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THE 44th ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT & FAIR TAKING SHAPE; PARK IS IN READINESS.

Committee Appeals for Big Exhibit of Farm Products.—Stock Judging Contest Will Prove New and Interesting Feature.—Opening Day is Saturday, September 8th.

The 44th annual Grange Encampment and Fair will open at Centre Hall on Saturday, September 8th, and continue until the 14th. A number of workmen have been on the ground for several weeks preparing for the comfort of visitors.

Numerous exhibition buildings are on the grounds and many tents will be erected. The entire ground and buildings have been provided with a complete electric light system, so that it will be practically as light at night as in the day time.

BOYS' PROGRAM

One of the new features of the 44th annual Grange Encampment will be a special program for the boys. The executive committee has asked Mr. R. H. Olmstead of the Centre County Farm Bureau to take charge of it and he will be assisted by C. G. McBride, State Leader of Boys Club work, and W. W. Reitz, Supervisor of Agriculture in the new vocational school at Spring Mills. The program will consist of a variety of agricultural activities, including rope tying and splicing, and livestock judging. Some organized games will also be introduced. The work should prove both pleasant and profitable to the boys who attend.

Mr. Olmstead and the members of the Picnic Executive Committee have worked out definite plans to reach a large number of boys in Centre county in advance, through local leaders. Mr. Olmstead was formerly an instructor in the Department of Animal Husbandry at the College and is particularly interested in the livestock part of the program. He is planning, with the assistance of the local leaders who have manifested an interest in the movement, to meet the boys in groups and give them illustrated talks on judging livestock. Those who have agreed to cooperate in making their work a success in their respective communities are: Miss Margaret Goheer, Bellefonte; Frank Dillon, Julian; Wm. Hosterman, Spring Mills; Ray Durst, Centre Hall; and Foster Musser, State College. There is also a group around Howard that will enroll for the contest.

Live stock judging contests for young men who expect later to own and breed good animals for themselves have become a prominent feature of the agricultural fairs of the state. In the counties in Pennsylvania that have Farm Bureau, plans have already been arranged for about fifty of these contests and State College has been pressed almost to its limit to supply judges for all. For the contest at the Encampment the college will furnish not only the judges but also the livestock to make up the various classes to be judged. The work will be on horses, beef cattle, sheep and possibly dairy cows. A valuable set of medals will be awarded to those having the three highest scores.

A more complete schedule of the work will be ready by the date of the opening of the Encampment. Enrollment will be open to boys up to twenty one years of age, both from the permanent campers and from those who come in only for the day. No fees of any sort will be connected with the work.

The State College and Experiment Station will also have a fine exhibit of its work in a large tent of its own. Don't miss seeing it.

EXHIBITS WANTED

We appeal to the farmers of Centre county to place on exhibition the products of their farms, gardens, orchards and vineyards. It is the aim of the management to have the exhibits this year excel those of any former year and to accomplish this end it is only necessary for those interested in the success of the great Grange Fair to do their share in the way of bringing meritorious articles to the big exhibition building on the park. The "old relics" department will again be a feature and those having antiques and heirlooms that are highly prized are urged to bring them to light for a week and place them on exhibit.

For each meritorious article put on exhibition a premium will be paid. Many families in former years have earned a tidy sum in this way. A splendid poultry building offers a fine opportunity to poultry raisers to show their stock and make sales for another season. A small premium will be paid for every bird and pet animal placed on exhibition. You can't afford to miss this opportunity of showing your poultry.

New amusements have been contracted for and there will be some-

thing to please everybody.

A full program of the proceedings for the week will be issued next week.

LEONARD RHONE,
Chairman.

Arrest suspicious character.

The quietude of a Sunday evening in the borough of Centre Hall was somewhat disturbed by a ripple of excitement occasioned by the ramblings of a suspicious character in the streets and alleys of the town, and his subsequent arrest and hearing before Judge Cyrus Brungart. The self-styled rover dropped into town about 4:30 o'clock Sunday afternoon, having come from Bellefonte. With the dress and earmarks of a typical "bad man", he attracted considerable attention as he strolled through the streets, surveying with an experienced eye the more pretentious buildings and noting details while taking a rest on front steps of a business place here and there. Not satisfied with a front view he surveyed the rear of buildings from the alleys, which was considered by a number of citizens sufficient reason for putting a summary stop to his "roving". Quite fortunately a State cop happened to be in town at the moment and it required little time to round up the stranger and have him explain his actions before the local court. Information was formally made against him, charging him with being a suspicious character, and asked whether he desired a hearing then, laconically replied, "Yes; we're all here now." The testimony produced was sufficient in the mind of the justice to warrant the consigning of the rover to a place of safe keeping for the night, and since the borough lock-up was declared to be in an insanitary condition, the prisoner was taken over the mountain to the county jail.

The stranger gave his name as John J. Godfrey, of Rochester, New York.

Writes from North Dakota.

The destruction wrought by a cyclone in Lisbon, North Dakota, on the 29th ult., is described by William Zerby, a "Loop" native, in a letter to the Reporter. Mr. Zerby says: "The cyclone struck us on Sunday evening at six o'clock. It came from the north-west. The roof of Thompson's new lumber shed, 200 feet by 40, was entirely torn off from one end to the other. The big Monarch grain elevator was thrown into the street; big trees were torn out by the roots. Continuing in a south-easterly course the cyclone demolished fifteen or twenty barns, and in one of these Alvin Miller had a harrowing experience. When his barn was wrecked he was in the act of milking a cow. The debris felled the cow, Miller being held under the animal. It was with great difficulty that he was released, and not until the cow was cut to pieces. A nine-year-old boy had his leg mashed in a barn so that amputation at the knee was necessary.

Crops were badly damaged by hail. Garden truck and potatoes were cut fine, and corn was badly shredded. A Mrs. Bolan, with her eight children, fled to the cellar to escape the storm. The house was blown from the foundation and demolished, together with all her furniture.

On Monday the country presented a sorrowful sight, with its immense damage. However, no lives were lost."

Our Volunteer Forces.

According to the official bulletin of the Committee on Public Information on Saturday last, there are now 943,141 men in the volunteer armed forces of the United States. Since war was declared 1,300,000 men in round numbers have offered themselves. The forces are thus divided: In the land forces there are 55,541 officers and 654,483 enlisted men, a total of 710,024. In the sea forces there are 9040 officers and 224,077 enlisted men, a total of 233,117. Since war declared the enlistments have been: For the naval forces, 121,514, and for the land forces 327,845, giving a total of 449,359. The present enrollment of nearly a million fighting men is the best answer to the sneering belittlement of our ability to prosecute the war which Berlin industriously circulated. Uncle Sam has millions more where these stalwart Americans came from. To the officers' reserve corps from the training camps 27,841 officers have come. From other sources 10,500 have been added to the corps.

The prospective bumper corn crop will no doubt be largely represented at the fairs this fall.

PETITIONS FILED FOR BORO OFFICES

A List of Candidates Whose Names Will be Printed on the Primary Election Ballot.

Local candidates for borough offices who will have their names printed on the ballot at the primary election by reason of having filed petitions on or before Wednesday of last week, are the following:

DEMOCRATIC
Judge of Election—J. H. Puff.
Inspector—Thos. L. Moore, W. F. Floray.
School Directors—Edward E. Bailey, 6 years; H. G. Strohmeyer, 4 years.
Auditors—J. H. Knarr, 6 years; William O. Heckman, 4 years.
Tax Collector—Chas. D. Bartholomew.
Assessor—D. A. Booser, J. H. Weber.
Burgess—G. H. Emerick.

REPUBLICAN
Judge of Election—G. M. Boal.
Inspector—C. F. Deininger.
School Directors—T. L. Smith, 6 years; C. F. Emery, 4 years.
Auditors—W. A. Odenkirk, 6 years; J. William Stump, 4 years.
Tax Collector—G. O. Benner.
Assessor—John C. Rosman.
Burgess—E. D. Brislin.
Councilmen—H. C. Shirk, A. P. Krape, James I. Fetterolf, I. A. Sweetwood.

Drowning Mrs. Community Picnic.

The enjoyment of Mifflinburg's community picnic, held at Wolfeland last Thursday, was marred by the drowning of Miss Carrie Wehr, aged twenty-two years, and a resident of Limestone township.

Miss Wehr in company with Miss Mary Shontz, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Shontz, of Mifflinburg, was in a boat on Buffalo creek. When they got to deeper water in the creek they proposed bathing and the young ladies got into the water at a point where it was very deep.

The young ladies had upturned the boat and were pushing it along, using it as a float when they got into deeper water and it supposed that Miss Wehr was seized with cramps and was compelled to let go her hold.

While floundering in the water Roy Stahl, a member of Troop M, jumped into the water in an effort to save the girl, but could make no progress owing to the character of his military dress. When the body was finally brought to shore, fifteen minutes later, it was discovered that life was extinct.

Will Speak on Labor Day.

Mrs. Viola Romans, Chautauqua lecturer and speaker of nation-wide reputation, in company with a delegation of ladies from Bellefonte, will appear on Grange Park on Labor Day and will speak from her car shortly after the noon hour. You will certainly be interested in her lecture, even though you may not agree with all she has to say.

Buttons for Exempted Men.

The first of the buttons to be distributed to those of draft age who have been exempted have been received at the State draft headquarters from Washington, and will be sent out to local boards immediately.

STATE AGRICULTURAL NOTES.

The average price of cherries was three cents higher than last year and raspberries and blackberries were two cents higher.

The Pennsylvania wheat crop will be more than a million bushels more than estimated a month ago and many reach 24,000,000 bushels.

Many requests for good beef type grade bulls are being received and orders filed by the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture experts.

An excellent hay crop is predicted for the State, despite the discouraging conditions during the early season. The average acre yield will be about 1.45 tons.

Present indications point to an increase over last estimates of the potato crop for this season which may bring as high as 90 bushels for the average yield throughout the State.

An increase of almost fifty per cent. in the yield of buckwheat is indicated by figures from all sections of the state computed by the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture.

The largest corn crop that Pennsylvania has had for many years is expected from reports received from all sections of the State. It is estimated at over 65,000,000 bushels.

The Bureau of Zoology of the Department of Agriculture has prepared an interesting exhibit of destructive pests and diseases which will be shown at county fairs.

Nursery inspection has been carried on in a very thorough manner and licenses are now being issued to all nurseries in the State which have been thoroughly cleaned and are free from pests and diseases.

DRUG STORE CHANGES HANDS.

Miss Mabel Arney Purchases Stock and Good Will from Dr. H. H. Longwell.

The Centre Hall drug store, for the past year and four months owned by Dr. H. H. Longwell, has passed into new hands, thereby continuing the string of vicissitudes which has marked its history for the past four or more years. The new owner is Miss Mabel Arney, who takes possession of the store on Saturday, September 1st. The purchase price has not been divulged, but is said to have been in excess to the sum paid by Dr. Longwell to Prof. H. A. Dodson, the former owner. The building remains the property of Dr. H. F. Bitner.

Miss Arney was graduated this year from the pharmaceutical department of the University of Pittsburgh, and is therefore amply qualified to take care of all the prescription work and give first-class service.

County Grange Meets.

Centre County Pomona Grange held a highly interesting session at Port Matilda, Tuesday of last week. The routine business was transacted and various subjects of considerable interest and importance were discussed and acted upon. One of the subjects receiving particular attention was the Grange Encampment and Fair, because of its close approach, and the Centre County Mutual Fire Insurance Company.

The prospects for the coming Encampment was presented by the chairman of the committee. The subject is treated under another head in this issue of the Reporter, and to this item the reader's attention is called.

The Fire Insurance Company's secretary had a splendid report to make, and dwelt upon the cheapness of insurance compared to other companies doing business in the same field as disclosed in the State insurance commissioner's annual report.

In a resolution presented and favorably acted upon, the master and secretary of the County Grange were instructed to sign a deed conveying a portion of the creamery plot of ground at Centre Hall to Progress Grange. The same resolution fixed the price at \$75.00. This ground has erected upon it a set of wagon scales, the same having been erected by the local grange a few years ago.

A resolution most heartily indorsed was one thanking Port Matilda Grange for the royal manner in which the grange members were entertained, especially at the noon hour. The tables were twice surrounded, and although each one ate most heartily the supply of the most delicious provisions were not nearly exhausted.

Narrow Escape from Drowning.

John Snyder, Jr., of State College, had a narrow escape from death by drowning on Wednesday of last week.

Snyder is a large man and on Wednesday he was down at Howard fishing for bass. He was standing on the breast of the old dam and making a misstep his foot slipped and he slid over the breast of the dam into a deep hole. Being unable to swim he floundered in the water and sank the second time before his plight was discovered. Finally several men went to his rescue and managed to get a hold on him just as he was sinking the third time, but it was sometime before they were able to get him out of the water owing to his weight.

When he was finally gotten to shore he was totally inert without any apparent heart action. Dr. Kurtz was sent for and with the assistance of others began the work of resuscitation. Minute after minute passed without showing the least sign of life and it was not until after they had worked for two hours that they got a response and finally managed to bring Mr. Snyder back to life.

Naturally his experience left him very weak and nervous and he was taken to the Bellefonte hospital for further treatment.

Lewisohn vs. Centre Hall.

Baseball fans will be treated to what will undoubtedly prove the best game of the season next Monday, on Grange Park, on the occasion of the P. O. S. of A. picnic, when the strong Lewisohn Athletics will attempt to win the laurels over the local team. The ability of the Mifflin county ball teams borders on the professional, and the home team realizing this will put the best team possible in the field, so a good snappy game is assured. Don't miss it.

Winburne Odd Fellows to Build New Hall

The Odd Fellows lodge at Winburne is planning the erection of a new hall. The building will be of brick, handsome in appearance and constructed on modern lines. The hall proper will be on the second floor and store rooms grace the first floor. It is expected the contract will soon be placed.

TAXES FOR WAR REVENUE.

Bill Now Pending Before Congress Will Become Effective Soon.

The following taxes will be imposed for the purpose of providing revenue during the period of the war, as soon as the bill now pending in Congress is enacted:

A tax of \$2.10 on each proof gallon of distilled spirits in addition to the tax now imposed by existing law.

This tax will apply to all distilled spirits held by a retailer in excess of 50 gallons, or by any other person, corporation, partnership or association in any quantity.

A tax of 15 cents on each proof gallon of rectified spirit; and additional tax of \$1.50 on each barrel of beer; an additional tax of \$1.10 per gallon on still wines, cordials, etc., if fortified and contain more than 14 per cent of alcohol, if not fortified an additional tax equal to the amount now imposed. All wine held for sale in excess of 25 gallons will be subject to the additional tax.

Prepared sirups or extracts for use in making soft drinks at soda fountains and bottling establishments, a tax of 3 cents to 12 cents a gallon according to sale price of same.

Unfermented grape juices, artificial mineral water, (not carbonated) soft drinks, ginger-ale, root beer, sarsaparilla, pop if sold by a manufacturer, producer, or importer of carbonic acid gas, 1 cent per gallon.

Natural mineral water, or table waters, if sold by the producer, bottler or importer, in bottles or other closed containers for more than 10 per gallon, one cent tax per gallon.

Carbonic acid gas in drums or other containers if sold for the manufacturer of soft drinks, 5 cents per pound.

Cigars in addition to the present tax of \$3.00 per thousand, from \$1.00 to \$7.00 according to retail price of same.

Cigarettes 75c additional per thousand. Tobacco and snuff 4c per pound additional. The additional tax on cigars, cigarette, tobacco and snuff to be imposed 10 days after enactment of Act.

Cigars in the hands of dealers in excess of 500. Tobacco and snuff in excess of 100 pounds, and cigarettes in excess of 1000 will be taxed at one-half the additional tax. An inventory of stock on hand must be taken by dealers on the day the Act is passed.

Cigarette papers, 1c per 100 sheets; 2c per 100 tubes.

A tax of 3 per cent of amount paid for transportation of all freight, 1c for each 25 cents paid for express package, 5 per cent of amount paid for fares by rail or water, including mileage books, and a like amount for seats, berths and state-rooms on parlor cars, sleeping cars and vessels, 5 per cent of amount paid for transportation of oil by pipe line.

5c for each telephone or telegraph dispatch, message or conversation for which a charge of 15c or more is made.

Motorcycles \$2.50 per year. Automobiles from \$5.00 to \$10.00 per year according to the listed retail price of same. Tax on automobile reduced 10 per cent for each 12 months elapsed since original sale, not to exceed 50 per cent. Automobiles used exclusively for business not taxable.

Power boats and motor boats subject to tax according to size of boat.

A tax of 2 per cent of the price at which sold on all tennis rackets, golf clubs, base ball bats, lacrosse sticks, balls of all kinds, fishing rods and reels, billiard and pool tables, chess and checker boards, dice games, except children's games.

A tax of 2 per cent of sale price of all toilet articles, and proprietary medicines, and cameras.

Tax of 1 cent on each 10 cents or fraction thereof paid for admission to theaters, moving pictures shows, and other places of amusement. Religious and educational societies and agricultural fairs not taxable.

A tax imposed upon all bonds, deeds, documents, stock certificates and other instruments.

Parcel-post packages weighing more than 4 ounces, 1 cent for each 25 cents paid.

Additional tax on playing cards, 3 cents to 8 cents per pack.

Tax of 2 cents per pound on coffee, 5 cents per pound on tea, 5c per pound on manufactured cocoa and chocolate, one-half cent per pound on sugar. 1 cent to 2 cents per gallon on molasses. Coffee in excess of 200 pounds, tea in excess of 50 pounds, sugar in excess of 500 pounds, and molasses in excess of 50 gallons, in hands of retailers will be subject to above tax.

Lecture Course Tickets.

Notice is hereby given that those desiring their last year's seats for the lecture course can have them reserved by notifying the secretary or any member of the committee not later than Saturday, September 8th. The course this season will consist of six attractions and the price is one dollar. F. H. Foss, Secretary.

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS

Monday is Labor Day, the day on which laborers, as a rule, don't labor.

George S. Haffly was named mercantile appraiser for Mifflin county for 1918.

Next Monday will be no blue Monday if you put in your time at the P. O. S. of A. picnic on Grange Park.

I need live chickens, old and young. Delivery this week or next. Any number. Call me for price.—Chas. D. Bartholomew. adv.

W. H. Baird has been named by the Republicans at State College as a candidate for the office of councilman of that borough.

Not in years have the farmers in this valley experienced so much trouble in housing the oats crop in a good dry state as has been the case this year.

Lewisohn's High School principal elect, Prof. C. D. Booser, as well as Prof. Harry C. Seiber, last year's principal, have been accepted for the National Army and will serve.

It is noted that the two members of the draft exemption board in New York who went wrong in exempting a man (for a price) received a sentence of two years each in a federal prison.

The tax notices being distributed in Centre Hall show an increase of one mill over last year. The increase is for school purposes, occasioned by the change in the minimum salary law.

The decision of Judge Quiley making the county responsible for the bridge on the state road just above Lemont will likely be appealed to the higher courts. The case has long been in court.

Hon. W. T. Cressy, the Pennsylvania Granger, has been appointed on a committee by Secretary of Agriculture Houston who will devote their energies to inducing farmers to increase the meat animals.

During the recent electrical storm the large barn on the farm belonging to the heirs of Rhoda Taylor, three miles north of Bellefonte, was burned with all its contents, except the stock. Zieher Yoder was the tenant. The loss is estimated at \$10,000.

John Coldron is riding on the wave of prosperity, as is evidenced by the size of his pay envelope as an employee at the Standard Steel Works at Burnham. Last week his earnings totaled \$30.00. John makes the trip over the seven mountains on his motorcycle.

It required thirty cars to carry the Fairbrook Sunday School scholars, teachers and friends on the picnic excursion down to Penns Cave on Wednesday of last week. The cars passed through Centre Hall. A sumptuous dinner was served at the Cave. The children had a gala time.

A baby girl, fully and handsomely dressed, judged to be about three weeks old, tucked in a heavy card board carton, was found by Mrs. Charles Mitchell, near McVeytown, in her woodshed. Mrs. Mitchell, wife of Coronor J. W. Mitchell, of Lewisohn, is caring for the infant until other disposition can be made of it. It is presumed the infant was deposited there by persons who traveled in an automobile.

Mr. and Mrs. David G. Meek, of Juniata, are visiting the former's sister, Mrs. H. E. Holman, in Centre Hall. Mr. Meek is cashier of the First National Bank in Juniata, and being a gentleman of rare social qualities as well as having ample business qualifications, he is particularly well suited to the position he occupies. Mr. Meek thinks Centre Hall an ideal place, and one in which everyone appears to live happily, have an abundance, and that with minimum effort.

A survey and inspection of "war" gardens made by a committee in State College community, last week, revealed the fact that almost \$5,000 worth of crops will have been raised on lots which heretofore were not used for garden crops. The committee, in submitting its report to David F. Kapp, the agricultural chairman of the county Public Safety committee, gives the number of lots planted to various crops, their estimated yield, and market value. The people there surely did their "bit".

H. L. Kline, who managed the local drug store under the ownership of Dr. H. H. Longwell for the past sixteen months, is closing up his work this week preparatory to the new owner taking charge. Mr. Kline has not fully decided where he will go from here, having several good positions in view, one of which would take him to the Hawaiian Islands. "Doc" has made a host of friends during his stay in Centre Hall who wish him success on whatever part of the globe he may choose to call home, sweet home.