

LOCAL AND PERSONAL.

Are you wearing a "V Victory Loan" button? Miss Lola Ulrich is visiting relatives in Sunbury.

Progress Grange will meet Saturday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock.

Be sure to read Swartz's important announcement on another page of this issue.

Just in—a carload of fertilizer for Spring requirements. Phone your order.—R. D. Foreman, Centre Hall, Pa.

Dr. G. W. Hosterman is visiting his son, S. V. Hosterman, Esq., and family, in Lancaster, this week.

Frank J. McClellan is making some improvements to his new home by way of building front and rear porches.

The home of Mrs. Isaac Smith was wired for electric light by Messrs. Boozer and Flink, during the past week.

I have in stock a carload of fresh Alpha Portland cement. Excellent for making all sorts of repairs about the premises.—R. D. Foreman, Centre Hall.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Keefer and two children, of Youngwood, spent from Friday until Sunday with Mrs. Keefer's parents, Squire and Mrs. Cyrus Brungart.

Miss Mary Delinda Potter, assistant superintendent of schools at New Castle, Delaware, spent from Friday until Monday with her father, J. T. Potter, in this place.

Miss Mae Shultz has resumed her studies at Albright College and at the close of the school year, the latter part of next month, will return home prepared to teach art, music and elocution.

James I. Fetterolf has improved his home on East Church street, the past week, by replacing the smaller windows in the house by full sized glass windows, adding greatly to the appearance of the building.

Little Miss Margaret Burkholder, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ammon Burkholder, of Phillipsburg, New Jersey, is visiting her grandmother, Mrs. M. E. Strohm, in this place. She accompanied Mr. Person to Centre Hall, on Saturday.

The government has made the Victory Liberty Loan notes very attractive to the buyer. The interest rate is high and the time to run is short—four years, with the government's privilege of redeeming them in three years. Are you buying?

J. S. Rowe was home for a few days from his work in the state of Maryland, and on Tuesday left for Atlantic City, New Jersey, to visit his son, John L. Rowe, who was recently discharged from the service after having been stationed at Kelley Field, San Antonio, Texas, for some months.

The last letter received from Private Daniel Bloom, son of Robert W. Bloom, near Centre Hall, told of the happy meeting of Private Bloom and Private William Bailey, in the city of Nantes, France. Home-coming soldiers, as a rule, state that the meeting of some friend or acquaintance during their stay overseas was a rare occurrence.

Private William Miller is finishing a thirty-day furlough at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Dutrow, near this place. Private Miller is stationed at Columbus, New Mexico, as a member of the 12th Cavalry Machine Gun Troop. He has re-enlisted for a period of three years. Private Miller made his home with the Walker family, near town, before entering the service.

John M. Coldron was Uncle Sam's official bill poster for a few days prior to the opening of the Victory Loan drive, when he, with the assistance of Cleveland Mitterling, stuck up something like 400 posters—large and small—between Spring Mills and Boalsburg. No matter where you drive for the next three weeks, one of their posters will get your eye and remind you of a duty to perform before closing up the last chapter of the war.

In writing an account of the W. C. T. U. social for last week's issue, the writer omitted to call attention to two numbers that were particularly pleasing. One was a song by Miriam Moore, the youngest by great odds of any who took the stage in the interest of the cause. The song was well executed and was fitting. The other was a recitation by Miss Esther Wagner, whose ability to commit is envied by many. The selection was a timely one and well rendered.

H. Rossman Smith, son of Mrs. M. L. Smith, of Johnstown, was in Centre Hall on Monday. He was discharged from the service at Camp Dix on March 13th, after eight months' service "over there." He landed in France July 18, 1918, and belonged to the 52nd Infantry of the 6th Army Corps. He was on the Meuse-Argonne and Alsace sectors where he experienced some fierce fighting, and came through it all without a scratch, notwithstanding the fact that the Huns had a big target in his six-foot-three of physical make-up. He qualified as a sharpshooter during the war. Because of his fine physique he was transferred to the Military Police outfit at the signing of the armistice and from the latter part of November until the end of January he was with the Army of Occupation and toured the greater part of Germany. Few young men make a finer soldierly appearance than does young Smith, and we can hear the Huns "Kamerad" at the very sight of him.

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We had "fifty-seven varieties" of weather on Friday.

Most of the township schools come to the close of the term this week.

Mrs. C. E. Royer, of Spring Mills, was in town several days this week.

Miss Myra Kimport spent Easter with relatives at State College and Tyrone.

Charles S. Smith, of near Tusseyville, is driving a handsome new Buick-Six.

The farmers are losing no time these fine days. Some are ready to sow oats.

Quite a bit of repairing of stables and other buildings is going on at present in Centre Hall.

H. F. Rossman, the Spring Mills merchant, was a business caller at this office on Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Emery and family motored to Mifflinburg on Sunday to visit relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Shoop this week left for State College where they will locate for some time.

Who has a right to feel prouder than the man or woman who can show Liberty bonds for all five loans?

The bricklayers have finished bricking the front of the meat market and dwelling in the Runkle block.

The State road from the borough line south has been patched this week, again putting it in prime condition for autoing.

Elmer Royer, of Earlstown, is suffering from the effects of a carbuncle that is making life anything but pleasant at the present time.

A number of unfounded rumors have been in circulation the past week regarding the consummation of important real estate deals locally.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl R. Rossman and two sons, of Juniata, spent Saturday and Sunday with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Rossman, at Penns Cave.

Harry W. Harper has been the only local fisherman to meet with any success in trout fishing. While his catches have not been large, the speckled beauties have been of nice size.

Don't forget, the Victory Loan train will be at Bellefonte on Wednesday of next week. If you can spare the time, go see some of the trophies our boys have gathered from the Hun.

Your Uncle Sammy believes in advertising; just think of the millions he is spending in putting over the Victory Loan. But through it he expects to obtain that FOUR AND A HALF BILLION DOLLARS—and he'll get it, too.

Mrs. Henry Kratzer, of Lewisburg, mother of Bright Kratzer, a member of the Trench Mortar Battery, who was killed in service, lapsed into unconsciousness when she received definite information that her other son William, also of the battery, would reach home within a few hours, and died without being able to greet him.

Harold Kerstetter, son of Ammon Kerstetter, of Pleasant Gap, has not only acquitted himself with credit as a soldier in France but while overseas has covered himself with glory as an athlete. In one contest in which he competed he won first prize for the high jump, and in another contest he was awarded second prize. He not only received a medal but also a letter of congratulation from a high French officer.

BUILT ON CORAL FOUNDATION

Keeling Island Group, in Indian Ocean, a Mass of Varying Colors Attractive to the Eye.

An oasis in the blue expanse of the Indian ocean is the Keeling Island group, built inch upon inch of coral. From far out at sea the ragged outline of the islands' coconut palms can be seen, now in forestlike thickness, and again one tall, solitary palm silhouetted on the sky.

Many times this is all that the ship's passengers see of the islands, for only when the winds are low can a ship put in at the harbor. Ordinarily, heavy winds send the waves crashing against reef and beach and make the islands a danger zone instead of a haven for mariners.

Parts of the islands are thick with matted underground, but below it all is the coral foundation in the form of sand and reefs of wonderful spreading formations. The shapes of the coral growth are fascinating in their variety. Little imagination is needed to see in them toadstools, oak trees, leaves and snow crystals. Some are solid rock, while others are as delicate as the outshoots of bursting fireworks. The colors, too, are like fading fireworks that leave only a suggestion of yellow, green and rose.

In contrast to the paleness of the coral reefs, the inhabitants of the pools and sea dazzle the onlooker with their scales of vivid red and green flashing through the clear water. Swordfish and sharks make fishing and swimming hazardous.

The air is fanned by great flocks of birds of the eastern tropics who might easily claim ownership of the islands by reason of discovery by their ancestors. The birds long ago found the islands ideal for nesting and time has enlarged the colony, for there are few human beings to disturb the feathered owners.—Chicago Daily News.

SEES LITTLE IN ALHAMBRA

Writer Says Famous Building Expresses Mere Beauty, Without Any Sense of Power or Vigor.

The Alhambra is on the shoulder of a mountain. It overlooks the town, Bart Kennedy writes in the Wide World. It was built by the Moors, and I take it that it was built overlooking the town for the usual reason. The ruling Moors lived there and they wished to be in a position to give the nonruling Moors "what for" when they became too critical. There is a lot of human nature in ruling people just as there is in ruled people. A beautiful place, this Alhambra. But to me its architecture expressed decadence and weakness. There was nothing strong or massive about it. Whether a race expresses truly its character in architecture or not is not for me to say. To be able to give a reliable opinion as to this would necessitate the living of a life that lasted through a couple of thousand years. But certainly the Alhambra did not suggest power and vigor. Beauty, yes, and also fancy, but nothing more.

But on the Cuesta de los Muertos (the hill of the dead), which was outside the actual palace of the Alhambra, were three massive square towers. They expressed strength. In them had lived—centuries before—the Mohammedan soldiers of the guard. These towers impressed me and I often went to see them in the moonlight, for then there seemed to be in their strength and power some weird effect.

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"You Are Being Cheated" Many unscrupulous brokers are buying War Savings Stamps for less money than the stamps are worth without the holders knowing that the money they paid for the stamps will be returned with interest on ten days notice at any post office. War Savings Stamps in January, 1918, sold for \$4.12. They increased in value one cent each month, so that all 1918 War Savings Stamps are worth \$4.27 in April and on the first day of May they increase one cent in value and are then worth \$4.28. So if any one offers less than \$4.28 in May for a 1918 War Savings Stamp 'You Are Being Cheated.' War Savings Stamp for 1919 series sold for \$4.12 and like the 1918 W. S. S. they increase in value One Cent for each month held. So that today a 1919 War Savings Stamp is worth \$4.15 and May first it is worth \$4.16.

Savings Stamp is worth \$4.15 and May first it is worth \$4.16. Thrift stamps are still the same price, —25 cents each and 16 exchanged for a War Savings stamp cost 15 cents extra in April and 16 cents extra in May. Don't be cheated, if you must cash in those War Savings Stamps. They never decrease in value and are redeemable on ten days notice at the nearest post office.

INVEST CLEAR SKIES FOR PEACE It's Fair Weather You Stood by me An Investment in Sunshine The Rainbow of Promise Liberty Loan Victory Weather Lay Aside for a Rainy Day

GRAND Spring Opening at Nieman's Department Store A Complete and Comprehensive Display of All the Newest and Best Styles in Spring and Summer Wearing Apparel For Men, Women and Children. Our display this Spring is of especial interest to every man and woman in this vicinity, because the qualities are unusually good and the new models exhibited are in every way pleasing. —AND REMEMBER, there are no high war prices on this merchandise. We have priced everthing at such reasonable figures that you can easily afford to buy. We are anxious to have you see this line. D. J. Nieman Department Store MILLHEIM

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