



### A COLUMN OF VARIOUS NEWS.

Subjects for Benefit of Farmer and Home-wife Issued by Pennsylvania State College.

#### EXPERIMENTS WITH CORN.

Experiments at the Pennsylvania State College show that seed corn kept at living room temperature during the winter resulted in better germination both indoors and in the field, than did seed kept without artificial heat. The difference in the yield was insignificant.

Ear-to-row breeding of one variety followed by crossing of remnants of the best yielding ears, as shown by yields of seed from best ear-rows and from crosses of best ears, has not materially increased the yield.

#### IVY POISONING TIME HERE.

Persons susceptible to plant poisoning are warned against contact with poisonous varieties of oak, sumac, elder and ivy by Dr. W. E. Forsythe, college physician of the Pennsylvania State College. He issued the caution at this time for the benefit of many people who are unaware that so many plants will cause the disease. According to Dr. Forsythe, about a score of different plants will affect those susceptible.

Dr. Forsythe recommends as treatment, immediate washing with soap and water, followed by alcohol and a dilute solution of potassium permanganate. He suggested baking soda water to control the itching, and advised against using oily substances as they dissolve the poison and tend to spread it.

#### HANDLING TOMATO PLANTS.

Don't transplant the growing tomato plants to the field before danger of frost is past, unless some means of protection is provided. Vegetable authorities at the Pennsylvania State College suggest covering them with soil. The plant should be bent to one side and covered with two inches of soil, which will protect it from the hardest frost. Provided plants are thus protected several days, no danger will result if the weather is cool and dry.

#### SUMMER AGRICULTURE COURSE.

A course in agriculture will be offered in the summer session for teachers which is to be held from June 26 to August 2, at the Pennsylvania State College. For beginners there will be a course in elementary or high school agriculture and in farm soils, breeds of live stock, poultry, farm dairying, vegetable gardening, botany and forestry.

Prof. Lindley M. Dennis, supervisor of agriculture of the State Department of Public Instruction will offer a course in rural school problems. The departments of geology, botany and zoology will co-operate in a course in nature study.

Special attention will be directed toward the problem of the one-room public school and township high school. A series of five lectures, one each week, on the present agricultural outlook, is scheduled. These will be presented by department heads of the school of agriculture.

Students who take the summer courses in agriculture are given credit for this work in case they desire at a later date to enter the two-year of four-year course.

#### CATTLE FEEDING EXPERIMENTS.

##### SHOW VALUE OF CORN SILAGE.

Cattle feeding experiments conducted during the past winter at the Pennsylvania State College School of Agriculture and Experiment Station emphasize the value of corn silage as a feed for fattening steers.

Five lots of cattle were used in this experiment to compare the efficiency and economy of different feeds. The conclusions reached after the close of the 140-day feeding period are as follows: That (1) The feeding of the common Pennsylvania ration viz: ear corn or corn and cob meal, bran, corn stover and mixed hay, was uneconomical when compared to rations containing corn silage and cottonseed meal, and from which grain was withheld for the first eight weeks. (2) Corn silage proved to be the most desirable roughage for fattening cattle. (3) A limited ration of corn silage supplemented with mixed hay was not as economical nor as satisfactory a roughage in a ration as one in which silage was the sole roughage. (4) Five pounds of alfalfa hay per head, daily, was not as satisfactory as two and one-half pounds of cottonseed meal when fed as a source of protein. (5) Bran was not economical as a source of protein in a ration for fattening cattle. (6) Corn silage fed to the limit of the appetites of the steers, supplemented with two and one-half pounds of cottonseed meal per head, daily, the first three months and three and one-half pounds per head, daily, the last three months, proved to be the most economical and satisfactory ration.

Brings results—A Reporter adv.

### RURAL CREDIT DEFINED.

What the Bill Before Congress Aims to Accomplish for the Farmer.

As the result of many requests for a brief explanation of the rural credits bill now before Congress Representative-at-large John R. K. Scott, of Pennsylvania, who has been active in supporting the measure at the instance of W. T. (Farmer) Creasey, legislative agent, and other officials and members of the Pennsylvania State Grange, gave out the following statement:

"The plan proposed, while not in my judgment exactly what the farmers anticipate in the way of rural credits legislation, is the best that it is possible to obtain under this administration. It is predicated on the fact that commercial banks do not meet the needs of the farmer. Commercial banks must always have quick assets with which to pay checks of their depositors.

"Farmers require a different system of credit. Their loans must be upon longer terms. They cannot afford the heavy interest rates charged in many portions of the country in commercial banks.

"The administrative section of the bill is patterned after the Federal Reserve Bank Act. There will be created a Federal Farm Loan Board to be composed of three members to be appointed by the President. They will have general supervision.

"There will be established 12 Federal land-bank districts and their temporary organization is provided for with a capitalization of \$750,000 each divided into shares of \$5. If this is not subscribed within 90 days after announcement is made the Secretary of the Treasury will be authorized to subscribe for the balance of the unsubscribed stock on behalf of the United States.

"After \$100,000 is subscribed by the National farm loan associations the bank will be permanently organized with nine directors, six to be elected by the associations and three appointed by the Farm Loan Board to represent the public interest.

"Local corporations to be styled National Farm Loan Associations are authorized to be organized and chartered when not less than ten persons who desire to become borrowers of not less than \$100 and not more than \$10,000 each, the combined amount to be not less than \$20,000, shall make proper application to the Board. These associations will elect five directors, a secretary-treasurer, a president and vice president and a loan committee of 3 members. Only borrowers can be members and when a loan is paid up membership ceases.

"Briefly here is the way a prospective borrower would proceed.

"If a farmer desires a loan of \$500 he will make application to the local association and subscribe for 5 per cent or \$25 worth of stock. The secretary-treasurer will refer the application to the association's loan committee. The committee will view the land and its report must be unanimous. If the directors approve the report it will be indorsed and forwarded to the loan-bank of the district. The title will then be examined, the \$25 in stock subscribed in the loan-bank and appraisers sent to view the land. If their report is favorable the loan will be made.

"The borrower's land must stand security for the loan and he will be liable for all loan of the local association to an amount double the stock he holds just as stockholders in all banks are now liable.

"Loans will only be made on first mortgages on farm land to purchase land for agricultural purposes and live stock necessary for the operation of the farm and for building and other improvements upon farm lands and to liquidate existing indebtedness.

"Loans may be run from 5 to 36 years and will be payable on the amortization plan. Interest must not exceed 6 per cent and it is contended by numerous experts who have studied the proposition that in many instances interest at 6 per cent should be sufficient to pay off both principal and interest in 36 years."

The entire stock of merchandise in the B. B. Harrison store, which was slightly damaged by fire a few weeks ago, has been placed in the hands of the Philadelphia Underling Co., of Philadelphia, who will sell the goods at a great saving to all who will take advantage of the sale. The goods, in nearly every case, are in first-class condition.

The double house of Mrs. H. J. Lambert, on east Church street, has been completely remodeled. Besides having an addition built, new floors have been laid, a bath room outfit installed, the rooms papered, and paint applied inside and out, so that it presents a beautiful appearance. The house has also been wired for electric lights.

### LAD HAS NARROW ESCAPE FROM DEATH AT OLD FORT.

Runaway Team in Land Roller Strikes Tree and Throws Boy Off Who Sustains Three Fractures of Skull—Providence Plays Part in Averting Death.

That George Vonada, the eight-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Jay Vonada, who recently moved from Rebersburg to Old Fort, has good chances for recovery instead of having been killed outright, is due to a kind act of Providence. As it is the little lad is lying at home with his skull fractured in three places and innumerable bruises and abrasions over the entire body.

It happened in this way: The lad has a fondness for horses and driving, and on Friday afternoon coaxed farmer Harry C. Reish, who farms the Bradford farm at Old Fort, to allow him to drive the team in the roller. Mr. Reish was using the other team in sowing oats. Owing to the youth's tender age Mr. Reish refused the request but at last yielded, feeling that by keeping close watch nothing would go wrong. The afternoon's work was done without an untoward incident and at near seven o'clock the lad started for the farm buildings by way of the pike. After passing over the L. & T. railroad tracks an auto passed the team and the horses—a bay mare and a colt—took fright and started on a dead run. It was but a few hundred yards to the buildings and for these they headed at breakneck speed. The lad held the lines with one hand and with the other grasped the iron seat of the steel roller. A post standing near the corn crib was struck and broken off and the roller then struck a tree, causing the tongue to snap off and at the same time freeing the horses. It was at this time that the hand of Providence took so important a part in the course of events and saved the lad from sure death. As the tongue broke in two the broken part fell to the ground slightly in the rear of the boy who was thrown head foremost to the ground and close to the horses' heels. Here again a kind fate asserted itself, for had the horses remained hitched the lad would have been at the mercy of the striking feet of the animals. As the roller rushed toward the boy the heavy steel drums were raised to the height of four or five inches as they struck the piece of broken tongue. This raised the roller sufficiently to cause it to pass over the boy's body with much less force than if the ground had been clear. There were several eye witnesses to the accident, but it all happened in so short a time that nothing could be done but to await results. Maynard Meeker, proprietor of the Old Fort hotel, was the first on the scene and tenderly lifted the injured and unconscious lad in his arms. The father was notified and he removed the lad to his home.

It was feared that he was past all help but quick work on the part of Dr. H. H. Longwell brought the lad to a state of consciousness. His wounds were carefully treated and at this writing there is every reason to believe that he will recover. The physician's examination revealed a fracture at the base of the skull; fracture of the super-orbital sinuses, (the part of the skull immediately above the eyes), and bruises and abrasions over the entire body.

The horses came to a standstill after running a short distance after being released from the implement.

Those who witnessed the accident said that they never observed anything that appeared so frightful to the senses as the spectacle of the runaway team and its subsequent results.

Receives Merited Promotion. On Tuesday, May 2nd, the Cumberland Valley Railroad Company, through its president, issued the following formal general notice:

"Mr. C. W. Musser has been appointed machine shop foreman, in charge of the machine and boiler shops. Effective May 2, 1916. (Signed) M. C. Kennedy, president."

Many Centre county people will at once know Mr. Musser to be the oldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert D. Musser, of Spring Mills, and a brother of Mrs. Ralph E. Dinges, of this place. This merited promotion came as a surprise to him for it has been an unchangeable rule with the company to promote only men of college education to this responsible position. However, Mr. Musser, by his mastery of the details of the work in the boiler and machine shops, shatered this precedent and through sheer merit reached the enviable position he now holds.

Mr. Musser served an apprenticeship in the Altoona boiler shops and about five years ago was transferred to Chambersburg as assistant boiler inspector.

Until he became of age Mr. Musser worked on the home farm and his recent promotion is only another instance of how integrity and strict attention to one's work will be rewarded. His many friends in Penna Valley will be pleased to learn of his success.

### CENTRE COUNTY DEBATERS LOST OUT AT STATE COLLEGE.

Trio of Dauphin County Debaters Wins Honors in Final Discussion—Presented With Cup and Medals.

The final contest of the Central Pennsylvania Debating League was held in the Auditorium at State College, Saturday night. The Dauphin county team, upholding the affirmative on the question, "Resolved, that international peace would be best promoted by extensive warlike preparations on the part of all great nations," was declared the winner.

Five counties competed for the honors, and in order to decide which two were entitled to battle in the final contest, an elimination contest was held in the afternoon. The Centre county team, consisting of Lee Frazer, of the Bellefonte high school, and Miles Thomas, of the Bonahugh high school, were united with the Clearfield team against the Dauphin county debaters. Centre county went down in defeat and was consequently eliminated from the contest in the final debate. Between Clinton and Huntingdon the former was victorious in the afternoon but lost out in the evening.

The winning team was given a silver cup, the gift of Vance C. McCormick, of Harrisburg. President Sparks, of the college, presented the victors, Ruth Beatty, Harold Eckart and Homer Kreider, with medals.

LOCALS

A daughter born to Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Stover, Friday morning, died about three hours later.

John Wagner, of Potts Grove, son of Rev. and Mrs. William Wagner, spent Sunday with his aunt, Mrs. A. E. Kerlin.

Mrs. John Snyder, who spent the winter with her daughter, Mrs. Earl Lutz, in this place, returned to her home at Oak Hill last week.

Harry W. Potter spent the week-end with friends and relatives in Watsonstown, Lock Haven and Williamsport, making the trip in the Potter car.

The annual meeting of the Reformed and Lutheran Cemetery Association will be held in the Lutheran church Monday evening at 8 o'clock. All interested are urged to attend.

Old Glory was swung to the breeze and the citizens generally enthusiastically greeted the members of First Cavalry, Company L, as they passed through town Sunday morning and afternoon.

Victor Jones, who was graduated from the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, last week, is spending a short vacation with his parents, Rev. and Mrs. R. B. Jones, at the Reformed parsonage.

The lady of fashion will continue to wear the shoe-top-and-above skirt next fall, according to the decision of the style committee of the National Cloak, Suit and Skirt Manufacturers' Association which convened last week.

Milton Kline, of Tusseyville, was in town on Saturday and called on the Reporter. He is tenant on the Swartz farm, and reports having the farm work well in hand. Mr. Kline formerly lived on the Bible farm east of Centre Hall.

J. Frank Bible, of Centre Hill, last week sold seven fat steers to Reigle, the Lock Haven buyer. The animals totaled 7215 lbs., were all young and in the pink of condition. Eight cents a pound was realized, bringing the check up to \$577.20.

Dr. H. H. Longwell, on Friday, took Ralph Henney, of this place, and Edwin Grove, son of Commissioner D. A. Grove, to Williamsport, where the former was examined for nasal trouble which will require an operation later. The latter submitted to an operation and was returned to his home.

### DEATHS.

Mrs. John F. Hagen died at her home at Farmers Mills Sunday morning at three o'clock, having been in an unconscious condition since Friday previous as the result of a paralytic stroke which she sustained a week ago on Sunday. A year ago on New Year's day she sustained the first stroke but her health was very good following her recovery, and on the Sunday which marked the beginning of the end she was unusually well.

Mrs. Hagen was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Brown, and was born in Millheim sixty years ago, the day before her death having been her birthday anniversary. She is survived by her husband and ten children, namely, Merrill, Russell, Charles, Verna, at home; Bruce, of Ohio; Harry, of Shamokin; William, of Madisonburg; Blanche, of Bellefonte; Mrs. Harry Ream, of Pleasant Gap; Mrs. Jennie Stover, of Wolfs Store. Her father, at the age of eighty-one years, is living at Millheim. She also leaves two sisters and three brothers: Mrs. James Neff, of Hecla; Mrs. William Hartman, of Williamsport; Charles, Elroy and Equillas Brown, of Millheim. Edward Brown, of Centre Hall, is a half brother of the deceased.

Funeral services were held Wednesday morning at nine o'clock at her late home and burial was made in the Union cemetery at Farmers Mills, Rev. D. S. Kurtz and Rev. B. F. Bieber, her former pastor, officiating.

Mrs. Hagen was a member of the Lutheran church for many years and a woman of tender sympathies, devoted to her home and family.

Mrs. Frank Confer died at her late residence in Lewisburg, May 3, following an illness of a year suffering from tuberculosis. She was born at Millheim May 14, 1890, a daughter of I. W. Buck. She was married to Mr. Confer in Feb., 1910. Her husband, one son, Russell, aged 4, and a brother, Wilbur Buck, of Milton, survive. Burial was made in the Lewisburg cemetery.

William H. Lucas, a native of Milesburg, died from cancer of the liver at his home near Tyrone, Saturday afternoon. He was born April 7, 1850. He leaves his wife and five children.

ALTERS-LEITZEL. Harry Alters and Miss Eva May Leitzel, both of Bellefonte, surprised their families and friends last Friday a week ago by slipping off quietly to Hagerstown, Md., where the next day they were happily united in marriage. They kept their plans a profound secret and left Bellefonte ostensibly to visit friends of Mr. Alters in Centre Hall, where he lived a number of years ago. The bride is the attractive and accomplished daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Leitzel, while the groom is a popular young traveling salesman. They will reside for the present in Bellefonte. The best wishes and hearty congratulations of their many friends accompany them on life's voyage together.

Lewis-Musser. Miss Mae Musser, who a month ago resigned her position as clerk in the Millheim postoffice and went to Philadelphia, was united in marriage to Daniel W. Lewis, M. D., of Philadelphia, on Wednesday evening, May 3. The ceremony was performed in the parsonage of the St. Luke's Evangelical Lutheran church, Seventh street and Montgomery avenue, Philadelphia, by Rev. John Wm. Richards. They will reside at 3144 North Twenty-second street, Philadelphia.

Hagenbeck-Wallace Circus. The Hagenbeck-Wallace circus, which comes to Bellefonte, Wednesday, May 31st, for two performances, is one of the cleanest in the personnel of its actors that travels. Many of its employees are churchmen. Drunkenness is not permitted in any form.

The Carl Hagenbeck-Wallace Circus is a little city within itself. There are almost a thousand people connected with the great organization. In any city of 1,000 souls it is not hard to find a few bad persons. It is these that the management endeavors to discover and eliminate as soon as possible. A premium is placed on the polite and hard working employees.

Seed Corn for Sale. The undersigned still has some Yellow Dent seed corn, testing from 95 to 98 per cent, germination, for sale.—W. F. COLYER, Centre Hall, Pa.

Read Swartz's ad. on the last page of this issue. Mr. Swartz is offering bargains on reasonable goods. He carries one of the most complete stocks of any store in the entire valley and the best feature of his advertising is that it is truthful to the final word. Goods are always as represented and reductions absolutely genuine. Read the ad.

### TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

#### HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS.

Mrs. D. L. Kerr was to Williamsport on Thursday to consult an eye specialist.

Clement Dale, Esq., of Bellefonte, was in town early Thursday morning on legal business pertaining to the Kreamer bankruptcy case.

An orchestra of sixteen pieces was organized by Millheim young people about a week ago. J. Russell Gephart is the instructor and leader.

'Squire and Mrs. Cyrus Brungart attended a reunion of the family of the former's brother, Newton Brungart, at Lewisburg, on Thursday. About thirty of the clan were present.

Robert Rider, of Reedsville, is equipping a number of buildings throughout Penna Valley with lightning rods. His working force, together with Mr. Rider, for several days last week, made Old Fort their headquarters.

Judging from the general appearance of the mounts used in Troup L there is room for improvement in the breeding of the horse of cavalry type. There were but few animals that could be classed as ideals for the purpose used. Among these was the Goodhart horse, the mount of Captain Curtin.

A quietus has suddenly come upon the State College street railway project and it now appears that street car service in that place is as far distant as ever. At the May meeting of the borough council, last week, one company asked to have withdrawn their request for a franchise, while the Lewisburg people failed to be present at all.

A number of subscribers were mailed statements last week. In nearly every case the sum was not a large one, and for this we are glad. The postoffice department, you know, obliges us to keep subscriptions paid up within a year, hence the mailing of the reminders was necessary. Your label should have a "6". Is yours up to date?

Mrs. D. W. Reynolds, of Reedsville has been sorely afflicted during the past few weeks from an affection of the knee. The limb has been in a plaster paris case for some time. X-ray photographs lead the physicians to believe that the trouble is only temporary. Mrs. Reynolds is in St. Louis, Missouri, at the home of her daughter.

R. H. Goodhart and Ralph Stiffler of Altoona were guests of F. V. Goodhart for several days, and while here were taken to Pennsylvania's two great institutions—Penn State and the State pen—in Centre county to look them over. The former is a brother of the host and is a railroad engineer on the Cresson and Clearfield railroad, and the latter is a Penna shopman.

On Tuesday, while preparing to do the feeding at the farm of Daniel Ream, at Aaronsburg, Paul Sheasley, the 16-year-old hireling, met with an extremely painful accident, says the Millheim Journal. Hot water had been carried into the barn for the purpose of scalding chop feed for the stock, and young Sheasley jumped from the mow into the water and badly scalded both feet and legs. When his shoes and stockings were removed all the skin peeled off his feet.

"A Modern Knight," the three-act comedy which the Bellefonte high school students presented here a few weeks ago to a small but appreciative audience, scored a better financial success in its home town a week ago, when \$185.00 was paid in admissions. The Reporter, in commenting on the play, spoke highly of the play and the players. It was not the lack of appreciation of good things, as one Bellefonte paper expressed it, that kept down the attendance, but simply the fact that the young people were unfortunate in coming here at a time when the show business was, plainly speaking, worked to death. A run of entertainments throughout the entire winter and spring had its effect on the entertainment-loving public.

Barber F. P. Geary was exhibiting 93 inches of fine trout on Friday evening, the result of a few hours' fishing in Penna Creek, below Coburn. Oh, no, the 93 inches doesn't represent the length of one fish, but the combined length of eight, which gives a nice average. One trout measured 16 1/2 inches and none were under nine inches. Mr. Geary swears that the daddy of them all—a California trout that was slightly shorter than a yard stick—dropped back into the stream because he had no net large enough to land him as he cleared the water. He was fishing with his brother-in-law, J. B. Kerstetter, who, he admits, is qualified to give him a few pointers in the piscatorial art, and who played a rather important part in the afternoon's sport.