



SHOOTING ACCIDENT MARS PLEAS- UREAT MILLHEIM'S TOWN PICNIC.

Guy Springer Receives 28 No. 7 Shot in Back and Neck While Operating Trap in Blue Rock Shoot—Is Fast All Danger Although Carrying All the Lead Pellets.

The life and spirit of Millheim's community picnic was destroyed last Thursday because of an accidental shooting in which Guy P. Springer, the young tonsorial artist and one of the factors in arranging the day's festivities, was the victim.

Some unkind fate had stood in the way of Mr. Springer's enjoying community picnic day with his family and taking dinner on the grounds, for a number of years, and this year he made the remark to his wife that they would "make a day of it," since he had labored hard as a committeeman in arranging various sports and wished to see them carried to a successful finish.

The blue rock shoot was the first event on the sports program and was scheduled for 10:30 o'clock. Mr. Springer and Bruce Stover volunteered to spring the trap which was stationed at a point 30 feet from the contestants and shielded from the view of the shooters by an old door of 1-inch lumber, which was also to serve as a protection in the event of any such accident which was shortly to happen.

Railroads do their share of damage in originating forest fires; fishermen are heavy offenders; farmers may start brush fires which get beyond control. All these are elements which can be coped with easily.

The writer has heard of instances in which the fire wardens were fighting a fire on one side of a ridge while mountaineers who were paid for helping to put it out were kindling fresh fires on the other side.

A wedding of interest to many people in Penna Valley took place at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Bible, near Phoenixville, Thursday evening of last week.

The ceremony which took place on the lawn was performed by the Rev. John Sanders, pastor of the Reformed church at Turbotville, and a brother of the groom.

Mrs. Clara John, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Leader, of Goulettsboro, and Wilbur Shires, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. Shires, of Scranton, were quietly married Thursday August 3rd, by Rev. Charles J. A. Rehnardt, at Wilkes-Barre, the couple leaving on their honeymoon at 5:25 p. m. over the L. & V. and P. & R. railroad for Philadelphia and Atlantic City and other points of interest.

Mr. Shires is head bookkeeper for his father, who is manager of the Mutual Benefit Life Insurance Company, in the Connel building, Scranton. He is well known and highly respected.

Farmers consider Friday's half inch of rain to be worth many thousands of dollars to them when the corn crop is harvested. After several weeks of hot and sultry weather, with little or no rain, during which time the stalks were attaining great height, the rain came along at the right time to "drive" and develop the golden ears.

PENNSYLVANIA FORESTS.

(By H. W. Shoemaker, in the Altoona Tribune.)

If the Pennsylvania forestry department had received an appropriation of one cent per acre the disastrous forest fires of 1916, which burned over so much valuable timber land in Blair, Centre and Mifflin counties, would not have happened.

What Pennsylvania needs is forest fire prevention. The present system, caused by lack of funds, which prevents the employment of a permanent fire fighting force, often compels the hiring of shiftless mountaineers when a fire breaks out.

Another reason for incendiarism is the huckleberry crop, which some mountaineers openly declare is more valuable than the growing timber. So long as these people are allowed to carry on a huckleberry business on the state forests there will be forest fires.

The details of the game may be gathered by a close study of the following box score:

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SPRING MILLS TAKES A HARD-FOUGHT GAME FROM MILESBERG

Comes Out 6 to 5 Winner on Grange Park—Corman Outpitches 2-hoil by Reason of 13 Strikeouts.

Spring Mills added another game to their 1916 string of victories when they took Milesburg into camp by the score of 6 to 5. The game was played on the occasion of the Lutheran reunion on Grange Park, last Thursday, and was the real thing in the way of furnishing exciting pastime for the big crowd of picnickers.

Though it appears that this break of the game was responsible for victory for Spring Mills, the game was by all odds better played by Manager Gramley's boys. The following figures prove this: Spring Mills received nine hits, including two two-baggers and one three-bagger, while Milesburg gathered only eight singles off Corman.

Corman pitched a good steady game, although hit more frequently than is the custom. He had the Milesburg boys "waving," their bats at the pretty girls on the side lines, and while they might have been scoring a "hit" with the fair damsel such tactics failed to show up well in the hit and run column.

Box score for Spring Mills vs Milesburg. Columns: AB, R, H, O, A, E. Rows: Spring Mills (6-5) and Milesburg (5-6).

Two base hits, H. Goodhart, Auman. Three base hit, Corman. Bases on balls, off Schell 1. Hit by pitched ball, by Corman, 2; by Schell, 1. Struck out by Corman, 13; by Schell, 3. Stolen bases, E. Gramley, J. Goodhart, W. Gramley, 2; Corman, 2; Auman, H. Goodhart. Umpire, Victor A. Auman.

The locomotive of a north-bound freight train on the Tyrone division of the Pennsylvania Railroad was derailed on Friday at Post Hill, a horse-shoe curve about 10 miles north of Tyrone, where a big fill had been made across a ravine, and plunged 150 feet down an embankment, dragging seven of the 30 empty cars off the track.

H. A. Wolfe, fireman, of Tyrone, was killed. S. B. Newman, brakeman, also of Tyrone, was injured.

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PLAY FESTIVAL AND FIELD DAY WILL OPEN GRANGE ENCAMPMENT

Saturday, September 9th, Promises Good Time for Boys and Girls, Men and Women, in Centre County's First Annual Play Festival.

The coming 43rd Encampment and Grange Fair, on Grange Park, will open on Saturday, September 9th, with a big Play Festival and Field Day, known as Centre county's first annual Play Festival and Field Day.

The program will be carried out will be as follows: 9:30 to 11:30—Group and competitive games: Three deep, ring games, ring ball games, tag games, line games, volley ball, passing relays, quoit, darts, playground baseball, etc.

11:30 to 1:30—Lunch and Convocation. (Bring basket lunch.) Address of Welcome, Dr. H. F. Bitner. Response, Colonel Woodward, of Howard.

Box Scout Demonstration. "The Y. M. C. A.," Prof. Mairs, of State College. Pageant of Sisterhood, by the girls of the County Y. W. C. A.

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Girls' standard athletic tests—for all girls, no age limit: Balancing, potato race, basket ball throw. Athletic events supervised by Dr. Lewis, director of Pennsylvania State College physical training department.

Dashes, for different groups, by age or size. Baseball throw for distance. Three-legged race; obstacle race; cracker and whistle race; blindfold dash, (boys and men); hammering nails, (women and girls); Japanese crab race; standing broad jump; peanut race, (small girls); peanut race, (small boys).

"Terry" Boal to Lead Gun Troop. Monday's North American contained the following regarding the Boalsburg Volunteer Mounted Machine Gun Troop:

"Terry" Boal, of Boalsburg, will be a first lieutenant in the mounted machine gun company that he has organized, equipped and supported for nearly two months. But it took a tremendous amount of pressure to break thru the masses of red tape the adjutant general of the Pennsylvania guard unwound in an effort to place the company entirely in the keeping of department favorites.

Boal's company is unique, so far as Pennsylvania is concerned. Enrolled in it are State College professors, State College students and boys from the farms of Centre county.

Boal himself, immensely wealthy, is wise in military ways. He has had, moreover, the advantage of the service of George Thompson, a cousin and a cavalry veteran, who has been chief instructor.

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W. B. Lucas Dead.

William H. Lucas, one of Potter township's most highly respected citizens, passed away at his home three miles east of Centre Hall, near Egg Hill, Sunday evening at 8:45 o'clock. Death was the culmination of a year's suffering from heart trouble and a complication of diseases.

Deceased was a son of James and Sarah (McEwen) Lucas and was born at Unionville, April 20th, 1851, therefore was in his sixty-sixth year. For close to a half century he was a resident of Potter township and for the past forty years lived on the place where he died, a small farm of fifty acres. He was a member of the United Evangelical church, and lived a thoroughly christian life.

Surviving him are his wife, nee Florence Stoner, and six sons, namely, John, of Centre Hall; Ed., of Atlantic City, N. J.; Wilbur, of near Penns Cave; Charles, of Manhattan, Ill.; Boyd, of Washington, D. C.; and William, at home. There are also two brothers and six sisters, as follows: Samuel Lucas, Milesburg; John Lucas, Hanville; Mrs. John Miller, Hubersburg; Mrs. Lucia Frybarger, Mrs. Harry Pencil, Altoona; Mrs. Clara Shope, Virginia; Mrs. Emma Degarmo, Milesburg; Mrs. Abbie Gonsalves, Eagleville.

Funeral services will be held this (Thursday) morning at his late home, and interment will follow in the Egg Hill cemetery, Rev. F. H. Foss to officiate.

'Twas Another Big "Atlantic" Excursion. The Penna's second Sunday excursion in two weeks to Atlantic City, from this section, was as popular as the one preceding it, 297 tickets being sold at the various stations between Bellefonte and Coburn.

The train service was the best of the excursion season, the excursionists reaching Atlantic City at 6 o'clock in the morning and arriving at Centre Hall before twelve o'clock Sunday night. The following tickets were sold on the local branch: Bellefonte, 184; Lemont, 44; Oak Hall, 8; Linden Hall, 7; Centre Hall, 41; Spring Mills, 23; Coburn, 40.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. John Miles, of Milesburg, was the scene of a pretty wedding on Wednesday evening when their daughter, Miss Margaret Miles, became the bride of Patterson Holt, a son of Mr. and Mrs. James R. Holt, of Unionville. The ceremony was performed by Rev. M. C. Piper. Mr. Holt is an employee of the State-Centre Electric company and for a month or more during the spring was in Centre Hall wiring business houses and private residences for the first use of the electric light.

Alfalfa should be seeded in August. Although spring and late summer seeding of alfalfa are resorted to, summer seeding is more certain in Pennsylvania. Alfalfa is a warm weather plant and a satisfactory stand is more certain when the seeding is made on a soil that is sufficiently warm to produce prompt germination of the seed and rapid growth of the young plants.

For most localities in this state summer seeding should be done in August. For the northern latitudes and higher elevations seeding may take place the first ten days of August. For intermediate conditions from the tenth to the twentieth, of August should prove satisfactory. Weather conditions will always be a modifying factor and it is wise to seed when the soil is in proper condition relative to moisture, temperature and physical condition.

Circular 46 on alfalfa, recently issued by the department of agricultural extension and prepared by Prof. Frank D. Gardner of The Pennsylvania State College, contains many helpful suggestions on alfalfa culture. It is free upon request, to residents of the State.

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TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS

E. Clayton Wagner purchased a Ford touring car one day last week. Bing Stover, of Milroy, spent a short time at the W. A. Kriss home Thursday afternoon.

The State College Times is advocating a community picnic to be held Thursday of next week.

Wilbur Bland had the misfortune to mash a finger on the right hand while working on the local railroad section, one day last week.

Miss Marion Spangler and little niece, Betty Brown, of New York City, are spending a short time at the home of the former's grandmother, Mrs. Susanna Spangler.

Mrs. Sara Snyder and family wish to thank the many friends and neighbors who so kindly helped them during their recent bereavement, and also for the many beautiful flowers.

Mrs. Frank Brant, of Altoona, accompanied by her four children—Marguerite, Helen, Joseph and Robert—last week were guests of the former's sister, Mrs. John B. Ruble, in Centre Hall.

Mr. and Mrs. V. A. Auman, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Bradford, and Mrs. Maynard Meeker, on Saturday made a trip by auto to Altoona, Conemaugh, and Johnstown, visiting relatives of both parties.

Mrs. J. Elmer Campbell, of Linden Hall, spent a short time in Centre Hall Monday, on her way home after a week's visit with Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Meyer, at Reedsville, and other relatives in Bellefonte.

State College borough council has found that because of its great volume of work it will be necessary to hold two meetings a month instead of one. The first and third Mondays of the month have been selected.

Mrs. Lucy Henney, son Wilbur, grandson Ralph, and Mrs. Flora Vondra, made a trip in their car to Philadelphia on Saturday morning, stopping enroute at New Bloomfield where Mrs. James E. Stewart joined the party in making the run to the City of Brotherly Love.

Clayton Wagner, of Cuddy, hearing of the illness of his old teacher, W. A. Kriss, made a trip to Centre Hall to visit him one day last week. Accompanying Mr. Wagner were Mrs. Stover and son who are visiting her mother-in-law, Mrs. Benjamin Stover, at Yeagertown, who with Mr. Stover were former residents of Potter township.

William, the ten-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred White, residents of a mountainous section of Centre county, was bitten by a copperhead snake while playing in a field near his home. While the lad's father hurriedly hitched up a horse and buggy and hastened after a doctor, his mother sucked the wound on the child's foot and removed much of the poison. As a result, the lad is recovering rapidly. The snake was killed.

Sometime during Friday night one of a team of mules belonging to D. W. Corman, of near Spring Mills, got one of its hind feet over the halter chain and in struggling to get loose the chain became firmly fastened under the shoe, says the Millheim Journal. In the struggle the snap which fastened the chain to the halter broke and caused the mule to turn a somersault in the stall but the chain was still fast to the shoe. When discovered on Saturday morning the animal was almost exhausted and died in a short time.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Mitterling, daughters Misses Laura and Carrie, son Henry, and the former's brother, D. J. Mitterling, of Madison, South Dakota, started on an auto trip to Cumberland, Maryland, on Saturday morning, and spent several days with Rev. and Mrs. Fred W. Barry. The party arrived home Wednesday, having covered a distance of 350 miles. The trip afforded the latter Mr. Mitterling an opportunity to visit relatives along the line whom he has not seen in years, before departing for his home in the far west next Monday.

The Reporter was pleased to add the names of two new subscribers to its mailing list one day last week. The one new reader is O. A. Jamison, of Millburg, who is ordering the paper sent to his address said, "I find it a good home letter from old Centre county." The other new subscriber is Charls E. Fisher, of Danville, who made a personal visit to this office after having been to Boalsburg where he visited his mother, Mrs. Emma A. Fisher. Mr. Fisher is identified with the Paxtonville (Snyder county) Brick company, which concern is doing a big business in their line at the present time. We found Mr. Fisher a genial gentleman, whose acquaintance anyone might be pleased to make.