

Country Correspondence

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

PLEASANT GAP.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Sumner Miller, of State College, were dinner guests at the home of J. T. Noll, on Sunday.

Mrs. Lawrence Meeker and little son, of Millheim, visited last week with her sister, Mrs. Harry Griffith.

The Gheen family moved last week from the old Keen house to the late Orrie Mulbarger home above the post-office.

Mr. and Mrs. Sumner Miller and Mrs. Jack Noll attended the American Legion card party in Belleville on Tuesday evening.

The Ladies Aid gave a farewell party to Mrs. Kepler on Monday evening last. Everybody here regrets her departure from this community.

Rev. Kishel, the newly appointed Methodist minister preached his first sermon here Sunday night, and from all reports made a very favorable impression.

The many friends of Miss Jean Noll, nurse in one of the leading Philadelphia hospitals, will be gratified to learn of her recovery from a severe attack of tonsillitis.

The W. C. T. U. of our town, met in the Methodist church on Tuesday at 2 o'clock. The coming primaries makes it imperative for the ladies of this worthy order to get together and get out the dry vote.

Mrs. Lunger Wian, of Belleville, visited her daughter, Mrs. Ward Showers, a few days ago and incidentally made brief calls among her many old-time friends here. Florence is always welcome in this locality.

Sportsmen who have been traveling through the woods this spring report to be plentiful and in good condition, which fact is due to the untiring efforts and activity of state game protector T. A. Mosier, and judicious distribution of game by the State Game Department.

United Sportsmen Camp No. 176, held their annual meeting on Thursday night, March 27th, at which time new officers were elected for the incoming year. On March 31st, Mr. Logue, state trapper, will give a talk on trapping, in the sportsmen's hall, which will be open to all interested.

We are very fortunate to have in our community an expert grapevine pruner in the person of John Mulfinger. What he don't know about pruning grapes isn't worth knowing. Too many grapes are ruined by inexperienced pruners, who think they know it all but don't know the first principle.

The late Methodist minister, Rev. Kepler, moved to his new charge in Tioga county on Wednesday last. His departure is regretted by most people. Such is life among the Methodist ministry. Their abiding place is in very few instances permanent. The action of the conference in this particular is supreme.

Pleasant Gap has had a postoffice for a little over one hundred years but it looks now as though it would be abolished in the near future. The Department has advertised on two occasions for an examination of applicants and none responded. Evidently the salary don't appeal to our people. We should have a postoffice.

James Gummo, of Centre Furnace, one of the active members of Sportsmen Camp No. 176, holds the record as a resolute, determined trapper, having trapped this winter 20 foxes, 30 skunks, 4 coon and 1 weasel. Mr. Gummo is a very close observer of Logue's methods of procedure, and attributes his success to these methods.

Lawrence Hile, who some four years ago sold three houses and lots at Pleasant Gap and moved to Axe Man, recently purchased the fine Keen estate home here, and moved back to the Gap on Monday last. All here are elated to have the Hile family back, as all regard them as desirable, and consequently are delighted to again have them as neighbors.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Noll spent Sunday evening at the Charles Wolf home in Aaronsburg. Mrs. Wolf recently suffered a paralytic stroke, her right side being affected. Mrs. Leslie Miller, who is a daughter of Mrs. Wolf, came here from her home in Woodlawn, Beaver county, to aid in caring for her mother, and while here will visit Mr. Miller's parents at Pleasant Gap. She was accompanied by her son Jack.

John Griffith has leased and is now

HAMBONE'S MEDITATIONS

DOCTUH GIN DE OLE OMAN SOME TONIC FUH T HEP ER APPETITE, BUT SHE ET UP EYV-TRYING IN DE HOUSE TRYIN' T TAKE DE TAS' UV IT OUTEN ER MOUF!



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remodeling his old store building. Mr. Mong is the new tenant and expects to open a general store in the near future. We now have two well equipped stores, and with an addition of one more will be amply supplied. John Mulfinger says he would not be surprised if Pittsburgh tobies would be reduced to three for five cents instead of two for five, since competition is the life of trade.

On Monday evening, about 8:30 o'clock, several sharp shots resembling an explosion emanated from the upper end of the Ray Noll farm. On making observations we discovered a beautiful brilliant cross all ablaze with fire—evidently the work of our Ku Klux aggregation. It was an attractive sight and was evidently intended as a curber for our wickedness. However, owing to the scarcity of moonshine, we have been reasonably good, we think.

The problems of the rural schools is one of the acute questions in Pennsylvania and almost all other eastern States. County superintendents, for some years, have deplored the steadily growing tendency to hold to its lowest points all efforts to improve the school standards, since one of the almost invariable consequences was to give whatever was tardily bestowed upon the educational organization to the city and big town schools. The result was the backwardness of the rural school; striking at its very existence, and in recent years there has come to be almost an open breach in the fraternalism between the city and country teacher. Rural instructors say they have been forced to accept as a fact that the country school and teacher have been victimized to favor the city teacher, and whether the belief is correct or in error, it exists to the detriment of the interest of the girls and boys of the country districts. The country districts as a rule always come out second best.

A few "tips" to the progressive housewife will not be out of order at this time of the year. The floors of your home should be as attractive as the walls of your rooms. Too often the person who has decorated and furnished her home is ready to die of exhaustion after the walls, hangings and furniture have received careful attention; the money as well as patience, have given out, and any rug or floor covering is thrown over the floors in the hope that no one will notice them. But every one will notice! Floors are the ballast of the home. They hold it down and preserve its dignity. There is no floor so old that it cannot be planed down and painted three or four times to the envy of the neighborhood. Sage green, dark brown and even deep yellow floors can be used successfully with light green, tan and cream wall paper. One who has settled the kind of floors desired the next step is what covering should go over it. Only in the rarest instances is a bare floor desirable or practicable. In a living room a one-tone carpet covering the entire floor gives a great sense of dignity. One or two delicate orientals on top of the carpet makes for real luxury. Several one-tone rugs, which can be taken out and shaken are the most practical for bedrooms. Rag rugs especially dyed and hand-made, are charming also, especially the oval ones. Any hand-made rug is judged by the quality of wool used, the number of knots per inch and the intricacy and delicacy of design. For most pocketbooks, plain-tone machine made rugs that blend in with the wall paper and ceiling are advisable. Borders of a deeper tone give the rug more character and the room more variety. Spring is here and now is the time to make a start towards making your home more beautiful, more attractive to yourself and others and more valuable. Just add a honeysuckle or a climbing American beauty rose on the porch, in the angle between the steps and porch, or at the corner of the house. A few fruit trees—plums, peaches, pears, cherries, apples and small fruits in the garden, or even in the back yard, pay for themselves speedily, and add materially to the comforts of home. A blessing to mankind.

A Successful Play.—"Under the Blue Skies," a comedy drama in four acts, was presented in Noll's hall last evening under the direction of Mr. F. D. Millward and will be repeated this (Friday) evening. It is a delightful and appealing little play and the small price of admission, 15 and 25 cents, should assure another full house. Some of the best talent at the Gap is included in the cast of characters, which is as follows:

Bruce McCulloch Gilbert Noll David Gyes Clara's father Harry Griffith Dick Warren, Ethie's brother Gerald Millward Oscar Bleber, a village Squire Leonard Peters Old John, gardener and sexton Miles McGargle Sleepy Heine, Sara's grand-son Rea Florey Williams, valet to Bruce W. D. Herman Clara Joyce, the girl Hazel Corl Edith Warren, an heiress Mrs. W. D. Herman Sara, the old housekeeper Mrs. Lee Sampsel Mrs. Webber, a neighbor Marion Gettitz Little Elsie, Sara's grand-son Grace Millward Mrs. Holt Flo Rice Mrs. Wagner Mrs. Harry Griffith Minnie Wagner Lizzie Gill Sophie Bantam Mrs. Geo. Showers Tillie Hoffman Ruth Mullinger

State College Sets Date for Young Farmers' Week.

June nine to thirteen will be a big week for the farm boys and girls of Pennsylvania. State Club leader Allen L. Baker, has just announced that the fifth annual Young Farmers' week will be held at that time at State College.

At least 400 boys and girls from all parts of the State will represent their counties in the State-wide judging contest which is the big feature of the week. Instruction in agriculture and games for the juniors will complete the program. Every farm boy and girl in Pennsylvania is invited to attend the event and arrangements are being made to accommodate a record-breaking crowd of future farmers.

Get your job work done here.

SMULLTON.

L. S. Bierly has had his house electrically lighted, and some other minor improvements made to his property here.

C. L. Beck came home from Wilkes-Barre to move his household goods to other quarters, and left for that city Monday morning.

Public sales galore, and the usual bag of lunches are handed out, this being for the inner man, and mud and dirt for the outside. From reports, we learn that the sale of cows is better than that of horses.

If a state policeman had been in Rebersburg Saturday last we think some one would not have fared very well, since two automobiles were parked opposite each other on the street and the third one drove up in direct line with the others. We think that persons who have traveled should know better.

Several weeks ago we read with interest the article in reference to the ghosts or stone story from Jacksonville. We do not believe in ghosts but we know personally that there are persons prowling around at night, at the windows of other people's houses, to listen to what is being said.

We have that kind of people in our town, as they have been seen and recognized. People of this kind should not forget that it is dangerous business, and that it is going beyond their right to pursue such actions, and it would be well for them to cut it out.

A number of spring fittings have been and will be in order in the next week or ten days. The near fittings are as follows: Warren Bierly has moved onto the farm of Dr. Allison, near Harter's school house; C. L. Beck has vacated the Showers property and moved into the William Waite home in the western part of town; L. S. Bierly will vacate his farm west of town and move into the house he purchased from the heirs of Thaddeus Stover, last spring. L. L. Wolfe moving onto the farm vacated by Bierly. Charles Brungart will move his belongings to Mill Hall in order that he may be nearer his work; Huston Schreckengast will move into one of the homes of Warren Bierly; George Day moved into Rebersburg several weeks ago from the home formerly owned by Elias Breen, now deceased. While there will be more movings in the valley we figure we may infringe on the right of some other writer who may want to report, so we will refrain from so doing.

AARONSBURG.

Lester Cummings, of East Pittsburg, is the guest of his mother, Mrs. Charles Wolfe, on Main street.

Mrs. A. S. Stover and son John and Mrs. John Durst motored to Millheim Sunday afternoon where they spent the time with their sisters, Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Ira Gramley.

Guy H. Coll, of Belleville, and his mother, Mrs. H. M. Coll, of State College, motored down Sunday afternoon and spent a short time with Mrs. Coll's cousin, Mrs. Alice Eisenhauer.

Lloyd Bartges on Monday vacated the house which he built in Reifersnyder's Addition, in Millheim, and moved to this village, occupying the west side of the Perry Smith house on Main street.

Miss Martha Boyer was brought home from State College on Sunday, quite ill, suffering with rheumatism of the knee. Though confined to bed it is to be hoped she may soon recover her former health.

Charles Geary and three children, and Mr. Geary's mother, Mrs. Ellen Geary, of Newport, Pa., and Mrs. N. A. Auman, of Millheim, made a brief call at the home of Mrs. Geary's brother, Thomas Hull, on Sunday.

The play by students of the Aaronsburg High school entitled "The Farm Folk," will be given in the hall in Aaronsburg, March 27th, at 8 o'clock. Admission, adults 25c., children, 15c. Play will also be given in the town hall in Madisonburg, April 1st. Admission the same.

Aaronsburg Reformed charge, Rev. John S. Hollenbach, pastor, Services for Sunday, March 30: Millheim—Sunday school 9:30; church services 10:30; C. E. at 6. Salem—Sunday school at 1; church services at 2; Catechetical instruction at 3. Subject of the sermon is: "The Feeding of the Five Thousand." One member in the pew is worth two on the roll. Come to church.

Name Ten Highest Poultry Flocks.

The ten highest producing poultry flocks of the hundreds of poultrymen keeping records in Pennsylvania during the past year have just been announced by the poultry extension department at The Pennsylvania State College.

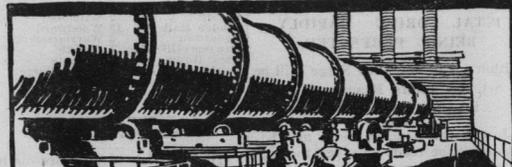
The owner of the champion flock for the past year is Emmet Stull, of Tioga county. His 446 White Leghorns averaged 186 eggs per bird during the twelve months. The other flock owners ranking within the first ten are: Fred Carrington, Bradford county, 185 eggs per bird; E. F. Newell, Beaver 180.6 eggs; Ivan Waltman, Bradford, 180 eggs; Harry Jackson, Wayne, 178.8 eggs; Lynn Harnish, Huntingdon, 178.2 eggs; J. H. Rolar, Cumberland, 178 eggs; Bertha Hodgson, York, 178 eggs; James Eastman, Bradford, 178 eggs; and John Teivonen, Erie, 175.8 eggs. These flocks range in size from 100 hens up to 1000.

Many excellent labor incomes were also recorded among the poultrymen who kept accurate records. The best labor income was made by W. T. Cope, of Chester county, whose small flock of Rhode Island Reds yielded him \$10.90 per bird.

Comforting Knowledge.

Sir David Henderson, director general of military aeronautics, possesses a vein of grim humor.

"Don't be nervous," he once remarked to a novice in the art of flying who showed some trepidation while preparing for his first flight. "Don't be nervous, man; you'll come down again. There is no known instance of an aeroplane not alighting."—Boston Transcript.



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The remaining forty numbers in a year's issue have taken on a new dress—a cover attractively arranged in red and blue. Supplementing the Milestone plan, these covers are known as Citizen Builders. Each one carries an individual message of fifty to seventy-five words. They are varied in character—humor and philosophy in verse and prose—generally from the pens of living men—educators, churchmen and men of business. All are helpful and stimulating.

Parents, teachers and librarians are loud in their praise of this new feature of The Companion. All perceive the purpose of the work and approve the aim that underlies it—better citizenship.

In Boston.

A Boston man, whose early opportunities had been limited, after accumulating a fortune, took to reading and began with Shakespeare. When he had finished "the book," he remarked: "That is what I call a clever book; I do not believe there are a dozen men in Boston who could have written that book."—Outlook.

Reassuring Miss Jones.

As they boarded the train they had every look of being a bridal couple. The young man carefully escorted the young woman to a seat, while the interested passengers smiled indulgently. Then, extending his hand to the supposed bride, he said in a very loud voice: "Well, Miss Jones, the train is about to pull out. I wish you a very pleasant journey," and, doffing his hat, he hurried off the train.

But the young woman seemed nervous. By and by she called the porter and in a whisper gave him some mysterious message. He came back in a moment and said in a voice audible to every one: "Yo' all right, ma'am. He's in de smokin' compartment."—Harper's.

Keeping to the Point.

Porter—This train goes to Buffalo and points east. Old Lady—Well, I want a train that gets to Syracuse and I don't care which way it points.—Dry Goods Economist.



Auditor's Statement

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Recapitulation of State Licenses for the Year 1923. Table with columns for license type, amount, and total. Includes items like Retail Mercantile Licenses, Wholesale Liquor Licenses, etc.

Statement of County Funds from Duplicate 1919 to 1922. Table with columns for year, collector, districts, and amounts. Includes entries for 1919-1922 for various collectors and districts.

LIABILITIES. Table with columns for liability type and amount. Includes Outstanding Bonds, Balance due Harry Dukeman, Sheriff, etc.

We, the undersigned Auditors of Centre County, having carefully examined the accounts of the Centre County Commissioners, Sheriff and Treasurer of said County, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct statement of the receipts and expenditures and of their respective accounts for the year 1923.

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