

WHAT HAS BECOME OF ELMER E. DAVIS?

Mrs. Elmer E. Davis, of Altoona, is anxious to ascertain the whereabouts of her husband, former assistant deputy warden at Rockview penitentiary, as she has not heard from or of him in four years, and being in failing health is in need of his support.

Davis was one of the first guards appointed at Rockview and finally was promoted to assistant deputy warden. Over four years ago he was over at Lewistown on the hunt of escaped prisoners and visited a camp of two hoboes and while there got into an altercation with one of them and shot him. He was tried in Mifflin county for murder and acquitted and later went to Cleveland, Ohio, but finally disappeared.

Because of his trouble at Lewistown he naturally lost his job at Rockview but because of his ten years of service he was entitled to a pension of \$19.20 per month from the State employees pension fund. Checks for this amount were sent him regularly until 1925 when they were returned to Harrisburg marked "unclaimed," and the allotment has since been accumulating in the pension fund bureau. Mrs. Davis has made application for a portion of the money but was refused.

Friends of Davis believe he is dead but the wife does not think so. She is inclined to the belief that he is either in Cleveland or Philadelphia, though she cannot account for his failure to collect the pension money due him. During the fight with the two men at Lewistown Davis was struck on the head with a blunt instrument and as he subsequently suffered from the attack his wife fears the beating he received might have affected him mentally.

Prior to obtaining the position at the State penal institution, Davis was a professional baseball player, being a member of one of the teams that constituted the defunct Tri-State League. He was a former resident of Coraopolis, Pa., and has, it is said, a wealthy brother who is a lawyer in Pittsburgh. Mrs. Davis asserts that she has repeatedly communicated with her husband's family with the hope that they might be able to tell where he is, but they have persistently disclaimed all knowledge of him.

IMPORTANT CHANGES IN WEST PENN POWER CO.

Announcement was made, on Monday, by P. H. Powers, commercial manager of the West Penn Power company, that Walter T. McCormick, superintendent at Waynesburg, had been promoted, effective April 15th, to have charge of all commercial department activities as superintendent of the Bellefonte and State College districts of the company. Mr. McCormick's new headquarters will be at Bellefonte where he will report to Kemp G. Fuller, manager of the Keystone division.

Mr. McCormick is no stranger in Centre county, having spent his early years in this territory. He is a son of Hon. John T. McCormick and a graduate of State College, class of 1907. Before going to the West Penn he had charge of the telephone system at Connessville. Becoming affiliated with West Penn in March, 1912, he supervised a soliciting crew putting on sales campaigns in various towns and territories. He was sent to Waynesburg in 1913 and has been there ever since, with the exception of about six months, during which time he acted as purchasing agent in the Pittsburgh office.

Mr. McCormick is married and has two children. He has been very well liked in Waynesburg. Sincere best wishes of his friends are with him as he takes up his new duties in Bellefonte.

Co-incident with the announcement of Mr. McCormick's promotion is another regarding E. C. Musser, who has been superintendent of the local district of the Keystone division, with headquarters in Bellefonte, and who has been promoted, effective April 15th, to supervise construction duties in the entire Keystone division, becoming division superintendent and reporting to K. G. Fuller, division manager of the Keystone division at Ridgway.

Mr. Musser has been with the company for about thirteen years, and has served as superintendent at Bellefonte for about ten years. His new duties will take him over the entire Keystone division property, placing him in charge of line construction activities. He will continue to reside in Bellefonte for the present, at least.

Residents of Snow Shoe and vicinity are looking hopefully forward to an improvement in laboring conditions in that locality this summer. The coal business has picked up to that extent that the Lehigh Valley Coal company is now loading and shipping an average of sixteen cars daily. The company has also broken ground for a new slope. The J. H. France brick plant which now has an output of 35,000 bricks daily, will soon be increased to a daily output of 50,000.

TURBINE WHEELS RUINED AT THE GAMBLE MILL.

The two turbine water wheels at the Gamble mill, recently purchased by the borough, have been practically ruined through standing idle for almost two years in the mud and filth which settled in the deep wheel pit. This was ascertained when water department officials decided, about two weeks ago, to test them and find out what condition they were in.

But the wheels wouldn't move. The water was then drained from the race and the drawhead at the draining channel left open to keep the water out of the wheel pit. The pit gradually drained dry and then it was discovered that the bottom was covered with about a foot of mud which was banked around both turbine wheels. It took several days to clean out the mud and then it was discovered that both wheels were rusted shut. In fact their condition is such that it would not be safe to attempt to use them in any kind of work.

Of course both wheels are old and somewhat obsolete, so that they would probably not be able to deliver the maximum power they should with the head of water at the wheel pit. Consequently the borough will be up against the proposition of installing a new wheel and dynamo if the power that can be generated there is to be utilized for any purpose. As a matter of fact two wheels and two dynamos ought to be installed as assurance of a regular supply of power at all times. The wheels and dynamos could be operated alternately so as to keep them free of dirt accumulation and in good condition. But this is a matter that will have to be settled by the Water committee and borough council.

A LEAGUE MEETING FOR CHILD TRAINING.

The regular monthly meeting of the Child Conservation League of America, Bellefonte branch, was held last Thursday evening, at the home of the president, Mrs. Arthur C. Dale, on east Linn street. Last year the club held its meetings in the High school building but beginning with this year it was decided to hold them at the homes of the different members.

As the object of the organization is the discussion of subjects dear to all mothers, as well as all others interested in child training, it was decided at the last Thursday's meeting to change the name from the Child Conservation League of America to The Mother's Club. Guest speakers at the meeting were Dr. and Mrs. Carroll D. Champlin, both physiology teachers at State College. Mrs. Champlin talked on "What child physiology contributes to child culture," while Dr. Champlin discussed "Historical facts of the new child physiology and education." Both talks were very interesting and instructive. During the evening Mrs. Risan, one of the members, sang several vocal selections to the delight of all present. A social hour followed the meeting.

The next meeting of the club will be held at the home of Mrs. Samuel Shallcross on the evening of May 13.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

Harriett J. Stere, et al, to Forden T. Walker, et ux, tract in Boggs Twp.; \$1,500.

William R. Grove, et ux, to Clyde I. Struble, tract in College Twp.; \$8,000.

Grant Stanley, et ux, to Howard A. Orndorf, et ux, tract in Miles Twp.; \$2,200.

Toner Funk, et ux, to A. J. Lucas, et ux, tract in Howard; \$1.

John Kelley, et ux, to H. E. Eckert, et ux, tract in Worth Twp.; \$1.

Ida A. Witmer to Madge L. Kaufman, tract in Boggs Twp.; \$1,500.

Harvey Long, et ux, to Samuel M. Long, tract in Gregg Twp.; \$300.

Robert E. Sands, et al, to Orvis Black, et al, tract in Philipsburg; \$3,250.

Jacob R. Hoy, et ux, to Harry Stover, et ux, tract in College Twp.; \$300.

John McCoy, trustee, to Sutton-Abramsen Engineering company, tract in Bellefonte; \$13,500.

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James Strayer to Trustee of Gatsburg Lutheran church, tract in Ferguson Twp.; \$40.

Lawrence Runkle, et ux, to Edgar W. Miller, tract in Centre Hall; \$3,600.

Stephen Dando, et ux, to Mildred Wright, tract in Rush Twp.; \$1.

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Lehigh Valley Coal company to John A. Confer, tract in Snow Shoe; \$1.

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Edgar W. Miller, to F. V. Goodhart, tract in Centre Hall; \$1.

T. A. Meyer, et al, to Meyer Lumber company, tract in Penn Twp.; \$1.

C. H. Meyer, et al, to Meyer Lumber company, tract in Penn and College Twp.; \$5,750.

Jesse T. Leathers, et ux, to Robert Corl, tract in Spring Twp.; \$50.

Robert F. Corl, et ux, to Hazel Corl, tract in Spring Twp.; \$1.

Centre county roads first on the schedule for oiling during the summer are those from Bellefonte to Pleasant Gap and from State College to Pine Grove Mills.

FARM NOTES.

Start planting corn early—and keep it up.

Corn silage is a succulent laxative roughage.

Your time is too precious to throw it away on poor seed.

The successful farmer is a soil scientist and an industrial organizer.

By using a steel post occasionally a fence can be effectively grounded.

It's not the price that counts, but who built it and will it serve your purpose?

Farmers owning woodlots should cull them as the dairy farmer culls his herds.

Sweet clover has no equal as a combined soil-building, weed-fighting pasture and hay crop.

Look over the hoes occasionally storage basement and if they are shriveled sprinkle lightly.

Begin collecting stakes for the garden. There will never be enough of them when you want them.

Start a compost heap this spring with the spring rakings. It is the cheapest and best fertilizer possible.

Spread manure on the garden any time you can get it. The spring rains will fill the soil with fertilizer.

Store seeds in a cool place if you order them early. They are kept in better condition than in warm rooms.

Look over the hoes occasionally and grease the blades if they are growing rusty. A rusty hoe is a poor tool.

Send in early orders for new gladiolus bulbs. They are exhausted early with the vogue of this popular plant.

Order seed liberally. It is the cheapest commodity on the market. It is better to have too much than not enough.

It doesn't require the services of an expert to discover that "tax" comes from an old Latin term meaning "touch."

The dwarf bedding dahlias will be worth adding to your list of annuals. Sow them in the house in March for July bloom.

Thinning will increase the proportion of fancy and high quality tree fruits and will reduce the cost of harvesting, grading, and packing.

Spare time used in overhauling the grain binder before harvest comes is well spent. A few minutes in repair work now may save both time and money when the grain is ripe.

Set barrels over the rhubarb and bank them up to start it at the earliest possible moment. This can be done any time during the winter.

Dahlias frequently send up shoots from their roots. These should be pinched off at the ground line to throw all the strength into the main stalk.

Do not turn cows out to pasture too soon, say Penn State dairy specialists. Early pasture grass is very watery and so is of low food value. Another reason for delaying is that pasture yields for the season will be much greater if the grass is permitted to get a good start.

To encourage early spring brood rearing, it is necessary to maintain a temperature of about 93 degrees Fahrenheit in the entire brood chamber. Protection from the cold and winds can be supplied by packing cases and windbreaks. The protection should not be removed until after the last killing frost.

Newly set strawberry plants need proper fertilization as soon as they are firmly established in order to develop into efficient factories for the manufacture of the 1929 shortcake supply. Applications of 150 to 200 pounds of nitrate of soda and 400 to 500 pounds of superphosphate should give good results in securing increased growth and greater fruitfulness.

An hour or so before the lamb is born the ewe stops grazing and begins to think exclusively about her lamb. She walks about calling for it, and takes a great interest in other lambs, especially those that are new-born.

The curious part of it is, says Atlantic monthly, that she doesn't know whether her lamb has been born or not. She tries to mother the lambs of other ewes, and when some jealous ewe shoulders her away she goes to some other ewe's lambs. But usually as soon as her own lamb is born uncertainty vanishes and she devotes herself exclusively to it.

As the ewe stands above her new-born lamb she utters a sound that she has not used for a year, a low rumble in the throat, made without opening the mouth. This rumble is used only by a ewe talking to her lamb or by a buck talking to a ewe and therefore must denote deep affection.

The lamb bleats, the ewe rumbles. Of course, if the lamb is at a distance, or is temporarily mislaid, as he is half the time, the ewe calls for him with a full open-mouthed bleat. Once in a while you will see a ewe in search of her lamb going through all the motions of bleating without uttering a sound. She has been calling her lamb for so long that she has entirely lost the use of her voice. Yet she is still making the attempt to call after she finds her lamb and rests her vocal chords, her voice comes back.

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