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P. O. S. OF A. PREPARE FOR BIG PICNIC AT CENTRE HALL FOR LABOR DAY.

Twelve Camps in Centre County to Take Part in First Annual Picnic.—Judge Johnson, of Lewisburg, to Speak.—Band, Sports and Amusements for the Day.

The local camp P. O. S. of A., which has in charge the first Centre county P. O. S. of A. picnic, is working with much vim for the success of the initial gathering, to be held on Grange Park, on Monday, September 3rd, which is Labor Day, and a legal holiday.

It is expected that the twelve camps which comprise the county alliance will send a strong force of members and their families and enjoy the day, together with the general public, in a grand basket picnic.

A large committee, made up of live-wires of the local camp, is arranging for the consummation of the various features which go toward making an outdoor picnic a success.

Tentative plans, which it is believed will be altered but little, have for their purpose a big street parade, comprising the various lodges, at ten o'clock a. m. Following the march to the park, Judge Albert W. Johnson, of Lewisburg, will address the gathering in the auditorium. Judge Johnson is a man of wide reputation as a public speaker, and especially along the work of the Patriotic Sons of America is he a noted enthusiast. Judge Johnson is constantly sought after for public occasions, and the local committee is indeed fortunate to have been able to engage him for Labor Day.

The noon hour will find many families partaking of the contents of heaping baskets which will be spread in the shady spots on the park. A lunch stand will be on the grounds where sandwiches, ice cream, soft drinks, melons, and other fruits may be procured.

Good music for the day is assured in the appearance of the Pine Grove Mills band. These Ferguson township musicians were present at the community picnic and it is well known that neither quality or quantity will be lacking to satisfy music lovers.

A baseball game, various amusing and interesting contests, will comprise the sport features for the day. Besides these there will be in full operation on the park the "ocean wave", so that there will be no dearth of amusements and pleasure.

Capping a day's festivities will be a grand festival on the park in the evening. The local camp will go to considerable expense to make this day one of real pleasure and profit for everybody, and it is hoped that they may be repaid by the appearance of a large turnout from all parts of the county. The day is a legal holiday and should be enjoyed away from care and toil.

What a Fifty-Dollar Bond Will Do.

The proceeds of one fifty-dollar Liberty Loan Bond will purchase:

- Thirteen 13 pounder shells for destroying submarines.
- Four 6-inch shells for the same purpose.
- One hundred pounds of smokeless powder.
- Eighteen gas masks for a like number of soldiers at the front.
- Enough coal to drive a destroyer one hundred twenty miles.
- Enough gasoline to drive a submarine destroyer one hundred and fifty miles.
- A sailor's uniform outfit.
- Four months' subsistence for a soldier.

Are Erecting a Hunting Camp.

A crowd of men from State College have purchased an acre of ground about two miles above Potters Mills, in what is known as the "Loop" and are erecting a hunting camp that will be a hummer, says the State College Times. The building will be of stone with a large fireplace and sleeping quarters for twelve. The members of the camp are doing all the building themselves and will have everything completed in a few weeks. The members of the camp are Howard Musser, James Holmes, J. B. Heberling, Harry Sauer, Harry Koch, John J. Snyder, J. L. Homes and Hamill Holmes.

Timely Garden Suggestions.

Timely garden suggestions offered by The Pennsylvania State College are as follows:

- Tillage saves moisture. Crops need all the moisture they can get this month.
- Cultivate after every rain if possible. Compost piles of manure need attention at this time. Apply water to prevent fire fangling and fork over the piles at least twice to secure fine texture.
- Do not wash tomatoes; wipe with a damp cloth. Water makes the fruit soft.
- Keep the late cabbage well tilled. Apply nitrate of soda if necessary.
- When marketing the crops is the time to save seed for the next year. Productiveness, uniformity in size and shape, color and quality are prime factors.

Beavertown, Snyder county, citizens are jubilant because a silk mill is to be built in the town. Promoters have visited the town and subscriptions have been raised for the erection of the building. Volunteers to the number of 112 in Beavertown alone, have signified their willingness to work, and at least that many from nearby communities are expected to take advantage of the opportunity to present itself before long.

Former Senator John W. Kern, of Indiana, Democratic nominee for vice president in 1908, died at Asheville, North Carolina, Friday night. He was sixty-eight years old.

Geary-Whitman.

Taking the bus for Lewistown on Friday afternoon, ostensibly for a few days' visit with friends in that section, Miss Mary Whitman, of Centre Hall, met Charles W. Geary, of Newport, at St. John's Lutheran parsonage, Lewistown, where the couple were united in the bonds of holy wedlock. The only witnesses to the ceremony were Miss Carribel Emerick, of Centre Hall, and David Ickes, of Newport.

The bride is the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Whitman, of Centre Hall. She is a graduate of the local High school and up until the day of her marriage was assistant night operator in the local Bell telephone exchange. The groom is a brother of F. P. Geary, of Centre Hall, and is a clerk in his brother's store at Newport, for which place the newlyweds departed following the wedding ceremony. They will not begin house-keeping until some time in the future. The many friends of the young people extend congratulations.

Where the Drafted Men Will Train.

The 116 men who comprise Centre county's quota in the new federal army will receive their training at Camp Meade, Admiral, Maryland, according to a recent announcement by Brigadier General Chover.

The state's draft will be divided into three camps. All of the drafted men from Philadelphia and eastern Pennsylvania will go to Camp Meade, at Admiral, Md. The National Army forces obtained in Pittsburgh and the western section of the State will go to Camp Lee, at Petersburg, Va. The 4809 men drawn from portions of the Twenty-second, Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Congressional Districts will go to Camp Sherman, at Chillicothe, O.

Entertained 45 Guests at Her Home.

Mrs. W. T. Noll entertained a party of forty-five guests Wednesday evening at her home at Locust Grove, near Linden Hall. The affair was given in honor of her house guests, Mrs. Elizabeth Smith, of Jersey City, New Jersey, and the Misses Lillian Wolf and Margaret Wolf, of Greensburg.

Various games were indulged in throughout the evening and a delicious lunch was served by the hostess. The out-of-town guests present were Mrs. Albertson, of Philadelphia; Miss Edwina Wieland, a student at Bloomsburg Seminary; Ned Keller, a member of the Officer's Reserve Corps at Fort Niagara; Miss Elizabeth Smith, of Jersey City, N. J., and the Misses Lillian and Margaret Wolf, of Greensburg.

When We Draft the Wage-Earner.

When we draft the wage-earner, we call not only him but the entire family to the flag; the sacrifice entailed is not divisible. The wife and children, the mother, the father, are all involved in the sacrifice—they directly share the burden of defense. They suffer just as much as the soldier, but in a different way, and the Nation must generously discharge as a proud privilege the duty of maintaining them until the soldiers and sailors return from the war and resume the responsibility.

Violations of the Pure Food Laws.

Violations of the pure food laws of the State during the first six months of the year resulted in hundreds of prosecutions and fines against the violators amounting to \$19,508.91.

THE DUTY OF A JUST GOVERNMENT.

Family Allowance, Indemnity, and Insurance for Our Soldiers and Sailors.

[By W. G. McAdoe, Secretary of the Treasury]

The number of claims for exemption from military duty under the draft law has caused a painful impression in many quarters, but after all, does not the fact that no provision has yet been made by the Government for the support of the wives and children, mother or fathers of the men who have been drafted explain many of these claims for exemption?

Under the draft law the Government has the power to require every able-bodied man between 21 and 31 years of age to perform military duty. Thousands of the drafted men are wage-earners who married years ago and are the sole support of dependent families. So long as the Government has made no provision for the care of these dependents, it is natural that such drafted men should seek to protect their loved ones by staying at home. I am sure that if the Congress should promptly enact the pending war insurance bill, which makes definite allowance for the support of the dependent wives and children, fathers or mothers, of our soldiers and sailors, claims for exemption on that score will cease. This is an important duty of the Government. We cannot deprive helpless women and children of the support of the wage-earner by forcing him into the military service of the country unless the Government substitutes itself as their support.

Imagine the emotions of a man who is called into military service of his country with full knowledge that his loved ones are left without means of support and may be reduced to want unless the charity of the community in which they live comes to their relief. It would be nothing less than a crime for a rich and just Government to treat its fighting men so heartless and to subject their dependent wives and children, who are unable to fight, to greater suffering than if they could fight.

The morale of an army is as essential to its effective fighting power as guns, ammunition and other instrumentalities of war. Of equal importance is the morale of the civil population which must support the armies in the field. We cannot have the essential morale unless the Nation comforts the men in the ranks with the knowledge that everything possible will be done for them and their families, and renders to the civil population at home assistance which will make it most effective in upholding the Government and the fighting forces.

The purpose of the war insurance bill now pending in the Congress is to secure the future of America's soldiers and sailors by insuring their lives providing adequate compensations and indemnities for loss of life and total or partial permanent disability; also to protect their families against poverty and want by providing them with sufficient means of support during the absence of the men at the front.

The nation, having been forced to resort to the draft in order to create quickly an army to save the country, is under a higher obligation to do these things for its fighting forces than if a volunteer army was created. This great and rich Republic cannot afford to do less, and it must do what is proposed in a spirit of gratitude and not as charity. Every soldier and sailor who serves his country in this war will earn everything the proposed war insurance bill provides; to be a beneficiary of the proposed law will be a badge of honor.

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The pending war insurance bill gives compensation, not pension; it fixes amounts in advance instead of holding out the mere chance of gratuities after the conclusion of peace. It saves dependents from want and gives them necessities of life while their men are at the front. It deals with its heroes liberally for the suffering that result from their disablement on the field of battle, and if they die, it makes just provision for the loved ones who survive them. It fosters the helpless and dependent, the maimed and disabled, and recognizes the immensity of the Nation's debt to the valor and patriotism of her heroic sons.

Old Fellows of Union, Snyder, Mifflin and Juniata counties will meet at Beaver Springs on Saturday, August 18, in the beautiful Centennial Park, west of town. Thousands of three-drinkers from over Pennsylvania will gather in this reunion, which is a yearly event for the inhabitants of Central Pennsylvania.

SMETZLER GOLDEN WEDDING.

Celebration of Event Held in Centre Hall, Wednesday of Last Week.

An exceedingly delightful affair was the celebration of the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. James H. Smetzler, celebrated at their home in Centre Hall, Wednesday of last week, the assembling hour being 11:30 a. m. There were many relatives of the couple present from various sections, some coming from Ohio for this special occasion. In all the guests numbered eighty-nine; their names are appended.

Of course, the happiest couple in the gathering were the bride and groom, who wore real smiles that would not come off. They are quite young looking and in reality are not older than they look and feel. The couple have lived in Centre Hall for many years, and while residents here celebrated their silver wedding. Mr. Smetzler is on the retired list of the Pennsylvania Railroad company, having served long as a section foreman. The couple are childless, but did much and are yet doing much for other children. Mrs. Clyde Bradford, who was taken into their home when but a small child, can vouch for this, and today finds the Smetzler home next only to her own.

Just a bit before the meridian hour, Mr. and Mrs. Smetzler appeared at the front of their home and they followed a few appropriate remarks by Rev. J. C. Still, after which the invitation for dinner was given. There was a great abundance and variety of choice dishes prepared for the occasion, which apparently did not diminish.

Most of the remembrances were in the style of gold pieces, the deviation being but two, and these were probably the most valuable and were of cut glass, presented by Mr. and Mrs. F. Stoughton, of Lewisburg, and Mr. and Mrs. Guy W. Jacobs, of Steubenville, Ohio.

The following were present: Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Harabarger, of Altoona, Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Krebs and son, and Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Stoughton, of Lewisburg; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Mitchell, of Lock Haven; Mrs. O. C. Mitchell and son, Glenside; Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Hollingsworth and daughter, Ralph Miller, Paul Mager, John Confer, and Harry Miller, of Mill Hall; Mr. and Mrs. D. G. Smetzler, of Clyde, Ohio; William H. Weaver, of Tiffin, Ohio; Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Lee, of Linden Hall; Mrs. Jerry Confer, of Spring Mills; Rev. J. C. Still, Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Colyer and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Weber and granddaughter, Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Arney, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Ripks and daughter, Mrs. E. W. Crawford and son, Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Foreman, Mr. Rev. R. R. Jones and daughter, Mrs. Samuel Gross, Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Hartley and son, Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Glaxner and daughters, Mrs. G. O. Benner and niece, Mrs. M. J. Odenkirk, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Odenkirk and daughters, B. D. Briabin, O. M. Boal, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Shirk, Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Bradford, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Runkle, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Meyer, Mrs. Lizzie Jacobs, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Bradford, J. W. Bradford, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Bradford and children, Miss Tillie Keller, Miss Eliza Moore, Miss Carrie Sweetwood and Miss Ida Sweetwood, of Centre Hall.

"Dry" Issue in Union County.

One of the biggest fights ever waged for a county office will be staged in Union county this fall when the office of associate judge will be filled. There are ten candidates in the field as follows: A. K. Dieffenderfer and Gottlieb Rowe, the present incumbents, and John F. Hakenberg, the present sheriff; Harry B. Royer, H. H. Herbster, Pharoas Rank, D. R. Purley, George M. Kline, Thomas M. Shively, and W. K. Forster.

The two present associates, who are candidates for re-election, have announced themselves as "dry" candidates, as well as a number of others but there is a certain element among the candidates who have not yet announced their position. Consequently the anti-saloon forces of the county are waging a fight to keep Union county dry and have sent out notices stating that "The present issue in Union county: shall barrooms be licensed to sell alcoholic poison to the people? Answer must be given by the voters at the primaries on Wednesday, September 19 and finally on Tuesday, November 6, 1917, in the choice of associate judges."

Old Fellows in Reunion.

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Purchase New Tents for Grange Fair.

That the camping feature of the annual Grange Encampment and Fair is not on the wane but constantly meeting with greater favor is shown by the fact that the management is obliged to purchase fifteen new tents to meet the demand this year. These beside the twenty-five tents which will be rented from the State Forestry department.

The work of erecting the canvas homes for the families intending to spend the week on the Park is progressing rapidly. By the end of this week one hundred and fifty tents will have been staked and by the latter part of next week the park will be ready to accommodate two hundred and twenty-five families under the canvas roofs.

All indications point to a great exhibition this year. The management is receiving many requests from implement manufacturers for displaying the most modern farm machinery. The display of farm, garden, and orchard products will undoubtedly eclipse all former exhibits owing to the ideal weather conditions which have prevailed during the growing season.

The opening day of the Encampment and Fair is Saturday, September 8th; the closing day, Friday September 14th.

One Killed in Auto Wreck Near Philipsburg.

One man was instantly killed and four persons were injured when a Penuys passenger train on the Tyrone division crashed into a motor car owned by Charles Robert, of Huntingdon, at a grade crossing at Bigler, near Philipsburg, Sunday morning at 8:14 o'clock.

After striking the machine the train carried it sixty feet along the track. The accident happened in plain view of the people assembled at the depot. The wreck was made more spectacular when the auto caught fire.

Roy Rubert, aged 22, of Huntingdon, is the dead man. The injured are Mr. and Mrs. Charles Robert, parents of the man killed; Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Hess, of Altoona.

Spring Mills Wins Over Bellefonte.

In a fast game of base ball played at Spring Mills on Saturday, the locals came through with a clean cut victory over Bellefonte by a 5-3 score. The result was never in doubt, although the game was far from being one-sided. Pitcher Deitrich was unfortunate in having his defense behind him crack at the time when air-tight playing would have prevented scoring. The feature of the game was the fact that there were no put-outs for the Spring Mills outfielders and only three for the Bellefonte fly-chasers. The score follows:

BELLEFONTE			
	R	H	E
Gordon, ss	0	1	1
Clemson, rf	0	0	0
Toner, 2b	0	0	2
Deitrich, p	0	1	0
Kuhns, lf	2	1	0
Gilliland, 3b	0	0	0
Decker, 3b	0	0	0
Rice, cf	0	0	0
Jones, c	0	1	0
Johnson, 1b	0	0	1
Totals	3	6	4

SPRING MILLS			
	R	H	E
E Gramley, p	1	1	0
Meyer, cf	2	2	0
D Kessler, c	1	1	1
Coodo, 3b	1	2	0
W Gramley, 1b	0	0	1
J Corman, ss	0	1	1
J Kessler, 2b	0	0	1
Allison, lf	0	0	0
G. Corman, rf	0	0	0
Totals	5	7	4

RUNS BY INNINGS.

Bellefonte - 010010001 - 3
Spring Mills - 30002000x - 5

Struck out, by Deitrich 10; by Gramley 13. Bases on balls, off Deitrich 2. Two-base hit, Jones.

FRUITTOWN.

Mrs. Alfred Reiber and three children, of Johnstown, spent Sunday at the William Reiber home.

Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Thomas and Mr. and Mrs. Ashbridge Thomas autored to Altoona one day last week.

Arthur Dippery and family of Reedsville, spent Sunday at the home of his brother Rush at this place.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Brown, of this place, are the proud parents of a baby girl. Both mother and baby are doing nicely.

Russel Copenhaver returned to the home of his grandparents after a few months' visit with relatives at Tyrone.

Those who took dinner, Sunday, at the Edward Bubb home were Mr. and Mrs. William Saron and children, of State College, and Ammon Bubb and son Charles, of Reedsville.

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS

Squire Cyrus Brungart is anticipating a crop of 150 bushels of choice peaches from his orchard in the borough.

Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Smith and daughter Louise drove to State College on Sunday, spending the day with relatives.

Lay aside your labors on Labor Day (September 3rd) and attend the big Centre County P. O. S. of A. picnic on Grange Park.

Mrs. Clara Wagner and children, of Loganton, picked 1,000 quarts of huckleberries last week, which at 12½¢ per quart netted them a nice sum.

Dr. P. H. Dale, who has been appointed Captain in the Medical Reserve Corps was last week ordered to the medical officers training camp at Fort Oglethorpe, Ga.

Clayton Homan, formerly of this place, but now located in Cleveland as a demonstrator for the Hal Motor company, successfully passed the examination for the U. S. army.

Dr. John A. Hardenberg, of Millheim, last week received his commission as a first lieutenant in the medical reserve corps of the United States army. The commission dates from July 26.

J. Linn Harris, of Bellefonte, was appointed a corporation clerk in the treasury department under State Treasurer Herman M. Kephart. Mr. Harris has long been a picker of pickings in Centre county.

Harold Foster, son of former sheriff Philip D. Foster, of State College, has been commissioned a second lieutenant at Fort Sheridan, Illinois. He has been stationed at Rockford, Illinois, cantonnement.

Col. Henry W. Shosmaker, president of the Clinton county public safety committee, in order to improve the horse product in Clinton county, has secured the use of a blooded bay colt for his stables at McElhattan.

Friday of this week Recorder W. H. Brown will leave for Fort Niagara to enter the second training camp for the officers reserve corps. Mrs. Brown and deputy recorder Walter Armstrong will have charge of the recorder's office.

Dr. P. H. Dale, of State College, is now at Chattanooga, Tenn., with the U. S. army, and holds a captain's commission, while Dr. W. E. Park, of New Milford, is located at Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia, with a commission of first lieutenant.

Mrs. S. W. Smith is spending a few days with her sister, Mrs. L. Ray Morgan, in Philipsburg, assisting the Morgan family in moving to Homestead where Mr. Morgan has been employed with the Carnegie Steel Company for some years.

Herbert Foster, who some months ago entered the Fort Niagara officer's training camp, was given a commission in the U. S. army and was assigned to the quarter master department. The young man is a son of Rev. W. K. Foster, of Jenkintown, formerly from Centre Hall.

The State-Electric company on Tuesday authorized the employment of ten or twelve men to begin Monday morning to dig holes for the poles for the electric line in Millheim borough, says the Journal. The wages to be paid the workmen is \$2 per day. This is good news as it had looked as though the line would not be built this summer.

Ex-Register J. Frank Smith will break up his home in Bellefonte, and make sale of his household furniture on September first and with his son Swengel will take a room at the home of Mrs. John Kline, on west Curtin street. His daughter, Miss Nellie Smith, will go to Philadelphia where she will enter the University of Pennsylvania as a nurse in training.

The Williamsport Sun views the wholesale escape of prisoners from Rockview as follows: If Rockview, that beautiful little village just outside Bellefonte, has any more of citizens who desire to prematurely emigrate, please have them take the electrical test maintained at that institution first. If they pass that we will be willing to receive them.

John A. Slack, one of Potter township's oldest residents, was a visitor in town one day last week. Mr. Slack will reach his seventy-eighth birthday on the 3rd of next month. His physical condition is not so robust since an attack of pneumonia last winter which made serious inroads on his health. He takes a great interest in the part of the United States in taking in the world war and deprecates the fact that his age does not permit his taking an active part in the fight for world democracy.