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Interior of Bushman Farm House Burns; Loss \$4,000; Union Hospital in Civil War

Fire late Monday evening destroyed the interior of the historic stone dwelling on the Bushman farm, three and a half miles southeast of Gettysburg, used as a hospital by the Union forces during the battle of Gettysburg. The farm is owned by Charles T. Hawbaker.

The flames, which are believed to have started in a lean-to frame wash-house on the east end of the dwelling, almost completely destroyed the interior and the roof was burned off the entire structure. The outer walls of the house remained standing with the exception of a section of the north wall of the eastern end of the home which collapsed.

Wakened when smoke filled the bedroom in which he and two younger brothers were sleeping, George Hawbaker, 22, aroused other members of the family about 11 o'clock Monday evening in time to permit them to make their way down the main stairway to the first floor.

Washhouse in Flames

The washhouse was found to be in flames which were spreading rapidly to the main dwelling. While one of the Hawbaker youths drove to the Battlefield service station at Steinhewer avenue and Baltimore street to call the Gettysburg fire company, the other members of the family and neighbors, who quickly gathered, saved the furniture and clothing stored in the four rooms at the western end of the building.

Three of the boys in the family of five lost all their clothing except what they wore when they fled the burning building.

The total damage was placed at between \$4,000 and \$5,000. Mr. Hawbaker had \$1,500 fire insurance on the house, but none on its contents. He purchased the property about five years ago.

Only the efforts of the Gettysburg firemen saved the entire building from complete destruction. A hose line was laid to Rock creek, about 500 feet to the south of the dwelling and the fire was confined to the eastern and central part of the 10-room dwelling. The roof was entirely burned, but little damage by fire was done in the four rooms at the west end which were drenched with streams of water from two local pumps.

Rev. Putman Is Named Head of Lutheran Synod

York, May 25.—The Rev. Dwight P. Putman, pastor of Christ Lutheran church in Gettysburg, was elected president of the Evangelical



REV. DWIGHT P. PUTMAN
Lutheran synod of West Pennsylvania, at the first business session of the convention Tuesday.

The convention was told that the benevolences for the year totaled \$88,421, an increase of 41 per cent. The present confirmed membership of this synod is now 49,893.

Highlights on the synod program for the next two days follow:

Wednesday, May 26—8:45 a. m., committee reports; 10 a. m., report of advisory council of leadership, training camp; 10:20 a. m., report of delegates to the U. L. C. A. convention; 3:30 p. m., presentation of work of board of education, board of publication, parish and church school, inner mission board, deacons work, national and Tabitha homes and ministerial pension and relief; and 7:45 p. m., ordination service by the Rev. Dr. M. R. Hamsher, Mechanicsburg.

Thursday, May 27—8:30 a. m., report of committee on revision of constitution; 1:45 p. m., presentation of work of Luther league, Lutheran brotherhood and Lutheran laymen's movement; 2:10 p. m., reports of committees and 3:50 p. m., adjournment.

The Revs. Putman and Spencer W. Aungst were in York attending the synod sessions today. Harold Reuning is the lay delegate from Christ church and George P. Black is attending the sessions as the lay representative of St. James Lutheran church.

Y. S. Graduates Hear Baccalaureate Sermon

The baccalaureate service for the graduates of York Springs high school was held Sunday evening in the Methodist church York Springs, the Rev. George E. Berkheimer, Arendtsville, assisted by the Rev. H. O. Goshall, pastor of the Methodist church, conducted the services and gave an inspiring address.

The high school glee club and the girls' sextette presented several selections, accompanied on the piano by May Prosser. Members of the sextette were: Jane Stuck, Jean Bosserman, Jane Miller, Beverly Starry, Jeannette Snyder and Helen Guise.

There are fourteen graduates in the class. Commencement exercises will be held Thursday night in the Lutheran church.

Health Department Officer Commends Eradication Program

Enthusiastic approval of the mosquito eradication program in Gettysburg, and of the manner in which the work is being done, was given by George M. Lewis, of the state department of health, after he had visited here Friday morning and had gone over local conditions with county and borough health authorities.

Accompanied by Harry C. Bucher, Biglerville, Adams county health officer; Dr. E. D. Hudson, member of the Gettysburg board of health; Burgess Wilbur J. Stallsmith and C. W. Epley, president of the borough council and superintendent of the pest eradication project, the state official visited the Tiber, where the men are at work removing mosquito breeding places.

Borough health problems in general were discussed by the group at a conference at Mr. Epley's office.

Driver Unhurt as Car Leaves Road

Charles Thompson, Gettysburg R. 2, escaped injury early Monday morning when his car ran off the Lincoln highway about two miles west of her, crossed a ditch and came to rest wedged between a telephone pole and a tree along the right side of the road.

The accident occurred as Thompson was driving west. The rear axle of the car snapped and the left rear wheel dropped off, causing the car to leave the road. The car was considerably damaged by the collision.

Friend Provides Fine for Trucker

Carroll C. Warfield, Frederick, Maryland, paid a fine of \$25 and the costs Friday evening on a charge of driving a truck that bore improper registration plates. The charge was filed before Justice of the Peace John H. Basehore by Borough Officer D. J. Wolf.

Warfield was committed to jail for several hours after he was fined. Later a friend arrived from Frederick and provided the funds for the fine and costs.

Hit by Car While Walking on Road

Bernard King, 13, 316 York street, was struck by an automobile this afternoon as he walked along the Harrisburg road, 100 yards north of the Battlefield guide station north of Howard avenue, as he returned home from a fishing trip along Rock creek.

He suffered lacerations of the head and neck but was not seriously injured. He was rushed to the Annie M. Warner hospital by two guides. He was struck by a car operated by Roland Gaver, Frederick, Maryland.

Instructor for Arts Is Named At Littlestown

Roscoe Spencer, instructor in industrial arts in the Hampstead, Maryland, high school, was elected to teach industrial arts during the 1937-1938 school term in Littlestown high school by the Littlestown board of education at a special meeting Thursday evening. His salary has not been fixed finally.

The board failed to take action in the filling of two other vacancies in the teaching staff. An eighth grade teacher remains to be selected and the board plans to add a home economics teacher to the high school faculty for the coming school term. The industrial arts teacher has been named instead of an agriculture instructor, rescinding an earlier board decision.

Mr. Spencer is a graduate of a Wilkes-Barre high school and the Millersville state teachers' college. He has taken post graduate work at Pennsylvania State college.

At the same meeting the board adopted finally the 1937-1938 school budget, automatically fixing the school tax rate at the same level as that collected this year—13 mills on real estate and a per capita levy of \$3.

The directors voted pay increases to all school teachers in the borough school system. Grade school teachers were given an increase of \$5 per month or \$45 a year. High school teachers were given raises of \$50 a year with the exception of Lloyd L. Spively, acting assistant principal, whose pay was boosted \$100.

Dr. H. S. Crouse, president of the board, presided at the meeting. The next regular session will be held June 4.

A list of 25 high school seniors was approved for graduation at annual commencement exercises to be conducted the evening of Tuesday, June 1. Dr. F. H. Gaige, of the Millersville state teachers' college faculty, will be the speaker. Members of the class will present special exercises based on the theme of dramatic art as a field of school activity.

Admits Part in Hit-Run Crash

Because he had no operator's license, David Rinker, aged about 35, Straban township, Gettysburg R. 5, fled after his car had figured in a minor collision in Gettysburg on Thursday.

But a passerby made note of the license number on the Rinker machine, and turned it over to the state highway patrol. A few hours later Rinker was under arrest on charges of driving a car without an operator's license and failing to stop at the scene of an accident.

The informations were laid before Justice of the Peace John C. Shearer by Sergeant A. H. Shuler, of the highway patrol. When Rinker was taken before Justice Shearer he admitted his guilt on both charges.

Justice Shearer imposed a fine of \$10 and the costs of the case on the charge of operating without a license. Rinker was required to furnish \$300 bail for his appearance in court after he had signed a guilty plea.

Rinker is reported to have fled to his home near Gettysburg along the Lincoln highway and hidden his car in woods on the Rinker property. The arrest was made at the Rinker home.

Damage caused by the accident is reported to have been not serious. The other car involved was that operated by Ruth Seamer, Taber Rock.

Fraud Charged To Hanoverian

Charged with fraudulent conversion of \$42.25 by Guy Robert, Straban township, J. J. Eitzenman, Hanover, is free under \$300 bail for his appearance at a hearing June 9 before Justice of the Peace John C. Shearer who had received the information and issued the warrant for Eitzenman's arrest to Constable Glenn Guise.

The Hanover man is alleged to have sold a number of turkeys and chickens that were the property of Mr. Rebert and kept the money for himself. He is said to have had an agreement with Rebert that he should receive two cents a pound for disposing of the fowls.

Urges Change in Civil War Term

Department orders received by officials of Camp 112 of the Sons of Veterans of Gettysburg from Department Commander Arthur H. Leh. Allentown, urge them to correct the misuse of the term "war between the states" when referring to the Civil War.

The state officer quotes the constitution of the United States to prove his assertion that they have never had the power to make war upon one another.

Contending the struggle from 1861 to 1865 was a war by states against the national government, Commander Leh declares "civil war" to be the proper appellation.

R. H. Heindel Given U. of P. Fellowship

Richard H. Heindel, son of Mrs. Lella Heindel, of Gettysburg, has been granted for the coming year the Penfield fellowship in international law and diplomacy from the University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia.

Heindel, a former student at Gettysburg college and now of the department of history at the University of Pennsylvania, has been studying and traveling during the last year in England and Scotland.

Before returning to Philadelphia he will visit the continent. In addition to several minor writings he is completing a work on international relations. While in England, Heindel has interviewed several prominent men.

PROPERTY TRANSFER

Property transfers recorded at the office of the register and recorder include the following: Ira and Elizabeth Davis, Dickinson township, Cumberland county, to the Bendersville national bank, 90 acres in Huntington township.

7 Motorists Charged With Code Offenses

Seven motorists were nabbed for motor code violations by highway patrolmen from the local substation over last week-end. Some of the drivers paid fines and were released, some posted bonds for their appearance at hearings, while other drivers will receive notices of the infractions that have been laid against them.

William Keifer, Flushing, Long Island, New York, driver of a specially chartered Yellow Way bus occupied by Jimmy Lunceford and his band enroute from York to Columbus, Ohio, was arrested east of here about 3 o'clock Sunday morning on the Lincoln highway. Keifer posted bond before Justice of the Peace John C. Shearer for his appearance at a hearing Monday, but forfeited the sum by failing to appear for a hearing.

Walter L. Heuman, Philadelphia, was nabbed for driving 65 miles an hour on the Lincoln highway near New Oxford. Justice Shearer received that charge also. The violation is alleged to have occurred Saturday night.

J. E. Storm, 151 York street, is to be charged with speeding at the rate of 54 miles an hour along the East Berlin-Abbottstown highway early Sunday morning.

M. O. Robinson, Warrnesboro, was charged Saturday before Justice of the Peace R. M. Straley, New Oxford, with failing to keep to the right side of the highway on a railroad grade crossing in New Oxford.

David E. Mundis, 303 Smith street, York, will be charged with passing another car at an intersection in Hanover borough Saturday. The information will be filed before Justice of the Peace Lester Sell, Hanover.

William Sheets, 23 Fulton street, Hanover, is to be charged with failing to yield the right of way in center square, Abbottstown, on Sunday.

Another speeding charge has been filed before Justice of the Peace John C. Shearer. The defendant is Lawrence Lyne, Pittsburgh. He paid a fine of \$10 and the costs for driving 65 miles an hour on the Lincoln highway east of here Saturday.

Local P. O. Clerks At Hanover Meeting

Nearly 200 members of the National Association of Post-office clerks attended the convention of the Fifth district association held in the auditorium of the Young Women's Christian association, Carlisle street, Saturday evening. The district association is composed of the clerks of 11 Pennsylvania counties.

The principal speaker was the Hon. Harry L. Haines, Red Lion, congressman of the twenty-second district which is composed of York, Adams and Franklin counties.

Clerks from the local office who attended the session included: Harman H. Spence, J. E. Snyder, Calvin Gilbert, David Tawney, Arthur W. Warman, Charles Bower, James Howe and Assistant Postmaster George P. Black.

Burgess Tells Land Owners to Cut High Weeds

Burgess Wilbur J. Stallsmith has taken steps to enforce the "weed" ordinance passed by borough council in 1935.

As he ordered the members of the borough police force to conduct an inspection of all sections of the town, the burgess addressed a letter to William E. Bidde, chairman of the highway committee, serving notice that weeds on streets and alleys and other borough property must be cut and removed. The highway committee is in charge of weed cutting along streets and alleys.

Local officer already have completed their survey of the second ward and have handed to the burgess the names of 20 property owners in that area who are not complying with the weed ordinance. Notices have been sent to those rural estate owners, instructing them to cut the weeds promptly.

Inspection of the other parts of the town will be made in the near future and similar action taken.

The borough and weed ordinance requires that weeds be cut twice during each of the months of May, June, July, August and September and burned or otherwise removed from the premises. Proof that weeds at least 12 inches in height are standing on a property within the borough is held to be prima facie evidence of violation of the weed ordinance.

The penalty for violation of the provisions of the ordinance is a fine of \$5 or five days' imprisonment. Each day's violation of the measure is deemed a separate offense and is punishable by a fine or imprisonment.

The freeing of the town from weeds has been listed as an important part of the mosquito eradication project being undertaken here. Weed patches form pest harbors and must be removed. C. W. Epley, pest project superintendent, has ruled.

Where property owners fail or refuse to cut their weeds, borough authorities have the power to proceed with the cutting.

Breaks Arms Pole Vaulting

Ross Sachs, 12-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Luther I. Sachs, York street, suffered fractures to both arms while playing on a lot on North Stratton street Friday evening at about 7 o'clock.

Young Sachs was in the company of a group of boys who were pole vaulting in a rudely constructed pit. He was thrown heavily to the ground on one attempt, sustaining the fractures. He was taken to the Annie M. Warner hospital where X-rays revealed fractures to both bones in the right forearm and a fracture to one bone in his left forearm.

Mt. Tabor U.B. Church To Mark Anniversary

The Rev. Dr. John H. Ness, of York will be the guest speaker at special services Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock commemorating the 28th anniversary of the dedication of Mt. Tabor United Brethren church. Special music will be featured on the program.

The church was dedicated May 20, 1909, by the Rev. W. H. Washington, at that time conference superintendent. The Rev. George E. Snyder is pastor of the church.

Decorations Placed For Memorial Day

Workmen under the direction of Charles J. Myers on Thursday began the erection of Memorial day decorations in the first blocks of York. Carlisle and Chambersburg streets and the full length of Baltimore street. The work will be finished Friday.

The flags are being placed at the direction of the borough council and will be removed next week.

1 of 2 Entrances Stations Opens For Public Use

The battlefield entrance station, just west of here on the Lincoln highway, was formally opened this morning for the use of the touring public. The Emmitsburg road station, a short distance south of the intersection of the Emmitsburg road with West Confederate avenue, is to be opened some time next week. Both are to be in full use by Memorial Day.

James R. McConaghie, national park superintendent, issued an invitation Friday to citizens of Gettysburg and any other interested persons to visit the Lincolnway station, inspect the new structure and learn of the services it offers to the visiting public.

Under Historian's Direction

The station that opened this morning is under the direction of Frederick Tilberz, assistant park historian, and William H. Allison, a junior historian. One or both of the men will be on duty there during all the hours the station is open and will receive tourists who stop there for information or assistance.

The furnishings of the interior include a small relief map of the battlefield, measuring about three and a half by four feet, and pictures of many sections of the field.

The buildings are of native stone. Driveways and walks have been finished to the new structures with some grading work yet to be done at the Emmitsburg road building. Shrubbery has been added to the attractiveness of the exteriors. The entrance stations were erected by A. R. Warner and Son, Warrnesboro, under contract with the federal government with funds provided by the PWA.

Schedule of Hours

The contract price on the Lincoln highway station was about \$8,000 and the Emmitsburg road station was \$7,800.

The station that opened today will be available for the tourists from early morning until 7 o'clock in the evening each day in the week. The same schedule will be observed at the second station when it is placed in operation.

A battlefield guides' waiting room is provided as well as comfort stations. A small headquarters' room near the entrance will accommodate the park historians and it is there that they will meet travelers.

The driveways into the station west of here have been marked with signs welcoming the motorists and inviting them to enter.

Slaybaugh to Retain Post

A special meeting of the Arendtsville vocational school board Thursday evening failed to accomplish the election of a teacher to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation last month of Edgar Reigle.

Several weeks ago the Arendtsville board had elected Elinore H. Slaybaugh, Fairfield high school principal, to the position, but Professor Slaybaugh notified the board that he will not accept his offer. He will remain at Fairfield for the coming school year.

Members of the board stated that no suitable applicants have asked for the position. A teacher qualified to teach Latin, chemistry and biology is being sought.

Dr. Cline to Give 2 Graduation Talks

Dr. Thomas L. Cline, head of the English department of Gettysburg college, will deliver the commencement address at the graduation exercises of New Oxford high school, Tuesday, June 1.

He will also deliver the principal address at the commencement exercises at Elizabethtown high school, Thursday, June 3.

Donates Books

Mrs. Elsie Singmaster Lewars, Seminary Ridge, has presented two of her recent books to the Historical society of York. Mrs. Lewars is well known as the author of many Pennsylvania Dutch stories. One of the volumes contains stories of the period from 1816 to 1781, and the other stories between 1723 and 1797.

CAMP ON BATTLEFIELD

A detachment of 28 officers and men from the chemical warfare school at the Edgewood Arsenal, Edgewood, New Jersey, pitched camp at the abandoned site of CCC Camp No. 1 along West Confederate avenue this afternoon. They will spend the night there in tents. A tour of the battlefield is to be made during their stay here.

ESTATE BOND FILED

The administration bond in the estate of the late Mrs. Susan Shelberger, Latimore township, was filed Wednesday afternoon at the office of the register and recorder by George M. Harbold, York, the administrator. The estate is valued at \$950 in personal property.

Driverless Car Crushes Three-Year-Old Girl to Death Near Littlestown

Her body crushed beneath the wheels of her father's driverless automobile, Clara Alethea Brown, aged three years and 9 months, died Tuesday morning at 9 o'clock at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest M. Brown, Germany township, a mile and a half south of Littlestown, while preparations were being made to rush her to the Annie M. Warner hospital.

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After Mr. Brown had gone into the home, the car began to coast slowly down grade toward the playing children, gaining momentum as it continued. The car bore down upon the group, striking Clara and knocking her to the ground. The wheels of the car passed over her head and chest, leaving her unconscious in the driveway. The other children were unhurt. They said they had not seen the car coasting toward them, but had happened to be in its path.

The car ran through some shrubbery in the Brown yard and then came to a stop a short distance away in a field at the rear of the home.

Dr. Donald B. Coover, Littlestown, was summoned. He found the child unconscious and in a dying condition from fractures of the skull, chest and right elbow and multiple injuries of the body. A call was placed for the John W. Little ambulance at Littlestown, but before the vehicle arrived the child had died.

Dr. Edgar A. Miller, Adams county coroner, was summoned. After an investigation of the accident he issued a certificate attributing death to accidental causes. No inquest will be necessary.

Surviving the child are her parents and these brothers and sisters: Catherine, Henrietta, Ernest, Jr., and Harold. The grandparents also survive: Mr. and Mrs. George W. Rebert, Littlestown, and Mr. and Mrs. V. J. Brown, Hanover, R. D. Before her marriage the child's mother was Louise Elizabeth Rebert.

Funeral services Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Brown home, with the Rev. Dr. H. H. Hartman, pastor of Christ's Reformed church, near Littlestown, officiating.

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Stanton Suicide Verdict Upheld

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The examination of Stanton's clothing was made in the course of a special investigation of the shooting which had been labelled a suicide by a coroner's jury two weeks ago. The special probe which was conducted by Private Russell K. Knies, of the detective division of the state police, was made at the request of Burgess Wilbur J. Stallsmith and the borough police department.

Tests that were made of Stanton's clothing by Trooper Pank state police criminologist and ballistics expert, showed grains of powder on the right shoulder and collar of the Stanton coat and shirt, bearing out the theory that Stanton committed suicide by shooting himself through the head.

With this report on the special probe, given Burgess Stallsmith this afternoon by Trooper Knies, the state and borough police have formally closed the case, satisfied beyond a doubt that the verdict of the coroner's jury was accurate.

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Fishing Parties

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