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## ODD FELLOWS TO MEET IN MILTON, APRIL 27.

### Lodges From All Parts of the State are Making Arrangements to At- tend Annual Meeting This Month.

Odd Fellows of this section of the State are now preparing for the thirty-sixth annual session of the Pennsylvania Odd Fellows' Anniversary Association, to be held in Milton on Tuesday, April 27. These annual affairs of the members of three-link order always attract a large attendance and this year's gathering no doubt will be as large as ever. The Odd Fellows of Milton are getting ready to entertain in their characteristic hospitable manner all who may attend. The association met last year and the year before in Williamsport.

The annual session will convene at 10:45 o'clock in the morning in the Odd Fellows' Hall, at which time the regular business will be transacted and such matters as pertain to the 2000 of Odd Fellowship will be considered.

In the afternoon there will be a grand parade at 2 o'clock, in which all Odd Fellows are requested to participate, either with their own organization or fall in line with some other.

A number of Grand Lodge officers will be present, and a special session of the Grand Lodge will be held in the evening, at which time the past grand and grand lodge degrees will be conferred. Various attractive features on the program will be arranged by the executive committee of the Milton organization of Odd Fellows who, in conjunction with the citizens, will use their best energies to excel any previous sessions held there.

The object of the association is for the purpose of bringing together its members annually to celebrate the founding of Odd Fellowship in the United States, to promote and encourage friendship and to advance general interests of the fraternity. The present officers of the association are: Harry C. Keightley, president; W. Harry Dennis, vice president; Henry B. Eberly, secretary; William E. A. Laird, assistant secretary; and Harry Blair, treasurer, all of Williamsport.

### Consolidating Schools.

By consolidating her rural schools into strong country high schools, North Dakota is offering an example for many states, Pennsylvania among them. In one year in that western commonwealth, 1300 one-room, low grade rural schools were combined into 458 high schools with modern facilities. The consolidating process will continue.

There cannot be any serious objection to such a movement. In this State and still more so in other states, the "little red school house", beautiful and almost sacred in memory, is fighting gamely for its life, but against such odds as it cannot hope to overcome. It is ridiculous when every other enterprise is devoting its attention to wiping out the weak spots for the school system to seek to maintain so many of these feeble institutions which give the pupils so little at so much expense to the taxpayers.

When transportation was more limited than now, the isolated rural school was a necessity. With the automobile and better roads, it is not a hardship for pupils to travel twice or three times as far to school as their fathers did. As a reward they get the modern, vigorous public instruction that can come only when the educational forces on the rural communities pool their strength into a school that actually "delivers the goods."

Township high schools are by no means novelties in this state and still there are not enough of them. County Superintendents complain of lack of teachers. The meager salary paid the district school teacher is probably the best answer. A high school with adequate salaries would attract capable men and women, extend the range of courses and give the boys and girls of the rural districts the educational advantages they have been denied without justice for so many years.

### The Rebekahs Will Repeat.

By request of many who were unable to attend on account of the inclemency of the weather, the Rebekahs have decided to repeat the entertainment given by them some time ago, on Saturday evening, April 17, in Grange Arcadia.

The entertainment consists of two plays, entitled, "Farmer Larkin's Boarders" and "Twelve Old Maids", and is interspersed with vocal and instrumental music, piano duet, musical recitations, etc.

Admission, 15 and 25 cents; reserved seats, 35c. Tickets on sale by T. L. Moore and V. A. Auman, adv.

### Deaths of Centre Counties.

Jay Irvin Shawver, oldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Shawver, died on 1st inst., at the parental home, near Coburn, following a siege of typhoid fever. He was aged 27 years, 11 months and 8 days.

Michael Henry Grove, near Bellefonte, aged fifty-two years, Mrs. Lettie Rockey, of Boalsburg, is a sister of the deceased.

### Reception for Pastor.

Last Thursday evening a reception for their new pastor, Rev. J. F. Bingham, and family, and also for new members, was given by the members of the United Evangelical church in Centre Hall. The reception was held in the church and proved a delightful affair, serving to create a spirit of harmony and good will between pastor and people. Prof. N. L. Bartges made an address of welcome, which was responded to by the pastor. There was a short program of singing, etc., after which refreshments of ice cream and cake were served.

### Forest Fires in Centre County

The 35 forest fires that occurred in Centre county last year were due to the following causes: railroads, 7; brush burning, 2; incendiary, 0; campers, 0; hunters and fishermen, 3; lumbering, 1; lightning, 0; and miscellaneous, 22. During the last five years, forest fires of more than 1000 acres in extent burned over 85,708 acres in this county. The figures were compiled by the Pennsylvania Department of Forestry.

Gifford Pinchot, the State's new chief forester issued the following statement on the seriousness of the forest fire situation in Pennsylvania:

"Forest fires are important almost beyond calculation. They cost us more than \$10 each every year for every man, woman and child in Pennsylvania—not in the trees that are burned down but in the lumber, fence posts, poles, ties and other forest products they prevent from being produced.

"The great damage from forest fires is what they keep our woodlands from producing for us. Help us to hold them down this year."

### Recent Weddings.

Ray Rossman, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Rossman, of Spring Mills, to Helen Colyer, of Millheim, on Saturday, April 3, by Rev. C. B. Snyder, of Millheim. The groom is employed in the Hog Island ship yard, Philadelphia.

Charles F. Shook and Miss Orpha Siegal, both of Spring Mills, on March 31st, by Rev. J. J. Weaver, at Aaronsburg.

Harry D. Rubl, of Sping Mills, and Miss Irene E. Smith, of State College, on Monday, April 5, by Rev. J. J. Weaver, of Aaronsburg.

### School Report.

Report of Grammar school for sixth month: number of pupils in attendance, girls 22, boys 18, total 40. Per cent. of attendance; girls 93, boys 90, average 91.5. The following pupils have been absent during the month; Mildred Bitts, Lilae Brooks, Agnes Geary, Charlotte Keller, Grace McClenahan, Marian McClenahan, Miriam Moore, Ruth Runkle, Isabel Snyder, Vianna Zettle, Florence Zettle, Leonora Foust, James Brooks, Theodore Breon, Harold Durst, Howard Emery, Albert Emery, Paul Fetterolf, Curtis Reiber, Paul Smith.

Items from the Millheim Journal.

A. J. Burrell, of near Millheim, last Thursday sold a team of roan draft mares to a buyer from Lock Haven for \$600.

A carload of machinery for the new Centre County Silk Mill arrived Saturday and was unloaded on Monday. On Tuesday three large crude oil engines arrived and were unloaded and brought to Millheim on Wednesday.

On Friday afternoon a doe deer was seen in the narrow north of Millheim and for fully a half mile the deer went in the middle of the creek to evade two dogs—a red shepherd and a spotted hound—that were following her.

A joint consistory meeting of the Aaronsburg Reformed church was held in the local church on Monday afternoon. Among the business transacted was the raising of the salary of the pastor, Rev. W. D. Donat, an increase of \$200 a year being favorably voted upon.

On Saturday afternoon W. J. Hackenberg, of Rebersburg, caused a bit of excitement on Main street. He came to Millheim in a new six-cylinder Buick runabout and in turning around on the street backed against Kessler's store building and then reversed the gears and struck and upset George Weaver's buggy on the opposite side of the street. Slight damage to the car, a broken buggy and a scared horse was the result.

Harris Stover, of near Woodward, who recently purchased a tractor and tractor plows, one day last week oiled and greased the tractor on the barn floor and then cranked the engine. It happened that the "critter" was in gear and started forward, striking the tractor plows and throwing them over the overshoot into the barnyard, and Mr. Stover only got the tractor stopped when it was a few inches from the edge or it too would have gone down. The moldboards of the plow were broken.

The owner of a dog in Pennsylvania who did not secure a license tag prior to January 15, 1920, is guilty of a violation of the law and may be prosecuted, even though he secured the license at subsequent date.

### Oppose Bell Telephone Rates.

A community meeting was called by the Penn Hall Rural Telephone Company to meet in the Vocational school building, at Spring Mills, on Friday evening of last week. Every Bell telephone subscriber in Penns and Brush Valleys was invited to be present. The call assembled about 500 Bell patrons, and all were clad in their fighting uniforms with spirit and energy sufficient to meet the Bell company on the famous field of Waterloo.

The meeting was called to order by Percival Sharp, agent for the Penn Hall Rural Telephone Company, and a temporary organization was completed by electing T. M. Gramley, of Spring Mills, as chairman, and S. G. Walker, of the same place, as secretary. Mr. Gramley recited our grievances with the Bell company and expressed nearly everybody's views when he said he did not oppose an adequate increase in the flat rate asked by the Bell company, but decidedly objected to the proposed toll rates.

After a lengthy discussion, S. W. Gramley, of Millheim, offered the following resolution which was supported by Squire W. S. Shelton, of Millheim, and unanimously adopted:

Resolved, that we, a representative body of volunteer delegates and Bell phone holders of Penns and Brush Valleys; that we will entirely ignore the proposed toll rate ruling of the Bell Telephone Company. But we will not object to an adequate increase in flat rate provided they give us Bellefonte, State College and Boalsburg, and all other points in Centre county outside of Philipsburg. And if they refuse to comply with this resolution we will make application to the Commercial Company to serve us. If they refuse to receive us, we residents of Penns and Brush Valleys will organize an independent company of our own. A committee shall be organized to put this resolution into full force later.

The committee was organized and consists of two representatives of the subscribers on the Millheim, Spring Mills and Centre Hall exchanges, and one representative from each of the rural companies in this section.

The committee was clothed with the power to co-operate with the Central Company and any other organizations fighting for the same cause. The committee was organized as follows:

S. W. Gramley, W. S. Shelton, T. M. Gramley, C. P. Long, F. M. Fisher, L. L. Smith, A. B. Lee, W. A. Neese, James Harter, Israel Spayd, S. G. Walker, C. H. Eungard, Jacob Sharer, I. M. Orndorf, M. E. Stover.

This committee organized by electing T. M. Gramley, president, and S. G. Walker, secretary. The meeting adjourned and a committee meeting called to meet on Tuesday evening.

S. G. Walker, Sec'y

Protest Against Bell's Toll Charges.

Dr. Edwin Erle Sparks, of Pennsylvania State College, characterized the proposed toll charging of the Bell Telephone Company as an "imposition on the public," and if it went into effect it would be damaging to that institution.

Petitions are being circulated at State College and many other places in the county protesting against the toll rates.

At a recent meeting of Bellefonte business men it was decided that a petition should be circulated in Bellefonte and vicinity, and that Bellefonte act in conjunction with State College in sending a man to Harrisburg who would properly present the case at the meeting of the Public Service Commission which will be held in that city in the near future. It was the opinion of all the men that the toll system in Centre county would be a great detriment to both the merchants and business men as well as the general public, and it was their duty to make a strong protest.

Forward Movement Services.

Forward movement services are to be held in all the congregations of the Centre Hall Reformed church. Service will be held at Tusseyville on Saturday evening; at Union church, Sunday morning; at Spring Mills, Sunday afternoon, and at Centre Hall, Sunday evening.

A good speaker, representing the Forward Movement Committee, will be present at all the services. It is hoped that all the members will avail themselves of the opportunity to hear the speaker.

R. R. Jones, Pastor.

Watsonstown Protests Milton's Time Schedule.

Milton's daylight saving program has resulted in confusion in the schedule of the Lewisburg, Milton and Watsonstown railway company, which operates an electric railway between these three points. The last car now leaves Milton at 9:30 o'clock, standard time, or 10:30 by Milton time. Burgess Wagner, of Watsonstown, has filed a protest with the Public Service commission, asking that the company be compelled to operate its published schedule.

### Spring Mills Actors Give Splendid Performance.

A crowded hall greeted the Spring Mills young people in Centre Hall on Saturday evening upon the presentation of their dramatic entertainment. There was evidence of histrionic ability upon the part of a number in the cast of characters in "The Man Without a Country," the central figure being Robert Lee, son of station agent J. C. Lee. In the role of "the man without a country" he filled the part in a praiseworthy manner. Philip Nolan, the part taken by Robert Lee, was a lieutenant in the U. S. army, and before a military court cursed the United States most emphatically, whereupon he was sentenced to spend the remainder of his days upon the waters, never being permitted to hear the words, "United States" again. So religiously were the orders of the court carried out that the erstwhile officer in time repented his rash action and became the most miserable of men. Upon inquiring of his fellows concerning "home" he was given to understand that there was no home for him other than the waters. On his death bed the heart of a naval officer is softened toward him and he consents to answer many questions for Nolan concerning the country which he had damned, but now loves with increasing fervor. He dies with the flag to his lips.

The play was given proper color by the use of military uniforms, and with appropriate scenery, all rented for that purpose.

"Our Aunt from California" was given by an all-girl cast and its presentation unfolded some laughable situations, which were thoroughly enjoyed by the audience.

As an exponent of the black-cork art, Prof. W. V. Dennis, director of the Vocational School, the pupils of which gave the entertainment, is no mean actor. He has a fine bass voice too, and used it to good advantage. He was assisted in several black-face sketches by Prof. W. W. Reitz, and another "coon" whose identity we failed to uncover.

Piano duets by Martha Smith, Delaney Morris, Elizabeth Dennis, and two boys—Ray Bartges and John Meyer—were highly pleasing.

Fire at Potters Mills.

Thursday night of last week, the tenement house on the McCoy farm, at Potters Mills, owned by former Prothonotary D. R. Foreman, was totally destroyed by fire. The house had been occupied by Miles Barger, a carpenter, and the day previous to the fire moved to the dwelling house belonging to the Red Mill property.

Favorable wind made it possible to save the main buildings on the farm as well as those on the Allison farm, tenanted by W. W. McCormick. The Foreman farm is tenanted by A. O. Detwiler.

Mr. Foreman had insurance in the sum of \$300 in the Centre Hall fire insurance company, F. M. Fisher, secretary.

Little Child Burned to Death.

Isabelle Kenawell, aged six months, daughter of Ralph and Rose (McKendry) Kenawell, of Yeagertown, was burned to death at the parental home last Wednesday afternoon. The child lived only a short time after another child set Isabelle's crib on fire.

Red Mill Sold.

The Red Mill, purchased some years ago by C. W. Hockman, of Lemont, from John S. Auman, was sold by him to David L. Geary, who is now operating it, he having learned the milling trade before taking up farming.

Farmers' Week at State College, June 22 to 24.

Official announcement of the annual State College June Farmers' Week plans were made last week by Dr. R. L. Watts, dean of the school of agriculture. This observance, which this year promises to bring more than 5000 Pennsylvania farmers to the college for two days, will start on Tuesday evening, June 22, and close with suitable exercises on Thursday evening, June 24. Last year's change of the Farmers' Week date from mid-winter to late June made the affair a greater success than ever, the attendance being multiplied five times.

The program for the annual meeting is now being prepared, and will include demonstrations and talks on the following subjects; fruit growing, vegetable gardening, soil fertility, farm crops, farm machinery, dairy husbandry, livestock, poultry, botany, timber and wood lot, and the women visitors will receive the benefits of home economics instruction. Every angle of farm work and production will be touched. Prominent outside speakers will be present. Invitations will be sent to Governor Sprout, United States Secretary of Agriculture Meredith, State Secretary of Agriculture Rasmussen, President Thompson, Ohio State University, and H. J. Waters, editor of the Kansas City "Star."

County Treasurer J. Frank Mayes was in town on Monday.

### THE DEATH RECORD.

McCool.—David McCool passed away at his home in Spring Mills on Tuesday night of last week as the result of a form of paralysis with which he had been suffering for the past five or six years. He was a native of Penns Valley and was born sixty-nine years ago. He was a member of the Lutheran church and he was laid away in the cemetery connected with the Holy Cross Lutheran church, in Georges Valley, on Saturday morning. Besides his wife he is survived by eight children: Harry, of Rebersburg; Charles and James, of Spring Mills; Miss Lottie, of Millheim; Miss Ray, at home; Mrs. Harry Wilkinson, of Bellefonte; Roland and Mrs. Max Harshbarger, of Altoona. There also remain these brothers and sisters: James H. McCool, of Tusseyville; John, of Spring Mills; Mrs. Samuel Brown, of Spring Mills; Mrs. Prail Snyder, of Glen Iron, and Mrs. William Finkle, of New York.

POTTER.—Death claimed John Ferguson Potter at his home in Philadelphia, Sunday of last week, of senility. He was a son of Joshua and Mary Anne Taylor Potter, pioneer settlers of Lindsburg. The parents resided on the well known homestead farm where the subject of this sketch was born March 17th, 1836, hence he was past eighty-four years of age. Like farmers' sons he attended district school in winter and assisted on the farm in the summer.

While in the teens he enrolled as a student of the Pine Grove Mills Academy. Later he attended the Albany law school from which he graduated in 1862. He was united in marriage with Miss Jane Krape and to this union were born thirteen children; including two sets of twins. The following survive: Miss Coristina A. Potter, of California; Mrs. J. W. Little, of Carleton Hill, N. J.; Miss Jane B. Potter, Miss Levina, Mrs. Bert Reigel, Mrs. Charles Wachter, Mrs. Stanton Dreifuss, of Philadelphia; Mrs. Ellis H. Bierly, Pine Grove Mills; William J. Potter in the far west; one sister, Mrs. Margaret Kent, and two brothers, Henry and Joshua Potter, all of Centre Hall. Deceased was a member of the Centre county bar and served two terms as district attorney for Centre county. He was a life-long member of the Presbyterian church of Bellefonte. The greater part of his married life was spent in Bellefonte. He later moved to Milesburg, where Mrs. Potter died in 1904. The following year, he went to Philadelphia where he engaged in clerical work. He had been an invalid for the past five years and passed away without an ache or pain. The funeral took place Tuesday afternoon of last week. Burial was made in Arlington cemetery, by his request.

NEIDIGH.—Daniel M. Neidigh, a well known resident of State College, died on Monday evening of last week of pleuropneumonia, after only about twenty-four hours' illness. A son of John and Mary Neidigh, he was born in Gregg township, 1847, at the time of his death being seventy-two years, eight months and fifteen days old. As a young man he engaged in farming in Ferguson township and for forty years was among the most successful tillers of the soil in that section of the country. He was a life-long member and one of the leaders in the Pine Hall Reformed church.

Fifty years ago he was united in marriage to Miss Lydia Krumrine, of College township, who survives with two children, Mrs. George Baldwin, living in South Carolina, and Sidney Neidigh, on the old homestead. He also leaves one brother, Ambrose Neidigh, of Altoona. Ten years ago Mr. and Mrs. Neidigh retired from the farm and moved into a comfortable home in State College.

Funeral was held Thursday afternoon in the Pine Hall Reformed church. Rev. S. C. Stover was in charge and was assisted by Rev. Dotterer, of State College. Burial was made in the Pine Hall cemetery.

BRUNGART.—Julia Ann, wife of John Brungart, died at the Chapin Home, New York, April 7th, and funeral services were held at the Chapin Home chapel, April 9th. She was born in Haines township on April 15, 1844, hence her age was seventy-five years, eleven months and twenty-four days. She is survived by one daughter and two sons, also two sisters, namely, Mrs. Susan C. Geary, of Centre Hall, and Mrs. William Meyers, of Boalsburg.

ROSS.—Mrs. Elizabeth Ross, wife of James M. Ross, died at her home at Boalsburg at four o'clock Wednesday morning of last week following a brief illness. She is survived by her husband and two daughters, Mrs. Lillian Meyers, in Virginia, and Mrs. Robert Harter, of Boalsburg. The funeral was held at 1:30 o'clock Saturday afternoon.

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## TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

### HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS

Don't forget the Rebekahs' entertainment in Grange hall, Saturday evening. Mrs. Mark Williams, of Bellefonte, visited Mr. and Mrs. Milford Luse, a few days last week.

A. H. Spayd has some lumber on the ground for his new bungalow, next to the Miss Mary Fisher home.

Mr. and Mrs. John E. Rearick, of Martinsburg, visited the latter's mother, Mrs. Mary Goodhart, last week.

Miss Tillie P. Kelle visited her sister, Mrs. (Rev.) Ward Shultz, at Newport, for several days the past week.

John F. Ziegler, of Altoona, was a visitor at the Prof. C. R. Neff home, last week. Mr. Ziegler is a brother of Mrs. Neff.

Ralph E. Dinges has quit his job as fireman at the Bradford & Co. flour mill. He has accepted a position with the Potter-Hoy Hardware Co., Bellefonte.

Vida Reish, ten-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Reish, of Potters Mills, was bitten by a large dog, Wednesday of last week, from the effects of which the child suffered for a time.

Harry Bechtol, who was employed by the Millinburg Body Co., has secured employment on a farm at Shabbona Grove, Illinois, and expects to leave for that place April 20th. His friends wish him good luck.

Mrs. Miles Arney, son George, and daughter, Ruth, of Niagara Falls, N. Y., visited Mrs. Arney's parents in Millheim, last week, and then came on to Centre Hall, where they are visiting the Arney families.

Mrs. (Rev.) W. R. Jones, and daughter Eileen were taken to the Clearfield hospital, last week, where both will submit to minor operations. Mrs. (Rev.) R. R. Jones has gone to the home of her son, in Lumber City.

The new bridge at the foot of Nittany mountain, entering Pleasant Gap, has been completed and there is joy among the motorists. The bridge is part of the road improvement job from Bellefonte to the watering trough in the mountains, which work was resumed last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Porter Odenkirk, of Lewisburg, spent Sunday with relatives in Centre Hall. Mr. Odenkirk induced his mother, Mrs. Mary Odenkirk, who has not been in good health for some time, to walk with him to the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Alexander, at Earlstown, a distance of a half mile.

Miss Ruth Osman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Osman, of Glenn Iron, is spending a few weeks with her sister, Mrs. Fred Slack, east of town. Miss Ruth recently graduated from the Laurelton High school, and besides possessing scholastic accomplishments, has rare talents as a singer and plays the piano equally as well.

Summer classes for teachers at State College have been announced. The six weeks' course extends from June 28 to August 6. Students in many branches of agriculture, engineering, liberal arts, natural science, mining, domestic art and science are included in the list of more than two hundred classes that are scheduled for the session. The attendance last summer was 1040.

Upward of 500 Bell telephone subscribers in State College have signed a petition to be presented to the Public Service Commission protesting against toll charges for telephone calls between here and Bellefonte, only twelve miles away, effective after May first. State College depends upon many of the larger business houses in Bellefonte for a large amount of its supplies, and the use of telephone is very frequent.

Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin H. Arney have decided to move back to Niagara Falls, New York, some time in the near future. Some time ago Mr. Arney purchased the S. E. Weber property, recently vacated by Lawrence Runkle, intending to make a number of improvements on the property, but felt the task to be too great and finally came to the decision to sell the place and remove to Niagara Falls, the home of his son, Miles Arney. Mr. and Mrs. Arney lived for a year at that place previous to coming back to Centre Hall, a year ago, and they own a residence property there.

Burgderfer, the humorist, closed the Lecture Course season with his appearance on Friday evening of last week. Burgderfer displays the rare faculty of being able to say some of the funniest things, really and truly humorous, and switch off the next minute to the sublime. He entertained, lectured, and played the piano, and if this isn't versatility, what might it be called? His costume character sketches were better than the average, and his witticisms kept his audience convulsed for the greater part of the time. He pleased his hearers and when he quit he left a desire on the part of the local people to continue the lecture course seasons, for when an expression of this desire was asked for by means of rising to the feet, the house, to a person, arose.