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FARMER'S WEEK AT "STATE."

Annual Event Will Be Held December 26, 27, 28 and 29.

The annual Farmers' Week at the Pennsylvania State College will be held this year on Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday—December 26, 27, 28 and 29. Although the period has been reduced to four days the program indicates that a large amount of practical information is in store for those who attend.

Lectures and demonstrations will be given in all phases of agriculture including vegetable gardening and floriculture. A special home economics program has been arranged for the women who attend and also for the boys' and girls' club members.

Lecture periods, each one hour in length, will begin each day at 8:30 a. m. and last until 5:00 p. m. Double periods will be used when necessary for practicals and demonstrations. Evening programs will be general and largely social or recreational.

Educational exhibits will be staged by various departments of the school of agriculture. Printed programs are now available.

May Open Ballot Boxes Because of Small Fox.

The ballot-boxes of the voting precinct at Blue Ball, Clearfield county, may be opened in order to get the voting list of all men who voted there November 6. More than half of the cases of smallpox in Pennsylvania today are at Blue Ball or vicinity, and the State Health Department, believing that the cases may spread among those who voted because one of the election officers, J. W. Motter, had the disease on election day, has given orders that all the voters be vaccinated and placed under surveillance.

So far three of the voters have developed the disease. If the court is petitioned to open the ballot-box the application would be made before Judge Bell, who, Doctor Dixon says, was erroneously reported to have resisted vaccination when, as a matter of fact, he was vaccinated even after health department officials told him he was not a "contact".

"Empty" Gun Kills Last.

Harold Thompson, aged nine, a Williamsburg school boy, was accidentally shot through the head by a ball from a .32-calibre rifle in the hands of Garfield Showalter, on last Wednesday afternoon, in that town, and died at Altoona hospital the same night without regaining consciousness.

Acting upon the old theory that the weapon was not loaded, young Showalter pulled the trigger a minute after receiving the gun from a third boy. The Thompson lad was walking away from the others and the missile struck the back of his head, plowed through the brain and lodged in the forehead over the right eye.

Young Thompson was on his way home from school when he encountered the Showalter lad and his companion. The trio had looked over the rifle and Showalter's chum declared it was not loaded. He handed it to the former and the shooting ensued.

Surgeons were powerless to save the boy's life. The bullet stopped in the bone of the skull and was removed from the flesh over the right eye.

Blair-Sunderland.

The announcement of the marriage of William D. Blair and Miss Pearl Louise Sunderland was made by the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Richard H. Sunderland, in Wilmington, Delaware, the ceremony having been performed the day before Thanksgiving.

The groom will be recalled by many Reporter readers as an instructor in music, having had a number of pupils in Centre Hall about ten or twelve years ago. The Reporter extends congratulations.

New Red Cross Members.

Mrs. G. L. Goodhart.
Mrs. Charles Slack.
Mrs. Mary Shoop.
Mrs. C. M. Smith.
Mrs. Jacob Sharer.
Mrs. R. R. Jones.
Mrs. J. H. Puff.
Mrs. C. D. Bartholomew.
Mrs. E. S. Ripka.
Mrs. Thomas Delaney.
Mrs. Mary Dauberman.
Miss Helen Bartholomew.
Miss Mollie Huffer.
Miss Laura Rankin.
Miss Cora Bohl.
Thomas Delaney.
Jacob Sharer.
D. J. Meyer.
D. Ross Bushman.
Mrs. J. H. Knarr.

Prepare your Christmas packages early, and mail them early. Remember that if you request the postmaster not to deliver the package until Christmas, or a previous date, the request will be complied with.

LUCKY WAS UNLUCKY PLACE.

At Least Termed So by Mr. and Mrs. John E. Rearick, Who Were Held Up by Robbers in a Bank.

Lucky, Montgomery county, Arkansas, has no doubt been termed a place of no luck by Mr. and Mrs. John E. Rearick, who experienced there the most thrilling moments of their lives in that middle western state. It was nothing less than a real bank robbery, Mr. and Mrs. Rearick being the depositors at the window. They lost their \$150.00 about to be deposited.

Briefly told, it was this way: Mr. and Mrs. Rearick sold a portion of their farm, and made their first visit to the bank to deposit a part of the hard money in the deal. The cash was laid out on the counter, and the cashier had filled out a deposit certificate and handed it to Mr. Rearick when suddenly there appeared a small band of robbers commanding "all hands up." The defenseless usually respect such commands, and it was here. The bank directors were holding a meeting just then, but obeyed the request to kneel face to the wall. The cashier was also lined up. A gunman kept the officers quiet while a second looted the bank, taking all the visible cash.

While this was going on, little attention was apparently being paid to Mr. and Mrs. Rearick and several others in the lobby. Mr. Rearick took advantage of what he thought a lack of vigilance on the part of the robbers by slipping the \$150 he had deposited and was left in at the receiving window by the cashier, into his wife's pocket. When the bank was looted, the gunman stepped up to Mrs. Rearick and made demand for the wad, which was turned over.

At the curb in front of the Lucky bank stood an automobile. All those in the bank were marched to the street and lined up. The cashier was ordered to step on the running board of the car, the robbers entered the car and drove to the mountain, carrying the cashier with them for several miles.

Some time later two of the robbers were captured, but not until they were first badly crippled.

Lucky is an unincorporated village, located in a sparsely settled section, Montgomery county, in which it is located, having less than 15,000 inhabitants.

Judge Hall Dead.

Judge Harry Alvan Hall, of Ridgeway, Elk county, died at the Bellevue-Stratford, Philadelphia, Saturday morning, after an illness of three months. Judge Hall, who was fifty-six years old, presided over common pleas court district No. 25, including Clinton, Cameron and Elk counties.

Judge Hall was stricken with heart disease three months ago, and a month later he was taken to Philadelphia for treatment.

The funeral was held Tuesday at Ridgeway.

Judge Hall was born in Karthaus, Clearfield county, October 7, 1861. He was admitted to the bar in June, 1881, and began practice in Ridgeway, later succeeding to the practice of his brother, J. K. P. Hall. He married Miss Carran McNairy, of Nashville, Tenn., at Louisville, Ky., in 1886.

National Guards in France.

American National Guards units, representing every state in the union, are now in France.

They arrived several weeks ago but it was not until a few days ago that permission was given at army headquarters to announce the fact.

The new American Sammies were given a hearty welcome by the French people. They were quartered in towns which heretofore had seen only a few of the American fighting men and the citizens welcomed the soldiers like heroes. It is officially stated that the first arrival of guard units are making encouraging progress in their training.

America's Rainbow division of the new National army is now in France along with other National Guard units. The units represent thirty-three states.

While the war department made no official announcement of this fact the army censor said that it would be permissible to state that the Rainbow division had reached France.

Bringing up Father Abroad.

Funnier than ever, more musical than any of its predecessors, gayer in color than even the original of the "Father" series, and as a natural consequence, the most successful of all the George McManus' comic cartoon "Father" series, is said to be "Bringing up Father Abroad", the latest musical production with "Jiggs" Mahoney, the retired Irish contractor for its title character.

"Bringing up Father Abroad" is due at Garman's opera house on Saturday, matinee and night, December 8. Prices: Matinee, 25, 35, 50c; night children 25c, adults 35, 50, 75, \$1.00.

BUCKS ARE FALLING.

Local Parties Make Kills First Day Out—Many Camps Having Success.

The great influx of hunters to the Seven Mountains the latter part of last week resulted in no less than fifty camps being established from Coburn westward to the Bear Meadows, for the two weeks' deer hunt. Wagons and auto trucks conveyed party after party to the good hunting grounds to be found via Tusseyville and Colyer, and residents of those sections say that hunters were never so numerous. In many places camps are located within a stone's throw of each other. Figuring that the average party consists of fifteen men, it will be seen that no less than from seven to eight hundred are on the chase on this side of the Centre-Mifflin line. An even greater number is to be found on the other side.

Owing to the absence of the foresters in some sections of the hunting territory, it is impossible to get an accurate list of the hunting parties this year. In the lower end, Lewis M. Detz, forester at Coburn, sends in the following list:

Leaders of parties having temporary camping permits on state land:

John E. Weaklem—Pottsville, headwaters of Swift Run near Paddy Mountain tunnel.

F. R. Mackannan—Rutledge, Cherry Run.

J. D. Helt—Lykens, one mile south of Paddy Mountain tunnel.

J. T. McMahon—Renfrew, Paddy Mountain.

Kennelly-Sweetwood party—Spring Mills, Summit, head of Big Poe Valley.

Leaders of parties having permanent forest camps on state land:

E. E. Kopenhaver—Millersburg, Cherry Run camp 21.

R. E. DeLisle—Altoona, Poe Mills camp 203, mouth of Big Poe Creek.

R. R. Palmer—Junata, Panther Run camp 212, mouth of Panther Run.

J. E. Berninger—Catawissa, Junction Camp 204, Junction.

Andrew Vonada and Coburn party—Thick Mountain Camp 211.

David Libby and party—Welker, Hoofnagle Camp 450, mouth of Hoofnagle Run.

Campers on private land adjacent to state land:

Rote-Wingard party of Coburn, Penns Creek Hunting Club, west (Continued on inside page.)

High School Gives "State" Big Class.

That the public schools of Pennsylvania are the principal feeders to the State College is shown in a report just issued by A. H. Ependale, the college registrar. Of the 755 freshman enrolled this year, 639 of them were wholly prepared for Penn State in the public schools.

Only 72 freshman came from private preparatory schools. Forty-four first-year men attended both public and private schools before coming to college. Four hundred and thirteen different schools are represented in the freshmen class, 346 of which are public schools and 67 are private preparatory schools.

Following are the schools having the largest representation in the freshman class:

Wilkes-Barre High School 18; State College High School 17; Altoona High School 15; Peabody High School of Pittsburgh, 13; Northeast High School, of Philadelphia 13; York High School 13; Reading Boys' High School 12; Johnstown High School, 11; West Philadelphia High School for Boys, 10.

The Olympic hunting club, of Palmyra, Lebanon county, is one of the few hunting clubs with headquarters in the Seven Mountains in comparative nearness to Colyer, which boasts of a permanent camp, obviating the necessity of erecting canvas each year. The Lebanon county crowd purchased the Venrick property a year ago and are located in a good deer locality. The majority of the hunters arrived on Thursday and Friday in automobiles. They are principally business men and the outing is chiefly what they are after. H. D. Speece is their chef, and no club boasts of a better one. The camp's larder is such that the said Speece has every opportunity to practice his art to the limit. If you should happen to drop in on them you would find a jolly bunch of fellows, with Cook Speece ready to serve you with chicken and waffles, scalloped oysters, or a bill of fare such as you would look for in a first-class city restaurant and not in the wilds of the Seven Mountains. The personnel of the party follows: Messrs. Jacob Millard, Harry Millard, M. E. Snavey, G. W. Snyder, W. S. Poorman, C. E. Glingerich, Chester Harris, H. M. Harris, A. G. Bowman, H. D. Speece, J. H. Disgenau, Ed. Leibig, Irvin Hostetter, George Helrick, Amos Stover, David Early, Mayes Maulferr.

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COMMUNITY DAY AT SPRING MILLS.

Two Days Next Week Will Be Devoted in Interest of Gregg Township School.

The teachers and pupils of Gregg township are planning to celebrate a "Community Day" and Township Institute at the Vocational School located at Spring Mills, on Friday afternoon, December 14, and Saturday, December 15. The purpose of this event is to bring the citizens and patrons of the township into closer touch with the public schools, to acquaint them with the work that the children are doing and to discuss problems belonging to the schools. It will also provide an opportunity for the citizens to observe the nature and extent of the work undertaken by the Vocational School.

At the beginning of the current school term, the teachers of the township got together and organized for better and more efficient work. This teacher's organization meets monthly and discusses the problems that arise in the discharge of the duties of the profession. Part of the program which is being put into effect is the adoption of a uniform and graded course of study and a uniform division of work to be taught from month to month in the various schools throughout the township. The teachers voted to hold an institute and all this is in accordance with the wave of educational enthusiasm which seems to be sweeping over the township, and it is only proper that such an occasion should be provided to give the citizens an opportunity to get themselves in touch with the progress of the schools.

The chief feature of the "Community Day" will be an exhibition of school work and agricultural products. The schools of the township will compete with each other in this exhibition. Each pupil in the various schools is invited to put on exhibition any work which he or she has done in school, such as wood work, crocheting, needle work, etc., together with agricultural products which they may select from the home. The teachers may exhibit note books, drawings, test papers, etc., the work of the school. The exhibits by the pupils will be grouped and judged and ribbons will be awarded for the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd best in each group. The exhibits by schools will also be judged to determine which school makes the best showing. The pupils of the Vocational School will also exhibit some agricultural and school products but they will be in a class by themselves.

Another feature of the day will be a short program consisting of talks by the County Superintendent and prominent men from State College and the State Department of Education from Harrisburg. This program will begin at 2:30 p. m. In the evening Dr. Byron King, of Pittsburg, will deliver a lecture, "Dreams and Visions," in the M. E. church. He will also lecture and recite at the institute on Saturday.

The program:

SATURDAY MORNING

9:00 Song, "Pennsylvania."

Devotional exercises by Rev. W. H. Williams.

Music.

Recital, "Raven," by Dr. King.

Music.

Topic, "How to get the pupils into High School." Opened by W. V. Godshall.

Music.

Address, "The Teacher's Kingdom," Dr. King.

Music.

AFTERNOON.

1:00 Song.

Topic, "Value of graded course of study." Supt. D. O. Hitters.

Music.

Spelling contest, by pupils of the Township.

Topic, "Daily questions of teachers, and how to confront them." Opened by Harold Stover.

Music.

May Close Hotels and Saloons.

The shell plant at Milton has resumed work in some departments and will be under headway in a short time. This fact makes it possible that all hotels and saloons within a radius of five miles of Milton will be closed. Under an Act of Congress the President has the authority to do this, and having conferred this authority upon his war and navy secretaries, it is up to them to enforce the restriction. Under this Act the saloons have been closed at Chester, South Bethlehem, Gettysburg and Allentown, and it is reasonable to suppose that the law will be enforced at Milton. This restriction will include the hotel bar at Montandon and the three hotel bars in Waisontown.

Martin L. Wagenseller, a salesman well known in these parts of the country, died at the Masonic Home, Elizabethtown, and was buried at his old home, Selinsgrove.

Letter from Washington State.

Editor Reporter: Enclosed find money order for subscription to Reporter.

I was very much disappointed in not getting in the Forest Regiment (20th Engineers). It all looked so good to me and was so promising on this end for me to go. It turned out that College men were given the preference over those who had years of experience in the lumber business.

We have been bothered since July with strikes by the I. W. W. We have had a fair sized crew the past two weeks. Lots of idle men around the cities, but they refuse to work. Since they have lost the strike they are coming back to work, but are doing devilish things in the way of destroying property. We have not been troubled with walkouts as some firms have. Here are some of the things we have had by I. W. W. (I am) or pro-Germanism: a fire was discovered under the library about 2 a. m.; a fire in the woods, since the dry season, burning about 20,000 feet of logs; a quantity of emery dust put in an oil pump on one of the engines. This would have eaten the cylinders, but it was discovered in time; itch powder put into some loyal men's beds.

Suppose you have noticed by the press of the quarantine of Seattle by General Green, commander at Camp Lewis Cantonment, on account of the vice conditions and bootleggers. He wishes to take a healthy army to France.

With best regards, I am,
Yours truly,
W. H. POTTER,
Edmonds, Wash., Camp 2,
November 25, 1917.

School Board Meets.

The borough school board met on Monday evening. The newly elected directors—H. G. Strohmeier and Edward E. Bailey—were sworn into office by Justice of the Peace J. G. Dauberman. Reorganization of the board followed by re-electing H. G. Strohmeier president and E. S. Ripka vice president. Dr. H. F. Bitner tendered his resignation as secretary of the board, after a faithful performance of the duties of that office for a period of six years. Edward Bailey was elected secretary.

The board voted to grant the entire week of Christmas to teachers and scholars.

Fetterolf-McClellan.

On Saturday evening at the Reformed parsonage in Centre Hall, by Rev. R. E. Jones, George I. Fetterolf and Miss Frances V. McClellan were united in the holy bonds of matrimony. The young bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. Frank McClellan, of near Pottersville, and for the past summer was employed at the Centre Hall hotel. The groom is a son of Mr. and Mrs. William Fetterolf, east of Centre Hall, and is an industrious young man. Both enjoy the esteem of a wide circle of friends who wish them happiness and prosperity.

\$100.00 Offering for Relief.

Strictly \$100.00 was raised in Centre Hall and surrounding territory for the Armenian and Syrian relief. This sum has already been forwarded by the secretary-treasurer of the local ministerium to relief headquarters in New York city. The contributions were received as follows:

High school, Centre Hall	\$ 5.50
Union congregation, at Farmers Mills	10.75
Union congregation, at Tusseyville	22.97
Centre Hall, offering on Thanksgiving Day	50.97
Total	\$100.00

Smallpox Epidemic Spreading.

Five new cases of smallpox were reported in the Clearfield section on Saturday, two of which are near Woodland, Clearfield county, and the other three at Sandy Ridge, Centre county. One of the victims is an employee at the brick plant, and as he has freely mingled with the other men, the plant it is reported will be closed and the entire population will have to submit to vaccination.

At Retort 300 men were vaccinated and the State health authorities ordered that all the school children of Houtdale, Ocoala, Brisbin, and other towns in that section be vaccinated before going to school on Monday. Those refusing will have to remain out of school.

The epidemic has victims from Clearfield to a point not far from Tyrone.

Will Hold Bazaar this Week.

The Ladies Aid Society of the Methodist church will hold their bazaar on the afternoon and evening of December 8 (next Saturday) in the waiting room of the I. O. O. F. building.

A variety of beautiful and useful articles will be on sale. The doors will be open at one o'clock p. m.

It's the rack of the buck deer that gives him away.

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS

Don't forget the war tax stamp on official papers.

It was a most beautiful Thanksgiving Day we had.

Wanted—Turkey, Geese, Ducks and Chickens.—Chas. D. Bartholomew, Centre Hall, Pa.

A number of local residents, employed at Burnham, spent Thanksgiving Day at their homes in Centre Hall.

A company of Home Guards was organized in Lewistown by the public spirited and patriotic young men of Lewistown.

On Friday and Saturday, December 14th and 15th, a community day and local institute will be held in Grange hall, Spring Mills.

Dr. W. E. Fischer, pastor of the Lutheran church, Shamokin, after a prolonged vacation on account of sickness, has resumed his pastoral work.

I need lots of poultry now. Use Leg Bands to mark your Pulletts. Sell your cull stock. Any thing in the Poultry line. Both phones.—Chas. D. Bartholomew, Centre Hall, Pa.

Lewistown is having a real estate boom, there being many sales of improved properties at very fair prices. Investors are beginning to realize that town and village properties are steadily advancing.

A new camp of the P. O. S. of A. was instituted at Hubersburg on Wednesday evening of last week. John W. Yiesley, state organizer, was in charge, and the degree team of Washington Camp of Bellefonte did the work.

The local Red Cross Auxiliary will have ample opportunity to show what it can do in the sewing line once instructions are given how to make their portion of the 23,500 bandages Pennsylvania women are asked to prepare. Surely, every one has a "bit" to do.

W. H. Brubaker moved his family from Middleburg to Centre Hall, last week, and is now domiciled in the Mark house recently purchased from the Fleisher estate. Mr. Brubaker is engaged in the sale of family remedies and will give his entire time to that work.

A parcel post package on which the postage is twenty-five cents will require a one-cent war tax stamp. If the postage is between 25 cents and 50 cents, the tax is two cents. And so on—one cent for every twenty-five cents (or fraction of twenty-five cents) postage paid.

A solid concrete road through Mifflin county is in prospect. Highway department officials were in Lewistown last week making some preliminary arrangements relative to local authorities entering into an agreement with the United States and State governments for the building of such a road through the county.

In one day in New York City over one hundred persons were arrested and fined for spitting in public places. It is a sure thing that not all hogs live in New York. Even in this pretty little town spitting is practiced by some who will not quit the filthy habit until they are impressed by being arrested and fined.

Capt. W. H. Fry, of Pine Grove Mills, attended the funeral of P. H. Meyer on Friday, following which he favored this office with a call. The Captain retains his usual vigor to a marked degree. Besides continuing his extensive veterinary practice he keeps his locality ably represented in the various county papers.

No business can make business or add to the property of a people that gives nothing substantial in exchange in barter. Liquor is an absolute non-essential to human existence or for the promotion of the health and happiness of human-kind. Its uneconomical effect is to provoke waste and to destroy. Its dissipation of wealth and property is as destructive as the desolations of war. It weakens thrift. It turns the provident into the prodigal. It produces penury and woe. Yet it does enrich. But who? The few who sell the poison and those who indirectly graft off of the business.

M. L. Smith, of Johnstown, was one of the bidders for the Mitterling home, sold to Miss Mary Fisher, of Penn Hall. Mr. Smith is on Easy street, and as Centre Hall comes as near as any other place being his "native" home, he thinks it would be an ideal town in which to spend the remainder of his life. He reports John Miller, who forty years ago conducted the drug store in Centre Hall, as having a good business in Johnstown as well as good credit and plenty of ready cash. That's the kind of news the Reporter likes to print about the good old scouts who left here years ago.