



NATION-WIDE DRIVE TO IMPROVE ALL LIVE STOCK.

United States Department of Agriculture Announces Campaign to Eliminate Scrub Sires from Breeding

"Better Sires—Better Stock." This is the slogan of a national better live-stock crusade, to get actively in motion October 1, that is announced by the United States Department of Agriculture, working in cooperation with the State agricultural colleges and other agencies interested in live-stock improvement. The campaign looks forward to the future food needs of this country's increasing population and results from long and careful observation of the live-stock industry in this country, and was planned after extensive consultation with specialists and breeders. The plan is to hasten the replacement of the multitude of scrub domestic animals in the United States with pure-bred or high-grade stock, and also to improve the quality of pure breeds themselves. The goal in view is greater efficiency in production.

The campaign will be the first organized crusade in a large country to improve all live stock simultaneously. It will interfere in no way with any work in live-stock improvement now being conducted, but makes all the work more definite and effective by providing official recognition for progressive breeders.

The campaign will be supervised from the Department of Agriculture in Washington, and in each State by the State agricultural college. County agents and other field workers of the Department of Agriculture and of the State colleges will handle the campaign locally. Every live-stock owner actively cooperating and keeping and using none but pure-bred sires of good quality will be given an emblem as an official recognition of meritorious effort.

WILL THEY THANK DEMOCRATS?

From Pennsylvania comes the news that contracts have been awarded for the construction of public highways to cost approximately \$2,000,000. About 35,000 men will be employed in the work this year. Of the large total of money to be devoted to this useful undertaking nearly \$1,000,000 will be contributed by the Federal Government under authority of an act passed by a Democratic Congress in 1916.

In this liberal assistance the Government is to afford to the people of Pennsylvania they will have a very substantial evidence of the constructive legislation which a Democratic Administration has brought into force and effect for the benefit of every State and all classes.

It has been the habit of some Republican newspapers and some Republican politicians of Pennsylvania to assert that an undue advantage has been given to the South in the laws and policies fostered by the present National Administration. The people of that State can now properly estimate the accuracy of these assertions while they are spending almost a million dollars and employing thousands of men under the inspiration and sanction of a Democratic statute of which they are thus far among the chief beneficiaries.

State Agricultural Notes.

Keep the home well screened. Legumes and livestock mean soil fertility.

The silo combines more good things and brings greater profits than any other building on the farm.

Threshing time is here. Farmers should safeguard their buildings by seeing to it that the engine is kept a safe distance away and that a first-class spark arrester is properly placed and kept in good order. Most fires are caused by carelessness or neglect.

Tip burn on potatoes is showing up after the dry, hot weather. The real burning of the leaf is due to the sun's heat. Bad tip burn often follows the attack of leaf hoppers. Spraying potatoes with Bordeaux mixture for late and early blight reduces the amount of tip burn greatly.

Smut in wheat fields can be prevented by obtaining seed from a farm where the disease was not present the year before, or by treating the seed with formaldehyde solution. The latter is an easy means of dealing with the stinking smut or bunt.

Train Wreck at Tyrone.

Three trainmen were injured and two engines were completely crushed when two trains collided at Tyrone last Wednesday morning.

Charles R. Meek, who previous to his enlistment in a forestry engineer corps of the U. S. army, was state forester, has been returned to his old job at Cobern by the Pennsylvania Forestry commission. On Tuesday Forester Meek became suddenly ill and suffered pains during the night, but on Wednesday noon he was reported as having greatly improved, says the Millheim Journal.

To-day (Thursday) closes the trout fishing season.

A Word About Crystal Spring Park.

The more euphonious title of Crystal Spring Park has been given to what has long been known as "Hairy John's Place", in the Woodward Narrows, in the lower end of Centre county. The state forester at Laurelton, working under the direction of the State Forestry Department, has transformed a wooded section into a delightful spot, ideal for picnicking.

"Hairy John" lived in this isolated section many years ago, and the foundation walls of his old home were only leveled a year ago when the transformation of the place was contemplated. He received his name from the fact that he never shaved or had his hair cut. The great length to which his beard and hair grew gave him a Rip Van Winkle appearance and he became known by the name of "Hairy John." His home was a rendezvous for hunters, being situated in a fine deer territory. Natives say he died about twenty years ago.

Crystal Spring is an appropriate name for the transformed place. A sparkling bubbling spring of ice-cold mountain water is on the cleared space and is walled in on its four sides by concrete walls. One look into that vat of nature's nectar and, thirsty or not, there at once comes a desire for a cup of that most refreshing and purest of waters. Tables and benches on the grounds and a covered pavilion add to the comfort and convenience of travelers. Sign boards are tacked up, requesting the public to treat the place as they would their own lawn and place rubbish in a receptacle provided for that purpose. The State is anxious to further improve the place and is willing to act upon any suggestions that the public may make, provided they are all practical. For this purpose is provided a "suggestion book" on the grounds. A register book is there also, and nearly all who go there place their names in the book.

The place is easy of access, situated as it is along the public road—and a good road, too, so that travel by auto is delightful.

Dany—Klinefelter.

Miss Myrtle Klinefelter, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Klinefelter, of Boalsburg, and William Henry Dany, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Dany, of Bellefonte, were married in Altoona Tuesday evening of last week, by Rev. Meyers, in the Reformed church. The young couple are now at the home of the bride's parents, and about September first expect to begin housekeeping in Bellefonte. The groom served his country in the late war as a soldier.

Ross—Swartz.

Paul R. Ross, of Linden Hall, and Miss Helen Swartz, of Pleasant Gap, were united in marriage by the Rev. Charles N. Shindler at the parsonage of St. John's English Lutheran church at Lock Haven on Wednesday, 16 inst.

World War Veterans, Notice.

World War Veterans in this locality who desire Victory buttons are no longer required to send in their original discharge certificate to this office. The war department has made a new ruling and the Williamsport office is now able to provide blank forms on which applicants may make a copy of their original discharge. These forms may be secured upon application in person or by mail and must be certified to before an authorized civil officer who is empowered to administer oaths.

The supply of buttons is temporarily exhausted but service men are urged to make application now, as a new supply will be received soon. Communications should be addressed to the U. S. Army Recruiting Station, Room 20, Post Office Bldg., Williamsport, Pa. The blank discharge and application form will be forwarded by return mail.

Grays Lose in Superior Court.

The Superior Court recently handed down its decision in the case of Irvin G. Gray and his sons, Clyde G. Gray and George F. Gray, in which the lower court is sustained. It will be remembered that the Grays were convicted of stealing cattle from Miles Alexander and others. The case was tried in the Centre county courts last December, after which Judge Quigley, after refusing a new trial, sentenced them. The defendants, through their attorneys, W. G. Runkle and Ellis L. Orvis, appealed from the decree, judgment and sentence of the Court of Quarter Sessions of Centre county, and were left out of jail on bail. The case was then argued in the Superior Court of Pennsylvania, sitting at Pittsburgh.

The defendants have twenty days to file papers to take the case to the Supreme court. Should they not file them within the time specified they will have to comply with the sentence of the lower court, which is as follows: On the three counts, Irvin G. Gray, the father, will have to serve from 6 to 7 1/2 years in the penitentiary, and his sons will each have to serve 7 to 9 1/2 years.

Saturday, August 2nd, is the day.

HINTS ON FARM TRACTORS.

County Agent Tells How to Get Most Out of Demonstrations.

More tractors will be made and sold this year than ever before; and this year record will be broken next year, if conditions remain good and the country generally prosperous.

A lot of farmers visit tractor demonstrations and get not a thing out of them. They stand around on the head-lands and look wise, and are just as wise when they get home as when they started out in the morning. In this state only two demonstrations of any size will be held this summer, one at Harrisburg, August 12-13; and the other at Butler, August 21-22. The way to get something out of these demonstrations is, first to attend them; and second, to observe the following suggestions in studying the tractors on exhibition.

1. Observe with care the relative ease with which tractors pull their loads. What is the rating? How many plows are being pulled? Does the motor seem to labor under its load or does it give evidence of reserve power?
2. Is there noticeable slippage of the drive wheels? If so there is lack of weight or too poor design of lugs, granting that the footing is reasonable.
3. Observe the ease with which the operator handles his machine. Are two wheels in the furrow or all the wheels on the land? If the latter, does side draft seem to continually pull the front wheels toward the furrow?
4. Is the operator placed in a comfortable position. Is he protected in any way from the dust and dirt.
5. Do you see gears exposed where they will collect dust and mud or are they enclosed.
6. Does the tractor seem to pack the soil either when plowing or when worked on plowed land? Do the traction lugs seem to be effective in preventing packing of the soil as well as in giving traction?
7. Does the machine have a neat, finished appearance giving evidence of good material and good workmanship? Can it be adapted to different kinds of work.
8. Observe the number and sizes of fitting tools which the tractor seems to pull easily.
9. Observe the work done by the different plows and note the attachments with which each is equipped. Also study the harrows and other tools shown.

R. H. OLMSTEAD,
County Agent.

Strike of Air-Mail Men Settled.

The mail men in the aerial postal service, who were on a strike for several days, thus tying up the air mail service between New York, Bellefonte, and Chicago, are again at their post of duty after a conference between Second Assistant Postmaster General Praeger and a representative of the air-mail plane pilots. It was said that the strike was the result of a misunderstanding.

Six aviators who returned on Friday to take the air with mail planes from New York for Washington and Bellefonte and from the latter city to Cleveland, have been reinstated. It was announced. They were dismissed from the service only a day before. The two pilots whose dismissal led to the strike have not been reinstated.

Recent changes in the wage scale for pilots in the mail service were announced as including a reduction in the maximum wage to \$2500 a year. Two pilots who have been connected with the service from its inception were being paid \$3600 a year. New pilots are engaged at a \$2000 wage and given a 10 per cent. increase for every 30 hours of flying until the maximum is reached.

Big Appropriation for Home for Feeble Minded.

The Pennsylvania Village for Feeble Minded Women, situated just west of Laurelton, comes in for an appropriation of \$160,000, the bill covering this amount having been signed by Governor Sproul at Harrisburg, Thursday.

The appropriation, according to Dr. Glover, of Laurelton, who is one of the officials of the institution, will be divided equally between building repairs, \$50,000 will be spent for the erection of a sewage disposal plant and a central power plant as well as several other small buildings which will be necessary. It is also planned to erect another large building for the accommodation of the inmates when they are sent there.

At the present time there are two fine buildings erected, both built out of native mountain stone. Successive legislatures failed to appropriate a sum of money for equipment and maintenance, although two legislatures appropriated sums for the erection of buildings.

Entire equipment of furnishings will be bought. It is thought that active work will begin at once.

American trade with Germany is to be resumed, and our exporters are ready to get the business, because we have the goods and the ships to carry them. The merchant marine is one of our permanent gains from the war.

Hearty Welcome to Soldiers and Sailors.

Soldiers and Sailors of the World War, (also nurses who were in service from this community and elsewhere, are extended a most cordial invitation to come to Centre Hall on Saturday, August 2nd—Welcome Home and Community Picnic Day. This invitation goes out to service men of all kinds—those whose duty it was to remain at the cantonments and camps as well as those who saw service "over there."

There will be some amusements, good band concert and, oh, boy, the eats!

WELCOME HOME AND COMMUNITY PICNIC DAY.

Committee Completes Arrangements. —Saturday, August 2nd, the Day. —West Milton Band to Be Here.

The committee on arrangements for the Welcome Home and Community Picnic Day have prepared their program for the day, which is Saturday, August 2nd.

The West Milton Band has been engaged for the day and good music is thus assured. At eleven o'clock the band will play several selections on Grange Park, following which Lieut. W. Ned Keller, of Linden Hall, will give a talk on the World War.

It is expected that families will come with their baskets well filled for the noon-day meal, and don't overlook asking a boy or two in khaki to help you to dispose of the eats. They are to be your guests.

A band concert will be held from 1:30 to 2:30 o'clock following which a baseball game will be played between the married men and the single men, which promises to be interesting.

The local Boy Scouts will be on the ground with ice cream, lemonade and other refreshments, which they will sell. Welcome Home and Community Picnic Day—Saturday, August 2nd. Your friends will be there; you be there too.

Continuation of Grove Meetings.

The "Full Salvation" Tent Meetings will continue all this week and over Sunday, August 3rd, in Moyer's grove, near Colyer. They will be services every evening, at 8:30, and on Sunday at 10:00 A. M., 2:30 and at 8:00 in the evening. The evening of the 3rd will be the closing service of this series of meetings.

Rev. J. R. Gardner, Secretary of the Apostolic Holiness Church of the State of Pennsylvania, will be with us over the last few days of the tent-meeting. He will preach a few times on Sunday.

The revival is well attended at the present time.

J. E. WOLFE.

Dynamited Trout Streams; Pay Fines.

Arthur Smith, a foreman of the state highway department, used dynamite belonging to the department to procure trout by illegal methods from Slate run, Williamsport. He and George Smith, William Rhineholis and David Williams, the latter a son of a game protector, were arrested after an investigation by Fish Warden McIntosh, of Ridgway, and paid fines of \$100 each.

According to McIntosh's report eighteen fine trout, ranging in size from fourteen to twenty-seven inches, were secured. Seven of the fish weighed eighteen pounds. They reported that the fish were taken at night by fly fishing. Their story was credited by people of the section and stories of the remarkable "catch" were published in North Tier newspapers. The fish warden was given a tip, however, and it was found that the fish had been taken by methods which are not only illegal but which are bitterly opposed by true sportsmen.

Another case of dynamiting a trout stream came to the attention of Fish Warden McIntosh, from Marsh Creek, near Howard. It happened that Rev. Wolfe, who for the past week has been holding Evangelistic meetings in Moyer's woods at Colyer, was fishing in the above creek, and he was arrested, supposed to know something of the dynamiting. Later developments revealed the guilty parties and Mr. Wolfe was exonerated of all guilt. A letter written by Fish Warden McIntosh to Mr. Wolfe, says that he was wrongly accused and the case against him had been dropped. It is only fair to the gentleman that the correct facts are made known, since a rumor circulated about the south side of Potter township that the preacher was guilty of a violation of the fish laws.

Want 6-Cent Pieces Coined.

Before returning to Washington after the Fourth of July recess Congressman John M. Rose, of Johnstown, announced that he proposes to investigate the feasibility of coining 6-cent pieces and if there are no obstacles in the way will introduce legislation to that end in the house of representatives.

The Centre Reporter, \$r. 50 a year.

More Overseas Boys Home.

On Saturday Bruce Stump, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Stump, reached his home above Centre Hall, honorably discharged from the service. He landed in the States on the 16th of July. Bruce belonged to the Keystone Division, and was in the infantry. His length of overseas service was a little over a year. He is in fine health and his many friends are glad to grasp the hands of the hero. It will be remembered that Bruce played an act of bravery when the battle raged, by crawling over a field swept by machine-gun fire and rescuing a fellow companion who lay wounded on the field of battle.

Henry Mitterling reached Newport News on Wednesday of last week, from overseas, and his arrival in Centre Hall is expected this week. He was with a hospital outfit, and after the signing of the armistice was one of the fortunate ones given the opportunity for a short term of schooling in a French university, which he accepted.

Leroy Puff, the first Centre Hall boy to reach France, and the last one to leave, arrived at his home on Saturday evening. He landed at Brooklyn Sunday previous and was mustered out at Camp Dix. Originally he belonged to an engineer's outfit but later was transferred to the 863 Co., Transportation Corps. He was in the overseas service nineteen months.

John Smith, youngest son of J. Frank Smith, was honorably discharged from the service on last Thursday and is now at the home of his brother, Charles S. Smith, near Tusseyville. John enlisted in the regular navy and qualified as a first class wireless operator. He was on a number of long cruises and on various battleships.

Airman Makes Record Flight from Bellefonte to New York.

Coincidental with the resumption of the aerial mail service, on Saturday, a record for the flight between New York and Bellefonte, was established, when Pilot Stevens arrived at New York with the Chicago mail shortly after noon, having made the trip in ninety minutes.

Former Resident, 81, Writes from North Dakota.

William Zerby, aged eighty-one years, a native of Potter township, who has resided in Lisbon, North Dakota, for some time, writes the Reporter, July 22, as follows: "The crops in North Dakota are short, after a long dry spell. In a few weeks harvest will be here and I am ready to help, although almost eighty-one years old. I am a sound old Democrat, was born a Democrat, lived a Democrat, and will die a Democrat. Hurrah for Woodrow Wilson! With best regards and love for my native state—Pennsylvania—I will close.—William Zerby."

Bitten by Rattlesnake in the Bear Meadows.

M. J. D. (Jeff) Hubler of State College had quite a thrilling experience Sunday morning, a week ago, when he was bitten by a large rattlesnake in Bear Meadows. Mr. Hubler, in company with his brother, J. W. Hubler, and two sons, Miles and Harold, started out after Sunday school for a little outing and went to Bear Meadows. While there, they were caught in the rain, and decided to build a fire in order to dry their clothes before starting home.

Jeff Hubler went under the hunting cabin in the Meadows and brought out a small pasteboard box about ten inches square and eighteen inches deep, filled with dry paper. Then with the box under his arm, he proceeded to tear off the cover and reach in for more paper. The snake, which had been coiled up in the box, struck and bit him in the palm of the hand, just under the thumb. First aid was rendered by Fred Weber and Mack Homan, who were also over in the Meadows, and Mr. Hubler was taken to State College, where Dr. Grover Glenn administered medical treatment. At the present time Mr. Hubler's condition is very much improved, although his arm is still considerably swollen. The snake, which was killed, was about three and one-half feet long and about as thick as a man's wrist.

Williamsport Commercial College.

Are you going to school? Are you interested in business where money is made—where the good salaries are—where work is pleasant—where promotions come fast. Get our catalogue. It will tell you what our school can do for you. 250 calls for office help received last year. The coming year offers great opportunities. Business men keep things going, and must have office help and we must supply them. This is the largest Business, Shorthand, Typewriting, and Bookkeeping school in central Penna.

Fall term begins the first Tuesday in September. Business course \$75. Shorthand and Typewriting Course \$75. Send us names and addresses of any young people interested in school and we will send you 25 lessons in writing, adv. F. F. HEALEY, Proprietor.

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS

Friday is the first day of August. Farmers hustled in their grain during the sunny days of last week.

The Bierly family reunion will be held in C. H. Snull's grove, near Rebersburg, on August 20.

Rev. R. P. Miller, Presbyterian minister of Philipsburg, will occupy the pulpit in the local Presbyterian church on Sunday evening, 7:30 o'clock.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Stoner, who since the middle of May have been visiting relatives in Ohio and Illinois, have returned to their home at State College.

Centre county corn and potato acreage according to estimate made and sent out by Fred Rasmussen, secretary of agriculture, is 29,750 for the former and 3,169 for the latter.

Private Daniel Bloom is the only soldier from this vicinity who remains with the A. E. F. overseas. All others have either been returned home or have landed, awaiting their discharge.

The borough of Howard will celebrate its "Welcome Home" to its soldier and sailor boys on Saturday, August 23rd. The townships of Howard, Liberty, Curtin and Walker will be taken in at the celebration.

The Stoner sisters' farm, at Tusseyville, is said to have been sold to Calvin Weaver, of Aaronsburg, for the sum of \$13,000. The farm is tenanted by Mr. Barger. Mr. Weaver will occupy the place himself next spring.

Brade and John Steiger, Russell and Frank Dinges and Calvin Confer, charged with refusing to assist a State fire warden fight a fire near Coburn, entered pleas of guilty before Judge Quigley one day last week and were fined \$1 and costs, each.

Miss Stella Stamm, a trained nurse of Hiawatha, Kas. is spending her vacation at the home of Charles Wolfe, at Aaronsburg, her former home. On her return to the west she will make her home in the state of Oregon.

Rev. James Snultz, of Centre Hall, pastor of the Evangelical church at Lemont, and committee, Mrs. Sarah Ritter, Mrs. Hannah Grove, Mrs. Caroline Wagner and Mrs. Anna Lenker, all of Lemont, recently made a purchase of a new carpet for the Lemont church.

The reason for the liberal patronage accorded Bellefonte's Chautauqua by Centre Hall people, the past week, is due to the local people having been educated to good things through the medium of the Lecture Course. Chautauqua and Lecture Course offerings are practically one and the same.

Tuesday morning of last week, a ten-pound baby girl was born to Mr. and Mrs. Cleveland D. Cooney, at the Ohio Valley hospital, at McKees Rock, the home of Mr. and Mrs. Cooney. Announcement of the birth came to the Reporter from Grandma Murray, who states that "both mother and baby are doing fine." Mrs. Cooney will be better known as Miss Edna Murray.

Two small puppies have the distinction of being the first passengers to travel from New York to Bellefonte by airplane. They were brought over last Thursday morning in the mail airplane and landed safely in the county-seat none the worse for their experience. They were not strapped fast either, but after all the mail bags were put in, they were laid on top of them and there they stayed until the end of the journey.

A writer in the Millifinburg Telegraph makes a strong temperance hit in the following paragraph: "Northumberland, the county with a crowded jail and costly courts, has turned over a new leaf and bids fair to show a respectable record now that national prohibition has gone into effect. According to Warden Barr of that county not a prisoner has been committed to jail since June 30, the last 'wet day.' He says he will be out of a job by fall if the prohibition stays on."

Ira D. Garman, of Philadelphia, formerly of Bellefonte, is a candidate for nomination for member of the City Council under the new charter system provided for that city by the recent Legislature. Under the new charter the office of councilman is on a salary basis, the membership is limited to twenty-one and election is in the city at large instead of by wards. Mr. Garman has had wide experience in city affairs, having served several terms as a member of the old Select Council.

Philipsburg is virtually to become a recruiting station for the aviation branch of the U. S. army. If it does so, it will be the landing station for army planes, and every recruit obtained there will be transported to Hazelhurst Field, Long Island, via the air route. U. S. air service officers were at Philipsburg last week looking over the ground, and whether that town will be selected or not depends who plans coming to Philipsburg this week and saying whether that location suits him or not.