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LOCAL FARMERS TO GET NITRATE.

Government to Sell Nitrate for Fertilizer Through County Agent.

Notice has been given to R. H. Olmstead, Agricultural Agent for Centre county, that the U. S. Department of Agriculture will sell at cost a supply of nitrate of soda to farmers in Centre county.

The nitrate was purchased through the War Industries Board under the authority of the Food Control Act as a part of the program for stimulating agricultural production. It will be unloaded at Atlantic ports and the price will be \$75.50 a ton, free on board cars at port arrival. Farmers are to pay in addition freight from port of arrival and the State fertilizer tag fee.

HOW TO OBTAIN NITRATES.

Applications for a part of the 100,000 tons of nitrate bought by the government will be received only from actual farmers or owners or holders of farms for use on their land, and may be made through County Agent R. H. Olmstead or through any member of a local committee consisting of C. H. Gramley, of Rebersburg, and John S. Dale, of State College.

No money will be required with the application but upon notice from the County Agent farmers who have signed applications must deposit with a local bank, association, or individual, designated by the Secretary of Agriculture to act as the farmers' agent for that purpose, money to cover the cost of the fertilizer except the freight charge. After the money is transmitted to Washington the nitrate will be shipped to the farmers. If applications for the nitrate exceed the supply of about 100,000 tons the government will allot the supply on a pro rata basis among those who applied. Applications must be received by February 4.

Officers Discharged.

Thirty-one officers of the Twenty-eighth division, National Guards, at Camp Hancock, Augusta, Georgia, ranging from colonels to lieutenants, were honorably discharged from the military service of the United States recently, following rigid physical examinations in which they did not meet all the exacting tests. Among these officers returned to civil life are Major James F. Moore, Tyrone; Major Scott Huff and Captain Laird Curtin, of Bellefonte.

Scared Out.

Nescopek, a quiet little borough of approximately 2000 population, where Rev. G. W. McIlroy has been pastor of the M. E. church of the town for three years, has had a pleasant surprise in the last few weeks.

The town went "dry" after a hard-fought encounter with two licensees in 1915; again in 1916 there was one application and in 1917 two. The surprise this year is this, that no one had the moral (or the immoral) courage to attempt the fight for a license. Last year more than 90 per cent of the adult population signed the remonstrance against the application and when license court was held 102 persons went on a special car to Wilkes Barre in testimony against the grog shop applications.

The M. E. church was possibly the leading spirit in this direction, but the other three churches joined heartily in the firm stand against legalized sin. Just now Nescopek is greatly interested that Berwick remains dry, since the two boroughs are just on opposite sides of the Susquehanna.

Trial List, February Court.

Commencing Monday, February 25, Wallace Immel vs. Conrad Immel, in re appointment of a guardian.

Catharine Mulholland vs. M. D. Kelley, et al, trespass.

Burdine Butler vs. P. R. R., trespass.

Kelley Bros. vs. Nathan Ishkowitz, replevin.

W. W. Conwell vs. Nathan Ishkowitz, replevin.

Gordon Bros. vs. Kelley Bros., assumpsit.

Roland Ickoff vs. Ed. Gross, appeal.

I. M. Blerly vs. Nathan Ishkowitz, appeal.

National Cash Register Co. vs. A. C. Mingle, assumpsit.

W. F. Fredericks Piano Co. vs. Roberts Smith, replevin.

Wm. Witmer estate vs. J. W. Mitterling estate, assumpsit.

George Lose vs. Tillie Woods, appeal.

T. E. Jodon vs. Kate From, appeal.

Isaac C. Decker vs. F. E. Naginey, appeal.

Keystone Garage vs. Ray C. Shank, assumpsit.

Jared Evey vs. Bellefonte Fuel & Supply Co., assumpsit.

When you fully learn what a "Smileage Book" is you will not hesitate to buy one for your soldier friend in camp.

LETTERS FROM SUBSCRIBERS.

Reporter Readers Write from the Sunny Climes—Florida and California—Freeze in Southern State Hurts Fruit.

Mount Dora, Florida, January 22, 1918.

Editor Reporter:

Enclosed find check for Reporter. I will write you a few lines concerning Florida. The year 1917 was a bad year for us all. Last February a hard freeze resulted in a loss of our fruit and hurt our trees badly, especially the grape fruits and lemons. I had the dead wood removed from most of my grape trees so that they looked more like hat racks sticking out of the ground, than trees. But some had real nice fruit on this winter. The orange trees stand colder weather. Our crops in all was very small this winter.

Last May and part of June it was dry. As it requires the rains which usually fall at that time for a good corn crop, that crop did not amount to anything because of the drought. In November we had a frost which killed our tomatoes and peppers. Florida was never known to have so early a frost. In December there were three frosts, with temperature at 22 degrees above zero. The fruit was nipped. We had another frost this month. Old timers about here say this has been the coldest winter Florida has had for years. One thing about citrus trees is that they soon start to recover from a hard freeze.

In December when one of our freezes was coming we got word from Washington to look out for a big freeze. It was Saturday noon. Now we had not taken off any fruit, and colored help is scarce on account of the war conditions. There was nothing to do but to do the work ourselves. My son and his wife, Mrs. Miller and myself worked all that afternoon and all day Sunday, and it was cold and windy. We were not called up in church and punished for working on Sunday, either.

From now on I will not depend so much on crops. I passed the State medical examination last June and am now practicing medicine.

All well at present.

Yours very truly,
(Dr.) ED. L. MILLER.

Santa Barbara, California,
January 11, 1918.

Dear Editor Reporter:

The enclosed remittance is for the Reporter, which if I did not receive every Wednesday, I would feel disappointed. It takes me back to my boyhood days—the best I ever had. The letters from subscribers always appeal to me, and if I were a letter writer you would have one every month from me, or until your readers would call a halt.

When I read of the snow and cold weather you are experiencing in the east, I feel that if the people knew California as I do, they would all come out here to live. When you come right down to it there is no place like California. Up to the present time we have had no fire in our stoves; the doors all open; nice warm sunshine, no rain as yet, although we would like a few inches now for the ranchers to put in their crops, for the sooner we get them in the sooner they are harvested.

Talk about fine weather and good sport. We have a biker's club here and once a month we take trips through the mountains, as we have fine mountain trails and walk all the way from eight to twenty miles a day. Talk of good sport, I wish you could take a trip with us; you would agree that it was the greatest trip of your life. I enclose a few pictures taken on a recent trip. We took a trip on a moonlight night—there were about forty of us—and words fail in attempting to describe the beautiful views and scenes. A true artist might do justice to the scene as the bright moon came up over the mountains, but words, never.

Feeling that I am trespassing on your space, I shall close.

Yours truly,
A. N. RUNKLE.

Inglewood, Calif.,
January 17, 1918.

Editor Reporter:

While you people are having zero and below-zero weather, father [J. M. Moyer] feels very thankful that he is now in sunny California. While we have had an unusually dry winter we are in hopes we will get plenty of rain through February and March. The total rainfall for Los Angeles this season has been only .61 of an inch. Last year we had over eight inches. Of course, the weather here is beautiful and we enjoy 365 sunshiny days a year, but we need rain badly at this time. December and January are the months the ranchers put in their grain here. We can scarcely realize you

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THE SMILEAGE BOOKS.

Local Military Entertainment Council Organized to Increase the Smiles of the Soldier Boys.

A local organization was formed for the sale of Smileage books in Centre Hall and surrounding community. The merchants and shop-keepers were called together by S. W. Smith, who was appointed chairman of the movement by Chairman James Cousins, National Military Entertainment Council, Friday evening of last week. The organization was completed by appointing W. W. Kerlin, secretary, and C. M. Smith, treasurer. Everyone present agreed to make a personal effort to sell the books and induce others in the surrounding country to put them on sale.

Just what the "smilage" books are is best described in the official

SMILEAGE BOOK CATECHISM

Q. What is a "Smilage Book"?

A. A "Smilage Book" is a book containing coupons entitling the holder to admission and seat tickets at Liberty Theatre Tents and auditoriums under the management of the Commission on Training Camp Activities in National Army Cantonnments and National Guard Camps.

Q. What do "Smilage Books" cost?

A. "Smilage Books" are of two kinds: The first costs \$1; the second \$5.

Q. How many tickets does each book contain?

A. The dollar "Smilage Book" contains 20 coupons; the \$5 book contains 100 coupons.

Q. Where are they good?

A. In all Liberty Entertainment, in all National Army Cantonnments and National Guard Camps, under the management of the Commission on Training Camp Activities.

Q. Are they good in Naval stations and other camps?

A. No. At present they are good only in Army cantonnments and National Guard camps.

Q. Where will "Smilage Books" be on sale?

A. The book will be placed on sale by the local entertainment councils throughout the country and in department stores, drug stores, clubs and various central places of business.

Q. Are the books to be inscribed by name to soldiers?

A. There is space for an inscription to soldiers by name, but this is not necessary.

Q. Are they transferable?

A. Yes to soldiers in uniform.

Q. How many theaters have been built?

A. One permanent theatre seating 3,000 has been built in each National Army Cantonnment. Two Chauntaus (Continued on inside page.)

Bull Elk at Coburn Killed.

The large bull elk, which was shipped into the Paddy mountain district, near Coburn, together with others of his kind several years ago, was killed by order of the State Game Commission last Thursday afternoon. State game protectors E. W. Kelly, of Du Bois, and Charles Batchelor, of Philipsburg, with one or two assistants, rounded up the animal and shot him. He was found to weigh 450 lbs. The entire carcass was shipped to Harrisburg where it will be mounted life-size by the curator of the State museum.

That which led to the killing of the elk was the complaint of residents of the Coburn district because of the damage done to crops. The same cry has been raised in Blair county, where the elk have also been ordered killed. It is interesting to note that when the officials arrived on the scene to kill the elk there were many protests from those who thought themselves wronged on account of the roamings of the animal.

Notice, F. O. S. of A.

All members will please note a change of meeting night from Thursday evening, February 7th, to Wednesday evening, February 6th, on account of the concert in Grange hall on the former night.—R. D. Foreman, president.

Union Leads in War Stamp Sale.

Union county leads the state in the sale of War Savings Stamps for the period ending last Saturday. Up to that time the sales in Union county had amounted to \$1.06 per capita. Cameron county is second in the list with sales at ninety-nine cents worth of stamps for each inhabitant.

The vital statistics for Centre county for the year 1917 show a total of 1073 births to 683 deaths, the old bird Stork winning over his competitor, the Grim Reaper, by a margin of 392—a very nice gain, indeed. Centre Hall had two ve births to eleven deaths, while Potter township made the excellent showing of forty-one births to only fifteen deaths.

WHO WANTS FREE TREES?

Foresters at Boalsburg or Coburn Will Look After Your Needs—Make Your Application Now.

How many timberland owners in Centre county wish to re-forest their holdings at a very small expense? The Pennsylvania Department of Forestry is furnishing three year old trees free of charge to any owner who will plant the trees and care for them as he would care for the trees which are now yielding him considerable revenue from his woodlot.

Land that has been found unsuited to agriculture; land that has not produced a satisfactory second growth of timber; or land which has been burned, thus preventing any natural growth from coming on, should certainly be planted by the owner, especially when such advantages are given in order to assist him to make his land more valuable. It is a debt which he owes to the land itself because of misuse, and to his descendants who will profit by his foresight.

This year, applications can be made for lots of more than 500 trees. The species consist of White, Pitch, Scotch and Red Pine together with European Larch and White Ash. This is an unusual opportunity for the man who desires to make his non-agricultural land become more valuable for future years, because of the fact that the output of the State nurseries is the largest since they were established. However, because of war conditions, it is doubtful if many trees will be available for free distribution to individuals in 1919, because re-forestation of State Forests is so necessary and there is not likely to be a surplus of trees.

Now is the time to make your application, so that your order may receive prompt attention. Many orders came too late last year and owners were disappointed. You can make application direct to Harrisburg, or through John W. Keller, Forester at Boalsburg, or L. M. Deitz, Forester at Coburn. Both will be glad to give you any additional information you desire, concerning this opportunity. An examination of the land which you desire to be planted, will be made upon request, and Centre county owners, therefore, have a decided advantage to secure individual attention. This is your opportunity. Make use of it. The Department of Forestry and the Foresters are always at your service.

Forest Engineers Now in France.

Additional battalions of the largest regiment in the United States Army, the 20th Engineers (Forest) have arrived in France, and with them are two residents of this county.

Sergeant Charles B. Meek, until recently State Forester at Coburn, and Harry Barker, son of Dr. F. P. Barker, of Ingleby, have notified their friends and relatives of their safe arrival "Over There". Until the latter part of December, they had been in training with their regiment at Camp American University, Washington, D. C.

With this same contingent also, are three other foresters of the Pennsylvania Department of Forestry which, up to this time, has furnished to various branches of the army, over one third of its entire population. Seven foresters are with the original forest regiment, the 10th Engineers, and the others are attached to a company of the 20th Engineers of which Lieut. W. G. Conklin, also of this department, is an officer.

The duties of these forest regiments will be to cut the present forests of France along the methods of scientific forestry and supply to the army the timber needed for trench works, bridges and general construction work. They are an arm of the other engineer regiments, for which there has been found so much use in modern warfare.

Deaths of Centre Countians.

Britton L. Frantz, at Bald Eagle, aged forty-nine years. He was postmaster and station agent at Bald Eagle.

Levi E. Miller, at Axe Mann, aged forty-seven years. He was a son of George and Ellen Miller, and was born in Benner township. He was employed in the Altoona shops. Beside his parents, a daughter survives. His wife died in 1909.

Dorsey Conslater, in Tyrone, aged seventy-four years. During the Civil war he served in Company C, 22nd Penn. Cavalry.

Judge McCormick Reduced License.

The liquor licenses in Clinton county were reduced by eighteen. Among those refused was that of Daveler, at Loganton. Mill Hall was granted a license by the associate judge, Judge McCormick dissenting. This leaves Clinton county twenty-two retail licenses.

Smile when you buy a "smilage" book.

RIMMEY-NEFF NUPTIALS.

Pretty Wedding at Home of Bride's Parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. K. Neff, on Saturday Evening.

A very pretty home wedding was solemnized at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Neff, at Tusseyville, on Saturday evening, when their daughter, Miss Mary, was united in marriage to Amos E. Rimmey, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Rimmey, of Tusseyville. Promptly at six o'clock Miss Mamie Warntz began to play the wedding march. The bridal pair were attended by George K. Rimmey, brother of the groom, and Miss Grace Neff, younger sister of the bride. Rev. R. R. Jones, pastor of the contracting parties, officiated.

After the customary congratulations a sumptuous feast was served, which was enjoyed by all. After spending several hours in social intercourse the guests took their departure.

Many useful and handsome presents were received by the bride.

Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Neff, sons Harry, John, Homer and Hoy, and daughter Grace; Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Rimmey and son George, Mr. and Mrs. John E. Rishel, Larch and Mrs. R. R. Jones and daughter, Miss Gladys, Richard Brooks, Misses Elizabeth Bitner, Edna Neff, Mary Slutterbeck, Mamie Warntz, Lila Brooks, Genevieve Ruble.

The bride for several years has been a successful school teacher in Potter township, while the groom is engaged in agricultural pursuits on his father's farm, and bears an excellent reputation in his home community. The Reporter joins the many friends of the young couple in extending congratulations.

Dr. Dixon on Quarantine Violations.

Following the action of William Schreckengast, who a few weeks ago came from Akron, Ohio, to the home of his father, at Pleasant Gap, with a well developed case of small pox, Doctor Samuel G. Dixon said he is determined to take drastic action against every person violating smallpox quarantine or deliberately exposing themselves to others while in an infectious stage of smallpox.

On Saturday a week ago, by direction of the commissioner of health, William Schreckengast, twenty-five years of age, who escaped from quarantine at Akron, Ohio, on December 21st, was arraigned before Squire Woodring, of Bellefonte, and fined one hundred dollars and costs because he deliberately entered Pennsylvania and traveled on railway trains in order to reach the home of his father at Pleasant Gap. Immediately upon the arrival of this young man at his home he was placed under quarantine, and on Saturday, at the conclusion of the quarantine period, he was given an antiseptic bath, his clothing and dwelling were disinfected and the warrant which had previously been sworn out for his arrest was served.

Dr. Dixon says, "Similar action will be taken against every person trailing smallpox infection about the Commonwealth where there is reason to believe that the individual knowingly exposed others to the risk of contracting this loathsome disease."

Patriotic Concert, February 7th.

Thursday evening of next week (February 7th) local talent will give a Patriotic Concert in the Grange hall, commencing at 8:00 o'clock. Eight male singers, an accompanist and several girl reciters, comprise the party of entertainers. The concert is given for the purpose of keeping alive the patriotic spirit in the community as well as to raise funds for the Red Cross and Y. M. C. A. It is a noble cause, and you can do your bit by purchasing a ticket. The admission price is 25 cents; children, 15 cents; reserved seats, 30 cents. Reserved seat tickets will be on sale at the drug store in Centre Hall, commencing Friday noon.

Warfare Tactics Taught at "State."

Bayonet drill and hand grenade throwing have been made a part of military training at the Pennsylvania State College. Major James Baylies, U. S. A., retired, the college commandant, has procured 500 new bayonets of regulation type and they were issued to the sophomore companies for instruction purposes.

Upperclass officers are teaching the second-year men how to handle the steel weapons. The squads are distributed through the armory and various college buildings which afford sufficient space for the exercises. Outdoor work with bayonets will be undertaken in the spring.

Grenades, identical in design, size and weight with the regulation bomb, but lacking high explosive charge, have been manufactured for the cadets at the State College school of engineering.

For pumps and repairs see Rowe.

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS

Saturday is ground hog day. Last Tuesday was McKinley's birthday, carnation day.

You do the "bit" you ought to when you do all you can to help win the war.

Snow and blow; snow and blow, ad infinitum, seems to be the order of the present winter.

Friday night of last week a sledding party was entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Foster W. Frazier, along Sinking Creek.

Nurse Miss Helen Fairchild, of Watsontown, died in a base hospital somewhere in France. She was thirty-three years old. War's cruel toll.

A large handsome picture, illustrating Sherman's march to the sea, was presented to the High school by Rev. D. S. Kurtz, for decorating the school room.

Governor Brumbaugh appointed Col. W. Fred Reynolds, of Bellefonte, ordance officer of the new Pennsylvania reserve militia which is now being organized, with the rank of major.

Have you bought your ticket for the Patriotic Concert to be held in Grange hall Thursday evening of next week—February 7th? If you are solicited to buy, remember that the funds go toward alleviating human suffering.

Snow flakes were flying during the greater part of last Friday, the last Friday in January, and it was considerably warmer than the average day in January. So there you have it, if there is any satisfaction you can get from it.

Michael I. Gardner, of Clearfield, has been named a deputy revenue collector in Clearfield county, and will assist in collecting income taxes. Just recently Mr. Gardner moved from Centre county to the Clearfield county capital.

Just a few minutes before preparing to depart for the railroad station on a trip to visit his brother, Samuel K. Emerick, at Unionville, on Monday morning, M. L. Emerick, of this place, received word that his brother had passed away.

Local draft boards, under a new ruling, will receive thirty cents for each registrant classified. Heretofore the boards were paid for the time served, but it was found that some were grafter—put in the time by setting and not working.

There are to-day more men in France than the original program calls for, and by June President Wilson states that there will be twice the number on French soil than the arrangements of the allies call for, consequently not all is lagging in the war game.

John G. King, Centre Hall's oldest male resident, is lying dangerously ill at his home in Centre Hall. Mr. King is suffering with stomach trouble and is practically unable to retain any food. A little over a week ago he sustained a broken rib in a fall, which adds to his suffering. Mr. King is up in the eighties, but has shown remarkable vitality despite his great age. His many friends trust that he may again be restored to his former strength and health.

Witmer E. Lee, who has the job of conveying the dozen or more school children each morning of the school term from the Egg Hill and Cross Lane school districts to Potters Mills, has a record of not having missed a day up to the present time, and only once did he land the scholars at the school house an hour late. Considering the conditions of the roads during this remarkable winter the record is one of which Mr. Lee may justly feel proud.

Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo is advising Liberty Bond holders not to let themselves be swindled out of them by an organized effort on the part of agents representing all kinds of corporations issuing worthless stock. These agents represent that the securities they offer are paying large interest or dividends and that is simply to help the bond-holders along that these "first class" stocks, etc., are being exchanged for low-interest bearing government bonds.

The national War Savings Committee has made arrangements with the telephone companies to call every subscriber and ask whether thrift stamps have been purchased. An appeal will be made for the purchase of the stamps or for additions to the number already purchased. It is planned to do the telephone soliciting when the traffic is lightest, between 7 and 9 p. m. The campaign officials say they believe any family that can afford to use a telephone can afford to invest in war savings stamps and the patriotic duty to own them will be forcefully pointed out to the telephone subscribers.