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## MARVELS OF PLATE GLASS MAKING IS WITNESSED BY LOCAL BUSINESS MEN

A group of twenty-six men, members of the Centre Hall Business Men's Association, and guests, enjoyed a trip to Pittsburgh, last Wednesday, remaining over Thursday, during which time they visited the Creighton plant of the Pittsburgh Plate Glass Company, took in a double-header baseball game between the Pirates and Brooklyn Dodgers, at Forbes Field, and topped it off with a dinner at the Schenley Hotel, Wednesday night the group remained at the Hotel Pittsburgh.

The association has been making an annual tour for the past six or seven years, but this was the first time it was necessary to take more than one day for the trip.

In the group were the following: E. W. Miller, W. W. Kerlin, D. W. Bradford, C. W. Rooser, William Campbell, C. H. Homan, Fred Homan, R. S. Hagan, Fred Luse, Sidney T. Riegel, H. R. White, James Brooks, D. C. Mitterling, J. V. Bradford, Howard Emery, D. S. Daup, George Vogt, Edward Vogt, Stanley Brooks, F. V. Goodhart, E. E. Bailey, R. M. Smith, George Sweeney, J. F. Wetzel, Ernest Wagner, Roy Dutrow.

The plant of the Pittsburgh Plate Glass Company, located at Creighton, twenty miles north-east of Pittsburgh, was visited by the group on Thursday morning. This was indeed a revelation to all. As in all modern industries, machine production, instead of hand production, makes operations appear as magic.

If a worker in the Pittsburgh Plate Glass company of fifty years ago were to return today he would be puzzled by the chain which carries the glass at a slow, steady speed, from the tables, long arms that up-end it and uncanny cutting devices.

And he would simply refuse to believe his eyes when he saw a crane that carried up not one but several functions, making up one complete operation, after a workman had simply touched a button.

He surely would want to ask some questions after being told that whereas some 500 workers in the old Creighton plant used to turn out two million feet of plate glass every year, some 1,300 can now produce 43 million feet of plate glass—23 times as much—in the same space of time.

The old-time worker would be amazed to know that most of the machines which make it possible for less than three as many workers to produce 23 times as much glass were invented by Pittsburgh Plate employees—some of them doubtless by some of his old buddies who had the vision to see a better and easier way of doing the job.

He might be inclined to doubt the veracity of his informant when told that 100,000 feet of rough glass are turned out every day at the plant, one-twentieth as much as used to be produced in one year. The daily finished glass output is about 75,000 feet.

But it's a fact, for the Creighton plant is one of the marvelous creations of this machine age.

Guided by courteous officials, the group observed every operation involved in the process of manufacture from the molten glass in a 2,700 degree tank to the completed product—Duplate glass packed in boxes for shipment to automobile factories. Included in the itinerary were interesting demonstrations of the strength of Duplate.

The visitors watched a strip of red hot glass, 74 inches wide and 7-64 of an inch thick pass through the lehrs, through 25 grinding units where the surface is ground with river sand and then through 50 polishing units where rouge—just like milady's use to brighten her complexion, is utilized to smooth and polish the surface. Next come the cleaning and cutting operations and the glass is ready for transfer to the Duplate unit for lamination by the use of pyralin.

The old timer would rub his eyes at the sight of machines performing the hard work that used to be done by muscle power. For, not only has the machine speeded up operations and multiplied the output many times over, but it has taken the drudgery out of the job. Few glass workers actually have hard work to do. The difficult tasks are performed by the machine.

The endless chain which carries the glass from the lehrs to the finishing tables would doubtless puzzle the old timer. It creeps at a steady speed, day in and day out at a speed that does not vary one-half inch in an entire week. Its speed regulates the rate at which the worker must perform his task. Without interruption, day and night, the chain moves glass from the molten state in the tank to the cutting tables, an endless operation.

The old timer would probably be amazed at the little breakage involved in the process, and he would be surprised to find how few pieces are rejected because of flaws—maybe one and one-half per cent at the most. He might wonder about the guards some of the workers wear on their arms. He would be told they are intended to protect the men from suffering severed arteries in event a piece of glass should break.

Everything he saw in the Duplate unit would be new to the glass worker of 1885 for lamination was never dreamed of in those days. The auto brought that about. After all, safety glass is merely two sheets of plate glass or one of plate and one of window, fastened together by a plastic substance. When it breaks, this glass instead of flying, is held together by

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## POTTERS MILLS HOTEL SOLD TO H. E. SHAWLEY

The Potters Mills hotel was sold recently to H. E. Shawley of Boalsburg, who will take possession subject to a lease held by Mr. Boone, who at present occupies the place.

The property was owned by Mrs. Mazie Lee, widow of Wilmer E. Lee. The sales price is not made known. Former Sheriff C. C. Duck of Lewisburg, brother-in-law of Mrs. Lee, effected the sale.

Mr. Shawley, together with John Patterson, is conducting the large gas station and restaurant in Boalsburg.

## New Postoffice Building Dedicated

The new Federal post office building in Millfinburg, erected at a cost of \$48,057, was dedicated on Saturday. It has a floor space of 5000 square feet. It is of Colonial architecture and is built of brick and sandstone. Samuel B. Miller, is the postmaster. The Millfinburg Telegraph gives fine illustrations of the new structure.

George Youngman, in 1798, was commissioned the first postmaster in Millfinburg. Originally Millfinburg was known as Youngmanstown. The turnpike from Old Fort to Lewisburg was so called at one time.

The guest speaker was Hon. Louis Y. Deczychinski, assistant Fourth Assistant Postmaster General. Lee Francis Lybarger, Sr., lecturer, also spoke. After the ceremony was concluded, Postmaster Miller entertained the chief speakers, and a number of postmasters in second class offices in Union and adjoining counties at a mountain camp. Postmaster C. W. Rooser and assistant postmaster Paul Peteroff of Centre Hall participated in the ceremonies and the party.

## ENTRANTS TO PENN STATE FROM SOUTH SIDE

Seventy-one young persons from Centre county entered the Penn State Freshman class at the official opening last week. Of these, 51 come from State College, 8 from Bellefonte, Centre Hall and Port Matilda, 3 each, Spring Mills, 2, and Aaronsburg, Boalsburg, Clarence, and Snow Shoe, one each.

Entrants from the south side of Centre county include: Centre Hall: Harold F. Bradford, William H. Keelin, Helen Ross, R. D. Spring Mills: Spurgeon W. Hennrich, John C. Shook. Aaronsburg: William W. Wance. Boalsburg: Virginia L. Patterson.

## STATE GRANGE TO MEET IN CHAMBERSBURG, DEC. 12-14

The city of Chambersburg in Franklin county, was selected as the meeting place of the annual session of the Pennsylvania State Grange, whose dates are December 12-14, and a very large attendance is expected. Hotel Washington will be headquarters, and the Rosedale Theatre, with a seating capacity of nearly 2000 people and a large stage, will accommodate all the sessions, including the "big night" when the sixth degree will be conferred.

The Grange in Pennsylvania is having a prosperous year and the reports of all departments to be given at Chambersburg will be most encouraging. Franklin county is an outstanding fruit growing section, and during the State Grange session, visits will be made to its great fruit storage and packing houses and possibly even to some of its leading orchard areas.

## ANNUAL MEETING HOSPITAL MONDAY EVENING, OCTOBER 9

At the annual corporate meeting of the Centre County Hospital to be held in the Court House at 8 o'clock Monday night, October 9, five trustees will be elected and other business will be transacted.

One trustee from each of five districts are to be named at the corporate meeting. It has been announced. The districts are: No. 3, Centre Hall borough, Potter and Gregg townships; No. 4, Millhelm borough, Haines, Miles and Penn townships; No. 5, Unionville borough, Union, Huston, Worth and Taylor townships; No. 6, Howard borough, Milesburg borough, Boggs, Curtin, Howard and Liberty townships, and No. 7, Snow Shoe borough, and Snow Shoe and Burnside townships.

Each district is entitled to hold preliminary elections for trustees and to report the results of such elections at the annual meeting.

Millfin county celebrated its 150th birthday on Tuesday, Sept. 19th. The county was taken from Cumberland county, and included the present counties of Millfin, Juniata and Centre. The territory was later whittled down in the formation of Centre and other counties until its present area is one of the smaller counties in the State.

## RAY DUNKLE FREED OF BURNING YEARLIK BARN

Ray Dunkle, a Hecla Park youth, charged with burning the barn of Nevin Yearlik on the Ridge road between Hubersburg and Howard, on the night of June 16, was freed of guilt in the verdict of a jury in the Centre county court on Thursday morning.

The young man claimed the confession of guilt signed by him was not voluntary and not thought by him to be incriminating.

The evidence in the case was much in variance, as was also the sentiment of guilt among the residents of the community.

## NOTICE

This Store will be closed from 6:00 o'clock P. M., Friday, September 22, to 6:00 o'clock P. M., Saturday, September 23, on account of Jewish Holidays.

NIEMAN'S DEPT. STORE, Millhelm, Pa.

## DRYS MAKE NET GAIN OF 20 RURAL COMMUNITIES

Dry forces made a gain of fifty-three communities with a combined population of 55,344 at primary election during the last week. It means a net gain of but 20 over the present territory. With one or two exceptions, the new dry towns are rural, with population of 2000 or less.

The dry gains brought the total of municipalities banning liquor or beer or both to 646, with a population of 678,166, more than five percent of the State's 10,000,000. The number banning both liquor and beer is 465.

The number of new dry towns was 90, with a total population of 101,553; 32 previously dry towns with a population of 46,214 voted wet. Of the 90 new dry communities, 10 voted dry on liquor only, five on beer only.

Local option referenda were held in 486 communities in 54 counties. It was the most energetic dry campaign since repeal and for the first time was directed largely toward urban communities.

The new dry towns now have a total of 112 licensed taprooms, which will lose their licenses at the regular date of expiration, except in cases where licenses permitted sale of both liquor and beer and only one of the two types of beverages was banned.

In the new wet towns the population ratio act of the new 1935 legislature will permit a total of 92 licenses.

## POTATO CROP SURPRISING IN BULK AND QUALITY

Farmers in this vicinity who make potato farming one of the main money crops, are harvesting the tubers and are much surprised as to both the yield and quality of the lowly spud. There is little or no rot. The crop in all respects is much beyond the anticipation of the grower.

A few farmers with the larger acreage planted to potatoes have completed harvesting them and make these reports:

Ralph Homan, over 1,700 bushels. Ernest Homan, 700 bushels. John Dutrow, 1,000 bushels; yield from his own and the Spayd farm.

Ralph Luse, whose acreage on the Hayslet farm is considerable, reports a very fair yield, at the beginning of his harvesting period.

Claude Dutrow harvested a crop of between six and seven hundred bushels.

Most of the farmers who are in the potato business plant certified seed, the varieties being Cobblers, White Rural and Katahdin. The latter variety, a late "model" of spud, is becoming very popular.

The tubers, all varieties, are said to be clean. There are not so many on a single stalk, but the size of them is the surprise as they were rolled out by the diggers.

## PENN STATE STUDENT TAKES LIFE BY HANGING

A Penn State student, James Myers, of Mt. Airy, committed suicide by hanging at noon on Monday. He roomed at 157 E. Hartwick Avenue, State College. To accomplish his purpose he used the belt of his bathrobe. He came to the College Wednesday of last week.

The young man was in his 19th year. He left no note nor gave a statement to friends.

## CHARLES M. SCHWAB DEAD AT 77

The death of Charles M. Schwab rolled down the curtain on a dynasty of great American steelmasters whose fortunes rose fabulously with the tremendous development of the industry after the turn of the century.

Last of a company of such famous steel men as Andrew Carnegie, Henry Clay Frick and Elbert H. Gary, Schwab died peacefully in his sleep of a heart ailment Monday night in his apartment at Park Avenue, New York City. He was 77.

Mr. Schwab began his career as a \$1 a day stake driver, for Andrew Carnegie and 22 years later ruled America's first billion dollar corporation, United States Steel.

## 92 DEGREES HERE SETS RECORD FOR SEPT. 16

Saturday, September 16, established a record for high temperature for mid-September, when the sun expanded mercury until it stood at 92 in the column.

Farmers' cash income from marketings in July totaled \$54,000,000, it was estimated recently by the Bureau of Agricultural Economics, United States Department of Agriculture. The July income was 7 per cent larger than the estimate for June.

Contracts providing for the improvement of approximately 150 miles of road have been awarded by the State Highway Department in the first eight months of 1939. The amount of money involved according to the Department is \$7,577,955.83.

## Supper by Bible Class

The Friendship class of Trinity Reformed Sunday school will hold a "progressive supper" in the basement of the church, Saturday evening, October 7, from 5:30 to 8:30 o'clock. The price is 35 cents for adults.

## SHERIFF DUCK NOMINEE OF DEMOCRATS IN MIFFLIN

Charles C. Duck, former Democratic sheriff in Mifflin county, was nominated by his party for county commissioner. The second Democratic nominee is J. H. French. The Republican nominees for commissioner are Frank L. Campbell and George B. Keim. Wills is the Democratic nominee for county treasurer, and Barr the Republican; Howard Lantz, for District attorney on the Democratic ticket and Paul E. Pottoroff on the Republican; J. Martin Stroup, Democrat, will have as his opponent, W. B. Rodgers for register and recorder.

## RARE BOOKLET ON P. O. STAMPS OFFERED BY DEPT

The U. S. Post Office Department recently placed on tour a philatelic truck containing specimens of all issues of postage stamps from 1847 to date. This traveling display has been placed in service to stimulate interest in postal issues.

Early in October the truck will start a new itinerary through Pennsylvania. There is being distributed from the display car a descriptive booklet with illustrations of various issues of commemorative stamps from the first pictorial series in 1893 to date. Copies of the booklet may be ordered through the local postmaster at ten cents each.

## 100 YEARS OF HISTORY IN EVANGELICAL CHURCH

Annual Home Coming Services to Be Held at Egg Hill Church on Sunday at 2:00 P. M.

Evangelicals of the Central Pennsylvania Conference are in the process of celebrating the one hundredth anniversary of their operation as an annual conference. The event for this area will be climaxed by a pageant to be presented in Williamsport First Church by a cast of several hundred characters.

Originating as a denominational group through the evangelistic efforts of Jacob Albright, a member of the Methodist Church who was "distressed by the low condition of religious life among the German population around him," the Evangelicals numbered less than 100 persons when they established their first "class society of converts." Today throughout United States, Canada, Germany, Switzerland, Poland, Japan, China and Africa their strength is 250,000.

Interest in the Central Pennsylvania Conference celebration, however, is twofold. It has an historical aspect as well as religious.

Within the limits of this conference is the birthplace of the denomination. The Evangelist Albright traveled Union and Snyder counties and his co-worker early moved into Centre county. The first preacher was received in Millhelm in 1805.

Immediate local interest attaches to the early Evangelical beginnings at Egg Hill. John Dauberman, who removed from New Berlin to Egg Hill in 1799, and — Dillman, who lived several miles farther west, were the first to receive the Evangelical preachers in the early days. A class was formed about 1810 and these families were the chief members. When there were few Evangelical church edifices, John Dauberman concluded to build one himself. He accordingly laid off a piece of land on a bluff at the edge of Egg Hill for that purpose and the edifice was dedicated the 21st and 22nd of October 1837. The old church has long since disappeared and another structure was erected to take its place. It is in this latter church edifice that the annual Home Coming services will be held on Sunday at 2:00 P. M.

Soon after these congregations were organized and church edifices erected at Zion Hill and Linden Hall.

The congregation at Centre Hall first worshiped at J. O. Deisinger's store room and in 1873 a two-story church edifice was erected. This was replaced in 1907 by the present structure.

The early congregations were first served by circuit riders who covered large territories and made annual visits of about two weeks to each congregation. The congregations in this area were first grouped in 1856 and were known as the Boalsburg circuit. In 1873 the name was changed to the Centre Hall circuit.

The ministers who served "Boalsburg and Centre Hall circuits" together with their years of service are: Boalsburg Circuit: 1856, J. C. Farnsworth. 1857, Jacob Young; 1858, P. Wagner; 1859, C. C. Farnsworth; 1860-1861, P. Graham; 1862-1863, S. Smith; 1864-1865, M. Zulauff; 1866-1867, H. R. Price; 1868, P. Wagner and A. W. Kreamer; 1869, J. M. Young and J. M. Kling; 1870, J. M. King, W. H. Stover; 1872, S. D. Bennington and A. Stapleton.

Centre Hall Circuit: 1873, R. Young and J. M. Longdorf; 1874, R. Young and E. M. Beaver; 1875-1876, M. Sloat; 1877-1878, W. H. Stover; 1879-1882, J. Boas; 1881-1882, George Hunter; 1883-1885, G. W. Curran; 1886-1887, J. M. King; 1888, J. L. Miller; 1889, P. S. Vought; 1890-1892, S. E. Davis; 1893-1896, C. H. Goodling; 1897-1900; 1901-1904, J. P. Shultz; 1905-1908, J. R. Sechrist; 1909-1912, S. A. Snyder; 1913-1917, P. H. Foss; 1918-1919, J. A. Shultz; 1920-1924, J. F. Hingman; 1925, F. H. Huff; 1926-1932, W. E. Smith; 1933-1934, J. W. Zang; 1935, W. K. Hosterman.

## THANK VOTERS FOR SUPPORT

"I extend to all those who supported me in my campaign for the Democratic nomination for Treasurer my sincerest thanks and good wishes, and to my successful opponent, Charles H. Lee, I offer my congratulations and my whole-hearted support during the remainder of the campaign. I believe he is capable and worthy of the office to which he aspires, and will do everything in my power to further his interests."

"Signed, CLARENCE R. STITZER, 'State College, Pa.'"

"I wish to thank the voters and all my friends who so loyally assisted me in securing the nomination for Register of Wills of Centre county, and wish to ask for their continued support throughout the coming election."

"Respectfully,  
"HARRY A. CORMAN."

I wish to thank the Democratic voters and my many friends who made possible the success of my nomination for County Auditor.

Appreciating this confidence, I shall try, if elected, to give to all the citizens of the county a fair, honest and impartial audit of the accounts of the county. Sincerely,  
HENRY M. HOSTERMAN,  
Candidate for County Auditor

## SEPT. 30 DEAD LINE FOR INSURANCE ON 1940 WHEAT

September 30 has been fixed as the last day for wheat farmers to obtain all-risk insurance on their 1940 winter wheat crop.

The Centre County Agricultural Conservation Committee has emphasized there will be no extension of the dead line. "It is final," the committee stated. "We have received instructions to accept no applications on winter wheat after the close of business September 30, 1939." The committee pointed out that under the 1940 Program, growers are eligible to make applications and pay the premium only before they have planted their crop and that no applications can be accepted, even if the crop has not been planted, after the cut-off date. This means that eligible growers in this county do not have many days yet to make application and pay the premium, if they have not already done so.

Farmers who are interested in obtaining wheat insurance on the crop about to be seeded should immediately get in touch with the county Agricultural Conservation Office in this county, located at the post office building in Bellefonte.

## LOCAL YOUNG PEOPLE GOING TO COLLEGE

The following young people from Centre Hall are about to continue their school work in higher institutions of learning:

At the Pennsylvania State College: Woodrow Bradford, junior; Charles Ramer, junior; John Kirkpatrick, sophomore; Mildred Homan, sophomore; William Thomas, sophomore; Helen Haskell, sophomore; William Kerlin, freshman; Harold Bradford, freshman.

Jean Slack, who attended Penn State as a freshman last year has decided to take a business course in one of the commercial schools in Williamsport.

Jean Ross, Centre Hall-Potter high school graduate, class of '39, is a student in the Altoona School of Commerce, Altoona.

## SUCCESSFUL CANDIDATES

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## THE UNDERSIGNED TAKES THIS METHOD TO THANK THE VOTERS OF CENTRE COUNTY FOR THEIR LOYAL SUPPORT IN THE RECENT PRIMARY ELECTION WHICH RESULTED IN HIS NOMINATION FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER, AND ASKS FOR CONTINUED SUPPORT AT THE GENERAL ELECTION.

FRED C. MENSCH, Millhelm, Pa.

## TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS

### HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS

Mrs. Mary Strohecker was at her home here for a few days during last week.

George Stover, grain and coal dealer, underwent a tonsilectomy the latter part of last week.

Bucknell University, Lewisburg, opened its 94th year on Wednesday. The enrollment is between 1200 and 1300.

Mrs. Vernon Garbrick, who for some time underwent medical treatment, returned to her home during last week very much improved.

Mrs. C. C. Leshar of Lewisburg, wife of the Judge of Union and Snyder counties, underwent an operation for appendicitis and gall bladder in the Warner private hospital, Pottsville.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Fisher of Centre Hall and Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Kelly of Millfinburg, R. D. called on Cyrus Ruhl, Margaret and Charles Ruhl of Millmont, R. D. Sunday afternoon.

T. E. Jodon is remodeling his large sale barn in Pleasant Gap into apartments. Two of these were finished and rented early in the summer. The ones now under construction will mean six in all.

The staff of the Sugar Valley Vocational high school include Prof. Gilbert W. Hancock, principal; Allen Lamey, Thomas Smith, Miss Helen Tussey and Miss Mabel Riddle, Miss Kathryn Klauer and George Mumma.

Kenneth Runkle, who was a student in Centre Hall-Potter high during the past three years, has transferred to Gregg Vocational and is included in that school's lineup for soccer. "Ken" is living with his mother, now Mrs. H. S. Lambert, in Gregg township.

Mrs. Franklin Hpy is substituting for Miss Clara Dundie as teacher in the Axemman grade school. Miss Dundie was one of the occupants of the Paul Wise motor car which was wrecked Sunday, September 19. She sustained a crushed shoulder and a broken leg.

The United States Civil Aeronautics Authority has approved the application of State College for permission to train civilian airplane pilots. The program, authorized at the last session of Congress, provides for the training of 11,000 new pilots, the majority of whom will be trained at colleges.

One of the major farming operations at this time is filling of silos. It is the corn ears that makes ensilage valuable as a feed for the dairy cow. Gradually the idea that bulk is the only factor in filling the silo is being substituted by the idea that well-matured corn ears is widely preferred.

Judge Ivan Walker was obliged to sit with the county commissioner, to supervise counting the primary election vote, due to the fact that two of the board were candidates on the primary ballot. While no announcement was made when the cases, all civil, will be heard, the usual procedure is to hold them over until the next term of regular court in December.

The Garrett builders and contractors of Rebersburg are making repairs at the Lutheran parsonage, the extent of which has not been fully determined at this time. At the present attention is being given to the roof and floor in a back kitchen or wash-house. To be brought up to a point where the place would be a credit to the charge, an expenditure of from \$1000 to \$1500 should be made.

Accompanying her brother, Jared Evey, and part of his family, Miss Thelma Evey and Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Evey of Centre Hall, Mrs. H. I. Griffith of Pleasant Gap motored to Philadelphia, leaving early Sunday morning in order to have the day with Mrs. Charles Zettle, who has been in the city several weeks in a critical condition. The report brought back by them was not encouraging.

William and Eugene Weaver are entertaining their friends with moving picture shots taken on a 10,000-mile motor trip through the west, north-west and south, during the month of August. Chester Wagner was a third member of the party. Among the scenes shown are Yellowstone Park, the Grand Canyon, the Badlands of South Dakota, Boulder Dam, the Redwoods of California, the cottonfields of Texas, and many other beautiful views, most of them in color. One scene shows the bears in Yellowstone Park, which have a habit of poking their noses in the open windows of parked cars for a bite to eat. A big moose came in for a camera shot.

A Tyrone firm constructed a mixer at the Centre Hall railroad station, where the comparatively new road driving surface material will be prepared for the State highway road between Old Fort and Potters Mills. It will be similar in character to amelite and the only road in the valley to have such material for the top surface. The construction work on the road is in advance of its schedule. It is almost ready for the top surface from Old Fort to the Pine Hill. The two bridges, one over Sinking Creek, one over Laurel Run at the north end of Potters Mills, are completed, as is also the archway carrying Laurel Creek under the new road, close to State Highway Route 322, where the new road begins at the southern point.