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BETHANY DAY AT ORPHANS' HOME.

10,000 Visitors Attend Annual Festivities of Little Folk at Womelsdorf.

The fourth Thursday or every August is known as Bethany Day among the members of the Reformed church of eastern Pennsylvania, and on this day from near and far, they journey to Womelsdorf on foot, on railroad trains, on trolley cars and on every method of conveyance imaginable, for none likes to miss this great anniversary occasion of Bethany Orphans' Home.

Bethany Day always attracts from 10,000 to 15,000 persons, and the Bethany grounds resemble a county fair on the occasion. The railroads run special excursions from every part of the State. Church societies made up special parties and secured special rates, while the profit all went for the benefit of the 166 orphans that are now at the home.

Bethany children are industrious little folk. They never seem to get weary. This was shown again this year by the neatness of their 100 acre farm. Those boys and girls are model farmers. They make the hay themselves, cut the corn and fill the silos, conduct the dairy, milk the cows, and the girls make the butter. The latter also do the cooking, bake the pies, cakes and bread for the other boys and girls.

Bethany Day was devoted to outdoor exercise. There were two concerts by an Allentown band. Thousands also gathered around the pavilion where the Bethany Boys' Band played. The children delighted the visitors with motion songs, the older ones conducted drills and recited witty and well prepared selections.

Their song was one of the chief features and the musical throbbing of the 166 voices, resounded from the edge of the mountains clear across the valley, and so enthusiastic did they get that the 10,000 visitors could not help but join in the chorus, and probably never before was there a song service like that in Berks county.

A number of pastors of the Reformed church made addresses. Former orphans held a reunion at three o'clock in the afternoon. Those who later attended college and graduated, also held a special session and formed an organization.

Among those present, was George W. Wagner, a Reading attorney, and former orphan of the institution, who has been selected by the Democrats of Berks county as candidate for Judge of Common Pleas Court of the county.

Bequests of Joel Struble.

The will of the late Joel Struble, deceased, of Zion, was probated and is a document quite prolific in bequests to friends and relatives. In it the testator bequeathed to Mrs. Sophia Rockey, \$4,000; to Annie Harpster, \$1,000; to the children of the late Conrad Struble, \$400; to the children of the late Emily McCalmont, \$400; to Lucretia Pontius, of Hortonville, Kansas, \$400; to the children of the late Isaiah Struble, \$900; to the children of the late Daniel Luz, \$500; to the children of the late Geo. H. Ussel, \$500; to Ellen Carver, of Jessup, Iowa, \$500; to H. S. Wright, of Zion, \$100; to Nathaniel Gill, of Pleasant Gap, \$500; to Howard Ollger, of Bellefonte, \$300; to John Royer, of Zion, \$200; to the Reformed church of Zion, \$500; to the Union Sunday school of Zion, \$300, and the Zion cemetery \$100. Jacob M. and A. E. Garbrick, of Walker township, were named as the executors of the estate and to each of them was bequeathed \$500. After the above bequests have been paid together with the collateral inheritance tax and any indebtedness there may be the residue of the estate upon its settlement is to go the surviving children of Conrad Struble, Emily McCalmont, Lucretia Pontius and Isaiah Struble, share and share alike. The will does not state the value of the estate.

To New Subscribers Only.

To new subscribers only \$6.75 worth of magazines and newspapers for only \$2.00, and they consist of eleven leading magazines for three months and The Philadelphia Press, six days a week for six months. Just think of it, all for \$2.00! It is a great opportunity for wholesome instruction and entertainment. It is all within your grasp. The following is a list of the magazines:

"Pictorial Review", "Travel Magazine", "The World To-day", "The Housekeeper", "Pacific Monthly", "Technical World", "Uncle Remus", "Smart Set", "National Magazine", "The American Boy", "Fine Arts Journal".

Send \$2.00, addressed to the Subscription News Agency, Box 1275 or to The Philadelphia Press, Seventh and Chestnut Streets, Philadelphia.

The apple was Adam's downfall, but many a modern man traces his to a peach.

GRANGE ENCAMPMENT AND FAIR.

Outlook for Coming Gathering Most Flattering—Camp Opens September 11th.

The outlook for the Grange Encampment and Fair, on Grange Park, Centre Hall, from the 11th to 17th inclusive, is most encouraging. The speakers previously announced will all be present, and will discuss the important questions in which farmers are most deeply interested. The evening entertainments also promise to be of a character that will please the hundreds who attend them.

All of the exhibitors who have been on the grounds during the past few years, will be back again this year, together with many new ones. The agricultural and horticultural departments will be well filled with exhibits. The new poultry building has helped to create an interest among poultrymen, who will have on show a large number of birds of all breeds. The coops are ideal in their construction and will afford poultrymen an opportunity to show their stock to the best advantage. Horses, sheep and swine, judging from the number of stalls already engaged by breeders, will be on exhibition in larger numbers than heretofore. George W. Bradford will have on exhibition a car load of milk cows and young cattle shipped here direct from the west, and Friday they will be sold at public sale.

The Centre County Veteran Club will hold its annual reunion on Tuesday, which will bring together the survivors of the civil war, as well as the members of their families and friends. Those directly interested in the reunion together with those who will be attracted for other reasons will cause the attendance on Tuesday to be quite large, so that from the opening of the Encampment and Fair until its close on Friday evening, there will be a large daily attendance.

The tenting accommodations have been largely increased over last year, and the management hopes this year to be able to supply tents to all who wish them, provided requests are made early. The grounds were never before in such fine condition for camping, and the many minor improvements made as to floors, and camp equipment will add much to the comfort and pleasure of the campers.

The boarding house will be conducted by James Decker, of Pine Grove Mills, who will provide first class boarding from the time the camp opens until its close. Sunday a turkey dinner will be served. Special trains will be run over the local branch between Bellefonte and Centre Hall, on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. All trains, both the regular and special, stop at Grange Park station.

Here It Comes Again.

"Send you check for two dollars for 1909 and 1910 subscription. Thank you for the many pleasant memories the Reporter brings me from my old home and friends, and wishing you as prosperous a year as we have had, and hoping to see you in the beautiful and bustling west, I remain, Mrs. Fred Weidemann, LaGrange, Illinois." These are two lines from a former resident of Centre Hall, who will be recalled by many readers as Miss Belle Pennington.

Another Illinois reader, James I. Snyder, of Freeport, who by way is connected with the steppe son (County Fish and Game Protective Association, a corporation, writes that he can't do without the Reporter, just because it brings him the news so regularly each week.

Transfer of Real Estate.

W. F. Ertley, et ux to C. H. Rountree, August 18, 1909, in State College, tract of land, \$5500.

Bianche E. Weber, et al to W. J. Kurtz, June 22, 1909, in Howard boro., tract of land \$25.00

A. J. Garbrick, et ux to Geo. Eckley, July 17, 1909, in Conner twp., tract of land \$60.00.

J. Franklin Meyer, et ux to R. I. Weber, July 20, 1909, in State College, tract of land \$575.

Mrs. Ellen Shuey to William Hoy, et ux, Nov. 10, 1904, in College twp., tract of land, \$590.

W. Fred Reynolds, et ux to J. W. Garbrick, August 16, 1909, in Spring twp., tract of land \$11,000.

William L. Foster, et al to Anna M. Thal, August 14, 1909, in State College, tracts of land \$1745.

William L. Foster, et al to F. E. Wieland, August 7, 1909, in State College, tract of land, \$475.

Mrs. John Shimko to John Shimko, Jr., May 7, 1909, in Snow Shoe, tract of land \$2.00.

Harriet J. Steele to L. Carpenter, August 13, 1909, in Bellefonte tract of land, \$350.

William L. Foster, et al to G. Ed. Haupt, August 26, 1909, in State College, tract of land, \$475.

William L. Foster, et al to State College Building Association, August 14, 1909, in State College, tract of land, \$400.

WARNING!

The Seed Improvement Association Cautions Farmers Against Sowing Cheap Seeds.

Under the above caption Prof. Frank G. Gardner, secretary-treasurer of the Pennsylvania Seed Improvement Association, organized at Pennsylvania State College last December during Farmers' Week, the following communication has been sent out:

"Many noxious weeds, that will cost our commonwealth millions of dollars to eradicate, continue to be introduced in purchased seeds. Many parts of Pennsylvania are already overrun with Canada thistles. Dodder is becoming common in our clover and alfalfa seeds, while Russian thistle is reported from various places.

Members of our Association and others are warned against (indiscriminate) purchase and use of grass, clover and alfalfa seed without having it examined for purity and tested for germination. Persuade your seed dealer to have tests of seeds he offers for sale. If he will not have tests, then get samples and have them tested before you purchase. You can have it done without cost by sending to your State Experiment Station or to the National Department of Agriculture.

Use only the best and purest seeds. "Cheap" seeds are dear at any price. Do you think Pennsylvania needs a seed control law? Let us be prepared to discuss this question at our next meeting.

The Weather in August.

There were many fair days during August, there having been but nine cloudy days during the month, and on six of them rain fell. The total precipitation was a small fraction over two and one-half inches.

The hottest days of the month were on the seventh, eighth and ninth, on which days mercury was up to ninety-three on the first, and ninety-four on the latter two. On the twenty-fourth and twenty-fifth it was ninety.

The nights generally were cool, the temperature ranging from forty-two on the twenty-second to sixty-eight on the twenty-sixth, the average being about fifty-five.

The rain fall noted above was insufficient to sustain vegetation, consequently all crops suffered considerably.

LOCALS.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Potter are attending the Montgomery-Quigley reunion at Pine Station to-day (Thursday).

Bradford, McKean county, has a fresh apple tree upon which are four full grown apples, and at the same time the tree is full of blossoms.

Everyone interested in good reading, combined with practical information on all things connected with the household, should get the September number of the Ladies' World.

Misses Jennie and Margaret Potter, of Milesburg, were the guests of Miss Mary Delinda Potter, in Centre Hall, over Sunday. Tuesday they went to Philadelphia, where their father, John F. Potter, E. q., was located.

The poultry exhibit at the Grange Encampment and Fair promises to be a leading feature. The poultry house has been rebuilt and is one of the handsomest and most complete buildings of its kind in Central Pennsylvania. If you have a coop of good birds, take them there.

Last week Jess Snyder, who lives in High Valley, below Coburn, caught a very large wild cat. The animal had been after his tame rabbits and Mr. Snyder set a trap and caught it. It measured two feet and ten inches in length and fifteen inches in height. It was a regular Canada lynx and very savage.

Use the Reporter as an advertising medium. It beats posters on a fence, is better than circulars distributed in the most liberal numbers, and infinitely more profitable than to stick your ad. in booklet or program that is cursed the minute it is picked up. The Reporter finds its way to the reading table, and is read by every member of the family.

According to the act of April, 1909, the fees of the Justices of the Peace in Pennsylvania were increased in three instances. The cost of docket entry is now fifty cents, whereas it was twenty-five cents under the old law. A subpoena is now thirty cents instead of twenty-five. A hearing is now seventy-five cents instead of fifty cents, as formerly. This change in fees affects only those Justices who were elected in 1909.

The Pennsylvania Railroad Company is taking an interest in the building of public roads, and recently sent to its hundreds of local agents throughout the state a string of questions relative to the conditions of the public roads leading to the particular station at which the agent is located. The road question is one that is now being discussed by almost every organization, and sooner or later good results may be looked for.

FROM MICHIGAN.

Former Old Citizen Writes the Reporter Readers of Early Days in Centre Hall.

The weekly appearance of the "Centre Reporter" is highly appreciated and the contents very interesting to one who was born and raised in the vicinity of Centre Hall and whose memory returns to the days when the first building of the village was erected on the north west corner of the diamond where the old Brush valley road crosses the turn pike, writes Henry Dasher, of Kalamazoo, Michigan.

Continuing Mr. Dasher says: David Felmlee had it erected for a hotel, for the accommodation of the traveling public. Four horse stage coaches running daily from Bellefonte to Lewisburg were the only means of conveyance the traveling public had in those days, and the pangs of hunger and thirst were frequently quenched at this resort. About a year later Henry Witmer bought a piece of land on the east side of the turn pike from the old Christian Hoffer farm and erected a large hotel and storeroom, and opened the place with a nice hostelry, and a general assortment of merchandise.

The post office then was at the Old Fort, but Mr. Witmer was successful in having a post office established in Centre Hall, and the office was kept in his store room for a number of years. Mr. Witmer laid out some town lots and other buildings followed.

Up to the year of 1871 the writer was personally acquainted with every citizen of Centre Hall, consequently the "Reporter" is unusually interesting to me and memory calls up many of the pranks that took place when new parties came to Centre Hall to live, as the kids would all have to be initiated.

Mrs. James P. Hering, of Altoona, and Mrs. John F. Mullen, of Pittsburgh, whose homes were formerly in Centre Hall, are visiting with the writer and family, and through them we learn that many changes have taken place and that but few of the old pioneers are left.

Not wishing to trespass on your space I will close and if agreeable may write you again of pioneer days.

LOCALS.

He who deceives himself is most easily deceived by others.

A law that is frequently violated is the one prohibiting a cow being led by the nose, that is by inserting a ring.

Miss Helen Bartholomew, accompanied by her niece, Margaret Bartholomew, Saturday drove to Howard where she remained over Sunday.

After a visit of some weeks at the home of her mother, Mrs. F. F. Christie in Elysburg, Mrs. Thomas L. Moore and children returned home last week.

Pennsylvania State College will open its fall term to-day (Thursday). The freshman class has some six hundred students, and in all departments there will be something like fifteen hundred.

Misses Tillie Keller, assistant postmistress in the Centre Hall postoffice, and Elsie Moore went to Harrisburg Saturday where they remained over Sunday and then attended the Williams-grove picnic.

Thursday of last week, Mr. and Mrs. John Bitner, of Tusseyville, went to Philadelphia, where they will stay for the future. Mr. Bitner had no special work in view, but if nothing better turns up he will go back to the trolley line and assume the duties of a conductor.

There will be a larger number of campers on Grange Park during the Grange Encampment and Fair this year than for many years past. Many of the tents will be there for the first year, and some, of course, whose faces would be missed if not seen under a tent at that time.

Mr. and Mrs. Alvin S. Meyer, of Altoona, came to Centre Hall last week to spend a part of their vacation with Mrs. Meyer's mother, Mrs. Sarah Stover. Mr. Meyer is a lumber inspector for the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, and reports that the company is buying liberally of late, and that he is kept busy going from one point to the other where purchases have been made.

Major Richter and his corps of civil engineers are pushing their work of surveying a route for that proposed trolley road between Bellefonte and State College and Bellefonte and Milesburg, and that is all that can be done until the promoters have received their charter, franchises from the several boroughs and right of way. In the meantime there is considerable skepticism among the general public, remarks the Watchman, as to whether the road will be built or not, but the promoters aver that they mean business this time and that they are assured of ample financial backing.

Telephone Agents Meet.

Thursday forenoon the various agents of the rural telephone lines under the system of the Patrons Rural Telephone Company leading out from the Centre Hall Bell telephone exchange, met in Grange Arodis, and were addressed by G. H. Fulmer, of Williamsport, manager of the Williamsport district, of which district, Centre county is a part.

Mr. Fulmer was here to hear complaints, if there should happen to be any, against the service given by the various exchanges to which these rural lines have access, and also make inquiry as to the general condition of the instruments on the rural lines.

The Bell company recently inaugurated a system of inspection of rural lines, and it was this proposition that interested the rural line agents most. This inspection will be free, and will cover all the wiring—the main lines as well as the wiring on the interior and exterior of the buildings, and a minute inspection of each instrument. The object is to make the now altogether satisfactory service a faultless one.

The agents were not backward in expressing themselves as to the service given by the local exchange at Centre Hall, which in every instance was highly complimentary, both as to promptness and civility of the operators.

Mr. Fulmer made a good impression on his audience, and expressed himself in such a way that there was no dispute as to the good intentions of the company he represented. After the discussion was over, the manager invited the agents and a few others to the Centre Hall hotel for dinner, which invitation was accepted. Those present at the meeting were Messrs. David Miller, and William Dale, Pine Grove Mills; Arthur B. Lee, Elmer R. McClellan, and W. R. Neff, Tusseyville; Frank P. Duck, Spring Mills; Hon. Leonard Rhone, Jacob Sharer, James L. Decker, W. E. Tate, Samuel Glingerich, Joshua T. Potter, D. W. Bradford, and S. W. Smith, all of Centre Hall.

W. S. Mailleu, agent for the Bellefonte district, was also present.

Services on Park.

The annual Harvest Home celebration will be held in the Auditorium, Grange Park, Sunday, 12th instant, at 2:30 o'clock, thus opening the Grange Encampment and Fair with a thanksgiving service in harmony with the Divine injunction to the Israelites to observe at stated periods—so many Sabbaths—the "Feast of the Harvest," by bringing together the first fruits of the land. This was not wholly a matter of choice but a Divine injunction, as stated before. The people of the present day have not only as much to be thankful for as were the people of ancient times but more, since our privileges and opportunities are greater.

Dr. W. H. Schuyler, pastor of the Presbyterian church, will preach the anniversary sermon. His subject will be "The Old Testament Farmer." Every one is cordially invited to join in this service of thanks and show their appreciation of the Divine favor shown the agricultural and industrial classes whereby they were able to render such great services to the community.

From Millheim Journal.

Mr. and Mrs. John H. Maize spent Monday at the home of F. P. Floray, near Centre Hall.

Rev. and Mrs. M. I. Jamison, of Baltimore, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Zorby several days the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Thompson and two children, of Millroy, spent Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. Walter.

Mr. and Mrs. Lambert Noll, of Dewart, attended the funeral of Mrs. Elizabeth Henney.

Rev. L. A. Miller, of Hagerstown, Maryland, and Rev. J. B. McLaughlin, of Rebersburg, visited Rev. C. F. Garrett.

Mrs. W. H. Klepper, son Lee, and daughter Dorothy, of Lock Haven, are visiting at the home of Mrs. Klepper's parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Kreamer.

Miss Aida Musser, after spending several months with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Musser, left for her western home at Keokuk, Iowa, Wednesday morning.

Mrs. H. T. Stover, Mrs. Catherine Weiser, Mrs. Sarah Rybel, of this place; Mrs. Mary Royer, of Centre Hall, and Mrs. Robert Harter, of South Dakota, visited at the home of Howard Krape, at Rebersburg, on Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. John G. Eby arrived in Millheim Tuesday evening from Beaverdale, where they had resided for a number of years. Mr. Eby has been elected cashier of the Farmers' National Bank and we welcome him to our town. They will reside in the J. C. Smith property on Penn street, now occupied by D. J. Nieman and family.

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS.

August was the fairest month of the year, so far.

The Odenkirk-Meyer wedding is booked for to-day (Thursday.)

Mr. and Mrs. Lenior Small, of Altoona, are visiting relatives and friends in Penna Valley.

There was a killing frost in McKean county the beginning of last week. Corn, buckwheat and potatoes suffered most.

Misses Birdie Wolf and Zora Heckman, of Philadelphia, arrived in Centre Hall last week, and spent a few days here among friends.

The new postage stamp, commemorative of the "The Hudson Fulton" celebration to take place in New York this fall, will be put on sale about the 25th of this month.

Prof. C. R. Neff, for several days last week, surveyed on Nittany Mountain, running the boundary lines on the Dale farm, and also surveyed the cleared portion sold to Mr. Bilger.

Joseph H. Hoffman, of Millheim, who some time ago received the appointment in this congressional district to the Annapolis Naval Academy, is now at that institution.

The road across the Seven Mountains is said to be in very fair condition, the portion in Centre county being much better than that in Millin county. The reverse was the condition for some years past.

Some farmers began sowing their wheat the latter part of last week. This week considerable grain will be sown, by the "early" farmers, while others are preparing the seed bed, and yet others plowing.

Rev. D. Gress, at the Harvest Home services held in the Reformed church in Centre Hall, gave his hearers a highly instructive and interesting sermon. The decorations were modest, but appropriate, and music splendid.

Every member of the Grange and as many others as possibly can should take something to the Grange Encampment and Fair to be placed on exhibition. A premium is paid on each article as soon as placed in the hands of the manager.

During a recent electrical storm that passed over the lower section of Penna Valley, lightning struck the coal shed to the rear of the Wolf's Chapel church, east of Aaronsburg, and about the same time Luther Stover, of Aaronsburg, was stunned.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Mingle, of Centre Hall, will accompany their daughter and granddaughter, Mrs. J. Emory Hoy and Miss Elizabeth, to their home in Philadelphia. Before returning home they will go to Atlantic City. They will be gone for about a week.

A car load of western cattle—milk cows, heifers and bulls—will be sold on Grange Park, Friday of the week of the Grange Encampment and Fair, by George W. Bradford, a local dealer in cattle. He promises in his advertisement which appears in this issue to have on hand first class cattle.

All classes and styles of printed and engraved invitations can be had at this office. The workmanship is guaranteed satisfactory, and the prices are altogether reasonable. Printed, engraved and embossed cards can also be had. Before you send your order away from home, let the Reporter quote a price.

Merchant William H. Noll, of Pleasant Gap, and Dr. E. J. Stucke, of Philadelphia, drove to the top of Nittany Mountain Thursday of last week, and after looking over the beautiful valley, the Philadelphia could not resist the temptation to come right down into the heart of the Keystone State. While in town he favored the Reporter with a brief call.

Mrs. Bruce Lingle and daughter, Miss Elizabeth, of Cherokee, Iowa, came east last week in company with Miss Margaretta Goheen, of Boalsburg, who has been in the west for several months. They came from Chicago over the lakes by steamer, and visited Buffalo and Niagara Falls, arriving in Bellefonte last Sunday morning a week. They were met in Bellefonte by J. Q. A. Kennedy and daughter, Miss Mary, and expect to visit friends here for an indefinite time.

Miss Louella Reynolds and Kyle Taylor, of Reedsville, and Miss Jennie Spear and William Meyer, of Philadelphia, drove from Reedsville to Penna Cave Sunday, stopping at the Old Fort for supper, and also called on the family of the writer. They are young people, and rumor has it that cupid had marked them, but with all that had admitted, they are not in Thackeray's class of those "With nothing else on earth to do, but all day long to bill and coo", as they are all employed as well as engaged.