

County Correspondence

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

PINE GROVE MENTION.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Kepler were over Sunday visitors at Unionville. The Pine Hall cemetery has been enlarged and enclosed with a neat iron fence.

Miss Gertrude Miller, of the Glades, is assisting in the care of Mrs. D. W. Miller.

Mrs. Ella Moore, of State College, is visiting her aged mother, Mrs. Danley.

Mrs. U. B. Martz was taken to the Danville State hospital last week for treatment.

Mrs. Harry Sager, of Johnstown, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Hines, of Altoona, visited relatives and friends at Baileyville last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Kline, of State College, were over Sunday visitors at the W. H. Roush-home.

Miss Margaret Reed is having her farm house repainted, drab with oak finish. J. R. Smith has the job.

Fred Krumrine's new home is well under way. It will be a brick-cased house and is being built by Park Home.

Mrs. Emma Calvert, of Altoona, spent last week at the home of her son-in-law, S. A. Homan, at Baileyville.

Bear in mind the sermon to the I. O. O. F. in the Lutheran church on Sunday evening, by Rev. D. F. Kapp, of State College.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Walls are mourning the death of their baby boy John, who died on Friday and was buried on Saturday.

The A. C. Kepler flock of sheep this year yielded 420 pounds of wool which he sold for \$231.00. He also expects to realize about \$300 more from his lambs when they are six months old.

John Johnson, a well known farmer of Marengo, was seriously if not fatally injured a few days ago when he fell through the loosely laid floor of his straw shed to the ground below, rupturing his spinal column. The shed had just been completed and Mr. Johnson, who is almost blind, was walking through it when he made a misstep and fell.

Only a squad of the old veterans who served during the Civil war were present at the Memorial services in the Methodist church on Sunday evening. The services were in charge of Rev. L. N. Fleck, of the Lutheran church, and Rev. L. V. Barber, of the Presbyterian church. Miss Mary Ward presided at the organ. Rev. Victor Nearhoff made a very inspiring and impressive address.

EAST BRUSH VALLEY.

W. C. Walters transacted business in our midst on Saturday.

Rev. Menaville and wife visited at the home of A. S. Winkleblech, on last Friday.

H. A. Meyer and family entertained friends and relatives from Sugar and Penns valleys.

Mrs. S. C. Yearick and daughter Talitha visited several days of last week with friends and relatives at Johnstown.

One day recently L. W. Rachau, of Clintondale, purchased several hundred bushels of corn from D. D. Royer, at the rate of \$1.95 per bushel.

Rev. and Mrs. Ira E. Spangler, of Carlisle, are visiting relatives at this place and attending the dedicatory services held in honor of the former's great-grandfather, George C. Spangler, a veteran of the Revolutionary war.

Rev. J. A. Bright, from Topoka, Kan., will deliver an I. O. O. F. sermon in the Lutheran church at Rebersburg on Sunday. Rev. Bright comes to this place highly recommended and deserves the attention of every true and devoted member of the brotherhood.

Our Memorial day exercises were conducted in a very genial and satisfactory manner; everybody seeming to celebrate the day as a great holiday. The tolling of the village church bells seemed to bring us face to face with the problems which are at stake and caused each to realize to a greater extent the full meaning of perfect freedom and safety.

OAK HALL.

A. C. Peters and family visited at Pine Grove Mills on Sunday.

John Dale, of State College, spent a few hours in this place on Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Mayes are rejoicing over the arrival of a little baby.

Mr. and Mrs. David Snyder entertained friends from State College on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Tate and family spent Sunday with friends at Buffalo Run.

A number of people from this place attended the Memorial day services at Shiloh on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. William Rishel and family, of Lemont, spent a short time with friends at this place on Sunday.

John Homan and Rufus Raymond, who are working near Pine Grove Mills, spent Sunday with friends at this place.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Raymond, of Pitscain, and Miss Stella Raymond, of State College, spent Sunday at their home.

The Misses Catherine and Ella Dale, of Boalsburg, spent Monday afternoon at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Luther Dale.

BOALSBURG.

George Ishler purchased an automobile recently.

Mrs. James M. Ross, Mrs. Charles Stover and Mrs. George Shugerts are ill at present.

Mrs. H. C. Rothrock, of Port Matilda, spent a few days with friends in town recently.

The Civic club will meet at the home of Mrs. Frank McFarlane on Friday evening, June 2nd.

Mrs. Henry Reitz went to Sunbury on Saturday for a short visit with friends in that vicinity.

Mrs. George Tibbels and Mrs. Mollie Miller, of Bellefonte, were guests of friends in town last week.

Miss Helen Coxy and friend, of Tyrone, are spending some time at the home of Mrs. Nannie Coxy.

Miss Ella Freed, assistant principal of the High school, returned to her home at Williamsport last week.

Mr. and Mrs. William Homan and family, of Centre Hall, were guests at the home of William Meyer on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jared Mayes, of Milton, spent several days in town last week, coming here to attend the funeral of their niece, Sara Gingerich.

Mrs. Rebecca Kremer and daughter, Mrs. Sarah Hunter, of Altoona, are visiting among friends in town.

Mrs. Kremer was formerly a resident of Boalsburg and is now ninety-one years old.

Mr. and Mrs. Twigg and daughter, Mrs. Heath and son, of Sandy Ridge; Messrs. George, David and Reuben Stuart, of Ingram, spent a short time in town last week, they having come here for the funeral of the late Harry Stuart, of Sandy Ridge, who was buried in the Branch cemetery.

Thursday evening the Reformed church was filled with interested patrons to witness the graduation of the class of 1917 Boalsburg High school. The class consisted of six boys and three girls, who each delivered an oration that showed careful study. Dean Blaisdell, of State College, delivered the commencement address and music was furnished by the Bellefonte High school orchestra.

How great would Alexander be now if he were living?

W. E. Minnig contemplates erecting a large lime kiln.

Hoe! and "praise God from Whom all blessings flow," is the slogan.

L. L. Hosterman and brother, Harry D., are under the parental roof.

J. C. Zeigler and family, from Rebersburg, were visitors in our town, Sunday.

W. A. Winters and wife autoted to Danville recently to pay acquaintances a visit.

W. F. Tyson and family were entertained at the home of Calvin Auman on Sunday.

A food speculator is a highway robber who uses a desk and an office chair instead of a gun.

Miss Mary Bradford and a Mr. Roush, from Aaronsburg, spent Sunday with her sister, Mrs. Ray Stover.

Jacob Winkleblech's crew of working men are putting the finishing touches on bark peeling on the Corn tract.

Roy Nixon, from Clintondale, and Mr. and Mrs. William Wolfe and Miss Mildred spent Sunday at the home of E. R. Wolfe.

Rufus Franck, John Franck, wife and family, from Eastville, Clinton county, spent the week-end with friends and relatives in our midst.

A mother rises to the heights and penetrates the depths of patriotism when she says quietly: "If his country needs him, my boy should go."

Bright little dandelion, Downy yellow face; Peeping up amid the grass With such gentle grace; Minding not the cruel wind Blowing rude and cold; Brave little dandelion, With a heart of gold.

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CENTRE HALL NEWS.

Miss Romie Snyder is spending a week at State College.

Mrs. C. A. Smith is spending a week with friends in Williamsport.

Mrs. Small, of Altoona, is visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. James Smetzler.

Mrs. A. C. Mingle, of Bellefonte, is spending a few days with friends in this place.

Mrs. Calvin Bower, of Bellefonte, is visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Meyer.

Mrs. John Warley, of Altoona, will spend Sunday with her aunt, Mrs. Mary Shoop.

Mr. Enoch Sweeney, of Boalsburg, spent Thursday at the home of Mrs. Lizzie Jacobs.

Mr. George Emerick made a business trip to Cleveland, Ohio, the beginning of the week.

Miss Ethel Rowe is spending a few days with her sister Isabelle, who is teaching school in South Bethlehem.

Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Boozer and son Shannon attended the commencement at Mercersburg, their son George being in the graduating class.

Mrs. William Magee and son Huyett, who have been visiting at the home of Mrs. Magee's parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Huyett, returned to her home in Wenona, New Jersey, on Thursday.

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RUNVILLE.

Birtus Witherite, of Tyrone, spent Sunday with his parents at this place.

Miss Esther Friend, of Milesburg, is visiting her friend, Miss Edna Rodgers.

Mrs. E. R. Lucas, of Altoona, visited her sister, Mrs. L. J. Heaton, a few days ago.

Mrs. Annie Witherite, of Tyrone, spent a few days at the home of Joseph Rodgers.

Mrs. W. H. Watson and three children, of Snow Shoe, are visiting her sister, Mrs. F. L. Shope.

Messrs. H. J. Aukenner and A. C. Lucas, of Altoona, spent last Friday at the L. J. Heaton home.

Mr. Claude Johnson, wife and two little sons, of Kylertown, are visiting at the home of L. J. Heaton.

Mr. Samuel Lucas wife and daughter, of Warriorsmark, spent the past week among friends at this place.

Mrs. Willis Poorman and son Glenn, of State College, are calling on the former's many friends at this place.

Mr. Cyrus Lucas, who has been on the sick list, is improving, which is good news for his many friends at this place.

Mrs. George Jodon and granddaughter, of Akron, Ohio, visited her sisters, Mrs. Shirk and Mrs. Friel, of this place.

Mr. and Mrs. John Dewey and son, of Tyrone, visited over Sunday with Mrs. Dewey's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Lucas.

Mr. and Mrs. James McClincy and family arrived home on Tuesday evening from a visit among friends at Fall's Creek.

PLEASANT GAP ITEMS.

Mrs. Rachel Miller left Sunday for Woodlawn, for an indefinite visit.

Hany Corl, of Trafford City, is visiting among friends at this place.

Samuel Poorman made a business trip to Cleveland, Ohio, last week.

Mrs. Samuel Weaver and two children, of this place, are visiting with friends in Millheim.

Mr. Aley, of Jacksonville, was an over Sunday visitor at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Florey.

Mrs. Catherine Baumgardner, who had been visiting with her son in Lycoming county, returned home last week.

Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Williams and Marian Kunes, all of Blanchard, spent Thursday of last week among friends at this place.

Mrs. Wilson and two children, of Osceola, are visiting with the former's brother, Frank Milliamard, of this place.

Beginnings of Reconstruction in France.

How and when are the war-ravaged cities and villages of Europe to be rebuilt? I began asking the question nine months ago, and it is only within the last few weeks that I have been able to get a definite answer, and this only so far as the destruction in northern France is concerned. For the most of this time I was able to follow only the flutterings of straws which served merely to indicate the direction of the rising wind. I read in the London papers, for instance, how a once wealthy merchant of Antwerp, dying a refugee in the south of England, bequeathed all that could ultimately be realized after the war from the sale of his very considerable holdings in various parts of Belgium to a fund to be exclusively used for the rebuilding of the dwelling houses in a certain street in Louvain in which the testator had been completely destroyed when the Germans occupied that city.

The first—and, so far, practically the only—permanent reconstruction work undertaken in France is that financed and directed by a California society, mostly made up of San Franciscans who learned at first hand what destruction and restoration meant as a sequel to their great earthquake and fire of 1906. The work is under the direction of Miss Daisy Polk, of San Francisco, who, with the hearty cooperation of the French authorities, is having rebuilt as fast as funds, material, and labor are available, the dwelling houses in a small village near Nancy. The wishes of the surviving owners of the property are being most carefully consulted in all restoration work attempted, and such buildings as have been completed up to this time follow fairly closely the plan of the originals.

So much for the "straws;" now for the rising wind of national effort. In the same cool, methodical, and painstaking way in which she has paved the way for her victory in war France began paving the way for her victory of peace. The first thing to do—indeed, almost the only thing that can be done until the war is over—was, so far as possible, to take stock of the damage done.

No sooner had the figures compiled regarding the destruction in the region open to observation been digested, than they were submitted to the chamber of deputies, and that body promptly voted in favor of a resolution committing the government in principle to the full indemnification of all losses suffered by its citizens through the invasion of the country by the enemy. This is much the most important step that has so far been taken toward the rebuilding of any of the war-devastated regions of Europe, and constitutes practically an absolute guaranty that this restoration will be carried out not only in the most expeditious but also the most economical way.—By Lewis R. Freeman, in the May Popular Mechanics Magazine.

Can the Surplus.

Often in the home garden there are enough vegetables wasted to keep the table supplied all winter if they were put up in glass jars. It is possible to use up vegetables in such a manner that they will lose little of their attractive color and flavor, and through canning the surplus from the home garden will do much to reduce the cost of living next winter.

Entering the Air Service.

Fully 3,000 young men, since the war against the German government began, have sought to learn from the Aero Club of America how to become enrolled in the aviation section of the Officers' Reserve Corps. Most of these young men said that they had little knowledge of aviation, but they wanted to become flyers. To answer all the individual inquiries was impossible, so the Aero Club prepared a catechism for would-be officers.

At the outset questions and answers bring out the information that the Officers' Reserve Corps acts as a reserve for the aviation section of defense. The members assume the obligation to serve 15 days each year in time of peace, and in time of war are subject to the call of the President. The applicant must show that he possesses a college education or its equivalent in experience of a military, technical, executive or other nature. The applicant must possess letters of recommendation from three reputable persons. In case of previous military service, the applicant must submit statements of satisfactory service. The physical examination is the same as that required for applicants for at aviation service in the Regular Army. It is a thorough examination, lasting about two and a half hours. Special stress is laid on good hearing and eyesight. As to the flying requirements the catechism says:

"The applicant must pass, before being commissioned, the reserve military aviators' flying test. Unless he can pass this flying test, he will not be given a commission. He will be given the training necessary to fit him for a commission, provided he meets the other requirements.

"The course of training will ordinarily take at least three months, and the applicant will be required to undergo both military and aviation training. This training will take place at schools maintained under the supervision of the War Department. One of them is now established at Minneola, L. I.; another at Memphis, Tenn., and others will be opened as opportunity permits. Civilian schools may also be designated by the War Department. At present there are two of these, the Curtiss Aviation School at Newport News, Va., and the school at Miami, Fla."

All expenses, it is stated, will be paid by the Government if the applicant is enlisted in the aviation section of the Signal Enlisted Reserve Corps. It is not necessary to enlist, however, to receive training as a flying officer. The prospective officer can receive instruction and pay his own way and living expenses. While training at his own expense, however, he will be required to attend regularly both aviation and military instruction classes. Here are questions and their answers in the catechism:

"What is the pay of the non-commissioned officer grades to which I might be assigned by enlistment?" "You will be enlisted as sergeant in the Enlisted Reserve Corps, the actual pay of which will be \$36 a month, which with allowances for food and clothing will be brought to the equivalent of approximately \$75 a month."

"What rank will I have on completing the prescribed course?" "On completing the prescribed course you will receive the rank of a first lieutenant and placed on the inactive list. However, if, in the opinion of the Secretary of War, you have special qualifications, he may, with your consent, retain you on active duty as long as there are funds available for that purpose and for such a period as he may see fit. The pay allowances for this rank on active service are as follows: Base pay, \$166.66; commutation of quarters (where no public quarters are available), \$35 a month. In addition while on flying duty you will be granted a 25 per cent increase in pay."

All applicants must start training as soon as they are assigned to a training school. If any applicant desires to withdraw during the course he must submit an application for discharge, giving the reasons. Applicants may apply for information to the chief signal officer of the army at Washington, the president of the aviation examination board at Mineola, L. I.; the aviation officer, Central Department, Chicago; the aviation officer, Southern Department, at San Antonio, Texas, or the commanding officer, signal corps aviation school at San Diego, Cal.

Physically Unfit Volunteers.

The American people are now getting a striking demonstration of the physical unpreparedness of the average young man, says the Equitable Public Bulletin. They are getting concrete and convincing evidence of the urgent need of the physical education and training which our young men would receive under the Universal Military Service plan.

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war volunteers are rejected for health impairments and physical defects. Prominent among the latter is poor physique.

Many writers have strenuously denied the assertion made by certain conservationists in recent years that the physically low-powered group in our population was excessive and apparently increasing. They now have an opportunity to learn of the physical condition of our young men from the official records.

A year ago 128,517 National Guardsmen were called to the Southern border. They had already been medically selected under the army regulations by the militia surgeons when they enlisted, but a re-examination by the Regular Army doctors resulted in sending home 23,721, or 18 per cent. of them.

The nature of their physical deficiencies may be noted in the following table based on a substantial number of these rejections:

Poor physique..... 31 per cent  
Defective vision..... 13 per cent  
Heart and lungs..... 13 per cent  
Defective feet..... 8 per cent  
Hernia..... 7 per cent  
Venereal disease..... 5 per cent  
Defective teeth..... 5 per cent  
Amputations & deformities 4 per cent  
Destructive hearing..... 2 per cent  
Miscellaneous causes.... 12 per cent

The percentage of impairment found corresponds very closely with the records of the physical examination of a large number of average men working in mercantile houses, factories and industrial plants.

These rejected volunteers belong to America's vast army of physically low powered young men who are either burdened with under-developed bodies or specific health impairments, or both.

The nation and the race is vitally interested in increasing the resisting power of these men to fatigue and disease. Every one of them should have from six months to one year of intensive physical education and training.

A national vitality commission of scientists should be appointed to study and report upon the entire subject of the physical trend of our people. Our Nation has no asset of greater value than the lives of the people who compose it.

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