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HOLD EXPERIMENTS TO HELP FARMERS.

Various Tests of Wheat and Soil Fertilizer Made at State College During Farmers' Week.

Hundreds of farmers visiting the various experiments conducted for their benefit by the Pennsylvania State College, during the annual June Farmers week, last week, were greatly impressed by the variety tests of wheat and the soil fertilizer investigations that have been continued there for thirty-five years on the oldest experimental plots of their kind in this county. They saw where the Fulcaster Selection 44-09 wheat variety originated, now generally conceded to be the best yielding variety for Pennsylvania conditions.

Many farmers expressed a desire to obtain seedlings of this wheat in small quantities to test against their own varieties, a practice that was started by the college in 1918, with remarkable results. This Fulcaster Selection has a six-year average production of over seven bushels more than its parent, in that time yielding 36.3 bushels to the acre. Seed in two bushel lots was sold to many farmers in various parts of the state again last year, and great expectations are held for its yield in the coming season. Varieties of oats and barley also held the attention of the farmers.

Another feature of Wednesday's demonstrations was the work done by the eight tractors secured by the college for this occasion. Fifteen tractors had been expected, but shipping conditions interfered with their delivery on time. Farmers who are on the verge of purchasing their own tractors watched with interest the performances of the machines. Methods of prevention of fruit tree injury by mice, how to control it and give treatment was another demonstration that attracted attention, for there was hardly a farmer in the state who did not suffer serious losses in this respect last winter. It is estimated that half a million fruit trees were girdled by mice, and the bridge graft method of repairing the damage was shown to all interested in that subject.

Wednesday morning over 400 farmers assembled in the experimental orchard to see the demonstration of spraying machinery, and the mixing of insecticides and fungicides put on by Dr. E. L. Nixon, extension plant pathologist, and H. E. Hodgkiss, extension entomologist. Much interest was shown in methods of making lime sulphur solution, self-boiled lime sulphur wash, and what happens when concentrated solutions of insecticides and fungicides are put together in diluted form.

They demonstrated that time, manner and material were the essential factors in disease and insect control. The combination orchard and potato sprayer, brought into prominence this year by the extension department through its extensive use in old apple orchards and potato fields, was one of the attractions. Conclusive evidence was given that the proper type of spray gun was more valuable and more efficient in the application of materials than the old spray rod.

Boy Scout Camps Open Soon at State College.

Boy scout troops from various parts of the state are planning to spend a vacation trip during July on the campus at The Pennsylvania State College when one week will be spent in camp life and various scout activities. Three camps will be held, the first from July 6 to 13, the second from July 14 to 21, and the third from July 22 to 29.

This is an annual feature at State College, and every summer from eight to twelve troops spend a week or more there. Many nearby scout troops make the camp a stopping place on long hiking trips. A program of instruction in tent pitching, camp making, camp cooking and first aid will be arranged to suit the various groups. Opportunity will be had for preparing for and taking off the various tests and merit badge requirements. The college athletic equipment will be available for use by the scouts and some of the best hiking trails in Central Pennsylvania are to be found in this section.

Kuhn-Rowe.

John H. Kuhn and Miss Emma K. Rowe, both of Boalsburg, were married in the parlors of the Bush house, Bellefonte, at eleven o'clock on Wednesday morning of last week by their pastor, Rev. S. C. Stover. The bride is one of Boalsburg's very efficient school teachers while the bride-groom conducts a plumbing shop in that town. The young couple left on a wedding trip to Buffalo, Niagara Falls, and other places before settling down to married life in their home town.

No Paper Next Week.

The Reporter will observe its time-honored custom of omitting an issue during the week of the Glorious Fourth, therefore you will receive no Reporter next week. The office will be open, however, to receive payment on subscription, and job printing.

Children's Day Service at Zion Hill.

An unusually interesting Children's Day service was rendered in the United Evangelical church, Zion Hill, on Sunday evening, entitled "Boundless Blessings." The children did their parts remarkably well, as did the older ones in their singing and speaking. A short address was made by the pastor, Rev. J. F. Bingham, and the exercises were led by Lee Frazier, who has the distinction of having done this part of the Children's Day work since he was a mere lad. The superintendent is Roy Martz, and E. W. Crawford conducted the music. The decorations were decidedly pretty and appropriate, representing a grove scene, with water continuously trickling on a ledge of rocks several feet high. On either side of the stream mounted deer heads were so located as to well represent a pair of deer just emerging from a thick wooded section. Over the whole was the motto: "The Groves were God's First Temples." The church was crowded to the doors, and a large number were obliged to be content with taking turns on the outside viewing through the several doors and windows.

Stiver Home Sold.

At public sale, on Saturday, the Stiver home, at the station, was sold by F. M. Fisher for the heirs. The property was knocked off to David Stoner, of Tusseyville, for \$3995.00. Mr. Stoner will occupy the place himself.

The dwelling house was erected about twenty years ago by the late A. P. Luse, and was occupied by him and his family for a short time. Seventeen years ago Mr. Stiver purchased the home, paying \$1700 for it. The place now has all the modern conveniences, costing the late owner a considerable sum in addition to the original sum paid. The sum just paid by Mr. Stoner scarcely represents the increase in value in real estate in Center Hall.

Thieves Take \$1370 in Cash and Checks at Bellefonte Flour Mill.

Thieves entering the Gamble flour and feed mill, at Bellefonte, near the P. R. R. tracks some time Thursday night or early Friday morning secured \$570 in cash and more than \$800 in checks. The thief or thieves worked uninteruptedly, as the robbery was not discovered until morning, when the first mill hand, Charles Smith, arrived at the mill. The fact that an electric drill was used to bore a hole in the safe together with several other circumstances, lead to the belief that the work was done by professionals. The police have no clue to work on as yet, but it is thought that two strangers who drove about town in an automobile on Thursday may have had something to do with the affair. Mr. Gamble has stopped the payment of the checks as the loss will total something more than \$500, the cash stolen.

Accepts Position as Director of Athletics.

Nedson Keller, of Linden Hall, who since a short time after his return from the war has been physical director of the Y. M. C. A., at Moline, Illinois, has resigned to accept the more responsible position of City Director of all athletics and recreational work, at Moline, which has a population of 3,000. He also has charge of the Legion work and any of his friends stopping off at Moline will find him located in the city hall.

Brown-Christy; Mayes-Brown.

Within the past two weeks a son and a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Brown, of Milroy, have been married.

On Thursday, June 17th, Darlington Brown and Miss Verna Christy were united in wedlock at the home of the bride's parents in Coraopolis. The couple spent a few days, last week, in Centre Hall with relatives.

On Wednesday evening of this week the marriage of Arthur Mayes, of Lewistown, and Miss Irene Brown was solemnized at the bride's home in Milroy. The couple will live in Lewis town.

An Honest Expression.

The Congressional Record, date of June 8, 1917, contains an honest expression made by Senator Harding, now Republican candidate for the presidency. Senator Harding was opposing some war measure, when Senator Reed accused him of cherishing presidential ambitions. Senator Harding replied in this honest fashion:

"I should like it said, since this question has been raised, that I think too well of my country to wish one of such incapacity in so exalted a position."

Bellefonte was obliged to place "no parking" signs on the portions of Allegheny street, north and south of the diamond, in order to properly protect pedestrians.

Extra help on the farms in Penn's Valley will be scarce during the coming hay and harvest season than at any time heretofore. It will be a matter largely on the farm of "helping yourself."

FOR RURAL HIGH SCHOOLS.

Dr. Finegan Wants Equal Opportunities for Farm Children.

"There should be modern rural high schools in all parts of the State, that all children who live on farms might have equal opportunity for education as their city cousins have and all efforts possible are being made to this end," said State Superintendent of Public Instruction Finegan, addressing more than 2000 agriculturists who assembled at State College last week for the opening meeting in the second annual June farmer's week program.

"It is shameful that the schools of the country districts cannot arrange to continue in session for longer than the usual six or seven months of the year," Dr. Finegan added. "The number of country boys and girls being so stunted in their educational growth is alarmingly great and should not continue. Better school facilities for the rural districts are in sight and it will mean to a large degree the passing of the little red schoolhouse. Community high schools with full or months' terms, will take their place, aided by better transportation coming from the good roads movement. Vocational teaching is rapidly gaining its place and with it come better prepared teachers and courses of study that will further tend to content the young people and keep them in the rural districts, all of which will make for better interests of Pennsylvania agriculture."

That a good price to the farmers for their products is the only thing that will prevent the United States from facing a shortage of foodstuffs that will be close to a famine was the declaration of Secretary of Agriculture Rasmussen, who outlined the food situation in this country and the world, and pointed out that the present shortage is more serious than at any time in generations and with the war's surpluses gone it will be necessary for production to be stimulated greatly. This can only be done, he said, by providing the farmer with an income from the sale of his products that will enable him to compete with industry in obtaining the needed help. Secretary Rasmussen pointed out that more than \$1,000 farms in the State are without adequate help at present, and that there are 6469 vacant.

Airplane May Put Railway Mail Coach Out of Business.

How soon will the railway mail coach become a thing of the past and all first-class mail be carried in swift airplanes? Air mail, few people realize, has ceased to be an experimental luxury or a high priced necessity for the few and now is a quick, reliable and economical means of mail transportation, according to postoffice reports.

Twenty-two million letters were carried via air in the first 191-2 months of air mail operation. The cost was 84 cents a mile, and at this rate, if all mail was carried by airplane, the postoffice would save \$100,000 a year on New York-Chicago-Washington mail and \$42,500 a year on New York-Chicago mail, it is said. Air mail postage has been reduced from the original six cents to the ordinary mail rate.

The economy and the reliability of the service was the surprise of even those who had faith in the experiment. Between Cleveland and Chicago, for example, air mail pilots made 205 consecutive flights of 325 miles, non-stop, without a single forced landing. They drove their planes through sleet and into the teeth of blizzard gales. They plowed through white fog and gray mist over Lake Erie with their loads of mail packed in sacks along the fusilages of their husky little planes.

So successful was the service between New York and Chicago, with delivery completed in 9 hours and 30 minutes against 24 hours and 20 minutes required by the fastest trains, that the post-office department proceeded with the mapping of other lines and now is calling for bids for the carrying of mail by air.

It proposes to establish lines between Boston and Detroit, Chicago and New York; between New York and Omaha, Minneapolis, St. Louis, Jacksonville, Seattle, Portland and San Francisco; between Washington and Jacksonville, New Orleans, Chicago, St. Louis and Minneapolis; between Chicago and Minneapolis and Omaha; between St. Louis and Kansas City and Omaha.

It is conceded by almost every air technical expert that aviation is far from the goal of absolute reliability and efficiency, yet in the operation of several air planes with as many pilots the air mail service had but three accidents resulting from mishaps in flight, and in these accidents one man was hurt and two killed. One of the accidents occurred to an applicant for place as pilot and thus was not strictly chargeable to the air mail service.

This record encourages the prediction of many experts that the day of the expensive and clumsy railway distribution of mail is near at hand and that the mail service of the future will be almost entirely an air service.

School Board Elects Teachers.

The selection of the full corps of teachers, for the term 1920-21, was completed at a special meeting of the school board held on Monday evening. The principal and assistant principal of the High school had been elected at a previous meeting. The complete list is as follows:

Principal High school, Prot. N. L. Bartges.
Assistant principal, Miss Isabel Rowe.
Grammar grade, Miss Mary A. Hess.
Intermediate grade, T. L. Moore.
Primary grade, Miss Helen Bartholomew.

The only teacher unknown to the patrons is Miss Hess, of Shamokin, a graduate of the Bloomsburg State Normal. She taught a successful term of school in Phillipsburg last year. Miss Hess is a sister of Mrs. (Rev.) Melvin Drumm, of Centre Hall.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL.

Misses Grace Ishler and Helen Rishel are taking the six weeks' teachers' course at Lock Haven Normal.

A warning is being sent out by the U. S. Public Health Service calling attention to the spread of the bubonic plague, due to the rat. Kill the rat, the spreader of the plague.

Charles S. Stoner, of Tusseyville, is the executor of the estate of his father, Henry Stoner, late of the borough of State College, deceased, and the regular legal notice for closing up the estate appears in this issue.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. H. Brubaker and family motored to Port Trevorton on Friday and returned on Monday. They were accompanied by Daniel Smith, who was the mechanic to keep the machine in running trim.

The following people were entertained on Sunday by Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Rishel, at Farmers Mills: Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Homan and son, James Walters and daughter, of Lewistown; Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Reitz, of Spring Mills.

Roy Dutrow discovered a nest of weasels in the woods near Potters Mills, last Thursday, and going home for his gun he returned and succeeded in killing six. The bounty is \$2.00 per head, so the young man cleaned up \$12.00 in a short time.

Theodore Breon, son of Mr. and Mrs. John F. Breon, east of Centre Hall, just returned from Altoona, where he visited his companions while living in that city, and brought back with him Harold Robinson to show to him what real life in the country really meant.

Mrs. W. B. Fredrick, of Holton, Kansas, accompanied by Mrs. George Beck, from Mt. Jewell, Kas., have been visiting the former's daughter, Mrs. John M. Coldron, for the past week. The ladies expect to remain in Penn's Valley for a month or more.

Miss Helen Lucas, fourteen year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John D. Lucas, of Lewistown, took suddenly ill on Saturday at the home of her uncle, James Reish, near Potters Mills, where she was visiting. A physician discovered a severe case of appendicitis and she was at once rushed to the Bellefonte hospital where an operation was performed at midnight. The young lady stood the operation very well and is making progress towards recovery.

Out-of-town relatives and friends who attended the funeral of the late W. A. Krieger were: Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Krise and daughter Ruth, Mrs. G. R. Betts, and daughter Ruth, Miss Jennie Joy, Miss Lillian Hersberger, of Johnstown; Mr. and Mrs. Darlington Brown, of Pittsburgh; Mrs. B. C. Auman and daughter Dorothee, of Youngstown, Ohio; Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Brown and family, of Milroy; Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Reish and family, of Potters Mills; Mrs. John Albright and Maggie Seitzinger, of Spring Mills.

"ACEY-DOUCIE."



Rolling the Bones.

No indeed, they're not shooting craps. They are playing "Accey-Douce," a perfectly safe and sane pursuit.

Wherever there are men of the seas you will find a game of "Accey-Douce." It's one of the favorite diversions of Uncle Sam's sailors. An "Accey-Douce" tournament develops almost as much excitement as a good stiff boxing match. If you would be real salty you must learn to play it.

County Well Represented at Conservation Picnic, at Boalsburg.

Last Friday was a big day on Major Theodore Davis Boal's estate, at Boalsburg, when probably four hundred picnickers were present for the two-fold purpose of enjoyment and forming a conservation association. Among the notable figures present were Gifford Pinchot, state forestry commissioner; Col. Henry W. Shoemaker, a member of the forestry commission; Dr. J. T. Rothrock, of West Chester, the first Penn'a Commissioner of forestry.

The primary purpose of the meeting was accomplished and within the next few weeks an active membership campaign will be under way. Chairmen were appointed for township districts and they will start immediate formation of units in each, composed of people interested in the conservation of forests, fish, game, wildflowers, song birds and other natural resources in which the county abounds. The chairmen will act as directors of the Centre County Conservation Association, electing temporary officers, and the permanent organization will be effected as soon as possible.

"You Centre county people are the first to set the example for county-wide conservation, and what you do other counties will do. You can do one of the biggest pieces of work that can be done in this state if you get squarely behind this conservation movement and push it with every effort," said Gifford Pinchot, state forestry commissioner, who was the principal speaker. "If you want results the only way to get them is to make yourself so effective that the legislature will act. The forests of the state need help such as you will be able to give. It costs a hundred million a year to maintain the five million acres of burned over timberland because it is producing not more than one-tenth of the lumber consumed annually in the state. Your chief duty is to create public sentiment against forest fires. An unusually large number of fires in the state this year were incendiary, and such organizations as this can eliminate these. Your other duties are to get out and fight fires and blacklist the man who will not, and start the land to growing trees for future use. You can also stop the pollution of streams and assist in stopping at once the giving away of water power." Mr. Pinchot spent the morning inspecting forest reserves in this vicinity, and was accompanied by Col. Henry W. Shoemaker, of McElhattan, a member of the forestry commission, who told the audience that Centre county had the finest pine timber in the state in the few remaining groves near Millheim, where some pines are four feet in diameter and 150 feet in height.

John S. Dale, of State College, announced that the farmers would back the conservation movement through the Grange. Other prominent county men and women urged the necessity for the association. The temporary officers elected are to serve for one year, when a meeting similar to that of Friday will be held and a permanent organization effected. Dr. R. L. Watts, dean of the State College School of Agriculture, presided. Dean Watts and Major Theodore Davis Boal first conceived the association plan. The following men were elected to act as directors and form conservation units in their respective districts: R. L. Smith, Sandy Ridge, Rush Taylor and Worth townships; Eugene Hall, Unionville, W. Boggs, Union and Huston townships; Maj. H. L. Curtin, N. and Boggs, Howard, Liberty and Curtin; W. C. Snyder, Snow Shoe, Burnside and Snow Shoe townships; Rev. H. F. Babcock, Stormstown, Patton, Halfmoon, Ferguson, College and Harris township; Frank Fisher, Centre Hall, Potter and Gregg townships; S. Ward Gramley, Spring Mills, Penn and Miles townships; Col. W. F. Reynolds, Bellefonte, Benner, Spring and Walker townships.

Gospel Services.

Prepare to attend the gospel services at Colyer, July 4th, at 10 o'clock a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Miss (Rev.) Adlena E. Behrent will conduct the services.—Clerk.

CENTRE MILLS

The many friends of Mrs. Joseph Corman will be sorry to hear of her feeble condition. Her health is not improving much.

Joseph Smull and lady friend visited in Sugar Valley over Sunday. Mrs. Harvey Lambert is improving since taking radium treatment in Baltimore.

Mrs. Snavelly returned to the Grimes home after spending some time in her own home in Millifinburg.

The Reish saw mill is in full operation, running every day now.

Henry Sweetley, who works in Nittany Valley, visited his parents on Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Klinger, of Bellefonte, were entertained at the same place on Sunday.

Mrs. Wm. Cann, of Altoona, and three children are visiting her father, John A. Kline.

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS

No paper next week.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. John A. Martz, at Centre Hall, on June 21st, a son.

The next meeting of the Community Picnic committee will be held on Tuesday evening, July 6th.

A. E. Kerlin and son, W. W. Kerlin, made a business trip to Lancaster county, Wednesday of last week.

W. J. Smith, the dairyman, went to Clearfield, last Thursday, where he entered the hospital for an operation for hernia.

D. Wagner Geiss, of Bellefonte, industrial census enumerator for Centre county, was in Centre Hall last Friday, gathering industrial data.

It will take 25 mills tax to run Bellefonte borough this year. This is a raise of 11 mills over last year. Besides this the school tax will probably go three mills higher.

At a meeting of the Community Picnic committee, on last Thursday evening, the privilege of selling refreshments on Grange Park for the picnic day was granted to the Boy Scouts.

Miss Annabell Smith, one of the Reporter's typos, accompanied by her brother Albert and sister Madeline, expect to spend the week of the Fourth in Buffalo, New York, where an aunt, Mrs. Ed. Riley, resides.

Ralph E. Dinges, a short time ago, severed his connection with the Potter-Hoy Hardware Company, at Bellefonte, and is now a traveling salesman for the Hoover Mercantile Company, and made his first trip among the merchants in this section this week.

To see an apple blossom on a graft set the same season is probably a very unusual thing, but it was observed by the writer two weeks ago. The apple graft was set late in the grafting season, grew very rapidly and developed a beautiful blossom. Of course, no fruit set.

The International Harvester Company is taking advantage of railroad regulations and is sending a man with car lots of machinery when shipped any great distance out of Chicago. A car of machinery thus manned was recently forwarded to Bellefonte, a portion of it coming to Centre Hall.

Allen Work, the artist who a few years ago decorated the Lutheran church in Centre Hall, died at Aaronsburg Wednesday morning of last week, of blood poisoning. He had made his home with E. G. Mingle for several years. He was buried in the Reformed cemetery in Aaronsburg last Thursday, Rev. W. D. Donat officiating.

Driving a handsome new Stephens automobile, Mrs. George Robertson, accompanied by her sister, Mrs. Harry Boone, and daughter, Miss Alice Boone, arrived in Centre Hall Wednesday of last week from her home in Hartford, Connecticut, and for several days the ladies remained at the B. D. Brisbin home. On Monday the return trip was made, Mr. Brisbin accompanying his daughters and granddaughter.

A Phillipsburg lad, Joe Pritchard, Jr., found a pocketbook last Wednesday containing \$115 and by returning it to the proper owners brought joy to two women from Morrisdale who had come to Phillipsburg on a shopping tour and had dropped the pocketbook. The boy noticed the women in search of something along the street, and they appeared much distressed, until he discovered the cause for their trouble and promptly produced what he had found. The boy refused to accept the generous reward the ladies offered him.

Misreading the day of the week made our compositor say in one of the Boalsburg items, last week, that Rev. and Mrs. Harkins, of State College, on a Sunday had joined the throng to visit Penn's Cave. Of course, his acquaintance know he is too conscientious to even go to see one of nature's greatest works of art on a Sunday, but they could not refrain from twitting him a bit. Although not asked to do so, the Reporter makes this statement, especially to show that our very able Boalsburg correspondent did not make the error in the day the minister journeyed to Penn's Cave.

Bucking a four-ton Packard truck isn't the fun it's cracked up to be, so an Amishman learned last Thursday, on Nittany mountain. Shannon Booser drives the truck on the State road construction job above Pleasant Gap, and was having his truck loaded when an Amish farmer from Millfin county, on his way to attend Farmer's Week at State College, and driving a new Maxwell car, came down the mountain at a fifteen-mile clip and struck the truck head-on. The radiator was laid back on the hood and the fenders and lights torn off his car, but the car was able to go on its own power. The man claimed his brakes would not hold. The huge truck had a light slightly damaged, but that was all.