

Democratic Watchman

Bellefonte, Pa., May 19, 1916.

County Correspondence

Items of Interest Dished Up for the Delectation of "Watchman" Readers by a Corps of Gifted Correspondents.

PINE GROVE MILLS.

H. H. Goss is erecting a new garage for his own use.

W. E. McWilliams was in town on Saturday evening.

R. G. Goheen and wife were visitors here Sunday evening.

Five car loads of bark were shipped from this station the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Decker, of Altoona, are visiting friends down Pennsylvania.

Most of the spring planting is done, though a few farmers are not done plowing.

John E. Reed and wife were over Sunday visitors at the Robert Reed home on Buffalo Run.

Owing to the farmers being back in their spring work the primaries were not well attended.

A little son arrived in the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Homan, on the Branch, one day recently.

Frederick Randolph, of Reedsville, spent the latter end of the week among old cronies in town.

George Fortney, of Boalsburg, transacted business in town bright and early Monday morning.

Miss Esther Tussey, who recently underwent an operation in a Philadelphia hospital, is much improved.

Ralph Musser has accepted a position as boss carpenter at Johnsonburg, and we know he will make good.

Farmer Ira Gates is receiving congratulations over the arrival of a little farmer boy, No. 10 in the family.

Rev. R. M. Campbell is attending the General Assembly of the Presbyterian church in session at Atlantic City.

Fred Williams, wife and three children were over Sunday visitors with grandpa J. H. Williams, on Main street.

Mrs. Frank Gardner and Miss Belle Goheen were entertained on Sunday at the W. E. McWilliams home at Rock Springs.

Rev. S. C. Stover and L. Mothersbaugh are attending the Susquehanna Classis of the Reformed church in session at Lewisburg.

Paul Tate, a clerk in the Pittsburgh postoffice, is here on a leave of absence. He is expecting an appointment as railway postal clerk.

Mrs. Susan Peters and daughter, Mrs. Ed. Decker, of Bellefonte, departed on Tuesday for a week or ten days visit in the city of Brothertown.

The annual Memorial sermon will be preached to the G. A. R. in the Lutheran church on Sunday, May 28th, at 10.30 a. m. The public is invited.

The venerable Samuel Markle, who spent the winter with friends near Harrisburg, is back at the J. A. Fortney home at Alsworth for the summer.

Mrs. Hale Ross went to Altoona yesterday to witness the graduation of her daughter Ruth, as a nurse at the Altoona hospital. She will be gone several days.

Dr. G. H. Woods is having his residence decorated with a new coat of paint—orange with chocolate trimmings. J. R. Smith and John Keller have the job.

Fred B. Tate and Miss Edna Dreiblebis were chosen delegates to represent the Pine Hall Reformed Sunday school at the Sunday school convention at Howard on May 23rd.

Raymond Stover, the twelve year old son of Rev. and Mrs. S. C. Stover, underwent an operation at the Bellefonte hospital last week and late reports say he is getting along splendidly.

Miss Mary Gregory, acting as chauffeur, with the Misses Herzog and Miss Thompson, all teachers in the Altoona schools, motored down the valley on Saturday and had dinner at the J. H. Bailey home.

James S. McNitt, of Milroy, an old Pine Grove Mills Academy student, was here over Sunday renewing old acquaintances and was quite enthusiastic over the reunion of old students to be held here about June 22nd.

The official installation of Rev. Lewis VanValzah Barber, as pastor of the Presbyterian church, will take place at 2.30 o'clock on Thursday, June 1st. Rev. Barber's father, Rev. W. K. Harnish and Rev. Samuel Martin will conduct the installation services.

J. Sumner Miller, as representative of Pennsylvania Lodge, No. 276 I. O. O. F., is attending the sessions of the Grand Lodge at Conneaut Lake this week. He is accompanied by his daughter May and spent Sunday with his sister, Sadie Lemon, at Monessen, near Pittsburgh.

Harry Fetzer, state road foreman at Pine Grove Mills, lost his wallet on Monday, which contained in addition to a wad of the long green a note for \$55.00, payable at the First National bank of Bellefonte. The finder will be liberally rewarded by leaving it at the St. Elmo hotel.

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REBERSBURG.

Miss Eva Moyer, a pneumonia patient, is convalescing.

The horse sale held in our burg averaged \$221 per head.

Prof. Henry Meyer Jr., is spending a few days under the parental roof.

C. C. Small left for Conneaut Lake as delegate of Rebersburg Lodge I. O. O. F.

Prof. and Mrs. W. F. Teel, of Reading, were guests of Wilson Cole the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Gramley, of Lewisburg, were seen on our streets over Sunday.

Our jovial ex-merchant, H. G. Miller, has returned from his winter quarters at Pitsairst.

H. H. Royer twice this week was called upon to take a crew of fire fighters to the Narrows.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Brungart spent a few days with the former's brother, J. Victor Brungart.

Geo. B. Winters made a third trip to a Baltimore hospital for radium treatment for a malignant sore on his face.

Russell F. Auman and Walter Hackman left for Pittsburgh this week. Charles H. Corman and Earl E. Small have gone to Dayton, Ohio, for the summer season.

F. S. Ocker and family autoed to Mifflinburg last Friday evening, and since then the Misses Maxine Root and Katherine Mallory have been guests of Catharine Ocker.

Our friend, Fred Esterline, is still unable to look after his farming, his brother-in-law Mahlon Stover doing it for him. Mahlon is also looking forward to the time when he will occupy a farm of his own.

Good Roads Day, Thursday, May 25th.—A citizen's meeting has been called in the interest of good roads, Saturday evening, at Rebersburg. Our foreman, H. H. Royer, speaks encouragingly about the large number of willing offers made to help this year for better roads.

The commencement exercises of Miles township high school, class of 1916, were held in the Lutheran church by an efficient class as any in the county, namely: Misses Neta M. Page and Hester K. Small, and Messrs. Robert C. Brungart, Howard L. Metzger, Raymond C. Bair, Charles H. Corman, Earl E. Small, Norman F. Dooty and Russell F. Auman, the latter rendering the valedictory for the class. A new innovation was the customary graduation gowns worn by every member, making a pleasing effect with the gorgeous decorations of American beauty roses. The address to the class by Prof. Frizzell, of State College, was full of wholesome and much needed advice on the greatly discussed subject, "Preparedness." The music for the occasion was excellently rendered by the Lock Haven Lyric orchestra.

AARONSBURG.

J. R. Krapp, who for some time has not been well, took quite ill on Sunday. Monday he was resting easier. We hope he may speedily recover.

Mr. and Mrs. Burd, of Millheim, on Sunday visited Mrs. Burd's niece, Mrs. Andrew Musser. While in the burg they also called at Thomas Hulls.

Miss Marian Eisenhauer has gone to Beavertown, Snyder county, as a delegate to the K. L. C. E. ministerial and Sunday school convention of the United Evangelical church.

Mrs. Emma Beaver, of Millheim, and Mrs. Jennie Springer, of Akron, Ohio, were Sunday visitors in town, calling on a number of former neighbors and friends who are always very much pleased to see them.

Walter C. Orwig has returned home from Akron, Ohio, where he has been employed in one of the rubber works. His health has not been such as he could continue work in said place. However the pure air of old Centre county we hope, will be a benefit.

On May 8th a union teacher's training class was again organized. The class now numbers sixteen and it is hoped there may be more to take advantage of this opportunity for a study of the Bible. On the 15th the class met for its first lesson. Mr. N. F. Zeigler, of Madisonburg, was elected teacher; H. D. Krapp and E. A. Bower assistants, the same teachers who carried on the work of teaching the class which graduated in 1912. It is to be hoped that they may spend the time profitably while the opportunity is offered them. Such things do not come our way every day in the year. Their teachers are of the best, as Mr. Zeigler is a man of rare ability, a pleasing personality and a man of splendid character, as are all the teachers. With such men as teachers, filled with the good spirit, there is no reason why they may not meet with success. The writer wishes them all every good that can come to them.

NITTANY ITEMS.

Miss Mary Dinges, of Williamsport, was a guest of Miss Margaret Beck several days last week.

Misses Miriam and Mildred Beck were the week-end guests with Prof. and Mrs. D. L. Markle, of State College.

Miss Louise McMullen, Miss Anne Fox, of Bellefonte, and A. R. McNitt, of Bellefonte, were welcome callers at the J. H. Beck home on Saturday evening.

Ed. Dorman, working for the McNitt-Huyett Lumber Co., had the misfortune to have a foot badly hurt on Friday last week. He is at his home in Snyder county and goes around by the aid of crutches, but will be laid off the job for several weeks.

We notice quite a lot of oak bark is being peeled along Nittany mountain. Lawrence McMullen, at Hecla, has had a crew of men at peeling for some time and the Vonada brothers, at Hubersburg, have had a crew peeling for them in and around Lee's gap. The bark is in demand and aways up in price.

FARM NEWS AND VIEWS.

Destroying the Rosy Apple Louse—Ineffectiveness of Late Spraying.

The young apple plant lice usually hatch from eggs found chiefly on the smaller twigs, before the buds show green in the spring and are then extremely tender. By delaying the winter strength lime-sulphur spraying until this time, and taking special care to see that the twigs and small branches are completely covered, both the scale and the lice may be effectively hit. In destroying the rosy apple louse, which is likely to be the troublesome one this summer, better results will probably follow the addition of three-fourths of a pint of 40 per cent. nicotine ("Black-leaf 40") to the substance with which this fact has been determined) to each 100 gallons of the winter strength lime-sulphur. Though the best time to destroy the lice is when the buds show green, much can be done by spraying thoroughly when the flower buds show pink with a mixture composed of 1 part of 40 per cent. nicotine to 500 parts of water (about 1 1/2 pints to 100 gallons), to which soap is added, 4 pounds to each 100 gallons, or the lime-sulphur lead-arsenate spray that is usually used at this time and 40 per cent. nicotine at the rate of 1 to 500, without soap. Especial care must be taken to wet the cluster buds thoroughly. Later sprayings for lice are of little avail because the heavy foliage affords protection.

The following information is sent out by Dr. Thomas J. Headlee, New Jersey Entomologist:

Egg masses of the tent caterpillar are found in such numbers on twigs of apple, wild cherry and other trees, that fear of a serious outbreak this year is justified. Hatching with the coming of warm weather the caterpillar constructs webs in the crotches of trees and feeds upon the foliage until the average yield per acre is reduced to half an acre in length and covered with a brown, frothy substance. Any of the following methods may be used to protect trees from the caterpillars which hatch from the egg-masses on the branches:

1. Prune out and burn the twigs which hold egg-masses.
2. As soon as the caterpillars begin feeding, spray the leaves with a solution of arsenate of lead, one ounce of lead to one gallon of water.
3. Dust the unfolding leaves with one part of powdered arsenate of lead mixed with five parts of sulphur, or land plaster, or cheap flour.
4. Wipe or burn the webs when the caterpillars are within them.
5. To protect trees from migrating worms, co-operative action is necessary. A plan must be arranged by means of which all infestation of premises in the locality may be eliminated.

In raising early potatoes, a different method must be employed from that of the main, or late crop. Potatoes can be planted at different times. The early crop is planted as soon as the weather comes. The plant is sensitive to frost.

It is important that the ground be cultivated several times to warm it up and make it mellow.

The late, or main crop, is planted in this locality about the middle of May. In the South it is deferred until late summer.

The rows are three feet wide, the furrows four inches deep, and the seed pieces are placed about a foot and a half distant in the furrow.

The potato is purely American and, excepting cereals, is the most important food plant. It is estimated that the early crop of this country is about 200,000,000 bushels. New York leads all other States in the size of its crop. Next to New York, the largest potato-growing States are Iowa, Pennsylvania, Michigan, Illinois, Ohio, Wisconsin, Nebraska, Minnesota, Missouri, Kansas and Maine.

The average yield per acre for the whole country is a little less than 100 bushels. Yields of 250 to 300 bushels per acre are common. Two hundred bushels per acre is a good yield.

A rich, sandy loam, one that is well supplied with organic matter and naturally well drained, is the best adapted for heavy yields. Good crops, however, can be grown on almost any kind of soil, but on a heavy, clay soil the tubers are inclined to soggy. Stiff soils should be lightened by drainage, and by plowing under green crops and barnyard manure.

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On heavy clover sod, or after a good crop of cowpeas, the crop does very well. It is important that rotation with other crops be practiced, as scab and other diseases are apt to develop when the crop is grown on the same ground year after year.

In a number of the large potato districts a three year rotation is used, consisting of fall wheat seeded to clover in the spring the first year; clover the second, which is plowed under in fall or winter, and potatoes the third year.

Through preparation is one of the most important factors in successfully growing potatoes. Soils that are very heavy should be deeply plowed in the fall and then exposed to the action of the winter frosts. Cultivation should be frequent, and the soil should be mellow and loose at the time of planting. The roots of the potato feed deep, though the tubers are generally formed within six inches of the surface.

Well-rotted barnyard manure is the best fertilizer for potatoes, excepting on rich garden soils or soils abundantly supplied with humus. When barnyard manure is directly applied to the potato crop, the tubers are apt to become scabby. Therefore it is best to apply it to the preceding crop, but in such quantity as to leave the land well prepared for potatoes.

Potatoes do well after a heavily matured corn, clover or grass crop. On soils that have been made rich in humus by the application of barnyard manure, or the plowing under of green crops, commercial fertilizers will be found of most value.

As the European war has cut off the potash supply there has been considerable studying and experimenting going on by the State Agricultural College to invent some fertilizer that would make a good substitute. The New York Station recommends for potatoes, root-crops and vegetables in general, an application of four tons of good farm manure, worked well in the soil, and supplemented with 500 pounds of a fertilizer containing 2.5 to 3 per cent. of nitrogen, and 8 to 10 per cent. of available phosphoric acid.

If no manure is used, apply 800 to 1,000 pounds of fertilizer containing 4 per cent. of nitrogen and 8 to 10 per cent. of available phosphoric acid. Fertilizers for potatoes should be applied when the ground is being prepared, and thoroughly mixed into the soil. It does not make much difference whether the fertilizers are applied above or below the potatoes, but they should not be applied in immediate contact with the seed pieces.

As a rule the best seed potatoes are those grown in the locality where they are to be planted.

Unsprouted tubers are better than cellar-sprouted ones. When stored in a damp cellar or pit, tubers are apt to grow long, white sprouts, which should be rubbed off when planting, as the growth of these sprouts weakens the tubers. However, if the tubers are spread out in a shallow layer in a bright, sunny room, the sprouts that start are short and sturdy and will start off and grow more rapidly, and thus produce an earlier crop of tubers that have not sprouted at all, or that have grown long, weak sprouts in the dark.

It is best not to cut the tubers more than a few days before they are planted. While small potatoes may be used, medium sized potatoes will give best results. All parts of the potato or tuber are equally valuable for

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planting. When seed potatoes are high, some farmers cut the tubers in quarters; when it is cheap, they cut them in halves. Nothing less than halves should be used when the potatoes are small.

After the crop is planted, but before the plants have broken through the soil, it is best to run over the field with a light harrow. This will break up the crust and destroy the weeds that are just starting. The field should be harrowed again in about a week or ten days later, and again when the plants are three or four inches high. After that cultivation between the rows should be shallow and frequent throughout the growing period, keeping the ground level. A little soil should be thrown toward the plants about the time they begin to blossom, or just before, but hilling is not advisable if the seed has been planted four inches deep.—Philadelphia Record.

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