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FARMERS IN SESSION.

Corn and Potato Show and Annual Meeting of Farm Bureau.

While the first annual corn and potato show held in the court house on December 20th under the auspices of the Centre county farm bureau, did not attract as large a number of exhibitors as was hoped for, a great deal of interest was shown in the character of exhibits and there is every reason to believe that it will be the forerunner of a much larger show next year. Prizes were awarded as follows:

- Yellow Dent corn—1st prize, J. J. Tressler, Oak Hill; 2nd, W. S. Smeltzer, Bellefonte; 3rd, J. W. Batgate, State College. White corn—1st prize, W. C. S. Smeltzer, Bellefonte; 2nd, W. L. Confer, Howard; 3rd, Harry Pletcher, Howard. King Philip corn—1st prize, S. W. Zettl, Pleasant Gap; 2nd, E. E. Swartz, Pleasant Gap. Flint corn—1st prize, C. E. Neff, Centre Hall. White potatoes—1st prize, S. C. Decker, Spring Mills; 2nd, C. E. Lutz, Bellefonte; 3rd, W. C. Smeltzer, Bellefonte. Pink potatoes—1st prize, W. A. Thomas, Milesburg; 2nd and 3rd, J. W. and C. E. Druss, Fleming. All the exhibits were exceptionally fine products of the soil of Centre county.

ASSOCIATION MEETINGS.

The Sheep and Wool Growers association held a very interesting meeting at ten o'clock in the morning of the same day when they reorganized and had a number of very good discussions on ram clubs, co-operative selling of lambs and the continued pooling of wool. Mr. Connell, of the agricultural extension department at State College, led these discussions and wisely answered all questions asked him by the farmers.

The Guernsey Breeder's association held their annual meeting the same morning and had with them Mr. Welch, who was instrumental in developing the dairy business around Grove City, in Mercer county. Mr. Welch told the farmers how Grove City had been put on the map by the growth of its dairy business in the past four years. In the neighborhood of three hundred and fifty farmers have started pure-bred dairy herds and are now doing a profitable business. At the present time nearly every one of them is having his cattle tested for tuberculosis in order to stamp out any disease that might be in that community. Mr. Welch, who has been the leading factor in this move among Mercer county farmers, advised Centre county farmers to do likewise and reap the profits that are sure to result from any purebred dairy business.

FARM BUREAU MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Centre county Farm Bureau was held at 1:30 o'clock on the same day. The reports of the secretary-treasurer and the county agent were presented after which there was a general discussion of the work for the coming year. It was the unanimous opinion of those present that the community plan of developing work has been the most successful. Where any community is desirous of putting on a definite line of work they get in touch with the county agent and work out the program desired. The following communities have already organized for the coming year: Spring Mills, Julian, Howard, Stormstown, Pennsylvania Furnace, Boalsburg, Centre Hall, Rebersburg, Snyderstown and Nigh Bank. The lines of work so far outlined are poultry improvement, potato and fruit spraying, purebred calf clubs, pig clubs, purebred cattle, silo campaign, cow testing associations and clubs, corn variety tests and hog pasture demonstrations.

S. G. Walker, of Spring Mills, gave a very interesting talk on the community development work after which Nicholas Schmitz, of the extension department, gave a very profitable demonstration on the grading of wheat. He brought out the fact that there are several limiting factors in the grading of wheat, any one of which can bring grain down to the 2nd, 3rd or even 4th grades.

The farm bureau was reorganized for the coming year and the following officers elected:

President, John S. Dale, State College.

Vice President, Col. W. Fred Reynolds, Bellefonte.

Secretary-Treasurer, W. C. Smeltzer, Bellefonte.

These officers and the county agent will appoint the additional members of the executive committee in order to have every committee interested in some line of work put on during the coming year.

Word has been received in Bellefonte of the marriage last week of Miss Miriam Reesman, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Reesman, of Princeton, Ind., to Silas Haas, of Evansville, Ind. The bride's mother was formerly Miss Hilda Baum, of Bellefonte, and Mr. and Mrs. Haas, who are now in New York on their wedding trip, are expected in Bellefonte next week to visit among members of the Baum family.



MR. AND MRS. G. W. RUMBERGER, OF UNIONVILLE.

WEDDED SIXTY YEARS.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Rumberger, of Unionville, Celebrated Anniversary on Monday.

In these days of rapid divorces, woman suffrage and constitutional alarmists it is really refreshing to know that there are still in the land some of the "old time" people who regard the marital vows and all other laws as sacred and among this number are Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Rumberger, of Unionville, who on Monday celebrated the sixtieth anniversary of their wedding by having a family reunion at their comfortable home in that pretty little town. And one of the pleasant features of the gathering was the fact that every one of their nine living children were present to take part in the enjoyment of the occasion.

It was on December 29th, 1859, that George Washington Rumberger and Miss Margaret A. Armagast, of Buffalo Run valley, came to Bellefonte and going to the parsonage of the Methodist church were united in marriage by Rev. A. B. Snider. For sixty years they have traveled life's pathway together, standing shoulder to shoulder in all the trials and tribulations as well as cheer and happiness that enter into the normal life of man and woman, and that theirs must have been a rather unusually placid existence is evident from the fact that although Mr. Rumberger is now eighty-two years old and Mrs. Rumberger seventy-nine, they don't look it by many years, and both are still enjoying most remarkably good health and take as active an interest in life as they ever did.

During the first twenty-five years of their married life Mr. Rumberger taught school during the winter months and was considered one of the best pedagogues that ever wielded a birch in Centre county. Later in life he was appointed clerk to the board of County Commissioners and served three years. In 1894 he was elected to the office of Register in Centre county on the Democratic ticket and re-elected in 1897, serving six years with the utmost fidelity in the discharge of all the duties pertaining to the office. Later he served three years as deputy treasurer under Dr. F. K. White. During his life Mr. Rumberger has also clerked in general stores and during the past seven years has been tax collector in Unionville borough as well as secretary of the school board.

Just here we take great pride in recording the fact that on April 1st, 1860, Mr. Rumberger enrolled his name as a subscriber to the "Democratic Watchman" and he has never missed a number of the paper in the almost sixty years since, and today he is just as staunch a friend of the "Watchman" as can be found in Centre county.

To Mr. and Mrs. Rumberger were born thirteen children ten of whom lived to grow to maturity and nine of whom are living today, all of whom are nicely situated in life and worthy children of this most estimable couple. As stated above all were at home for Monday's celebration and with a few other invited guests the total number present was just twenty-eight, as follows:

John C. Rumberger and wife, George F. and daughter Margaret, and William H. and wife, all of DuBois; Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Brugger, of Unionville, with their son, George W. and daughter Margaret, of Canonsburg; Miss Flora Brugger, of Camden, N. J.; Mrs. Cornelius Brugger and son Joseph; Allen G. Rumberger, wife and son Wilson, of Sandy Ridge; Mrs. E. M. Greist and Harry D. Rumberger, of Philipsburg; Mrs. Roy Miles, daughter Josephine and son Linnie; Mrs. Minnie Rumberger, wife of the late Albert E. Rumberger, of Patton; Mrs. F. A. Holderman, of Huntingdon; Pearce A. Rumberger, of Huntingdon county; Miss Laura Rumberger and the "bride and groom" constituted the party that not only assisted in disposing of the elaborate dinner prepared for the occasion but thoroughly enjoyed the occasion throughout.

Mr. and Mrs. Rumberger's nine living children are Mrs. Joseph E. Brugger, Mrs. E. M. Greist, John C. George F., and William F. Rumberger; Mrs. F. A. Holderman, Allen G., Harry D. and Miss Anna Laura Rumberger, in the order named. Mr. and Mrs. Rumberger have twenty grand-children and eight great grand-children.

It would not be fitting to close this article without mentioning the fact that Mr. and Mrs. Rumberger were the recipients of many kindly remembrances of the occasion and among them might be mentioned a magnifi-

cent electric reading lamp and a Grand victrola with thirty records. They also received many telegrams, letters and cards of congratulation.

Realizing what a momentous occasion it was the "Watchman" also begs to extend congratulations and express the hope that both Mr. and Mrs. Rumberger may live to enjoy many more years together.

Aviation News.

Bellefonters had their first opportunity to see a big Martin bomber on Tuesday when Max Miller drove one of these big machines from Cleveland to Bellefonte in one hour and fifty minutes, bringing with him twenty-six sacks of mail, or a total of 960 pounds. The machine is a new one just out of the factory and pilot Miller had never been in one until he took it up on Monday to test it. Naturally it was considerable of an attraction to Bellefonte people and scores flocked to the aviation field to see it. The machine was kept at the field until Wednesday morning about 11:30 when pilot Miller left for New York. All question of the Bellefonte field being a good landing place for the big planes was set at rest by pilot Miller effecting a landing easily and taking off on Wednesday with perfect ease. His flight from Bellefonte to New York was made in two hours and fifteen minutes.

The balance of the material for the new steel hangar was shipped from Washington on Tuesday and should be here most any day. As soon as it arrives the hangar will be put up to take the place of the one destroyed by fire.

Enlist in Troop L.

Enlistment has begun in Troop L, First regiment cavalry, Pennsylvania National Guard, and it is hoped to complete its quota in a short time.

Former service men enlisting prior to January 11th, 1920, may enlist for one year, with the privilege of re-enlisting for one year periods thereafter.

After January 11th all enlistments will be accepted for periods of one and three years in the ratio of one one-year enlistment to two three-year enlistments. Ex-service men enlisting after that date, must be accepted subject to this ratio.

The one and three year enlistments do not carry any obligation to serve in the National Guard reserve.

The Troop will receive eighteen horses to be stabled in Bellefonte permanently.

It is the hope of the officers that the Troop be composed of as many ex-service men as possible, and a special appeal is made to them to take advantage of the one year enlistment by joining before January 11th.

Application may be made at the armory this evening, at 7:30.

Daniel Shutt, the six year old son of Mr. and Mrs. William Shutt, of east Howard street, was badly injured on Tuesday of last week when he coasted into Frank Davis' automobile, as the latter was driving down Howard street. The lad with a number of other boys was coasting down the Penn street hill and evidently did not hear the call of some other boys about the approach of the machine. In any event he came down just in time to collide with the machine as it was crossing Penn street. The boy was taken to the Bellefonte hospital where it was found that he had sustained a fracture of the skull. Everything possible is being done for him and at this time he has shown some improvement, so that there are hopes of his recovery. About two weeks before the above accident Harry Shutt, the seventeen year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Shutt, was operated upon for appendicitis at the hospital but he has now so far recovered that he has been taken home.

Announcement was made on Tuesday of the marriage of L. Scott Stover and Miss Anna Hull, both of Bellefonte, away back on November 10th, and their many friends were none the wiser until told about it on Tuesday. The young people had contemplated getting married for some time and when an unexpected opportunity was offered Miss Hull to get away from her work in Hazel & Co's store, where she is one of the efficient clerks, the question arose as to where they could go in order to keep the affair a secret. So getting a map of the State they finally picked out Washington, Pa., and it is to that city they went to have the ceremony performed. But they overlooked the fact that among the residents of that city now are Mr. and Mrs. Wayne D. Meyer, formerly of Bellefonte, but fortunately their little secret did not leak out until they were ready to tell it.

CLEVENSTINE.—William Clevens-tine, a life-long resident of Nittany valley, passed away at the Bellefonte hospital at 2:20 o'clock on Sunday afternoon, as the result of injuries sustained on Tuesday of last week when he was hit by the aviation truck and fell on the street near Knisely's restaurant. Automobiles and rigs were parked on both sides of the street at the time and Mr. Clevens-tine attempted to cross the street just when the big aviation truck driven by Joe McCulley turned out to pass another car. He failed to see the big truck and stepped out almost in front of it. The driver swung aside as quickly as he could with the result that Mr. Clevens-tine was hit by the fender of the car just hard enough to cause him to fall. He got up himself and at first did not realize he was badly hurt but a physician was hastily summoned and an examination, disclosed the fact that his left arm was broken. He was at once taken to the hospital where a closer examination showed that the bone was so badly splintered that it was necessary to make an incision and wire it in place. He also had a bad bruise on his left hip and an injury on his left foot. Up to Saturday he was apparently getting along all right but he grew worse that day and sank rapidly until the end. The direct cause of his death was a blood clot at the fracture in his arm which impeded circulation.

William Lewis Clevens-tine was a son of Jackson and Sarah Clevens-tine and was born at Hublersburg on October 8th, 1848, making his age 71 years, 2 months and 20 days. His entire life was spent in Nittany valley where he followed the occupation of a farmer. Some years ago he bought a portion of the Gordon farm at Hecla and had lived there ever since. He was a life-long member of the Reformed church and always took an active part in all kinds of church work. In fact he was the last living member who not only helped to organize the church at Hublersburg, but helped to build it as well. He furnished some of the timber, helped to haul stone, sand, etc., and personally worked on the construction of the building. He was a stockholder and director in the Nittany Telephone company and had filled such township offices as supervisor and school director. In brief he was a man who was a credit to any community and he had hosts of friends who sorrow over his death.

He was united in marriage to Margaret Jane Decker who survives with three sons, Franklin, Samuel and William, all of Walker township. He was the last surviving member of his father's family, and his only nephew is Harry Clevens-tine, of Bellefonte.

Funeral services were held at his late home at Hecla at ten o'clock on Wednesday morning by Rev. Foss, of Hublersburg, assisted by Dr. Schmidt, of Bellefonte, after which burial was made in the Reformed church cemetery at Hublersburg.

MIGNOT.—Emiel Mignot passed away at his home on east Howard street on Tuesday afternoon of last week. He had been in failing health the past year or more and had been confined to bed since last May. He was a native of Alsace-Lorraine, France, where he was born eighty-five years ago. He came to this country many years ago and located at Frenchville, Clearfield county, finally coming to Bellefonte. He is survived by his wife and the following children: Charles and Duff Mignot, of Frenchville; Kiel and Mrs. Edward Rougoux, of Williamsport; John, Sylvester, Mrs. Conrad Miller, Annie and Boniface, all of Bellefonte. He was a faithful member of the Catholic church and funeral services were held in the church at ten o'clock last Saturday morning by Rev. Father Downes, after which burial was made in the Catholic cemetery.

Only those who knew Mr. Mignot personally can estimate what a blessing his life was to humanity and what an impress for good it must have had on all with whom he came in contact. Mild in manner and speech, eminently honest and courteous he was an old fashioned gentleman if there ever was one. He was of the type of pioneers who believed that kindness was a requisite of Godliness and among whom selfishness had no place.

STOVER.—George Washington Stover died at his home in Millheim on December 18th, of heart failure, aged 74 years. He followed the occupation of a saddler until recent years when he devoted his time to the fire insurance business. He was married to Miss Elizabeth Weaver who survives with two children, Mrs. Lee Kidder, of Yeagertown, and Sumner Stover, of Mackeyville. He also leaves one brother and a sister, John H. Stover, of Berrien Springs, Mich., and Mrs. Benjamin Royer, of Madisonburg. He was a life-long member of the Reformed church and Rev. W. D. Donat had charge of the funeral which was held on December 22nd, burial being made in the Fairview cemetery, Millheim.

WILSON.—Mrs. Julia Louise Wilson, died at her home at Tyrone on Wednesday evening of last week following an illness of five weeks with heart trouble. She was a daughter of Patrick and Margaret Daugherty, and was born at Curtin, this county, in March, 1852, hence was in her sixty-eighth year. Her husband died less than a year ago but surviving her are three children: Alexander, George and Miss Marion, all of Tyrone. She also leaves one sister, Mrs. Margaret Kane, of Bellefonte. Burial was made in the Presbyterian cemetery at Birmingham last Saturday afternoon.



"COME, BOYS, SHAKE HANDS."

SCENE FROM "THE OLD HOMESTEAD." Out of town people should not miss this famous attraction. Auto and sleighing parties should telephone Parrish's drug store for reservations.

WOODRING.—Jacob Woodring, a life-long and well known citizen of Worth township, died at his home about two miles north of Port Matilda on Monday morning. He had been in feeble health for the past year or more owing to his advanced age and an attack of heart trouble hastened his death.

He was born in Worth township about seventy-six years ago and spent his entire life there. He was a farmer by occupation and lived on the old homestead on the road leading from Port Matilda to Philipsburg. He was a Republican in politics and in 1908 was elected County Commissioner for a term of three years. In 1911 he was re-elected for a term of four years and at the expiration of that term he was appointed court crier by Judge Quigley, but during the past year or more his health would not permit of his regular attendance at court. "Uncle Jake," as he was familiarly called, was well known throughout Centre county, and his death removes one of the old landmarks of that locality.

His wife died a number of years ago and as they had no children his only survivor is one brother, Aaron Woodring, of Port Matilda. Mr. Woodring was a member of the Port Matilda Lodge of Odd Fellows and of the Presbyterian church. Funeral services were held at his late home at 1:30 o'clock Wednesday afternoon and burial made in the Presbyterian cemetery.

BAUM.—Word has been received in Bellefonte of the death of Ferdinand Baum, a native of Bellefonte, at his home in Evansville, Ind., at 8:10 o'clock last Friday morning, following a year's illness with a complication of diseases.

He was a son of Mr. and Mrs. Abram Baum and was born in Bellefonte on May 3rd, 1872, hence was 47 years, 7 months and 28 days old. His early life was spent in Bellefonte but about eighteen years ago he went west and located in Evansville where he had lived ever since. He was married while living in Evansville and is survived by his wife but no children. His death is the first that occurred among the boys of the Baum family. His surviving brothers and sisters are as follows: Jake, of Rockport, Ind.; Mrs. Nathan Reesman, of Princeton, Ind.; Mrs. Jacob Hassell, of Columbus, Ohio; his twin brother, Sim Baum, and Mrs. William Katz, of Trenton, Ky.; Mrs. Joseph Metz, of Brooklyn, N. Y.; Israel Baum, of Manhattan, Kan.; Miss Fredia, of Bellefonte; Morris, of State College, and Harry, of Bellefonte. Burial was made in Evansville on Sunday.

McDOWELL.—William E. McDowell, a long-time resident of Centre county, died at the home of his son David, at Axe Mann, on December 18th, following a few days' illness with heart trouble brought on by an attack of indigestion.

He was a son of Samuel A. and Sarah Aikey McDowell and was born in Buffalo valley, Union county, on July 4th, 1846, hence was 73 years, 5 months and 14 days old. When a boy his parents moved to Centre county and located near Jacksonville, Marion township. There he grew to manhood and devoted his life to farming, an occupation he followed until the death of his wife about seven years ago when he retired from the farm and went to live with his son David at Nittany. Last spring he moved with his son and family to Axe Mann. His surviving children are David A., of Axe Mann; Mrs. William T. Dolan and Mrs. R. F. Hood, of Akron, Ohio; Mrs. C. A. Dolan, of Jacksonville, and Mrs. H. C. Campbell, of Millinburg. Funeral services were held on Sunday afternoon, December 21st, by Rev. Foss, of the United Evangelical church, after which burial was made at Jacksonville.

GROVE.—Mrs. Mary A. Grove, for years a well known seamstress in Bellefonte, passed away on Wednesday afternoon of last week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Pressler, in Milesburg, following a lingering illness. Her maiden name was Markle and she was born at Hublersburg on September 15th, 1844, hence was past seventy-five years of age. Funeral services were held at the Pressler home last Friday afternoon after which the remains were taken to Hublersburg for burial.

SPITLER.—Daniel Spitler, for almost half a century a resident of Sandy Ridge, died at his home in that place on Saturday afternoon, following a prolonged illness with heart trouble. He was born in Bald Eagle valley on March 18th, 1850, hence was in his seventieth year. When a young man he located at Sandy Ridge and went to work in the coal mines, and in due course of time was appointed mine boss, a position he filled most satisfactorily for many years. He was a member of the Osceola Lodge of Odd Fellows, a member and leader in the Methodist church and a splendid citizen in every way.

He was married to Miss Anna Elizabeth Garland, who survives with one daughter, Mrs. William S. Heath, of Sandy Ridge. He also leaves one brother and a sister, Perry Spitler, of Bald Eagle, and Mrs. Martin Markley, of Snow Shoe.

Funeral services were held at his late home at Sandy Ridge at one o'clock on Tuesday afternoon by his pastor, Rev. J. A. Cobb, after which the remains were taken to Philipsburg for burial.

CASSADY.—Mrs. William J. Cassidy died at her home in Tyrone on Christmas morning as the result of a stroke of paralysis sustained while preparing breakfast for the family. Her maiden name was Emeline Gates, a daughter of Henry and Elizabeth Gates, and she was born at Gatsburg, this county, on April 21st, 1868, hence was in her fifty-second year. She was married to William Cassidy in Bellefonte in January, 1889, and most of their married life was spent in Tyrone. Surviving her are her husband and the following children: Mrs. C. C. Isenberg, of New Haven, Indiana; Mrs. Foreman Waite, of Juniata; Earl Cassidy, of Tipton; Mrs. William Korman, Clayton Cassidy, Mrs. Howard Givlen, Lawrence, Arthur, Mildred and Robert, all of Tyrone. She also leaves two brothers and a sister, Ira Gates, of Marengo; J. Calvin, of Pennsylvania Furnace, and Mrs. Laura Rider, of Gatsburg. The funeral was held on Sunday afternoon, burial being made in the East-lawn cemetery, Tyrone.

ROTE.—Mrs. Margaret Wise Rote, widow of the late Samuel Rote, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Sayer, at West Winfield, Tuesday, December 30th, after an illness of two months. Mrs. Rote was born in Pennsylvania more than seventy years ago, living the greater part of her life in Centre county. Before professional nursing became so necessary Mrs. Rote was one of the most trusted nurses of this community, following her profession until her health failed. It was then she went to make her home with Mrs. Sayer, the only surviving member of the family. Mrs. Rote's body was brought to Bellefonte yesterday and burial was made in the family lot in the Union cemetery.

BOWER.—Cornelius Bower, the oldest resident of Aaronsburg, died on December 20th, of a stroke of paralysis sustained while eating his dinner, aged 82 years, 4 months and 9 days. He was a retired farmer and is survived by one son and a daughter, Clayton Bower, with whom he made his home, and Mrs. Joseph Corman, of Brush valley. The funeral was held on Wednesday morning of last week. Rev. J. J. Weaver officiated and burial was made in the Wolf's chapel cemetery.

HENDERSON.—William B. Henderson died at his home at Howard at noon on December 22nd, following a short illness, aged 68 years. He was a member of the Howard Lodge of Odd Fellows and was well known in lower Bald Eagle valley. Surviving him are his wife, one son, Alonzo Henderson, in Niagara Falls, and two daughters, Mrs. Clarence Yearick, of Nittany, and Mrs. Clyde Smith, of Centre Hall. Burial was made at Howard on December 26th.

The wine cellars of the Wm. Penn and Fort Pitt hotels in Pittsburgh are to be emptied and distributed among the stock-holders of those hostleries as dividends. A very liquid stock is such security and the kind that will stand a little watering very nicely.

Philip C. Shoemaker, of Bellefonte, has been appointed a captain of cavalry in the new National Guard being organized for Pennsylvania.