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FOREST FIRE WARNING.

A Little Care in the Observation of a Few Common Sense Rules Will Save Pennsylvania's Remaining Timber.

The time of the year has come when brush burning and the presence of fishermen along the mountain streams means forest fires and a great timber loss. A man who would not think of burning his neighbor's barn will thoughtlessly allow his brush fire escape and turn over his neighbor's woodlot, which may contain in embryo building material for a hundred barns.

The usual warning notices are being posted on the State forests, and the following suggestions are offered to those who are willing to help conserve what remains of Pennsylvania's forests.

- (1) If you see a fire, try to put it out. If you can't put it out, immediately notify the nearest forest fire warden. His name will be published in this paper within the next two weeks.
- (2) Break your match in two before you throw it away. If you are one of those who "can't see no sense in that," try it.
- (3) Bury your pipe ashes and cigar or cigarette stubs, or else throw them into a stream.
- (4) Have a cleared spot of at least ten feet in diameter around the camp fire, and then be dead sure the fire is out before you leave it.
- (5) If you own or use engines, put spark arresters on them. It may save you and costs and damages later on.
- (6) Don't burn your brush on a dry, windy day. If in doubt, ask the fire warden.
- (7) The Department of Forestry is glad to have you report on the conduct of its officers, but your report will be immeasurably strengthened if it can be established that you have done your own duty in preventing and extinguishing fires.

Democrats Want to Cut Films.

The Democratic majority in the State Legislature, aided and abetted by the democratic legislative committee, of which E. Lowery Humes, United States district attorney, is chairman, is bent on more trouble for the Republican majority. The fact is noticeable that there are so many employes in the senate and house that they are falling over each other, that is, those who are there—and it is alleged that a number are not there who have farmed their big-paying jobs out to others, who will do the work on a fifty-fifty basis, the original appointees remaining at home to look after private interests.

The Democratic legislators want to know if the army of employes cannot be cut down, and to that end propose to ask for information from economy and efficiency commission. The Democratic legislative committee, in session at the Democratic state headquarters at Harrisburg, has prepared two resolutions, which will be offered in the Senate and house embodying such request.

Extended Drill at Penn State.

Extensive preparations have been made for military drill at the Pennsylvania State College this spring. The Cadet regiment, numbering more than 1,400 students, will resume training under the direction of three United States army officers at the close of Easter vacation, April 11.

Field maneuvers and battle formations will occupy a large part of the program, the college schedules having been adjusted so that the sophomore companies will have a full half-day under arms. The freshman sections will have a two-hour drilling period. One day each week the twelve companies will unite for a regimental drill. The enlarged military program provides for the sophomore companies to be commanded by senior officers, while the freshman troops will be handled by lieutenants from the junior class. Target practice will form a prominent part of the freshman training.

The student signal corps, attached to the military department, will transmit orders from the college wireless station to the troops in the field.

Deaths of Centre Countians.

William Henry Koehler, a dentist, at Bellefonte, aged sixty-six years.
Mrs. Maria Harpster, at Pennsylvania Furnace, aged eighty years.
Mrs. Henrietta Foster, at Phillipsburg, aged eighty-six years.

Ready to Spray Trees.

The undersigned has purchased a modern spraying outfit and is prepared to spray trees in the most effective manner. The spraying compound is non-poisonous and is the kind used by the Yankee fruit growers, on application in the spring being sufficient to bring the desired result.—T. F. ROYER, Sprucecreek, adv.

SPRING MOVING.

Potter Township Farmers Who Are Changing Location.—Also Changes of Residence in Centre Hall.

The following changes on farms in Potter township are taking place this spring: Harry Burris from Yeagerstown to the Durst farm at Earlstown, tenanted by William Stover; L. R. Lingle quits the farm at Earlstown and moves to State College; Harry E. Fye from the Goodling farm to the Lingle farm; Irvin Shuey follows Harry E. Fye; Robert Glasgow quits the Spicher farm and has not yet fully decided as to his future location; Daniel Fohringer succeeds Mr. Glasgow; James Callahan quits the Joshua Potter farm and will farm at Shingletown; Wesley Tressler follows Callahan; Mr. Tressler quits the Danbermen farm and is followed by Edward Jamison who leaves the William Homan farm, on which Mr. Homan's son, Edward, begins farming with his bride; Frank Bible quits farming on the W. H. Meyer farm to drive a cream route about Coburn and is followed by Mr. Hackett, of Milroy; D. Gels Wagner moves from his farm near Tusseyville to become a citizen of Centre Hall, and M. N. Miller leaves the Adam Heckman farm to succeed Mr. Wagner; George Slaek from Pleasant Gap to the farm of Prothonotary D. R. Foreman at Potters Mills, formerly the Alexander McCoy farm; John Stoner, a young son of David Stoner, and his bride, begin farming on the Ed. Kline farm, purchased by David Stoner, at Tusseyville; Roland Zaitte vacated the James Spangier farm and moved onto the Genzel farm in Georges Valley; he is succeeded by Samuel Klinefeiler who vacated the John Lee farm; Roy Martz follows Klinefeiler; Herbert Grove quit the Grossman farm and moved to Altoona and Samuel Horner follows Grove on that farm.

The usual number of changes are taking place among residents in the borough. On Church street Samuel Shoop moves to Hecla to take charge of the club house and is followed by Prof. W. O. Heckman, who sold his property last spring to J. L. Tressler, of Linden Hall, who moves here; George Breon moves to the house purchased by Mrs. Laura Lee, formerly occupied by John Ruble; the Ruble family moves to the S. E. Weber property on Main street, formerly occupied by Harry Miller; Harry Weaver moves to where George Breon leaves, having purchased the property; Orvis Weaver moves into his own home, which he has built near the railroad station. On Main street these changes take place: Prof. L. O. Packer moves to Pittsburgh and is followed by George W. Tressler of Penns Cave; Miles Barger quits the Herliober property and moves to Potters Mills; Lawrence Runkle moves from the Al. Durst house and follows Barger; Harry Miller will occupy the residence quit by Runkle; F. P. Geary quits the Booser property and moves into the S. S. Kreamer home which he bought; the Kreamer family moves to Lewistown; Mr. and Mrs. Henry Kreamer will move where Geary vacates; George Bradford vacates the John Slack property and moves to Millin county, and is followed by Cleve S. Brungard, of Tusseyville; Clyde Stover vacates the Colyer property and moves to the Clement Luse property on Hoffer street, vacated by John Geary who moved to Sunbury; Mr. Wilkinson vacates the Thomas Grove property and follows Stover. On Hoffer street Elmer Stump vacates the Neufhood property and moves to Mt. Union; W. H. Runkle follows Stump; J. F. McClellan moves into his new home on Main street and is followed by D. Gels Wagner who purchased the place his son-in-law vacates.

James From moved from Spring Mills to the Vonada house in the Keller district, east of town, which he bought; the Vonada family moved to Burnham.

"Dry" Victory in Beaver County.

Prohibition forces of Beaver county won a decided victory last week when Judge George A. Baldwin, in a sweep decision refused forty-one out of forty-seven applicants for liquor license. The entire county will be dry except for four retail houses in Woodlawn and two in Aliquippas. The decision makes a net reduction of eleven saloons in the county.

In handing down his decision Judge Baldwin said: "The country has been experiencing a wave of prohibition recently and from the sentiment displayed the vast majority of persons do not favor the licensing of liquor in their community. I have taken this into consideration in handing down the list in the coming year."

Ex-Sheriff A. B. Lee, who until recently was in the garage business at Spring Mills, purchased the coal yard of H. L. Brian at that place.

"The Signs of the Times."

Some time ago the Centre County Pomona Grange arranged for a series of public meetings in Centre county at which State Master McSparran was to have been the principal speaker. When the time for the Centre Hall meeting came, Mr. McSparran found he had other matters of importance to attend to which left the local meeting without a speaker. It devolved on Prof. C. R. Neff, master of the county organization, to see that these who might come out to hear Mr. McSparran were not disappointed, and this was done by inducing Dean R. L. Watts, of Pennsylvania State College, to act as substitute. Dean Watts consented and the audience was pleased, because it knew he had more than a message of words, and no sentimental truck.

The speaker stated that "The Signs of the Times" might be a proper phrase as a title for his remarks. His talk was one of encouragement, telling what others similarly and others less favorably situated were able to accomplish. Production was the business of the farmer as viewed by the speaker and all were encouraged to grow more from the same number of acres. The success of the European war depended largely upon the ability of the several countries to feed their armies—it was virtually a food war. In view of the lowering war cloud, it became the duty of the farmer to do his utmost to produce that the nation's right arm might be strengthened.

The youths on the farm came in for a good share of the speaker's attention. He recited the great work being accomplished by boys and girls forming corn and various other clubs, and how these were encouraged by the farm bureaus being organized throughout the state, and anticipated great accomplishments when the Centre county farm bureau became operative.

Methodist Conference for Local Option.

The Central Pennsylvania Methodist Conference, in session in Lewistown last week, adopted resolutions urging the State legislature to pass a local option law. The resolutions, which have already been forwarded to Harrisburg, are: The Central Pennsylvania Conference to the Legislature of Penna.:

Resolved that, whereas there is a universal movement toward the abolition of the traffic in and use of alcoholic liquors for beverage purposes, and

Whereas this tendency is emphatically manifested in our country where in twenty-six states have outlawed the traffic, and it has been greatly restricted in ever increasing areas in remaining states, we earnestly request the Legislature of Pennsylvania to take an initial step in the same direction by the passage of a local option law for Pennsylvania.

We also urge the passage of further advanced legislation on the same subject as incorporated in measures already introduced for statutory and constitutional prohibition of the liquor traffic.
E. A. Pyles, E. H. Hart, W. E. Swartz, John H. Daugherty, E. H. Youn, C. W. Kane, A. S. Bowman, Thomas S. Wilcox, M. J. Runyan, W. Emerson Warren, A. Lawrence Miller, T. Simpson Stansfield, J. F. Glass, William J. Sheaffer, Carl V. Drake, J. S. Souser, Horace Lincoln Jacobs.

\$1750 for Millin County Road.

The board of viewers in condemnation proceeding to abolish the six miles of turnpike between Lewistown and Reedsville, rendered a verdict in favor of the turnpike company for \$1750. Experts had estimated the value as high as \$18,000.

When consummated this proceeding will abolish two tollgates and free the connecting link of state highway between Millintown and Huntingdon via the Big Valley route, a distance of fifty miles.

Full Term or Lose State Money.

State appropriations to school districts can be assured only by the schools being open for the minimum term clearly specified by the school code. Time lost last fall because the infantile paralysis kept the bars across the school doors cannot be counted as a part of the term, says State Superintendent Shaeffer. The penalty for less than the minimum term is a loss of rank as well as some of their money.

Will Install New Grange Officers.

The officers in the newly organized Grange at Zion will be formally installed next Wednesday evening by Prof. C. R. Neff, Master of the County Grange, assisted by Mrs. D. W. Bradford.

Sunday and Monday mercury crept up into the sixties, and coupled with bright sunshine made the days most delightful.

FROM THE SUNNY SOUTH.

Dr. Ed. L. Miller Says February Frost in Florida Killed All the Fruit.—The Past Winter a Record Breaker for Tourists in the Peninsula.

Enclosed find \$1.50 to pay subscription on the Reporter.

We are having nice weather, as it is one thing we can boast of—sunshine and flowers all the time; the finest climate in the world. The frost on the 3rd of February hit us pretty hard; everybody lost their fruit and most of the vegetables. I lost most of my fruit, nearly one thousand dollars' worth. The only thing I have out of the crop is 200 boxes of tangerines. I sold them in January and they netted me \$400.00. What garden truck I had up was frozen. I have my garden going since the freeze and have some stuff to eat. I have some potatoes in bloom so we will have them to eat by the time people up there are planting. At the price they are now I certainly will be glad for them.

The groves have taken on new leaves since the freeze and are starting to bloom, so we may have a crop next year.

I had five acres of corn planted this winter and expect to raise a lot of corn for my own use. Our chickens are laying very good and we have a lot of young chicks.

There were a big lot of tourists in Florida this winter; in fact, there never were so many before. Every city and town was crowded. At times people could hardly get accommodations. I saw in the Tampa paper that St. Petersburg had this winter 38,000 people and Tampa 80,000. This will give you an idea of the number of tourists in the state.

All are well.
ED. L. MILLER, M. D.
P. S. I hurried yesterday from my own grove nine wagon loads of fruit.
Mount Dora, Florida, Mar. 22, 1917.

Condition of Wheat in Ground Below Average.

The frequent frosts during the winter and the many days during which the fields were not covered with snow have had a material effect in reducing the condition of the wheat in the ground throughout the State. On March 1, the condition of wheat throughout the State was reported to the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture as representing 87 per cent. of an average condition. In 1916 the condition of the wheat at this time was 94 per cent.

In many sections of the State the warm days followed by cold nights brought about much heaving up of the ground and much of the fall sown wheat was forced out. The changes in the weather will likely cause a large acreage to be plowed down in the spring and from present indications the 1917 yield of wheat will be below that of the past year.

In the great wheat counties of Lancaster, York, Franklin, Berks, Chester and Cumberland the average condition in these counties is: Lancaster, 85 per cent; York 88 per cent; Chester, 85 per cent; Cumberland, 87 per cent.

The same weather has had a deterring effect on the rye which was sown in the fall and the general average condition on March 1 is reported at 90 per cent. as compared with 94 per cent. a year ago.

Free Lecture at Linden Hall.

"The development of the Young Man" is the subject of a lecture which will be given in the U. Ev. church at Linden Hall to-morrow (Friday) evening by William Wood, a Penn State graduate, class of 1916. There will be singing by the State College High school quartette and a violin solo by a "State" student. Male citizens, twelve years and older are urged to be present. No admission will be charged.

State College Planning Improvements.

The borough of State College is planning extensive street improvements. At a recent meeting of the council provision was made for the preparation of plans and specifications by the borough engineer, with an estimate of the cost, for the carrying away of the surface water and the grading and oiling of the principal streets of the town. Seven big items are included in the contemplated improvements.

Military Opening April 5 and 6.

Mrs. Lucy Henney is in Philadelphia this week where she is making a choice selection of spring and summer millinery. She announces April 5th and 6th as her opening days.

Wants "No Treating."

Mr. McKay, of Luzerne, introduced in the house last Wednesday an anti-treating bill in which the penalty for violation is made \$500 fine or three months in prison or both.

DEATH OF J. B. NEFF.

Prominent Citizen Passes Away After An Illness Covering Several Years.

The following is reprinted from The Antonito Ledger, published at Antonito, Colorado, and refers to a product of Potter township, a notice of whose death appeared in the columns of the Reporter last week:

James B. Neff, president and manager of The Conejos-Co-Op. Roller Mills & Mfg. Co., died at his home yesterday morning at about 8:30 o'clock after having been a sufferer of diabetes for several years. The lingering disease had brought on other complications. He had been confined to his house for a greater part of the time for about two months. There were pronounced signs of coma on Thursday and death was not unexpected when on Friday morning he passed quietly into the great beyond. His estimable family, consisting of a wife, a daughter who has just arrived at womanhood, and a son yet in his early teens, were at the bedside when the end came.

James B. Neff was born in Pennsylvania sixty years ago, tomorrow. He became a citizen of Conejos county in 1887, when he purchased the farm now owned by Carl Fettes, five miles west of Antonito. His success at farming was conspicuous. He was one of the prominent demonstrators that farming in this vicinity could be made highly profitable. With the profits of several successful years in the bank he sold his farm and moved to Antonito and made investments in the milling concern of which he became manager several years ago and was elected president at the beginning of the present year.

The world has produced no man more faithful to his family, to duty or more upright in his dealing with his fellow man than James B. Neff. His passing is universally mourned by the entire community.

David George Meek died at his home at State College, Friday night, from the effects of a paralytic stroke sustained in the early winter. While he attended to business during the period of his illness, he never fully regained his former strength. He was a son of the late George W. and Rachel B. Meek and was born at Fairbrook seventy-two years ago. He was a descendant of Capt. George W. Meek, of Revolutionary fame, who settled at Fairbrook on what is now the D. G. Meek farm, in the spring of 1792. Mr. Meek's entire life was that of a farmer until ten years ago when he removed to State College, and entered the hardware business, retiring a few years ago. He was an Odd Fellow, Granger, and active in everything which made for the betterment of the community. Politically a staunch Democrat and religiously a consistent member of the Methodist church. His wife, who was Emma Weaver, survives, as well as one sister, Mrs. P. Gray Meek, of Bellefonte. Burial was held in the new cemetery at Pine Grove Mills on Monday morning, Rev. McKay Riley officiating.

William Henry Corman died at his home at Cresson on Saturday afternoon a week ago as the result of a stroke of paralysis, sustained a short time previous. Deceased was born in Gregg township, this county, on April 8th, 1861, hence was almost fifty-six years old. On October 23rd, 1881, he was married to Miss Lydia Rockey who survives with two children, Charles of Cresson, and Mary, at home. Mr. Corman was employed as night watchman at the Cresson car works. He was a member of the Methodist church, the I. O. O. F., the P. R. R. relief association and the Ridgely Protective association. Funeral services were held in the Cresson M. E. church at 2:30 o'clock on Tuesday afternoon, after which burial was made in the Union cemetery at Summit.

Compulsory Military Training in Schools.

Before the present session of the Legislature ends, Pennsylvania may have a law providing for compulsory military training in the schools of the state. The resolution introduced in the Senate by Senator Snyder providing for the naming of a committee of five members of the Senate and seven members of the House to draft a compulsory training bill, has reached the House and has been passed.

Pleasant Gap.

Miss Violet Irvin left on Saturday for an indefinite visit with her sister, Mrs. Wm. Leuden, at Potters Mills. Miss Martha Robb, of Altoona, is spending a few days with friends and relatives at this place.

Mrs. Imeson, the mother of Mrs. James Herron, has returned from a few days visit at Pittsburg.

Thomas Jodon has moved from his farm to this place and Jared Evey has occupied the farm.

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. G. H. McCormick, at Potter Mills, on the 19th.

Miss Mamie Stump, who is employed at Bellefonte, is visiting her mother and sister in Centre Hall.

Mrs. Lucy Henney is in Philadelphia this week making her selection of ladies' millinery for spring and summer wear.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry F. Hubler, of Lock Haven, enjoyed a brief vacation at the parental home in this place, last Thursday.

George W. Barner, formerly of Centre Hall, moved on Tuesday from Mill Hall to Clintonville where he purchased a farm last summer.

D. W. Bradford, the DeLaval cream separator agent, is starting the spring work with a burst of speed, having taken orders and delivered ten machines last week.

A big district convention, embracing all the P. O. S. of A. camps in Union county, is planned for June 30th at Lewisburg. The State President will likely be there.

The present condition of the earth roads of Potter township is a strong argument in favor of modern highways, and May 24—Good Roads Day—should see a lot of work done toward that end.

J. C. Rossmann is holding public sale to-day (Thursday) at the late residence of his mother, Mrs. Polly Rossmann, deceased, on Nittany Mountain. A big lot of articles will be offered for sale, as well as the real estate.

The Boal troop engaged in regular drill last Saturday and Sunday, winding up with a trip on their horses to State College and back to Boalsburg. It is altogether likely that the troop will shortly be mustered into the federal service for home defense.

Ralph E. Dinges, who for five years has been the efficient clerk in C. F. Emery's store, will give up the store work on April 1st. He will be employed throughout the spring and summer by the State-Centre Electric company in building their line down through Penns Valley.

Aaron P. Zorby, of Bellefonte, was the guest of his brother-in-law, Daniel Daup, in Centre Hall, the latter part of last week. Mr. Zorby is contemplating spending the summer months in Illinois, on the "black soil," as he puts it, because it makes him feel younger when on the farm.

Col. H. S. Taylor aroused the patriotic spirit in one hundred students of the Bellefonte academy whom he addressed last Thursday afternoon on the necessity of military instruction. As a result of the speech he had the entire student body on the field Saturday afternoon for drill.

The Record and Star, of Watsonstown, will raise its subscription price beginning April 1st. The editor makes it plain, too, that all notices of entertainments, suppers, and other appeals for public patronage, designed to make money, will be charged for at advertising rates. The Record and Star is a clean newsy paper and is worthy of unstinted patronage.

Mr. and Mrs. John E. Bearick, whose marriage took place last Thursday a week ago, spent the latter part of last week with the bride's mother, Mrs. Mary Goodhart, in this place. On Saturday they left for Altoona and Martinsburg to visit relatives, and the beginning of the week started for Little Rock, Arkansas, where the groom is considering purchasing a farm.

Eighteen head of Holstein cows sold at an average price of \$106.00 a head at the public sale held by R. D. Muser, near Spring Mills, last Thursday. The demand for good cows has been a feature of all sales this spring. More farmers are looking to the milk-producing qualities of cows this year than ever before and find that good milk cows result in respectable looking checks coming in quite frequently.

An exciting runaway occurred at Coburn last Friday, says the Millheim Journal. W. F. Muser, a Penn township farmer, had unloaded some shots at the Coburn Grain and Creamery company's pens and the horses he was driving became frightened by an approaching engine and ran at break-neck speed over the bridge and out the street. M. H. Smith and W. F. Smith, of Millheim, were driving toward the runaway team and the former jumped from his wagon to catch the fleeing horses and they turned toward the sidewalk in front of the Reformed church and struck a telephone pole, with force enough to break the pole, which was kept from falling on Smith's wagon by the wires holding it. The runaway was stopped, however. The wagon and harness were considerably damaged.