

ITEMS OF LOCAL INTEREST

Helen Hess of Kingston is with her sister, Mrs. Roeben Rickert, in town.

Dr. Franklin J. Meyer of Washington, D. C., arrived in Millheim and is at the W. S. Shelton home for a brief vacation.

Morris Breen, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Perry Breen, now located at Newport News, Va., was in town last week, returning home Sunday.

The East Penna Valley Junior band is credited with having won \$225.00 in prizes in a fireman's parade at Duboka. The band accompanied the Henderson fire company of Lewistown.

Robert Breen is being employed as a mechanic at the Brooks service station. He has had several years experience with the Miller Motor company in the same class of work.

Robert Lee, of Spring Mills, employed at State College, is occupying an apartment in the Lambert house vacated by Clifford A. Rickard who is now located in the T. L. Moore home.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Brown of Bellefonte were guests for a few days of Mrs. Brown's parents, Mr. and Mrs. James L. Decker. Mr. Brown is regularly employed at the Titan Metal Works.

The new saw mill built by the Meyer Lumber company, on Pine Creek, is about completed. It will take the place of the mill burned several months ago. The machinery is being placed at this time.

Mr. and Mrs. John Weigman and two children are occupying the second floor apartment in the hotel building. Mr. Weigman is a steel cutter and is employed on construction work at State College.

Robert Hoffer, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. Earle Hoffer, of Bellefonte, has been awarded a Senatorial Scholarship to the Pennsylvania State College through the courtesy of Senator Edward J. Thompson.

Mrs. T. G. Lusk and stepson, Earl Lusk, of Philadelphia, who were guests last week of Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Fisher, went to Sunbury the latter part of the week to visit among relatives before returning home.

Harold Bradford, clerk in the state liquor store in Bellefonte, has been transferred to the Snow Shoe Store for the week. The transfer however will be temporary, permitting him to take the place of a fellow clerk on vacation.

The sale of the 52-capacity G. M. school bus to a Penn township resident for the transportation of grade pupils to the consolidated grade school at Coburn, makes the fourth vehicle of that type to be sold by the Miller Motor company.

A pet ground hog owned by Clayton Haines at Woodward was run over and killed by a motorist. The animal was captured when quite small and became very tame and was the delight of many children as it roamed about, returning regularly to its cage on every outing but one.

Representatives from Centre, Clearfield, Clinton, Juniata, Lycoming, Mifflin, Montour, Northumberland, Potter, Snyder, Tioga and Union counties will attend a conference to be held at Nittany Lion Inn, State College, Sept. 15, to plan for the thirty-second annual Christmas Seal sale.

The eight two-hinged rigid frames or arches supporting the roof on the new arena building of the Pennsylvania Farm Show group are 235 feet long, the largest of their kind in the world. The main structure is 309 by 240 feet. There are 7,600 permanent banked seats and space for 6,400 chairs on the arena floor.

I. A. Sweetwood, a former resident in Centre Hall who has been located in Norristown for some years, attended Grange Fair for a few days. He visited with a brother, E. M. Sweetwood, in George's Valley. Mr. Sweetwood was long employed by the State Highway Department, but for the past few years found employment in another avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Garbrick, their son, and another couple attended the air races at Cleveland. Mr. Garbrick has had some experience in flying, but went to Cleveland by motor.

Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Hagan and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Homan motored to Cleveland, Ohio, on Sunday and on Labor Day witnessed the national air races.

Prof. and Mrs. J. F. Wetzel entertained Mr. and Mrs. Russell Seeholtz and three children, of Columbia. Mrs. Seeholtz is a sister of Mrs. Wetzel. Guests for the day on Friday were Mr. and Mrs. Ammon Beaver, Mr. and Mrs. George Beaver and son, of Elkhart, Indiana. The Elkhart residents are touring Pennsylvania and adjoining states.

Mrs. J. E. Royer called on Friday to advance the subscription of her aunt, Mrs. Carrie Ruhl, living in the National Home for the Aged, Washington, D. C. Mrs. Ruhl is well on in the eighties and is termed as quite well. She longs to see old friends and was gratified on Labor Day when her nephew and niece, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Getchell of Uniontown made their annual visit to Washington.

Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Priest and daughter Janet on Saturday motored to Cleveland to witness the air races, returning home Monday evening. While in Cleveland they were guests of the former's brother, Alfred J. Priest and family. The Army, Navy and Marines were represented in the air races and mid-air performances. On their return home they brought with them William Priest, of Williamsport, who had been with his son in Cleveland for a week.

CENTRE HALL HAS ONLY A CHINAMAN'S CHANCE TO WIN TRI-VALLEY CROWN

The Centre Hall baseball team has its back to the wall. The fight for the championship of the Tri-Valley League has left them only a Chinaman's chance, since Pleasant Gap, during the past week has scored two of the three victories necessary to claim the championship, while Centre Hall has yet to get a-going. This they will attempt to do this (Thursday) evening on their home grounds.

The uncertainty of baseball is what makes its appeal to all fans. The game is not won until the last man is out. The championship is not in the bag until three games are won. Centre Hall can do what is now regarded as almost the impossible, namely, win three in a row. They need only display team work and a fighting spirit. They have the punch to win, but failed to show it on the two occasions to date.

On Saturday, at Centre Hall, they lost the first game, 5 to 4. Two home runs by Red Fultz of the Gap upset the applecart.

On Labor Day at Pleasant Gap, the locals dropped a poorly played game, 11 to 5. Eight errors did the damage.

This evening's game may be the end, or only the beginning, for Centre Hall. Who can tell?

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

The local W.C.T.U. will meet at the home of Mrs. W. A. Alexander, Tuesday evening, Sept. 13. Officers will be elected.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Keller motored to Johnstown on Tuesday, taking with them Mrs. Grace Dietzel, sister of Mrs. Keller. The Kellers expect to return this week.

Mrs. Edith Campbell will occupy her recently-acquired home in State College, on Saturday, going there from Penna Cave where she lived for nearly all her married life.

Latest reports from the Lewistown hospital are to the effect that Mrs. Tressie McClellan, who underwent a major operation a week ago, is making consistent improvement.

Mr. and Mrs. William P. Campbell, newlyweds, returned from an extended trip north along the east coast and back through Canada, arriving at Penna Cave, their home, on Friday night.

Paul Taylor, of Bellefonte, a visitor in the department of Public Assistance, which includes old-age assistance, blind and general relief, was in Centre Hall on Tuesday on official business.

Miss Jane Campbell, who was at her home at Penna Cave during the past summer, returned to Coudersport where she entered upon her second year of teaching English and social studies in the Coudersport high school. Miss Campbell graduated from Penn State with honors.

Addresses at the eighty-eighth annual meeting of the Medical Society of the State of Pennsylvania to be held at Scranton, October 3 to 6, aim to reduce the high death rate in the State from the six diseases—cancer, heart disease, pneumonia, tuberculosis, nephritis and diabetes—that exact the highest sickness and death rate.

The sale of South Dakota horses by John Gruenwald at the Benner barn on Tuesday evening beginning at 7:30 o'clock, was well attended. The show ring on the south side of the barn was well lighted and afforded ample opportunity to closely examine the animal in it. Most of the horses and colts offered were sold and on Wednesday private sales were made.

Rev. W. K. Hosterman and family spent Friday and Saturday in Mt. Holly Springs where they served the Evangelical charge before coming to Centre Hall. On Friday evening Rev. Hosterman preached the sermon at the Re-dedication week services in the Evangelical church, which has recently been re-decorated. Rev. H. L. Brininger, a nephew of Prof. J. F. Wetzel, is the present pastor of the church.

A large moving van from State College loaded the household goods of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas L. Moore, on Monday morning and transported them to State College, where on So. Atherton street the Moore family take up their new residence. Mr. Moore retired from the teaching profession at the close of the school year after forty-four years' service in Potter township and Centre Hall borough. The Moore home in Centre Hall will be occupied by Clifford Rickard, the affable insurance agent.

Mr. and Mrs. Julius Strohmeler, their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Shuman and children, all of Philadelphia, were guests for a few days during last week of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Homan. The former is a brother of the late H. G. Strohmeler and is engaged in the upholstery business, while Mr. Shuman is a salesman employed by the Standard Brands corporation. Mrs. Shuman will be recalled as Anna Strohmeler, the elder of two girls who came here to spend the summer months when they were children.

Jean Musser, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Musser, on the H. E. Fye farm along State highway route No. 95, east of Centre Hall, was taken to the Huntingdon hospital by her parents on Tuesday evening. Since early spring she has been having trouble with her right eye and a recent x-ray examination revealed a growth between the ball and the nose. She will submit to a surgical operation during the latter part of this week. Jean is a sophomore in Gregg Township Vocational school and was on the honor roll for nearly every month of the last term.

LOCALS.

Mr. and Mrs. Clay W. Reesman of Camden, N. J., enjoyed the Grange Fair and the Labor Day holiday in Centre Hall, where they have many friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Hughes Brininger, who during much of the summer have been located at McClure, returned to Johnstown recently where Mr. Brininger will resume teaching in the city high school.

If you took a squirt at Grange Park after the tents were removed you saw something real ragged. The litter left on the ground is being removed at this time and ere long, assuming we have a fall of rain, the park will again become a velvet of green.

Charles Condo, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Condo, of Greensburg, and friend, Miss Charlotte Arnold, were among the Greensburg group to visit here for a few days, returning home Wednesday. Mr. Condo is employed with the Baltimore Life Insurance Company.

Congressman Don Gingery announces the approval of a \$21,560 project in the borough of Clearfield for the building of sidewalks. No taxes or assessments will be levied to cover the amount of Federal funds.

Laughing Around the World With IRVIN S. COBB

Enough for Wilkins

By IRVIN S. COBB

FROM the lowlands a special judge was sent up to the Kentucky mountains to try a lot of murder cases growing out of a desperate and bloody feud. He took with him as his official stenographer a young man from Louisville, who dressed smartly and, in strong contrast to the silent mountaineers, did quite a good deal of talking. For convenience let us call him Wilkins.



On his first Sunday morning in the mountain hamlet Wilkins felt the need of a shave. He had no razor and there was no regular barber in the town; but he learned from the hotelkeeper that there was an old cobbler living a few doors away who sometimes shaved transients.

Wilkins went to look for the cobbler. In a tiny shop he found an elderly native with straggly chin whiskers and a mild blue eye. The old chap got out an ancient razor from somewhere, stropped it deliberately and was soon scrapping away on the patron's jaw. Wilkins felt the desire for a little conversation stealing over him.

"This is a mighty lawless country up here, ain't it?" he began in the way of opening up some conversation.

"I don't know," said the old chap mildly. "Things if purty quiet jist at present."

He paused to put a keener edge on his blade, then went on. "Well," said Wilkins, "you won't deny, I suppose, that you have a lot of murders in this town?"

"We don't generally speak of 'em as murders," said the old man in a tone of gentle reproof. "Up here we jest calls 'em killin's."

"I'd call 'em murders, all right," said Wilkins briskly. "If shooting a man down in cold blood from ambush isn't murder, than I don't know a murder when I see one, that's all. When was the last man killed, as you call it, here in this town?"

"Why, last week," said the patriarch. "Whereabouts was he killed?" continued Wilkins. "Right out yonder in the street in front of this here shop," stated the old man, with the air of one desiring to turn the conversation. "Razor hurt you much?"

"The razor's all right," said Wilkins snappily. "What I want to know are the facts about the killing of this last man. Who killed him?" The cobbler let the edge of the razor linger right over the Adam's apple of the inquiring stranger for a fleeting moment.

"I done so," he said gently. There was where the conversation seemed to begin to languish.

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STRANGE SUPERSTITIONS

By Edwin Finch

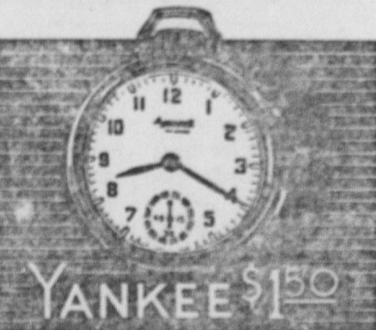


SOME AFRICAN NEGRO TRIBES WORSHIP THE BLUE SHARK, CALLING IT "JOU-JOU" IN ORDER TO BRING GOOD FORTUNE TO THE TRIBE. AT CERTAIN TIMES A TEN YEAR OLD CHILD, DECORATED WITH FLOWERS IS BOUND TO A LOG AND PLACED AT THE WATERS EDGE, AT LOW TIDE AND LEFT TO BE DEVoured BY THE SHARKS—THE CRIES OF THE CHILD ARE DROWNED OUT WITH DRUM BEATS.

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