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COURSES IN AGRICULTURE.

"Penn State" Offers Choice of Three Courses for the Farmer to Fit Him for Better Serving His Country.

Your help is needed! This is the command that faces every man and woman today, both young and old, throughout the whole world. May it be asked if you are responding to this issue; are you, dear reader, doing your proportionate share? We hear tales from our sister countries of the noblest and most intense kinds of sacrifice; sacrifices that grip us to the heart, yet even quake our souls. It is true that our country, in time, may give up some of her best blood—how much we cannot say—for the American youth is ever eager to respond to the call of duty. But what of those who will not see active service on the battle front? Should we sit down and merely mourn for those who have departed, or should we be "up and doing"?

With a heart for any fate, Still achieving, still pursuing, Learn to labor and to wait!

To the first class belong the slackers; in the fullest sense of the word "A Slacker". In the second division we find the army of "willing workers" led by "King Sacrifice."

Now, then, to more immediate challenge. This appeals directly to the farmer, who for the most part is the food producer, but in addition, to all those interested in similar products as to the use, conservation, preservation, etc., of food materials. Are you willing to give, possibly sacrifice some of your time and less of your money?

The School of Agriculture at the Pennsylvania State College is offering unlimited opportunities to you, so that you may better serve your country. Will you respond?

Take your choice—
Four-year course in agriculture.
Two-year course in agriculture.
Short course in agriculture, (three weeks).

Which shall it be?
The college realizes that the farmer has seen many extra and long hours during the last planting season to put in a super-abundance of crops, and therefore will need all the help he possibly can obtain to harvest these crops, and with this in mind has made special provision for such conditions by establishing the "Short Course". This course does not begin until November 15th. It is divided into two periods. First period, November 15 to December 29. Second period January 1 to February 20th.

We truly hope that every young, and even mature man and woman, will take this opportunity to better serve their country and at the same time advance themselves.

Write for catalogue. Address "Community Service Office", State College, Pa.

The Liberty Bonds and the Farmers.

It has been repeatedly pointed out that in purchasing Liberty Loan Bonds the farmers of the United States were furnishing the means to their best customers to purchase the products of their farms. Much of the proceeds of the Liberty Loan, both that used by the United States Government and the amount loaned to the Allies, is to be expended in purchasing food and supplies for their armies from the farmers of this country. There are other reasons however that make the Liberty Loan Bonds especially desirable investments for farmers.

A safe investment is particularly suited to a farmer because he is in most instances at a distance from bond markets and not in position either to know or immediately act upon information of matters affecting the value of bonds. The Liberty Loan Bonds are inviolably safe, backed as they are by the resources of the richest nation in the world and the faith and credit of a people who have always respected their obligations, and they are of stable value and liable to little or no fluctuations in market value.

The farmer is a busy man and often has neither the time nor the opportunity to study the questions of finance and bond values. The Liberty Loan Bond being a bond about which there can be no question, he can rest assured always that he has made no error in judgment.

The farmer often feels the need of ready cash before the harvesting of his crops. The Liberty Loan Bond puts in his hand a security on which he can always borrow money and at a rate as low or lower than he could borrow on any other security and with less trouble.

There is another aspect of this investment in Liberty Loan Bonds that will appeal to every true American. He is supporting the Government, he is supporting our soldiers in France and he is doing his duty as a citizen when he invests in Liberty Loan Bonds.

150 CHURCHES IN RURAL SECTION OF CENTRE COUNTY.

Statistics Presented at Rural Church Conference Shows an Over-Churching in Rural Districts.—Membership Averages Only 64.

An inter-denominational country church conference was held in State College for ten days, July 10-20th. Seven denominations were represented, namely, Presbyterian, Lutheran, Reformed, Protestant Episcopal, Methodist, Congregational, and Baptist. Every minute of the morning program was utilized in the study of "Fundamentals of Religious Education," "Rural Sociology," "Rural Leadership," "The Church's Relation to the Community Center," and kindred subjects. Among other subjects touched was that of over-churching communities, of which the eastern end of Centre county is a notable example. Statistics were compiled by one of the brethren of the conference showing that the rural section of Centre county has 150 churches with an average membership of 64 persons, but only 9 denominations.

The spiritual tone of the conference was excellent. Members of the various denominations mingled together socially as one. All were interested in the grand theme, the advancement of the kingdom of God. All united in the confession of their faith in the symbol known as the Apostles' Creed, and united joined in the Lord's Prayer. Strange to say, here denominational differences could be seen. In the Apostles' Creed some said "hades," others "hell"; in the Lords Prayer some said "debts," other "trespasses." Can not the Protestants of all denominations unite in one form of the Apostles' Creed and of the Lord's Prayer, so that in these things we may be one?

This conference is to be continued next year and for some years to come. This year the total attendance, including visitors, was 52; next year we hope to see there at least 152. The country church problem is one of the vital problems of our nation.

All who were there this year felt amply rewarded for their attendance.

REV. R. E. JONES.

Few Tickets Sold to Atlantic City.

The first of the three Pennay Atlantic City Sunday excursions scheduled for the season from this section was only lightly patronized last Sunday. Eight tickets were sold from Centre Hall, and Spring Mills sent the same number. Linden Hall, three; Oak Hall, ten; Lemont nineteen, and Bellefonte, sixty-five. Notwithstanding the small number which went from Central Pennsylvania the popular bathing resort witnessed the largest crowd of the present season.

Look at the Pink Label Figures.

The Reporter's mailing list has been corrected, and all payments on subscription dating up until last Saturday, are credited on the PINK label which appears on your paper this week. Be sure to look at it and if an error appears in the credit, report at once to this office.

If your label shows anything under '17, you are in arrears and a prompt remittance will be highly appreciated.

12-Year-Old Boy a Hero.

Gerald Weis, a twelve-year-old lad, will be in line for a Carnegie hero medal for his act of bravery in rescuing Robert Shepherd, aged fourteen, from drowning in the Juniata river, near Lewistown, Thursday afternoon. The boys were swimming together when the Shepherd boy got into deep water and began to sink. He was going down for the third time when the Weis lad plunged into the deep hole after his companion, and after great effort swam to shore with an arm tightly drawn about the unfortunate boy's body. It took a physician a half hour to resuscitate the lad.

Asleep on Track, Is Struck by Train.

An apparently friendless youth, Wallace Lohr by a name, and aged seventeen years, was struck by a freight train on the Tyrone division, at Hannab, last Wednesday morning, as he sat asleep on the track. His chest was terribly crushed and his body severely contused. The engineer sounded the whistle but had not time to halt the heavy train. The injured lad was picked up, taken to Tyrone, placed on train 41 to be taken to Altoona hospital, but died as the train was pulling into the Altoona station.

While conscious the youth gave his name and said he lived at Phillipsburg. He was a trespasser and authorities endeavored to locate relatives without success.

Negro Goes to Electric Chair.

Cornelius Sheppard, a southern negro, who less than a year ago shot a man in Harrisburg, was electrocuted at the western penitentiary, at Rockview, early Monday morning. Four contacts were made.

WILL CALL DRAFTED MEN IN A FEW DAYS.

Sheriff Yarnell Awaiting "Master Lists" Before Notifying Those Drafted for Taking Physical Examination.

Centre county will be called upon to furnish sixty-two men for Uncle Sam's new army which will be raised from among the first numbers drawn on Friday. Sheriff G. H. Yarnell, of Centre county, is awaiting the arrival of the "master lists" from Washington before going ahead with the work of notifying the young men in this county who are to appear for physical examination.

The "master lists" consist of ten sheets containing one thousand numbers each and one sheet containing 500 numbers in the exact order they were drawn from the glass globe.

Copies of the "master lists" will be sent to all the 4,558 districts. There, the boards will check off numbers not applying to their districts and will proceed to fix the lists for calling two hundred per cent. of the first quota.

Men called on the first draft will be notified by mail, but the responsibility of knowing the order of the call lies upon the man, hence officials advise that each man check himself up in his own district.

Inasmuch as it will take four or five days to reach the farthest district, it is doubtful if the last of the checking can be accomplished before early next week.

Boards will tighten up on exemptions. Men who claim to have dependent relatives must prove the dependency; their relatives must swear to the dependency; and some one knowing the applicant must certify to the man's situation.

Immediately following the checking the call for drafted men to answer the physical test will be made.

Union County's Unique Position.

Union county has a unique stand among the counties of the state in regard to the quota of men to be furnished for the new army. Its gross quota is figured at 128 men, but credits on account of enlistments entirely wipe out this number so that Union will need to furnish no men whatever for the first army.

No. 258 a Bull-Fonte Boy

No. 258, the first number drawn in Uncle Sam's big draft lottery, was held by Fred Weaver, in the west ward of Bellefonte.

Execution is Stayed.

Nikolo Kotur, the Dauphin county murderer, who was to have expiated his crime in the electric chair at the Rockview death house this week, has been granted a respite by the governor, staying his execution until the week of October 1st, in order that an appeal may be made to the State board of pardons.

Oldest Odd Fellow, 90 Years.

The oldest Odd Fellow in the state is Josiah F. Ellisworth, of Williamsburg, who celebrated his nineteenth birthday anniversary last Wednesday.

Transfers of Real Estate.

John J. Fortney's heirs to Geo. W. Houts, tract of land in Harris Twp.; \$3800.

Milton Stiffler to Lloyd R. Smith, tract in Potter twp.; \$154.50.

Abner Noll et ux to W. H. Noll, Jr., tract of land in Spring twp.; \$1500.

Wm. Noll, Jr., et ux to J. Abner Noll, tract of land in Spring twp.; \$1500.

C. L. Gramley to Clark M. Gramley, tract of land in Millheim; \$2600.

Mary Emerick to Annie Rishel, tract of land in Millheim; \$800.

J. L. Winegardner to W. S. Breon, tract of land in Millheim; \$1300.

A. H. Spayd to Reformed church building, tract of land in Walker twp.; \$2500.

Emma J. Keen et al to Annie Keen, tract of land in Millheim boro.; \$1.

Howard I. Faust, et al to Jas. T. Faust, tract of land in Gregg twp.; \$175.

Edward M. Brown to Margaret Brown, tract of land in Millheim boro.; \$1.

Mary A. Smith to J. Elmer Miller, tract of land in Madisonburg; \$850.

Walter Shutt to Della Isenburg, tract of land in Harris twp.; \$450.

Milton Stiffler et al to Elmer A. Harehberger, tract of land in Gregg twp.; \$1000.

A letter received this week from William Zerby, aged eighty years, of Lisbon, North Dakota, says in part: "Farmers have begun to harvest their crops. Oats is heavy; corn and potatoes look fine. Harvest hands will be scarce since many young men have joined various branches of the service. Although I am near eighty years of age I can still do a good day's work."

The pink label this week.

Comes in for "Write-Up."

An elaborate 44-page Industrial Edition of the Steubenville (Ohio) Herald Star, issued on July 3rd, a copy of which has reached the editors' desk, sets forth in an attractive way the industrial, commercial and religious advancement of that growing city. The issue appeals to the writer from the fact that included in the "write-up" is the growth of the Steubenville Ice Company, of which Guy W. Jacobs, of Centre Hall, is the general manager. It is no mean industry of which the writer's friend has lately been put in charge, as the following excerpt from the "write-up" will indicate:

Today no more modern ice plant is in operation any place, and the capacity is now one hundred and twenty tons daily. The greater part of their product is sold in Steubenville, and the company uses for delivery purposes three large automobile trucks as well as eleven wagons, which are in constant service. Mingo Junction is also supplied with ice from this plant through the Bretzel Bros. Coal Company. Ice is also shipped to surrounding towns, including East Liverpool, Amsterdam, Wellsville, Weirton, W. Va., Avella, Burgettstown, Pa., and many others.

During the season from forty to fifty men are constantly employed in the plant and on the wagons. The buildings housing the plant are all concrete and brick, and the plant itself consists of the very largest type of machinery for this purpose.

Steam is generated by two 250 h. p. Sterling boilers. The refrigerating machines are two 30-ton ice-making compression machines and one 60-ton absorption machine, all furnished by the York Manufacturing Co. of York, Pa., the largest builders of this type of machinery in the world. The four tanks in which the ice is frozen contain a total of 1600 300-lb. ice cans.

Heavy Convictions in Forest Fire Suits.

The remarkable record of two acquittals and eleven convictions out of thirteen forest fire suits is the high light in a statement given out today by the Chief Forest Fire Warden. Altogether forty-seven suits have been started for the settling of forest fires. In addition to the above acquittals and convictions, thirty-one cases are pending and three have been withdrawn.

Following the policy of making the punishment fit the crime by presenting bills for costs and damages caused by forest fires, no less than ninety-six cases have been settled out of court since April first through the payment of these bills by the guilty persons. Claims to the number of 415 have been presented for this spring's fire only, 226 of them at railroads. Settlements are still being made daily, and the chances are that almost one-half of the 400 cases will be settled without recourse to law.

For the first time in history of forest fires in Pennsylvania, the big railroads have reimbursed the Commonwealth promptly for money expended for fire fighting and damage to State lands caused by fires started by locomotives. Scarcely any of the railroads have raised objections to paying these bills where it could be established that their engines or men were responsible for the fires.

To Reduce Rural Mail Routes.

The postoffice department has decided to cut out a large number of rural routes in the next few months to reduce expenses. Inspectors will go through the country in the next few months and examine all roads which the rural carriers travel and wherever the condition of the roads is found bad, routes will be discontinued. Roads which show neglect will be more apt to be condemned than those which have been put into first class condition.

One careless road overseer in a township may be responsible for the loss of a route.

Woman Drowns at Lock Haven.

Mrs. J. Fred Loeffler, of Washington, D. C., lost her life in the Bald Eagle creek at Lock Haven, on Saturday. The victim, a daughter-in-law of Major Charles Loeffler, retired, for many years doorkeeper at the White House, arrived at Lock Haven a few days ago for a visit at the home of Charles E. Oberheim. She accompanied a canoeing party up the creek to the bathing grounds. She was an expert swimmer and diver, and decided to take another dive after the rest of the party had gone ashore.

She remained under the water a considerable length of time, but her friends were not alarmed. She finally appeared on the surface, cried for help, and sank. It took fifteen minutes to recover the body. A pulmoner was used, but it was too late to save her.

AN OLD RESIDENT GONE.

Mrs. Catharine Musselman Passes Away at the Age of 77 Years.—Lived in Centre Hall All Her Life.

The death of Mrs. Catharine Musselman at the home of her daughter, Mrs. J. W. Whiteman, on Friday morning at 2:30 o'clock, removed the oldest inhabitant, in point of years of residence, in Centre Hall. Born at Centre Hill, April 19, 1840, a daughter of John and Elizabeth Osman, the deceased when a little girl removed with her parents to Centre Hall, living here continuously for more than three score years and ten. Her parents built a home where the C. F. Emery residence now stands.

Mrs. Musselman's death was the result of acute indigestion, complicated by heart trouble. Up until Wednesday preceding her death she was about as usual, doing light work about the home. Only two weeks ago she and Mrs. Isaac Smith, who have enjoyed each other's friendship since girlhood days, at the invitation of Mrs. B. H. Arney, met for what was to be the last time at the Arney home. The joy which she realized from this social affair lingered with her to the last.

Mrs. Musselman was twice married, first to Levi Puff, who preceded her to the grave forty-one years ago. Three children survived their union; namely, John H. Puff, M. E. J. W. Whiteman, and Mrs. Charles Decker, all of Centre Hall. Her second marriage was to Lewis Musselman, of Bellefonte, who passed away twenty-one years ago. No children were born to this union. Three brothers also survive: Jared Osman, of Missouri; James Osman, of Michigan, and Hiram Osman, of Altoona.

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS

The pink label appears this week.

Governor Brumbaugh approved the bill fixing county auditor's pay at \$6,000 per day.

Mrs. Margaret Hart, of Frankfort, and Mrs. Wm. Mohler, of Philadelphia, have been guests of Miss Emma McCoy for a week.

Mrs. Laura Harper and daughter, Miss Helen Harper, of Bellefonte, were guests of the G. H. Emerick family for a few days last week.

Mr. Roy Kreider, of Chicago, is visiting relatives and home friends in Centre county, a guest of her mother, Mrs. Susan C. Meyer, near Penn Hall.

At a recent meeting of the directors of the Farmers National bank, of Millheim, E. R. Shreckengast was elected as clerk in the bank to fill the vacancy caused by the death of C. L. A. Kass.

Corn and 'aters have benefited immensely from the sort of weather which has prevailed for the past few weeks. From present indications each will be a bumper crop in the valley.

Clayburn Breon came home from Lock Haven over Sunday to get his first glimpse of the tiny bit of humanity which arrived last week and which will soon be shaping its mouth for the word "papa."

E. S. Ripka secured the signatures of one hundred voters necessary on the petition which will place the name of his father, A. C. Ripka, on the primary ballot for the office of jury commissioner.

A fishing trip to Greens Valley last Friday by Messrs. J. S. Getchell, Thomas Keefe and H. J. Lambert resulted in the party bringing home a rattlesnake story in place of fish stories. Fish were found to be scarce, so a big rattler got the hook instead.

The imposing structure which stands a short distance off the road at Axe Mann, and which was built by the Garman for a summer resort, has been given the name "Edgefont". The Garman families are gathering there this summer, the latest arrivals being Ira D. Garman and family, of Philadelphia.

Sunday afternoon a heavy rain cloud skirted along Tussey mountain and drenched that section of the country until water stood in large pools. The heaviest thunder and sharpest lightning of the season accompanied the shower. The country around Earlystown, Old Fort and Centre Hall escaped without a drop of rain.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Getchell, son Wendell, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Keefe and daughter Agnes, from the Pittsburgh district, were arrivals at the home of the ladies' parents, "Squire and Mrs. Cyrus Brungart, last week, for a short vacation. On Friday an auto trip was made to the Millheim narrows where part of the day was enjoyed in fishing and partaking of a meal in picnic style.

The Clinton Dispatch, of Lock Haven, one of the brightest and newest dailies of Central Pennsylvania, passed out of existence with its issue last Wednesday. Its demise is the result of present day conditions which confront the newspaper publisher. The paper has been merged with the Lock Haven Express and the newspaper will bear that name. The Clinton Democrat, published heretofore as a semi-weekly, will appear hereafter as a weekly only.

Leonard G. Barnes, the local state forester, devoted some time the past week to looking up the various kinds of trees and shrubs that are to be found in the Greens Valley forest preserve. The state forestry department purposes having an exhibit of Pennsylvania woods in the near future, and is asking the foresters to contribute toward the display. A survey of the Greens Valley state forest by the local forester revealed fifty-nine distinct kinds of trees and shrubs, from which assortment Mr. Barnes hopes to make an interesting contribution for the state exhibition.

When Henry Kline, proprietor of the Haag hotel at Bellefonte, discovered that his car was missing from the garage on Wednesday, he suspected that some young fellows had appropriated it for a joy ride, and accordingly sent word to police headquarters in nearby cities to be on the watch for the machine. That evening a trio of Bellefonte young men were stopped by the Altoona authorities after spinning into the town, but it developed that one of them was H. G. Kline, son of the owner of the car. The other two were George Keeler and Charles Brown. The hotel man's son merely smiled when told he was wanted. At the behest of the owner, the trio was released.

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Tree Talk.

The heavier the fire wood, the more heat to the cord. Hickory, oak, beech, hard maple, locust, ash, and elm have high heat value, and one cord of seasoned wood has a value as fuel equal to one ton of coal.

Anti-conservationists to the contrary notwithstanding, the big reason for raising lumber prices is scarcity of accessible timber.

The chief difficulties in the way of a general lumber trust are the competition of wood substitutes and the check furnished by State and National forests.

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