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COUNTY S. CONVENTION.

To Be Held at Phillipsburg, June 4th and 5th.

The annual Sunday School convention of the Centre County Sunday School Association will be held in Phillipsburg, June 4th and 5th, in the Methodist church.

The annual Older Boy and Girl Conference will be held June 4th, at Phillipsburg, in the Church of Christ.

All Sunday Schools should send the names of their delegates immediately to L. G. Runk, Chairman of the Entertainment Committee, Phillipsburg. Also send the names of the Older Boys and Girls to Mr. L. W. Nuttall, Phillipsburg.

All Sunday School superintendents who have not sent in their statistical report, please send it immediately to Mr. Darius Waite, secretary, Bellefonte.

IVES L. HARVEY,
Pres. Centre Co. S. S. Assoc.

Gardening Hints for June.

June is a critical month for the gardener, for it is then that his fight with weeds and insects begins in earnest. Dry weather is also likely to set in during June, which means that thorough and continuous cultivation must be followed, says a State College garden expert.

Cultivation will take care of the weeds if they are small, but if they are not controlled in time their removal in June may mean tedious and hard work.

The insects are controlled by poison, applied in dust or liquid form, if they are leaf eaters. If their injury is by sucking plant juices, tobacco sprays are used.

If the potato blight has been prevalent in the neighborhood, and if the weather is damp and sultry, it will be well to spray the potatoes with a compound of Bordeaux mixture and lead arsenate, the latter necessary to kill the potato beetle which has likely made its presence known. Bordeaux mixture is used to combat the blight.

In June if you have not already done so, set tomatoes, early celery, eggplant, pepper plant, onion transplants. Okra, too, should be started.

About the middle of the month stop cutting asparagus, weed the bed, harrow and manure. Another seeding of sweet corn should be made, as should one of beans. If lima do well early June is the time for a sowing.

Dealing With the Stocker.

Every community has a few citizens, abundantly able to support the Red Cross and other war activities but who refuse to do so. It has long been a question how to deal with such individuals. A bank in Pasadena, Cal., seems to have solved the problem in a red-blooded manner. The bank sent the following letter to one of its customers who had declined to do his part in the support of war work:

Dear Sir:

We hold at the present time about \$60,000 worth of first mortgages belonging to you, on which we collect payments for you. We have held as high as \$90,000 of these. We know that you own stock here, and real estate in Iowa, that makes you a well-off man. You are what a bank regards as a good customer, and we are indebted to you for past business.

You have not subscribed to the Red Cross or any other war work; and so far as we know, you are not supporting your country in any way. You are not only a detriment, but a menace to this community. This bank cannot afford to thrive on such business as yours. We have too many calls from patriotic citizens these days to be willing to extend credit to you in order that you may reinvest at from seven per cent. up. You will therefore please take up your small note of \$300 immediately; also call at the bank and receipt for your securities, and take your business to some bank that has money to lend to German sympathizers. Yours truly,

THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF PASADENA.

The time has come when a man is either for or against America in this struggle. There can be no balancing on the fence. Neither the Red Cross nor any other war organization asks the person who cannot subscribe to make a pledge to the support of its activities but every individual who has enjoyed the protection and prosperity of this great country is expected to do his share. Let a few more business institutions take the stand of this western bank and there will be many non-subscribers running into shelter.

Big Motor Truck Order.

Orders for 8,000 three to five ton motor trucks have been placed with fifteen automobile manufacturers, the war department announced. This is in addition to 10,000 similar trucks now being delivered.

Hughes Hopp, one of Millintown's most prominent young business men, died in Philadelphia after undergoing an operation. He was thirty-six years old, and was associated with his father, A. A. Hopp, in the Hoff carriage company.

JUNE 14 IS SILO DAY.

Centre County Farmers to Make Auto Trip To Inspect Various Types of Silos.—A Regular Picnic Trip.

Due to the increasing interest in silos and the fact that so many wish to see a silo before they buy, the privilege will be given to those who are interested to see several makes of silos on June 14th.

The Farm Bureau has arranged for a silo excursion on which several makes of silos will be visited, including the concrete, tile and several styles of wooden silos. This will be an all day trip, leaving Bellefonte at 9:30 a. m. and covering about fifty to seventy-five miles. The trip will be made by automobile, each party making up their own load and taking their lunch. At the noon hour a suitable place will be selected for lunch after which there will be talks on silage and feeding by some outside speakers.

This will not be a trip for the purpose of selling silos but an inspection trip to get better acquainted with the various makes of silos and get facts first hand as to the advantages and disadvantages.

Look for further announcements in next week's paper.

R. H. OLMSTEAD,
County Agent.

Truck Displaces Horse.

After rounding out twenty-five years—a quarter of a century—with a horse and wagon in the draying business, William McClenahan last week put into service a handsome Ford truck. All these years of hard work as a drayman have been spent in Centre Hall by Mr. McClenahan, and a number of valuable horses have come and gone in that time. "Billy" has built up a good business in his line of work, and early and late, good weather and bad, he is out attending to his work, which everyone in Centre Hall knows has not been of the easy, muscle-saving kind. While the acquisition of a truck is not calculated to be saving in man power, it is nevertheless a step in the right direction and Mr. McClenahan is to be congratulated on his enterprise.

Road Men Are Patriots.

One hundred per cent. loyal to the Red Cross fund and more than seventy per cent. holding Third Liberty Bonds is the record of the State road workers under Joseph Carson, of Potters Mills. "Squire" F. A. Carson, a Red Cross canvasser, gave this information to the Reporter on Monday. The force of road workers is quite large, and that everyone should be a Red Cross subscriber and nearly three-fourths holders of Liberty Bonds of the third issue, speaks well, to say the least, of the road men.

Children's Day Exercises.

The Lutheran Sunday-School, Centre Hall, will hold a Children's Day service on Sunday evening, June 9th. The Reformed Sunday-School, Centre Hall, will hold a similar service on Sunday evening, June 16th.

More Boys for Camp.

Following instructions to send thirty-four more men to Columbus Barracks, Columbus, Ohio, in addition to the fifty-nine already called to go to Camp Meade the following men have been listed to fill the call:

A. A. Holben, Clarence.
Jas. C. Lingle, Spring Mills.
B. Barnuchuk, Osceola Mills.
C. F. Auman, Spring Mills.
Henry N. Edmiston, State College.
W. D. Harpster, Bellefonte.
John B. Beck, Nittany.
H. F. Shifner, Phillipsburg.
A. W. Gardner, Howard.
M. Allen, Phillipsburg.
P. E. Gardner, Blanchard.
R. D. Thomas, State College.
M. W. Woerner, Howard.
L. B. Counsil, Blanchard.
G. E. Fetzer, Milesburg.
Joseph Quirk, Snow Shoe.
L. W. Lomison, Moshannon.
Fred Moore, Port Matilda.
John R. Keesinger, Nittany.
M. D. Thomas, Phillipsburg.
W. A. Bennet, Port Matilda.
Jesse Cowher, Sandy Ridge.
Wm. P. Crawford, Bellefonte.
H. B. Taylor, Bellefonte.
Budd Robinson, Port Matilda.
David R. Bennet, Phillipsburg.
Albert Kaplin, Phillipsburg.
Allison E. Dukeman, Blanchard.
E. R. Johnson, Milesburg.
George M. Kachik, Clarence.
Joe Morrison, Bellefonte.
Chas. Dougherty, Phillipsburg.
C. B. Smith, Centre Hall.
C. E. Woodring, Port Matilda.
Chester Welter, Fleming.
L. J. Shank, Snow Shoe.
Lawrence Napp, Centre Hall.

Don't use boards, use cement, for repairing about the barn or shed. It gives almost everlasting wear, and is clean and sanitary all the time.—For sale by R. D. Foreman, Centre Hall.

Lightning Destroys Property.

During the severe thunder storm of Saturday night, lightning struck and destroyed two buildings near Bellefonte. The one was the crusher building belonging to the American Lime and Stone Company. The building was a large one and was totally destroyed by the elements.

When the storm was at the height of its fury a flash of lightning struck the dwelling house on the Dr. Brockerhoff farm, located along the Jacksonville road, about a mile and a half east of Bellefonte, and burned it to the ground. The farm is tenanted by a Mr. Corman, who with his wife and family of seven children had retired for the night when their house was struck. The father had time only to dress in a pair of trousers and slip on his shoes, while Mrs. Corman, in a kimono, was compelled to look after the safety of her children. So rapidly did the house become enveloped in flames that not a single article was saved by the Corman family, who have been placed in destitute circumstances through their ill fortune.

Dr. Brockerhoff carried insurance on the property, but his tenant suffered total loss.

"A Loyal Friend."

It was not because it was undeserving that the Pine Grove, Mills aggregation that rendered "A Loyal Friend" was not mentioned last week in these columns, but through a slip with which newspaper offices like this are familiar. The play was a comedy drama in four acts, and was by great odds the best rendered play put on the local stage. The characters were strong and decidedly pleasing in their manners, and the ladies, well, they were handsome as well.

"O'Kelly, 'Man o' the Ould Sod,'" represented by H. B. Ward, and Mrs. Griggen, afterward Mrs. O'Kelly (Miss Clair Martz) were typical Irish characters. There was something very real in their lovmaking, and from what the writer saw in a nearby town it may be presumed that much of the practice was done without an audience. Miss Mary Burwell, who played the part of Mrs. Milly Merriman, a handsome young widow, was both young and handsome, and had all the snap needed to bring her part out prominently.

The specialties, especially the Irish songs by Mr. Ward and Miss Martz, the singing by Miss Burwell, Mr. Dunlap, and Mr. Burwell were delightful in character and performance. Down to the kid, the Baken's Boy, the characters were fine.

After the program was concluded, the local Red Cross auxiliary gave a lunch to the party, and here again they made a favorable impression.

The door receipts were \$55.00, which was divided on the fifty-fifty basis.

Heavy Rains.

Wednesday evening of last week this section of the valley experienced the most severe thunder shower in years. Nearly an inch of rain fell in an hour's time, washing many newly planted corn fields. The electrical display, too, was truly wonderful, and as a result Centre Hall was put in darkness because of the storm putting the electric light line out of commission.

Saturday night a second heavy thunder shower, equally as great in its electrical show and precipitation, passed over the valley. It had the effect of dispersing the Saturday night crowd and sent them hurrying home in their autos and buggies. The storm displayed its greatest fury over in Nittany valley where the lightning did considerable damage. Upon reaching Penna valley the rain came down in torrents, an inch or more falling in a very short time. Further damage to newly planted corn fields resulted.

With all the heavy rains the air has not yet been freed of its excessive humidity.

Two Killed in Electric Chair.

A double execution took place at the Rockview Penitentiary Monday morning when Illo Orbie, a Serbian, of Lebanon county, and Giuseppe Poitto, an Italian, of Westmoreland county, were sent to the chair.

The former was convicted of the murder of a woman with whom he was living, while Poitto was sentenced to death for killing Dominic Natall, of New Kensington, last August.

Nailing Kaiser Cost \$1000.

The ceremony of nailing the Kaiser's face on the public square at Lewistown netted the Red Cross an even thousand dollars. The first nail, a silver one, was sold to the highest bidder for \$551, and was knocked down to the night forces at the Standard Steel Works who by a popular vote designated Miss Ruth Edmondson, a nurse at the first aid station of the Standard, as the one to drive the nail. Other nails were sold at ten cents each.

VOCATIONAL EDUCATION IN PENNA.

A Series of Articles Leading Up to the Gregg Township Vocational School at Spring Mills.

[By Prof. W. W. Reitz, Supervisor of Agriculture of the Gregg Township Vocational School.]

PART III.

THE BIRTH OF GREGG TOWNSHIP VOCATIONAL SCHOOL.

Early in the spring of 1917 the Gregg township school board got in communication with the Bureau of Vocational Education in order to obtain information concerning vocational education. The members of the board were not familiar with the vocational law but they were aware of its existence and determined to avail themselves of its advantages if such a thing were possible. Accordingly the Bureau sent Mr. Heim, one of the supervisors of agricultural education, to interview the board and to investigate the location and possible prospects. Mr. Heim made two trips to Spring Mills, each time meeting the school board as well as many of the prominent citizens. He reported favorably on the spirit of the people and the fitness of the location. The school board was well pleased with the information it gained concerning vocational education and the proposition made by the State.

From the fact that Gregg township is a strictly agricultural community, it was agreed that it was an excellent location for a Vocational School, teaching agriculture and household arts. The school board at once decided to meet the requirements of the State and convert the third grade High school at Spring Mills into a Vocational School. So far everything looked favorable but the proposition was destined to meet temporary disappointment.

The State had previous to this time established all the new schools possible with the money available for that year. When it first conferred with Gregg township its intention was to take the money for this school out of the funds made available by the Federal appropriation known as the Smith Hughes Bill. However the Federal Board which should have charge of the distribution of that fund was not appointed until late in the summer and when it was appointed it did not at once determine how the money should be distributed. This left the State in suspense and it looked very much as though Gregg township would not get its school that year.

However the Smith Hughes Bill designated that a definite sum, about one-third, should be used for the training of vocational teachers. The State had hoped from the first to make the Gregg township school a "practice teaching" or training school, because of its proximity to State College. Therefore it decided to establish the school and associate it with State College, as a model school, using the funds made available for the training of teachers.

It wasn't until the last week in July that the State notified the school board that it should have the school. Mr. Dennis, the Director of Vocational Education in Pennsylvania, notified me about the school and asked whether I would consent to be transferred from Mercer, where I had charge of the vocational department in the High School, to this school. I came to Spring Mills during the first week in August. Prof. W. V. Godshall, who had been principal of the High school, was retained as Director for the first year, and Miss Nancy Hunter of Bellefonte, was elected Supervisor of Home Making. We had less than one month's time in which to secure and equip quarters for the vocational departments. The High school building was not large enough for that purpose. In this time vocational education had to be explained to the people, and pupils had to be secured. A citizens' meeting was called in the Grange hall for this purpose and to solicit the support of the people. The hall was filled and the interest that was manifest was very encouraging to the school board and those in charge. A pamphlet was printed describing the nature and purpose of the school together with an outline of its courses of study. This was distributed among the citizens and prospective pupils. During the following two weeks, meetings were held at Coburn, Madisonburg, Potters Mills, Tuseyville and the Murray school house. Much personal canvassing was also done.

In the meantime quarters were being prepared in the Grange hall. The first floor, which was used for public meetings, was fitted up for the agricultural department, while the second floor was to be occupied by the household arts department. The lodge room was used for a recitation room and sewing laboratory, and the Grange kitchen was equipped as a cooking laboratory.

Gregg township was not without

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RINGLING CIRCUS IN LEWISTOWN.

Ringling Bros. Mammoth Show and Great Spectacle Will Soon Be Open at Hand.

"Ringling Day", the big holiday for which young and old impatiently wait at this season of the year, promises to eclipse all other events on the calendar at Lewistown, Thursday, June 6.

Exhibition will be given both afternoon and night. It would seem as though everybody in this locality were planning to attend. Those who do will see many wonders. There will be the great street parade—more than three miles long this year—no end of strange and remarkable wild animals in the gigantic Five-Continent menagerie, and whole hours of sensations in the Mammoth main tent. This season the Ringling Brothers are opening their program with a wonderful spectacle entitled "In Days of Old". More than 1,200 actors take part in the great production, which tells the story of the days "when knighthood was in flower". There is a ballet of 300 dancing girls and no end of other striking features. Following the specials will come a thousand arena sensations. There will be seventy riders, headed by May Wirth, who somersaults from the back of one galloping horse to another; Lilly Letzel, the world's greatest gymnast; Australian woodchoppers felling giant trees; Hillary Long, who leaps the gap on his head, and a world of other startling features. Eighty clowns will furnish fun and more trained animals and trick horses and elephants will appear than ever before.

The circus will be in Sunbury, Friday, June 7.

Bring Flowers To-Day.

Children are requested to bring flowers for decorating on Memorial Day, to the P. O. S. of A. hall this (Thursday) afternoon at 1:30 o'clock. The names of all the boy and girl flower contributors will be published in the Reporter next week.

Harrah for the Girl Scouts!

Following closely on the heels of the Boy Scouts organization, a Girl Scouts was formed at Centre Hall last week. The roll, while not large at the start, will increase after others see the good work the following young ladies can do: Misses Mae Shultz, Nona Wagner, Sarah Zettle, Hazel Ripks, Beatrice Kreamer, Miriam Huyett, Catherine Bradford and Grace Miller. Mrs. (Rev.) J. A. Shultz, is Scout Captain and Mrs. E. S. Ripka is Scout Lieutenant.

Pasture for the Young Colt.

If this year's colt is to be developed into a good horse, now is the time to begin. If the weather will permit, the young colt and its mother should be kept on pasture as much of the time as possible. Life on pasture increases the milk flow of the mother and permits the young colt to get the necessary exercise for its development, says Dr. I. D. Wilson, of the Pennsylvania State College animal husbandry department. Moreover, the colt will be freer from disease if kept away from stables that are likely to be unsanitary. Later in the summer when the flies begin to bother, a partly darkened shed of some sort is beneficial to protect the animals from the sun and flies. If a shed is not available, shade trees answer the purpose very well. Plenty of cool pure water should always be at hand.

Sparks Brothers circus, in Bellefonte, last Tuesday, was attended by thousands, the south side of Centre county having its full quota represented under the "big top". The weather conditions leading up to the circus day were just right for permitting the farmer to take a day off without having his farm suffer for it.

W. L. Foster, the noted hunter and fisherman of State College, set trout fishermen wild with excitement one day last week when he returned home from a short fishing trip to Spring creek with a 27-inch speckled beauty, measuring 15 inches in circumference and weighing eight pounds. It is believed that his catch will prove the biggest of the season, which will entitle Mr. Foster to the \$2500 prize offered by "Field and Stream," a sports magazine. The happy fisherman placed the monster trout in the hands of Traxidermist Eiden, of Williamsport, for mounting.

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rivals in securing the first vocational school in Centre county. Howard and Boalsburg also made efforts in that direction. The county is large enough to support several schools of this kind and we hope that these places may still be successful in their efforts.

This in brief, is the story of the birth of the Gregg Township Vocational School.

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS

P. O. S. of A. festival in Grange hall on the evening of Memorial Day. Build with cement—the material that wears longest.—R. D. Foreman. Two cases of smallpox have developed in Rush township; the homes of the victims have been quarantined and vaccination is in force.

Township road supervisors will have some work on their hands to remove the great quantity of loose stones which the recent rains washed into the roads in many places.

The heavy rains during the middle and close of last week put corn fields in bad shape. Many fields are washed badly, and the corn rows are filled with soil that ought to be on the hill-sides.

Mr. and Mrs. John H. Breon, on Saturday, went to Ohio to visit their son, Edgar, of Akron, and daughters, Mrs. John Brooks, at Barberton, and Mrs. Margaret Kayser, at Cuyahoga. They will be gone for some time.

Miss Verna Hanns, who returned home from the Lock Haven Normal school two weeks ago, on account of an abscess on her left hand, was able to return to school on Monday where she will finish the special spring course at that place.

Surely there is no place like home—old Penna Valley. This leads the Reporter to say that James M. Moyer, after seeing the states west to the coast, has again located at Potters Mills, and is now preparing to reopen the old hotel stand.

Forester A. C. Silvis, of Laurelton, assisted by Carl D. Motz, in charge of the preserve at Woodward, and a crew of workmen last week completed the planting of 1,008,300 young pine trees on "Round Top", covering six hundred acres of the mountain facing Woodward and Penna Valley.

At a special meeting of the Millheim school board last week, the following teachers were elected: Prof. D. P. Stapleton was re-elected supervising principal; grammar, W. F. Keen; intermediate, Mrs. Lida McCloskey; primary, Miss Margaret Mensch.

The P. O. S. of A. did a good act for the Boy Scouts when they tendered them their splendidly furnished room for a meeting place, and did so without demand for rental. The members went further in the aid of the Boy Scouts by appointing a committee, consisting of S. W. Smith, E. S. Ripka and I. A. Sweetwood, to work with Scout Master Shultz in obtaining suitable permanent quarters where drilling, wrestling, boxing, etc., may be done with ease and comfort. The Boy Scouts are deserving of your support.

An appeal has been made by Edger C. Felton, U. S. Director of Employment for Pennsylvania, to judges of the Common Pleas Courts of the State, to excuse farmers and farmers' helpers from jury duty so far as is possible. Reports from the various counties indicate that about three hundred farm workers are at present impeded for jury service and in some cases they are reported to be the only farm workers available for work on their respective farms. As the planting season is now at hand, farm help can hardly be spared, in view of the Agricultural labor shortage.

The following week should be "clean-up-week" as far as the male birds are concerned, says the county farm agent. Any rooster, who up to the present time has been allowed with the flock of laying hens, should be eliminated at once. The results which would be attained should only infertile eggs be produced cannot be wholly estimated. However, it is a well known fact that the rooster is responsible for the loss of over a million dollars worth of eggs in Pennsylvania. If this loss could be eliminated it would mean much to our allies, who, at the present time are in great need of poultry and eggs. The matter is entirely up to the producer. Will you produce only infertile eggs?

Lewisburg has again achieved national distinction in the sale of War Savings Stamps. Scout George Coldron, Troop No 1, Lewisburg, according to a statement from headquarters, has sold more war stamps than any other boy scout in the United States. He has turned in \$10,394.50. For this patriotic service he will receive a medal for having placed \$250 worth of stamps in twenty-five different homes. A palm is given for each additional \$100 worth. This gives Scout Coldron an Ace medal and 100 palms. The burning question is, where is this Ace going to place all his palms when his ribbon is covered up. Scout leaders predict he will look like a piece of traveling armor, happy but burdened.