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LOCAL FARMERS TO GET NITRATE.

Government to Sell Nitrate for Fertilizer Through County Agent.

Notice has been given to R. H. Olmstead, agricultural agent for Centre county, that the U. S. Department of Agriculture will sell at cost a supply of nitrate of soda to farmers in Centre county.

The nitrate was purchased through the War Industries Board under the authority of the Food Control Act as a part of the program for stimulating agricultural production. It will be unloaded at Atlantic ports and the price will be \$75.50 a ton, free on board cars at port of arrival. Farmers are to pay in addition freight from port of arrival and the State fertilizer tag fee.

Applications for a part of the 100,000 tons of nitrate bought by the government will be received only from actual farmers or owners or holders of farms for use on their land, and may be made through county agent R. H. Olmstead or through any member of the local committee consisting of W. C. Smeltzer, Bellefonte; C. H. Gramley, Rebersburg; and John S. Dale, State College.

No money will be required with the application but upon notice from the county agent farmers who have signed applications must deposit with a local bank, association, or individual, designated by the Secretary of Agriculture to act as the farmers' agent for that purpose, money to cover the cost of the fertilizer except the freight charge. After the money is transmitted to Washington the nitrate will be shipped to the farmers. If applications for the nitrate exceed the supply of about 100,000 tons the government will allot the supply on a pro rata basis among those who applied. Applications must be received by February 4th.

What the Red Cross Has Done.

Since its organization last June the Bellefonte Chapter of the Red Cross has sent to France 14,627 articles. Of this number 2,464 articles, consisting of sweaters, mufflers, wristlets, socks, surgical bandages, wash cloths, medical wipes, small pillows, bed shirts, pajamas, hot water bags, shoulder wraps and shot bags were contributed by the Auxiliaries organized during the summer and fall, and as the time required for making these articles varies greatly, the number contributed is not a measure of the value of the work done.

Some Auxiliaries have raised money for their local work rooms and some have also raised money to send their boys in camp, knitted articles and Christmas boxes.

For a long time it was impossible for some organizations to make anything but knitted articles, but at present all are working hard on a hospital drive of 1000 articles consisting of bed shirts, hot water bags, pillow cases and towels to be finished by the 15th of February.

Following is the number of articles contributed to date by each Auxiliary:

- Aaronsburg, 129 finished articles. Rebersburg, 213 finished articles. Pleasant Gap, 190 finished articles. Zion, 16 finished articles. Hubersburg, 9 finished articles. Blanchard, 105 finished articles. Howard, 957 finished articles. Yarnell, 4 finished articles. Milesburg, 630 finished articles. Unionville, 18 finished articles. Julian, 11 finished articles. Port Matilda, 32 finished articles.

Unionville and Julian have not organized yet but have contributed both in work and money.

The quality of the work and the spirit with which the Auxiliaries have responded to the requirements and requests for membership and money are most encouraging for the future work of the Chapter.

Norman Wright to Leave Bellefonte.

The first change to be made among railroad men in this vicinity since the government took over the railroads will take place about the middle of this month when Norman R. Wright, superintendent of maintenance of way and traffic on the Bellefonte Central railroad, will be transferred by order of Secretary McAdoo, director general of railroads, to the Lehigh and New England road as assistant master mechanic with headquarters at Pen Argyl, Northampton county, where the company has large erecting and repair shops.

Mr. Wright came to Bellefonte in the summer of 1913 and has been connected with the Bellefonte Central ever since. The latter company has granted him a leave of absence to go to his new assignment and he anticipates leaving Bellefonte on or about February 10th, in order to assume charge of his new position on February 15th.

The Wrights are packing their furniture now, but will leave it in their home on Linn street, until they find a desirable location in Pen Argyl.

Mrs. Arthur Peters, of Oak Hall, was brought to the Bellefonte hospital yesterday for an operation.

EMERICK.—Samuel K. Emerick, a well known resident of Bald Eagle valley, died at his home in Unionville on Monday evening, following an illness of two years with a complication of diseases.

He was a son of John and Rebecca Emerick and was born in Potter township on September 18th, 1850, hence at his death was 67 years, 4 months and 10 days old. As a young man he engaged in teaching school, a profession he followed for eight or nine years, then engaged in the mercantile business at Scotia. He spent several years there then moved to Bald Eagle valley and went to farming near Unionville. He retired from the farm several years ago and had since been living in Unionville. He was a life-long member of the Methodist church, a member of the Centre Hall Lodge No. 895, I. O. O. F., the P. O. S. of A. and the Grange. He was an exemplary citizen in every way and had a wide circle of friends who deeply deplore his death.

He was married to Miss Julia Alexander, of Unionville, who survives with no children. He leaves, however, four brothers and one sister, namely: M. L. Emerick, of Centre Hall; Dr. C. E. Emerick, of Harrisburg; Harry, of Portland, Oregon; Mrs. Mary Price, of Maxbass, North Dakota, and Oscar, of Freeport, Ill.

Funeral services were held at his late home at ten o'clock yesterday morning by Revs. Lepley and Piper of the Methodist church, after which burial was made in the Unionville cemetery.

STEELE.—Mrs. Harriet J. Steele, widow of the late William L. Steele Sr., died at her home on south Spring street shortly after five o'clock on Saturday evening, of exhaustion following a year's illness with a complication of diseases.

She was a daughter of David and Zephora Young and was born at Boalsburg January 19th, 1852, hence at her death was 66 years and 7 days old. She was married to Mr. Steele on August 27th, 1872, and practically all her married life had been spent in Bellefonte. Ever since girlhood she had been a member of the Methodist church and lived a consistent christian life.

Mr. Steele died nine years ago but surviving her are the following children: David, William and Frank Steele and Mrs. Julia Holter, of Bellefonte; John, a soldier in training at Camp Hancock; Miss Olive, at home; Mrs. C. B. Craig, Earl and Harvey, of Creighton, Pa.; Mrs. A. C. Longee, of State College, and Mrs. F. P. Crier, of Lock Haven. She also leaves three sisters, Mrs. Mary Brouse, of Pine Grove Mills; Mrs. John Williams, of Lemont, and Mrs. Margaret Johnston, of Easton.

Funeral services were held at her late home at two o'clock on Tuesday afternoon, Dr. E. H. Yocum officiated and was assisted by Rev. C. Y. Shuey and her nephew, Rev. D. Y. Brouse, of Houtzdale, after which burial was made in the Union cemetery.

LICHTENTHALER.—Griffith H. Lichtenthaler, a well known attorney of Philipsburg, died on Monday as the result of an attack of pneumonia after only one week's illness. He was born at Montoursville, Lycoming county, and was 63 years, 5 months and 3 days old. He located in Philipsburg thirty-three years ago and engaged in the practice of law in which he was quite successful. He was a member of the Presbyterian church and the Philipsburg Lodge of Odd Fellows. For a number of years past he had been secretary of the board of trustees of the Cottage State hospital in that place.

He was married to Miss Mary C. Mendenhall, of Montoursville, who survives with two sons, Carlton, with the American aviation corps in France, and Harold at home. He also leaves two brothers and two sisters. Funeral services were held at eight o'clock on Wednesday evening by Rev. R. P. Miller and private burial was made in the Philipsburg cemetery yesterday morning.

VAIL.—Following an illness of three years with a complication of diseases Orin W. Vail died at his home in Philipsburg on Sunday afternoon. He was a native of New York State and was 72 years, 10 months and 21 days old. Practically all his life, however, was spent in Philipsburg and vicinity. For a number of years he farmed and did some lumbering in Rush township but the past twenty-five years he had been a resident of Philipsburg. He was a member of the Philipsburg Lodge of Moose and Centre Council Royal Arcanum. He is survived by his wife, four sons and one daughter, as well as a brother living in Athens, N. Y. The funeral was held on Wednesday afternoon burial being made in the Philipsburg cemetery.

BEATES.—Mrs. Harry A. Beates died at her home at Pine Glenn last Friday afternoon as the result of injuries sustained in a fall. She was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Boger and was born in Lebanon county on May 16th, 1893, hence was but 24 years, 8 months and 9 days old. She is survived by her husband and two small children, Joseph Maxwell and Harriet Aldy. She also leaves her parents and one sister, Isabelle, a Red Cross nurse on duty in France. Funeral services were held at her late home at three o'clock on Tuesday afternoon by Rev. Shannon, after which burial was made in the Askey cemetery.

Flour Regulations for Centre County

Pursuant to the proclamation of President Wilson calling upon the Nation for increased conservation of all supplies of wheat and other food staples, and acting under rulings issued by the United States Food Administration, it is ordered that effective Monday, January 28th, all licensed bakers in the State of Pennsylvania are required to mix a minimum of 5 per cent. of other cereals with wheat flour in baking bread and rolls, increasing this substitution to a minimum of 20 per cent. on or before February 24th.

A patriotic appeal is made to bakers who now have sufficient supply of substitutes on hand to permit of inaugurating the full minimum substitution of 20 per cent. at once, owing to the present general shortage of cereal supplies and difficulties and delays in transportation.

The administration ruling limiting flour sales in the trade is under the discretionary power of the State Administrator, temporarily modified for Pennsylvania as follows: Licensed wholesalers of wheat flour may, until further notice, sell it to retailers in combination with other recognized substitutes in the minimum rate of one pound of substitute with each six pounds of wheat flour purchased, unless it is first definitely determined that substitutes in equivalent quantities have been previously purchased from another source.

Retailers of wheat flour will only sell to consumers in combination with substitute cereals in the same minimum ratio as prescribed for wholesale dealers. No ordinary family consumer should be sold at one time, if city resident, more than 24 pounds of wheat flour; if country resident, not more than 48 pounds.

Cereals to be recognized as substitutes are: Cornmeal, cornstarch, rolled oats, buckwheat flour, potato flour, sweet potato flour, soy bean flour, rye, rice flour, oatmeal, feterita flours and meals and no others.

Hotels, restaurants and all public eating places will be expected to observe Monday and Wednesday of each week as wheatless days, and also in addition, one wheatless meal, to be evening meal, on each day, when no crackers, pastries, macaroni, breakfast foods, or cereals containing wheat should be used. A similar observance is urged upon all homes.

W. FRED REYNOLDS, Food Administrator.

WALIZER.—Mrs. Pauline Walizer, wife of Jacob Walizer, died at her home at Smulton last Saturday morning as the result of a stroke of paralysis. She was first stricken one Sunday last September just as she was ready to start for church. Her entire right side was affected. On Monday of last week she sustained a second stroke which paralyzed her left side and resulted in her death.

She was a daughter of Anthony and Rachael Bierly and was born at Rebersburg on September 20th, 1846, making her age 71 years, 4 months and 6 days. She is survived by her husband and the following children: Scott Walizer, of Smulton; Reuben, of Julian; Mrs. Rachael Gentzel, of Gleason; Mrs. Elmer Confer, of Sober; Mrs. Joseph Solt, of Erie; Mrs. Robert Spangler, of Tusseyville, and Miss Eva, at home. She also leaves two sisters, Mrs. Lydia Lose, of Smulton, and Mrs. Fieta Moyer, of Wolf's Store.

Funeral services were held in the Smulton Methodist church, of which she was a member, at ten o'clock on Wednesday morning by Rev. W. H. Williams, after which burial was made in the Rebersburg cemetery.

ALTERS.—Miss Anna Ruth Alters died at an early hour last Friday morning at the home of her uncle, William Moyer, at Gilttown, following an illness of some weeks with tuberculous of the throat. She was a daughter of J. Monroe and Minerva Alters and was born at Pleasant Gap on February 24th, 1894, hence was 23 years, 11 months and 1 day old. Most of her life, however, was spent in Bellefonte and for almost eight years she was an employee in the Centre Democrat office in the capacity of linotype operator. She was a faithful member of the United Evangelical church and Sunday school and was organist in that church a number of years.

Her father died in 1910 but surviving her are her mother, one brother and three sisters, namely: Thomas, of Flemington; Mrs. Frank Young and Ella, of Bellefonte, and Grace at home. Funeral services were held in the United Evangelical church at 2:30 o'clock on Monday afternoon by Rev. E. P. Dunn, after which burial was made in the Bellefonte Union cemetery.

SHOWERS.—Mrs. Elmira Showers, widow of the late Jacob Showers, died at the home of Grant Showers, at Jersey Shore, on Tuesday of last week following a lingering illness with heart trouble. She was a daughter of George and Elizabeth Grossman and was born and raised near Tusseyville, this county, being at her death 75 years, 5 months and 20 days old. She was married to Jacob Showers who died several years ago. All her life was spent in Centre and Clinton counties. Surviving her are three brothers, Ira Grossman, of Potters Mills; Joseph, of Bellefonte, and William, of Tusseyville. Two sisters, Mrs. Jane Weese and Mrs. Mary Getlette, died several years ago. Funeral services were held at the Grant Showers home at two o'clock last Friday afternoon by Rev. Hudson, after which the remains were laid to rest in the Lutheran cemetery at Jersey Shore.

GINGERY.—John Gingery, a native of Centre county, died at his home in Woodland, Clearfield county, on Wednesday of last week as the result of a stroke of paralysis, although he had been in poor health for some months.

He was a son of Samuel and Maria Farber Gingery and was born at Stormstown, this county, on March 15th, 1853, making his age 64 years, 10 months and 8 days. His early life was spent on a farm near Martha Furnace where in 1876 he was united in marriage to Miss Mary Wagner. In 1889 he moved with his family to Woodland and that has been his home ever since. He was a member of the Woodland Methodist church and a man much esteemed in the community in which he lived.

Surviving him are his wife and four daughters, Mrs. Harry Varner, of Woodland; Misses Medie, Effie and Grace at home. He also leaves three sisters, namely: Mrs. W. M. Cronister, of Martha; Mrs. Harry Laird, of Port Matilda, and Miss Mary, in Tyrone. Funeral services were held at his late home on Saturday afternoon after which burial was made in the Bradford cemetery at Woodland.

HIBLER.—Mrs. Pauline Hibler, widow of John Hibler, died at her home in Milesburg at ten o'clock last Friday morning from a complication of diseases, aggravated by injuries she sustained in an automobile accident during the holidays. Her maiden name was Pauline Fischer and she was born in Germany seventy-nine years ago. She came to this country when a girl and the greater part of her life was spent in Milesburg. Her husband died many years ago but surviving her are two daughters, Mary at home, and Mrs. Theresa Sears, of New York. She also leaves one sister, Mrs. Henry Riffe, of New York. Funeral services were held in the Catholic church at ten o'clock on Wednesday morning by Father Downes and burial was made in the Catholic cemetery.

RILEY.—Miss Sallie Riley, a well known resident of Boalsburg, died on Monday morning at the home of her sister, Mrs. Oscar Stover, of Boalsburg, following an illness of some months with sarcoma, aged sixty years. Some time ago she underwent an operation in a Philadelphia hospital but her condition was so serious that soon afterwards she returned to Centre county and went to the home of her sister. Her only survivor is her sister, Mrs. Oscar Stover. She was a life-long member of the Presbyterian church and a woman highly esteemed in her home community. Funeral services were held at the Stover home at ten o'clock yesterday morning by Rev. L. V. Barber, after which burial was made in the Boalsburg cemetery.

HILLARD.—Clarence Hillard, the infant son of James and Nancy Borest Hillard, died last Friday after a brief illness with broncho-pneumonia. He was born on December 21st, 1916, hence was 1 year, 1 month and 3 days old. He was the last of twin children, the other one dying about a year ago as the result of an attack of pneumonia. The remains were taken to Gatesburg on Saturday for burial in the Lutheran cemetery at that place.

BREON.—After suffering for several months with gangrene Benjamin Breon, a well known resident of Gregg township, died last Friday morning. He was a son of Daniel and Polly Breon and was born in Gregg township seventy-eight years ago. He was a farmer by occupation and a good citizen in every way. He is survived by his wife who before her marriage was Miss Sarah Wolf, and the following children: Mrs. Ella Auman, of Spring Mills; Mrs. Anna Zerby, of Glen Union, Clinton county; D. B. Breon, of Bellevue, Ohio; Mrs. Emma Igen, of Centre Hall; Jacob, of Antes Fort; Calvin, of Aaronsburg; Mrs. G. S. Spayd, of Bellevue, Ohio; Miss Lettie, of Akron, Ohio; Willis, of Spring Mills, and Miss Sadie, at home. He also leaves one brother and a sister, John Breon and Miss Sadie Keen, both of Millheim. Burial was made in the Georges Valley cemetery yesterday.

POWLEY.—David Powley, a well known resident of west Ferguson township, died at the home of a friend at Tipton, Blair county, last Saturday. He had been in the Roaring Springs hospital undergoing treatment and was on his way home to Marengo when he was taken worse at Tipton and died there. He was born near Marengo and was about seventy-two years old. He was a laborer by occupation and a good citizen in every way. He is survived by his wife, who before her marriage was Miss Anna E. Ellenberger, and five children. The remains were taken to his home at Marengo on Monday and burial was made in the Ross cemetery at two o'clock the same afternoon. Owing to the fact that Rev. Babcock got stuck in the snow and could not get through no funeral services were held, but the same will be held later.

LENKER.—Following an illness of ten weeks with pneumonia Mrs. Lavina K. Lenker died at her home in Aaronsburg last Friday morning, aged 81 years, 11 months and 2 days. She was a daughter of Daniel and Rebecca Kurtz, was born in Aaronsburg and spent her entire life there. She was united in marriage to Daniel H. Lenker who died twenty-two years ago. She was the last of her father's family but surviving her are three children: J. E. Lenker, of Lemont; Mrs. W. R. Houser, of Bellefonte, and Miss Susan C., at home. Funeral services were held at her late home at ten o'clock on Tuesday morning by Rev. G. C. Courtney, of Boalsburg, after which burial was made in the Lutheran cemetery at Aaronsburg.

BAIRD.—Mrs. Edward Baird died at her home at Milesburg on Tuesday afternoon following a two week's illness with pneumonia. She is survived by her husband and three children, Caroline, Bryson and Isabel. She also leaves her parents and three brothers, James, of Tyrone; Thomas, of Renovo; Frank, at Westport, and one sister, Mary, at home. The funeral will take place tomorrow morning at ten o'clock.

A Snow Shoe Bear Story.

It is an uncontradicted fact that bears hibernate during the winter, but any man who wants to put up an argument that all bears hibernate should consult Jack Bickens, motor operator in Kelley mine No. 4, located about a mile west of Cato, in the Snow Shoe region, who can furnish what he considers irrefutable proof that some bears, at least, roam around during the winter months, notwithstanding the snow and cold weather.

Mr. Bickens and his wife live in a small house not far from the opening of Kelley mine No. 4. Early Tuesday morning of last week they were awakened by the crash of window glass and hurrying down stairs Mr. Bickens saw a huge black bear trying to force an entrance into the kitchen after having broken the glass in the window with his ponderous paw. The bear naturally took fright and ran away. Mr. Bickens dressed and went out to investigate and he discovered that the bear had first visited the slop barrel, which stood about fifty feet from the kitchen door, and evidently not being satisfied with what it found there attempted to break into the kitchen for something more to its liking.

Mr. Bickens tracked the animal about a half a mile through three feet of snow in the direction of Cato then gave it up. Later in the day dogs chased the bear back right past the Bickens home and into the deep woods, where it finally made a safe get-away.

The question now is if bears hibernate as it is universally admitted they do, why did this bear leave its lair and go into the haunts of civilization through three feet of snow on the search of food? Can it be that it is a sign of a general break-up in the weather.

The congregation of the Bellefonte Lutheran church have extended a call to Rev. Wilson P. Ard to become their permanent pastor. Rev. Ard is a son of the late J. B. Ard, of Pine Grove Mills, and is on the eve of graduating from the Susquehanna University at Selingsgrove. He preached trial sermons for the Bellefonte congregation several months ago, which pleased them very much. If he accepts the call it will be to come here in March.

Early Movings.

John Watson and family will move into the rooms over Lyon & Co's store vacated by J. Mac Heine. Charles Brachbill and family will move into rooms over Garman's store.

Country Residents Drifted In, Farmers Hard Up for Water.

It really seems superfluous to write of the weather conditions, because everybody in Centre county knows it is wintry, and about as wintry as it can be. Just when it moderated a little the latter part of last week and everybody was hoping it was the beginning of a break-up, along comes warnings of another blizzard and while we didn't catch the extreme cold end of it we got about ten inches of a snowfall on Sunday night and Monday and the result was another blockade of the public roads and a serious disturbance of railroad traffic. All trains arrived in Bellefonte from one to three hours after schedule time and the Pennsylvania-Lehigh east was cancelled entirely, as it could not get out of Pittsburgh.

Throughout the country districts conditions are worse than they have been in many years. Not only are the state highways blocked with snow in many places but most of the cross roads are piled so high with snow drifts that farmers are literally snowed in and many of them have been living within the radius of their buildings.

But this is not the worst feature that confronts some of the farmers. Those who are snowed in and have a bountiful water supply are considered the lucky ones, as many wells have gone dry and regardless of the deep snow farmers have been compelled to dig a way through snow drifts to get water for domestic use as well as for their stock. This condition exists in Ferguson and College townships, down Brush valley, some parts of Nittany and even down Bald Eagle valley. In the latter section artesian wells are being sunk to get water to tide over the emergency.

Fortunately Bellefonte has not suffered for any lack of water supply and is not likely to unless through an accident to some of the pumping machinery. And remarkable as it may seem State College has not yet felt any necessity of conserving its water supply. In former winters, not half so severe as this the supply of water at that place invariably ran low but so far this winter it has been sufficient for all needs.

Threshermen Elect Officers.

The annual meeting of the Centre county Threshermen and Farmers' Protective association was held in the grand jury room in the court house last Saturday, but the attendance was small owing to the inclement weather and the blockaded condition of the roads. The secretary's report showed a membership during 1917 of eighty. Officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows:

- President—G. W. Smith, Zion. Vice President—J. S. Condo, Jack-sonville. Secretary and Treasurer—Isaac Underwood, Bellefonte. Delegates to the State convention to be held in Harrisburg February 13th to 15th inclusive—G. W. Smith, J. S. Condo, J. B. Mitchell, O. H. Nasson, James N. Smith, John W. Miller and Isaac Underwood. A. H. Brubaker, chairman of the executive committee of the State Threshermen's association, and O. C. Shaffer, of Williamsport, were present and addressed the meeting.

Sleds Can Get Through to Snow Shoe.

The "Watchman" is able to announce that the state highway between this place and Snow Shoe is now open to traffic by sleds and that farmers and others wanting to drive to that place for coal can make the trip without trouble.

The mines have plenty of coal there which is being sold at 10 cents a bushel, the equivalent of \$2.80 or \$3.00 a ton. The finest kind of cannel coal, especially for domestic use, can be gotten at the Cannel Coal mine near Moshannon on the state highway. It is located four miles beyond Snow Shoe and is operated by the Budinger Bros.

Joseph Woods, who has no permanent habitation, on Monday entered the shanty of Emerson Confer, at Orviston and stole \$75.25 and a silver watch. He was arrested the same day and the watch and most of the money recovered. He was brought to Bellefonte on Tuesday and is now in jail awaiting sentence by the court.

Mrs. James B. Lane has purchased the Norman Wright home on east Linn street. It is the property Mr. Wright bought from P. H. Thomas about a year ago.

Farmers Urged to Sell Their Wheat.

Harrisburg, January 29.—Farmers of Pennsylvania were called upon by Secretary of Agriculture Patton to sell wheat from the 1917 crop in their hands and not needed for seed purposes as a matter of patriotism. Mr. Patton estimated that more than one-fourth of the wheat raised last year is in the hands of farmers.

"A shortage exists and I hope the farmers of Pennsylvania will sell now," said the Secretary. "The price is fixed at \$2.20, so that nothing can be gained by holding it any longer. No one can get a cent more by holding it a month or two months."

The farmers of the United States have been allowing \$300,000,000 in real money to escape from their pockets each year because of poor roads, according to the testimony of experts.

For Sale.—A house and lot in Coleville. Apply to William Carson, Woodward.

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