

ITEMS OF LOCAL INTEREST

Soloman Homan, who has been ill at the home of his son, Fred Homan, is now much improved.

Mrs. Frank McClellan and children of State College spent Sunday with Mrs. C. F. Emery.

Frank Shawver is still suffering from a hip injury received in a fall from a truck two weeks ago.

W. A. Neese, Spring Mills resident, favored this office with a call on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Riegel and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Feyler of Avis, visited Mr. and Mrs. Harry Taylor at Salona last Sunday.

Mrs. David I. Graybill spent part of last week on private duty at the Centre County hospital, caring for Keith Anderson.

Week-end visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Vogt were their son Edward Vogt Jr., and their nephew, Elwood P. Scott, of Laceyville.

The annual banquet and dance by the local Masonic order will be held in the high school auditorium on Thursday evening, March 14.

Captain C. T. Fryberger of Phillipsburg on Monday celebrated his 96th birthday anniversary. He is a Civil War veteran.

Rev. Stine, D. D., Lutheran minister at Lock Haven, visited two of Centre Hall's sick, namely Miss Jennie Bartholomew and S. W. Smith, one day last week.

Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Fisher will leave today (Thursday) for Williamsburg where they will remain indefinitely with their son-in-law and daughter Rev. and Mrs. E. Roy Corman.

Reeder Sharer's car was badly damaged when it skidded on the Earlystown road near Old Fort last Saturday night and crashed into several guard rails. Mr. Sharer, only occupant of the car, was uninjured.

D. Geiss Wagner and daughter Mrs. Tressie McClellan, have gone to Washington, D. C., to remain for some time with another daughter of Mr. Wagner, Mrs. Frank Long, and family.

Miss Miriam Homan, a student in beauty culture at Harrisburg had a short vacation at home from Saturday to Wednesday while State board examinations were being held at the school she attends.

A dinner meeting for the purpose of completing the organization of a Boy Scout Council to include Penns and Brush Valleys was held at Woodward Tuesday night. J. F. Wetzel has been elected district commissioner.

A card received here by Stanley Brooks on Tuesday, conveyed the information that Prof. L. O. Packer had arrived in Los Angeles on Friday last, and that he and his friend had visited Hollywood.

Local garage owners claim motorists are slow in looking after the inspection of their cars, which little matter must be attended to by the end of this month, or else. The wise motorist will not delay until the last day.

William Potter, young son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry W. Potter, has been seriously ill with tonsillitis since last Tuesday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. V. Goodhart where he first became ill. His condition was such that he could not be moved to his home until early this week.

A special feature of the next Women's Club meeting Tuesday, January 23, in the high school building will be an explanation of group hospitalization by Miss Margaret Edwards, sent here by the Capital Hospital Service Harrisburg. Mrs. J. F. Wetzel is chairman of the hostesses at this meeting.

Henry White of town, who was severely injured about an eye when a steel wedge struck him while he was cutting wood, was a patient in the Huntington hospital for a few days last week, and continues to make periodic visits there. It is thought the sight of the eye will not be affected, despite the severity of the wound.

Motor patrolmen issue this warning to motorists: 1939 drivers' licenses expire Jan. 31. The same legislation which changed the registration date for motor vehicles from January 1 to April 1 also moved the date for new operators' permits to Feb. 1. Cars must also be inspected and the new stickers displayed by Feb. 1.

Eileen, 3-year-old daughter of Rev. and Mrs. W. K. Hosterman, who had a mild case of scarlet fever, has fully recovered, and on Saturday the quarantine will be lifted from the Hosterman home. Rev. Mr. Hosterman will therefore fill his appointments on the Evangelical charge according to the schedule appearing under the proper head in this issue of the Reporter.

Fred H. Raymond of Linden Hall tenant on the Houser farm, was a Reporter office caller on Saturday. Mr. Raymond is attempting to interest other farmers in his locality to the need of electric light and power for the farm, since the power line is not far away in any direction, it may be presumed that this particular isolated section may soon come to know the convenience of electricity.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Locally the thermometer stood at 5 degrees above zero early Wednesday morning.

Mrs. Clayton Homan was admitted to the Centre County hospital for operation Tuesday afternoon.

The greater part of an inch of rain fell on Sunday, and was welcomed by everyone because of the water shortage.

The condition of S. W. Smith during the past week has not been favorable. He is confined to bed all the time.

Mrs. George Rimmey and Mrs. DeLas Keener entertained the Arena Club of the Eastern Star at the home of Mrs. Keener Tuesday night.

The Missionary Society of the Presbyterian church met last (Wednesday) night at the home of Mrs. John Heckman.

Miss Barbara Potter was a guest at the home of her mother, Mrs. Paul Miller, Pleasant Gap, over theweek-end.

Saturday night dinner guests at the J. F. Wetzel home were Mr. and Mrs. Daniel S. Daup and son William, Miss Ida Frazier, Daniel Daup, the Rev. and Mrs. D. R. Keener and Sandra.

Centre Hall's Independent basketball team was defeated by Battery E of Bellefonte in the Central Pa. Independent Basketball League, at Bellefonte, on Monday night by a score of 31 to 28.

Albert Grove, employed on the Samuel Grove farm, suffered a severe laceration of the arm Sunday noon from a pane of broken glass. He received first aid in the Centre County hospital.

The state Farm Show at Harrisburg is being attended by huge crowds, and those coming back report it a grand show. Among the many from this section attending were: D. W. Bradford, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. P. Campbell, Miss Helen Odenkirk, Miss Margaret Jacobs, S. R. Ralston, C. H. Kimbrell, Roy Weaver, Roy Zettie, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Dutrow, Robert Neff, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Homan, Lee Brooks, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Luse, Richard, Inez and Dean Luse.

A SPELLING BOOK OF 110 YEARS AGO

The Reporter has in its possession a copy of "Eyerly's Spelling Book," printed in 1839, and carrying on the flyleaf this inscription: "Jonas Boal's Book, August 22, 1832." Jonas Boal was a resident of Potter township, in which schools the book was used. The speller is a plain little thing, but in many respects is far superior to spelling books of the present day. It seems to us no such easy methods of pronunciation and division of syllables are contained in our modern spellers as in this homely little spelling book of 110 years ago.

Sandwiched between the pages of spelling words are little gems of thought, such as this one:

"The days that are past are gone forever; those that are to come, may not come to us."

"The present time only is ours; let us therefore improve it as much as possible."

"Every desire of the heart, every secret thought, is known to Him who made us."

"How pleasant it is when we lie down at night, to reflect we are at peace with all persons; that we have taken care to perform the duties of the day; that our Maker beholds and loves us."

**Region of Eskimos**  
Regions inhabited by the Eskimos extend from Bering strait over the northern coast of America and its group of Arctic islands to the east coast of Greenland.

**There Is No Stainless Steel**  
Stainless steel is misnamed. In the first place it is not steel but an iron alloy. In the second place it is not always stainless.

**Crude Oil Byproducts**  
Crude oil, from which fuel for motor vehicles is produced, also yields road oils and asphalts which improve the highways.

**The President's Flag**  
The President's flag consists of the presidential seal on a blue background, with a white star in each corner.

**Douglas Gave Land for University**  
In 1856 Stephen A. Douglas donated 10 acres of land "for a site for a university in the city of Chicago."

**Poe a Personal Critic**  
When Edgar Allan Poe reviewed books he often included disparaging remarks about the authors' characters.

**Brain Decreases in Size**  
In adults, the brain decreases slightly in size, to the extent of about one gram a year.

**Watlings Island**  
San Salvador of the Bahamas group, West Indies, is known also as Watlings island.

**Use of Name Scientist.**  
The name scientist was coined to describe a man of science, about a century ago.

**Early Street Car Lines**  
Philadelphia and Boston established street railway lines in 1857

CENTRE COUNTY HOSPITAL TO BE REPRESENTED AT PITTSBURGH CONVENTION

Movement for Elimination of Old-Fashioned Hospital Bill Is Under Consideration.

Representatives of non-profit group hospitalization plans from throughout the entire United States will assemble in Pittsburgh for a convention next Wednesday, Thursday and Friday January 24, 25 and 26.

The convention will bring together key persons from every section of the nation who have been responsible for the development of a movement which is playing an increasingly important part in eliminating the old fashioned hospital bill.

Centre county hospitals will be represented at the convention.

Included among those prominent in hospitalization activities who will participate in the convention are Dr. Fred G. Carter, president of the American Hospital Association; Dr. Basil McLean, chairman of the Committee on Hospital Service of the American Hospital Association; Dr. C. Rufus Rorem, director of the Committee on Hospital Service; Dr. S. S. Goldwater; Msgr. John Robert Mulroy, president of the Colorado Hospital Service Association, and Abraham Oseroff, president of the Hospital Association of Penna.

The convention, known officially as the Conference of Approved Hospital Service Plans, will have an important bearing on the future development of hospital-sponsored projects throughout the nation. Only those plans which have been officially approved by the American Hospital Association, which association is the medium of expression for the hospitals of the entire country, will participate.

Non-profit group hospitalization is the term applied to the action of the hospitals themselves in which they seek to widen the scope of hospital treatment by making such service available as required. This service is provided through projects representing the hospitals. In each case the organization which represents the participating hospitals is of a non-profit nature, its purpose being simply to act as the medium through which the hospitals place their facilities before the public on the basis of a community movement.

The development of the service has reached such proportions that today considerably more than 4,000,000 men, women and children are protected against unpredictable hospital expenses.

In western Pennsylvania the hospitals have been especially active in taking steps to widen the scope of their service. At the present time 69 hospitals in 21 counties are cooperating. The facilities of these hospitals are placed before the public in the group hospitalization plan through the medium of the Hospital Service Association, which organization bears the approval of the American Hospital Association. Such approval is granted by the association only when a plan is definitely a hospital-sponsored project, is non-profit in its corporate structure and is established specifically for the purpose of broadening the scope of hospital service.

The delegates to the convention will discuss such problems as reciprocal agreements between the various plans, types of service available to those protected, methods of enrollment and other kindred subjects so that the functioning of the projects will be placed on a basis calculated to produce the most in the way of public service.

**Value of the Vulture**  
The vulture plays a unique role in the world of nature. Due to its repulsiveness, and the method by which it secures a living, the bird is detested by those who do not realize its true value. Disease would run rampant in many countries of the world were it not for the vultures, which pick clean the bones of unburied dead.

**Friction and Pulleys**  
Friction is the retarding force when objects are lifted with the aid of pulleys. A large pulley provides greater mechanical advantage in overcoming friction than a small one. If there were no friction, there would be no advantage in using a larger pulley.

**A Happy World**  
A world full of happiness is not beyond human power to create; the obstacles lie in the heart of man, but are not insuperable. The real obstacles lie in the heart of man, hope, informed and fortified by thought.

**Helium for Medicinal Purposes**  
Helium is mixed with oxygen for severe cases when oxygen by itself is too heavy a gas for a patient to inhale because the orifice has become too small to admit it. Its use is restricted by its price, but it will probably save many lives in the future.

**The Best Authors**  
The best authors are often those who do the most writing. Shakespeare, Scott, Dumas, Voltaire, Dickens, Thackeray, Tolstoi, Goethe, Kipling, all had an output double that of the second-raters and treble that of the third-raters.

ANNUAL STATEMENT OF THE FARMERS' MUTUAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF CENTRE CO.

Centre Hall, Pa., Jan. 1, 1940. In compliance with the provisions of their charter the eighty-fourth annual Statement of the Company is herewith presented.

Balance in treasury for year 1939.... \$2725.13  
Cash premiums received during the year 1939 5896.24  
Cash received on Assessment No. 34... 11968.31  
Borrowed money ..... 6700.00-\$2725.78

EXPENDITURES

Fire Losses:-	
Luther and Effie Smith, barn & contents	\$2330 34
David and Anna Gilliland, barn	1200 00
Elmer E. Rider, barn and contents	3005 50
Mrs. Florence Brennan, barn	2200 00
Henry and Katherine Rockey, barn & contents	1922 00
Ray C. Haugh, dwelling house	1800 00
Wilson H. Houtz, house and contents	1300 00
M. Harold Betz, damage to house	625 00
Carrie A. Baer, dwelling house	750 00
James L. Decker, wash house	200 00
James C. Gilliland, ensilage cutter	90 00
C. D. Shook, cow killed by lightning	116 67
John W. Batgate, hay and farm machinery	140 00
J. C. Meyer, cows killed by lightning	180 00
Victor D. Thompson, cows killed by lightning	260 00
John and Mary Dunkle, cow killed by lightning	89 00
Small losses	277 41-\$16416 92
Directors' pay	400 75
Writing policies	117 75
Postage	25 75
Stationery and printing	101 49
Adjusting and expenses	147 50
Sundries	73 25
Telephone and tolls	44 00
Secretary's salary	500 00
Treasurer's salary	100 00
State examination	81 71
Unemployment compensation	15 20
Commission collecting assessment	588 03
Bonding directors	95 00
Cash paid for borrowed money	6700 00
Interest	192 13
Cash balance in treasury	1689 30-\$2725 78

RECAPITULATION

Outstanding premiums in course of collection	\$137 36
Assessment No. 34 in course of collection	3081 55
Cash in treasury	1689 30
Typewriter, filing case and adding machine	140 00-\$5048 51
Total cash premiums written past year	\$ 5739 27
Premium notes taken past year	112492 19
Premium notes in force today	471426 08
Insurance in force today	5099781 00

At an election held the 8th day of Jan., 1940, the following were elected directors for the ensuing year: H. L. Truckenmiller, J. H. Mitchell, Frank M. Fisher, J. M. Campbell, James E. Harter, E. J. Gentzel, D. S. Vert, C. D. Weaver, W. A. Neese, E. E. Hess, Blair M. Fletcher and Chas. T. Sellers.

H. L. TRUCKENMILLER, President.  
FRANK M. FISHER Sec'y.

**QUESTION ANSWER**

Which are the only cough drops containing Vitamin A? (CARGENE)

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**DINING ROOM**... Light like this makes the whole family happy. There's soft, restful illumination for everyone and the family thoroughly enjoys the meal.

**LIVING ROOM**... Even that glary old center fixture can be made to give indirect light. Small "Snap-On" modernizers with Silvered Bowl lamps will do the trick.

**BEDROOM**... With a new Light Adapter in your bedroom you have excellent light for your make-up. Yet it's soft, restful illumination.

**KITCHEN**... What a joy to have all the light you need without harsh glare. No more squinting and straining in your own shadow... the entire room is lighted up!

**GAME ROOM**... A Silvered Bowl Light Adapter over the ping-pong table makes it easy to "keep your eye on the ball"... the whole room is more attractive.

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The power to form habits, to learn, is dependent on a property of the nervous substance of the higher brain centers. It is a faculty called association, or associative memory.

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