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## 3000 MEN NEEDED.

Men for Supply Companies, Artillery, Aviation Section of Signal Corps, Bakers and Cooks Wanted in Army.

Two thousand men are needed at once to form eight new Quartermaster Corps Supply Companies for the new National Army. Each company will consist of the following: 1st sergeant; mess sergeant; supply sergeant; 8 sergeants; 16 corporals; 2 mechanics; 8 buglers; 4 cooks; 71 private, first class; 143 privates, totaling 250 men for each company; forty recruits for the Field Artillery, Regular Army. This branch of the service has been closed for several weeks owing to having been filled up and this opportunity should be grasped quickly by those desiring to serve in the Field Artillery.

Able bodied men are still needed in large numbers for the aviation section of the signal corps. Nearly every trade in existence is required in this branch and a man can almost invariably be used for the same work which he has been accustomed to in civil life. Opportunities for advancement are excellent.

A number of men are needed as bakers and cooks in the Regular Army. An able bodied man enlisting in this department will be sent to school to learn the baker's trade and if he has a fair education stands the best of chances to be promoted to a non-commissioned office. The quartermaster general has also announced that all commissions in the bakery companies will be given to deserving men from the ranks. U. S. Army Recruiting Stations are located in Scranton, Wilkes-Barre, Erie, Williamsport, South Bethlehem, Shamokin, Sayre, DuBois, Hazleton, Mauch Chunk.

## Violated Liquor Laws.

Curtis Tressler and Robert Folk, the former aged twenty-one and the latter twenty-seven, both of Bellefonte, were sentenced to jail terms for liquor law violations. Tressler was directed to pay a fine of \$500, costs and serve three months in jail for selling a quart of whiskey to Folk. The latter was sentenced to pay a fine of \$50, costs and serve two months in jail for purchasing the whiskey for a person of known intemperate habits.

## Tree Talk.

The total area of Pennsylvania is 28,692,480 acres. Forests once grew upon 27,000,000 acres. From 9,500,000 to 10,000,000 acres can never be used profitably for anything but growing timber.

Roast veal, fried potatoes, stewed tomatoes, dried corn, canned peaches, hot biscuits, butter, cookies, coffee, not a menu of the Bellevue-Stratford, but a meal served in a Pennsylvania State Forest tree-planting camp. It cost sixteen and one half cents per man.

Pennsylvania has about 2,000,000 acres of waste farm land, land once cleared and farmed, but now abandoned. It should be planted to trees.

Enough roads, trails, fire lines, and boundary lines have been opened on Pennsylvania's State Forests to reach from New York to San Francisco and half way back.

The first tree seed from a State Forest plantation has been collected from white ash planted near Asaph, Tioga county.

## Deaths of Centre Countians.

Chancey D. Cline, a member of Co. D, 45th Regiment, P. V. I., died in Harrisburg. He was born in Milesburg, July 4th 1841.

Mrs. Emily Irene Furey Larimer, wife of John Larimer, died at her home in Bellefonte of Bright's disease, aged thirty-seven years. She was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Morris W. Furry.

John Pearl died in the Indiana hospital, Indiana, from heart disease, aged fifty-five years. He was formerly a resident of Bellefonte.

Philip Welty died at the home of his son-in-law, Frank Houser, near Bellefonte, aged eight years.

Lawrence Wion died in Atlantic City, aged fifty-two years. His wife nee Miss Mary Miller, of Pleasant Gap, and one son, Harry, survive.

## SEPTEMBER COSMOPOLITAN.

Robert W. Chambers' new novel, "The Restless Sex"; a new story by Fannie Hurst, "Get Ready the Wreaths"; a thriller, "The Purple Flask," by Gouverneur Morris. Other great features by Theodore Dreiser, Cynthia Stockley, Herbert Kaufman, C. N. and A. M. Williamson, Lillie Langtry, Jack London, Arthur Reeve, Mary Roberts Rinehart, Ella Wheeler Wilcox, George Ade and many others.

## Notes.

I hereby surrender the office of burgess of the borough of Centre Hall, Pa. Resignation to take effect the 18th day of August, 1917.

B. H. ARNEY, Burgess.

## LETTER FULL OF INTEREST FROM FREEPORT, ILL.

J. M. Stiffler Writes in His Fine Style of Crop Conditions in the West—Gardening is Popular Among all Classes and Increased Food Production is the Result.

**Editors of the Reporter:**  
The Reporter still continues to send its weekly messages good and sad, from the old stand, to its readers all over this country. It becomes our duty to see that our subscription dues do not get in arrears. With war prices prevailing for everything that enters into the making of a weekly newspaper, the editors and publishers, as a class of hard working people, are certainly deserving of their bread and butter and a few luxuries that enter into good living, besides.

Just now we are sweltering in torrid heat during the day, but the nights are cool. The hot weather began two weeks ago. Strong breezes prevail daily. Last week we had hot winds for several days but no serious damage to vegetation resulted. Temperature has not gone beyond the 100 degree mark thus far this summer. Pretty dry at present; no rain for two weeks. Pastures, corn and late potatoes must have rain soon if large yields are to be had. April, May and June averaged cooler than for several years previous. The cool weather hindered plant growth. In consequence all field crops are about two weeks later than usual. Corn in northern Illinois certainly has a very thrifty appearance at present. It is now tasseling and with favorable weather conditions this month and next we may certainly expect a bumper yield. The acreage is about one fifth larger than last year. The small grain crop never was better as a whole than this year. It is now nearly all in shock. Some pieces of oats will yield 80 bushels per acre; barley will yield 60 bushels per acre and winter and spring wheat will yield 40 bushels per acre. Wheat is a minor crop in this section. Only about 500 acres are planted in this county each year. The hay crop was gotten up in fine shape. Timothy on new seedling was heavy. But little clover and alfalfa survived the freezes and ice coat of last winter. About 75 per cent. of the clover and all of the alfalfa fields on prairie lands had to be put in corn and small grain crops. Hay without doubt will command high prices later in the season. Farmers with large herds of stock, who were depending on clover and alfalfa for rough feed, are now contracting with dealers to furnish them from other sections and the price will be about \$20.00 a ton delivered.

Very little idle land is in evidence in and around this city this season. All the vacant lots and back yards that formerly grew to weeds or harbored rubbish in the city are now fruitful of all kinds of garden truck. School children of all ages, male and female shop and office people who never gave a garden a thought before this summer, now devote their leisure time to the care of a garden. Every good citizen considered it a part of their patriotic duties to help increase the food supplies by making the waste places produce something for the table in these war times.

Farm help is scarce. Farmers pay \$3.00 per day with board and lodging. Women can be seen in the fields driving teams and shocking grain.  
The first selective draft for the war will demand about 240 of our best physical young manhood as the quota from this county. The draft was for 1500.  
The fruit crop is light here this year with the exception of cherries and grapes. Strawberries sold at 15c per quart by the crate while raspberries sold at twenty and twenty-five cents per quart by the crate. Cherries sold as high as \$3 per bushel. A little over 100 bushels were harvested from the 75 trees of the orchard of your correspondent this year. It took fully 3 weeks to take care of and market this quantity of early and late varieties. The quality was of the best.

The writer does not wish to burden your readers with too long a letter at this time but wishes to make short mention, before concluding, of a trip over parts of three counties (Stephenson, Ogle and Carroll) last Tuesday. It was termed a sociability tour and was sponsored by our Chamber of Commerce. There were about forty automobiles and about 200 business men of Freeport. Stops were made at small towns in very township in the county. The Chamber of Commerce band played selections at every stopping point. Twelve cities and towns were visited in three different counties. The purpose of the trip was to get acquainted with our neighbors. It was certainly a jolly bunch who left here at 8:30 a. m. Of course we raised clouds of dust as we sped along 180 miles of highway. In two weeks another trip to the north is planned. The writer expects to be one of them again.

**J. M. STIFFLER.**

## LIKELY TO DOUBLE DOG TAX RATE

Under State Act County Commissioners are Authorized to Make Boost.

Assessors in the county are heaving great breaths of relief coincident with receipt of the information that no more will they be required to tag around after dog taxes as has been the case during the past few years. The whole problem will be unloaded upon the shoulders of County Treasurer David Chambers, who is authorized to receive taxes for dog license tags in the same manner as he now receives fees for hunters' license tags and mercantile tax certificates. The new law becomes effective in December.

Nor is this all for under the provisions of the law the county commissioners are authorized to double the dog tax rate increasing the tax fee to \$2 for male canines and as high as \$4 for the opposite gender. This circumstance will either greatly add to the funds in the county treasury or else greatly deplete the canine population.

When dog licenses are procured owners will be obliged to give their names and also supply information relative to the dog setting forth the breed, age, sex, color and markings. The assessors will take a census enumeration of all dogs in their respective balliwicks during December and owners are required to pay the prescribed fee on or before January 15 following. If the fees remain unpaid ward and township constables will be instructed to shoot all untagged dogs. The lagging tactics in vogue in years past will be tolerated no longer.

## Reckless Driving Cost \$1000.

Some months ago the Reporter, more or less in detail, printed an account of reckless driving by I. J. Drees through the city of Williamsport, and further made mention of the arrest that followed. Since then the case was brought to trial, and the following is a brief summary of the result as gathered from the Williamsport papers:

I. J. Drees, of Lemont, has learned that joy rides in Lycoming county are expensive experiences. While passing thru Williamsport several weeks ago in an automobile Drees ran into and injured a seven year old girl. The girl spent several weeks in a hospital following the accident. Police officers traced Drees to Lock Haven, where he was arrested in a hotel. He was brought back to Williamsport to face a charge of reckless driving. At the same time the management of the hotel in which Drees was arrested at Lock Haven brought a charge of larceny against the Centre county visitor. A continuance of the case was granted pending the outcome of the condition of the little girl, whom the suit injured. His case came up in court this week and before he finished with it he found that the experience had cost him \$1000. He paid the parents of the girl \$500 in addition to her doctor bill and hospital charges. His fines and court costs boosted the total to \$1000.

## Asking to Frank Soldiers' Letters.

Congress has the proposition before it in a bill that "duly certified letters of soldiers, sailors and marines in the service of the United States during the present war be forwarded without any payment of postage whatever." The extension of free mail service to the fighting men of the country will mean much to them and to their folks back home and it will not cost the government much in actual money. In the war with Spain soldiers' letters were carried free, and the continental congress gave the frank to Revolutionary soldiers. Thus the plan has plenty of precedent.

## Forester Barns to Change Residence.

L. G. Barner, forester on the Nittany State forest for a period of three years during which time he was located at Centre Hall, some time during September will change his place of residence from here to Pleasant Gap. In addition to having charge of the forest named, Mr. Barner will also look after a portion of the Snow Shoe forest.

Mrs. Barner, mother of the forester, and son, Mortimer, will return to Philadelphia where they will again make their home. They have planned to leave here after the close of the Grange Encampment and Fair.

## 200,000 Called to Colors Sept. 1.

More than 200,000 men of the selective draft forces will be called to the colors September 1 to go immediately to their divisional training camps. This will bring the strength of the United States army on that date up to practically 1,000,000 men.

Pennsylvania leads the nation with over 20,000 voluntary enlistments in the regular army and navy. That is where she belongs. Right in the front row.

## THE LUTHERAN REUNION.

Gathering Largely Attended—Laysville Band Furnished Splendid Music and Dr. Hartman talked on Home Missions.

The annual reunion of the members of the Penns Valley Lutheran church held on Grange Park is becoming more and more educational, with no intent whatever of doing away with the picnic spirit manifested to such a large extent in previous years. The address on last Wednesday by Dr. A. S. Hartman, Baltimore, General Secretary of Home Missions, was full of instruction. The speaker dwelt largely on home mission work, and referred to the failures and successes of the board in its early history, and the growth of the church in recent years. Dr. Hartman's long connection with the various boards gives him a complete knowledge of the working of the Lutheran church, and when up for an address facts and figures never fail him.

"Our Boys" did themselves great credit under their new instructor, Prof. G. M. Stauffer. The band consists of thirty-five pieces, the members ranging in age from eleven to sixteen years. The music rendered is of high order and its execution would be a credit to any musical organization. Aside from being good musicians, the boys presented a fine appearance, both from a physical and intellectual view.

Prof. Stauffer is giving his whole time to the boys' band and girls' orchestra, the latter a new organization. He is deeply interested in the Laysville Orphans Home as an institution, as was abundantly shown in his address at the conclusion of the morning session.

The spirit of the day was entered into by every one present, and from the point of attendance it was probably the largest yet held. The afternoon session was devoted to a bit of business, the reunion, it was decided to be again held a year hence on Grange Park. The officers were also re-elected, and the Laysville band again engaged for the 1918 gathering.

A measure was adopted looking toward extending the scope and territory of the reunion. The president was empowered to call an assembly of the pastorates in the county, each pastoral to have one representative, and to learn from them whether they desired to unite with the Penns Valley charge to hold a re-union in future years.

## Locals Trim Linden Ball.

The Centre Hall baseball team more than made up for the drubbing they received a few weeks ago at the hands of the Linden Hall team, when on Wednesday of last week, on the occasion of the Lutheran picnic, they triumphed over the boys from the neighboring town by the score of 13 to 1. The figures would seem to indicate a listless game. On the contrary it was full of exciting features and the big crowd had many opportunities for applauding good hitting and splendid fielding on both sides.

"Curly" Auman displayed good ability at curving the ball for the locals and had the visitors at his mercy at all times. Only six hits were made off his delivery. "Southpaw" McClintock, for the visitors, was touched up for sixteen swats, two being good for three bases—one by Stahl and the other by Calvin Smith, a former local star who was here on a vacation. Stahl's hit had a howitzer effect on the enemy for it unloaded the three cushions when it was touched off.

The following is the box score:

CENTRE HALL					
	R	H	O	A	E
C. Smith, 1b	2	3	10	0	0
N. Emerick, ss	2	1	1	3	2
W. Bradford, c	2	3	10	0	0
S. Smith, 3b	0	2	2	1	0
E. Gramley, 2b	3	2	1	2	0
C. Auman, p	1	3	2	3	0
A. Crawford, lf	1	1	1	0	0
W. Gramley, rf	1	0	1	0	0
B. Stahl, cf	1	1	0	0	0
Totals	13	16	27	9	2

## LINDEN HALL

	R	H	O	A	E
S. Ross, 2b	0	1	4	2	0
R. McClintock, ss	0	2	1	4	1
P. Ross, c	0	0	7	0	0
W. Oaman, lf	0	1	1	0	0
W. Keller, cf	0	1	1	1	0
W. Tressler, 1b	0	0	6	0	1
A. Carper, 3b	0	0	2	2	2
H. Ralston, rf	0	0	2	0	0
N. McClintock, p	1	1	0	1	0
Totals	1	6	24	9	5

## RUNS BY INNINGS

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Centre Hall—0 2 0 4 1 2 0 4 x — 13

If the lower house adopts the Senate measure, Postmaster General Burleson will have \$100,000 with which to conduct the experiment of an auto service between the producer and consumer.

## Two Barns Burn in Ferguson Twp.

The Reporter's Pine Grove Mills correspondent notes the burning of two barns in that section, as follows: Last Saturday about 4:00 p. m. an electric storm swept over east Ferguson township. Lightning struck two barns and burnt them to the ground, destroying all this season's crops except the oats. One was the M. A. Drebelbis barn, in which one horse, four calves and all the crops were destroyed. The other was the George C. Shuey barn, the farm being tenanted by William Wolf, and located only a half a mile from the scene of the other fire. The loss here was complete. Both barns were insured.

## 3 1-4 Inches of Rain.

The heaviest rainfall of the season occurred on Monday night when a total of two and a quarter inches of rain was recorded by the government rain gauge, in charge of the Reporter. Shower followed shower all night long and each was of torrential intensity and accompanied by great electrical display. Corn, which is developing ears, will be expected to show wonders in growth in the next few weeks as a result of the rain.

## Auto Burns from Blowout.

A blowout on a front wheel was responsible for burning up a valuable automobile, in Lewistown Narrows, belonging to D. J. Arnold and sending four people to the Lewistown hospital for repairs. Miss Charlotte Skinner, superintendent of the Standard Steel Works, sustained a fracture of the collarbone with minor injuries. Walker Woods was badly cut about the face and head, D. Grant Arnold was seriously injured about the back and legs. Miss Catharine Thompson, Mary and Joseph Wood escaped with minor injuries.

## Good Crops in Buffalo Valley.

Editor Reporter:  
Find enclosed check for Reporter. I like to read what old friends in Centre county are doing. We have a fine locality here and delightful neighborhood. Crops are good all through. I have harvested one of the best oats crops I have ever raised in my farming experience. Few farmers were lucky enough to get their oats in without getting it wet. We have had showers every day and night and with such conditions corn promises to be a bumper crop, providing that nothing destroys it. Buffalo valley is a hard one to beat for fertility.

O. A. JAMISON.  
Mifflinburg, Pa., August 11, 1916.

## Teachers' Institute in November.

The annual session of the Centre County Teachers' Institute will be held this year in the week beginning Monday, November 12th. The meetings will be held in the Court House in Bellefonte.  
County Superintendent Eiters is now engaged in shaping up his program of instructive and entertaining features for the several hundred teachers. He announces that he will have for the entire week two of the greatest Institute workers to be found in the county. They are Supt. Blair, of the State Educational Department of Illinois, and Dr. O'Shea, professor of education of the University of Wisconsin.

Considerable work is being done on the road across Nittany mountain by I. A. Sweetwood and a force of men, who are working under state supervision. Of course, it is repair work. The road is receiving a light covering of gravel, which material has been used largely on this road for many years, and while the wear is not nearly as long as stone, the cost is so very much less that the expenditure is warranted. It appears that if the mountain road can be maintained with this cheap material the approach to it could also be kept in repair in a like manner and with the same profit. Much service can be had from the use of this gravel if proper judgement is used in the application of it and proper attention given afterward.

It is somewhat of a job and a little early to do it, but the government gives out that the potato crop will be 467,000,000 bushels, far over the average crop, over 100,000,000 more bushels than was harvested last year. Judging from rural reports the total estimated yield could be increased by another round of nine figures, for there is scarcely a limit to the size of individual tubers, number on the stalks, yield to the row for about "so long," when the question is up for discussion among the farmers.

School boards who contracted with teachers previous to the time the new minimum salary law became operative, will be obliged to secure new contracts, with salaries according to the new schedule: Provisional certificate, \$45; Normal school certificate, \$55; permanent or Normal school diploma, \$60.

## TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

### HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS

All laws need to be enforced with horse-sense.  
The threshing machines are at work, most of the threshing being done for seed.

The Centre county Pomona Grange will meet at Port Matilda, Tuesday, 21st instant.

A bit of inquiry reveals that locally at least the acreage being put to wheat will be larger than that sown in 1916.

If you give your own business your best attention you will have less time to meddle with the business of other people.

Arthur C. Dale has been appointed county surveyor to take the place of Sergeant Paul L. Wetzel, who is in the National service.

John H. Horner, of Tusseyville, went to York the latter part of last week where he purchased a pair of exceptionally fine large mules.

The Laysville band gave a creditable concert on the lawn of the Lutheran church the evening of their arrival in Centre Hall. The offering lifted yielded almost \$30.00.

The Sinking Creek section, east of Centre Hill, Spring Mills, and Brush Valley, received several heavy showers of rain Thursday of last week. At Centre Hall the rain was quite moderate.

Accused of speeding on the road between Mifflinburg and Lewisburg, Sunday a week, forty-four automobile drivers were invited to appear before a justice and make good. State police are said to have taken the numbers.

Although she went west from Boalsburg, back in 1871, Mrs. S. L. Conser, of Loma, Colorado, retains a deep interest in affairs in this section and finds the Reporter her chief source of information about things "back home."

A coil being driven by James Wert, of Aaronburg, scared at a passing auto and resulted in throwing Mr. Wert and Mrs. Wert from the buggy to which the animal was hitched. Mrs. Wert received an injury to one of her lower limbs.

Two men in Lewistown named John Johnson and Frank O'Brien are charged with giving liquor to men in army uniform, an offense having attached the penalty of three years imprisonment and \$1000 fine. The Mifflin county sheriff put the men under arrest.

Mrs. Catharine Oberholzer, of near Millersburg, keeps a lively interest in affairs in Penns Valley, her former home, and never makes a remittance to the Reporter without giving kindly expression for the amount of home news printed in her favorite paper—the Reporter.

Measrs. Irvin Zettle, Reuben Zettle, Samuel Gross and Samuel Bane, who have been working at Ambury, near Crescon, returned to their respective homes on Saturday for a stay of a few days. They are engaged with a firm that keeps in repair company houses at coal mines.

The Lock Haven business men's association, accompanied by the Nypen band, passed through Centre Hall Thursday afternoon of last week on their return from Mt. Carmel where they attended a convention of the Retail Merchants association. There were twenty-seven automobiles, carrying 148 members of the association and a band of 64 pieces.

With a view of preventing the misuse of the Red Cross uniform, the government is about to permit the wearing of U. S. on the collar and the caduceus on the cloak. The Red Cross and the Red Cross uniform is much misused at present, but the action about to be taken by the government will go a long way toward making the Red Cross sacred like the flag.

The Bear Meadows are being frequented by large numbers of persons during this summer. There are a number of pretty hunting and fishing camps near the edge of the meadows, and these improvements resulted in the building of roads leading to them permitting of automobile travel. Among those who recently visited this interesting section, the home of the pitcher plant, were Dr. H. F. Bitner, Joseph Bitner, Harry Meyer and Dr. J. Frank Meyer.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Frank Meyer and son Theodore, of Washington, D. C., for a week or more have been guests at the home of the former's mother, Mrs. J. S. Meyer, at Penn Hall. Mr. Meyer holds a position with the government in the Bureau of Standards, with which bureau he has been connected for a number of years. Just now, Mr. Meyer says, his department is working on designs for an engine for use on arlying machines that will be able to speed at the rate of one hundred and fifty miles an hour.