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INFORMATION FOR FARMERS.

Agricultural School at Pennsylvania State College Gives pointers on Various Farm Subjects.

It is one thing to know how to grow a crop; it is quite a different matter to be able to protect that crop from disease. The rapid spread of plant diseases in the past few years is alarming, and many growers of special crops realize that at the present time protection against diseases is one of the most important features in the growing of a successful crop.

Not the least of the several protective and precautionary measures to be taken in growing a crop is sanitation. Professor C. R. Otton, of the department of plant pathology at the Pennsylvania State College School of Agriculture and Experiment Station, emphasizes the importance of sanitary measures in the control of plant diseases. According to the same authority sanitary measures are just as important as spraying, and if a horticulturist or farmer follows but one of these practices sanitation would outweigh spraying for most crops.

Sanitation should include not only the careful disposal of all diseased and waste plants, so that there may be no danger of parasitic bacteria, fungi or other organisms living over to infect the next crop, but it may include pruning and the removing of all dead parts; the painting of wounds; the eradication of weeds about the field, orchard or garden, which frequently harbor disease. Still another important matter to consider in sanitation is the disinfection of storage cellars and similar places where much serious trouble is encountered and about which the average person is inclined to be careless.

FALL FEEDING OF THE DAIRY COW.

When fall pasture ceases to be available the dairy man faces a critical period. The problem confronting him at that time is how to feed dairy cows which are in milk in a way to bring them from grass to winter feed without so sudden and complete a change in their ration as to cause a great dropping off in production.

Care is then necessary to see that the cow has enough feed and that it is as succulent as possible. The dairy department of the Pennsylvania State College lays emphasis on these two points. When the pasture begins to fall, the cows should be fed ten to twenty pounds of silage, or, if this is not available, some green corn or the latest and freshest of the corn fodder. Beets and other roots and pumpkins may be fed to advantage. It is possible to feed too much roughage at this time, so long as good feed is offered them at the barn cows will refuse to hunt it longer at pasture.

It is usually necessary to begin early with some grain. The best way to judge the amount of grain to feed is to note what increase in milk is secured by feeding a small amount. The grain allowances may then be increased if it proves profitable. If silage or roots are not available, the grain ration should be made up with the idea of providing feed of a stimulating and laxative nature, to overcome the effect of sudden change from the pasture grass. Bran and oil meal are excellent feeds for this purpose and should make up as much as one-half of the grain ration, if no succulent feeds are available.

A good home-mixed grain ration for feeding at this season when succulent feed is scarce is as follows: 100 pounds corn and oat-meal, 200 pounds wheat bran, 175 pounds linseed-oil meal, 50 pounds cottonseed meal. If plenty of succulent feed is available the same grain ration that is used in the winter may be fed. Two winter grain rations which have proven very successful as well as economical at the Pennsylvania State College when fed with clover hay and silage, are: No. 1—275 pounds cornmeal, 100 pounds cottonseed meal, 200 pounds dried distillers' grains, 100 pounds gluten feed, 50 pounds linseed oil meal; No. 2—400 pounds corn-meal, 100 pounds cottonseed meal, 125 pounds distillers' grains, 100 pounds gluten feed, 100 pounds wheat bran.

Top of Head Blown off While Hunting.
A snocking hunting accident occurred near Hyner, Clinton county, Saturday forenoon, when George Mathias, a farmer and highly esteemed resident of that place, was instantly killed by the accidental discharge of his gun.

Mr. Mathias, with his only son, started for the woods to hunt small game. The father carried a hammerless double-cartridge shot gun and was in the act of climbing over a low fence when the gun was discharged, the load blowing off the top of his head.

The son ran home and gave the alarm and neighbors went to the scene and carried the body back to the house.

Deceased was aged forty-five years and leaves his wife and one son.

Repair Work Discontinued.

Work on State roads throughout the country districts, or rather the state repair work such as was being done in Penn Valley, was discontinued on Monday. Joseph Carson, under whose supervision the work on the Seven Mountains was done, also did a great deal of work between Centre Hill and Potters Mills, and between the latter place and Colyer, which is a part of the State road route between Potters Mills and State College. The hill at Ed. Brown's corner, where the last days of the road work season were spent, is a good example of what can be done in the way of road improvement without expending a great amount of money.

Some work was done on the Brush Valley road, east of Centre Hall, under the supervision of I. A. Sweetwood. Little or no grading was done here, the work consisting mostly of opening the side ditches and disposing of the breakers across the road on the hills.

Tusseyville's Thank-Offering Service.

Saturday evening the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of the Lutheran church, at Tusseyville, held their annual Thank-offering service in the Union church. No better sentiment for the cause of missions exists in Centre county than in the rural section surrounding Tusseyville, and this year's offering of seventy dollars is evidence of that fact. The Thank-offering service always includes a good program of recitations and singing by the younger mission workers of the church and Saturday evening's performance was up to the usual good standard.

LOCALS

Kessler's ad. is new in this issue.

Remember the Thanksgiving supper in Grange Arcadia.

Today (Thursday) the Centre County Pomona Grange will meet in quarterly session in Grange Arcadia.

Prof. and Mrs. W. A. Krise left on Tuesday morning for Johnstown where they will spend some time with their son, W. S. Krise, and family.

Tuesday, through an order of the Post Office Department, the local mail zone for the Centre Hall postoffice was extended southwest to near Linden Hall, south to Colyer and northeast to near Madisonburg.

Patrons whose address has been changed through the re-arrangement of mail routes, can have all classes of mail forwarded to their new address without paying additional postage.

Samuel Grove, who was quite seriously injured in an effort to stop a pair of runaway horses on his father's farm near Centre Hill, is improving nicely. There is every prospect that he will fully recover.

Jasper Wagner, the mail carrier on route 2, from Centre Hall, not being able to rent a house, is boarding. His horses are being kept in Wilber Hendry's stable. As soon as he can do so, Mr. Wagner will move his family from Spring Mills to this place.

A movement is on foot whereby the slipper will become the owner of the Slippery Rock Normal School, in Butler county, by the payment of \$20,000 and assuming an indebtedness of an equal sum. The school has fine buildings, with thirty acres of ground, on which oil and gas are produced.

Commander Alfred J. Nealis, of the Bellefonte Camp, Spanish War Veterans, has been appointed by Commander-in-Chief L. C. Dyer, of St. Louis, as an aide-de-camp of the latter's staff. Through this appointment Mr. Nealis expects to attend the National United Spanish War Veterans' Convention in Chicago next year.

Foxes have played havoc with a flock of turkeys on the Jacob Sharer farm. Out of a flock of twenty birds hatched in the spring only two remain, a sly fox getting away with seven large ones one night last week. The Thanksgiving turkey has been placed in more secure quarters so that the Sharer family will not have to forego their annual turkey feast.

Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Bradford entertained a number of ladies from Millheim and Bellefonte at their hospitable home Monday evening. In almost every instance the guests were wives of members of Old Fort Lodge, F. & A. M., which met that evening. A number of autoes carried the visitors and after a most pleasant evening spent in social intercourse they returned to their homes. Those present were Mr. L. H. Gettig, Mr. J. L. Runkle, Mr. Harry Meyer, Mrs. Harry McManaway, Bellefonte; Mrs. William Swab, Mrs. Fred Hoersterman, Mr. William Smith, Mrs. W. F. Shelton, Mr. T. F. Meyer, Mrs. Harry Frank, Mrs. L. W. Weingardner, Mrs. John Musser, Mrs. E. W. Mauck, Mrs. Lloyd Stover, Mrs. J. G. Eyy, Miss Jennie Reifsnnyder, of Millheim; Mrs. W. F. Keller, of Centre Hall.

VARIOUS STATE EMPLOYEES IN CONFERENCE AT HARRISBURG.

To become more familiar with work of their departments, Governor calls employees together—Conference unique in history of state.

The third Pennsylvania Welfare, Efficiency and Engineering Conference opened on Tuesday morning in the hall of the House of Representatives, Harrisburg. The exhibit in connection with the conference opened on Monday morning at the barns of the Harrisburg Railway Company. Governor Brumbaugh has called this conference of all the state departments who have to do in a responsible manner with the state engineering projects, natural resources and industry.

His purpose in asking the various state employees to gather at Harrisburg was primarily to enable them to become acquainted more fully with the work of their own departments and the several related departments of the state. It was also called for the purpose of more fully determining means whereby the departments can be of greater service to the public and can obtain in a larger measure its cooperative aid and support. For this reason the public generally has been invited to the sessions of the conference and a day has been set aside for speakers who are not connected with any state department to give their ideas of how this purpose may be accomplished.

Tuesday and Wednesday were devoted chiefly to hearing what the state has done and is attempting to do for the welfare of the citizens, while the last day, Thursday, will be given over almost entirely to addresses from outside speakers on subjects relating to the work of the various state departments co-operating in the conference.

Such a conference as this is unique in the history of Pennsylvania. For two years past conferences have been held but their scope has been limited chiefly to the work of one department, namely, the Department of Labor and Industry. This year's conference makes a departure from the procedure which has been followed in the past and promises to bring together more closely the work of the various state departments which are related in a more or less degree with one another.

The engineers' society of Pennsylvania has also agreed to co-operate and has undertaken the industrial exhibit which bids fair to be larger than any of those held during the past years. Inasmuch as prominent engineers of the state are expected to be present, their co-operation in this manner will prove an added attraction to the value of the meetings which will be held.

The program for today (Thursday) follows:

10:00 A. M.—Addresses: Agricultural Engineering—Charles G. McClain, Advisor, Department of Agriculture, Brookville; Public Utilities—George S. Webster, chief, Bureau of Survey, Philadelphia; Dr. Joseph Kubitius, secretary, Board of Game Commission; 12:00 P. M.—Addresses: Public Cooperation in Highway Work—A. P. Irvin, Chasod's Ford, Siream Population—Nicholas M. Edwards, Williamsport; What shall Pennsylvania Do With Its Waste Land?—Dr. J. T. Rothrock, First Commissioner of Forestry of Pennsylvania, West Chester; 2:00 P. M.—Addresses: Workmen's Compensation—Francis H. Bohlen, Counsel, Workmen's Compensation Board; Education and Its Relation to Industrial Efficiency—Dr. Edwin Earle Sparks, President, The Pennsylvania State College.

Awaiting the Electric Chair.

Death warrants for Roland E. Pennington and George B. Marab, of Delaware county, were issued last week and forwarded to the death house at Rockview. The men will be electrocuted during the week beginning December 13. They were convicted of murdering a Delaware county farmer and in the case of Pennington it is said that he was the first Quaker ever sentenced to death for murder in the State. He was refused a commutation of sentence at the last meeting of the State Pardon Board, March having previously been refused.

Harry Fuller, whose case is now before the Supreme Court of the United States, was granted a respite staying his electrocution on the charge of murder from the week of Nov. 8 to the week of Jan. 17.

No Money for Schools.

Financial conditions at the State Treasury indicate that the state will close its fiscal year at the end of this month heavily in debt to the large number of school districts. Unless there is an extraordinarily heavy influx of tax receipts the money will not be on hand for some time.

The school code provides that schools are to be paid in July. The low balances have held up the distribution so that only about \$3,000,000 has been sent. Treasurer Young is not issuing a check now. The State fiscal officers say the lavish appropriations made by the last legislature are the cause of the lack of money.

Laundry will go out from this office, Wednesday, November 24th.

DEATHS.

After a lingering illness from grinder's consumption, Ezra Ripka died at his home at Tusseyville Friday morning at 6:30 o'clock, aged forty-three years. Eight years ago he moved to Tusseyville from Lewistown where he was employed as an axe grinder in the Mann Axe Works. It was this occupation which undermined his health and made it impossible for him to do anything but light work ever since.

Funeral services were held Monday morning and burial made in the cemetery at Tusseyville. In the absence of the deceased's pastor, Rev. R. R. Jones, Rev. S. C. Stover of Boalsburg officiated at the services. Mr. Ripka was a faithful member of the Reformed church and held the office of deacon at the time of his death. Surviving him are his wife, nee Mary-Moyer, and six small children, namely, Catherine, William, Carl, Rufus, Verua and Ruth, ranging in age from six months to fourteen years. The widow and mother consequently is placed in a most trying position to provide for her small children, and the family having been in dire circumstances for some time, the task of keeping her family together will be all the harder for her. Mr. Ripka is also survived by his mother, Mrs. Amanda Ripka, of State College, and the following brothers and sisters: Howard Ripka, of Siglesville; William Ripka, of State College; Jacob Ripka, of Altoona; Mrs. Catherine Horner, of State College; Mrs. Charles Shealy, of Pleasant Gap.

Miss Mary Eby, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Eby, of Zion, died on the Eby farm, west of Zion, Friday morning at seven o'clock, following a stroke of paralysis which she sustained Sunday previous. Miss Eby was a young lady of but twenty-four years, and her death as a result of the stroke which paralyzed her right side, rendering her unconscious, besides depriving her of her speech from the time of the attack until her death, came as a great shock to her friends. She and her sister, Helen, were assisting their brother, William Eby, in conducting the Eby farm, and besides these she is survived by another sister, Clara, and her parents, of Zion.

Funeral services were held at her late residence Monday morning at ten o'clock and burial made in the Lutheran cemetery at Zion, Rev. Schultz, of Nittany, officiating. Miss Eby was a consistent member of the Lutheran church and a young lady whose friendship was highly prized.

Wednesday morning of last week Mrs. Jennina Ammerman, of Unionville, passed out of life at the home of her daughter, Mrs. David Hoover, at Northwood, where she was in the habit of spending her winters. Mrs. Ammerman was born April 8, 1837, in Centre county, where she continued a resident of Bald Eagle valley throughout her long life. Her husband, Joseph Ammerman, died eighteen years ago. She is survived by one daughter, Mrs. David Hoover, of Northwood and one son, A. W. Ammerman, of Unionville. She was buried at Unionville Thursday afternoon.

Miss Lillian Eisenhauer of Milesburg, passed out of life at 4 o'clock Saturday morning at the home of her sister, Mrs. J. C. Wenzel, at Tyrone, where she had been spending a month. A short time after her arrival she was smitten with paralysis which caused her death. The young lady was born at Milesburg, January 30, 1896. The body was taken to Milesburg on Saturday where funeral services were held on Tuesday.

Apply for Your New Auto License Early.

More than 4,000 applications have been received for 1916 automobile licenses by the automobile division of the State Highway Department. The new license plates have been received by the Department and beginning December 1 they will be sent out to those who have applied for them.

Despite the fact that these new plates are not to be used before January 1, 1916, many inquiries have been received by the Department from owners who desire to use them as soon as they get them.

State Highway Commissioner Cunningham recently issued a statement in which he urged on the owners and operators of automobiles the importance of sending in their 1916 applications at once. In previous years the State Highway Department has not enforced the law relative to the use of old license plates on automobiles in the early part of the new year, but Commissioner Cunningham announced that the automobile division of the State Highway Department is prepared to send out plates as soon as applications are received prior to December 31 and no excuse will be accepted from owners and operators who neglect to apply for their licenses before the first of the new year.

NEWS OF 1882.

Notes Taken From Files of The Centre Reporter of Thirty-three Years Ago. February 10th—J. Henry Keller, farmer near this place, lost one of his most valuable horses a few days ago, from some disease.

There are quite a number of cases of typhoid fever in the vicinity of Farmers Mills.

On Monday evening a long file of men and boys emerged from the post-office, in this place, and marched down street with torches at intervals to light up the way. The procession in double file was about a square in length. Each one in rank was armed with ammunition not less than a pound in weight, some as much as 15, 20, 30 to 50 pounds. Arriving at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Tobias, two octogenarian residents of town, without much ado or ceremony, the gate was entered, the front door opened, and to the great astonishment of the aged couple, suddenly entered and filled the room. Packages were left upon the table and the bearers passed out through the back door that others outside might unload their pounds too. The aged couple could not find words to express their emotions and gratitude they felt for the pile of packages that so suddenly came upon them like manna to the Children of Israel.

Died—On 3rd inst., at Potters Mills, Henry Crawford, aged forty-six years. February 25th—James Zabler, of across the valley, moved to Sandusky, Ohio, last week.

The concert given by Prof. P. H. Meyer's singing class, of Penn Hall, was a grand success.

On last Thursday the village of Penn Hall was thrown into great excitement by an attempted suicide. C. W. Whitney, a painter employed in J. C. Condo's paint shop, attempted to take his life by shooting himself in the head. His life is despaired of. Sping Mills is to have a new two-story brick school house, midway between the former place and Penn Hall, with schools graded thereafter.

Centre Countians Hunting in Ohio.

Dear Editor:—Just a few lines in regard to shooting the cottontails in Ohio.

Our party of four, composed of B. H. Zettle, Merl W. Nale, Fred H. Boyer, and Ira Boyer, all from Pennsylvania, succeeded in killing forty-three rabbits the first day of the season. Rabbits are very plentiful here and we are all enjoying the sport very much.

FRED H. ROYER.
Rittman, Ohio, Nov. 8, 1915.

Induction of New Officers.

The county officers-elect, including the president judge, will be inducted into office on the close of the first Monday in the new year, which is January 3rd. The new president judge will be administered the oath of office by Recorder Speer or Prothonotary Foreman.

All borough and township officers-elect, except justices of the peace, will also take the oath of office on the first Monday in January. Justices of the peace will assume their duties on the first Monday in December. Justices elected at the last election must apply to the prothonotary's office for blanks for their commission from the state.

Lock Haven Has Big Fire.

The Opera House block, the largest of Lock Haven's business blocks, was gutted by fire Saturday morning. The block is owned by George Mason, whose drug store was swept by flames. Other stores badly damaged were the Opera House restaurant, Richard Emrick's tobacco shop, W. C. Bauman's musical instrument store, Cyrus Elliott's tailoring establishment and the furniture store of Peter Homler.

From the Millheim Journal.

While hunting for pheasants north-east of Millheim, along the Watery road, Tuesday afternoon Paul Musser, the baseball pitcher, saw a five pronged buck and a spike-buck, which were being chased by a hound. The deer ran so close to him that he could have easily shot both of them.

Upon an information made by Mrs. Rebecca Shieffer before Squire A. E. Stover, of Aaronsburg, Miss Trixie Shaver was arrested one day last week charged with maliciously defacing Mrs. Schieffer's residence by throwing black paint on it. Mrs. Schieffer contended that she saw Miss Shaver commit the deed, but at a hearing in the 'squire's office Saturday afternoon Miss Shaver swore that she was not down Penn street, further than E. W. Mauck's store, on the evening the deed was committed. The defendant was discharged and the costs to be paid by the prosecutrix.

The wise dabbler in politics never expects any favors from fortune until they are within his grasp.

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS

Monday there were snow squalls with low temperature and high winds. The borough and township schools renewed their activities on Monday after a week's close.

Millheim's new moving picture house was opened for the first time Saturday evening.

Mrs. S. S. Kreamer and daughter, Miss Rebecca, spent several days last week with relatives at Zion.

Don't forget that Progress Grange will hold its customary Thanksgiving supper in Grange Hall next Thursday from five until ten o'clock p. m.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Pennington and child of State College spent Sunday with the former's brother, C. W. Pennington, and family, in this place.

Dr. H. H. Longwell finds a good way to save steps is to have a telephone in each part of the house and this week placed the fourth telephone in his home.

A large number of Odd Fellows are planning to go to Bellefonte tonight (Thursday) and witness the conferring of the second degree by the Centre Hall lodge upon a large class.

Mrs. W. A. Sandoe and daughter, Miss Helen Sandoe, of Ingram, arrived in Centre Hall Saturday and are spending a week at the home of Miss Sarah McClenshan and among other friends in this place.

Mr. and Mrs. John W. Drabic and two daughters and Mr. and Mrs. Jacob P. Ripka, of Altoona, attended the funeral of the latter gentleman's brother, Ezra Ripka, at Tusseyville, on Monday morning.

A. S. Krebs, section foreman on the L. & T. at Centre Hall, accompanied by Mrs. Krebs, on Saturday went to Millmont where the Krebs children spent last week with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Krebs.

Mr. and Mrs. John H. Rishel and Merchant and Mrs. C. W. Swartz of Tusseyville, in the former's car, made a trip to Sellingsgrove on Sunday where three of the Swartz children are being educated in the Berquehanna University.

A Franklin five-passenger automobile, carrying license tag No. 151980, and the property of Carroll Korman, was stolen at Bellefonte, Friday morning. The police in the nearby cities have been notified to be on the lookout for the thief.

It cost seven Potter township youths fifteen dollars to settle for damages done to fence and a water trough while practicing their pranks on Halloween night. The lads made their payments of \$2.14 each before Squire Cyrus Brungart, last week.

Foresters Leonard Barnes of Centre Hall, W. E. Montgomery of Potters Mills, Charles E. Meek of Coburn, and W. D. Ludwig of Boalsburg, are attending the Pennsylvania Welfare, Efficiency and Engineering Conference which is in session at Harrisburg this week.

E. E. Weber and sister, Miss Anna Weber, of Boalsburg, spent Saturday with their brother, J. E. Weber, in this place. Mr. Weber has something of interest to farmers and others and has used the Reporter's advertising columns to bring it before them. Read his ad.

Now that the diamond appears like real road the main street through the town is ready to receive a dressing of stone or else the stones which are now sticking through will increase in size and number until it will require a lot of money for repair work. A stitch in time saves nine.

F. H. Koons of State College, a member of Summit Encampment No. 74, I. O. O. F., was appointed Past Chief Patriarch, last week, by the grand chief patriarch of Pennsylvania Odd Fellows. Mr. Koons succeeds Herman L. Altenderfer of Bellefonte, who held the office for several successive terms.

Rural mail carriers have definite instructions to report the condition of the roads over which they pass, and where roads are in bad condition the Post Office Department may refuse to deliver mail over it. It will be therefore good policy for township authorities to see that all roads covered by mail carriers are kept in good repair.

William Homan, east of Centre Hall, continues to be a patient sufferer from inflammatory and muscular rheumatism. Owing to his helpless condition the local lodge, I. O. O. F., of which Mr. Homan at the present time holds the office of noble grand, has come to the assistance of Mrs. Homan in caring for her husband by having present for the past several weeks two members of the order who each night administer to the wants of the afflicted man.