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Democratic Watchman

Bellefonte, Pa., March 20, 1925.

PINE GROVE MENTION.

The venerable John E. Reed is reported as being seriously ill.

Miss Mary McFarlane is having her residence at Graysville entirely done over.

George Reed is breaking ground for a new house on south Church street.

Carey Shoemaker shipped a car load of porkers to the eastern markets last Friday.

Fred Carl motored down from Juniata and spent Sunday with friends in town.

Mr. and Mrs. Aaron C. Kepler were Sunday visitors with friends at Jersey Shore.

Mr. and Mrs. David Elder, of Graysville, spent Sunday at the Henry Elder home.

Mrs. J. H. Musser spent several days visiting among friends and relatives in Tyrone.

Mrs. S. A. Dunlap had as guests over the week-end her son, J. C. Dunlap and wife, of Expedite.

Mrs. William A. Fye spent several days in the early part of the week at her parental home in Bellefonte.

After spending the winter in the national capital Mrs. J. W. Stuart has returned to her home at State College.

Miss Mary Ellenberger, of Pennsylvania Furnace, spent the early part of the week with her sister, Mrs. Frank.

Mrs. Charlotte Frank, of Graysville, and Mrs. Wilbur Dodd, of Houtzdale, were Sunday visitors with friends in town.

After spending the winter at the H. A. Elder home Mrs. Lydia Sunday has returned to her home at Tadpole for the summer.

Rev. J. M. Kirkpatrick is conducting a series of meetings in the Presbyterian church, being assisted by Rev. W. K. Harnish.

The venerable Samuel Grove, who has been housed up all winter with an attack of lumbago, is now able to be out and around.

Mrs. Bessie Tussey and son Clarence motored up from Franklinville for a brief visit at the Mae Fry home at Rock Springs.

Miss Eleanor Musser, a student at the Ithaca, N. Y., conservatory of music, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Howard Musser.

E. J. Meek, of Altoona, was in town last week on a business mission. He is a son of the late Keller Meek, a former Pine Grove Mills boy.

The venerable John B. Goheen, of Baileyville, departed on Thursday to make his annual visit with his son, Dr. George Bailey Goheen, at Coalport.

Miss Kate Dunlap has gone to Expedite to spend several weeks with her brother, J. C. Dunlap, and will also visit her brother Randall, at Cherrytree.

Joseph Shoemaker last week purchased the N. C. Neidigh residence in State College for \$10,000, he to have possession on April first. Mr. Neidigh has not yet decided where he will locate.

Miss Mildred Rossman took an auto to Lakeside, last Friday evening, where the monthly meeting of the Larkin club was held at the home of Mrs. Clair Burns.

"The Path Across the Hill," given in the I. O. O. F. hall on Friday and Saturday evenings by the Baileyville dramatic club, drew good houses. The receipts were \$140.00. The play will be given at Alexandria this (Friday) evening.

At the James Kustaborder sale on Saturday the best horse brought \$202, and the best cow \$97. The sale totaled \$2100. At the Harry Gill sale the day previous horses brought only a little over one hundred dollars, while cows sold as high as \$98. Mr. Gill's sale brought him in \$2600.

Comrade Taylor Snyder, of Donations, is spending a week among friends in the valley. He is one of four brothers who served during the Civil war, and all returned home, though two were severely wounded. He is the father of eleven children, all of whom are living. Two weeks ago he buried his wife and last week helped to lay away a half-brother. He is past eighty-four years old but still enjoys good health.

In last week's items it was stated that J. M. Campbell was buying potatoes for shipment. This was an error, as it was simply his own crop he was hauling away, he being one of the largest potato growers in this section.

Porkers are now in demand and are selling at 14 cents live weight. On Monday G. B. Fry sold twenty-one head to G. W. Koch which averaged 166 pounds per hog. Pretty good for late summer pigs. Carey Shoemaker and Will Witmer are also buying stock of all kinds for shipment.

RUNVILLE.

Mrs. J. C. Erb, of Sidman, visited with friends here on Saturday.

Toner Furl, of Williamsport, spent the week-end with his family at this place.

Mrs. Thomas Hoover, of Lock Haven, is visiting her mother, Mrs. Jacob Shirk.

Rev. Andreas, of Milesburg, preached to the P. O. S. of A. on Sunday afternoon, in the U. B. church, in this place.

The Stork visited our village on Saturday and left twin babies, a boy and a girl, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Fetzer.

John Furl, Frank and Edward Lucas visited Milligan Lucas, on Monday evening; Mr. Lucas is a patient at the Centre County hospital.

Misses Cora and Amelia Jodon and Mrs. Sallie Bryan, of Milesburg, and Mrs. Harry Johnson, of Holt's Hollow, called on Mrs. Mary Heaton on Sunday afternoon.

FARM NOTES.

—Farmers who adopt rotation system, are the ones who are meeting with the greatest success.

—In ordering seeds, whether field or garden, be sure the seed is true to name. Also demand the germinating percentage of the seed before you buy. Reliable dealers give this information.

—If you have a hotbed a number of perennial flowers can be started now so that they will bloom next season. Some of those that can be seeded now are columbine, Shasta daisy, larkspur and single hollyhocks.

—Are the brood sows getting plenty of exercise and not too much fattening feed? Remember that little pigs promise to be valuable this year. Save all of yours by careful attention before and at farrowing time.

—Take care of your leather equipment at all times, but especially during the wet weather of spring months. Frequent washing and oiling should make a harness of the proper weight and grade last 15 to 20 years.

—Do not delay ordering lime for the spring crops. If you wait until the last minute no one can deliver it on time. Experiments at The Pennsylvania State College show that medium applications of any form of lime once in each rotation are more economical than heavier applications at longer intervals.

—Prospects for the sheep industry in 1925 appear favorable. The world wool outlook and the prospective meat situation in this country promise prices for 1925 at least on a par with those of 1924. There does not appear to be any immediate danger of overproduction, as the increase in the number of sheep has as yet been only slight.

—Many people are wondering what to do with the ash pile this spring. If the garden soil is heavy it can be made lighter and more porous by spreading the ashes over the garden and turning them under, say vegetable gardening specialists of The Pennsylvania State College. Coal ashes have very little if any fertilizing value, the beneficial effect is chiefly physical.

—There are as many horses and mules of working age on farms as will be needed for the coming season, and average prices of work stock are lower than they were a year ago. A decided decrease in colt production during the past few years, however, points to a future shortage of good work stock. This shortage is likely to be acute during the time that colts foaled this year and next, or even young horses purchased now are still in active service.

—The outlook of the poultry industry during 1925 from the standpoint of market egg prices is favorable while from the standpoint of market poultry prices it is not so encouraging. It seems probable that higher egg prices will prevail during the season of flush production this year than last. With an abnormally large carry over of dressed poultry in storage it seems probable that lower prices on market poultry may prevail for at least the first half of the year.

—Forty-seven Counties to See Forestry Plantings.—Right along with the reforestation movement of the nation comes the Penn State forestry extension service with 114 demonstrations scheduled in 47 Keystone counties this year. This is 64 more demonstrations than were held in 1924 and 16 new counties are involved.

At least ninety-five per cent. of the forestry demonstrations staged in the State this year will be of the permanent type. They will run for a period of years near highways where the plots may be observed easily by travelers. It is hoped that all of the new demonstrations can be started between March 24 and May 15.

The purpose of the forestry demonstrations as explained by C. R. Anderson and F. T. Murphey, forestry extension specialists of Pennsylvania State College, is to promote the use of submarginal land through forest planting. They hold many meetings at the scene of the demonstrations where the "how, why, when and what" of forest planting is explained. In some of the counties the county agents are placing particular emphasis on the forestry phase of the annual programs for agricultural improvement.

—"Old Dobbin" is still the cheapest form of farm field power yet invented and it will be some time before our farms can be economically worked without him, J. M. Vial, horse extension specialist of Pennsylvania State College, pointed out to members of the Pennsylvania Breeders' and Dairymen's Association, in their "Horse Day" program at Harrisburg, recently.

Hundreds of horses are being imported annually for replacement purposes, he said, while breeding operations within the State remain at a low ebb. Neglect of horse stock is apparent all over the State, and breeding stock, for the most part, is very inferior. Mares are aged and good stallions are very scarce, Vial declared.

For a constructive horse program for Pennsylvania, the horse specialist urged use of the stallion project, the filly club, and the gelding club in extension work. He emphasized the need of care in choosing stallions of high quality for use in breeding work. The great rank and file of mares are not of a type and size for breeding stock, he said.

"Too often horses are regarded as a necessary evil on the farms," Vial declared. "The result is that, consciously or not, the caliber of our horse stock has slipped back until it is worse than we realize. Our old 'horseman's pride' has been dulled and deadened seriously."

To assist in reviving this essential element where horses are needed on the farm, the Ton Gelding Club has been organized, preferably with the boys of high school age. Through this medium it is hoped that pride and enthusiasm, so necessary to a successful horseman, will be instilled in the young future farmers and at the same time some common sense will be worked out to improve the grade of the stock of the members and their communities.

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