

MEETINGS IN GRANGE HALL.

Points of Interest in Home Work for Women and Hints for Farmers in Meetings to be Held Thursday and Friday.

Meetings of special interest to both men and women will be held in Grange Acadia at Centre Hall on Thursday and Friday of this week. These meetings are being conducted under the auspices of the Centre county Farm Bureau, in cooperation with interested people at Centre Hall. Afternoon and evening meetings beginning at 2 p. m. and 7:30 p. m. will be held for women on both Thursday and Friday and evening meetings will be held for men on both nights. Miss Hiller, of State College, will have charge of the meetings for women and will demonstrate points of interest in home work. There will be actual demonstrations in testing for adulterants in clothing, using the foundation pattern in making underclothing and simple house dresses, substituting various flours to conserve the wheat, planning meals, meat substitutes and meat savers and other information that should prove very beneficial and interesting to every woman and girl. On Thursday evening at 7:30 p. m. G. S. Bulky, of State College, will discuss important phases on "Feeds and feedings", or "Feeding the dairy cow". On Friday evening H. H. Hayner will discuss important factors on livestock.

R. H. Olmstead, of the Centre County Farm Bureau, will be present at both meetings and will emphasize some important points on manure and fertilizer, and points of interest for future work in the county.

The Farmers' Opportunity.

It only remains for the farmers in this community to give C. F. Sheffer, the Dewart manufacturer of milk products, proper encouragement, and he will establish a milk station at Centre Hall, using the creamery plant at this place for business. Mr. Sheffer consulted with a number of farmers some time ago, with the result that those who met with him were quite favorably impressed with his proposition. A solicitor will be along later, and the final outcome depends largely upon what he accomplishes. If the farmers give reasonable assurance of their support, Mr. Sheffer will lease the creamery, the lease terms having been agreed upon by all parties, and make the necessary repairs, install machinery and begin business at once with the idea of finally purchasing the plant and establishing a permanent business at this point. Mr. Sheffer is known personally to many who ought to become his patrons. This acquaintance is altogether to the advantage of the man himself, as he is well known to be thoroughly capable, reliable and honorable.

Here is an opportunity to regain on the part of the farmers a business that will undoubtedly prove advantageous and profitable to them.

Allied Countries Relying on U. S. for Wheat Supply.

Before the war, France, Great Britain, Italy, and Belgium imported forty per cent. of their breadstuffs. On account of decreased production in their own countries they will now need to import sixty per cent. This must be wheat mainly. Corn will not answer, for their mills are not adapted to grinding it nor their bakeries to making and distributing corn breadstuffs, nor are the people accustomed to its use. Cornmeal spoils in shipping. Oats, rye and barley do not make good breadstuffs without the addition of wheat. Therefore, wheat is the all important grain for shipping.

Our former exportation of 88,000,000 bushels will need to be increased to 220,000,000 bushels. To meet this need we must use more of other grains and grain products than of wheat and wheat products.

Extension circular 68, entitled "Grains and Grain Products," by Miss Pearl MacDonald, in charge of home economics extension, has recently been published by the Pennsylvania State College. This circular contains a discussion on the value of wheat as a food. It also points out to what extent other grains may be used in place of wheat so that a larger quantity of wheat may be released for other purposes, and a number of valuable receipts based on these substitutions are given. A number of important suggestions are offered throughout the circular to the patriotic housewife.

The circular may be had free by addressing the Agricultural Extension Department, State College, Pa.

"Keep an extra sow and her litter, and help win the war," is the latest appeal which Secretary of Agriculture, Charles E. Patton puts forth to the farmers of Pennsylvania who have been urged to increase all farm crops and are now being asked to make up some of the great shortage in the swine herds of the world.

MILDRED WARNOCK, READER.

Has Rare Ability as An Entertainer.—Will Appear in Centre Hall Saturday Evening.

What promises to be an entertainment of real merit will be given in Grange Acadia on Saturday evening of this week by Miss Mildred A. Warnock. She will appear as the third number on the Centre Hall Lecture Course.

The Eastern Lyceum Bureau, of Syracuse, says that she is an artistic reader of rare ability. Her voice is sweet and sympathetic, her bearing is dignified, and her dramatic action natural and expressive. She is an intelligent interpreter of the masterpieces of English literature. Anyone who has listened to one of her programs will cheerfully testify to its rare charm and perfection of finish.

Among the heavier parts she will take during her evening's performance are the following plays: The Great Divide, Cousin Kate, Within the Law, The Lion and the Mouse, Miss Civilization, Daddy Long-Legs. Besides these her repertoire includes comedy and pathos from the leading writers, and an assortment of miscellaneous matter which is all wholesome and real entertaining.

Do not miss hearing her.

Help the Armenians and Syrians.

The local Lutheran Sunday-school is making a campaign among the Lutherans for funds to aid the Armenians and Syrians, next Sunday having been set by the General Synod as the day to receive the contributions. Some if not all of the other denominations, represented in Centre Hall, have already received offerings for this cause, and an offering in which the general public participated was made at the Thanksgiving service. The cause is such a worthy one that the Reporter feels it its duty to aid in giving this publicity. The work is being done through the Lutheran Sunday-school, the several teachers having been appointed to canvass the scholars and Lutheran church people.

Any of the teachers whose names follow whether they directly solicited or not will be pleased to receive your contributions: Mrs. J. E. Royer, Mrs. John M. Coldron, Mrs. S. W. Smith, Mrs. D. S. Kustz, E. M. Huyet, Mrs. A. E. Kerlin, Mrs. James S. Stahl, A. W. Alexander, Jacob Sharer, and S. W. Smith. These funds will be handled in such a manner that every cent contributed will be available for the purpose for which they were given.

Letter from Washington State.

Bossburg, Wash., Dec. 29, 1917.

Editor Reporter:

We had a very dry season here, resulting in short crops. Hay was very scarce and it was greatly feared for the stock, but the mild season up to this writing is helping out, as cattle are out every day and are obliged to "Hooverize" as well as the people. There is a movement on foot in Washington to get away with all useless dogs, in order to save food.

Our youngest son, Victor, has enlisted in the aviation section of the signal corps and is with the colors at San Antonio, Texas. I am still teaching; have taught now over fifty years, nineteen of them in Washington, and am still in good health. Wishing you a happy New Year, I am,

Respectfully yours,
Mrs. E. G. HOFFER.

Nevel-Kuhn

Jacob Nevel and Miss Roxanna Kuhn, both of Potter township, were married at Reedsville last week. The bride is a daughter of John C. Kuhn, of Old Fort. The groom is a son of Mrs. Mahalia Nevel, of Colyer, and is employed as an axe grinder in the Yeagertown works.

Centre Co.'s Food Administrator.

The Federal Food Administrator for Pennsylvania has appointed Col. W. Fred Reynolds, of Bellefonte, Federal Food Representative of Centre county. Any person in the county, who knows of irregularities practiced by and food distributor or manufacturer or have complaints to offer against dealers in food supplies, their patriotic duty is to communicate immediately with the county representative whose business it will be to have the matter corrected.

Three Eclipses This Year.

There will be three eclipses this year, two of the sun, one of the moon. The first will be a total eclipse of the sun June 8, visible in North America. On the 24th of June a partial eclipse of the moon will take place, the beginning visible in North America. The annual eclipse of the sun December 3 will be visible to the United States.

W. C. T. U. will meet at the home of Miss Gertrude Spangler, Saturday afternoon, 2:30 o'clock.

WEEKLY WAR NEWS DIGEST

Stories of Activities and Conditions Throughout the United States and on the Battle Fronts, from Washington, D. C.

CORPS OF ARMY NURSES MUST BE INCREASED NEARLY 1,000 PER CENT IN YEAR

According to estimates based on an Army of 1,500,000 men, 87,500 nurses will be needed. The present strength of the Army Nurse Corps of the Medical Department is about 3,800. To increase this number by nearly 1,000 per cent in a year is the task faced by the corps.

Hospitals at Army camps and cantonments still need nurses to bring the quota for each up to the minimum of 65 considered necessary, although since the urgent need for nurses was made public in December nearly 2,000 requests for application blanks have been received.

In order to get the enrollment up to the needed number some of the requirements heretofore imposed have been waived. According to estimates there are between 80,000 and 90,000 registered nurses in the country and about 200,000 other graduates and practical nurses.

MANY ARTICLES USED IN EMERGENCY RATIONS FOR FIGHTING MEN

The equipment of no soldier is complete without emergency food rations. United States troops are supplied with three different parched maize-meal packets and three chocolates. The former is a revival of the maize-meal of the American Indians, on which they could exist for days while hunting or on the warpath.

The "chain-shot" ration furnished Belgian, French and Teutonic soldiers is a winter food of compressed meat. There are more than a dozen varieties of compressed teas used by the Russian commissary. Compressed rice and macaroni is supplied Oriental forces. Out-bread in sausage form is used by some of the North British troops.

A curious ration is the compressed fig coffee of the Central Powers, which may be either utilized for food as it is or converted into a coffee-like drink. Smoke-dried pears are now used in the same armies. The Swiss soldier receives an emergency ration of white chocolate, made entirely of cocoa-butter and sugar.

An Italian army chocolate is in sausage-length form, while their plum duff goes into a beef membrane.

FEDERAL LOANS TO FARMERS REACH NEARLY \$20,000,000

Up to December 1, \$20,824,655 had been paid out to farmers on 5 per cent long time loans, according to a report covering the operations of the 12 Federal land banks. The total of loans approved including those closed and those awaiting verification of title and other formalities is \$105,136,524.

The interest rate under the farm loan system has been increased from 5 to 5½ per cent, to apply to all applications which have not yet been approved.

Borrowing is done through cooperative farm loan associations being composed of 10 or more farmer-borrowers and each group borrowing at least \$20,000. Up to December 1 the farm loan board had chartered 1,839 such cooperative associations.

PLAN ENTERTAINMENT FOR SOLDIERS OF EVERY CAMP

Reports coming from southern camps show the vaudeville shows, running in tents, are crowding seating capacities. With the Government theatres at the cantonments completed the Commission on Training Camp Activities will soon start several high grade theatrical companies on the rounds of the camps. Each company will be out about 15 weeks.

Local committees in cities and towns throughout the country will put on sale "smilage" books the week of January 23 containing coupon good for admission to the entertainments in camps and cantonments. The books are made in two sizes, to sell at \$1 and \$5.

SCHOOL CHILDREN TO TAG COAL SHOVELS JANUARY 30

The Fuel Administration expects school children throughout the country to do the tagging work of "Tag-Your-Shovel-Day" which has been set for January 30, planning to make it a school holiday.

In this extra effort to save coal for war purposes the Fuel Administration will try to get a tag on every coal shovel in the country. On the face of each tag are the words: "Save that shovel of coal a day for Uncle Sam." On the reverse side are hints for saving coal.

REGISTERED MEN MAY BE INDUCTED INTO AIR SERVICE

While men registered under the selective-service law are not being accepted at recruiting offices for enlistment in the Aviation Section of the Signal Corps, they may be inducted voluntarily into service by their local boards if they are physically fit, sufficiently skilled, and not required to fill the current draft quota. They will be sent to Camp Kelly, Tex., for distribution into trades, training, and formation into squadrons, with ranks and salaries running from \$30 a month as private to \$81 a month as master signal electrician; food and quarters provided by the Government.

PICKED MATERIAL USED IN THE CONSTRUCTION OF AIRPLANES

No part of an airplane is subject to greater strain than the landing gear when the machine is brought to earth. Because of this each piece of wooden material is made from carefully selected spruce, reinforced by binding. The metal joints are further strengthened by rubber windings which also increase resiliency. All parts are cut to air-stream shape to decrease resistance. In the construction of one airplane of the more simple type 244 feet of spruce, 58 feet of pine, 31 feet of ash, and 1½ feet of hickory are used. The list of material, exclusive of the engine, also includes 3,262 feet of wire, 788 forgings, 921 steel stampings, 57 square feet of veneer, 11 gallons of varnish, 59 gallons of "dope", 201 square yards of linen, 34 feet of rubber, and 65 pounds of aluminum. Over 4,000 nails are used, 3,377 screws, and 276 turnbuckles.

REPORTS OF PEACE PROPOSALS SHOULD NOT INDUCE AMERICA TO SLACKEN WAR PREPARATIONS

In a recent review of military operations the Secretary of War says: "The various reports of immediate peace proposals by the Germans on seemingly favorable terms should not for a moment induce us to slacken our preparations for war. It is only necessary for us to recall that during the Christmas season last year the Germans put forth very similar peace rumors."

EXAMINERS FIND BUT 15 PER CENT OF MEN WEAR SHOES THAT FIT

Figures from examinations made by Army and civilian shoe experts at Army camps show that only about 15 per cent. of the men wear shoes that fit properly. Of the several groups of men examined 25 per cent. wore shoes one-half size short, 25 per cent. wore shoes a full size short, and 8 per cent. wore shoes two sizes short.

Reports ascribe the high proportion of misfits to the inclination of men to choose shoes too small, faults of method and supervision of fitting, insufficient numbers of larger and narrower sizes, and incorrect making of sizes by manufacturers.

STEREOPTICON SLIDES BEING PREPARED SO SHOW AMERICA AT WAR

To aid in supplying suitable material with which to illustrate sermons, lectures and school work, the division of pictures, committee on Public Information, is preparing official stereopticon slides showing America's participation in the war.

These slides will be made available soon for general use, at a nominal charge to cover actual cost.

An embargo has been placed on the exportation of butter, except to nations associated with the United States in war.

Christmas gifts for the expeditionary forces aggregated 650 tons. Hundreds of thousands of pounds of turkeys, purchased in eastern markets and refrigerated on the ships, together with great quantities of cranberries, sweet potatoes, and mince meat went to the forces overseas. In the United States every camp was supplied with fresh turkey and the usual Christmas accessories.

Vigorous campaigns are on in several States to increase the use of wood for fuel in place of coal. In Virginia convict labor is employed to provide wood for fuel.

All wooden Christmas boxes for soldiers of the expeditionary forces received too late for shipment will be returned to the senders if return postage is mailed to the superintendent, Railway Mail Service, New York, N. Y.

SPRING MILLS RED CROSS WORK.

100 New Members Secured in Christmas Campaign.—A \$100.00 Cash Contribution Received.

As a result of the Christmas campaign the Spring Mills Auxiliary of the Red Cross has secured one hundred additional names, making a total of more than 200 members.

In addition to this, the following cash donations were received:—

- C. E. Allison \$100.00
- W. H. Allison 4.00
- I. O. O. F. Lodge No. 597 5.00
- Mrs. Jerry Shank 1.00

Any of the new members desiring knitting or plain sewing may be supplied upon request by Miss Mabel Allison.

The list of new members follows:

- Harold Meyer
- Randall Meyer
- J. F. Myers
- T. J. Decker
- C. G. Decker
- John Decker
- H. F. Rossmann
- W. F. Hosterman
- D. F. Runkle
- R. D. Musser
- C. H. Engard
- Harver Bierly
- Maynard Barger
- Edgar Miller
- E. T. Jamison
- Luther Boyer
- John E. Graden
- Clyde Roper
- A. N. Finkle
- Walter Herring
- John Brown
- W. F. Musser
- J. H. Kishel
- Samuel Harter
- Roy Bartley
- Mrs. S. L. Condo
- Mrs. C. E. Royer
- Mrs. D. D. Decker
- Mrs. George Weaver
- Mrs. J. S. Meyer
- Mrs. C. H. Engard
- Mrs. Jane Foster
- Mrs. C. F. Long
- Mrs. W. H. Allison
- Mrs. T. B. Jamison
- Mrs. Luther Boyer
- Mrs. Earl Ross
- Mrs. John Neese
- Mrs. C. A. Hennigh
- Mrs. J. H. Kishel
- Mrs. C. J. Finkle
- Mrs. Mary Shook
- Miss Carrie Gentzel
- Miss Gladys Meyer
- Miss Clara Condo
- Miss Helen Kishel
- Miss Laura M. Reeder
- Miss Ida Long
- Miss Delia Morris
- Miss Irene Evans
- Miss Elveta Lambert
- W. C. Meyer
- Blaine Binner
- C. E. Royer
- Wilbur Decker
- D. D. Decker
- L. J. Zabler
- A. J. Shook
- John Goodhart
- W. C. Musser
- Edwin Musser
- W. M. Grove
- W. H. Haney
- W. H. Allison
- A. L. Duck
- Andred Corman
- Clyde Boyer
- Robert Smith
- W. H. Smith
- Earl Ross
- Charles Herring
- George Hennigh
- George Shook
- G. C. Walker
- C. C. Barstow
- Mrs. Samuel Mathan
- Mrs. J. F. Myers
- Mrs. T. J. Decker
- Mrs. L. J. Zabler
- Mrs. Ella Herrine
- Mrs. Miller Goodhart
- Mrs. W. M. Grove
- Mrs. A. F. Kote
- Mrs. Maynard Barger
- Mrs. A. B. Lee
- Mrs. E. T. Jamison
- Mrs. A. N. Finkle
- Mrs. Wm. Neese
- Mrs. Nathaniel Zeigler
- Mrs. George Shook
- Mrs. G. C. Walker
- Mrs. G. C. Gentile
- Mrs. J. F. Hosterman
- Miss Alice Heckman
- Miss Lola Ulrich
- Miss May Musser
- Miss Sara Kishel
- Miss Miriam Long
- Miss Grace Royer
- Miss Irene Herring
- Miss Sara Swedey

F. O. S. of A. Install Officers.

Last Thursday evening the newly elected officers of Washington Camp, No. 889, at Centre Hall, were installed for the current term by District President E. S. Ripka. The new officers are as follows:

- Past President, Robert Glasgow.
- President, R. D. Foreman.
- Vice President, William Kellin.
- Master of Forms, C. D. Mitterling.
- Treasurer, D. W. Bradford.
- Financial Secretary, C. S. Brungart.
- Recording Secretary, D. R. Bushman.
- Asst. Recording Sec., E. E. Bailey.
- Conductor, W. H. Bland.
- Inspector, J. Elmer Noll.
- Guard, C. D. Bartholomew.
- Right Sentinel, Fred Osman.
- Left Sentinel, Floyd Walker.
- Chaplain, G. H. Emerick.

Notices To Owners Of Dogs.

Notice is hereby given to all owners of dogs in Centre County that under recent legislation all Dog Tax must be paid to the County Treasurer on or before January 15, 1918.

The fee for males and spayed females is \$1.00 and for female dogs \$2.00. This includes all dogs six months old and over.

If application is made in writing 3 cents postage must be included with the remittance. Application may be made through the local Justice of the Peace, who is authorized to collect a fee of 15 cents for each license in addition to the regular license fee.

It shall be the duty of every police officer and constable to kill any dog which does not bear a proper License Tag, which is found running at large after January 15, 1918.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.

Bellefonte, Pa., Jan. 1st, 1918. adv.

Will Exterminate Elk.

The state game commission on Friday authorized the killing of a herd of eleven elk which have been raiding farms in Blair county and which the game wardens have been unable to drive back to their mountain homes. The elk are part of the 200 head of such animals owned by the state put out some years ago to propagate and are protected until 1921. The killing will be done by wardens and the meat sent to hospitals.

Moore-Odenkirch.

John R. Moore and Miss Mary Odenkirch, both of Burnham, were united in marriage at the home of the bride's father, R. Porter Odenkirch, at Burnham, on Thursday, December 31. The bride is formerly of Centre Hall.

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS

Mildred Warnock, reader, will appear in Grange Acadia, Saturday evening of this week.

Fox hunting is proving fine sport to a number of local hunters. Old Reynard is as shy as ever and more often he eludes the hunter than he falls into the trap.

Among the callers at the Reporter office Saturday morning were James Galbraith, of Boalsburg; David M. Campbell, Linden Hall; and John S. Dale, of State College.

Miss Mary Foreman, daughter of F. A. Foreman, of State College, left last Wednesday for Overbrook, near Philadelphia, where she is teaching in an institution for the blind.

George W. Felding, of Linden Hall, favored this office with a call on Saturday and reported that he contemplates holding public sale of farm stock and implements some time in February.

Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Meyer expect to leave for Columbia, South Carolina, about Wednesday of next week, where they will spend the remainder of the winter with their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. McCormick.

Among the larger donations made to the Red Cross, in Centre county, was a check for \$100.00 from C. E. Allison, of Toronto, Canada, brother of Miss Mabel Allison, an officer of the Spring Mills Auxiliary. Mr. Allison made his gift in lieu of his customary trip home for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Reish and family, formerly located at Milroy where Mr. Reish conducted the hotel, moved to Potters Mills last week into a handsome property which Mr. Reish purchased from J. M. Moyer. Mr. Reish is succeeded in the management of the Duncan House at Milroy by John Crozier.

Two Greeks from Niagara Falls have leased the store room at Axeman, formerly occupied by Harry Harter, and will open a cheese factory there. They purpose manufacturing five different kinds of cheese and to begin with will consume about one thousand gallons of milk a day, which will be gathered by auto truck from the surrounding country.

When we read of the great suffering experienced by sections of country—and many close at home—on account of the scarcity of coal, we feel like extending a vote of thanks to the local coal merchants for their excellent management in having their bins practically filled at all times for the benefit of their customers. Centre Hall has certainly not experienced anything like a coal famine, and this is something for which to be thankful.

The stretch of zero weather which extended over a length of seven days, was broken on Saturday when mercury stopped at one degree within the 0 mark. Sunday mercury reached the highest point in two weeks—27 degrees. Here are the figures in that cold week which will undoubtedly stand as a record for some years: Dec. 29, 1 below; Dec. 30, 11 below; Jan. 1, 8 below; Jan. 2, 3 below; Jan. 3, 6 below; Jan. 4, 8 below.

Please do not wait until you receive a statement showing the amount of your arrearage on the Reporter before making remittance. The cost of mailing statements precludes this. The figures on your label are your guide. They plainly show you to what month and year you have paid. Where no month is given, July is implied; thus, "17" means that your paper is paid to July, 1917, and that you are 6 months in arrears. Make a mental calculation of your standing at once, and if you discover there is something coming to us, kindly remit it, and rest assured we will be very grateful.

Wallace White, of Axeman, well known throughout the county as an expert well digger, has turned miller, and beginning April 1st, will put in operation an up-to-date flouring mill at Axeman, having recently purchased the big stone building standing close to the State road, and which for the past eighteen years stood vacant, so that almost all of the seven hundred panes of glass contained in the building have been shattered, the building presenting a most desolate appearance. However, Mr. White will soon have the building in presentable condition. In starting milling operations therein Mr. White is simply reviving an old industry there, for years ago it was known as the Humes' flouring mill. Electricity will take the place of water power which was formerly used. To run the mill it will take about 55 horse power motor, thirty-five of which will be used to operate the rolls and twenty the grinding mill.