IMPORTANT NEWS OF TOWNS IN CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA

CAMP INVITED TO DEDICATION

Palmyra P. O. S. of A. Will Open New $15,000 Hall With Ceremonies

RAILROAD TOWER MOVED

Halifax Rubber Company Builds Addition to Plant to Fill Increased Orders

Halifax, Pa., Aug. 11.—Washington Camp No. 576, P. O. S. of A. is in receipt of an invitation from Camp 192, of Palmyra to attend the dedication of their handsome new $15,000 hall, which will take place on Labor Day, September 3. All the state and national officers are expected to be present. — Jacob Reisch, of Pittsburgh, spent several days at the home of his uncle, Frank Matter. — Constable Ross E. Zimmerman has been appointed as a game warden by the State authorities. — The old railroad town a short distance above the Halifax station was abandoned on Wednesday and the operators took up their work in the new tower just below Loowis' crossing a mile and a half above town. — Mr. and Mrs. Joseph E. Epler spent Sunday at Atlantic City. — A. P. Ettien spent Monday at the home of his son, John P. Ettien at Northumberland. — Halifax Rubber Company has had an addition built to their factory on Fifth street in order to give them a greater floor space, when the electric current is turned on in town, this company will greatly increase their number of employes and will operate the plant day and night to keep up with the increasing demand for rubber goods. — H. S. Potter and family spent Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Wagner, at Matamoras. — Harry J. Brought, formerly of town, is critically ill at his home at Harrisburg. — Mrs. Emma Wilver, of Washington, D. C. spent Tuesday at the home of her sister, Mrs. Lewis Wagner. — Mrs. Harry Bowman, who had been ill for several months is now able to move about her home. — Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Bogar and son, Robert, Steelton, spent Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Metzgar, in Second street. — Mrs. Ray Beattie, who spent several weeks at the home of her brother, Charles Knouff, returned Saturday to Portsmouth, Ohio. — Charles H. Rutter and his bride, of Marysville spent th eforepart of the week at the home of his mother, Mrs. Hannah Rutter. — Dr. and Mrs. L. S. Marshall have returned home from a visit to Atlantic City. — Carrie Lebo and family, Ernest Koppenheffer and Daniel Miller motored to Palmyra on Sunday and visited James Nelson and family. — The Rev. A. I. Callow has returned home from a visit to his daughter at Rosemont. — Alfred Clemson, of Harrisburg, spent Sunday at his home on the island near town. — Professor and Mrs. S. C. Beitzel are spending the week at the home of their son, Frank Beitzel, at Philadelphia. —Raymond and Austin Barrow, of Philadelphia, are paying a visit to the home of their grandmother, Mrs. A. I. Collom. — Miss Ellen Calder, of Steelton, is visiting her grandmother, Mrs. Ellen Bishoff, who is ill. — Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Keiter and little daughter, Dorothy, of Dauphin, spent Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lucy B. Enders. —Mrs. George Bowman is paying a visit to the home of her daughter, Mrs. W. L. Pike, at Hummelstown.

T. A. H. Society Takes Trip by Auto to Shrewsbury

Mount Wolf, Pa., Aug. 11.—T. A. H., a society of young women, journeyed to Shrewsbury by auto on Monday evening and were entertained at the home of Miss Evelyn Trout. — Alpheus Aughenbaugh, proprietor of the Goldsboro Shirt Factory, with his wife and child, is spending several days as the guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Aughenbaugh.—Harry Melhorn, of Parkin, Ark., who is visiting his parents, has gone on a business trip to New York City, Philadelphia and Baltimore.—Charles Kohr, assistant cashier of the Union National Bank, spent Sunday at Middletown and Hershey.—Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Rodes, of Richmond, Va., are guests of the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Rodes.—Mrs. Kirk Swann spent the week-end at Middletown and on Sunday motored to Hershey. While at Middletown she was the guest of Mr. Swann's parents.—Mrs. Joseph Crim, Mrs. Lester Stoner and Mrs. Richard Gledhill, all of York, spent Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. H. M. Bower.—Miss Katharine Eichelberger, of York, spent several days with her cousins, Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Wolf.—The Rev. H. B. Bower spent Monday at Pine Grove as the guest of the Rev. Harry S. Dollman. —Henry Wolf spent Sunday at the Penn Grove Camp.—The Rev. Clayton Zuse, of Congress, N. J., spent a day with his brother, the Rev. H. W. Zuse. Mr. Zuse has been spending a two weeks' vacation in Maryland and Pennsylvania.—The Rev. Paul M. Kinports, Aspinwall, Pa., pastor of the Lutheran Church, is spending several days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Kinports.—Professor J. A. Stein, Dallastown, will speak in the churches of the Star View charge to-morrow in the interest of the fund for ministerial education.—Mrs. Harry Eichelberger, son Frederick and daughter Katherine, of York, and Miss Rudy Ness, of Baltimore, Md., spent Wednesday with Mrs. H. M. Bower.—Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Kinports are entertaining at their home Miss Maude Forman, of Lebanon.—Mrs. G. A. Livingston and children, Warner, Edward and Donald, are visiting friends at Downingtown.—Mr. and Mrs. George Hoff and Mrs. Henry Hoff have gone to Atlantic City to spend several weeks.—Harvey Brennaman and family spent Sunday at New Freedom.—Mrs. W. O. Knaub, who has been spending several weeks with her sister, Mrs. Harry Jacoby, at Detroit, Mich., has returned home.—Mrs. Nettie Bartzley, of Ortanna, who has been spending some time with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Diehl, has returned home.—Mr. and Mrs. Harry Knauss, of Harrisburg, spent the week-end at the homes of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Linebaugh and Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Farcht.—Postmaster and Mrs. Hummer, son Charles, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Sweitzer motored to Gettysburg and Boiling Springs on Sunday.—Harry Stewart, of Baltimore, is visiting his cousin, Edward Bloss. —Harry Beck, of Harrisburg, was the guest of John Graybill.

Editor's Son in Officers Training Camp at Niagara

HENRY J. SMITH

Columbia, Pa., Aug. 11.—Henry J. Smith, a graduate of the Columbia High school, class of 1912, and who graduated fourth in a class of over one hundred at Lafayette College last year, is in the training camp at Fort Niagara, having passed the examination for the Aviation Corps, which he will enter. He is 23 years old and a son of Henry I. Smith, editor of the Item, at New Oxford, Adams county.

Cottages and Bungalows at Dauphin Filled With Guests

Dauphin Pa., Aug. 11.—Miss Ida Rothenberger, of Reading, is spending several weeks with Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Frantz, at the Bide-a-Wee.—Miss Ruth Sheffer left on Thursday for Alexandria, Va., where she will be the guest of Miss Marian Smith. From there she will go to Washington for a short visit.—Mrs. David Novinski and children, David and Ella, are spending the month with Mrs. Novinski's parents, Mr. and Mrs. George W. Heck. — Harry Young, of Atlantic City, spent the week-end here with his family, who are spending the summer with Mrs. Young's father, T. G. Sweitzer.—Mr. and Mrs. C. Wayne Singer and Mr. and Mrs. Frank J. Wallis motored to Mount Gretna to-day to spend the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Fackler.—Mrs. Thomas Poffenberger, of Harrisburg, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Freeman C. Gerlerich, at The Elm Tree.—Miss Gladys Berkheiser, of Harrisburg, spent several days with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Swartz at The Wren cottage, Speeceville.—Mr. and Mrs. Eby, Mrs. Dunmoyer, of Lancaster; Mrs. Frank Snavely and Clayton Snavely, of Hershey, motored to Dauphin on Saturday and were the guests of Dr. and Mrs. William P. Clark.—Miss Gertrude Gross, formerly of New York City, is spending several weeks at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Shaffer.—Miss Dorothy Singer left yesterday for Cold Springs cottage, Williams Groce, where she is visiting her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Singer.—Edgar Wilmot Forney, a member of the Quartermaster's Corps, stationed at the arsenal, at Harrisburg, spent the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey C. Forney.—Mrs. Jessie Benton Evans, of Chicago, was the guest of Mrs. Sabra M. Bell, on Sunday.—Miss Bertha Sellers is spending several weeks at Toledo, Cleveland and various cities in the Middle West.—Charles S. Gerberick spent the week at Atlantic City.—William Corbett, of Bellview Park, Harrisburg, was in town on Sunday.—Miss Mildred Florence Lybarger, of Reading, arrived on Thursday to spend several weeks with Miss Sabra Clark.—Mrs. J. E. Williams and daughter, May, have returned home after a short visit with Mrs. Williams' sister, Mrs. William Miller, at Enola.—Mrs. Benjamin Gruber, who is ill at her home in Swatara street, is greatly improved.—Miss Matilda Ritter, of Harrisburg, was the guest of Miss Anna Hoffman, on Sunday.—Miss Anne Miller and Mrs. Wayne Singer spent Thursday at Williams Grove. —Mr. and Mrs. George Fite, of Harrisburg, were recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy McKissick.—Harry Bowman, of Renovo, spent several days with his sister, Mrs. Samuel Maurey.—Miss Martha Hoffman, of Steelton, was the guest of her aunt, Miss Emma Bailetts.—Harry Miller, Jr., is spending several weeks at Atlantic City.—Mr. and Mrs. Dinger and family, of Harrisburg, are spending the month of August at the Fisher cottage, Speeceville.—Miss Elizabeth Poffenberger has moved here from her former home in Sunbury.—Miss Emma Keeney, of Rockville, is visiting Miss Ethel R. Forney.

Union Sunday School Picnic at Forney's Grove

Union Deposit, Pa., Aug. 11.—The Sunday schools of the United Brethren, Lutheran and Reformed Churches will hold their annual picnic on Saturday, August 18, in Forney's grove, near Hoernerstown. The Citizens band will furnish music.—Mr. and Mrs. C. V. Clippinger, son Ray, of Auburn, N. Y., and Mrs. G. L. Blanch, of Chicago, are spending the week with the women's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Landis.—Preaching services will be held to-morrow morning in the United Brethren Church at 10.30 o'clock by the pastor, the Rev. George W. Hallman.—Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Landis and son, Cassel, of near Linglestown, visited the former's brother, Addison Landis, and sister, Miss Agnes Landis, on Sunday.—Miss Margaret Hartman, after spending some time with her grandmother, Mrs. Maggie Hartmen, has returned home to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hartman, at Steelton.—Miss Anna Blatt is spending some time at Linglestown with her friend, Miss Irene Brehm.—Frank Schaeffer, of Lebanon, a former resident, spent Tuesday among his friends here.—Miss Margaret Ebersole is spending some time at Palmyra visiting her brother, Allen Ebersole.—Emanuel Miller, of Sergeantsville, N. J., was a recent guest of Mrs. Andrew Miller.—Mr. and Mrs. A. Glatfelter, son, Lester; daughter, Ruth; Paul Yingst and Claude Willow spent Sunday at Richfield.—Mr. and Mrs. John Parthemore, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Parhemore, of Oberlin, were entertained by their aunt, Miss Lizzie Parthemore, on Thursday.—Mr. and Mrs. John Shoop and their son, Ira, and his wife, entertained as guests on Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Shenk, Miss Emily Cameron and brother, Theodore Cameron; Harold Comerer, Daniel Comerer and Andrew Comerer from Newville, and Fred Rittner, of New York.

30 YOUNG MEN ENLIST FOR WAR

Mount Union Has Sent Away Good Percentage in Addition to Drafted Men

COMFORT KIT FOR EACH

Red Cross Classes Formed For First Aid and Home Nursing

Mount Union, Pa., Aug. 11.—Up to the present time Mount Union has furnished thirty young men who enlisted, besides many who will be drafted. The local chapter of the Red Cross is busily engaged making a comfort package for each of these young men.—A class in first aid and one on home nursing is to be started by the local auxiliary of the Red Cross next Tuesday evening. There will be twenty in each class. Drs. Maxwell and Herkness will instruct the classes.—Ganister Hill is being kept under quarantine owing to there being ten cases of diphtheria there at the present time.—Misses Helen and Ruth Taylor have returned from a short vacation. They visited at the home of Miss Mary B. Fike, a former teacher of Latin and German in the local schools.—Miss Ruth Cunningham, of New Granada, spent the week at the home of Dr. C. A. R. McClain and family. — The Misses Frederica and Mary Julia Hackman, Reba Wagner, Isabella Postlethwaite and Reba Weirick have returned to Mount Union after taking a six weeks' course at State College.—Mr. and Mrs. Walter Moore, of Bridgeport, W. Va., are visiting Mr. Moore's brother, J. Frank Moore, and family. —Dr. John S. Eisenburg, for the past year a dentist at Conemaugh, has been appointed a first lieutenant in the United States Army. He is now visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jerome G. Eisenberg. — Roy Bowman and family, of New York city, are visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Norris.—The board of education has announced the opening of the schools for Monday, September 10. The teachers were all placed upon an efficiency salary basis and will receive increases amounting to $5 to $15 per month.

Juvenile Members of Class Working For Red Cross

Mechanicsburg, Pa., Aug. 11. — The juvenile members of Mrs. David Watts' knitting class are making progress. They have already completed 75 wash cloths for the soldiers. Some are knitting scarfs and wristlets. The class meets once a week and the members are children from 7 to 12 years of age. Forty seven are enrolled.—The Rev. Mr. and Mrs. J. Ellis Bell, of the Methodist Episcopal church left on Monday for a week's outing at Ocean Grove, N. J. —Mr. and Mrs. Gordon M. Warner and family, of Harrisburg spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. J. K. B. Brandt, South Market street.—Mrs. A. A. Eshelman and daughter entertained Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Eshelman and grandaughter, Mary, of Shiremanstown, at their home, Iest Heaven, on Sunday. — Miss Genevieve Segar, of Canton, Ohio, who was visiting at the home of her brother, W. L. Segar, East Marble street, returned on Monday.—This evening a festival will be held by the Singer Band on the lawn at the rear of the Rescue Hook and Ladder House. Sandwiches, homemade cake and ice cream will be on sale.—St. Paul's Reformed Sunday School held their annual picnic on Wednesday at Boiling Springs Park. On Tuesday, August 14th Trindle Lutheran Church will picnic at Boiling Springs Park, and a good time is assured.—Miss S. Edith Swartz and Miss Hattie J. Happle spent the week-end at the home of the latter's brother, Harry Happle in Millerstown.—Members of the woman's organized Bible class of Trinity Lutheran Sunday School had a delightful picnic at Paxtang Park, Harrisburg on Tuesday.—A meeting of the Woman's Chirstian Temperance Union was held in the Methodist Episcopal church on Wednesday afternoon. — Mechanicsburg was well represented at the Odd Fellows Aeunion at Pen-Mar on Tuesday.—Mrs. J. K. B. Brandt, Mrs. Louis A. Diller, of Mechanicsburg, and Mrs. William Boyd, of Harrisburg enjoyed a picnic at Paxtang Park on Monday.—Miss Eleanor Parker, spent Wednesday in Carlisle.— W. A. Beck has accepted a position with the Pipe Bending Works at Harrisburg.

Youth Made Ill by 14 Glasses of Lemonade

Elizabethtown, Pa., Aug. 11. — Clyde Coble was somewhat indisposed as the result of drinking fourteen glasses of ice cold lemonade.—Mifflin Russell has returned from a visit of several weeks with relatives at Reading.—Miss Mabel Bolt was the guest of relatives at Bismarck.—Miss Kathern Heisey is visiting relatives at Bainbridge.—Mrs. Monroe Sweigert and two sons were the guests of relatives at Neffsville.—Henry Landis spent several days with relatives at Lititz.—Misses Anna Olweiler and Grace Heisey were the guests of friends at Colebrook. —Nelson Heisey was the guest of friends at Hershey on Wednesday.—Claude Breneman and Vyrle Binkley were guests of friends at Colebrook. — Albert Galebach and Edward Brandt were guests of friends at Lebanon and Jonestown.—John Root resigned his position at the Kreider shoe factory to accept a position with the Pennsylvania railroad at Altoona.—Harry Beck, of Cleveland, Ohio, is visiting friends here.—Mrs. Harry Honafius and daugher, Mabel, were guests of relatives at Lancaster.—Miss Marie Bowers, of Dauphin, is the guest of Miss Minnie Foltz.—Charles H. Wormley was a recent visitor at Harrisburg.—Miss Huldah Gantz and Miss Grace Shearer were the guests of friends at Hershey.—Mrs. C. C. Hicks and son, Charles, of Maytown, are the guests of the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Gise.—Mrs. C. H. Kinsey and son were guests of relatives at Middletown. — John Barnhart, of Wormleysburg, visited his mother, Mrs. Kate Barnhart.—R. Ross Keller and R. Lauer Keller, were the guests of friends at Hershey.—Miss Ella Sheaffer, of Philadelphia, is the guest of Mrs. J. C. S. Horst and daughter, East High street.
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Lewisberry Minister Offers Services to Y. M. C. A.

Lewisberry, Pa., Aug. 11.—The Rev. E.J. Huggins, of Bowmansdale, his services as a religious work director in the army branck of the Y. M. C. A., for such a period as may be needed.—Mr. and Mrs. Edward Hammond and Bennett Hammond, who were guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Hamond, left Tuesday for a visit to Washington. home at Washington.—Miss Ellen Reiff, of New Cumberland, arrived Wednesday and is the guest of her mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Reiff.—The Rev. E. J. Hugins, of Bowmansdale, and the Rev. L. E. Wilson, of town, will exchange pulpits to-morrow morning.—Mr. and Mrs. George W. Smith and Mrs. Dorning, of Baltimore, and Mark Wenger, of Washington, who were guests of Mrs. Mary S. Myers, returned Sunday to their homes. Miss Ruth Wenger, of Washington, is spending several weeks with her aunt, Mrs. Myers.—Mr. Fuehrer left Tuesday after visiting at the Methodist parsonage, as the guest of his daughter, Mrs. L. Ethel Wilson. — The Lewisberry Methodist Episcopal Sunday school will hold its annual picnic in Park's Grove adjoining the Emanuel Cemetery, on Saturday, August 25. The Linden band, of York, will furnish music.—The Rev. E. J. Wilson left Tuesday for a visit to Washington. —Charles Reed, of Lancaster, is the guest of his grandfather, Darius A. Shader. — Mrs. Samuel W. Purvis, daughter Ruth and son Robert, of Philadelphia are guests of the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Hammond, Mrs. Hammond returned from a trip to Ocean City, N. J.—John Groom and sister, Mrs. Lulu Weidman, of Carlisle, were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. D. G. Brinton. —Robert Bair, of Cly, is a guest of his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Brinton.—Miss Esther Schubauber is visiting relatives at Elizabethville.—Lewis C. Wise, of York, was a guest of his sister, Mrs. G. J. Stayer. — Millard Sutton, of Lemoyne, is a guest of his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Webster Millard. — John A. Kilmore, of Mechanicsburg, was a Sunday guest of Mrs. Annie Laird.—Mr. and Mrs. Nelson and two daughters, of Mt. Holly Springs, were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Crone.

FINE COAL TAKEN FROM WICONISCO

Millersburg Electric Light Company Pumping 200 Tons From Stream Daily

USED FOR MAKING STEAM

Roy C. Arbogast Buys Plant of Old Millersburg Herald From J. B. Seal Estate

Millersburg, Pa., Aug. 11. — The Electric Light Company has more than trebled their output of Wiconisco creek coal since their new digger and washery are in operation. Upwards of 200 tons are now being taken out daily and the huge coal pile reminds one of the dirt banks at the mines. A much finer grade of coal can now be used because of the introduction of moving grate bars under the boilers. Other coal producers along the Wiconisco creek are Samuel Ditty and N. M. Freck who have taken out hundreds of tons for which they find a ready sale for steam purposes.—Roy C. Arbogast, of Middleburg, has purchased the printing outfit of the late J. B. Seal and will install modern printing machinery, including a linotype and in a few weeks expects to be in shape to do all kinds of printing work. Mr. Abogast will also issue a weekly paper under the old name of the Millersburg Herald.—Miss Olah B. Smith has accepted a position as messenger for the Postal Telegraph whose office is near the Pennsylvania railroad passenger station.—Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Heckert, of Gearhart street, announce the birth of a daughter on Monday.—Weldon W. Watkins is at Atlantic City this week.—Miss Helen Fairfax, of Williamsport, is the guest of T. H. Ransom and family—H. W. Rowe, of Middleburg, was the guest of his family, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Rowe, Market street.—J. H. Klingman was at Barberton, Ohio, on a business trip.—Cyrus Novinger has returned from a visit to western relations, having been gone several months.

Bellwood Vocalist Sings at Blain Reformed Church

Blain, Pa., Aug. 11.—Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Wentzel, of Bellwood, sang Sunday morning in the Zion's Reformed Church.—Miss Helen Bryner. of Lancaster, is the guest of Perry county friends.—Miss Helen Rebok, of Millerstown, is visiting Miss Edith Bistline.—Miss Myrtle Collins has returned from a visit at Harrisburg.—The Rev. R. W. Woods, of Pittsburgh, who visited his old home here, went on to Northfield, Mass to attend the lecture conference there. —Miss Sara Smith visited her brother, Jay Smith, at Pittsburgh.—Dr. W. H. Flickinger, of Blain, has accepted a position as medical examiner in the relief department of the Westinghouse Company at Pittsburg.—Miss Le Effa Schreffler and Miss Nellie Shreffler, of South Dakota, are the guests of their aunt, Mrs. H. M. Hall.—Miss Mary Kistler and Mrs. A. F. Bucher, of New York, are visiting their mother, Mrs. Caroline Kistler.—Miss Hulda Rice, of Harrisburg, is the guest of C. H. Wentzel.

ST. JOHN'S ANNUAL PICNIC

Berrysburg, Pa., Aug. 11.—St. John's annual Sunday school picnic is being held in Henninger's grove to-day. An interesting program was followed this morning and a band concert was given by the Berrysburg band this afternoon.—The Red Cross Auxiliary, of Berrysburg, will hold an ice cream festival and cake walk on the public square this evening. Music will also be furnished by the band.—William Bohner, of Boone, Iowa, is visiting in town.—Visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Morris Samuel are Mr. and Mrs. John Stover and sons, Orion, Clifford and Nelson, of York; Joseph C. Daniel and Walter Butterworth, of Philadelphia; Mrs. William Lance and children, Franklin, Elnor and Doris, of Norristown; Mr. and Mrs. George E. Copenhaver and son, Daniel, and John Daniel, of Hershey.—Mrs. Sylvester Painter and daughter, Mary, and Florence Bender, of Philadelphia, and Mrs. Lewis Barrett and son, Gordon, are spending a week under the parental roof here. —Mrs. Norman Engle and three children, of Penbrook, are visiting the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Keboch.—Professor F. D. Keboch and family, of Windber, are enjoying country life in and about town.

FRANK BLACK RESIGNS AS HIGHWAY CHIEF

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jected to as "political" by the Commissioner.

Letter of Resignation

Mr. Black's letter is as follows:

Harrisburg, Aug. 11, 1917.

Honorable M. G. Brumbaugh,
Wayne, Maine.
My dear Sir:

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the second instant in which you request my resignation as Highway Commissioner of Pennsylvania, effective August fifteenth.

In defense of myself and my friends generally throughout the state, I feel it my duty to make the following statement:

The reasons as set forth in your letter, especially those pertaining to the manner of oiling roads, are so ridiculously small and insignificant that they are not worthy of a reply.

As for your other reasons pertaining to the matter of legislation, would say that you have on file in your office complete reports of all legislation affecting the Highway Department and a reference to these will show our suggestions as to what to do with the same. You had full knowledge of all bills affecting this department before taking any action. I also presented to you a detailed statement of the policy of the department in which the distribution of all funds to which you now take exception. I want to say that I intend publishing this list, as prepared, and let the public be the judge whether I am right or wrong. Your criticism of this method of procedure is not well taken, as you touch it in too small a way. It is a proposition that affects the entire state and the people are certainly entitled to know what disposition is being made of the money appropriated to this department.

Governor as Censor

As you requested, this statement was presented to you before being given out for publication and, inasmuch as you disapproved of the same and I did not allow it to be published, I certainly cannot see that I have been unfair to you and any criticism as to censorship certainly must rest with you.

The policy of the department as to the distribution of its funds has been announced from time to time, as you know, and is well known to the public, that policy being that the money would be divided equitably and that each county would get its just proportion. I gather from your letter that you do not desire to treat all the counties fairly and evidently wish the money paceled out to favorites. The fact that many counties have offered to meet the state on a "fifty-fifty" basis in the construction of state highway routes is an indication that the State Highway Department has the confidence of the public, and if the money appropriated is to be used for political purposes it will subject the department to endless criticism and will be a crime for which you and your political advisers will have to answer. Since I have been in office there has been no mystery connected with the Highway Department and its work has been known to you as well as to the public generally.

Real Issue "Beclouded"

The way I look at this proposition is that all the statements made by you are made with a view of beclouding the real issue for requesting my resignation. It has been my aim to run the department along business lines instead of being used as a political asset. I have refused consistently, as is well known to yourself and your close political associates, to turn the department into a political machine. At your own personal order, contrary to the judgment and advice of the department, I appointed four superintendents whose appointments were insisted upon by you solely for political reasons, to take the place of men of experience, and in each case these appointees very soon realized their inability to handle the work and resigned voluntarily, which simply illustrates what it would mean if the work of the department were handled along political lines.

Continuous efforts have been made during my administration to force changes and removals for political reasons, the practice of which I could not countenance. Such methods tend to completely demoralize any organization, because of consistently changing ineffective and inefficient personnel and in this way the department must lose the confidence of the taxpaying public.

Inasmuch as every indication points to the fact that it is your idea that the work of the Highway Department should be handled along political lines without reference to the public's interests, it affords me great pleasure to tender my resignation, effective August fifteenth, as I do not care to be associated in any way, shape or form with work handled along these lines.

Very truly yours,
FRANK B. BLACK,
State Highway Commissioner.

Proposed Distribution

Statement of proposed distribution of state highway appropriation of six million dollars given out by Mr. Black follows:

County.	Mileage.	Amount.
Adams	140.22	$75,267 01
Allegheny	129.73	69,636 21
Armstrong	134.51	72,202 01
Beaver	115.50	61,997 86
Bedford	237.99	127,747 79
Berks	189.77	101,864 36
Blair	76.53	41,240 85
Bradford	177.18	95,106 32
Bucks	177.12	95,074 12
Butler	153.61	82,454 46
Cambria	139.68	74,977 15
Cameron	50.38	27,042 88
Carbon	34.60	18,572 52
Center	213.98	114,859 76
Chester	247.51	132,857 92
Clarion	127.10	68,224 48
Clearfield	139.91	75,100 61
Clinton	110.87	59,512 57
Columbia	109.15	58,589 32
Crawford	197.87	106,212 26
Cumberland	108.70	58,347 77
Dauphin	97.66	52,421 74
Delaware	74.28	39,871 87
Elk	72.96	39,163 32
Erie	189.25	101,585 23
Fayette	126.10	67,687 77
Forest	71.63	38,449 41
Franklin	167.37	89,840 53
Fulton	133.47	71,643 76
Greene	98.93	53,103 45
Huntingdon	200.26	107,495 16
Indiana	194.97	104,656 60
Jefferson	130.59	70,097 84
Juniata	97.50	52,336 85
Lackawanna	56.39	30,268 91
Lancaster	225.58	121,086 37
Delaware	97.01	42,410 83
Lebanon	81.97	43,999 69
Lehigh	56.50	35,695 74
Luzerne	164.42	88,257 03
Lycoming	254.91	136,830 07
McKean	172.96	92,841 12
Mercer	136.75	73,404 39
Mifflin	73.38	39,388 77
Monroe	139.44	74,846 32
Montgomery	199.70	107,194 55
Montour	31.67	16,999 76
Northampton	71.91	38,599 70
Northumberland	127.80	68,600 22
Perry	126.28	67,784 32
Pike	123.77	66,437 01
Potter	139.75	75,014 72
Schuylkill	132.57	71,160 66
Snyder	82.00	44,015 79
Somerset	187.77	100,790 80
Sullivan	101.60	54,536 64
Susquehanna	202.95	108,939 09
Tioga	168.13	90,248 48
Union	67.43	36,194 94
Venango	131 05	70,344 75
Warren	138.84	74,526 25
Washington	170.58	91,563 59
Wayne	132.21	70,967 42
Westmoreland	247.26	132,723 72
Wyoming	96.16	51,616 57
York	210.46	112,970 29
Totals	9008.38	$4,835,500 00
Reserved for routes in boroughs		750,000 00
Reserved for engineering, 5 per cent.		254,500 00
Reserved for balances on 1915-16 contracts		160,000 00
		$6,000,000 00

Chestnut Street Widening May Go to Council Soon

With preliminary arrangemtns completed for widening Chestnut chestnut street at the approach of the Mulberry street bridge and the elimination of the dangerous curve there, ordinances will probably be introduced at Council on Tuesday, providing for the necessary street changes, and vacating of property. Samuel Fishman, owner of the property at Fourth and Chestnut streets, will begin building operations some time next week, to prepare for the development of the site.

LOWERY ARRESTS ASSAILANTS

James Williams and Chairman Peterson were arrested at Fourth and Walnut streets last night by Patrolman Harry Lowery. As the officer rounded the corner he saw the two men attack a white man, throwing him to the ground. Lowery collared both the negroes.

PATROLMAN BREAKS ARM

Patrolman Charles Davis, who broke an arm at the Grocers' Picnic, Thursday, is improving at his home, 1327 Green street.

Jitney Owners and Drivers Take in More Members at Meeting

Jitney drivers and owners held a meeting at Fifth and Hamilton streets last night to effect a stronger organization.

The hearing to be held before the Public Service Commission next Tuesday was extensively discussed. Twelve new members were taken into the organization. Officers said after the meeting that all but about twelve jitneymen of the city now belonged. The officers who presided were H. L. McLoughlin, president; A. J. Smith, vice-president; Harry Staub, treasurer and William Diemler, secretary.

Street Solicitors Draw Heavy Fines at Hearings

Three colored girls, charged with soliciting a city official, were fined $5 each at police court yesterday afternoon. Marie Smith, Reading, and Ella Wilkins, Easton, were unable to pay their fines, but immediately sent telegrams to friends, who forwarded the money. Bessie Cummings, 643 Calder street, paid her fine.

Alderman Nicholas asked if any one present knew Bessie's police record. Detective Hyde Speese volunteered to give the desired information, reminding the judge at one time she had served eight months for larceny.

Playground Attendance Was 40,000 Last Week

Attendance last week on the city's playgrounds totalled more than 40,000, acording to an approximate estimate made to-day by Supervisor Ford, form reports cards submitted by instructors at each city pay plot. From present indications the attendance this year wil far exceed the 200,000 mark. Last year the total was 167,000. Volley ball teams of the various playgrounds wil play championship games next week. The section leagues have played practically all scheduled games, leaving only the championship battles.

CLEARINGS DECREASE

New York, Aug. 11.—The actual condition of clearing house banks and trust companies for week shows that thew hold $72,035,370 reserve in excess of legal requirements. This is a decrease of $96,700,510 from last week.

Lightning Strikes Church Belfry at Elizabethville

Elizabethville, Pa., Aug. 11.—During a heavy thunderstorm on Monday lightning struck in the belfry of the Lutheran church, at Bauder's bakery and at the home of Roy Schriver, also setting fire to the Romberger reduction plant.—Miss Frances Swab, of Harrisburg, is the guest of her aunt, Hannah Swab.—Mrs. A. A. Bastian, of Pittsburgh, and Mrs. Park Miller, of Philadelphia, are visiting their parents Mr. and Mrs. Valentine Hoke.—Isaac D. Bechtel, of Reading, spent several days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Bechtel.—Mrs. Emma Neumaker has moved into the Leiter house in North Market street.—Harold Keefer Matter enlisted in the Regular Army at Harrisburg on Tuesday.—The North Market Street Juniors picnicked at Crow's Landing, opposite Millersburg, on Tuesday.—John Buffington, of Newport, is spending several weeks with his brother, I. T. Buffington.—Mr. and Mrs. Nathaniel Buffington entertained Harrisburg guests on Sunday and Monday.—Edwin Bechtel has resumed his work at the Harrisburg National Bank. Mr. Bechtel had joined the National Guard but could not pass the examination.—Cashier H. H. Hassinger spent Tuesday at Harrisburg.—Melvin Romberger and family, of Sunbury, were recent guests of his parents here.—Harry Walters and family, of Camden, N. J., are the guests of his mother, Mrs. John Schreiber.—Mrs. John Miller and children, of Harrisburg, were recent guests of her sister, Mrs. Isaac W. Mattis.—Mrs. Charles H. Uhler, of Harrisburg, is spending some time with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Bertsfield.—Miss Sara Swartz, of Philadelphia, is spending a vacation with her mother here.—Miss Edna Lenker, of Philadelphia, is spending a vacation with her parents here. —Ellwood Miller, of York, spent several days with his mother here. —Mrs. Mary Schantz, of Pennsburg, visited helatives here.

NEWVILLE BOYS ENLIST FOR WAR

One in Aviation Corps and Four in Ammunition Train ply Train Report For Duty

EACH GETS COMFORT KIT

Reception at the Burkholder Home in Honor of Son Who Recently Married

Newville, Pa., Aug. 11. — Rufus Hilbush, Eugene Martin, Gilmore Witmer and Samuel Dunkleberger, who have joined the Ammunition Truck Company, left for Mount Gretna. Samuel Stouffer, Jr., also offered his services with the aviation corps and left for San Antonio, Texas.—The Red Cross Auxiliary provided each of the soldier boys with a comfort bag. The bags are made of linen and contain the following useful articles: Testament, stationery, stamps, drinking cup, scissors, mirror, darning cotton, thread, needles, wash cloth, soap, cold cream, tooth paste, talcum powder and foot ease. A number of the above articles were contributed by the merchants of the town.—A reception was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Burkholder in Broad street in honor of their son, Frank, who was recently married to Miss Jennie Miller, of Kerrsville.—The Rev. Dr. George M. Reed is spending a short vacation at Pittsburgh. On account of his absence there will be no preaching service in the United Presbyterian Church to-morrow.—The annual picnic of the United Presbyterian congregation will be held in the church grove on Wednesday, August 15.—Miss Lucy Hays, of Harrisburg, visited her sisters, Mrs. Belle Swope and Miss Jennie Hays, for a week.—Clair Landis and family, of Newport, autoed to the home of his mother, Mrs. Mary E. Landis, and spent a short time.—Miss W. A. Hefflefinger ,of Harrisburg, visited friends for several days.—Mrs. W. Grant Fry, of Camp Hill, spent several days with relatives. On Sunday Dr. and Mrs. E. W. Remsberg and two children, accompanied by Mrs. Fry, autoed to Middletown, Md., to visit their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Remsberg.—Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Fullerton, of Jackson, Mich., are visiting Mrs. Fullerton's sister, Mrs. Elmer Hollenbaugh.—Miss Grace Kyle, district nurse of Shippensburg, was a guest at the Gracey home, in Parsonage street, for several days.—Mrs. Frank Weaver and two children, of Harrisburg, are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Miller, in Broad street.—The Rev. and Mrs. Carl C. Rasmussen are spending a vacation with the former's parents at Detroit, Mich.—Robert H