

**County Correspondence**

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**PINE GROVE MENTION.**

A number of our schools are still closed on account of the influenza.

To everybody a Merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year.

W. H. Roush, who was ill two weeks with the flu, returned to his job in Altoona on Monday morning.

Miss Nannie Bailey is visiting her old friend and neighbor, Mrs. Maggie Gates, at Gallitzin, this week.

Mrs. W. D. Port went to Altoona on Wednesday, to spend the Christmas season with her daughter, Mrs. Smith.

Mrs. Samuel Dunlap left on Tuesday for Cherrytree to help look after the family of her son, Randall Dunlap, who are all sick with the flu.

Waldo Corl suffered a relapse while on a fair way to recovery from an attack of pneumonia and his condition on Monday was so serious that a consultation of physicians was held.

Prof. George R. Dunlap, teacher of the Woodward grammar school, was called home last Thursday on account of the serious illness of his wife with influenza. At this writing she is considerably improved.

Mr. and Mrs. John Auman are open to congratulations over the arrival of a little boy in their household, who has been christened John Pershing Auman. This makes three children in their little family.

Last Friday afternoon Ellis Auman, our popular miller, and Mr. Horner were mixed up in an auto collision near Pine Hall. Aside from a bad shaking up none of the occupants of the cars were injured but both machines were slightly damaged.

Henry Goss, the hammer and tongs mechanic at Houtzdale, spent a few days among old cronies in town after returning from the chase with the Pine Grove Mills rod and gun club. The party, captained by Hon. J. W. Kepler, got two fine deer.

Mr. and Mrs. Marcellus Sankey, of Potter township, spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Smith. Mr. Sankey's sister, Miss Edith Sankey, who had been at the Smith home for a week, returned home with them Sunday evening.

Ernest Trostle, who had been in training at Camp Lee the past three months, returned home on Sunday evening, having been mustered out of the service. He gained forty pounds in three months and is so finely developed that his friends hardly knew him.

Letters received from some of our soldier boys contain the information that they expect to be home for Christmas. So wrote Lieut. W. R. Dale, while Miss Minnie Collins, a trained nurse in France, has written that she expects to be home by that time.

Our popular grain merchant, J. Delvin Neidigh, is busy shipping wheat out of the valley. By the time this appears in print he will have shipped twenty-seven carloads of grain to the eastern markets and expects to ship that much more during the winter.

Hon. J. W. Kepler on Tuesday received from Secretary of Labor and Commerce William B. Wilson a notification that he had been appointed a member of the U. S. public service reserves, and he left for Washington on Wednesday to get some dope in regard to his duties.

John E. McWilliams left on Tuesday morning for Harrisburg to be with his brother George, who is in a Harrisburg hospital seriously ill with pneumonia. His condition is regarded so serious that his brothers Henry and Samuel P. and his sister, Mrs. Alice Buchwalter, have also been summoned to his bedside.

In reporting the success of the hunters last week we omitted to mention the Pennsylvania Furnace crowd which got 3 deer; the Ben Everhart gang two, and the Carper party four. The writer is indebted to Newton E. Hess, president of the Fleetfoot club, for a liberal portion of venison out of the six killed by that hunting party.

Miss Nannie McWilliams, teacher of the Glades school; Miss Edna Ward, teacher of the Centre school, and Miss Mary Hoover, teacher at Gatesburg, are all ill with the flu. Others afflicted are Mrs. Margaret Hess, Mrs. Thomas Royer, William A. Lytle and his entire family of ten; James Hoover and family of nine; Otis Corl and family of eight, as well as many others.

Paul Grubb, of Dauphin county, is visiting his brother Homer near Pine Hall, having been discharged from service at Camp Lee last week on account of illness. He found practically all of his brother's family housed up with the flu and he has turned in to help nurse them back to health. During his brief army life Paul had quite a siege of diseases. He first underwent an operation for appendicitis, then was packed in ice three days because of an attack of spinal meningitis, and lastly went through a siege of the flu.

**RUNVILLE.**

Earl Bradley, of Erie, is visiting his parents in this place.

Mary Heaton and Fannie Kauffman spent Saturday in Bellefonte.

Mrs. John Furi visited her brother, E. R. Hancock, at Phillipsburg.

Mrs. Sallie Friel and Mrs. G. F. Walker spent Tuesday at Bellefonte.

Willis Poorman, of State College, spent a day with his parents and assisted with the butchering.

Mrs. Sarah Walker, of Austin, is spending a few days with her daughter, Mrs. Ida Witmer, in this place.

Roy Kauffman, of Ryde, Pa., accompanied by Mr. Wharton, visited the farmer's sister in this place and as-

sisted in a fine butchering. Mr. Kauffman is an expert butcher and everything moved along nicely.

Mrs. Forden Walker and Mrs. Sarah Walker spent Tuesday at Fairview, at the home of Thomas Shawley.

Mrs. David Lawver and daughter Grace, of Ryde, Pa., spent last Thursday at the home of Miss Fannie Kauffman.

Mrs. Ida Witmer and Mrs. Annie Lucas were called to Snow Shoe on Tuesday on account of Mrs. Claude Lucas being ill with influenza.

Mr. and Mrs. Elias Hancock returned to their home at Unionville last Saturday, after spending two weeks with their daughter, Mrs. John Furi.

Clyde Heaton and wife, Harry Walker and wife, Mrs. Mattie Ramsey and G. W. Heaton, of Altoona, attended the funeral of William Walker.

William D. Lucas, of Orviston, while on his way home from Camp Lee, stopped off and spent Sunday with his father, Edward Lucas, at this place. Billy is looking fine.

**ORVISTON.**

Harry Singer, who has had a long siege of illness, has started work again but says he feels the effect of the flu yet.

William Lucas came home from Camp Lee and is spending his spare moments admiring his splendid boy.

Miss Almeda Bixel has been very ill with the flu. She came home from Lock Haven, where she was attending school at the Normal. Latest report is that she is much better.

Francis Poorman is again able to be about. He has had a very severe case of influenza and general breakdown. He was the last member of his household to take the flu, and was quite worn out at the time.

The Orviston grammar grade, under the direction of Mrs. Roger B. Poorman, gave an entertainment on Friday evening. Every number was excellent and the dialogues interesting and laughable. The actors acquitted themselves very creditably. The affair was for the benefit of the Junior Red Cross society. Following is the program:

The Maude Stevens Concert company, from the Anam entertainment bureau, entertained the people of Orviston Monday evening. It was good, indeed. The three ladies comprising the company are certainly artistic. Miss Maude Stevens, as a child impersonator, is hard to beat. Miss Charlotte Chamberlain, pianist and bird warbler, was splendid, as was Miss Edith Walsh, violinist, whose playing was a revelation to Orviston. I may say, even Orviston, where we have music of all sorts from Jew's harps and roller organs to pianos, all over town. There is no dearth of music or musicians here. So we know how to appreciate talent.

Song, "Katy Did" ..... By the School  
 Recitation, "I'm Going Down to Grandpa's" ..... Mary Poorman  
 Piano Solo ..... Mary Walk  
 Dialogue, "Aunt Seraphina's Christmas," Marian Daly, Thelma Nelson, Mary Walk, Anna Narehood, Emma High, Clair Poorman, Hugh Croft, Roy Lomison.  
 Song "Blossom Bells" ..... By School  
 Recitation, "When Father Rode the Goat" ..... Roy Lomison  
 Singing by the Audience.

Tableau "Grandma's Day" with recitation by Hazel Walker as Grandma. Velma Poorman, Thelma Nelson, Mary Walk, Thelma High, Roy Lomison, Clair Poorman, Alex Hume, Chester Thompson.

Recitation, "How Father Carves the Duck" ..... Marian Daly  
 Song, "Carry Me Back to Ole Virginia" ..... By School  
 Recitation, "How Teacher Knows" ..... Anna Narehood

Dialogue, "At the Photographers" in which all the pupils took part. Photographers—Robert Hume. Duet, "The Blue Star in the Window," Soprano, Thelma Nelson, Alto, Marian De'ly.  
 Recitation, "The Mite Song" ..... Thelma High  
 Song, "Village Bells" ..... By School  
 Scarf Drill ..... By Girls  
 Recitation, "It Happens Every Year" ..... Hugh Croft

**OAK HALL.**

E. C. Musser, from the upper Branch, transacted business in our village on Monday afternoon.

Mrs. Susan Peters, of Pine Grove Mills, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. N. J. Rishel, at this place.

Miss Iva Weaver, who has been working at the Clayton Etters home for some time, was taken home last Thursday on account of sickness.

Mr. and Mrs. Luther Peters, one of Pine Grove Mills' leading farmers, helped his brother-in-law, N. J. Rishel, butcher two fat porkers on Monday.

Miss Anna Korman returned home from State College recently, where she had been engaged in taking care of her brother and his entire family, who were afflicted with influenza.

Orin Rupp, who for the last few months has been in the S. A. T. C. at State College, was mustered out of the service last week and recently visited with his mother, who has been staying at the J. J. Tressler home for some time.

Harry Markle, one of our leading citizens, who has been employed at Phillipsburg for some time, was unexpectedly called home last Wednesday on account of the death of his father-in-law, James Poorman. Mr. Markle will remain at home for some time,

after which he will again resume the responsibilities of his position.

Hunters of this place woke up during the last days of the season. Fred Wagner, William Raymond and Edward Zong each shot a nice buck. The whole gang, which is known as the Raymond crowd, got five, the largest of which was a five-prong buck.

Last Saturday all the children of this vicinity attended a Christmas party at State College. This was held by the Y. W. C. A., of that place, and they sent a team in a big wagon which hauled all the children. Refreshments were served and gifts given to the smaller children. This has been carried on for several years and the kids are all getting accustomed to it, and they certainly enjoy it.

Mr. and Mrs. Neff Everts and daughter Helen, and Mr. and Mrs. Edward Mertz, of Pine Grove Mills, spent Sunday at the home of Mr. Everts' daughter, Mrs. A. C. Peters, of this place. Miss Helen has been employed for the past year in Pitcairn, but owing to a very severe relapse in her condition after the influenza it is necessary for her to remain at home some time before going back to her work.



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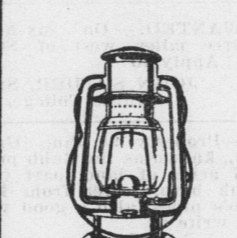
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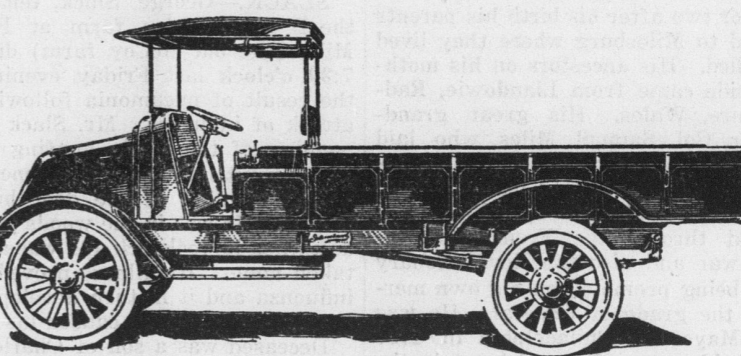
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