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The Centre Reporter Suspend Publication;

Merges with The Centre Daily Times

With this issue, The Centre Reporter ceases publication. The newspaper has been merged with the Centre Daily Times, at State College, which paper purchased the good will and subscription list of The Reporter.

Individual letters are being mailed to Reporter subscribers listing the status of their subscription and explaining how they will receive the Centre Daily Times.

The editor of The Reporter regrets the necessity of this move. A number of sincere efforts were made to induce some one to carry on the paper, but neither any one at home nor a stranger could be persuaded the venture would be a paying one.

The present editor feels the need of a change. Ill health has been a contributing factor in the decision to discontinue publishing operations.

Subscribers who have credit on the Reporter's books will be taken care of by the Centre Daily Times to the full extent of such credit by receiving the Daily Times, and in addition, following the expiration of their credit will continue to receive the daily paper for three months longer as a complimentary subscription. At the expiration of the latter period, the Times management will be pleased to continue your subscription at the regular subscription rate.

The Centre Daily Times will be found to amply fill your requirements for a local newspaper. It will from now on carry an even greater amount of Centre Hall news than heretofore, in addition to a full coverage of Penns Valley news, as well as news from all other parts of Centre county. Besides all this the Times gives you first-hand report of State, national and world events. The paper comes to the majority of its subscribers the same day it is printed, and thus you may read of important news stories which you would not get in your metropolitan daily paper until the following day.

We ask that you give the Centre Daily Times a fair trial before permitting any disappointment you may have over the discontinuance of The Reporter as you knew it, to overrule your better judgment.

Subscribers to The Reporter who are indebted to it, will kindly forward the amount due up until this date to the undersigned at Centre Hall. The amount due may be easily determined by looking at the label. Only those subscribers who paid since November 29, 1939, have not been credited on their label, and since they have knowledge of the amount paid, they will at once realize this notice is not meant for them, providing the amount thus paid covered all arrearages.

We sincerely thank all friends who were loyal during our many years of association with The Reporter. It is hard to say good-bye to them, and we wish them God-speed.

EDWARD E. BAILEY.

Herewith a very brief history of The Centre Reporter:

It was established at Aaronburg in 1827 by Ludwig Kurtz, and was printed in German, carrying the name of The Centre Berichter. As the English language became more general, the paper—two pages—was printed on one side in English and on the other side in German.

In the year 1868, the plant was moved to Centre Hall by Frederick K. Kurtz, a son of Ludwig Kurtz. It was at first printed on the second floor of the old meat market property. Some years later it was moved into a building located on the site of the Miller Motor Co. garage.

In the summer of 1900, S. W. Smith purchased the paper from Frederick Kurtz and a year later the writer, a mere lad, came on the scene and at once started to "learn the case," standing on a box to reach the type cases. After a few years the office was moved across the street to the D. A. Boozer property, and in 1913 into the new Reporter building. In 1914 the writer became a partner in the business.

Small country newspapers of The Centre Reporter class were established on low-cost operating expense. Present day printing costs are forcing many of them out of business.

W.P.A. WORKER KILLED IN DYNAMITE BLAST

A 30-pound rock tossed 116 yards by a dynamite blast killed Frank Hauck, 43 years old, Penfield WPA worker, when it struck him on the head last Wednesday afternoon on the Mount-air road near Penfield, Clearfield county.

Hauck was standing 346 feet away from the spot where 15 sticks of dynamite were being set off at the WPA quarry when the rock hissed through the air and buried him to the ground.

Albert Gontars, another member of the WPA crew, was struck on the arm by rock from the same explosion. Windows in cars parked near the scene of the blast were shattered.

Investigators were unable to explain why the blast hurled the rock in the direction where Hauck and other workers were standing. The charge is alleged to have been set off by a certified dynamiter.

Hauck is survived by his father and his wife.

The charter, name, list of subscribers, machinery and equipment of the Pottstown Morning Herald is to be sold at auction on Tuesday of next week. The daily newspaper, in a city of 20,000 people, suspended publication last September.

STATE'S FARMERS GROW NUMEROUS TON LITTERS

Eight hundred forty-eight ton litterers have been produced in Pennsylvania since the first ton litter project was sponsored 16 years ago by the state agricultural extension service, reports L. C. Madison, livestock extension specialist at the Pennsylvania State College. Last year the state had 29 ton litterers.

"To produce a ton litter, which is a single litter of pigs that weighs at least a ton when six months old, it is necessary to have good breeding stock, and to give the sow and litter the best feed, care and management possible," he explains.

According to Madison, several project members have produced one or more ton litterers in each of the past 12 years. One farmer in Lycoming county who keeps one sow has produced a ton litter during each of the last nine years. A Susquehanna county farmer has raised at least one each year for 12 years.

"Too good to live" was a mother's reason for killing her little girl, according to a news item in a daily paper a few days ago. "Too good to live," perhaps, but most of us are too bad to die.

FORMER BOALSBURG LUTHERAN PASTOR DIES AT SELINSGROVE

Rev. James Irvin Stonecypher, 70, retired Lutheran minister and former pastor of the Boalsburg Lutheran church, which included Boalsburg, Pleasant Gap, Shiloh and State College, passed away at his home in University Heights, Selinsgrove, Friday, February 16, the result of a heart attack suffered the day prior while shoveling snow.

He was born May 11, 1869, at Montoursville, the son of James Irvin and Priscilla Miller Stonecypher. He was graduated from the Willard Missionary Institute, now Susquehanna University, in 1890 and in 1911 received a master of arts degree.

Rev. Stonecypher and Harriet R. Ulrich, Selinsgrove, were married June 15, 1894, by Rev. Orenford, Lutheran minister, in the house where Rev. Stonecypher died.

The retired minister frequently supplied pulpits of churches in the Central Penna. area.

His only survivor is his wife.

Funeral services were held Monday afternoon from the Willard Missionary Institute, Selinsgrove, Rev. Samuel R. Frost, pastor of the First Lutheran church, officiating. Interment was made in Montoursville cemetery.

SCHOOL DIRECTORS ELECT OFFICERS AT ANNUAL MEETING

At the 53rd annual meeting of the Centre County School Directors Association held in the Bellefonte court house last Friday, two directors, an auditor, a delegate to the State convention in Harrisburg were elected.

Following are the newly-elected officers: President, George Newman of Milesburg, re-elected a director; Rev. J. E. Kline of Howard, elected a director; Ray V. Watkins of State College, convention alternate; Mrs. Malcolm Wetzler of Berge township, delegate; Horace Hartranft, Bellefonte, auditor.

4 Special Deputies Appointed

Centre county Sheriff Edward R. Miller has announced appointment of four deputy sheriffs under the terms of a special act of assembly which requires that a list of deputy sheriffs be filed at the county prothonotary's office.

The deputies, named are Albert W. Gilliland of Patton township; Deputy Warden C. C. Rhoads of Rockview; Officer H. R. Johnson of Rockview; and H. C. Eisenhuth of Millheim. The deputies will be paid only when actually serving the county in that capacity.

Mrs. Henney's Millinery

Mrs. Lucy Henney invites you to come to her store on Church street and see her display of spring millinery for all ages. Prices, as usual, are very moderate.

Eleven 1-room Schoolhouses Sold

The little red schoolhouse is something for the residents of Columbia county to talk about, but no more will it be a reality. Eleven one-room structures were sold at auction by order of the board of education for a total of \$2,100. Two of the buildings were 100 years old. Three bells went with the buildings.

40 TAGS CAN BE USED STARTING MARCH 15

Pennsylvania motorists may use their 1940 auto tags from March 15 on, the Keystone Automobile Club reminded them this week.

Anticipating a last-minute jam that will leave thousands of car owners without tags when the March 15 midnight deadline arrives, the club advised motorists to get their tags early.

His Hat in the Ring



JOHN W. DECKER

Nomination papers are being circulated in the interest of John W. Decker of Spring Mills, for another term in the State Legislature.

Mr. Decker distinctly was not seeking the nomination, but his many friends believe him to be the strongest Democrat to oppose the incumbent, Kenneth Haines, of Rebersburg, and are urging his running again.

DEATH CHAIR TAKES TWO AT ROCKVIEW PENITENTIARY

Each of two men spoke two words just before dying in the electric chair at Rockview penitentiary, near here. One addressed a newspaperman-witness and the other the Delfy.

Andrew Schurtz, 45, of Shamokin, recognized Joseph Amor, a newspaperman from his home town, among the witnesses in the execution chamber, and called out:

"Hello, Joe."

The other, William Kelly, 34-year-old Philadelphia negro, started those present by yelling, "Allah, Allah!"—the name of the supreme being in his Mohammedan religion.

Kelly received the death sentence for killing a Philadelphia policeman, Henry Berry, during an attempted holdup. Schurtz, a WPA project worker, fatally shot his foreman, Edward C. Fisher, after being told he would be dismissed unless he paid more attention to his work.

Wm. H. Yeager, 59-year-old farmer of Danville, also under sentence to be executed at the same time, cheated the law by killing himself with a revolver in his cell at Montour county jail Saturday.

Yeager was convicted of slaying James E. Fessler, a state policeman.

MRS. J. H. BURKHOLDER INJURED AS CAR CRASHES

Mrs. John H. Burkholder of near Centre Hall suffered injuries to both legs, her right hand, and shoe, Saturday night at eleven o'clock, in a three-car crash.

The Burkholder car was parked along the road near the Mowery stand, close by Old Fort, to fix a tire. George Sweeney of Centre Hall had stopped when he saw Mr. Burkholder's trouble and offered help. Then John Curtis, Sr., of Bellefonte, came along and seeing people standing in the road ahead of him applied his brakes and skidded into the Burkholder car. The Burkholder car was thrown against the Sweeney car. Mrs. Burkholder was struck in the mixup, according to the story given out by the police.

Total damage to the three cars is estimated to be about \$100.00.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Oscar J. Letch Howard
Myrtle Irene Helckel Howard
Elmer F. Young Bellefonte
Bertha L. Matthews Bellefonte
Luther T. Bisse State College
Martha L. Anderson New Park
Samuel K. Sanderson Port Matilda
Lois M. Speller Philippsburg

Mrs. W. A. Fleisher Dead

Mrs. D. C. Fohringer of Colyer received word of the death of the wife of her brother, W. A. Fleisher, at her home in Buffalo, N. Y. Mr. Fleisher is a Potter township native and left for New York State many years ago. The deceased was his second wife, and her home was in Mahanoy City, this state.

BOY NOB GIRL CAN "LOSE" AT ALUMNI DANCE, MARCH 1

The alumni association of the Centre Hall-Potter high school will hold a leap-year dance in the high school auditorium Friday night, March 1st, from 9:00 to 1:00. The music will be provided by Casey's Rhythmaires. The admission price per person will be thirty-five cents. No children below high school age will be admitted. The profits derived from the dance will be applied toward the landscaping of the school grounds. The dance is not merely for the benefit of the school but for the community as a whole. Our school-house is a community center. We should strive to make it as attractive and as beautiful as we can both outside and inside.

For girls only: This leap-year dance provides you with an opportunity which comes only every fourth year. Invite your secret passion (the boy that you like best) even if you never have had a date with him. If he rejects your invitation, you will know he does not like you; then, you can divert your attentions elsewhere. If he accepts your invitation, be a good sport and pay all the expenses of the night. If you propose marriage to him and he accepts, you will be satisfied; if he rejects you, according to custom, he shall have to at least kiss you and give you a silk dress. You cannot lose.

For boys only: If a girl asks you if she may escort you to the leap-year dance, accept the invitation because for once you should not have to pay the expenses. That will be a rarity. If the girl proposes marriage to you and you accept, you will, in the future whenever you quarrel, be able to remind your wife that she was the one who proposed the marriage. If you refuse your girl friend's proposal and consequently forfeit with a dress and a kiss, you will, by avoiding marriage, be far ahead financially. You cannot lose.

In the long run, no one can lose. The girl gains financially; the boy gains psychologically.

Please patronize the dance and have a good time. —(Alumnus)

Miss Elizabeth Bartholomew, Mrs. George Beener, Mrs. John Coldron and Miss Doris Moltz represented the local Rebekah lodge at the district meeting at State College, Saturday night.

Mrs. F. V. Goodhart and Mrs. W. Harry Potter attended a missionary meeting in the Presbyterian church at Bellefonte last Wednesday afternoon. Miss Grace Burkett of Tyrone spoke on "Women in the Way."

Centre Hall and Potter township teachers are planning a friendly basketball game for Wednesday, March 15 in the school gymnasium. This annual affair has come to be a post-season highlight especially for the students, who enjoy the pedagogical clowning.

Miss Marlene Coldron, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bud Coldron, will dance and model children's clothing at the Lewistown Y. M. C. A. building on March 2 during Viscose Rayon week. The fashion show will be held during the afternoon and evening. Miss Coldron, though not yet six years old, has been appearing in public performances since she was 3 years old.

PARENT-TEACHER GROUP HEAR CONCERT; HAS BIRTHDAY PARTY

The Parent-Teacher Association birthday party held in the high school gymnasium Monday night featured a concert by the thirty-eight piece school band under the direction of Donald Shope. This was the band's first P.T.A. appearance this year.

The concert opened with "Hall! Centre Hall," an arrangement from the Cornell Alma Mater, "Ayo" by Metcalf and "Norma's Dream" by Bennett. A brass sextet consisting of Jack Garbrick, Robert Arney, Lois Arney, Mark Jordan, William Boozer and Elaine Snyder played "Finlandia" by Sibelius and "Now the Day is Over" by Barry.

Indian Boy, Military Escort, and Activity March, and It's My Turn, composed the last group of numbers, and the concert closed with The Star Spangled Banner.

During the birthday part of the program, and adults and children grouped around tables representing the various months and each group presented a stunt or song and some constructive thought for parents or teachers.

Mrs. Harry Potter, president, spoke enthusiastically after the meeting of the cooperative spirit evident at this program and the generosity shown in the collection for the band, netting \$5.25.

CAST FOR "OH! DOCTOR" HIGH SCHOOL OPERETTA ANNOUNCED

Speaking parts for the operetta, "Oh! Doctor," to be presented March 29 by the Centre Hall-Potter students under the direction of Donald Shope, were announced this week.

These persons will play the leads: Dean Bradford, Dr. Drinkwater; Pre-da Smith, Honor; Ann Homan, Glory; Mary Jordan, Philip; Dean Smith, Bob; and Robert Homan, Rainbow.

Others who have speaking parts are: Patricia Boozer, Lela Bitter, Eliza Bradford, Joyce Bradford, Jean Smith, Robert Foust, Gilbert Ralston, Harold Reish, Anthony Venerick, John Runkle, Ernest Frank, and John Knarr.

The singing choruses will be announced later.

Ministers Attend Conference for Pastors at Penn State

Three local ministers, W. K. Hosterman, Delas R. Keener, and J. M. Kirkpatrick, attended the interdenominational pastors' conference held in Old Main, State College, Monday under the auspices of the State College Ministerium and the Penn State Y. M. C. A.

Principal speakers at this meeting were Dr. Henry Crane, pastor of the Central Methodist church, Detroit; Prof. John T. Frizzell of Penn state, and Dr. C. C. Ellis, president of Juniata College.

Tyrone Has Dummy Policeman

Tyrone's newest policeman, standing 5 feet 11 inches in his new blue uniform, is plain "dummy," but he's been doing his job well.

The new "copper," made from man-skin, is placed on a busy corner where school children pass.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Mrs. C. F. Emery spent Sunday with the E. M. Smith family in State College.

Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Smith attended the funeral of the former's paternal grandmother in Altoona, Friday.

The high school girls' and boys' basketball teams are scheduled to play the alumni tonight (Thursday) at 7:30 o'clock.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Vogt went to Muncy Sunday to meet their son Edward and Glen Thomson of Laceyville.

The home owned by William Luse and occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Paul Weller will be vacated March 8 when Mr. and Mrs. Weller will move to State College.

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Colonel Louis E. Shucker, State supervisor of the Emergency Crop and Feed Loan, will be in Bellefonte, at the post office building, on Saturday, March 16, at 2:00 p. m. for the purpose of accepting applications for these loans. These loans will be made in the past, only to farmers whose cash requirements are small and who cannot obtain a loan from any other source, including production credit association, banks, or other private concerns or individuals.

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS

E. L. Bartholomew of Altoona spent Saturday here.

Bellefonte borough has a 15-mill tax levy.

The temperature dropped to 6 degrees above zero last Thursday morning.

Mrs. T. A. Hosterman is able to be about again after an attack of grippe.

John Whitman laid a Kromax hard wood floor in the living room of his home this week.

Jack Riegel was unable to attend school for several days last week because of an injured ankle.

A seven-pound son was born to Mr. and Mrs. William Luse in the Centre County hospital Friday noon.

John Wert, Jr., suffering from a gall bladder attack last week, endured the additional complication of jaundice.

Advantage was taken of the Washington Birthday holiday by the local post office to re-lay a portion of the post office floor with "battleship" linoleum.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Breen and child, from Wednesday until Sunday, were guests of Mr. Breen's sister, Mrs. Cyril Mastellar, and family, at Dewart.

John Slack, Jr., 8 years old, of Coburn, grandson of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Slack of Centre Hall was ill during last week with a slight attack of appendicitis.

The Reporter gratefully acknowledges the fine sentiment expressed in the D. J. Nieman company advertisement appearing on the last page of this issue. No advertiser has been a more consistent user of the Reporter's columns than Nieman's store. Our dealings with them have at all times been most pleasant and cordial.

A daughter was born last Thursday afternoon to Mr. and Mrs. Byers Ripka, at their home in Millheim. The baby weighed eight and one-half lbs. at birth, and has been named Isabelle Marie. She is the fifth girl in the family, and her sisters are especially proud of her, says the Millheim Journal.

A card from Roger T. Bayard of Tyrone, to the Reporter, says: "We were called home from Florida on account of the serious illness of Mrs. Bayard's sister, May Rhone Dunlap. She is better now. Kindly send Mrs. Bayard's Reporter again to Tyrone. We will not return again to St. Petersburg."

T. A. Hosterman, proprietor of the local Clover Farm store, will add a very popular department to his well-kept store in the very near future. Reference is made to frosted foods—vegetables, fruits, meats, etc., which are held in absolute freshness by the frosted process. Housewives who have tried this class of foods are more than pleased with them.

Frank A. McKinney of Juniata was among relatives in Potter township last week, assisting in settling up the estate of his mother, the late Mrs. Wm. F. McKinney. Mr. McKinney has been a faithful employee of the Penna. Railroad company in their Altoona shops for a quarter of a century and has risen to the position of foreman in the engine repair department.

A Ford two-door sedan belonging to Ed Vogt of Centre Hall took fire inside the car while it was parked near the Merrill Meyer home, Friday morning. Mr. Vogt and Mr. Meyer had returned only a short time before from a trip to Wilkes-Barre.

The supposition is that a discarded cigarette stub started the blaze which resulted in all the upholstery being ruined, and several windows broken. The fire pumper was called on the scene to save the car from complete destruction.

Last Thursday morning Daniel S. Daup, cashier of the First National Bank spoke to the Junior Business class of the high school. In his discussion of the topic "Banking," the cashier explained the use of the traveler's check, posting process, the banking holiday of 1923, and general banking procedures. The class was especially interested in the posting machine and are hoping to be able to accept Mr. Daup's invitation to actually see it in operation at a later date.

At 2 o'clock Friday morning George Vogt played the Good Samaritan for a N.Y. state salesman floundering in a two-foot snow-bank by the side of the main highway through Centre Hall in front of the F. M. Fisher home. After struggling for an hour to release himself and aids on the part of a resident being of no avail, the situation was finally cleared when George Vogt brought his big truck on the scene, and after a desperate haul not without first breaking a tow chain, the car was released. The stranger declared he must have dove momentarily, causing his car to veer to the right and into the deep snow.