

Country Correspondence

Items of Interest Dished Up for the Delectation of "Watchman" Readers by a Corps of Gifted Correspondents.

PINE GROVE MENTION.

Farmer Ed. S. Moore is housed up with an attack of the grip. Farmer Charles Lykens, of Fairbrook, is steering a new Maxwell car. Fred Randolph, of Huntingdon, spent Sunday with his parents at the St. Elmo hotel.

Little Ralph Walker, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Walker, is seriously ill with pneumonia.

Mr. and Mrs. Chester McCormick spent Sunday at the E. C. Musser home on the Branch.

Farmer Will Houtz and wife, of Leont, spent Friday visiting his brother Christ on the Branch.

Rain, snow and mud all within twenty-four hours has been a weather mixture of the past week.

Miss Anna Dale and mother, of Boalsburg, spent Thursday at the C. M. Dale home on the Branch.

Stewart Rockey, a trainman on the Pennsy, visited his grandfather, Franklin Bowersox, last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Markle, of Patton township, spent the Sabbath day at the J. A. Fortney home near town.

John and Charles Lytle, with their "better halves," spent last week with relatives in and about State College.

Miss Bertha Fisher, of Selinsgrove, spent ten days visiting her cousin, Mrs. Samuel M. Hess, on the Branch.

Harvey Keller and mother, of Linden Hall, were entertained at the J. H. Williams home on Sunday afternoon.

One of farmer George Quinn's best horses died last Friday before the help of a veterinary surgeon could be procured.

Miss Lydia Way, of State College, was a welcome visitor at the Methodist parsonage last Thursday afternoon.

Farmer S. M. Hess, of the Branch, mingled among the Masonic fraternity in the Lumber city several days last week.

Abednigo Stine Walker, of the Branch, spent the Sabbath at the home of his son Homer, on Main street.

After a three week's visit among her three brothers in the Iron city, Miss Etta Keller returned home on Saturday.

Miss Twilla Peters, of Fairbrook, spent the early part of the week with her grandmother, Mrs. Sue Peters, on east Main street.

Farmer Christ Miller, of Franklinville, purchased a mated team of steel grays from A. S. Walker on the Branch last week.

Dr. J. S. McCormick and wife, of Hubersburg, and Prof. Lenhart and wife, of Millheim, attended the Osman funeral last Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Glenn and Mr. and Mrs. Russell Shirk and son Willie, of Lemont, were callers at the W. H. Glenn home on Friday afternoon.

Roy Peterson was doing some amateur lumbering a few days ago when the limb of a falling tree struck him on the head, inflicting an ugly scalp wound.

Mrs. Harriet Koch, of Aaronburg, has been visiting relatives in the valley the past month, spending most of the time at the home of her son Geo., in this place.

J. Cal Bailey was quite bandily injured a few days ago by being jammed against the stable door frame by one of his horses. His condition is such as to cause his family some alarm.

The stormy weather on Monday did not interfere with the Stork making his rounds in this section, leaving a little boy at the Methodist parsonage who has been christened Ira after his revered daddy.

The I. W. T. band will serve a chicken and waffle supper in the Grange hall at Rock Springs on the evening of February 11th. Price, 25 cents a plate, with all the fixin's. Everybody invited.

An old-time shooting match was held at the home of Elmer Sunday on Saturday with fifteen contestants including the crack shots from State College, Boalsburg and Stone valley. Three men tied in the finals.

Dr. G. S. Kaup and Lem Thomas, both along in the four score year rank, are confined to their beds with a complication of ailments. Capt. John Hamilton, who has been housed up the past month, is now able to be out and around.

James A. Fortney was the lucky youth in pulling the prize in a guessing contest on the number of seeds contained in a field pumpkin at E. C. Martz's store. More than one hundred guesses were recorded and three of them named 397 seeds, the correct number. Fortney got the prize on a tossup.

Mrs. Emma F. Slagle recently received from General Burnett, commander of 75 Co., 6th regiment U. S. marines, a letter of sympathy on the death of her brother, James Baudis, who made the supreme sacrifice on July 19th, 1918, at the Battle of the Marne. She has also received his victory medal, battle clasp and star, defense sector clasp and bronze star, as well as his diamond ring, all trophies which she prizes very highly.

C. L. Goodling, manager of the Centre county farmers' institutes, came here on Monday evening and met the local committee of arrangements to arrange the program for the institute to be held here Saturday, February 12th. There will be two sessions, at 1:30 and 7:30 p. m. The local committee consists of W. H. Fry, chairman; Dr. R. M. Krebs, D. W. Miller, J. Foster Musser, J. H. Bailey, Mrs.

Ida McWilliams and Mrs. Harold Glenn.

Though the weather man did not smile very propitiously on churchgoers last Sunday it did not deter the good people hereabouts from attending the re-dedicator services in the Lutheran church and that edifice was crowded both morning and evening. The interior of the church was beautifully decorated with potted plants and flowers. The services were in charge of the pastor, Rev. A. M. Lutton, while a choir led by Mrs. Anna F. Reed furnished appropriate music. During the first song service the infant daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Lutton, Christine Elizabeth Imly Lutton, was baptized by Dr. C. T. Aikens. The re-dedicator sermon was preached by Dr. Boslin, of Harrisburg, and was an able effort. The evening services were in charge of Dr. C. T. Aikens, a former pastor. At the latter services a class of twelve young people were confirmed into full membership. In his discourse Dr. Aikens congratulated the pastor and members of the congregation on the success of their efforts in remodeling and beautifying their church, which is now one of the nicest country churches in this section of the State. And the beauty of it is, every expense has been met. George Smith, of Bellefonte, had charge of the work and the church committee was composed of the pastor, J. O. Reed, E. C. Musser, Charles Homan, S. M. Hess and Charles Smith.

Among those from out of town who attended the re-dedicator services at the Lutheran church on Sunday were D. F. Kapp, Mr. and Mrs. N. E. Hess, Mrs. Emma Moore, Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Fye, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Hess, Claude Aikens and lady friend, Mr. and Mrs. H. N. Musser, D. C. Krebs and wife, Frank Reed and wife, Geo. P. Irvin and wife, Robert E. Irvin and wife, J. Cal Gates and wife, Harvey Keller and mother, James T. Aikens, Miss E. M. Heberling and Mr. and Mrs. Alpha Albright.

ORVISTON.

Mrs. Lester Wyland is very ill with acute indigestion. She was reported as very serious.

Mrs. M. A. Niepling, who has been very ill, is much better and able to be up, but is still weak.

Mrs. Jerry Shearer is very seriously ill with neuritis and complications, and a very weak heart.

Mrs. J. H. Slaterbeck is very ill with acute indigestion and jaundice. She is reported as somewhat improved.

Harris Confer, of Blanchard, visited in Orviston and attended the installation exercises of the P. O. S. of A.

Mrs. J. Morris Dunmore, of Arnold, and Mr. and Mrs. Louis Niepling, of Jeannette, returned to their respective homes, leaving their mother, Mrs. Niepling, much better.

Mrs. Frank L. Bartlow went to Westport to be with her friend, Mrs. Francis Dullin, in her trouble. Florence is always the friend in need in life's darkest hours—God bless her.

Lorraine Florence Dullin, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Francis Dullin, passed away Saturday morning, January 29th, at the mother's home at Westport. She leaves to mourn her death her parents and a little sister, Kathryn Dullin. Mr. and Mrs. Dullin and little daughter are removing to Orviston soon. They have the sympathy of their many friends.

Installation of officers was the occasion of much joy an entertainment, Thursday, January 27th. Those installed were past president, Emeline Herr; assistant president, Joseph L. Hume; president, Catherine Wyland; assistant president, Mary Shank; vice president, Gracie Wagner; record secretary, Josephine Poorman; assistant secretary, Anna Barnhart; financial secretary, John Shank; treasurer, Anna Confer; conductor, Maude Page; assistant conductor, Bertha Condo; guard, Pearl Brown; sentinel, Elizabeth Confer; orator, Clara Young; trustees, Clara Young and Joseph L. Hume.

CENTRE HALL.

The Evangelicals are having a series of meetings in their church.

Mary Dutrow is very ill with scarlet fever, at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Dutrow.

Guy Jacobs and interesting little daughter visited at the home of Guy's mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Jacobs.

Miss Mary Kennedy went to Altoona on Saturday forenoon to visit at the home of her sister, Mrs. E. L. Bartholomew. She may spend longer than the week.

The "Athletic League" will have an "Orange Tree Social" in Grange hall on Saturday evening, at which time they will sell ice cream, cake and pie. All are invited to attend and help out.

B. D. Brisbin was called to Hartford, Conn., where his son-in-law, George Robertson, is very ill with pneumonia. He closed his house, and his housekeeper, Mrs. Laura Lee, is spending the time with her son, W. E. Lee, at Potters Mills.

On Saturday, John McClenahan broke the bones in both feet when he jumped from a tree, which he was trimming. He was rushed to the Bellefonte hospital where the feet were treated. At present he is confined to the house, and likely will be for some time.

Miss Kinzman and Mr. Lowry, of Bucknell College, Lewisburg, were week-end guests of Rev. and Mrs. Catherman, of Spring Mills. They traveled over the upper end of Rev. Catherman's charge, with him on Sunday and were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Lutz for dinner.

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Items of Interest from the Great Northwest.

Writing from Blackfalds, Alberta, Canada, Will Truckenmiller, formerly of Nittany valley, and whose occasional contributions to this paper were always read with considerable interest, says:

"A friend once wrote and asked me what we could grow so far north as Edmonton, evidently believing this country a frozen wilderness. If he could see the crops of wheat, oats, barley and other grain we grow here, and the milk, cream, butter and eggs shipped from here he would have a very much different opinion of this country.

"The Blackfalds valley reminds me very much of Pennsylvany, near the Old Fort. It is about ten miles wide, slightly rolling and is dotted here and there with small groves of timber, while the big red barns and white farm houses stand out prominently on the landscape as enduring sentinels of the country's prosperity. Immense crops of grain are grown and fine herds of Shorthorn and Pole Angus cattle are to be seen everywhere. I do not think I ever saw a more prosperous country, and in my ten years' residence here I have not met one farmer who was not making money.

"A good barometer of any country's prosperity are the mortgage foreclosures, and there has not been a single foreclosure sale within a five mile radius of here in the past ten years. Very little land is for sale, and when for any reason a farm is put upon the market it is generally purchased by the adjoining farmer. Interest rates on first mortgage are eight per cent., the money mostly coming from the United States, and at the present rate of exchange, it will net the investor about ten per cent. If I remember correctly six per cent. used to be considered high in old Nittany valley. Chances for speculation are still good here, if one watches for openings. Five years ago I bought a piece of wild land at twenty-five dollars an acre. Cleaning it off and putting it under cultivation ran the price up to forty dollars. My first crop of wheat was fifty bushels to the acre, for which I received two dollars a bushel.

"We are having a fine winter. About three inches of snow and only a few days of cold weather, with every prospect of an early spring. I went up to the lake yesterday but did not get any fish; didn't have a single bite. All of the fish were evidently out in deep water. One of these days we will get a big thaw and that will bring the fish near the shore.

"I see by the "Watchman" that all the old hunting gangs got their share of venison in December. A great many moose were killed here in November by big game hunters, but I contented myself with shooting partridge and prairie chickens, getting about eighty in the season."

LEMONT.

Monday brought snow and colder weather.

The Houserville United Brethren meeting is still going on.

Edward Glenn is in Cleveland, Ohio, on a visit, this week.

Almost all the children of Lemont have, or have had, the chickenpox.

There are several cases of scarlet fever along the Branch at present.

Mrs. B. F. Hoy went to visit her sister, Mrs. Catherine Vonada, at Zion, who is very ill.

Those out of town who attended the funeral of Mrs. John R. Williams were David Williams, of Tottenville; Mrs. Frank S. Williams and daughter Bessie, of Perth Amboy; William Steele and Mrs. Julia Thompson, of Bellefonte.

RUNVILLE.

For den Walker visited his brother, Clayton Walker, at Wilmore, over Sunday.

Mrs. Sadie Kunes, of Williamsport, spent a few days at the home of W. T. Kunes.

Thomas Poorman visited over last Sunday at Industry, with his son, Taylor Poorman.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Garrett, of State College, and Mrs. Clara Hall, of Bellefonte, visited at the home of Mrs. Sallie Friel last Saturday.

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Laura H. Hull, et al, to George W. Lauder, tract in Rush township; \$200.

Wm. Groh Runkle, et ux, to Anna Lucretia Crissman, tract in Spring township; \$2800.

L. Ray Morgan, et ux, to Ralph H. Garland, tract in Philipsburg; \$7800.

Mary Sarokiem, et al, to Andy Nopchick, et ux, tract in Rush township; \$250.

Andy Maruseak, et ux, to Penelee Coal Co., tract in Rush township; \$400.

John A. Erb to Mike Durico, tract in Rush township; \$25.

County Commissioners to John A. Erb, tract in Rush township; \$2.

David Chambers, et ux, to Mary H. Harter, tract in Spring township; \$1.

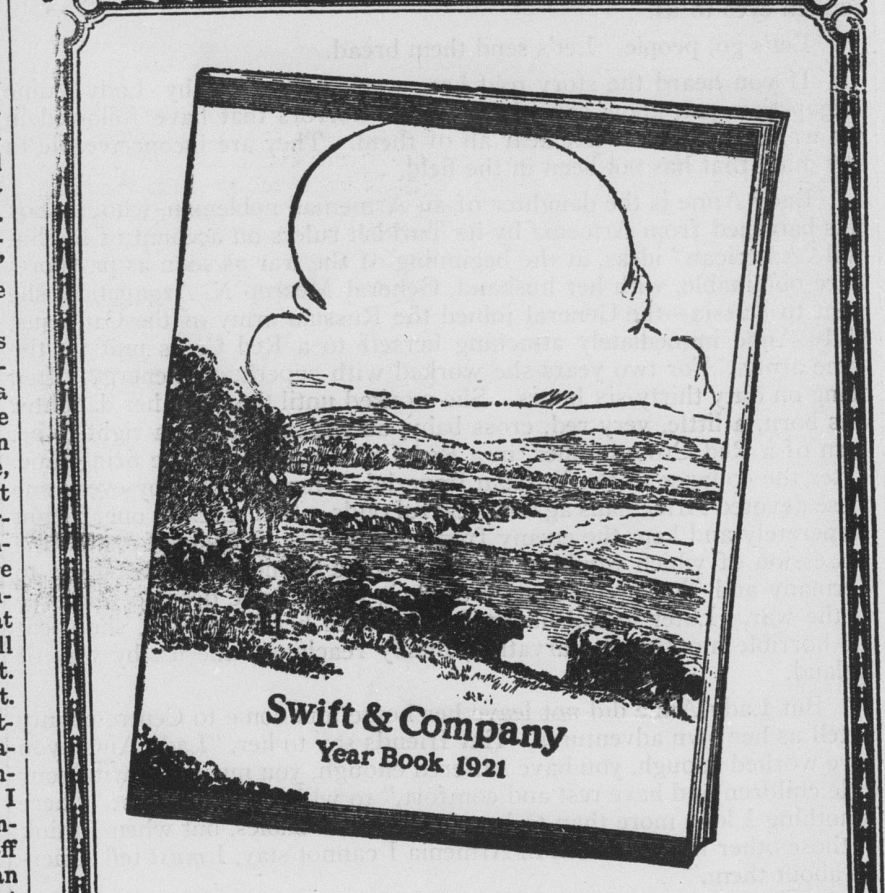
Chas. E. Hassinger, et ux, to Chas. F. Cook, tract in Bellefonte; \$450.

David S. Noll, et al, to John H. Fultz, tract in Benner township; \$1500.

Samuel S. Saxion, et ux, to Susan Bricker, tract in Bellefonte; \$1800.

Louis Adelman, et ux, to A. B. Adelman, agent, tract in Philipsburg; \$8000.

John Kachik, et ux, to Mike Krasnoies, tract in Snow Shoe township; \$185.10.



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