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The Womens' Land Army.

During the week Miss Marian T. MacIntosh, field secretary for Pennsylvania, of the Womens' Land Army, has been at State College and Bellefonte making a survey of the farm labor problem in Centre county with a view to planting a unit of the army here.

Explaining the movement Miss MacIntosh gave the "Watchman" the following interview:

"Called into existence by the desire of patriotic women to help in the winning of the war, and intended to meet an emergency, the Woman's Land Army finds itself at the close of its first year called upon to meet the responsibilities of a permanent organization under Federal direction and control.

The first intention of the Woman's Land Army was to contribute something, however small, to the need for increased food production. Shortage of unskilled labor had assumed threatening proportions, and in this State, the counties near to Philadelphia were in desperate straits.

Remember, Uncle Sam is staying in the insurance business for you—because of what you did for him.

A Heart-to-Heart Talk With Soldiers, Sailors, and Marines.

Before you leave the service and return to civil life, your government wishes to tell you directly and simply a few things which it is most important for you to know.

You have answered your country's call and done the bidding of your government. The nation and the people are grateful for what you have done. Your government, therefore, gives you the right to keep up your insurance with the United States government after you leave the service.

Because of your service in the war, you can have permanently for yourself and your family the protection of United States government insurance—the strongest, safest and most liberal insurance in the world—government insurance at government rates.

You can keep up your present insurance at substantially the same low rate you are paying now—for five years after the end of the war and during this time, if you pay your premiums regularly, you can change this present insurance into a standard form of government insurance good for the rest of your life.

The new government policies are now being prepared for you—ordinary life insurance, twenty-payment life, endowment maturing at age of 62, and other usual forms of insurance.

You will be notified when these new policies are ready. They will be written by the United States government—government insurance at special government rates for soldiers, sailors, and marines. Meantime, all you need to do is keep up your present insurance. After you leave the service, send your check or money order to pay for your premium every month to the disbursing clerk, Bureau of War Risk Insurance, Treasury Department, Washington, D. C., making same payable to the Treasurer of the United States. Give your first, middle, and last name, your full address, your serial number, and the number of your insurance certificate, if it is known to you.

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News Notes of Soldier Boys.

Allison Martin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Martin, of this place, returned home on Tuesday last week, having been honorably discharged from service at Camp Knox, Ky., where he had been in training the past eight months.

Lieutenant Melvin J. Locke Jr., of Bellefonte, a member of the Senior class in the school of liberal arts of The Pennsylvania State College, is a promising candidate for the Blue and White wrestling team. He is a heavy-weight grappler of great strength, having won honors in the recent inter-class wrestling tournament at Penn State. He was one of thirty men taken to the training table this week.

Lieutenant Herbert Gray Foster, son of Rev. and Mrs. W. K. Foster, of Jenkintown but who was formerly of Centre county, expects to return to the States from France in the near future, and may now be on his way across. One of the happy events of his home-coming will be his marriage to Miss Marjorie Bradshaw, a daughter of Capt. John Bradshaw, of the British transport Lapland. Miss Bradshaw, who is a thorough English girl, is now in New York doing volunteer hospital work. Lieut. Foster graduated from the University of Pennsylvania law school in 1913. When war was declared on Germany he went to the first officers' training camp at Niagara where he won his commission. He was assigned to the quartermaster's corps shortly after he completed his course and his principal work in France was making up estimates for the gigantic drive planned for the Yankee troops this coming spring, but the armistice put an end to his work. During his college career Lieut. Foster was prominent in athletic circles.

Sergt. Gervis E. Stover, one of the first Centre countians to be wounded in the European war, arrived at his home in Penn township on Tuesday. The young man lost his left eye and sustained a bad wound in his left hip. He returned to the States six weeks ago but has been in the hospital at Elizabeth City, S. C. He is now home on a ten day's furlough which he will spend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Stover, at the expiration of which he will return to Elizabeth City for further treatment.

Raymond R. Jenkins, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry E. Jenkins, who was in service with the 488th engineers and stationed at Washington, was given an honorable discharge on December 23rd, and after spending several weeks with his parents in Tyrone is again back in his old position as salesman in the Philadelphia office of the General Electric company.

Killed in a Seaplane Accident. David Blair Mingle Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. David B. Mingle, of Tyrone, was killed in a seaplane accident at Pensacola, Florida, on Friday afternoon. The young man was an ensign in the aviation section of the naval reserves stationed at the above place. Friday afternoon, in company with two other reserves, he went up in a large naval seaplane and when they had attained a height of about eight

hundred feet the plane toppled and fell to the ground. The three young men were killed instantly and as the plane was badly wrecked it was impossible to determine the cause of the accident.

Mingle was born in Tyrone and was within a week of being twenty-two years old. He was a graduate of the Tyrone High school and prepared for college at Kiskiminetus. He was a student at State College until his enlistment. At college he took a prominent part in athletics, having been captain of the baseball team one year and president of the college athletic association. The remains were sent to Tyrone for burial.

Noted Experts to Attend State College Farmers' Week.

Both state and national workers in the field of agriculture will address the farmers of Pennsylvania at State College, February 24th to 28th, in connection with the thirteenth annual farmers' week at the school of agriculture.

Frederic Rasmussen, Secretary of Agriculture, will be heard Wednesday, February 26th, when he will discuss the outlook for Pennsylvania agriculture. On the same day, H. N. Morse, of New York, will speak on the church and rural construction.

Editors of the leading agricultural papers also will be present and will discuss timely topics. E. S. Bayard, editor of the National Stockman and Farmer, will talk about the future of the livestock business on Wednesday, February 26. Post-war activities in Pennsylvania agriculture is the subject assigned to W. J. Spillman, editor of the Farm Journal, of Philadelphia. H. W. Collingwood, editor of the Rural New Yorker, is scheduled to speak on the relation of the agricultural college to the agricultural press.

F. H. Stoneburn, president of the Pennsylvania Poultry association, will explain the work of the organization, as well as talk about the chicken crop of this year. The story of how he bred up a herd of cows will come first-hand from George M. Putnam, of Contoocook, N. H., and W. S. Beach, of Bustleton, will tell of his experimental work with lettuce and celery diseases.

Farm Bureau Notes.

In an effort to form a wool association in Centre county to co-operate with the State organization the Farm Bureau has made arrangements for three meetings as follows: Wednesday, February 19th, 7:30 p. m., Pine Grove Mills, at school house.

Thursday, February 20th, 2:00 p. m., Bellefonte, at Farm Bureau office, court house.

Thursday, February 20th, 7:30 p. m., Spring Mills. At these meetings we will have a wool and sheep man with us to explain formation of such an organization and the value to be derived from it. This will be the time for the wool men to get together and to talk over the proposition as to whether they wish to organize or not. If you have any sheep be sure to be present at one of these meetings if you wish to know how we are to get the most out of our wool.

FARMERS' WEEK.

Farmers' week at State College will be held February 24th to 28th inclusive. The program for this year is exceptionally good and every farmer will do well to attend at least a day or so. If you wish a program write the Farm Bureau office of School of Agriculture at State College.

R. H. OLMSTEAD, County Agent.

Jerome Confer, of Yarnell, is suffering with a splintered rib and torn muscles in his side sustained in a fall at the home of his son, Seymour Confer, on the Jacksonville road, about two weeks ago. He was helping his son handle baled hay and in some way slipped and fell. At the time he thought nothing about it and it was not until almost a week later, after he had returned home, that he began to feel the effects of his fall. Last week he was quite bad but this week he is considerably improved. Mr. Confer is about seventy-eight years of age and an injury of the above nature is more serious than it would be to a younger man.

An unfortunate and deplorable accident occurred at Potters Mills on Saturday when Kenneth Slack, the eight-year-old son of Mrs. George Slack, had all the fingers on his left hand cut off in a cutting box. Just how the accident happened is not definitely known but it is the supposition that the boy was playing about the box and unthinkingly got his fingers under the knife. He was brought to the Bellefonte hospital for treatment. The accident is unusually distressing to Mrs. Slack, who occupies the D. R. Foreman farm, as she only recently lost her husband, who died as the result of an attack of influenza.

Easter this year occurs on Sunday, April 20th, and this is within two days of being as late as it can possibly occur, or on April 23rd. Easter is a movable feast-day and is governed by the moon. It occurs on the first Sunday after the first full moon after the spring equinox. It will be five years before Easter will again be as late as this year, and then it will occur on the same date, April 20th.

Motion pictures these days must have quality to attract and hold the attention of the public and that is the kind the Lyric is showing night after night. Manager Brandman makes a specialty of the Paramount Arteract films and they are now regarded as among the very best produced. Don't fail to see them at the Lyric.

Hoffer—Wetzel.—The home of Mr. and Mrs. Millard Hartwick, on Howard street, was the scene of a pretty wedding on Tuesday afternoon when Mrs. Hartwick's sister, Miss Sara Elizabeth Wetzel, was united in marriage to George Earle Hoffer. Only the immediate relatives were present to witness the ceremony which took place at 2:30 o'clock and was performed by Dr. Ambrose M. Schmidt. The young couple were attended by John Harper and Miss Veda Wetzel, cousins of the bride.

The bride wore a gown of gendarme blue georgette crepe with a bouquet of sun-burst roses. The bride's maid wore a gown of soft brown crepe and carried a bouquet of sweet peas. The wedding was preceded by a dinner served to the immediate relatives.

The bride is a daughter of Mrs. J. Henry Wetzel and for some time past has been engaged as a clerk in the State-Centre Electric company store. The bridegroom is a son of Mr. and Mrs. I. O. Hoffer, of Germantown, but during the past two years or more has been a clerk in Mingle's shoe store, making his home with the family of Mr. Mingle, who is his uncle.

Mr. and Mrs. Hoffer left on the 3:10 train for a brief wedding trip east and returning will take up their residence in one of the flats in the new Kelley building on the corner of Allegheny and Bishop streets.

Rook—Stare.—Hiram A. Rook, of Reedsville, and Miss Dora G. Stare, of Milesburg, were married at the Methodist parsonage in Lewistown at four o'clock on Wednesday afternoon of last week by the pastor, Rev. Dorsey Miller. The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eli Stare, of Milesburg, and is a prepossessing young woman. The bridegroom is a son of Mrs. Sarah J. Rook, of Reedsville, and only recently returned from France where he served for more than a year as a member of the famous Rainbow (1st) division, which had a record of being the first in the battle front of the great war and the last in it when the armistice was signed. Although the casualties of the division were unusually heavy Mr. Rook went through his year's service without a scratch.

Mr. and Mrs. Rook came over the mountains on Sunday to the bride's home at Milesburg, where Mrs. Rook will remain a week or ten days while Mr. Rook returned Monday afternoon, intending to go direct to Milroy to take personal charge of his meat market which has been in other hands since he has been in service.

Houck—Johnson.—John Houck and Miss Annie Johnson, two well known young people of Spruce Creek valley, slipped away to Cumberland, Md., where they were married last Saturday. The bride is the accomplished daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Johnson and for several years has been one of the most popular and efficient school teachers in the valley. The bridegroom is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Houck and is engaged in farming in Spruce Creek valley, where the young couple will go to house-keeping in the spring.

Smith—Miller.—Nevin R. Smith, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Christie Smith, and Miss Nellie R. Miller were married on Tuesday evening at the Presbyterian manse by the pastor, Dr. W. K. McKinney.

STINE.—Claire Eugene Stine, a former resident of Bellefonte, died at his home in Jerome, Cambria county, on February 1st, as the result of blood poisoning, the result of a sore on his right hand which became infected. Deceased was a son of James and Isabelle Stine and was born in Boggs township on December 31st, 1870, making his age 48 years, 1 month and 1 day. He went to Johnstown in June, 1889, at the time of the Johnstown flood and worked as a teamster for the Cowdrick contractors through the period of rebuilding that city. Later he went to Holsopple and during the past five years he had been employed by the Jerome Coal company. He was a member of the L. O. M., of Holsopple and an industrious citizen.

He never married but is survived by his father, three brothers and one sister, namely: Harvey, of State College; Allison and J. Ellis, of Bellefonte; and Mrs. Miles Heaton, of Port Matilda. J. Ellis Stine went to Jerome and accompanied the remains to Centre county, funeral services being held in the Advent church in Boggs township, at two o'clock last Friday afternoon by Revs. T. Hugh MacLeod and C. C. Shuey, after which burial was made in the Advent cemetery.

SHELDEN.—Allen Shelden, well known in Bellefonte, died at his home in Short Hills, N. J., last Friday. Last fall he had a serious attack of influenza which developed into heart trouble which finally caused his death. He was a son of Henry and Nora Allen Shelden and he was born in Philadelphia about forty-five years ago. Practically all of his life was spent in that city where he of late years has had in the insurance business. A sad circumstance in connection with his death is the fact that he leaves four little children, a girl and three boys, to his second wife, who prior to her marriage to Mr. Shelden or more years ago was a Miss Shull, of Philadelphia, and who died several months ago of influenza. He also leaves a son by his first wife, Gregg Shelden, now a student at the naval academy at Annapolis. Mr. Shelden was a member of the Matthias H. Henderson Lodge No. 661 F. and A. M., and the lodge had charge of the funeral which was held at two o'clock on Tuesday afternoon, burial being made in the South Laurel Hill cemetery, Philadelphia.

—Just fifty-nine more days until the opening of the trout fishing season.

—Beginning March first editor J. Fred Kurtz's Lewisburg Journal will be issued as a tri-weekly instead of a weekly publication.

—Mrs. Eli Stare, of Milesburg, is suffering with a very sore hand sustained when she tripped on a board and fell last Friday. In attempting to break her fall she struck her left hand on a stone splitting open the thumb from the tip almost to the base and badly injuring the palm of her hand. Efforts are now being made to keep the hand from becoming infected.

—If you have not been a regular attendant at the Scenic this week you have missed some wonderfully good motion pictures. The week's program had been arranged by manager Brown with an eye to giving his patrons the very best pictures obtainable. But at that, it must not be supposed that the pictures next week will not be up to standard, because they will. In fact, it is manager Brown's determination to give the public the very best that can be obtained, and that is what makes the Scenic so popular.

BIRTHS.

Immel—On December 29, to Mr. and Mrs. Edward Immel, of Spring township, a daughter, Hannah Louise.

Rossmann—On January 4, to Mr. and Mrs. Harry A. Rossmann, a son, Harry Rossmann Jr.

Benzi—On January 11, to Mr. and Mrs. Mike Benzi, of Benner township, a son, Mark Benzi.

Shuey—On January 13, to Mr. and Mrs. James Shuey, of Spring township, a daughter, Hazel Lillian.

Mitre—On January 16, to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Mitre, of Spring township, a son, Steve Mitre.

Breon—On January 17, to Mr. and Mrs. William Breon, of Benner township, a daughter, Margaret Eloise.

Beck—On January 18, to Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Beck, of Spring township, a son, John Edward.

Henry—On January 18, to Mr. and Mrs. Albert L. Henry, of Spring township, a daughter, Lena Jane.

Baney—On January 20, to Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Baney, of Spring township, a son, Bruce Ransler.

Poorman—On January 21, to Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Poorman, of Bellefonte, a daughter, Jean Zettle.

Political Calendar for 1919.

Only four political parties are entitled to nominate candidates at the fall primary to be held Wednesday, September 17th. The old line-up has returned—the Republican, Democrat, Socialist and Prohibition parties.

The general election this year comes on Tuesday, November 4. Every voter in first, second and third class cities must be registered in order to vote at the primary or the November election.

Personal registration days in third-class cities are Thursday, August 28; Tuesday, September 2, and Saturday, September 13. In the first and second class cities the registration days are Thursday, September 4; Tuesday, September 9, and Saturday, September 13.

According to the little pamphlet issued each year by George D. Thorn, chief clerk of the State Department, the first day for securing signatures to candidates' primary petitions to file with the Secretary of the Commonwealth is Monday, June 30. The last day to file petitions of nomination with the Secretary of the Commonwealth for the primary is Friday, August 8.

The first day to secure signatures on petition to be filed with the County Commissioners is Friday, July 11. The last day for filing petitions with the County Commissioners is Wednesday, August 20.

The last days to be assessed in boroughs and townships for the November election are: Tuesday and Wednesday, September 2 and 3. Assessors sit at polling places on these days.

The last day to pay tax to qualify for the November election is Saturday, October 4.

The last day when candidates whose petitions are filed with the Secretary of the Commonwealth may withdraw before the primary is Friday, August 15, 4 o'clock p. m.

No voter can receive and vote a party ticket at the primary unless he is enrolled as a member of the party whose ballot he asks for. Voters living in townships and boroughs can be assessed and enrolled at the same time by applying to the assessor at the polling place on Tuesday and Wednesday, September 2 and 3.

Voters in all cities can enroll as members of their parties on registration days.

The Brains and Wit of Mark Twain's Family.

The following story of Mark Twain is told by his cousin, Katherine Lampton Paxson, of Richmond, Mo.: "After his fame was spread abroad over the whole world and he was touring the country in company with George W. Cable, lecturing and reading extracts from his books, he came to St. Louis. Father, of course, went down to the old Sothern Hotel to greet his kinsman, and found him as usual at 11 o'clock in the morning sitting up in bed reading and smoking. Had he ever been compelled to make his living any other way than by his wits he would have been a dismal failure, but his head fairly teemed with 'wheels,' and an unbelievable imagination saved him from the fruits of laziness.

"After talking with my father for a little while he called out to Mr. Cable, who occupied an adjoining suite, 'Oh, George, come here.' Mr. Cable entered, and Cousin Sam said: 'I want to introduce you to my cousin, Major James J. Lampton. He's the brains of the family and I'm the wit.' —St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

—A church bell has an empty head and a long tongue, yet it is discreet enough not to speak until it is tolled.

With the Churches of the County.

Christian Science Society. Christian Science society, Furst building, High street. Sunday service 11 a. m. Sunday school 9.45. Wednesday evening meeting at 8 o'clock. To these meetings all are welcome. A free reading-room is open to the public every Thursday afternoon from 2 to 4. Here the Bible and Christian Science literature may be read, borrowed or purchased. Subject, February 10th, "Soul."

St. John's church (Episcopal). Services for the week beginning February 16: Septuagesima Sunday, 8 a. m., Holy Eucharist. 10 a. m., church school. 11 a. m., Matins and sermon, "The Sacred Year Turns Towards Easter." 7:30 p. m., evensong and sermon, "Laborers for the Harvest." Friday, 7:30 p. m., Litany and instruction. Visitors always welcome. Rev. M. DeP. Maynard, Rector.

Methodist Episcopal Church. At the morning service, on the approaching Sunday, the Rev. Dr. Morris E. Swartz will be the preacher. Dr. Swartz is a native of Bellefonte, started in the ministry from this church, and has risen to a place of great prominence. He is now the Executive Secretary of the Methodist Centenary campaign for the Washington area. Let a great congregation hear his message next Sunday morning, in his native town. The pastor will conduct the evening service.

A revival meeting of great interest and promise is now in progress at the Methodist chapel at Coleville, under the direction of Dr. Yocum.

St. John's Lutheran church, corner Allegheny and Linn Streets. Rev. Wilson P. Ard, pastor. Pulpit will be supplied by Rev. A. M. Lutton, of Selinsgrove. Sunday school at 9:30 a. m. Morning worship at 10:45, subject: "Waiting for the Bridegroom." Evening services at 7:30, theme: "Happiness, Whence Cometh It." All are welcome.

A Northland Mystery.

You have seen the rich dark brown fur set that the stylish lady next door wears, and you know that the fur is marten, captured by a hardy, mackinaw-clad trapper far in the north country. But did you know that connected with the marten is one of the unexplained mysteries of nature?

Could we sit in our trapper friend's cabin of an evening after he has returned from walking many miles over his trap lines through the snow-bound pine forests, and listen to him talk, as he rests before the crackling fire, he would tell us how, for many winters, the martens will be plentiful, and how he will take many furs. Then he might tell us how there comes a winter when, as though by magic, the martens disappear. How he will go to his traps morning after morning and find them empty. The few martens that are left will scarcely touch bait. There seems to be a providential instinct in this by which the destruction of the whole race is prevented. If we should ask our trapper friend the cause of this strange happening, he would shake his head and not know. He knows only that periodically the phenomenon occurs throughout the Hudson Bay territory. It is, and we may safely say, will always remain, one of the mysteries of the strange Northland.—Ex.

A Curious American Tree.

We hear many stories of wonderful plant life in foreign countries, but right here in America, in Idaho, we have one of the most curious trees to be found anywhere. This is the strange tree, a species of the acacia, which grows to a height of about eight feet, at sunset every day closes its leaves together in the shape of pigtails.

After the tree has thus composed itself, if it will, it touched, shake and flutter, it will, in a most curious manner; if the foliage be much disturbed the branches will shake more violently, and should the shaking be long continued, the tree will finally emit a nauseating odor which will cause a headache in the case of the person disturbing it.

This tree, called the "angry tree" was discovered by a party of campers who, on pitching their tent for the night, placed one end of the canvas over one of the bushes for support. The tree at once commenced shaking its branches and emitted a sickening odor, which in the end compelled the campers to vacate.

The Jewish Troops.

The reference to Jewish troops, in a communique on the fighting in Palestine, not long before the outbreak of the war, has thrilled the Jewish community with pride. Not only have the Jewish soldiers earned a name for themselves as good fighters, but the fact that they have fought at all in Palestine is a great event in the history of the Jewish nation. The last previous time that an organized body of armed Jews ever fought in the Holy Land was in A. D. 135, against the Romans.—Christian Science Monitor.

Alaska Walrus Weighs a Ton.

The average sized Alaska walrus is as big as an ox and often weighs more than a ton. A walrus was recently killed by some whalers near Point Barrow whose head weighed eighty pounds, and skin, including flippers, five hundred pounds. The animal had a girth of fourteen feet, the skin was from an inch to three inches in thickness, and the blubber weighed five hundred pounds.—Indianapolis News.

Blue Heron Worth Protecting.

The great blue herons have no injurious feeding habits except for the few fish—usually not species of commercial value—which they consume; they are a distinct attraction in the localities which they frequent, and, thanks to the wise regulations recently put into effect by the United States biological survey under the provisions of the federal migratory bird law, are now rightly protected throughout the United States.—Our Dumb Animals.

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