

TIMELY NEWS OF CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA AND CITY'S SUBURBS

MUSKRAT WORKS HARD FOR DRINK

Bore Holes Through 28-Inch Ice on Lake Royer, Pen Mar

Waynesboro, Pa., Feb. 28.—They must manufacture something thicker and stronger than twenty-eight-inch ice to keep muskrats from getting a drink. This was demonstrated at Lake Royer, near Pen Mar, during the hard January and February frosts, when ice that thick froze on the upper lake (the lower one being dry).

Muskrafs infest that region in great droves and they have their subholes in the marshy soil along the banks of the lake. Here they loaf and drowse the long winter days and nights away, except when they go out for forage or for a drink. Usually in the neighborhood of streams there are always some clear places in the ice where they can crawl up to and get their drink, but this winter every drop of water was frozen to the ground all about and on the lake there was a solid mass of twenty-eight inch ice.

It would puzzle a man to bore down through that amount of adamant and make a hole, but the task was manifestly not of surpassing difficulty for the rodent. He bored down through the twenty-eight inches of crystal and got his drink. Not only one hole did he drill, but a number of them. Night after night they would freeze shut again, but the boring machine was on the job early next morning and thus some half-dozen good artesian wells, or drinking fountains, were kept open in the ice on the lake.

FREIGHT TRAIN RUNS WILD Hagerstown, Md., Feb. 28.—A freight train on the Western Maryland railroad on Monday ran wild down a four-mile decline between Helmetsetter, Pa., and Cumberland, Md., and narrowly escaped colliding with another train going east. Application of the emergency brakes slackened the speed of the train until it reached George's Creek Junction, where it ran into an automatic derailer, partly piling up the train and blocking the county road. The accident was due to the crew failing to set the brakes on the train after the engine had been detached.



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Sunday School Roll Shows Long Attendance Records

Liverpool, Pa., Feb. 28.—The honor roll for perfect attendance during the year 1917-1918 of the Liverpool Methodist Episcopal Sunday school contains the following names: Superintendent S. Maurice Shuler, Mrs. S. Maurice Shuler, W. L. Lehman, Alvin Williamson and Mrs. T. J. Williamson. The records also reveal the fact that this is Superintendent Shuler's seventeenth year as a regular attendant at every Sunday school session and Mrs. Shuler's fifteenth year. Another record is that of the Sunday school treasurer, W. W. Holman, who has served as treasurer of the Methodist Sunday school for twenty-six years.

EXTENDING TELEPHONE LINE Blain, Pa., Feb. 28.—The Perry County Telephone and Telegraph Company has its linemen at work placing new arms on the poles of the line extending from Blain to New Germantown, on which new wires will be strung to divide the New Germantown line, containing thirty phones.

WIFE SOCIETY ENTERTAINED Dauphin, Pa., Feb. 28.—The Wife Society of the Presbyterian Church met with Mrs. G. D. M. Reed and Mrs. Harry Reed at their home in South Erie street. After the regular business meeting, the evening was spent socially, the women knitting. Refreshments were served to Mrs. Sarah Sponler, Mrs. George Gilday, Mrs. W. F. Reed, Mrs. Freeman C. Gerberich, Mrs. George Keiter, Mrs. Amanda Meyers, Lebanon; Miss Anna R. Miller, Miss Ora Bickel, Miss Helen Hemminger, Paul Gilday, Russell Reed, Mrs. J. D. M. Reed and Mrs. Harry Reed.

ISAAC METZLER DIES SUDDENLY Marietta, Pa., Feb. 28.—Isaac Metzler, the last of a family of twelve children, died Tuesday night from a stroke of apoplexy, while reading a newspaper. He was 75 years old, and a retired trucker and gardener. During the Civil war he served in the Second Cavalry.

RIFLE CLUB REORGANIZES Liverpool, Pa., Feb. 28.—The Liverpool Rifle Club has reorganized with the following charter members: George M. Decker, Charles E. Decker, Maurice Shuler, Lester Lehman, Dr. F. P. DeHaven, Benjamin F. Lomer, Albert Miller, John Timmer and Harry Morris, and has rented a property in Tobyone township near New Germantown for a hunting lodge.

FIVE-YEAR CLAUSE TO BE ATTACKED

Ministerial and Lay Delegates Meet For Evangelical Conference

Reading, Pa., Feb. 28.—Ministerial and lay delegates to the twenty-fourth annual session of the East Pennsylvania Conference of the United Evangelical Church assembled this morning in the First United Evangelical Church at this place. The preliminary examinations of junior preachers was conducted yesterday and Tuesday by the conference board of examiners. The preachers presented their application for certificates and various orders.

Preparatory to the conference proper a missionary meeting was held yesterday afternoon, when the report of the missionary secretary was read. The popular missionary meeting was held last evening, when an address was delivered by the Rev. B. H. Niebel, of Penbrook, the general secretary of the denominational work. It is said that the ministerial and lay delegates from Lebanon county will unite in support of a resolution to abrogate the five-year limit clause of the conference, as a war measure. It will be urged that war economies demand that the practice of limiting a pastorate to five years be discontinued for this year at least. The resolution, it is said, will have the support of a considerable number of delegates already pledged to it. The general conference ruling on the subject is that the itinerant system shall never be abolished.

Among some of the improvements reported during the past year are the following: Reopening of Preheville charge, the Rev. C. M. Rothermel, pastor, cost \$520 and paid for; reopening at Mount Airy, by the Rev. L. O. West, total expense \$950; dedication of new Episcopal church at Shenandoah, the Rev. S. P. Sumpman, pastor, entire cost of improvements was \$14,000; reopening at Mt. Culmen, Bridgeville charge, the Rev. Roy H. Sinclair, pastor, cost of improvements \$550; dedication of new church at Palmerton, the Rev. E. R. Hart, pastor, total cost \$20,000. The following ministers of the conference died during the past year: The Rev. Henry Hepler, of Ashland, aged 78 years; the Rev. Josiah K. Knerr, Lebanon, April 27, aged 76 years; the Rev. A. H. Snyder of Allentown, April 10, aged 55 years; the Rev. James A. Fager, of Myerstown, September 23, aged 72 years; the Rev. Franklin Sechrist, Kleinletersville, October 21, aged 77 years.

GIRL HURT AT LAUNDRY Lewistown, Pa., Feb. 28.—Presence of mind and prompt action on the part of Mrs. R. Long, wife of the proprietor of the Keyston Laundry probably saved Miss Annie Singley from death on Tuesday evening. Miss Singley was working on a mangle in the plant when one hand was caught between the hot rolls of the machine. The girl uttered a cry of pain and the other girls employed in the plant became frightened and were helpless to render aid. Mrs. Long, who happened to be in the plant at the time, threw herself on the rapidly moving belt transmitting power to the mangle and stopped the machine. Miss Singley's hand was badly burned and crushed by the accident.

Narrow Gauge Track on N. & S. V. Completed

Blain, Pa., Feb. 28.—The narrow-gauge track has been completed from Bloomfield Junction to New Bloomfield, a distance of two miles, and the first train switched into New Bloomfield to-day, running, from Newport west. All regular passenger trains now running over the narrow-gauge Newport and Sherman's Valley railroad from New Germantown to Newport, east and west, a distance of thirty miles, will switch into New Bloomfield.

LANCASTER COUNTY DEATHS Marietta, Pa., Feb. 28.—Mrs. Catharine A. Kreider, aged 76 years, widow of John Kreider, died Tuesday night from a complication of diseases. She was a member of the Paradise Presbyterian Church, and taught in the Sunday school. Two children survive.

John G. Gantt, aged 90, the oldest man in Lineboro, died yesterday. He was a retired farmer. Two children survive.

Suburban Notes

NEWPORT Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Geary, Millberry street, announce the birth of a son, Nevyn Woodruff Geary, on Sunday, February 24, 1918. The regular monthly meeting of the Newport W. C. T. U. has been postponed until Friday, March 8, at 7.30 o'clock at the home of Mrs. M. B. Rensler.

The Rev. Rollin A. Sawyer, rector of the St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, of Harrisburg, will conduct special Lenten services in the Newport Episcopal Church, on Thursday evening.

Lieutenant Samuel Reen, of Blain, is the guest of J. Super. Lloyd Stephens, of Buffalo township, was at Newport on Monday. Clare Shull, formerly of Altoona, now of Baltimore, visited with his grandmother, Mrs. A. S. Whitekettle, Mrs. Myrtle Spittal, of Beacon, N. Y., has returned to her home after visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Shull.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Tarman and daughters, Jean and Helen, of Palmyra, have returned after visiting their son, Jacob Clouser. Walter Tucker, of Berwick, and Harold Tucker, of Newport, have returned to camp Meade where they are in training with the National Army, after visiting with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Tucker. J. E. Taitz, of E. Mead, and Robert Tomney, of Camp Meade, Md., spent the week-end at their homes here.

Mr. Charles B. Gantt is visiting at Harrisburg with her son and his wife Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Gantt.

HALIFAX Thieves broke into the cellar of the Halifax United Brethren Church last week and stole more than a ton of coal. Mr. H. S. Potter's Sunday school class of girls of the United Brethren Church, were entertained at a class social Tuesday evening at the home of Mrs. and Mr. C. C. Bender, Second street. A Parents-Teachers' Social will be held on Friday evening at the Shamrock school, in Halifax, where there will be a program consisting of music, recitation, dialog, pantomimes, etc., will be rendered and the patrons of the school are invited to attend. Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Chubb, of Sunbury, were weekend guests of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry S. Chubb, in Halifax township. Mrs. C. C. Bender spent part of Wednesday visiting at the home of her son, S. F. Bender, at Millersburg. Mrs. Thomas Lebrich visited relatives at Harrisburg, on Wednesday. The Rev. H. H. Fertig, of Enders, was in town on Wednesday.

ADAMS CO. READY FOR LOAN DRIVE

Advisory Committee Includes Editors and Bankers From All Parts of District

Gettysburg, Pa., Feb. 28.—Adams county is to be thoroughly organized for the drive for the third Liberty Loan. An advisory committee has been appointed, which includes every newspaper editor in the county, a representative from each one of the banking institutions, as well as many of the businessmen in sections where no bank is established and out through the rural communities. A system will be developed which will take in practically every person in the county when the time comes for making the canvass for the bonds. During the other loans the county did not come quite up to its apportionment, due perhaps to the fact that a complete canvass was not made. In this one it is planned that no one shall be missed. As the time for the drive approaches, a captain from each election district will be appointed, and he in turn will appoint a number of helpers. In this way it is thought possible to make a house-to-house canvass, thereby reaching many people who were not solicited in the other two drives. A preliminary to this plan, the "four-minute men" are busy, and each week a number of them are sent out to make speeches, and it is hoped to have a number of helpers. In this way these men in the interest of the Thrift Stamps and the War Saving Bonds is started.

Old Wierman's School May Not Be Rebuilt

Gettysburg, Pa., Feb. 28.—It looks as if the School Directors of Huntingdon township would not rebuild the schoolhouse at Wierman's Mill. The building was partially destroyed when the roof collapsed under the heavy weight of snow several weeks ago, just as the last person had gotten outside of the building at the close of school for the day. The pupils are now disbanded among four schools of the district and it is likely this arrangement will be continued. The land on which the building stands was donated to the school district by the Wiermans years ago and was part of a tract that had been deeded to that family by William Penn.

IMPROVING WATER FACILITIES Gettysburg, Pa., Feb. 28.—To improve their pumping facilities at the borough water works as well as to lessen the cost of the pumping, the Borough Council of New Oxford has decided to purchase one five-horsepower and one twenty-five-horsepower motor, both of the Liberty make, for the enginehouse at the pumping station.

ASKS LICENSE TRANSFER Gettysburg, Pa., Feb. 28.—Application has been made in the York county court for the transfer of the license of the Hotel Brooks to Winfield S. Schroder, of New Oxford, and the soon as the formality is gone through with, Mr. Schroder will become proprietor of the place, the present proprietor, J. A. Ring, staying with him as manager.

WRITES FROM FRANCE Sunbury, Pa., Feb. 28.—J. R. Patton, of Sunbury, a member of Company E, United States Railroad Engineers, now in France, in a letter to E. F. Yeager, a Sunbury merchant, declares that Pennsylvania boys are healthy and contented in France. He asserts that tales of German atrocities that sounded like myths while he was at home have been proven to be true.

IN HONOR OF BIRTHDAY Liverpool, Pa., Feb. 28.—Mrs. Frazier Reisinger entertained the Liverpool school on Monday evening in honor of Mr. Reisinger's sixty-sixth birthday. Covers were laid for sixteen.

MILLERTOWN Literary society meeting will be held on Friday evening at the high school. Lew Ullsh was a visitor at Harrisburg on Tuesday. Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Resinger and daughter, Carolyn, visited Mrs. Resinger's brother, Harry Kepner and family at Altoona, on Sunday. Prof. J. B. Lahr, of Philadelphia, spent Sunday with his brother, D. A. Lahr. Mrs. Maggie Blaney, of Altoona, is a guest at the home of John Ward. James Rounsey was a visitor at Harrisburg on Monday. Miss Helen Martin, a student of the Millerville Normal School, was home this week, to attend the funeral of her grandfather, Oliver Wright.

BLAIN James C. Rickard visited Eugene Showmaker at Harrisburg. George S. Endlow, of Mount Joy, came here Saturday on business. Mrs. S. Reigel, of New Cumberland, visited her daughter, Miss Margaret E. Reigal, who is supervisor of the Home-Making Department at the Blain Vocational school. M. S. Spotts is confined to his home by illness. Edward Hostetter has returned from Burnham, where he was employed. Miss Madeline Martin and Miss Mabel Anderson spent Sunday at the home of George Anderson, at Mount Pleasant.

PENROCK

The Rev. Walter Reiff Hartzell, of Walkersville, Md., has returned home after several days' stay among friends here. Mrs. S. B. Cassell visited relatives at Harrisburg, Monday. Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Lower Swatara Township, called on Mrs. George F. Shope on Monday. Mrs. Irvin Ricker, of North Third street, Harrisburg, visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walker Trullinger, at Raysorville Heights. Vernon G. Snyder, assistant bank examiner, is home after a two week's stay at Philadelphia. The Jonestown Road Literary Circle met in the home of the Misses Elizabeth and Caroline Rauch, at Progress on Monday evening. In the absence of the president, Mrs. J. A. Miller presided. Rev. Irene Shope is ill at her home in Main street. Charles W. Cron and Irvin Brets left for Camp Meade, Md., on Tuesday morning.

Penbrook Jr. Red Cross Starts With 300 Members

Penbrook, Pa., Feb. 28.—A Junior Red Cross unit has been organized in the Penbrook schools with a membership of approximately 300. The officers are: president, L. W. Bell; deputy chairman, Miss Grace I. Henry; secretary, Miss Ruth Fasnacht; treasurer, Miss Myrtle Acker. Friday afternoon after recess will be devoted entirely to Red Cross work. Members of the committee are: Miss Mae J. Levan, Miss Emma Giadhill, Mrs. Gertrude Nissler, Miss Mame Hoffmeister, Miss Emma Speck, Miss Ruth Fasnacht, Miss Vera Long, Miss Myrtle Acker, Miss Grace I. Henry.

Elmer H. Hoffman, Aged 28, Found Dead in Bed

Millersburg, Pa., Feb. 28.—Elmer H. Hoffman, aged 28, was found with his mother, Mrs. Ellen Hoffman, at Lenkerville, was found dead in bed yesterday morning. Mr. Hoffman was suffering from rheumatism and his condition was not considered serious. He was the only support of his widowed mother and two other children are on the army. He was a member of Washington camp, No. 290, P. O. S. of A., and Tahoe tribe of Red men. Funeral arrangements have not yet been made.

Sunday School Meeting Scheduled in County

Norman H. Johnson, a field worker of the Pennsylvania State Sabbath School Association, will address a series of district conventions to be held throughout Dauphin county under the auspices of the Dauphin County Sunday School Association. Mr. Johnson is a new field worker for the State Association. The schedule of meetings follows: Monday, April 1, Methodist Episcopal Church, Middletown. Tuesday, April 2, Lutheran Church, Oberlin. Wednesday, April 3, Church of God, Linglestown. Thursday, April 4, Centenary United Brethren Church, Steelton. Friday, April 5, Lutheran Church, Hummelstown. Saturday, April 6, Methodist Episcopal Church, Hummelstown. Sunday, April 7, Londonderry township, several meetings. Monday, April 8, United Brethren Church, Williamsport. Tuesday, April 9, First Baptist Church, Wiconisco. Wednesday, April 10, United Brethren Church, Gratz. Thursday, April 11, Lutheran and Reformed Church, Berysburg. Friday, April 12, Salem Lutheran Church, Elizabethtown. Saturday, April 13, Reformed Church, Halifax. Sunday, April 14, several places in Hanover township. Monday, April 15, Derry Street United Brethren Church, Harrisburg. Tuesday, April 16, Market Square Presbyterian Church, Harrisburg. Wednesday, April 17, Lutheran Church, Fishersville. Thursday, April 18, Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Harrisburg. Friday, April 19, Lutheran Church, Millersburg. Monday, April 22, United Brethren Church, Penbrook.

MARTIN-MOYER WEDDING

Marietta, Pa., Feb. 28.—Miss Sara L. Moyer was married yesterday to C. L. Martin, of near Elizabethtown, by the Rev. H. K. Ober, of the United Brethren Church. A wedding dinner followed at the bride's home. The groom has been drafted into the National Army.

FLOUR MILL CLOSED

Newport, Pa., Feb. 28.—As a result of violating the orders of the State Food Administration, the Bernheisel Flouring Mill, at Bridgeport, has been closed by William Dorwart, food administrator for Perry county.

MARRIED AT CARLISLE

Blain, Pa., Feb. 28.—The marriage has been announced of James K. Foote, of New Bloomfield and Miss Margaret L. Jacobs of Loysville, this county, which occurred on February 22, 1918, at the parsonage of the Second Presbyterian Church at Carlisle, the Rev. Glenn M. Shafer, Presbyterian pastor, officiating.

NEW MEMBERS IN RED CROSS

Liverpool, Pa., Feb. 28.—Mrs. Ellen Lebkicher, Mrs. Florence Hebel, Maud Kinsley, Mrs. F. P. Dilley, Chester Decker and Mrs. Margaret Sturtevant are the new names added to the Liverpool Red Cross this week, which brings the total membership up to the 200 mark, which was set by the chairman on membership. This, with a 100 per cent enrollment of the borough schools, in the Junior Red Cross Society, breaks all records for patriotism. Three-fourths of the entire population of Liverpool is now enrolled in the Red Cross.

PERRY CO. MILL CLOSED

Newport, Pa., Feb. 28.—Perry county's food administrator, Archbishop William Dorwart, intends to see that orders of State Food Administrator Heinz are strictly observed. And as a result the Bernheisel Flouring Mills, of Bridgeport, near Landsburg, are closed for one week. The officials had failed to observe rules provided for the production and distribution of flour.

DR. W. H. HOOPES BURIED

Newport, Pa., Feb. 28.—Funeral services of Dr. W. H. Hoopes, who died on Monday from a fractured skull, suffered when he was thrown from his sleigh, were held yesterday afternoon, conducted by Dr. R. M. Ramsey, of the Newport Presbyterian Church. Burial was made in the Newport Cemetery with Masonic rites.

BURIAL OF MRS. WM. FUHRMAN

Duncannon, Pa., Feb. 28.—Funeral services were held from Juniata Bridge this morning for Mrs. William Fuhrman, who died on Sunday from dropsy of the heart, aged 62 years. Her husband and four children survive.

TRIPLET LAMBS BORN

Blain, Pa., Feb. 28.—William C. Smith, a well-known progressive farmer, at Stony Point, has a fine flock of sheep and while a number of the ewes are giving birth to twin lambs, one ewe has brought to light a set of triplets. All three lambs are doing fine. The same ewe gave birth to triplets a year ago.

Cuticura Soap is Ideal for the Complexion

High School and Red Cross Combine For Entertainment

Bainbridge, Pa., Feb. 28.—Bainbridge High School and Red Cross Auxiliary have arranged an interesting program to be given in the High School room on Saturday evening at 7.30 o'clock, as follows: Music, by the Bainbridge orchestra; vocal solo, Miss Deanie Houck; reading, Mrs. Joseph Greer, of Columbia; piano solo, Miss Ruth Bucher, Elizabethtown College; sketch, "Joan d'Arc," Miss Susan Forrey, followed by a song, "Joan d'Arc, They Are Calling You," by High School girls; Red Cross talks, by speakers from Columbia; piano duet, Misses Landis and Good; playlet, "Borrowing Trouble," selection, by Bainbridge male quartet; spelling class, open to all; general information class, open to all. Three prizes will be awarded to each class.

NINETEEN BIG SUCKERS

Blain, Pa., Feb. 28.—Russell M. Johnson, of Blain, a well-known fisherman, went to the creek early on Monday morning with hook and line and landed nineteen of the finest suckers ever brought to town. The catch was made in Sherman's creek near Blain. Three of the largest suckers on the string weighed six pounds and five of them nine pounds. The longest one measured nineteen inches. The string of fish was a load for Mr. Johnson to lug home across his back.

Food Administrator Dealing

Sunbury, Pa., Feb. 28.—Charging that merchants were profiteering on sugar, J. Simpson Kline, Northumberland county food administrator, issued a proclamation to-day in which he declared that sugar bought within the last ten days cost less than eight cents a pound, wholesale, and that a profit of one cent a pound was plenty for any retailer during these war times. He declared it to be unfair dealing, and promises to cut off the supply of these merchants if they fail to heed the order. No names were made public by the administrator.

OLD TIME COLD CURE--DRINK TEA!

Get a small package of Hamburg Breast Tea at any pharmacy. Take a tablespoonful of this Hamburg tea, put a cup of boiling water upon it, pour through a sieve and drink a teaspoonful at any time. It is the most effective way to break a cold and cure grip, as it opens the pores, relieving congestion. Also loosens the bowels, thus breaking a cold at once. It is inexpensive and entirely vegetable, therefore harmless.

Advertisement for HELMAR TURKISH CIGARETTES. Features an illustration of a man in a suit holding a cigarette. Text includes '13 Cents', 'Makers of the Highest Grade Turkish and Egyptian Cigarettes in the World', and 'On Top in Every Man's Land Quality Superb'.