

To Correspondents.—No communications published unless accompanied by the real name of the writer.

THINGS ABOUT TOWN AND COUNTY

—“It Pays to Advertise” at the opera house tonight.

—A little daughter, who has been named Jane, was born Monday to Mr. and Mrs. John Curtin.

—The Williamsport High school basketball five will be the Academy's opponents in the last game of the season on the Y. M. C. A. floor tomorrow (Saturday) evening, at 8:15 o'clock.

—The Undine fire company held their customary St. Patrick's day banquet on Monday evening at their building on Bishop street.

—“Watchman” readers are reminded of the fact that tonight will be the occasion of the Penn State Thespian show at the opera house when they will give the mirth-producing play, “It Pays to Advertise.”

—Landlord H. S. Ray is making another improvement in the Brockerhoff house by dividing No. 41, the large sample room on the second floor into two rooms and installing a private bath in each one.

—Lorimer Bullock, a son of Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Bullock, of State College, has been visiting friends in this section the past week.

—Hon. John Noll has decided not to rebuild his laundry on south Water street. Notwithstanding the fact that he got a complete adjustment of his insurance he considers that it would not be good business to build at present.

—The second war fund campaign of the American Red Cross will be conducted during the week of May 20th to 27th, and the amount asked for is one hundred million dollars.

—The program at the Scenic this week will conclude with Mary Pickford tomorrow night in “The Little American,” and the regular semi-weekly Pathe news film.

—The new Titan metal plant at the site of the old Nitany furnace will probably be tried out next week.

—Edward Hepburn had the misfortune on Tuesday to lose his pocketbook containing \$105.00. He lost it on Bishop street, in the neighborhood of the Baum home.

—William D. Stitzinger, of New Castle, who as a student of the Bellefonte Academy enlisted early in 1917 in the hospital corps of the First Pennsylvania Cavalry and went to Camp Hancock when that organization left here on September 11th, has been discharged from service on account of ill health and reached his home in New Castle about two weeks ago.

The Great Drive for Farm Labor is On in Centre County.

All Men and Boys Should Enroll in This Patriotic Movement. Farm Labor to be Given Deferred Classification. Read Carefully the Instructions Below.

The great drive for sufficient labor to man the farms of Centre county is on. America must produce the greatest crops in her history this season or be threatened with the invasion of her own soil by the Germans.

Men and boys of Centre county, this year will be what our great President said it was to be: The determining point of the war.

Our government has told our Allies that we can be depended upon to produce the food necessary and it is now up to us to make the promise good.

Within the next two weeks we must enroll every man and boy who is capable of doing any work on a farm, if he is not already working on a farm.

Let us appeal to every citizen of the county to enthusiastically co-operate in the work. It is absolutely necessary to the welfare of our country.

All men who are capable of going out in an emergency to help for a day or so, whether they are preachers, bankers, lawyers, merchants, mechanics or laborers should enroll.

Don't let the thought of the wages to be earned deter you. That isn't patriotism. Think of it like those men who hurried to help the flood stricken city of Lock Haven thought of that.

On Monday at 2 o'clock a meeting was held in the arbitration room in the court house in Bellefonte to formulate the plans for the campaign.

There were present fully two hundred farmers and others from all parts of the county, but, unfortunately, Mr. Geo. C. Signor, the representative of the Department of Civilian Service and Labor of the committee of Public Safety for Pennsylvania, who was scheduled to be here and speak missed his connections in Harrisburg and did not reach here in time for it.

Mr. Signor arrived on a late afternoon train and a meeting was called for 7 o'clock in the evening in order that he might explain the plan of organization to be effected in Centre

county. Mr. Signor is himself a farmer and is at present farming one thousand acres of the most fertile land in the Schuylkill valley; right at the doors of the great Bethlehem steel plants and surrounded by other industries paying high wages.

After the formal meeting was dismissed Mr. Signor went into conference with Mrs. J. Thomas Mitchell and Mrs. John Porter Lyon, representing the Council of Home Defense; Prof. Jonas E. Wagner, representing the Boys Working Reserve and Geo. R. Meek, the executive secretary.

It was hoped that at this time we would be able to announce finally and positively that all farm labor including graduates from agricultural courses of colleges, farmers' boys who are actively working and will continue on the farms, and laborers partially skilled in farming will be given deferred classification.

However, the local exemption board has authorized us to publish the following:

REGULATIONS FOR FILING CLAIMS FOR DEFERRED CLASSIFICATION. 1 Where registrant has made no claim— A statement should be prepared similar to Series XII of the Questionnaire, accompanied by an affidavit of the claimant.

In cases where such claims were legitimate, refusal was usually caused by carelessness or incorrectness in the make up of the Questionnaire.

All statements and affidavits must be prepared on paper measuring 8 1/2 by 11 inches, and must be submitted to the local board in accordance with the Selective Service Regulations and not to the district board.

As to getting boys who are already in the service furloughed for farm work. It must be borne in mind that they can only get such furloughs in the event the above bill is passed and then only because they expect to and actually do work all of the time of their furlough on a farm.

It would be well for any persons interested in securing help in this way to write to the boys at once and have them make the application at the camp—the only place it can be done—so if the law is passed their applications can be acted upon at once and no time lost.

IMPORTANT. Since the above was put in type

orders have come to the Centre County Draft Board directing it to defer all classes of farm labor, under stated conditions. This is the ruling Secretary Meek announced at the meeting would be forthcoming, but at that time it had not been actually received.

The Draft Board is now preparing a special application blank which Mr. Meek has volunteered to have printed and as a matter of accommodation will supply same to all persons desiring same, who apply either in person or by writing.

When this application is filled out it should be filed at once with the local Draft Board in Bellefonte and a deferred classification will be granted.

Must Report Flour at Once. All persons who have failed to send in report of flour on hand will do so at once on slip published in the papers.

HIKING IT IN GEORGIA. How the Soldier Boys at Camp Hancock are Being Drilled.

Camp Hancock, Ga., March 10.

We got back from our five day's hike yesterday afternoon, none the worse for the trip. We left Camp Hancock about eight o'clock Monday morning, March 4th, and at 2:30 p. m. reached the 108th Field Artillery range. It is a distance of twelve miles, but the report is that we got on the wrong road and it made it about eighteen miles.

As soon as we arrived we put up our pup tents and made camp. We did not have dinner until 3:30 and believe me I was good and ready for it. I could have eaten a mule, I was so hungry.

The next morning we were up at reveille and had machine gun drill. We had the afternoon off, so we walked over to the Y. M. C. A. for writing paper, and I wrote with my mess pan on my knee, so don't be surprised at the writing, as it doesn't make a very good desk.

We broke camp right after supper and left there about 6:30 for Sandy Creek. This was the longest hike we had during the whole five days. It was 2:30 in the morning when we reached our destination, which was a twenty-two mile walk.

The next morning we were up at 8 o'clock for breakfast, but had the balance of the day to rest up. The doctor was busy all day fixing up feet, but he didn't need to fix mine.

After taking a good bath and changing clothes, I felt fine. It sure was a fine trip and a great experience, and I am glad I didn't have to miss it.

There is some rumor of a division hike next week but I don't know how true it is. This morning we had a division review on the drill field. I am beginning to like this place pretty well, and it surely agrees with me, as I have gained 21 pounds since coming down and my muscles are hard as bone.

Mrs. W. F. Reynolds was a welcome visitor to our camp and I didn't miss the opportunity to call on her. It is good to see the mothers of the fellows when they come down from Bellefonte. I have been informed that I have been recommended for a furlough, and I am hoping it will come soon.

Private ROBERT T. WILLARD, Co. A, 107th Machine Gun Battalion. If you want to know why it pays to advertise see The Thespian at the opera house this evening.

NEWS PURELY PERSONAL.

—Dr. Joseph Helfrich left Monday to report for duty at Fort Monroe.

—Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Nagney are entertaining Mrs. Nagney's sister, Mrs. Brandon, of Scranton.

—Mr. and Mrs. Wells L. Daggett have been spending a part of the week at Wellsboro and Elmira.

—Mrs. G. H. Moore, of Erie, spent a part of last week in Milesburg visiting with her father, George Noll.

—Miss Emma Montgomery is spending ten days in Bellefonte before going to Tyrone for the summer.

—Mrs. Daniel Hall, of Unionville, visited in Bellefonte the early part of the week, a guest of Mrs. S. A. Bell.

—Mrs. William H. Eason, of Unionville, will go to Pittsburgh next week to enter St. Joseph's hospital for treatment.

—Mr. S. E. Weber, one of the representative business men of Bellefonte, transacted business in Bellefonte on Tuesday.

—Harry Wetzel is now making his home with his sister, Mrs. Thomas Farrow, at Algonquin, W. Va., having accepted a position there the first of March.

—Mrs. George L. Goodhart, who had spent the winter in Bellefonte with her daughter, Mrs. D. Wagner Geiss, returned to Centre Hall Monday, to open her house for the summer.

—Paul Kerk accompanied Mrs. Kerk and their son to Bellefonte Friday, returning to Philadelphia Sunday. Mrs. Kerk and the child remained for a visit with Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Hurley.

—Frank McClain, who has sold his home on Allegheny street to W. G. Runkle, left Bellefonte Monday, to go to Spangler, where he will make his home with his brother, James A. McClain.

—Mrs. A. M. Singheiser, of Renovo, and her small son, came to Bellefonte Saturday for a short visit with the child's grand-father, D. W. Woodring, and other relatives of Mrs. Singheiser.

—Mrs. Thomas Morgan has joined the ranks of the patriotic women of America, having left Bellefonte Monday to accept a position in Philadelphia, during the time her husband, Dr. Morgan, is in service.

—Guy Lyon, of the machine gun battalion of Camp Hancock, arrived in Bellefonte the beginning of the week, to spend his furlough with Mrs. Lyon, of Phoenix avenue, and with his parents at Lyontown.

—Mrs. Robert Sechler went to Millburg Monday for the funeral of Mr. Sechler's brother, Casper Sechler. Mrs. Sechler remained for the rest of the week, visiting at her former home with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Shontz.

—Mrs. Plotts, of Muncy, and Edward Evans, of Williamsport, were guests of Mrs. Margaret Hutchinson between trains Saturday, on their way to Sprucetown, where they buried their sister, Miss Lucy Evans, Saturday afternoon.

—Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Gramley, their daughter, Mrs. Claude Haines, Mrs. Haines' son, Kenneth, and Mrs. Sidney Krumrine, all of Rebersburg, drove to Bellefonte on Tuesday, spending part of the day as guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jared Harper.

—Mrs. Thomas Hazel and Mrs. Harry Smith left a week ago for Florida, to visit for a month with their sister, Mrs. Edgar B. Greene, Mr. and Mrs. Greene have been making their home in the South for several years, having moved there from Altoona.

—Dr. J. Currier, of Gramplan, who would like to have the Republican nomination for Congress in this district, accompanied by Samuel R. Hamilton, of Clearfield, was in Bellefonte the beginning of the week on his maiden trip among Centre county Republicans.

Miss Eleanor Parker came home from Wilson college yesterday, expecting to be here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. Ross Parker, for a day or two. Miss Parker will then go on to Somerset to visit with her aunts and grand-mother for the remainder of her Easter vacation.

—Mrs. D. F. Poorman, of Runville, was in Bellefonte Saturday on her way to State College for a visit with Mr. and Mrs. Willis Poorman, whose son, Myrl F. Poorman, will leave soon to enter the service.

—Mrs. C. K. Hicklen came to Bellefonte Tuesday to pack and ship her household goods to Philadelphia, in anticipation of making her home there with her mother and sister, Miss Mary Hicklen, one of the teachers in the schools here, will resign her position, to take effect at the end of this school year, intending to remain in Philadelphia with her mother.

—Constable Howard Smead was summoned to Williamsport on Monday afternoon on account of the critical illness of Dr. Parrish, who died on Friday evening of apoplexy, aged thirty-eight years. Mr. Myers was a prominent attorney of Ebensburg and enjoyed quite a local reputation as a singer. He had visited in Bellefonte on various occasions, the last time he was here being to attend the funeral of the late Thomas A. Shoemaker.

—Dr. J. M. Brockerhoff returned on Saturday from a six week's sojourn in Florida in company with James R. Pierpoint, of Philadelphia. They left Pennsylvania during the last big blizzard when the thermometer stood fourteen degrees below zero, and when they reached Florida they were compelled to don summer clothing and during their entire stay the weather was all that could be desired. In fact, their trip was not marred by even a single day's rain.

—The “Watchman” staff had the pleasure of greeting Mr. Frank Hazel, of Willowbank street, in a pleasant call on Tuesday afternoon, and he mentioned the fact that it was just five months since he was taken sick with diphtheria and this had been his furthest trip away from home since. It will be recalled that Mr. Hazel was taken ill on Saturday following the burial of his son Clarence three days previous, and after he recovered from the diphtheria he became almost totally paralyzed. But he has now recovered so as to be able to be around and he hopes in two or three weeks to be able to look after his business interests. He attributes his illness in the first place to his run-down condition in caring so tenderly for his son during his last illness.

—Mrs. Christ Beezer is visiting in Pittsburgh with her sister, Mrs. James Benson.

—Mrs. G. Willard Hall, of Harrisburg, is visiting with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Spigleyer.

—Mrs. Dennison, of Wilkes-Barre, is a guest of Mrs. Edward P. Irwin, at the Bush house.

—Mrs. Miles Barr has been spending a part of the week in Bellefonte, preparing to go to her new home in Tyrone.

—William C. Cassidy was called to Canton, Ohio, yesterday, by the serious illness of his father, Robert A. Cassidy.

—Miss Pauline Huey left Wednesday to return to her home in Federal City, Maryland, after a week's visit here with her sister, Mrs. Arthur Sloop.

—Miss Ruby Eberhart, a nurse in the Punksutawney hospital, has been spending the past week in Bellefonte with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Eberhart.

—Mrs. J. A. Alkon and her daughter, Miss Alkon, will leave this week to spend a month with Mrs. Aiken other daughter, Mrs. George B. Johnston, at Beaver Falls.

—Mrs. John R. Woodcock expects to return to Bellefonte next week. Mrs. Woodcock has been visiting in Syracuse, Scranton and Chambersburg for the past two months.

—Mrs. Lyde Thomas Gibson and Mr. Sager, who came to Bellefonte Thursday, with the body of Mrs. Gibson's brother, Isaac M. Thomas, Jr., returned to Philadelphia Sunday.

—W. R. Brachbill and his daughter, Miss Louise Brachbill, returned from Philadelphia Tuesday, having gone down for a short time with Captain Runkle, on shore leave from one of the Atlantic transports.

—Miss M. Eloise Schuyler, formerly of Centre Hall but now a teacher in the girls' high school, West Philadelphia, will come to Centre county tomorrow to spend her Easter vacation of a week among her friends at Centre Hall and Bellefonte.

—Lieut. Francis E. Thomas, of the 3rd Field Artillery, Fort Oglethorpe, Ga., arrived in Bellefonte yesterday morning on a ten day's furlough, coming home at this time to see his sister, Mrs. W. H. Gephart, who has been ill for several weeks at her home on Linn street. During his stay Lieut. Thomas will be a guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Thomas, at the Bush house.

Trying Out a Tractor.

D. M. Kline began plowing on Wednesday with his new International tractor. Manna didn't invite his neighbors to see the start off, preferring evidently to be sure that he was going to be able to handle it before attempting a public demonstration. Local sales manager for the International Co., J. M. Cunningham, and Manna got the critter fixed up and then went away into a back field where they would not be observed and went to it. The tractor performed beautifully throwing two clean regular furrows and not making a single balk. Some rocks too big for two men to handle were turned up and several loosened that were so large that they will have to be blasted before they can be gotten out. All this was done without apparently interfering with either tractor or plows and a fourth of the big field was finished while they thought they had been doing nothing. Needless to say Mr. Kline is delighted and sees his spring plowing as a matter that is not going to give him any more concern than driving his Stude into town.

Patriotic Mass Meeting.

There will be a patriotic mass meeting for young women and girls in the court house, March 26th, at 8 p. m. Miss Anna Seaburg, of New York, national secretary of the Y. W. C. A., and Dean Thomas Blaisdell, of State College, will address the meeting. Music will begin at 7:30.

It is hoped that every young woman in Bellefonte and many from out of town will be present. The general public is invited also. The aim is to mobilize our young women to help in every possible way our men who have gone to the front.

—Wilbur L. Malin on Tuesday received a telegram from his son, Ogden B. Malin, announcing the fact that he had been promoted to a second lieutenant and assigned to the Aberdeen, Md., proving grounds for instruction. The promotion was unsolicited and came as a great surprise to the young man.

—Miss Sara Malin, who has for a number of years so successfully represented W. J. Evenden Sons, leading florists of Williamsport, asks her patrons to place their Easter and spring orders at once, to insure a satisfactory and early delivery. 63-12-1t

For Rent.—Mrs. J. A. Aiken is offering for rent, her own very desirable flat in the Aiken block. Seven rooms, a bath and all modern conveniences. After this week address the “Watchman” office. 63-12-1t

For Sale.—Brooder stove, walnut bedroom set. ANNA H. HOY. 63-12-1t

Bellefonte Produce Markets. Corrected weekly by R. S. Brouse, Grocer. The prices quoted are those paid for produce.

Table with 2 columns: Item and Price. Includes Potatoes per bushel, Onions, Eggs per dozen, Lard, per pound, Butter, per pound.

Bellefonte Grain Markets. The following are the quotations up to six o'clock Thursday evening, when our paper goes to press.

Table with 2 columns: Item and Price. Includes Red Wheat, White Wheat, Eye, per bushel, Corn, shelled, per bushel, Corn, ears, per bushel, Oats, old and new, per bushel, Barley, per bushel.

Philadelphia Markets. The following are the closing prices of the Philadelphia markets on Wednesday evening:

Table with 2 columns: Item and Price. Includes Wheat—Red, Wheat—No. 2, Corn—Yellow, Corn—Mixed new, Oats, Flour—Winter, per barrel, Rye Flour, per barrel, Baked Hay—Choice Timothy No. 1, Mixed No. 1, Straw.