

Country Correspondence

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

PINE GROVE MENTION.

The new garage at Rock Springs is about completed. An army of nimrods are ready to take to the woods next week. Mrs. J. H. Hammond is visiting her father near Tyrone this week.

Mrs. Joseph Johnson visited friends at Bellwood and Tyrone over Sunday. Miss Hazel Thompson is meeting with marked success in the Red Cross drive.

Mrs. L. D. Musser, who has been ill for several weeks, is now able to be around.

The interior of the Odd Fellows hall is being freshened with a new coat of paint.

John Garner and daughter Julia, of Cedarville, spent Saturday with friends in town.

W. Elmer Reed is suffering with an infected hand caused by the prick of a briar several weeks ago.

Mr. and Mrs. George O'Bryan, of Axe Mann, visited grandmother O'Bryan in our town on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Newton Yarnell, of Middleburg, were over Sunday visitors with relatives on the South Side.

Miss Clara McCracken has been quite ill with pneumonia the past week but is now somewhat improved.

Mrs. J. R. Smith is making her annual visit among relatives in Cleveland, Ohio, before cold weather sets in.

Ben Everhart and wife, of Colerain, spent several days last week with Mrs. J. E. Reed, who is ill at Rock Springs.

H. H. Goss was summoned to Adamsburg on Saturday owing to the serious illness of his sister, Mrs. Amelia Dreese.

The Christian Endeavor society will hold a social in the lecture room of the Lutheran church on the evening of November 29th.

Lumberman Elmer Long and crew are hard at work moving his saw mill from Erb's gap to its old location above Musser's gap.

Rev. Kirkpatrick is now conducting a series of meetings in the Presbyterian church here, which will continue for two weeks.

Special Thanksgiving services were held in the Presbyterian church on Wednesday evening, Rev. A. M. Lutton preaching the sermon.

As the result of a fall from a wagon last week little Paul Wrigley is in the Glenn sanatorium with a broken shoulder and other injuries.

Mrs. Sadie Everts is spending Thanksgiving with the Paul Rupp family at Piteairn, Mr. Rupp being ill with an attack of quinsy.

Edgar Hess brought in a 22 pound wild turkey on Tuesday and entertained a party of friends at a turkey supper at his home at Shingletown.

The Glades school, Miss Ella Shuey, teacher, held a box social on Tuesday evening to raise money with which to purchase a globe for school use.

Owing to the scarcity and high price of turkeys many people hereabouts feasted on chicken yesterday, while others were content with fresh pork.

Huckster Herman got the pick of Christ Houtz's turkeys for the Thanksgiving dinner of a friend in Phillipsburg, a twenty-eight pound gobbler.

Dr. Henry Clay Campbell and wife, of Philadelphia, accompanied by D. S. Deavor, of New Jersey, spent last week among relatives and friends in Blair and Huntingdon counties.

Owing to the absence of Rev. A. M. Lutton, the regular pastor, Rev. Fetz, of State College, very ably filled the pulpit in the Lutheran church on Sunday evening.

Miss Nancy Snyder has been confined to bed for some days as the result of being painfully scalded when she accidentally upset a pot of boiling coffee. She is now improving.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Miller, of Johnstown, have been visiting relatives in the valley the past week. Roy is employed in the U. S. mail service and was obliged to make his stay short.

J. A. Peters, wife and mother, Mrs. Sue A. Peters, and Mrs. Sarah Everts, motored to Tyrone and spent Sunday with the venerable William Zettle, who has been ill but is now improving.

J. B. Harpster, tenant on the Buck Taylor farm, will go onto the Charles Snyder farm which for thirty years has been tenanted by W. K. Corl, who will move onto his own farm at White Hall the first of next April.

Our mutual friend, George Fisher, butchered five eleven months old pigs last Saturday which aggregated in weight almost a ton. From the five pigs he got thirteen cans of lard, two tubs of sausage and eleven gallons of liverwurst.

Returning from a trip to Bedford last Thursday, Mrs. John White was taken quite ill on the bus on its way from Tyrone to State College, and was taken off here and removed to the home of her nephew, J. H. Williams. She later recovered sufficiently to be taken to her home at State College.

The home of Abednigo Stine Walker, on the Branch, was the scene of a happy birthday surprise party last Saturday in honor of that gentleman's 73rd anniversary. Many friends were present, some coming from as far as Milroy and Johnstown, and it proved a most delightful event. Mr. Walker received many remembrances.

Last Monday morning Miss Nannie McWilliams, teacher of the Baileyville school, accompanied by a friend,

went out for a little spin in Miss McWilliams' car. At the crossing she lost control of the wheel and the machine went through the guard rail and off the bridge into the creek. Fortunately neither of the occupants of the car were injured.

The Modock hunting club is ready to move into camp about six miles west of Milroy. This club has been in existence almost half a century, and is captained by D. W. Meyer, the only charter member. The other members are Dr. J. B. Krebs, Dr. Frank Bailey, John Markle, Jared Mayes, S. M. Hess, William Bloom, A. M. Lauver, Will Wagner, Harry and Robert Bailey, John Hess and Robert McCrea.

Last Tuesday while George Bell and wife were motoring down Spruce Creek valley something went wrong with the steering apparatus on their car and the machine ran down a steep bank and into the chilly waters of Spruce creek. Fortunately other motorists happening along pulled them out. Mr. Bell sustained several bruises while Mrs. Bell had one arm broken in three places and was otherwise injured. They were fortunate, however, to escape with their lives.

AARONSBURG.

Miss Lodie King, of State College, came down Friday and spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. S. King.

Joseph Johnson, who has been in Philadelphia since September, came home to spend Thanksgiving with his wife and parents.

Mrs. Catherine Phillips went to Freeburg, where she will visit her brother, Calvin Moyer, and other relatives and friends.

The Stork paid a visit to the William Wance home and left a son to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Weaver. Mrs. Weaver before her marriage was Miss Stella Wance.

Mr. Oliver, of Illinois, is visiting his cousin and other friends in Pennsylvania. While in town he was the guest of his cousin, Mrs. Samuel Boyer, and his friend, Charles Wolfe.

J. H. Crouse, who two weeks ago figured in an auto accident, is not improving as rapidly as his family would desire; however, we hope he may soon be able to get about as usual.

Little Dean Weaver, who fell while playing in the barn and broke several ribs, is playing about almost as usual. What might have resulted in his death came off with slight injuries.

Miss Sallie Steffen is spending some time with her sister, Mrs. Moser, of Danville. Mrs. Moser has been in ill health for some time and her friends fear an operation may be necessary.

COLEVILLE.

H. E. Garbrick left last Wednesday for Philadelphia and returned home Friday.

Mrs. Richard Barlett, of Williamsport, was a visitor in our town last Monday.

Mrs. John Lee, Mrs. Fred Billet and Snyder Stover have been on the sick list.

Don't forget the chicken and waffle supper next Tuesday evening, at the Union chapel.

Revival services are being held in the Methodist church, conducted by Rev. Scott, of Bellefonte.

Mrs. Ralph Malone, of Yarnell, has been spending the past week with her mother, Mrs. Snyder Tate.

Mr. and Mrs. Willard Burkey, of Johnstown, are visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Guy Housel.

Mrs. Mollie Gunsallus and daughter Hazel, of Johnstown, are visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Abner Rider.

Miss Lillian Garbrick, accompanied by her cousin, Miss Alice Garbrick, spent the week-end at the former's home in Mill Hall.

BOALSBURG.

Rev. and Mrs. Kirkpatrick and son, of Centre Hall, visited among friends in town last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Newton Yarnell, now located in Snyder county, visited among friends in town recently.

Lynn Mothersbaugh is nursing a broken collar bone, the result of an accident while playing at school.

Mr. and Mrs. William Meyer and Mrs. Fred Reitz and daughter Alice spent part of Saturday in Bellefonte.

Miss Chorpennig, of Clearfield, spent Tuesday in town in the interest of the temperance work among the young people.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Lonebarger and daughter Lois left early Monday morning on a motor trip to Oakton, Va., expecting to be absent for a week.

George Rowe spent several days with his daughter, Miss Blanche, in Harrisburg, and also enjoyed a motor trip over the battlefield at Gettysburg.

Miss Sara J. Keller closed her home on Main street and with Miss Rhine went to Philadelphia for Thanksgiving, later going to Wilmington, Del., to spend the winter.

As a means of elevating the academic standard in American colleges Frank Aydelotte, new president of Swarthmore college, suggests that the brilliant students be separated from those in the mediocre class. Such a system will produce better students, he declares, and it is being adopted in many of the more advanced colleges in America. Mr. Aydelotte is the American secretary of the Rhodes scholarship trust.—Ex.

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FARM NOTES.

In the cultivation of the land, an important feature that should be considered is the ash or mineral part of the plants. The residue of some crops which remain in the ground after the removal of the crop supplies a substantial amount of plant food constituents for succeeding crops. This residue helps to stimulate other crops of an entirely different formation and habit of growth. Too much reliance is placed upon mineral fertilizers for replacing the ash and other constituents of plants in which it is assumed the ground is deficient. In contradiction to this assumption, the cultivation of certain crops constitutes a better preparation of the soil for succeeding crops than can be secured by the use of fertilizers. Beans may be cited as one of these certain crops.

A serious mistake is often made by young and inexperienced farmers in the too free use of artificial fertilizers. When properly used—in the right quantity and at the right time—wonderful results may be obtained by artificial fertilizers, but due regard must be paid to the mechanical condition of the soil. Where no attention is paid to this considerable of the plant food is wasted, while that portion which does become available for plants, is only slowly so, and seldom at the time when the plants need it most.

Our forefathers relied on summer fallowing, and a generous application of stable manure. While they achieved strikingly good results under this method, it is not continued at the present day. It is now generally considered that such methods are incompatible with modern conditions of farming. Fallowing is now looked upon as a wasteful and unprofitable practice, and barnyard manure is becoming more scarce every year.

An examination of the ash of plants will determine the mineral substances the plants take up from the soil. It is authoritatively stated that the relative importance of these substances may be determined by growing plants with their roots in jars of water or sand, to which have been added the component parts of the ash plus a compound of nitrogen. Then, by omitting in successive jars, each of the ash constituents in turn, the effect of each on plant growth may be determined.

In that way it has been discovered that there are two groups of ash constituents, known as the essentials and the non-essentials. In the former will be found such mineral substances as phosphates, salt of potash, calcium, magnesium, sulphur and iron, all of which are secured from the soil; and carbon, hydrogen and oxygen, obtained from the atmosphere and from water; and nitrogen, which is secured from both the atmosphere and the soil. The non-essentials comprise salts of sodium, silicon, chlorine and manganese. The latter, however, is not of much importance in plant nutrition, and may be dispensed with. There is no doubt that they fulfill some useful purposes, but it seems the precise nature has not as yet been discovered.

In the majority of farm crops, while still in a green state, there is a greater percentage of water than of any other constituent. An analysis of the ash of these plants, which is obtained by first drying and then burning the plant, shows that there is considerable variation existing in the proportions of mineral substances found in different plants and in different organs of the same plants. In the case of timber it is assessed as low as two parts to 1000, while in the case of certain leaves it will go as high as even one part in 10. However, whatever its proportion, the ash of the plant is always absorbed from the soil by the action of the roots.

To illustrate: Wheat contains 1.8 per cent. of ash; wheat straw, 5.3 per cent.; mangels, 1 per cent.; beans, 3.2 per cent. These ash constituents, after being absorbed into the sap, appear to concentrate in different organs in the plant. Potash and phosphates are invariably predominant, and this shows the importance of securing sufficient supply of these two constituents in the soil for the benefit of plant growth.

In the case of the cereals, potash is by far the most important ingredient. All leguminous plants are apt to produce more or less so-called "hard seed." By this term is meant seed that water cannot enter owing to the waterproof coating that surrounds it. One cannot distinguish the hard seeds by any kind of examination. The only way is to make a germination test.

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The average well-grown two year old heifer in milk may be expected to produce 70 per cent.; three year old, 80 per cent.; a four year old, 90 per cent. of the milk fat that she will produce when matured. The highest production may come anywhere between the fourth and eleventh year. If a cow continues to breed, her milk flow usually shows a decline when she is 12 years old.

A honey bee can outfly a carrier pigeon for a distance of three miles

according to the findings of a German scientist. In a longer race, it is stated, the pigeon would win.

One-third acre will provide the vegetables for a family of six people. This has been arrived at through trials carried on for several years at the North Dakota Experiment Station. This allows for putting the vegetables in rows three feet apart, so as to allow of horse cultivation. It also means growing only enough potatoes for early use.—Philadelphia Record.

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