

The Humane Christmas.

We have now come to the holiday buying season, when the people of Bellefonte and other sections of Centre county are going to spend a large sum of money for gifts and other purchases.

There must be a large number of people each year who get all tired out because of this mountain of extra work. There are millions of people who during this period have to do twice as much work as usual.

Christmas is supposed to bring peace and good will to men. There does not seem much peace and good will in the scenes often witnessed during this period.

People start out on their Christmas purchases with a real desire to give happiness. The nice gifts they select create that pleasure and satisfaction, but they should think of the work they make for others.

The way to do that is to begin their Christmas shopping early and spread it over a wider period.

Speed on slippery roads aggravates this danger. The man who drives 50 miles an hour on such roads, is in far greater danger than the one who is satisfied with 25.

The American people are asked as usual to buy Christmas seals to aid the campaign against tuberculosis.

It could be practically wiped out, if the campaign of education against it could reach every family and persuade all to take necessary precautions.

Damage estimated at about \$50 resulted last Wednesday morning when cars operated by George Doolittle, of Pittsburgh, and J. G. Stone, of Warriors Mark, collided on a curve on the detour between route 322 and Port Matilda.

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Some natives of Greenland believe that the souls of dead people occupy the seals body.

Waste Newspaper Union.

EPISCOPALIANS AT LOCK HAVEN TO OPEN CHURCH

Reconstruction of Edifice Destroyed by Fire and Flood in 1936 is Completed

BISHOP WILL BE IN CHARGE OF SERVICES

The vestry of St. Paul's Episcopal church at Lock Haven has announced the reopening of the new church which will be held Friday evening, December 10, at 7:30 o'clock.

ROBBERS LOOT NEW POSTOFFICE

Entrance Gained by Means of Ladder Placed at Second Story Window

The new Muncy postoffice was entered Sunday night or early Monday morning and the safe opened by using an acetylene torch. The loot was undetermined, as postoffice and state authorities were searching for fingerprints and other clues before taking an inventory.

The new federal building located on the southeast corner of Main and High streets was completed this spring. It was dedicated on May 29.

SNOW SHOE RESIDENT INJURED IN AUTO CRASH

Miss Pauline Lucas, aged 27, of Snow Shoe, was brought to the Centre County Hospital here late Wednesday afternoon after the car in which she was riding left the road and overturned south of Centre Hall.

The operator of the car, B. E. Shank, of Snow Shoe, sustained a cut of the forehead and a bruised knee. According to State Motor Police, Shank was attempting to pass a car driven by Samuel H. Gross, of Centre Hall, on the crest of a hill when an approaching truck forced him to cut in quickly.

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FOOTBALL HERO AT HOME

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ARMORY, GARAGE DESTROYED IN LEWISBURG FIRE

Nearly \$100,000 Damage Results When Blaze Started By Lamp Spreads Quickly

STORED AMMUNITION ADDS TO DANGER

Headquarters of Troop G, of the 103rd Pennsylvania Cavalry, located on the second floor of a two-story building on Market street, Lewisburg, was destroyed by a fire which followed an explosion Sunday afternoon, causing nearly \$100,000 damage and injuring four persons.

The fire started shortly before 2 o'clock in the rear of the Diehl garage, where James Kale, was repairing an automobile gas tank. A steel plug in the feed pipe was blown against a trouble lamp, smashing the globe and firing the gas. Kale was badly burned about the arms and hands.

The first explosion was followed shortly by other blasts of gasoline. The blaze spread rapidly to the armory upstairs where 25,000 rounds of machine gun and rifle bullets were stored. The bullets burst in the heat and smashed against the armory walls. In addition, bullets were found the next morning in the outside walls of buildings in the vicinity.

Capt. Daniel G. Snyder, commanding officer of Troop G, estimated the Guards' loss at \$50,000. This includes, in addition to the ammunition, one machine gun, 54 rifles, 48 automatic pistols, 50 troop uniforms and other equipment.

The roof caved in during the height of the blaze, endangering the lives of firemen. The high flames and huge volumes of smoke attracted more than five thousand spectators to the scene.

While en route to the fire, a fire police patrol overturned at the southeast approach to the Lewisburg bridge. The five occupants escaped serious injury and the truck was only slightly damaged.

MILL HALL LADY ARRIVES AT 91

Mrs. Gussie Palmer on Tuesday of last week celebrated her 91st birthday at her home in Mill Hall, where she resides with her son, A. T. Palmer.

She spent the day reminiscing, recalling the older days and relating tales of the Civil War period. In her usual good health, Mrs. Palmer was also in a jovial mood and smiled benignly upon the huge display of gifts presented to her by a large number of friends and neighbors who called to offer their felicitations.

Mrs. Palmer relates that she was born in 1846 in the old dwelling built by her father, the late Samuel Hunter, situated in the rear of the Romig Department Store. She has spent entire life in that vicinity.

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TWO ALTOONA WOMEN INJURED BY AUTOS

Mrs. Sarah Keckler, 53, of Altoona, was injured when she stepped suddenly from behind parked cars at Seventh avenue and F fourth street directly into the path of an approaching machine driven by Paul L. Fry of Altoona. She was treated at the hospital for bruises.

Mrs. Harriet Tucker, 56, a colored woman, was treated at the Mercy hospital dispensary for fractures of three ribs and bruises of the body, suffered when struck by an automobile at Ninth avenue and 24th street. The driver of the car was Theodore Young of Altoona, who claims the woman dashed directly in front of the car.

3 HOLDUP MEN GET BLACK EYES AS LOOT

Three gunmen got a sock in the eye instead of money in an attempted holdup of P. N. Paller, 58-year-old sporting goods store keeper at Franklin.

First Pennsylvania Hermit



Johannes Kelpius, religious recluse, lived in cave near Philadelphia.

Historian Eulogizes Name Poe of Famous Landmark

One or two more names and we are through. With J. Herbert Walker and the late Prof. J. H. Chatham, and full years ago we were seated on the sunlit porch of Jonas J. Barnett's cabin with the rippling waters of Karoon-dina below, while the aged wolf hunter told the saga of the titanic plumes of Poe Valley and how a giant wolf followed him out of Poe Valley, on the snow, Christmas eve, 1863.

Why not Barnett Park, after one of the greatest Pennsylvania woodsmen and hunters? "Woodenly Walker Gherriety, the last of the Pennsylvania hermits, died at his home in the mountains. Walker had spent many years alone in his cabin close to Poe Valley. He was a good, generous and kindly soul like most anchorites, the last of an illustrious line which began with Kelpius, the Rumanian, on the Wissahicwon in 1694, William Wilson, the Silent Monk, on the Susquehanna in 1770, "The Wild Boy" of Potter county, "Tom Miller" of Clinton county, "Hairy John," of the Woodward Narrows and others.

Gherriety had spent long hours in meditation in Poe Park, so why not call it "Walker's Rest"? It does, however, set an evil precedent to lamper with anything bearing the deathless name of Poe, and 50 years from now the same sentiment will hold inviolate the glamorous names of Seeger and Kilmer in our forests.

Yet if a new name for Poe Park is of the "must" variety let it be descriptive and local and not hackneyed, conventional and general like Monsee or Lenape.

CLEARFIELD PLANT DAMAGED BY FIRE

An early morning fire Monday caused an estimated \$2,500 damage to the upper story of the plant office of the Robinson Clay Products Company at Clearfield, firemen fighting the flames for more than two hours before bringing them under control. Known to have started near the fire on the roof, the fire, whose cause was not determined, destroyed the entire upper story.

A FOWL REHEARSAL

George Armbrecht's turkey staged a rehearsal the day before Thanksgiving at his home in Washington, N. J. The live turkey was in the cellar when Armbrecht and his wife turned off the draft of the coal range, opened the oven door to keep the room warm and then left their house. They returned several hours later to find the turkey comfortably settled in the oven. The cellar apparently was too cold.

The possession of a fur coat doesn't make the wearer any more important than she would be without it but what one thinks is another matter.

\$15,000 LOSS AS BIG BARN BURNS

Blaze Started by Kerosene Stove, Destroys Building and Contents

Fire which destroyed the barn at the Gus Lienhardt farm at Allport Tuesday afternoon of last week caused damage estimated at approximately \$15,000.

The fire, which was discovered at 3 p. m. destroyed the huge barn, farm machinery, including a valuable threshing machine, hay, grain and a cow.

Investigation by Garth Lindsay, Phillipsburg fire chief, revealed the fire had started by a kerosene heater on the barn floor.

There was no insurance. Mr. Lindsay stated.

The farm, which is near Whispering Pines, is occupied by Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Webb, and a sister of Mrs. Webb, Miss Linda Lienhardt.

The blaze was discovered by Mrs. Webb, who was the only one home at the time. Mr. Webb had been working in the barn but at the time the fire broke out was at the home of a neighbor.

Mrs. Webb liberated the live stock. A number of hogs ran back into the building but were rescued by neighbors. Five cows were brought out of the building but one returned and was burned to death.

The structure, all the hay, grain, farm implements and other contents were destroyed. All were owned by Mr. Webb, except the threshing machine, which was the property of Roy Hubler, also of near Allport.

Mr. Webb said the loss, including the Hubler threshing machine, would be approximately \$15,000.

The fact that the barn was covered with a tin roof and the quick response of Phillipsburg firemen prevented the fire from doing more damage. The tin roof kept sparks from flying to other nearby buildings. Firemen played two streams of water on the house and outbuildings. The summer kitchen and several sheds caught fire but were extinguished.

WOMEN'S CLUB HOLD MEETING

One hundred and forty members of the Bellefonte Women's Club attended the November meeting, Monday the 22nd, at the Presbyterian Chapel.

In the absence of the Club's President Mrs. Ralph Blaney, Vice President Mrs. Edward Miller assumed charge.

Five new members were welcomed to the Club and five pledges were sponsored.

It was decided to hold an open meeting for the public in January at the regular meeting, at which time Professor E. K. Stock, Supervising Principal of the Bellefonte Public Schools will discourse on "Bellefonte Schools." Any questions will be willingly answered at this meeting on the foregoing subject.

The entertainment which was in keeping with the Yule time spirit was begun by group singing of Christmas carols, with Mrs. Paul Beaver conducting.

The Drama Department under the supervision of Mrs. Louella Cheesman and Mrs. Osborne Lambert presented a one act playette, entitled "The Supreme Gift." The characters in the cast who displayed unusual acting ability were:

Mrs. Helen J. Carner, Mrs. Paul Eberhart, Dorothy Eberhart, Mrs. John Lambert, Mr. Herman Hazel, Barbara Lantz, Mrs. Edward Wagner.

Mrs. Henry J. Arvinen of the music section, in her usual charming manner sang a group of Christmas carols in her native Finnish tongue.

A most beautiful rendition of "Goddard's Berceuse" from "Jocelyn" was presented as a violin duet by Mrs. Louis Schad and Mr. Richard Walker.

A selected chorus from the music section sang a group of traditional carols: "The Moon Shines Bright," "The Babe of Bethlehem," "Deck the Hall." The closing number on the program was presented by Mrs. Marlin E. Rumberger, who very ably sang "O Holy Night." A very enjoyable social hour followed.

Oldest Woman's Face in the World

What happened 30,000 years ago when a sacrilegious stone-age gentile broke the most sacred taboo of his time and carved the first human portrait. One of many features in the December 5th issue of the American Weekly, the big magazine distributed regularly with the Baltimore Sunday American. Your newsdealer has your copy.

BIDDLE AGAIN HEADS POMONA

Second Ballot Decides Close Election as Grange Head is Named for 4th Term

The annual meeting of Centre County Pomona Grange held in Grange Arcade, Centre Hall, recently was largely attended members of the order from many of the Subordinate Granges in all parts of the county being present.

The chief interest of the members centered about the election of officers, especially that of Master. There were three nominees for the office—L. E. Biddle, the incumbent; V. A. Auman and Howard Miles. It required a second ballot to decide between Mr. Biddle and Mr. Auman, the latter having served six years as secretary. By a small margin Mr. Biddle was re-elected for his fourth term.

During the past six years he has been in office longer than about a 40 per cent increase in Grange membership throughout the county. Mr. Biddle also is serving his second term as steward into the State Grange organization.

Others named to elective offices were: Secretary, Raymond Brooks; present Treasurer of Centre county; Treasurer, Joseph Owens; Overseer, Harry Fisher; Lecturer, Mrs. Phoebe Chronister; Steward, Frank Keller; assistant Steward, Clair Fisher; Chaplain, Mrs. Howard Miles; Gatekeeper, John Reasick; Ceres, Marie Harpster; Pomona, Mrs. Fred Marple; Flora, Bessie Johnson; lady assistant steward, Anna Musser; telephone director, H. L. Ehrlich; Samuel Conz, J. W. Delaney, M. A. Burkholder, J. B. Wert, Executive committee: George H. McCormick; finance, George W. Ralston; fire insurance auditor, W. F. Rishel.

Other items of business on the program in addition to the formal welcoming by Master of Progress Grange M. A. Burkholder and response by Joseph Owens, included a program surrounding Thanksgiving given by the Pomona Grange members, and the presentation of the flag to Pomona Grange. Rev. Robert Leidligh, of Pine Grove Mills, was the principal speaker on the program.

At the noon hour members lunched together from baskets brought by them. In the evening the ladies of Progress Grange provided a delicious banquet at 35 cents per plate. Fifty-one persons were served.

WALKER TWP. P. T. A. TO MEET AT HUBBERSBURG

The Parent-Teachers' Association of Walker Township will meet Tuesday evening December 7, in the High School Building at Hubbersburg. Cyrus Hoy, veteran teacher, will give a talk on Pennsylvania membership 1, 1887 the State of Pennsylvania ratified the Constitution of the United States, being the second state in the Union so to do.

Prof. L. A. Fawcett, will present a synopsis of a Parent-Teacher Lecture given recently by Prof. Meyer, of Ohio. Mrs. David Barrett will give a report of a conference for the South Central District which was held several weeks ago at Lewisburg.

BE YOUNG AT ANY AGE NOTED AUTHOR URGES

Habits, not years, make a person old. Gelett Burgess, noted author, recently told an audience of more than 1,000 persons at the National Book Fair in Rockefeller Center. If a person is not youthful at any age, he declared, it is his own fault.

"We're told that a woman is as old as she looks and a man is as old as he feels," said Mr. Burgess who is himself 71 and has just published the book, "How to Look Eleven Years Younger." "I say a man or woman is as old as he or she acts. Some of us are older because we acquire unthinking, meaningless habits that make us look older; and because we lose our curiosity and our enthusiasms."

DEMOLISHING FORMER MILL HALL BRICK PLANT

Work of tearing down the Harbison-Walker Refractories plant at Mill Hall was started last week when the stacks were dynamited. Machinery and material from the building had been removed a couple of years ago. The plant was built in 1898 by the Clinton County Brick Works Company. It was later sold to the Fredericks-Munroe Company and in 1902 taken over by the Harbison-Walker Company who operated it until a few years ago.

There's no doubt but that it is the little things that count. Take the newspaper business for example. Ye editor writes a little innocuous piece for the paper and forgets about it until someone storms into his office in a rage over something he imagines was said. When the scribe writes something that really has some fire in its makeup, and lives in dread for the storm he feels sure will follow, nine times out of ten the storm turns out to be nothing but a little blow. It's that way with a lot of other things. You go reluctantly to a gathering expecting a horrible time, and have an excellent evening. You stand an even function expecting it to be a red letter occasion, and find yourself wishing for a scissors to cut out paper dolls.

Will the fortune tellers get together and tell us what the prices of cotton and wheat will be next Fall if the growers produce as much in 1938 as they did in 1937?

8. O. S. How does a person go about setting a two-year-old boy a band for Christmas?

Edward C. Brosius, landlord at the Hairy John restaurant and 1224 1/2 N. 10th street, has a band for Christmas.

Dr. W. F. Wagner, of Hartleton, who for the past five years has been devoting practically all of his time to the collection of valuable historical records from the archives of the War Department in Washington, has a mass of material of inestimable value to Centre County, but is at a loss to whom to entrust it so the work will be properly preserved. Most of the material consists of depositions made by Centre County revolutionary soldiers in an open court as they sought to prove their right to pensions. Most of the depositions detail the activities of the individuals during the entire war, and this feature, together with the fact that all the statements are properly documented, makes Dr. Wagner's collection a most valuable one. Some agency in Bellefonte by all means should make an effort to secure the material, since the originals in Washington are rapidly becoming illegible through age, and since Dr. Wagner needs only the assurance that they will be properly used and valued to present them to the county. Dr. Wagner's system of recording the records is a painstaking and thorough one. He spends the winters in Washington, where he visits the government offices and transcribes in longhand the voluminous statements. During the summer months, which he spends at his comfortable home in Hartleton, he transcribes, edits and indexes the notes taken the previous winter.

It's a cock-eyed world. While baby books devote pages in telling mothers how to train their children while they're still mere infants, the man who invented a doll baby that wets its diapers finds them taking the country by storm.

A Bellefonte merchant, asked how business is, quipped: "It was good—the last we had."

This column was crowded out of last week's issue and therefore we can't crow over the fact that in this department predicted that Bellefonte High would defeat State College High by 7 points in the Thanksgiving Day game. You'll have to take our word for the prediction, which, if we do say it ourself, was not half bad. Bellefonte defeated State College by 6 points.

The Smith and Brown families are well represented on the Centre County registration lists. A survey of the records in the Court House reveal that 289 Smiths are eligible to vote in the County, while 86 members of the Brown family are registered. If placed end to end the County's Smiths and Browns would extend nearly half a mile, which is something for any candidate seeking county office to take into consideration.

By POP MOMAND

'KEEPING UP WITH THE JONESES'—What! Bathing Suits?



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