



NEW PLANS FOR BETTER RURAL EDUCATION.

Federal Department Will Educate Country Maimed to Better Educate the 50,000,000 School Children.

Because "the future greatness of the American nation depends in large measure upon the prosperity of the 50,000,000 men, women and children in its rural communities," the Federal Education Bureau has started to educate the country school marm, so she can educate the fifty million in her little red school house, which is intended to equip them to become prosperous.

Every state, county, township and village in the country and the national education association is helping Uncle Sam in this education of educators with a view to ultimate national prosperity.

The first step in this campaign was the organization of the National Rural Teachers' Reading circle, through the co-operation of the National Education association and State departments of public instruction. H. W. Foght, specialist in rural school practice, is directing the work from the Bureau of Education. Branches have been organized in 34 states, giving an opportunity to 250,000 rural school teachers to have a part in this work.

A two years' reading course of non-profession books of cultured value, educational classic, general principles and methods of education, rural education and rural life problems, has been outlined. Those who give satisfactory evidence of having read intelligently seventeen books from the lists given, will be awarded with an Honor certificate signed by the U. S. Education Commissioner and the State school officials.

Mr. Foght says, "the greatness and future of the American nation depend on the prosperity of its rural communities. The 50,000,000 men, women and children who live in the open country and in village and small towns must have more adequate opportunity for wholesome and remunerative living. This calls for a new leadership which can come to rural communities only through the highest degree of education of a cultural and practical kind."

"The vital factor in education is the teacher. The rural teacher means more for rural education and rural life than the city teacher can mean for urban education and urban life.

"Therefore we must look to the country teachers and their preparation, and see to it that they shall be men and women of the best native ability, the most thorough education and the highest degree of professional knowledge and skill."

Dr. Sparks' Remedy for Headstrong Boys.
Dr. E. E. Sparks, president of the Pennsylvania State College, has his own remedy for treating headstrong school boys. At an institute in Harrisburg last week he made these remarks:

"Take one headstrong, wilful youngster and a good, broad, strong palm and by applying the latter to the tender spots of the "enfant terrible" remarkable results will ensue.

This strenuous remedy for the proper training of the child was characterized as "a little thing, a simple virtue."

"I've no patience with moral suspicion in homes and schools," Dr. Sparks plainly stated. "Give me good old fashioned mothers with strong broad palms who can lay it on in the tender spots and the teacher will not have so much trouble."

Whitmanport Commercial College.
Winter term begins January 4th. New classes in bookkeeping, shorthand, typewriting, civil service, and all business branches. A business education will fit you to receive from 50 to 100 per cent more than you would ordinarily receive. Calls received every week for graduates. Send for catalogue.

F. F. HALEY, Proprietor.

Making a trip across the continent to take his bride of a year back home with him, only to find that his spouse had left for parts unknown, was the unhappy experience of Leland O. Struble, formerly of Bellefonte and now employed as a fireman on the railroad in Wyoming. The lady to whom Struble was married, he avers, was Helen Lutz of Aze Mann, who it is known, never adopted her husband's name but since her secret marriage to Struble in Akron, Ohio, in July, 1914, has lived at home and later at State College under her maiden name. Struble planned to surprise his bride by coming at this time instead of several weeks later as he had written her, and take her back home with him where he had furnished a home since his marriage. The husband returned to the west on Tuesday of last week, a sadder but wiser man.

A nice line of Christmas post cards and seals at this office.

DR. SCHUYLER LAID TO REST.

Seven Ministers Eulogize Beloved Pastor in Service Friday Morning.—Burial at Centre Hall.

Dr. William Henry Schuyler, Ph. D., was laid to rest in Centre Hall on Friday noon. The funeral was largely attended, among the number being seven ministers. The services were held in the Presbyterian church and each minister delivered a short but fitting eulogy to the worth of the beloved pastor. Rev. R. R. Jones, in his talk, emphasized Dr. Schuyler's life as a citizen in the community, interested in every phase of community welfare. He was interested in his parish, but his interest did not stop there. It reached out to a larger sphere, the community in general. It was through Dr. Schuyler that we were led to see the importance of the "Community welfare," said Rev. Jones. If there has been any "community" feeling developed in this neighborhood, or any unity of action and purpose, it very likely took its rise in the mind of Dr. Schuyler. His conception of the ministry was that it is a calling which should influence every aspect of the life of the community, and he endeavored to live that idea every day.

BIOGRAPHICAL

William Henry Schuyler was born in Hartleton, Union county, October 15th, 1848. His boyhood days were spent in Bloomsburg and at the age of twenty-one years he matriculated as a student in Lafayette College, from which he was graduated in 1873. For the following fifteen years his life was devoted to teaching, and among the institutions in which he taught were the Belleville, (N. Y.) Union Academy, Lafayette College, Lewistown Academy, where he held the position of principal from 1877 to 1883; High School at Franklin, principal in 1884; New Bloomfield Academy, principal in 1884 to 1887. In this year he entered the ministry and his first charge was that of Everett and Schellsburg, Bedford county. Here he labored until 1900 when he accepted a call on May 10th to the Sinking Creek church at this place, and at Spring Mills. For fifteen and a half years he shepherded his flock here and in that time gained the love of all his parishioners and the esteem and admiration of the entire community. He was a peace-loving man and had a faculty for bringing about harmony where disruption threatened. He was regarded highly as a thorough educator and prepared many men and women for filling prominent places in all walks of life.

Agriculture in First Year for Students.

Readjustment of certain courses in the school of agriculture at the Pennsylvania State College, effective with the beginning of the next college year, will permit freshmen to enroll in the agricultural school immediately. Until this new ruling by the council of administration, the freshman year has been regarded as a probationary period during which the students continued their training in the general branches of language, mathematics, and elementary science. Formerly those who completed the first year's work would then register in the school of their choice.

Beginning with the first semester of next year a three-credit course on Breeds of Livestock will be open to four-year students. This course is now offered in the second semester of the sophomore year. In the second semester of the freshman year there is scheduled a course in dairy husbandry. This course will include: productive handling for city distribution; the manufacture of dairy products; actual operations of feeding, judging, selecting of dairy cows; milk testing, and the manufacture of butter, cheese and ice cream.

For the sophomores there will be a first semester course in Farm Crops, and after February they will be given special instruction in horticulture and plant propagation. This course is usually selected by those students who expect to engage in fruit culture, market gardening, floriculture, and by those who intend to become teachers or investigators of horticultural subjects.

All Amendments Carry Except Suffrage.

The official vote on the four proposed constitutional amendments was announced at the capitol a few days ago. All amendments were carried except the woman suffrage. The vote on amendments was:

No. 1—For 355,948; against, 441,034.
No. 2—For 361,188; against, 191,004.
No. 3—For 457,185; against, 174,168.
No. 4—For 353,696; against, 178,567.

Unclaimed letter in Centre Hall postoffice, December 1st: Hiram L. Gross, J. L. Winegardner, J. D. Valentine.—W. W. Emler, postmaster.

Friday evening of next week Dr. Andrew Johnson will appear in Centre Hall as the third number on the Centre Hall Lecture Course.

The Parcel Post Package.

In every well regulated post office in the United States there appears today a placard bearing these words:

CHRISTMAS PARCELS

50 LBS. 150 MILES 20 LBS. ANYWHERE

MAIL EARLY
WRAP SECURELY
ADDRESS PLAINLY

Parcels may be marked "Not to be opened until Christmas," or with a similar direction.

The average person knows how to wrap and address a package intended for mailing, yet the per cent. of Uncle Sam's patrons who actually do properly wrap and address packages is astoundingly small. The approach of the Christmas season brings with it a multiplication of packages sent through the mails, and in order to insure delivery postmasters will be obliged to more rigidly enforce the rules and regulations governing the proper preparation of mailing matter of all classes. Postmasters who accept packages improperly wrapped and addressed are not rendering a good service to the individuals who present the packages, or the Post Office Department, whose servants they are, but on the other hand they are increasing the chances for the packages to be lost or damaged and delivery of all mail delayed.

Parcel Post packages, which includes in a general way all articles of merchandise, should be wrapped or boxed depending upon the article itself. Articles that are breakable, and not easily damaged may be simply wrapped in paper and tied with a stout twine, the weight of the twine depending upon the package. If the contents of the package is fragile an inner box or tube should be used. Meats, butter, and all articles of a perishable nature must be enclosed in an inner box strong enough to withstand ordinary handling and tight enough to prevent the escape of the natural juices of the meats, vegetables, fruits, etc. Liquids can be mailed only in quantity and under conditions that will guarantee delivery without injury to other mail matter, the conditions being too elaborate to be reprinted here.

From RICHARD ROE Philadelphia, Pa.
For JOHN DOE, Centre Hall, Pa.

stamp

In the panel is shown the proper relative positions of the name and address of the sender, the name and address of the addressee and the stamp. Prompt delivery of packages depends much upon the adherence to this form. Reversing of the names, that is, placing the name of the sender where the name of the addressee should be, occasions much confusion and is oftentimes responsible for a package being sent back and forth over the mail routes until long after it could have been delivered had the arrangement of the names been as is customary and shown in the panel. No Parcel Post package can be mailed without the name of the sender on it.

Write plainly, of course, and make the lines sufficiently heavy so they can be readily seen. Postal Railway Mail Clerks are about the busiest men in all creation, and have little time to hunt up a magnifying glass to read faint lead pencil marks.

If the address is written on an improvised tag or a commercial shipping tag, be sure that it is securely and closely tied to the package. Tags are frequently separated from the package in handling mails. To be certain that everything goes right, put the address on both the tag and package, unless the package is too small.

When you present a package to the carrier on a rural mail route or at the post office mailing window you are required to tell its contents. Many patrons think the question, "What is the contents of this package," is asked because of an inquisitive disposition, but quite the contrary is true. The contents has first to do with the amount of postage to be collected, and the treatment of packages by the postmaster and railway mail clerks otherwise vary with the contents.

LOCALS

The Ford owners are putting on additional air by closing up the cars with curtains having a "peek" window in each of them.

Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Bradford and Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Keller were entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hosterman, at Millheim, Thursday evening.

The straightness of the poles used in Centre Hall by the electric light company is attracting attention, nevertheless they look a mighty sight better in the alleys than they would on the front streets.

The old brown earth has been covered with a thin coat of downy snow for the greater part of the time during the past week. The temperature has just been about low enough to keep the snow from melting.

The Pennsylvania Bankers' Association has established a four-year scholarship at State College. L. T. McFadden, of Canton, Pa., president of the Bankers' Association, is a member of the board of trustees at State College.

Messrs. Ray Meyer and Victor Lebo of Millersburg, arrived at the home of their cousin, W. F. Colyer, last week. The former gentleman returned this week but the latter as a member of the Slack hunting party will remain until the close of the deer season.

The Jeanette Dispatch, dated December 2, makes this comment on an address delivered by Rev. J. M. Runkle, well known to most Reporter readers, at a union Thanksgiving Day service in that place: The worshippers were rewarded for any extra effort or sacrifices made to be present with a mastery address, delivered by the Rev. J. M. Runkle, minister to Grace Reformed congregation. His theme was in keeping with the spirit of the day and at the close of the service many took occasion to personally express their appreciation of his excellent sermon, of which a brother minister said, "Certainly it was one of the finest addresses ever delivered in Jeanette within my knowledge."

15,000 Auto Licenses on First Day.

Almost 15,000 automobile licenses for 1916 were shipped the first day of the month by the State Highway Department. When business opened on that day 14,608 applications were on hand; the number was swelled materially during the day. Of the 14,608 applications, 8,526 were for licenses for pneumatic-tired automobiles and 1,152 for solid-tired trucks. The others were distributed among motorcycles and other vehicles, chauffeurs, etc.

About one-third of the applications so far are from Philadelphia and about one-sixth from Pittsburgh. Highway Commissioner Cunningham, remarking that all applications will be filled each day before quitting work "if it takes a leg," renewed previous warnings to file applications at once.

Applications already in are more than six times the number at the same time last year, and the revenue received for 1916 applications is already \$117,358; a year ago only \$18,188 was in hand for 1915 license.

No revenue was received for the three first licenses; under the law they are issued gratis. No. 1 goes to the Governor and Nos. 2 and 3, respectively to the official cars of Commissioner Cunningham and his chief engineer, Wm. D. Uhler. Mr. Cunningham personally got license No. 4. Senator William C. Sproul, sponsor-in-general for road and auto law, got No. 7, as he has done ever since there has been a license system, he also gets 77 and 777. Nos. 13 and 25, following precedent in recent years, go respectively to the Rev. Alfred J. P. McClure of Wyncote, and Senator Clarence J. Buckman, of Langborne.

Snyder County Editor Dead.

Joseph Lombard, seventy-six years old, of Selingsgrove, formerly a Snyder county associate judge, was found dead in a stable by his wife. Death was due to heart disease. He was active in Republican politics.

For forty years Mr. Lombard was editor of the Snyder County Tribune. He served in the Civil war.

Dr. Andrew Johnson, Lecturer.

Left a homeless orphan at the age of twelve years, Dr. Andrew Johnson has won his own way to a place of prominence on the lecture platform. His struggle for an education was a most difficult one, and the story of his experience in what Ralph Parlette calls the University of Hard Knocks Dr. Johnson is peculiarly fitted to give a lecture appealing to every class of people represented in his audience. No man speaks so feelingly of life, nor portrays it so tellingly, as the one who has experienced the lights and shadows. Dr. Johnson has been through life's mill and his lectures inspire and encourage.

In Grange Arcadia, under the auspices of the Centre Hall Lecture Course, Friday, December 17th.

Orchard Inspector Dies.

T. C. Foster, state orchard inspector, died at his home in Lewisburg, Wednesday of last week. He was fifty-three years old and had been ill two weeks, suffering from Bright's disease. He was an expert on all kinds of fruits and for a number of years gave orchard demonstrations in various orchards in Potter township.

Wilson-Galt Nuptials Dec. 18.

The announcement of the wedding of President Woodrow Wilson and Mrs. Norman Galt has been issued and will occur on December 18th. No invitations have been issued.

Auman-Decker.

Tuesday of last week, at the Reformed parsonage in Boalsburg, John S. Auman of Millheim and Miss Leoda K. Decker of State College, were united in marriage by Rev. S. C. Stover.

LOCALS

Harry W. Potter is visiting friends in Pittsburgh.

P. B. Jordan of Colyer killed four hogs on Friday whose combined weight was 1520 lbs.

Mrs. George Richards of Altoona is visiting at the home of her brother, Clyde Dutrow, and family, below town.

Mrs. C. F. Heim and three children of Harrisburg spent a few days last week at the home of the former's sister-in-law, Mrs. W. F. Colyer.

After being laid up for two weeks on account of sickness, T. L. Moore on Monday morning began teaching the Plum Grove school, east of Centre Hall.

J. Reuben Garie, who is employed in Bezer's meat market at Bellefonte, was at the home of his parents in this place on Friday to assist in the annual butchering.

We have the promise of electric juice before the holidays, and they are not far off. If there should happen to be a slip, we just must have the goods before the eclipse, the day after ground hog day.

Among the Reporter's callers on Saturday was Mrs. Jerre Snavely, one of the many of the Reporter's faithful readers and supporters. Mrs. Snavely is making arrangements to discontinue housekeeping at Spring Mills, and by April last will make her home with her son, Charles F. Lutz, in Millheimburg.

Mrs. E. W. Kibbe of Meriden, Connecticut, who for several weeks was the guest of her cousin, Mrs. A. G. Lieb, in this place, left on Wednesday for her home. She was accompanied as far as Philadelphia by Mrs. Lieb who will spend some time with her brothers in that city.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Bromley of Burma, India, spent from Thursday until Tuesday at the home of the latter's brother, Clyde Dutrow, east of Centre Hall. Mr. Bromley for the past six years has been located in Burma, India, where he is connected with the Burma Oil Company. He is on a six months vacation, half of which is already spent, and finding that six months is but a brief period in the good old U. S. A., has asked for a continuation of his vacation for several months more. Mr. Bromley's home is in Pittsburgh while Mrs. Bromley is a native of Altoona.

The Maryland Lumber Company is one of the really big lumbering concerns doing business in the south, with its main office in Hagersstown, Maryland. One of the meetings of the directors, each year, must be held at Denman, West Virginia, where the plant is located, and it was this meeting of the directors that E. M. Huyett of Centre Hall attended last week, representing the interests of the McNitt-Huyett Lumber Company. The Maryland company is prospering in every way. Its plant is a double band mill, with a capacity of 100,000 feet of lumber in ten hours. There are now in the yards ten million feet of lumber, representing but a small portion of the original 18,000 acres of standing timber the company is working on.

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS

Edward Stover left on Tuesday for Altoona where he will seek employment.

Mrs. H. J. Lambert of State College spent a few days last week looking after her property in this place.

Rev. D. S. Kurtz is enjoying a few days hunt for deer with the Sweetwood party of Georges Valley, who are encamped on the Summit.

Mr. and Mrs. O. D. Eberts and family of Martha motored to Centre Hall on Sunday and were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. G. O. Benner, the latter being a sister of Mrs. Eberts.

Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Condo, the middle of last week, went to Greensburg where until spring they will remain with their sons and daughters in that place and other localities in the Pittsburgh district.

Harry Stover and his bride of a few weeks came to Centre Hall last week from Illinois and after spending a few days at the home of the former's aunt, Mrs. Andrew Zettle, in this place, departed for Union county, where the parents of the groom reside.

John Smetzler of Bellevue, Ohio, is enjoying his first visit in twelve years to Penns Valley where he was born and raised. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. David Smetzler and will remain for several weeks at the home of his uncle, James Smetzler, in this place.

During the year closing June 30th, the Post Office Department through burglaries and fire lost \$190,000. This great loss has caused the Department to issue orders to all postmasters to make requisitions for one and two-cent stamps in amounts to last for three months only, instead of one year as heretofore. Where surplus stamps can be kept in vaults, fire and burglar proof, this ruling does not apply.

E. S. Ripka, the Hamilton-Brown shoe salesman, accompanied by William Bailey, of the Reporter force, escaped injury when his Ford car upset in the mountains near Snow Shoe, on Saturday. The mountain road, made rough by freezing while the road was in bad condition, while traveling extremely difficult and the deep ruts caused the car to work into the ditch, upsetting it. Fortunately the car was going at a slow speed and Mr. Ripka turned off the power before the car fell on its side. Little or no damage was done to the auto.

Among the out-of-town friends and relatives who attended the funeral of the late Rev. W. H. Schuyler, Ph. D., were the following: Rev. J. T. Marshall, Rev. Samuel Martin, Dr. J. V. Foeter, J. H. Musser, State College; Rev. Walter F. Carson, Dr. and Mrs. Robert Hayer, James Potter, Miss Florence Love, Bellefonte; Rev. Samuel Barber, Bellefonte; Prof. H. D. Morrill, Clinton, N. Y.; Dr. Ralph Steans, Miss Jennie Steans, Lewisburg; Taylor Reed, Reedsville; Miss Mary E. Barber, Hazleton; Mr. James B. Schuyler, Bloomsburg; Mr. Brainerd Taylor, Mrs. James Cardwell, Miss Mariana Barber, Millheimburg; Eugene Simkins, Pittsburgh.

Among the varied experiences of the hunters who are after the wary buck deer in the Seven Mountains the first half of this month, that of the Shuey party of Bellefonte, encamped in the "Kettle" above Nevill's, will possibly prove the most amusing. On the third day of the hunt the chasers drove a fine four-prong buck from off "Little Mountain." One of the watchers keeping guard on a fire road espied the majestic animal coming in his direction and when at close range fired a "pumpkin" from a 12-gauge shot gun at the deer. The ball struck the deer at the base of the horn at the left side of the head, completely uprooting the horn. While the blow was not sufficient to kill the deer it served to stun him so completely that all life appeared to have left him. In an instant the young hunter was upon him, and three other watchers stationed nearby, came in hot pursuit. As the slayer of the deer endeavored to stick his game the buck suddenly came into full possession of his strength and attempted to gain its feet. In the excitement the four hunters leaped upon their quarry and with clubs started in to do up Mr. Deer. They reckoned not with the knockout punch which the buck carried in his hind feet and in an instant one of the quartette felt the full force upon his breast with the result that he went through the ropes for the full count. The others, however, battered the fighting deer's head and when the smoke cleared away the deer looked little else than a spike buck, one horn being shot off and only a spur left in the other which was knocked off in the fight. It will tax the skill of a first-class taxidermist to restore the beautiful head to its original condition and to reset the head adornments.