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VITAL LAW POINT STRESSED BY STATE AUTOMOBILE CLUB

Any offense against the Vehicle Code for which revocation or suspension of operator's license is either mandatory or at the discretion of the Secretary of Revenue may subject the offender to the provisions of the Financial Responsibility Law, effective January 1.

This vital point in the new law is stressed by the Keystone Automobile Club, in making public another explanation of the law's provisions, as prepared by Robert O. Kitchen, of the club's legal staff.

"Because of the difficulty in comprehending the entire scope of the Act," said Mr. Kitchen, "many motorists are under the impression that only those involved in accidents causing death, injury or property damage, in excess of \$200, will be required to show financial responsibility, either through insurance surety bond or the posting of \$11,000 in cash with the State treasurer.

"It is important that motorists understand that violations of motor law, regardless of whether or not accidents are involved, may subject drivers to the Financial Responsibility Act.

"Very broad powers are given to the Secretary of Revenue in this respect. In cases where revocation of operator's license for one year is mandatory under the Vehicle Code, the Secretary has no alternative but to demand proof of financial responsibility before the license can be restored at the end of the penalty period. In cases where suspension or revocation is in the discretion of the Secretary, he may require evidence of financial responsibility, suspending the operator's license until it is furnished.

"Drunken driving, hij and run, operating a vehicle in the commission of a felony, and using a fictitious name in any motor vehicle form, are offenses which automatically bring the motorist within the provisions of the new Act.

"Discretionary power is given the secretary to suspend a license upon a finding of incompetence to operate, conviction of manslaughter or misdemeanor or under the Vehicle Code, bribery or substitution in taking operator's examination; also, after a hearing or failure to attend a hearing before the Secretary, or his representative, upon any offense under the code, including the failure to file a report of an accident and the tendering of a bad check for an operator's license. The penalty may also attach to the operation of an automobile in a fatal accident."

SANTA WILL GRAM 4 BILLION IN GIFTS DOWN CHIMNEYS

Santa Claus' biggest sponsors foresee a "tough Christmas"—for Santa Claus.

One of them, executive of a large department store, phrased his forecast thus:

"It's going to be a genuinely Merry Christmas.

"Our bad year was 1931. The Christmas business of 1932 was immensely cheering, and we are very optimistic this year."

Here are some of the facts on which the tradesmen base their faith:

The National Retail Dry Goods Association estimates that approximately \$4,000,000,000 will be spent during December's Yuletide rush.

It adds that more than 450,000 extra workers will be hired to handle the trade.

Statistics estimate that \$350,000,000 will be distributed to 8,000,000 members of Christmas savings clubs throughout the month.

The Roosevelt Administration has extended in the form of loans and bonuses some \$646,000,000 to thousands of farmers according to the estimate of Edward O'Neal, head of the American Farm Bureau Federation, about half the sum remaining yet to be distributed.

PENN. MARBLITE COMPANY HEAD FREED FROM PRISON

Isaac F. Bilger, middle-aged promoter of the Pennsylvania Marblite Co., who achieved prominence in Lewistown, Millheim and at several points in Snyder county two years ago when he founded the company on a profit-sharing basis, was released from the Millheim county jail, Monday.

He was paroled by Judge W. W. Utley on his promise to pay the fine and costs of his prosecution within six months. On January 9 he was sentenced to one year in jail and a fine of \$100 for violating the securities act in the sale of \$20,000 worth of stock in the Marblite company.

A demerit which had been lodged for Bilger by authorities at Beaver Springs was withdrawn.

Among the change of tenants on farms in this locality are Charles Miller, George L. Hackett and George Lohr. Mr. Lohr will move from the Boal farm, west of Old Fort, now owned by Boyd Spicher, Pleasant Gap, to the Thomas Jodon farm. He will be followed by Charles Miller, who will vacate the Peter Smith farm, now owned by Peter Smith's granddaughter, Mrs. Julia Peacock, Cleveland, Ohio, and George L. Hackett will occupy the Smith farm.

In making a remittance on subscription to the Reporter, Mrs. M. P. (Bessie Grove) Cummings, of Reddsville, North Carolina, says: "And here is wishing you and all the folks in Pennsylvania a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year."



**Wishing You
A
Merry Christmas**

How glad we are that in spite of keen suffering, mental and physical, we can approach the Christmas time with joy in our hearts and a feeling of good will toward our fellow-man. The celebration of the anniversary of the Christ Child's birth strengthens men's hearts, and kindles faith in the approach of a better day for all.

So, therefore, we can think of nothing better than to wish you a Merry Christmas, and a New Year full of promise of better things.

BLUE BALL-HECLA ROAD OVER NITTANY MT. IN BUILDING

The latter part of last week work on the road over Nittany Mountain, connecting the Brush Valley road, State Highway Route No. 95, with the Bellefonte-Lock Haven highway, No. 220, was commenced. The road begins at Blue Ball, on the south side of Nittany Mountain to Hecla, on the north side, a distance of approximately six miles. The road will be eighteen feet in width. The Greens Valley road leading eastward from the concrete road over Nittany Mountain will intersect with the Blue Ball-Hecla road in the vicinity of the beacon light. The Greens Valley road was built with labor furnished by the men in C. C. C. camp, No. 65, at Colyer. It is almost completed.

The new road now under construction is being built under the supervision of the veteran road builder H. W. Shaffer, superintendent of C. C. C. camp, No. 65. Two hundred and eleven men have been allotted to the project. This road will be of great service to the community, aside from its general value as a forest road.

CENTRE HALL TO BOGOTA, COLUMBIA, S. A. IN 5 DAYS!

That's the record made recently by a pen of leghorn chickens shipped by W. W. Kerlin of this place.

Shipment was made by fast express from Centre Hall to Miami, Florida, where a Pan American Airways plane was waiting to rush the shipment via Havana, Cuba, across the Caribbean Sea to Panama and down to Bogota in Central Columbia.

A charge of \$1.25 per gross pound was made for transportation over the air route.

Another shipment consisting of 100 pullets will be made by Mr. Kerlin within the coming week. Their destination will be Panama City.

YOUNG DEMOCRATIC CLUBS TO HOLD FIRST STATE MEET

The Young Democratic Clubs of Pennsylvania will hold their first annual convention at Harrisburg Saturday, January 20. It will be the first State convention of young Democrats ever held in Pennsylvania.

Wendell P. C. Morgenthau, National Committeeman for Pennsylvania of the Young Democratic Clubs of America, issued the call for the convention, Monday.

More than 100 Young Democratic Clubs and all counties will be represented. Delegates are expected to exceed 400. In those counties and communities where no clubs have been formed the Democratic County Chairmen have been asked to designate delegates.

SCREEN SHOW FOR BENEFIT E. P. V. WELFARE SOCIETY

This (Thursday) evening, the Municipal Theatre, Millheim, will show "Fast Life" a fine screen play, and the proceeds from the show will be turned over to the East Penns Valley Welfare Society for charity work.

The following have donated their services: M. G. M. Pictures, the feature; Civic Club of Millheim, the theatre; Mr. Simons, sound projectionist; Mr. Kolb, manager.

Do your part by attending this show. Show starts at 8 P. M. sharp; only one showing. Admission price, 10 and 25c. Every ticket counts. Be sure to attend.

Local "High" Alumni Banquet, December 28th.

The Centre Hall High School Alumni Association will hold its annual banquet at Centre Hills Country Club, located between Lemont and State College, Thursday evening, December 28th, at 7:30 o'clock. "Andy" Bashore, well-known Chautauqua entertainer, has been procured as toastmaster, so that an evening of fun is assured.

Lady of the Valley Rebekah Lodge will hold a benefit card party in the local I. O. O. F. hall on Friday night, December 29. Admission, 25c.

DODDS' HORSES AVERAGE \$122.87; 16 HEAD SOLD

Sixteen head out of a load of twenty-eight South Dakota horses were sold at public and private sale by Robert Dodds, at Centre Hall, Saturday. The top price was \$315.00 for a pair of mules; another team of mules passed for \$300. The best price for a single horse was \$140.00.

The following is a list of purchasers and prices paid:

H. M. Moore, Bellefonte, R. 2 (1)	\$130.00
S. E. Sharer, Centre Hall (1)	132.50
C. S. Stoner, Centre Hall, team	261.00
John Gummo, Mill Hall, team	220.00
F. T. Delaney, Centre Hall, mule team	300.00
W. A. Votcher, Frenchville, (1)	140.00
J. L. Rimmer, Centre Hall (1)	97.50
George Lohr, Centre Hall (1)	97.50
J. H. Mitchell, Lemont (1)	95.00
R. W. Bierly, Robergsburg (1)	100.00
R. W. Bierly (1)	77.50
Howard Orndorf, Rebersburg, mule team	315.00

TRI-COUNTY PAST TEMPLARS MET HERE ON THURSDAY

The Tri-County Past Templars Association held its December meeting at Centre Hall, in the K. G. E. hall, Reporter building, Thursday. Mrs. Margery Young, of Bellefonte, presided.

A Christmas program of songs, interspersed with readings by Mrs. Ethel Fetterolf, was presented, with Mrs. Martha Corman at the piano.

Three new members, Mrs. Leona Weaver, of State College; Mrs. Oda Delaney and Mrs. Ruth Lohr, of Centre Hall, were admitted.

"Echoes from the Banquet" which was held at Centre Hills Country Club, in November, featured the good of the order period. This was brought to a close by a presentation of a mock wedding, the participants of which were: Bride, Mrs. Delaney; bridegroom, Mrs. Fetterolf; minister, Mrs. George Sweney; others were Mrs. Frank, Mrs. Martz, Mrs. Shutt, Mrs. Durst, Mrs. Helen Seahoun playing the wedding march. Mrs. Katy Treidler gave a reading entitled, "One on the Editor."

CORONER'S JURY IN MATIS DEATHS BLAMES P. R. R. CREW

An adjourned inquest convened last Thursday morning at 9:30 o'clock at the Pennsylvania railroad station at Bellefonte in the case of the death of Mrs. John Matis and three Matis children, John, Jr., Dorothy and Marie.

The coroner's jury formally decided that the four met their death by their car "being struck by a Pennsylvania railroad train a mile east of Linden Hall, at 8:30 o'clock on the morning of December 11." They also decided that the company employees were guilty of contributory negligence but made no recommendation as to any action on the part of the grand jury of Centre county.

At the adjourned hearing conducted by County Coroner Dr. W. R. Heaton, of Philipsburg, the only witnesses heard were W. F. Lesser, of Sunbury, engineer of the passenger train, and P. E. Snyder, of Northumberland, the fireman. They testified to the poor visibility caused by the heavy snow storm, it was impossible for them to see the proper distance ahead of the train.

After the inquest the bodies were removed to the home of Steve Waklich, who resides near the old fair grounds north of Bellefonte. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Clarence Arnold, pastor of the Bellefonte Lutheran church, with interment in the Union cemetery at that place.

VAN DYKE FOR GOVERNOR; NO ALLIANCE WITH PINCHOT

The call for Warren Van Dyke, Democratic State Chairman, to become an active candidate for the Democratic nomination for Governor of Pennsylvania at the primaries next spring, appears to be growing louder and from increasing sections of the State.

Another most important thing seems to be settled since a series of informal conferences of Democratic leaders held in the Bellevue-Stratford, Philadelphia, is that there will be no entangling alliances with the Independent Republicans led by Governor Pinchot.

"There will be no entangling alliances," said Joseph F. Guffey. "We will make our fight in the spring with a straight Democratic ticket which I feel sure will sweep the State next November."

Guffey declined to discuss reports that he may be the Democratic candidate for U. S. Senator.

"It is too early to comment on that," he said.

"The people will make their choice and that goes for the gubernatorial nomination and all others.

"The days of hand-picked slates are over."

Governor Pinchot is lamenting because instead of battling in the halls of the State Legislature he is on his back from an attack of shingles, and he says, each shingle has a nail in it. He will be able to get away with the shingles but not with the State Senate.

The only Centre countyman to be favored with an auto license plate bearing numerals under one hundred, is Helen E. Dale, wife of former Judge Dale, but there are yet slight hopes since six plates, Nos. 14, 47, 62, 72 82 and 91 have not been assigned.

The Centre Reporter, \$1.50 a year.

THIRTY-FIVE MEN EMPLOYED ON THREE C.W.A. PROJECTS

Monday, work on three Civil Works projects in Centre Hall was begun, employing thirty-five men from the borough and nearby.

The chief project is the building of Hoffer street from West Church street south to or near the Stover grain house, a distance of 3600 feet. The road will have a width of eighteen feet, the surface to be of stone and finished oil and limestone chips.

A second project is at the grade school building, where a cesspool is being dug to provide a drain from inside closets to be installed at some future date. A basement under the school building will also be excavated. Re-painting both the grade and High school buildings is also included in the project.

At the municipal water plant, as is mentioned elsewhere in this issue, extensive grading is being done. Improvements along the water line are also to be made.

George Seanson is the supervisor of the Hoffer street project, employing at present seventeen men. Later teams and trucks will be added.

Edward Ritter is supervisor of the improvements at the school buildings and grounds, with nine men.

The reservoir project is employing ten men, with J. H. Puff, supervisor. Alfred Crawford is the timekeeper for all the borough projects.

TRUCK DRIVER FALLS DEAD IN CENTRE HALL RESTAURANT

Cort C. Baker, of Hagerstown, Md., became ill while driving through Centre Hall on Friday, and stopped at the Jodon restaurant in the hotel building to obtain a cup of coffee, where he fell dead from an affection of the heart. Prior to going to the hotel he had called on Dr. Hugh Morrow, who informed him that his heart was in very bad condition.

The deceased is survived by his parents, Samuel and Ada M. Santee Baker, and by a wife. He was aged about 45 years.

He had been unemployed for months and the trip north was the first under an engagement of a fruit vender.

The body was shipped to Hagerstown, Md., where interment was made Monday.

DR. F. F. FRY, SECRETARY LUTHERAN MISS. BOARD, DIES

The Rev. Franklin Fry, 69, executive secretary of the Board of American Missions of the United Lutheran Church in America, died at the Murray Hill Hospital, Wednesday night of last week, a short time after collapsing in a taxicab.

He was born in Carlisle, educated at Muhlenberg College and the Philadelphia Theological Seminary, and held pastorates at Bethlehem, Pa., and Rochester, N. Y., where he was pastor of the Church of the Reformation from 1901 until 1927 when he accepted the missions post.

PUBLISHER KEYSTONE GAZETTE DIES FOLLOWING SHORT ILLNESS

Funeral services were held Saturday afternoon for Charles F. Mensch, well-known publisher of the Bellefonte Keystone Gazette and for many years prominent in Centre county political and church circles.

Many friends, gained over a residency of almost forty years in the county seat, gathered to pay a last tribute and floral pieces were in profusion.

Editor Mensch was stricken six weeks ago with uremic poisoning and died Thursday afternoon at two o'clock following a hard-fought battle against the disease. He was fifty-nine years old.

The deceased was the son of Louis and Sarah Harter Mensch and was born in Aaronsburg. He became a printer and moved to Bellefonte with his uncle, the late Thomas H. Harter, in 1894.

He was a member of Bellefonte lodge Free and Accepted Masons, Bellefonte Chapter, No. 241, Nittany Council, No. 57, Constans Commandery, No. 33, Knights Templar. He was a member of the Jaffa Temple of Altoona, Williamsport Consistory, and a thirty-second degree Mason. He served as a trustee of the Presbyterian church and a number of years ago was elected an elder of that church, where he has been a member since going to Bellefonte.

He was united in marriage with Miss Bessie Musser, who survives with two sons, Thomas, of Greensburg, and Charles A., editor of the Keystone Gazette, Bellefonte. Two brothers, Robert and Harry, both of Aaronsburg, also survive.

PENNSYLVANIA POLITICAL CALENDAR FOR 1934

The primaries will be held Tuesday, May 15, and the general election, Tuesday, November 6.

Nominating petitions may be circulated after February 14 and must be filed by March 26. Withdrawals must be made prior to April 2.

Party committee candidates may begin circulating their petitions March 1 and file them April 10 with the county commissioners.

Registration in townships and boroughs closes May 5.

Candidates at the primary must file their expense account May 28, and party treasurer, June 14.

Candidates nominated at the primary have until September 14 to withdraw, and October 3 is the limit for filing vacancies.

GIRLS' LOCKER AND SHOWER ROOM COMPLETED AT GREGG TWP. VOC. SCHOOL

The Gregg Township Vocational School recently completed the building of a girls' locker room and the installing of two shower baths in this room. The expense of the project was borne by the students of the school and came from the following sources:

Gift from Class of '33	\$35.00
Gift from G. T. V. S. Home Economics Club	29.00
Balance from 1933 Community Fair	42.00
Net profit from Curtis Publishing Co. magazine sale	37.37

Total cost paid from school funds\$142.77

The locker room was completed by closing off one end of the upper hall in the elementary building. The room is equipped with locker facilities for the girls and two shower baths constructed and installed by C. B. Stover, of Spring Mills.

The G. T. V. S. girls are very grateful to all in the community who indirectly helped towards the construction of the locker room by supporting the community fair held last fall and by buying subscriptions that were recently sold by the G. T. V. S. students.

This year, as in the past, funds derived from the various activities have been used for some worth while school improvement.

Several years ago a boys' shower room was constructed from the balance left in the Athletic Association at the close of the year, plus funds from the community day balance of the same year.

G. T. V. S. BASKET BALL TEAMS PLAY ALUMNI, DEC. 22ND.

The G. T. V. S. basket ball teams play the G. T. V. S. Alumni teams in the gymnasium at Spring Mills on Friday, December 22nd. The girls' game will begin at 7:30 p. m. with the boys' game following. This will be the second game of the season for the school teams. Both teams have played Mevets town last Friday night. Admission to games: Children, 10c; adults, 20c.

CHRISTMAS VACATION.

The schools of Gregg Township will be closed the week of December 24th for the Christmas vacation period.

WHITE CANDLE SERVICE IN REFORMED CHURCH

On Sunday evening, December 24th, at 7:30 o'clock a White Candle and White Gift Service will be held in the Reformed church of Centre Hall. The program is entitled, "The Coming of the Christ-Child." All are cordially invited to attend.

NEW OFFICERS FOR LOCAL CAMP P. O. S. A. ELECTED

The Centre Hall Camp Patriotic Order Sons of America, at its last meeting of this year, elected the following officers to serve for the year 1934:

President, Paul W. Langie.
Vice-President, J. B. White.
Master of Ceremonies, W. H. Bland.
Conductor, Ralph E. Dinges.
Inspector, J. F. McClellan.
Guard, C. E. Rossman.
Financial Sec'y, E. S. Ripka.
Recording Sec'y, T. L. Smith.
Trustee, J. Ernest Wagner.

PROGRESS GRANGE TO INSTALL OFFICERS FRIDAY, DEC. 29

Progress Grange, Centre Hall, will install their newly elected officers Friday evening of next week. The public is invited to attend the ceremony. The new officers to be installed are:

Master, G. H. McCormick.
Overseer, M. A. Burkholder.
Lecturer, V. A. Auman.
Steward, J. W. Delaney.
Assistant Steward, Ray Sharer.
Chaplain, Jacob Sharer.
Treasurer, P. H. Lusa.
Secretary, G. W. Ralston.
Gate Keeper, Eliza Durst.
Ceres, Mrs. Burkholder.
Pomona, Mrs. Wert.
Flora, Mrs. White.
Lady Assistant Steward, Vesta Blauser.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, J. W. DELANEY.

Sheffield Milk Prices Highest Since 1931

The net cash price to be paid the members of the Sheffield Producers Cooperative Association, Inc., for grade B milk testing 3.5% in the 201-210 milk zone is \$1.92 per hundred pounds for the month of November subject to the established freight, grade and butterfat differentials. This is 17 cents a hundred pounds more than the price for October, and 58 cents a hundred above the price for November of last year. It is the highest price paid in any month since November, 1931.

NO PAPER NEXT WEEK.

The Christmas season is with us again, and this calls for a cessation of labor in our workshop for a few days, a custom of long standing. No paper will therefore be issued from this office next week, but the place will be open for business — to receive orders for printing and accept payments on subscription, — and this prompts us to say that we hope many patrons will attempt to straighten out their account before the new year begins.

May your Christmas be joyous, and the New Year bring you a full measure of prosperity.

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS

No paper next week.

Miss Isabel Jodon has found employment at State College.

Centre county will receive \$17,722 as its share of the State gasoline tax for the six months ending November 30th.

The State senate recently confirmed the appointment of Roy Smull, of Mackeyville, a member of the State Fish Commission.

It is likely the liquor store in Philipsburg will be located in the building of the defunct Moshannon National Bank, an option having been taken on a room in it by the State of Pennsylvania.

Earl Yearick, of Hublersburg, who underwent a very serious operation at the Gelsinger hospital, Danville, continues to improve in a general way, but will be sometime until he will have regained his former strength.

Basket ball teams organized from the Senior and Sophomore classes in the local High school are strong rivals. In the game played last Thursday, the "Sophis" came out victorious over the Seniors, and the week before the game resulted favorably to them in matching with the Juniors.

On returning from Altoona, one day last week, the car driven by C. A. Miller, of town, skidded near the Manna Kline farm buildings, and upset. Mr. Miller was accompanied by Mrs. Miller and Mrs. Spotts, wife of Capt. Spotts, officer in charge of C.C.C. camp No. 65, at Colyer. None of the passengers was injured, and the car was but slightly damaged.

The flues, pipes, stoves and furnaces should be carefully gone over in every home. While they may have been in good repair last year, it is no guarantee that they are now. Pipes passing through ceilings are especially liable to become a hazard, and if possible should be entirely eliminated. Remember, a fire causes a total loss of property, whether it is insured or not.

The Reporter had a call on Friday from H. E. Hennigh, a Georges Valley farmer, who stated laying hens were financing his business at the present time. Mr. and Mrs. Hennigh are making a desperate effort to make ends meet during this depression by practicing economy, a thing that must be done by all of us if we expect to come out of the woods in fit condition to be able to enjoy prosperity when it comes, which it is certain to do.

The sessions of Pennsylvania State Grange, held in Johnstown in the new high school building, were attended by Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Spady, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Frank, of town; Mr. and Mrs. Mothersbaugh, of Boalsburg; and Harry Corman, of Spring Mills. Mr. Spady informed the writer that 1200 Grangers were registered and that a few more than 600 were clothed with the sixth degree. Mr. and Mrs. Spady have attended a number of State Grange meetings in the past.

Mr. and Mrs. Luther A. Catherman and Mrs. Catherman's mother, Mrs. Rachael Peck, of Millheim, figured in an auto crash as they were driving near Woodward. It appears a car driven by Ray Malick struck the Catherman car and a third car following Malick plunged into the wrecked cars. Both Mrs. Peck and Mrs. Catherman received lacerations and bruises. The accident resulted from Mrs. Malick turning too far to the left in passing Raymond Boob, of Penn township, a pedestrian.

For the first time since the Civil War, Confederate veterans have made a pledge of co-operation with a president of the United States. Representing 10,000 survivors of the Southern forces, present and past officers of their organization have signed an expression of loyalty to President Roosevelt. This further progress is made toward healing a breach between the North and the South. The President's success as a conciliator will not be complete, however, until he achieves the promotion of good will between Wall Street and the Grain Belt.

At the fourth quarterly conference of the East Main Street Methodist church, Lock Haven, with District Superintendent A. Lawrence Miller, of Williamsport, presiding, the official board commended the work of Rev. and Mrs. Collins E. Hazen and asked for their return for the seventh consecutive year by a unanimous vote. The board also asked the district superintendent to use his influence with the bishop to have their petition granted. Rev. Hazen served the Centre Hall-Spring Mills Methodist pastorate prior to going to Lock Haven, and was equally popular here.

The excitement attending the burning of the Booser garage resulted in Mrs. Jacob Sharer experiencing a lapse of memory, which was regained after a night's rest and sleep. Mrs. Sharer accompanied Miss Margaret Wilder, a boarder, to the fire and while there she felt something unusual was happening her, and returned home. On reaching her home she failed to recognize it, but as stated previously, rest and sleep brought her mind back to a normal condition. Wednesday afternoon Mrs. Christopher Miller, of Philadelphia, a close friend, arrived and has since been doing much to comfort her host.