the owners placed the figures at \$25,000 for the Krader property; \$12,500 to \$15,000 for the Hubler property, and \$9,500 to \$10,000 for the Montgomery, or a range of from \$47,000 to \$50,000. As the recommendation of the viewers is \$10,000 less than the lowest price asked, litigation may follow to determine how much the government will have to pay.

FIVE IN 'TIGHT COMPACT' KEEP DEATH SECRET FOUR YEARS

Sellingsgrove Constable's Memory Traps Youth After Idle Talk Turns to Veteran, Killed While Hiking to Hoover Inauguration.

Tobacco smoke and talk drifted idly as Constable Wm. R. VanBuskirk and a group of cronies sat around the other night and discussed the weather, beer, baseball and politics, in a Kratzerville, Snyder county, garage, one night last week.

They talked of Roosevelt and his inauguration, which several witnessed. Then they talked of Hoover, and his inauguration, and that led them to the tale of Archie Wise, 35-year-old war veteran.

"Nobody's ever found out yet who killed him, did they, Bill," a crony queried.

"Not as I know of," said the Constable. "I wasn't in office when it happened, and I don't know much about it. When was it he was killed?"

The group pondered a moment.

"Night of March 2, 1929, it was," one said. "I remember it well. He told me he was starting out to hike to Washington for the Hoover inauguration. We found his body a month later in the bushes along the Susquehanna."

The talk drifted to the search for the body.

"Yes," said the man who remembered best, "we were able to trace him as far as Penns Creek bridge and then we lost the trail."

Van Buskirk sat bolt upright.

"What night did you say that was?" They all sat upright now, staring at Van Buskirk.

"March 2, 1929."

"My God, I think I know who did it!" cried Van Buskirk, and without another word he dashed out of the place, headed for the home of Sheriff Carl E. Runkle.

Roy Hollenbach, 23; Harry Naugle, 23; John Hollenbach, 22; Harry Krouse, 22, and Dale Kline, 19, Kratzerville youths, were placed under arrest. They told the district attorney that they ran down Wise with their automobile, not seeing him in the dark. Knowing they had struck something, however, they went back.

When they found the body, they were terror-stricken, and "we swore a holy compact to say not a word about it to anybody."

Then they threw the body into the bushes.

The murder charge will be placed against them because they can't be charged with involuntary manslaughter, the statute of limitations barring that charge.

Constable Van Buskirk explained to his cronies how it happened.

"When you told me the date," he said, "I suddenly remembered that on that night I saw Naugle at a party in Sellingsgrove. And later that night, I heard their automobile on the bridge, and sort of wondered what it was stopping for, but forgot about it until we started to talk about the mystery of Archie Wise's death."

COUNTY B. B. LEAGUE ORGANIZED AT HOWARD

Representatives of Orviston, Howard, Pleasant Gap, Lamar, Rebersburg, Millheim and Centre Hall met at Howard last Friday evening and reorganized the Centre County Baseball League for the coming season. The eighth team was not represented but either Bellefonte or Milesburg will accept the remaining franchise. The constitution used last year was adopted with several revisions of minor importance. The schedule will include forty-two games, opening on May 6th and closing on Labor Day.

Officers for the ensuing year are: President, P. C. Holter, Howard; Vice President, R. S. Stover, Millheim.

Sec. Treas. R. S. Jamison, Centre Hall.

Board of Control—E. E. Hubler, Rebersburg; Rex Kyles, Orviston; George Rimney, Centre Hall; Wilbur Saxton, Pleasant Gap; Charles Grieb, Lamar; Harry D'Arment, Howard.

More Big Hogs Killed.

Three hogs were killed last week that because of their weight are being commented on by neighbors. Miles Decker and Charles Durst killed two straight hogs weighing respectively 400 pounds and 375 pounds, while John W. Zerby, of the Penns Cave district killed one that tipped the beam at 600 pounds.

HOUSE RESENTS TEACHERS' WARNING ON SCHOOL BILLS

A flood of telegrams urging members to vote against legislation affecting school teachers drew the fire of the House of Representatives at Harrisburg.

The House adopted a resolution of Representative H. A. Surface, Snyder attacking the telegrams as "unethical, objectionable and offensive."

"I consider this an insult to intelligence of the members," Surface asserted in placing a telegram on the record.

The message said that 62,000 school teachers in Pennsylvania will keep a record of the ayes and nays of the members voting on the school bill and that "teachers in your legislative districts will be strongly organized before next year's primaries to vote for friends at the polls. Each block of 100 teachers count for 1000 votes."

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS

About an inch of snow fell Thursday morning between 8 o'clock and noon.

Miss Bettie Breon returned from a visit to Mr. and Mrs. Brader Masteller, at Dewart.

Only one more day for the spring inspection of cars. Better get a red sticker, or the cops will get you.

George E. Meyer, former piano dealer of Boalsburg, and his aunt, Miss Anna Weber, were in town on Monday and called on Mrs. J. H. Weber.

The County Treasurer's sale for 1929 delinquent taxes, called for March 22, was postponed to April 21, in the Court House, Bellefonte, at 1:15 P. M.

The corner stone for the new federal building in Bellefonte will be laid some time in May. The Bellefonte Masonic lodge will have charge of the ceremonies.

Miss Mary Herring, a school teacher, Mrs. Lizzie Mullen, Mrs. Robb and Miss Robb, all of Altoona, were recent guests of Mrs. Laura Lee and family in Centre Hall.

Rev. J. J. Weaver, of Gettysburg, has accepted a call to fill a Lutheran charge with Rebersburg as the place of residence. The family expects to arrive by this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Garman Matter, now living in the Mitterling double dwelling, will become residents of Spring Mills about April 1st, and will occupy a part of the Andrew Rote dwelling.

Unemployed at Mill Hall have cleared the island there, which is to be made into a public playground, of nearly all the trees and underbrush, leaving several large trees standing to provide shade for the children.

Miss Margaret McClenahan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry McClenahan, who is taking a one-year course in care of children in an East Orange, N. J. hospital, is reported as liking her work and getting along in a fine way.

Miss Margaret Delaney, a sophomore in Juniata College, Huntingdon, and a college chum, Miss Grace Westbrook, a junior, of Williamsburg, were weekend guests at the home of the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Delaney, east of town.

During the absence of the Calvin Brachbill family from their home in Coeville, near Bellefonte, a fire broke out in the kitchen. By the application of sixty gallons of chemicals the flames were subdued. The loss is estimated at \$500.

Arthur Holderman, the farm machinery agent at Tusseyville, was a pleasant caller at the Reporter office, Thursday afternoon. Mr. Holderman produces convincing figures to prove that at the prevailing price of horses, the farm tractor is a real economy.

Word has been received that Miss Margaret Swartz, of East Fairmount avenue, State College, will be back from Florida the latter part of May. Miss Swartz has been away all winter, living in Miami with her sister, Mrs. Bernice Decker, of Montgomery, formerly also of State College.

Sir Herbert Ames, financial director of the League of Nations for seven years, and the man who opened the first meeting of the Judges of the World Court, will speak on the evening of Tuesday, April 4, at Pennsylvania State College on the subject, "The Polish Corridor."

There are well-founded rumors that George Luse has leased the section of the C. M. Arney property recently vacated by Albert Emery. The gentleman at this time is a single man but he apparently has plans laid to become a benedict in the near future. Miss Beatrice Brown is teaching the Pine Stump, Potter township, school.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Roy Martz, of Lewistown, paid Mr. and Mrs. William S. Martz, at Tusseyville, a visit last week, and before returning home called on the Reporter. Mr. Martz has been a Visconte employe for ten years and is now getting a few days work each week. Rumor has it, he says, that workmen will begin longer employment in the near future.

A number of the former employes of the Robert E. Lassiter & Co., contractors for the construction of the Pottery Mills Boalsburg road, are back to Centre Hall. They came here to complete the birms of the road, but the work was interfered with by the freeze and snow fall of the latter part of the week. Mr. Fuller, superintendent, is also here.

Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Ehrhart and daughter, Miss Bettie, visited the R. F. Fuller family at Scranton on Sunday, and drove on through the Pocono Mountains to Delaware Water Gap. The scenery through the mountains was found to be beautiful, the young timber and large tree branches bending with a heavy load of snow adding to the otherwise grand views.

Mrs. C. J. Shaeffer and Mrs. Lizzie Wherly, both of Altoona, arrived here Friday morning to be among relatives and friends. The former came more particularly to comfort her sister, Mrs. Clara Lester, who has been a sufferer from a paralytic stroke for nearly three weeks. Mrs. Wherly is with her brother, Samuel Shoop, and family.