The Centre Democrat.

BELLEFONTE, PENNSYLVANIA

A. C. DERR.....Editor
PAUL M. DUBBS.....Associate Editor
CECIL A. WALKER.....Business Manager

Issued weekly, every Thursday morning.
Entered in the postoffice at Bellefonte, Pa., as second class matter.

TERMS OF SUBSCRIPTION
$1.50 per year, if paid in advance
$2.00 per year, if not paid in advance

The date your subscription expires is plainly printed on the label bearing your name. All credits are given by a change on the date of label the first issue of each month. We send no receipts unless upon special request. Watch date on your label after you remit.

Matters for publication, whether news or advertising, must reach the Centre Democrat office not later than Tuesday noon to insure publication that week. Advertising copy received after Tuesday morning must run its chances.

All reading notices marked (*) are advertisements.

Legal notices and all real estate advertisements 10 cents per line each issue.

Subscribers changing postoffice address, and not notifying us, are liable for same.

All subscriptions will be continued unless otherwise directed.

CIRCULATION OVER 7,000 COPIES EACH WEEK

Unpaid 'Volunteers.'

Bellefonte has them. It is safe to say that every community in Centre county that maintains fire-fighting equipment can boast of a few.

We refer to those motorists who through curiosity or an eye to business follow the fire engines, or seemingly anything with a siren.

They follow the apparatus at high speed and short range, endangering the lives of themselves and others, and frequently block the path of additional fire equipment.

It has always been, and probably will remain so, a human weakness to run to fires. There is a fascination in watching a conflagration that borders on the primitive instinct of witnessing a battle to the death.

The crowd gathers to watch a fight to the finish between man and the fiery element.

One is bound to win, and the greater the chance of the element becoming master of the situation, the greater the entertainment of the spectators who are mentally speculating on seeing the "worst happen."

No one is trying to change human nature in this respect, but the matter of hindering, rather than helping, at fires, remains a problem that should be solved. Particularly so in the case of motorists who insist on chasing the fire apparatus.

Perhaps the "sure cure" has been found in the little town of South River, in New Jersey. At least it is simple, and will bear description.

South River had its troubles too with offending motorists. So one day the firemen there polished the bell and olled the siren of their fastest machine and sent it scraming across the town. The usual pursuit took place.

It ended this time, however, right around the corner from the police station—where the 28 "responding" motorists were just in time to receive 28 police warrants.

The firemen have seen no "fire fans" since.

Forest Fires and Bonds.

To Secretary Bogardus of the Department of Forests and Waters has been given an interesting suggestion by Dr. J. Horace McFarland for keeping down the forest fires.

Assuming that hunters are responsible for many forest fires, which incidentally the Game Commission denies, Doctor McFarland would have every hunter bonded to cover any forest fire damage that may result from his frolic.

This would operate on the same principle as motorists now bond themselves to cover any damage for which they are responsible. In some States this is compulsory.

There might be difficulty in tracing forest fires to a specific hunter, however culpable he may have been. In such cases his bond would be ineffective. This matter might be covered by creating a pool from hunters' license fees out of which the cost of fire fighting and the property losses could be met.

But in such an undertaking, fees for the pools might well be collected from all suspected of causing forest fires, the railroads, the motorist who tosses his lighted matches from the highways, the huckleberry pickers who are suspected of starting fires to better next year's crop, from careless campers who neglect to douse their fires and from all and sundry whose carelessness starts these regrettable and costly blazes.

The Family Holiday.

The fleeting days have brought us to that famous annual occasion sacred to family life—Thanksgiving Day—which we celebrate next Thursday, November 25th.

The original meaning of the day has unfortunately gone to a large extent.

The fathers established the occasion to give thanks to God.

The great majority of the American people do not observe it for that purpose. They observe it to eat turkey and have a grand feast, in which many of them eat too much, and suffer bodily ills in consequence.

One feature of the old day does remain, perhaps as much as possible as conditions now are. That is the family reunion idea. Even that is difficult to keep up in these days. The families are scattered over the face of the earth.

Your grandfather's family probably lived closely around some town, where all could meet by harnessing up Old Dobbin and driving in to the old family home.

Glorious were the family reunions in those days. Mighty were the feasts the women folks served.

We wish right now we could attend one this year.

THE OFFICE CAT

"A Little Nonsense Now and Then, Is Relished by the Wisest Men"

DON'T READ THIS

If there's anything worries a woman,
It's something she ought not to know;
But you can bet she will find it somehow,
If you will give her at least half a show.
Now, I'll wager from 2 bits to a dollar,
That this poem she'll say she had read,
And I bet she will get at it somehow,
If she has to stand on her head.

Maybe a Mechanical Milker

Lawyer—"You have just told the jury that your accused son had worked on a farm ever since he was born. Now, is that not stretching things a little? What, for instance, did he do the first year?"

Defendant—"Why, he milked."

He Wanted to Know

Customer—"Waiter, what is this?"

Waiter—"It's bean soup, sir."

Customer—"Im not askin' what it's been. I want to know what it is now."

A Little Easier on Him

Salvation Army Lassie—"Won't you give something? Don't you owe to God a larger debt than to anyone else?"

Old Tightwad—"That's so all right, but he ain't pushin' me like my other creditors are."

Nothing Much to Speak Of

The witness was asked to give his version of the trouble. Said he:

"I tell you judge, it just didn't amount to nuthin. I wouldn't even have noticed it, only Bill Sander called Tom Smith a liar and Tom up and knocked him down with a club. If one uv Bill's friends had not cut Tom with a knife, and Tom had not bitten the man's ear off, and if Sam Jones, who was half shot, had not shot a guy before he hisself got shot, there would have been no fight. Honest, judge, it didn't amount to nuthin."

Different From This Column.

Teacher—"What is meant by 'spinal column,' Johnny?"

Johnny—"It's a long slender bone, with head settin' on one end, and you settin' on the other."

Probably Double Vision

He—"Pardon me, miss, but has your dress slipped off, or am I just seeing things?"

She—"Both."

More Open Arms

At Negro Revival—"Last night ah was in de ahms ob de debil, but tonight I'se in de ahms ob de Lord."

Voice From Rear—"Has yo' got any dates for tomorrow night, sister?"

The Porter's Mistake

Man in Lower Berth—"Porter, I told you that if I would not get up, that you was to listen to no excuses, but was to pull me out of my berth. Now here it is 6 o'clock and I am 2 hours past my station."

Porter—"Yes, sah, now I sholy wonder who-all dat was, who closed my right eye when I done put him off de train."

A Suspicious Gesture

Farmer—"What do you mean by kicking my dog? He didn't bite you?"

Neighbor—"Well, I saw him raise his leg, and I thought he was going to kick me."

He Meant Business

Notice found along a southern farm road:

"NO MORE BAPTISING IN THIS PASTURE. BEFORE I WILL AGAIN CHASE MY HEIFERS ALL OVER 7 ACRES, ALL SINNERS CAN GO TO HELL."

She Had 'Em Classified

Census Agent—"You say you are not married, yet these four children are yours?"

Lassitude White—"Yes, sah, that am correct, sah."

Census Agent—"Well, let's have their names."

Lassitude White—"The oldest is 'Ignorance,' the next is 'Innocence,' the third is named 'Keerlessness,' and I'se gwine to call de youngest just pain 'Nigger luck'."

It Happened in Mauch Chunk

Sunday School Teacher—"Now tell the class where Christ was born."

Willie—"I know, he was born in Allentown."

Teacher—"Don't you know that our Saviour was born in Bethlehem?"

Willie—"Well, I knew it was somewhere down the river."

Who is the Fellow ?

Dad—"Daughter, ain't you a lot fatter than you were before I sent you to the girls' school?"

Daughter—"Yes, father, I now weigh 140 when stripped for gym."

Dad—"And who in thunder is Jim?"

He's a Real Meany

Wife—"John, do you know that next Sunday will be our 25th wedding anniversary?"

Hubby—"You don't say. Well, what about it?"

Wife—"Nothing, John, only I was just thinking that perhaps we ought to kill those two Rhode Island Reds."

Hubby—"But, Martha, how can you blame those Rhode Island Reds for what happened 25 years ago?"

What Medicine is This ?

TESTIMONIAL: "Before my wife took your medicine, she was so terribly nervous I could hardly sleep with her. Now, since she has taken two bottles, anybody could sleep with her."

All in the Family

He—"So your son now has both his B.A. and his M.A.?"
She—"Yes, but his P.A. still supports him."

Died Happy

NEWS ITEM: "Rastus White died Sunday from eating too much 'possum. It had always been his lifelong ambition."

None of Her Business

Mother (calling upstairs)—"But, Johnnie, I cannot hear you saying your prayers."

Johnnie—"I'm not talking to you. I'm talking to God."

That's all, folks. We can't for the life of us see what keeps the girls from freezing these days. Maybe it's not intended for us to see.

—"SCAT."

CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINATION ANNOUNCED FOR SENIOR VET.

The United States Civil Service Commission has announced an open competitive examination for the position of senior veterinarian (animal disease research), $4,600 a year, in the Bureau of Animal Industry. Applicants must have completed a course leading to a degree in a college or university with major study in veterinary medicine, and in addition, must have had certain specified experience.

Full information may be obtained from P. O. State College, Pa., Secretary of the U. S. Civil Service Board of Examiners, at the post office or customhouse in Washington, D. C.

Lands on One Wheel

Just as the pilot of an American Airlines transport plane was about to land his ship at the airport in Newark, N. J. he discovered one of the wheels of the landing gear was stuck. After advising airport officials of his plight, he circled the airport for an hour and ten minutes before attempting the dangerous landing. Finally, the pilot, B. C. Moore, executed a "one wheel" landing, bringing the ship to the ground safely. The seven passengers were only slightly shaken up.

The advice may be a bit early but a subscription to The Centre Democrat makes a fine Christmas present.

It Won't Be Long Now !

Modern Etiquette

1. Should the person for whom a toast is proposed rise?
2. When speaking to a person, when passing on the street or in a public place, is it improper to call his name?
3. Shouldn't a hostess wait for at least a half hour if a dinner guest is late?
4. Is it proper to say "please" or "pardon" when one does not understand what someone says?
5. Should a boy or girl in school hold up his hand for permission to talk while another pupil is talking?
6. Should an usher at a wedding offer his arm to a woman guest, whether he is acquainted with her or not?
7. Should a man refer to his wife as "the wife" or "the Mrs.?"
8. Is it necessary to acknowledge an invitation to an informal luncheon?
9. When introducing a mother and her daughter to someone, whose name should be mentioned first?
10. Isn't it all right to serve children first at the dinner table, so that they may finish and go out to play?
11. Should a man give his seat to a woman who is standing in a street car or bus?
12. Where should the bride's attendants meet before proceeding to the church?

Answers at bottom of column.

Sunday School Lesson

THE NEED FOR CHRISTIAN WORKERS.

International Sunday School Lesson for November 21, 1937.

GOLDEN TEXT: "Let us not be weary in well-doing; for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not."—Galatians 6:9.

Lesson Text: 1 Corinthians 3:10-15; Galatians 6:6-10.

When we consider the subject of our lesson for this week—the need for Christian workers—we realize that probably no man in the history of the Christian church knew more about this subject or felt the need for Christian helpers more deeply than did Paul, the Apostle. Surely, no man worked harder for the cause of Christ and no one needed and longed for faithful loyal consecrated workers than did he.

In 1 Corinthians 3; 10, Paul likens his life work to that of an architect—a masterbuilder—by the grace of God. He it was who went about from country to country, from city to city, making the plans and laying the foundation for the establishment of churches wherein the gospel of Christ might be preached and believers strengthened. Because he could not linger long in any one place, it was necessary for him to leave the actual building up of the church to other Christian workers. However, he cautions them, and those who followed them, to be careful how they built upon the foundation which he had laid. What was that foundation? "Other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ."

We are all builders and what the results will be will depend on the materials we use. We can either select the best—gold, silver, precious stones—those which will be permanent, or we can use wood, hay of stubble which will deteriorate with the passage of time. This is as true in the construction of a building.

The true Christian will endeavor to build the finest structure possible on the sure foundation laid. He realizes that he is building for time and for eternity and that material which is imperishable must go into his building. The teachings, attitudes and principles of living which are to be found in Christ are the materials with which high Christian character is formed.

When Christ was on earth, he gathered about him the twelve with whom he worked and to whom he expounded his Gospel realizing that, after his departure trained workers would be necessary to carry on His work to his followers, immediately preceding his ascension, he gave the command that they go everywhere teaching and preaching, to the end that all might learn of him. The disciples, after Pentecost, went to work in earnest. Paul after his conversion on the Damascus road, turned from persecuting the believers zealously working for Christ. The rapid spread of Christianity which immediately followed was made possible because those who believed on and accepted Him went to work to tell others of Him and persuade them to accept Him also.

That, it seems to us, is the logical thing for every Christian to do. Having believed on Christ and accepted Him and the salvation which He offers, surely we should want to tell others about it and get them to do likewise. When we love a person, we want to do something for that person. If we sincerely love Christ, we shall want to do what he can for Him.

What can you do? There are any number of things that you can do. It is an interesting thing about Christian service—there is always something for everyone to do. It may be that you cannot fill a place of leadership in your church, not every one can do that. However, you can be faithful and loyal in the place you do fill. You may not be able to contribute much to His cause, but what you do give, will be blessed. You can be cheerful, neighborly, loving, gentle and kind. It doesn't cost anything but a little effort to do that. The cause of Christ may be helped on considerably by courtesy and kindness and the doing of everyday thoughtful deeds as much as by the doing of things which may seem to be more distinctly religious. Paul, in his writings, say over and over again, that we are to do what we can do, and if we do these things to the best of our ability, then we may rest assured that, in the end, we shall receive the Master's. "Well done!"

Paul reminds us that we are not alone in our Christian service, for we are "workers together with God." Our work is not our own little undertaking, but is a part of God's great task and purpose. Jesus stressed the fact that his work was not His, but was His Father's and to finish His Father's work was the goal toward which he constantly worked. Are you earnestly trying to be God's partner? If you are you will not easily become "weary in well-doing" because you will be conscious of the bigness of the task and the importance of its completion. If you are working with God, you will avail yourself of every opportunity to do "good toward all men and especially toward them that are of the household of faith."

Costly Change

It will cost the City of New York about $500 and the counties of Nassau and Suffolk about $2,000 to correct an error which appeared on the ballots and voting machines. Justice Alfred J. Hofmann is listed as Hoffman and upon his insistence, and by order of the Court, the correction must be made.

Family Needs Mattress

Mrs. Jean Noll Harris, State Nurse in the Bellefonte area, reports that a destitute family near Bellefonte is in dire need of a mattress. Any person having a mattress to contribute to the family is requested to call Mrs. Harris at her offices in the Court House. The telephone number is 394.

Answers to Modern Etiquette

1. No. After the toast has been given he may rise to acknowledge it and speak a few words.
2. It could not be termed improper, but it is preferable merely to say, "How do you do." Some people do not like for their names to be called publicly.
3. No. Fifteen minutes is the maximum length of time, and she is perfectly justified if she does not wait longer than five minutes. Nothing is more rude and ill-bred than for a dinner guest to be late.
4. No. It would be better to say, "I'm sorry, I didn't understand you." "What did you say" is all right, if said in the right tone and not too abruptly.
5. No; it is rude to do so, and the teacher should not permit it.
6. Yes, it is his duty to do so.
7. No; this is very crude. He should refer to "Mrs. Walker," "my wife," or "Helen," depending upon the person with whom he is talking.
8. Yes, and not only necessary, but it should be acknowledged immediately.
9. The mother's name.
10. Not unless one wishes to make the children selfish, rude, and ungovernable. The adults should always be served first, the children taught patience and these common laws of etiquette.
11. Yes; regardless of present day observation, it is still the gentlemanly thing to do.
12. At the home of the bride.

Query and Answer Column

M. E. B.—Of what woods are bowling balls and pins made?

Ans.—Usually, bowling balls are not made of wood. The formula consists of a composition of hard rubber specially treated. Bowling pins are made from maple.

P. C. B.—How many American Legion Posts are there in the United States?

Ans.—There are 11,392 Posts and approximately 950,000 members.

R. L.—Did Charles Darwin consider becoming a physician;

Ans.—It was intended that he should follow his father's profession of medicine, but it was a subject which failed to attract him after a year's experience. It was said that "Anatomy disgusted him and that the operating theater horrified him."

R. P.—What does a small "D" on a coin mean?

Ans.—It denotes that the coin was issued from the Denver mint.

R. S.—What is the best time of year to war on rats?

Ans.—The late fall. It is at this time of year that they move from fields and ditches to barnyards and villages. Rat-proofing of habitations is the most important step. Poison and traps are also of great assistance.

C. S.—How old was the youngest graduate of Harvard Law School in the 1937 class?

Ans.—The youngest graduate of the class of 1937 was 21 years of age. For some years, it has been one of the requirements for the degree of Bachelor of Laws that the candidate be 21 years of age.

H. W.—In what year did the largest number of airplane accidents occur?

Ans.—Recent figures show that 1929, with a total of 137 accidents, was the worst year in the history of aviation.

C. J.—Does bamboo grow very rapidly?

Ans.—In Ceylon, where it is native, it has been known to grow sixteen inches a day.

W. W.—How many times does a cow chew during a day?

Ans.—A dairy cow uses about 41,000 jaw movements a day in chewing.

H. K. W.—Do more seven-month babies survive than eight-month babies?

Ans.—Many seven-month babies survive, especially with modern incubator care. The number of eight-month babies surviving is probably not far below the survival rate of normally born babies.

C. R.C.—Which of the woods are hard and which are soft?

Ans.—Hard wood is the wood of the deciduous or broad-leaf species, that is, the trees which shed their leaves. They include maple, oak, birch, hickory, beech, poplar, gum, chestnut, mahogany, walnut, cherry and teak. Soft woods are the woods of the evergreen needle-leaf trees and include white pine, yellow pine, spruce, cedar, Douglas fir, hemlock and cypress.

W. H.—How much bile is secreted by the liver?

Ans.—The liver secretes from thirteen to thirty ounces of this fluid daily.

B. N.—How large is Pere-la-Chaise, the famous Paris cemetery?

Ans.—It covers some 200 acres and dates from 1804. It occupies the site of the large garden of the country house built for Francois d'Aix de Lachaise by Louis XIV.

F. W. M.—Why is it unlawful to salt land in the planting of crops?

Ans.—A surplus of salt will kill vegetation, and is also conducive to soil erosion.

G. G.—On April 28th last, President Roosevelt requested a 15 per cent cut in all government employment. Has this been done?

Ans.—That request was not enacted into law and therefore not mandatory. However, discretion was used, and where it was deemed expedient to economic conditions the cut was made.

T. G.—What makes an automatic rifle work? Is it the recoil from the shell or the air rushing in the end of the barrel? Will a silencer work on an automatic? What makes a gun crack and what causes a recoil?

Ans.—The mechanism of the ejector chamber forces out the empty shell and automatically replaces it with a loaded shell. It is said that a silencer will work on an automatic, but we have no authority on that point. The firing of a shell is caused pricipally because the force has a tendency to follow the course of least resistance. Hence it will "kick" more or less, dependent upon the quantity of powder in the shell and the tightness of the bullet. The "choke" of the barrel will also cause the gun to "kick." The explosion creates a vacuum, and air rushing together causes the "crack" same as thunder and lightning.

F. P.—A customer wanted a piece of cheese but the grocer had no means of weighing it. He did have a three-fourth size piece of cheese and a three-fourth pound weight. With these he contrived to weigh the full size piece of cheese. How much did it weigh?

Ans.—This is one we will have to give up. However, we will submit it to our readers in the hope that somebody will solve this puzzling problem.

K. F.—Why does silver turn black when exposed for a long time to the air?

Ans.—The air contains a small amount of sulphur gases, usually derived from the sulphur contained as an impurity in coal and other fuels. Silver has a great affinity to sulphur. It takes up the sulphur gases out of the air and forms a black compound called sulphide of silver.

D. D.—What and where is the Sacred Tank?

Ans.—The Sacred Tank is at Ulwar, India. By the natives it is considered the holiest of holies in all India, and no visitor is alowed to approach this temple without removing their shoes.

E. M.—Do pineapples and cotton grow on trees?

Ans.—No. The pineapple grows from a plant similar to that of cabbage. Cotton also grows on a plant similar to potatoes, except that the plant is from two to three feet tall.

O. S.—Is it possible for the sky to fall down?

Ans.—No. Because the sky is not anything solid. It is merely the way the air looks to us as we look through it. We are really looking out into infinite space through a blanket of air.

A. H.—Where is Mason's and Dixon's Line? And why was it so named?

Ans.—Mason's and Dixon's Line is the boundary line between Pennsylvania and Maryland, and was so named from Charles Mason and Jeremiah Dixon, two English surveyors, who located it between 1765 and 1767. As it was not completed by these two men a portion was finished by others and followed a course through the Ohio river to the Mississippi river, thence westward through the southern boundary of Missouri. The term has become popular as applied to the line between free and slavery States. However, Missouri was a slave State.

W. W.—How long is the Niagara river? And is it higher than the level of Lake Ontario, into which it flows? If not, how come the fall of water at Niagara Falls?

Ans.—Niagara river is 34 miles long, and the river level is 326 feet higher than the sea level of Ontario.

H. D.—What is an ocelot?

Ans.—An ocelot is a carnivorous mammal found in the warmer parts of America. They belong to the cat family and are of a very bloodthirsty disposition. They will not attack man only in protecting their young, or if they are very hungry.

T. P.—Why is a certain class of people in Ireland called "Orangemen?"

Ans.—The Orangemen is a society in Great Britain—particularly in northern Ireland. The official title is the "Loyal Orange Institution," and was founded by William III, prince of Orange, in 1690. The primary object of the society was to keep Roman Catholics from the ascendency to the throne of Great Britain.

T. Y.—Is it true that the Panama Canal project failed once and was abandoned?

Ans.—Yes, it failed twice before it was undertaken by the United States. In 1881 it failed under De Lesseps, a Frenchman, De Lesseps formed a new company in 1894, but when he died of fever the project was abandoned. The United States began the work in 1904 and completed the job in 1914 under the direction of Gen. Goethels.

Garden Produce Well—A half-acre home garden this year produced vegetables worth $151.51. This garden produced enough for a family of eight persons. The vegetables were used fresh, canned, and stored, say Penn State vegetable gardners.

IT'S EASY TO BE MISTAKEN ABOUT
STOMACH TROUBLE
Stomach sufferers should learn how famous UDGA TABLETS curb the distress and pain of ULCERS, GAS ACID INDIGESTION, belching, heartburn, constipation, etc., due to stomach acid. This CONVINCING FREE Trial may prove your first step to happy stomach comfort. No cost. No obligation. Ask for FREE Sample of Udga at
WIDMANN & TEAH.

FOR COLDS-COLDS
TRY
COLE'S COLD-BREAKERS
They break Colds quickly, because they open the bowels, kill the Cold germs and fever in the system, tone the entire system and fortify against further attack. Ask for
COLE'S COLD-BREAKERS