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EARLY DATE FOR TEACHERS' INSTITUTE IN CENTRE CO.

August 30 to September 3, at Bellefonte.—Teachers Should Have Benefit Before School Work Begins, Says Supt. Etters.

The annual Teachers' Institute for Centre County will be held this year from August 30th to September 3rd. The sessions will be held in the Court House in Bellefonte.

Holding a Teachers' Institute in advance of the opening for the school term is an innovation of Centre County. It is something that has never been tried heretofore. November and December are the usual Institute months. County Superintendent of Schools David O. Etters, in discussing the matter recently said that he had been governed largely by two reasons in adopting such an early date.

"If the Institute is a good thing the teachers should have the benefit of it before they begin their work for the winter," remarked Superintendent Etters. "Secondly, by having the Institute at the time we have fixed for this year we avoid breaking in on the school term. Usually Institutes are held in November and December. Where November is selected the teachers and school children are just nicely started in their work when recess must be taken for both the Institute and Thanksgiving. If held in December the Institute and Christmas vacation period conflict more or less. After considering the matter from all angles we have concluded to try the plan of having an early Institute this year. As I have pointed out, if it is a good thing to have an Institute at all it certainly should be all the better that the teachers have the benefit of the instruction received before they begin their winter's work and it will be helpful to the children through all the term instead of only the latter half of the school period."

Dr. A. J. Kinneman, of Bowling Green, Kentucky, and Miss Nellie E. Turner, Tidouete, Forest County, are among the instructors engaged for this year's Institute. Dr. Kinneman is well known to the school teachers of Pennsylvania. He is a pleasing talker and has the rare faculty of being able to impart what he knows and at the same time hold the attention of his hearers. Miss Turner is a specialist on reading. She has been engaged particularly to give Centre County teachers the benefit of her ideas along this line. There will be in addition several speakers from the State Department of Education, at Harrisburg. Dr. F. F. Fegan, superintendent of the department, has been compelled to decline an invitation to address the Centre County teachers this year, but he may be expected here at some later date. This is Dr. Fegan's first year as superintendent of Education in Pennsylvania. He is a speaker of force and virility, is an educator of note, and consequently is simply overrun with speaking engagements not only in Pennsylvania but in other States. Dr. Fegan recently launched the proposal of an all-year school term for Pennsylvania schools and his views on the subject have resulted in discussion for and against from the Atlantic to the Pacific coast. While he believes such a plan would solve the problem of over-crowded schools in the larger cities he also thinks that the customary summer vacation period could be used to better advantage by having the children in school. He makes due allowances to the matter of advantages to health gained by the summer vacation, but believes that during a three or four months holiday the child naturally forgets much that he learned in the previous year and that the first weeks of the school term in the fall are really wasted while the children accustom themselves to the routine of school life. Among those who have endorsed Dr. Fegan's views for an all-year school term is Prof. Garber, superintendent of the schools in Philadelphia. In that city thousands of children are compelled to be on half-time at school because of a lack of adequate school facilities. It may be accepted as a certainty that the subject advanced by Dr. Fegan will figure conspicuously in educational circles during the coming year, both in this State and elsewhere.

The decision to have the Centre County Institute at such an early date this year is not the only innovation that will be of special interest to teachers in general. Another is the announcement by Superintendent Etters that the usual evening entertainments and lectures will not be on this year's program. The teachers will have all the evenings during Institute week to themselves and may devote the time to whatever appeals to their fancy. This plan will enable many teachers residing nearby Bellefonte to go back and forth each day. Others will be afforded the opportunity to participate in social functions, take in the "movies", etc. The high cost of high class entertainments and lectures had considerable to do with the decision to eliminate the customary evening programs for the Institute. Superintendent

Band Concert Wednesday Evening.

Everybody enjoys good band music, and Centre Hall will have a musical treat in the form of a band concert, on the diamond, Wednesday evening of next week, when the Sunbury Orphanage Band of 24 pieces will be here, the band having been engaged for the Community picnic on the following day.

Go hear these boys, who have a reputation far and wide for producing good band music. And when you come, be prepared to "chip in the hat" as it is passed around.

Harris Twp. School Teachers Elected.

Following is a list of the schools in Harris township and the teachers who have been recently elected to teach them during the coming term:

High school, T. A. Williamme. Eighth grade, Miss Ruth Smith. Intermediate, Mrs. J. Harry Kuhn. Primary, Miss Margaret Ferree. Rock Hill, Samuel Ross. Walnut Grove, Miss Larue Ishler. Shingletown, John H. Jacobs.

Gospel Tent Meeting at Oak Hall.

There will be a Full Gospel Tent Meeting at Oak Hall, on the school grounds, July 31 to Aug. 8, inclusive. The workers are: Rev. J. E. Wolfe, Rev. D. W. Dubendorf, Adlena Bahrent.

The full Gospel will be preached. Services each evening at 8 o'clock. Three services on Sunday—10 a. m., 2:30 and 7:30 p. m. Everybody welcome.

Decker & Harper Buy Nittany Garage

The Nittany Garage, one of the oldest places of business in State College, changed hands several days ago and will hereafter be known as the Decker & Harper Garage. The new firm is composed of Colonel G. Decker, of Spring Mills and G. C. Harper, Jr., of State College. Both these men have had considerable experience in the automobile business. Mr. Harper having been employed by the Nittany until about eighteen months ago, since which time he has been with Krader & Co., at Bellefonte. Mr. Decker formerly owned the Spring Mills garage.

The new firm will handle direct the Oldsmobile and Chevrolet cars for Centre county and promise both old and new patrons the most efficient service.

Losses by Lightning.

Lightning has started 3,786 fires in this State, with losses amounting to \$1,810,557, according to figures for a two-year period, issued recently by Major C. M. Wilhelm, chief of the Bureau of Fire Protection, of the Pennsylvania Department of State Police. There were only 20 losses on buildings which were equipped with lightning rods. The damage from those fires was less than \$50,000.

As this is the season of thunderstorms the Bureau has issued a warning that lightning rods should be examined at once to correct defects. Major Wilhelm recommended that corrosion be removed from the rods where they enter the ground, and that the cables be deep enough in the ground to insure reaching damp earth.

Major Wilhelm's statement showed that every summer heavy fire losses occur in the rural districts from lightning strokes. He endorsed the effectiveness of lightning rods and urged their installation.

The newspapers that are printing matter pretending that Cox was counting on the pro-German vote when a candidate for Governor of Ohio, should also print the result of the election in the counties where the German vote predominated. The result of Ohio election shows that in the German districts Cox's opponent received the support of the Germans.

When ex-President Roosevelt was asked to stump Ohio against Cox for Governor and the dope on courting the German vote was laid before him, he asked this question: "What are you going to do with Cox's war record?" He would have nothing to do with their manufactured pro German stuff in the face of what Roosevelt said was "an absolutely clean war record."

Millheim citizens are beginning to complain about autoists running the streets with cut-outs open. Little heed is given to ordinances in most boroughs on the cut-out. The Reporter favors cutting-out the cut-out and leaving the ordinance stand.

Dr. Robert Gearhart has removed from Stroudsburg to Boalsburg and will be at his office on Main street after noons and evenings until September, when he will be there permanently. If not at office phone J. H. Ross, Linden Hall, 271.

ent Etters found out by correspondence that the class of entertainments that would be worth while would cost so much that it would be burdensome and unfair to most teachers and rather than subject them to this additional expense he decided to abandon that part of the usual program and allow the teachers to have the evenings to themselves.

THE DEATH RECORD.

CONLEY.—J. Will Conley, prominent business man of Bellefonte, passed away in a Philadelphia hospital last Thursday, after an operation for intestinal trouble, the severity of which promised practically no hopes for his recovery. He was a son of John (deceased) and Kathryn Conley and was born on the Conley farm, immediately east of Centre Hall, about sixty years ago. For some years he has been a resident of Bellefonte where he managed the Meese grocery store. He was a man of pleasing personality and made friends with those with whom he came in contact. His death, therefore, is mourned by a wide circle. He leaves a wife and one daughter, Mrs. Nellie Wallace; also his aged mother, of Centre Hall, to whom he was devoted with true filial love, and a brother, James K. Conley, of Sioux Falls, South Dakota. His funeral was held on Monday morning at ten o'clock, at his home in Bellefonte, and burial was made at Bellefonte.

AUMAN.—A telegram announcing the death of Elias Auman at his home in Fort Wayne, Indiana, was received on Saturday noon by Mrs. William Blauser, a sister of the deceased, at Potters Mills. Mr. Auman's death was due to injuries sustained in a fall from a ladder, in which his skull was crushed and an arm broken. He was a carpenter by trade and was aged sixty-nine years last April. He was a son of the late William Auman and was born in Gregg township, having gone west when a young man. His burial took place in Fort Wayne Monday afternoon. Four sisters and five brothers survive, namely, Mrs. Blauser, of Potters Mills; Mrs. John Zerby, of Youngstown Ohio; Mrs. Ella Kliefelder, of Lock Haven; Mrs. Justice Barger, of Lorain Ohio; Philip Auman, of Johnstown; William, of Millheim; Uriah, of Zerby; Franklin, of Lewisburg; and Jeremiah, of Fort Wayne, Indiana.

KRAPE.—Mrs. Catherine Krape, step-mother of A. P. Krape, of Centre Hall, died at her late home at State College on Wednesday morning of last week. In the death of Mrs. Krape that community loses one of its oldest, if not the oldest, citizens. She was born at or near Farmer's Mills, on November 11, 1832, thus making her age at the time of her death, eighty-seven years, eight months and ten days. She was a daughter of Jacob and Lydia Decker, and when quite young her parents moved to the homestead on the Branch about one mile east of State College, where she spent all her single life. On November 16, 1880, she was married to George Krape of Spring Mills where they lived until his death in 1898. After her husband's death Mrs. Krape moved to State College where she has lived since that time at her comfortable home on College avenue. Mrs. Krape was a woman of kindly disposition, always willing to lend a helping hand to those who were in need. She was a member of the Lutheran church at State College and always had a deep interest in the success and prosperity of the church of her choice.

The funeral took place from her late home Friday afternoon, burial made in the cemetery at Boalsburg, in the Decker plot where her parents are buried; Rev. J. P. Harkins of the State College Lutheran church, officiating.

MARK.—Henry Mark, an aged farmer of Gregg township, died at his home north-east of Penn Hall on Friday evening at six o'clock. He had been in feeble condition since early spring, since which time he suffered several apoplectic strokes, which finally produced death. He was aged eighty years on May 13th, last, and lived his entire life on the farm where he died. Funeral services were held Tuesday morning and burial made in Heckman's cemetery. His wife died two years ago, but the following children survive, namely, Harvey H., Mrs. W. B. Feidter, of Centre Hall; Mrs. Weaver, of Millinburg; Andrew, of Spring Mills, and a son at home.

WINKLEBLECK.—Mrs. Mary Ann Winklebleck, widow of George Winklebleck, was found dead in bed at her home in Aaronsburg, last Thursday evening, by neighbors who failed to see her about the house on that day. Death was due to heart trouble. She was past sixty years of age. Burial was made at Wolf's chapel, on Saturday, Rev. J. J. Weaver officiating. Two daughters survive: Mrs. Charles Lingle, of Huntingdon; and Mrs. C. F. Gilbert, of Aaronsburg. Also two brothers and two sisters: Ciel Grieninger, of Freeport, Illinois; Mrs. John Graden, of Spring Mills, and Mrs. George Wise, of Rebersburg.

A Few Census Figures.
Millin county now has a population of 31,437, an increase during ten years of 3,654, or 13.2 per cent.
Huntingdon county comes along with 39,848, an increase of 1,544.
Snyder county's population is 17,129, having gained in ten years, 329.

THE COMMUNITY PICNIC.

All Should Join in Making Next Thursday a Real Picnic Day.—Orphans' Band, Baseball Games, and Other Features to Please Everyone.

Thursday of next week Centre Hall and vicinity will join in their annual Community Picnic on Grange Park. The picnic will be one of the "basket" variety, where families will come prepared to spread their dinners on the green under the pretty shade trees on the park and enjoy eating with their neighbors.

The various committees in charge of the picnic have worked out a program of entertainment which promises to show everyone a good wholesome time. No picnic, of course, is complete without a band, and there will be plenty of good music all day by the Odd Fellows' Orphanage Band of Sunbury of twenty-four members. The boys will be brought to Centre Hall from Lewisburg in six automobiles which will go from Centre Hall on Wednesday morning, returning in the afternoon. The band boys will give a concert on the diamond in Centre Hall on Wednesday evening, which will attract many. On Thursday they will be on the park all day, so there will be no lack of good music during the picnic.

On Thursday morning at 10:30 o'clock there will be speaking in the auditorium on the park by the local ministers.

Two baseball games are scheduled for the day. In the morning the Linden Hall and Potters Mills teams will clash and in the afternoon Prof. W. O. Heckman will bring his fast bunch of High school ball players to meet Centre Hall. This promises to be a good game. The State College boys play a snappy brand of ball and are a hard combination to beat.

To interest the young folks there will be various contests and races, with prizes to the winners.

Another attraction for many will be the "ocean wave" which will be in operation by Joe Thal, of Bellefonte.

The community spirit may best be developed and preserved by such an affair as a community picnic, so get in the crowd and help make the day a big success.

Prof. Lose Resigns as Head of Lock Haven Normal.

Prof. Charles Lose, who for six years had been the principal of the State Normal school at Lock Haven, has tendered his resignation to take effect on September 1.

Slow progress in recovering from an illness which resulted in his eyesight becoming affected has made it necessary for Mr. Lose to take at least a year of complete rest before returning to the teaching profession, hence his resignation. The illness resulted from a taxi-cab accident which he sustained about three years ago. He has lost the sight of one eye, while the other became so seriously impaired that it was only saved by a serious operation.

CENTRE MILLS

Miss Mary Best and friend motored to Phillipsburg on Sunday.

The farmers have all their hay made, wheat cut and most of it stored in their barns.

Miss Grace Boob, who has been holding a position in Akron, Ohio, is spending her vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Boob.

Mrs. Snavely, who has been caring for the Grimes home since the death of her sister, expects to return to her home in Millinburg.

Ray Held, of this place, and Miss Grace Zettle, of Spring Mills, were united in marriage in Bellefonte, Saturday, July 17th. Since then their many young friends watched for an opportunity to serenade them and last Wednesday did so, the din being heard for miles.

George Kline, Mr. Ishler, of Jersey Shore; Mr. and Mrs. Adam Neese and nephews, Clair and Lester Corman, Middleburg; Mr. and Mrs. George Kline, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Erb, State College, visited the John A. Kline home on Sunday.

GEORGES VALLEY.

Miss Mary Gobbie spent last week with friends at Salona.

R. C. Foust, of Altoona, visited his uncle, James Foust, on Sunday.

Mrs. Val. Wenzel returned to her home in Johnstown, on Monday, after spending two weeks at the home of her uncle, F. M. Ackerman.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. McClenahan and three children, of Potters Mills, spent Sunday at the home of the latter's mother, Mrs. Carrie McClellan.

Those who spent Sunday at the F. W. Zettle home were: W. F. Colyer and family, Centre Hall; Mrs. Frank Floray and son, Gay; Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Lingle and Miss Helen Zettle.

Howard Herman is here from Altoona visiting friends.

Phillipsburg has a total tax millage of 54 mills.

Bank Solicitors Create a Stir.

On Thursday morning of last week two representatives of the Millin County National Bank came to Centre Hall and began soliciting deposits for the savings division of that institution. By noon a goodly number of patrons had been secured, each one having turned over to the solicitors from two to several hundred dollars as their initial deposit and received a deposit slip and souvenir—a fountain pen or leather bill book. There appeared to be so much ready money and such a willingness to turn it over to this well known institution that the solicitors began jesting with prospective customers, and finally the rumor became current that the two men were impostors. About this time, 2:30 p. m., they left town. Of course, it was easier to believe that the townspeople were faked than to persuade that the money doled out cheerfully for a future rainy day was safe.

Later an effort was made to raise the bank by telephone, but since Thursday afternoon is a half holiday in Lewistown banks, much difficulty was experienced in coming in touch with the bank officials, and when it was done the statement received was not accepted because it was to the effect that the bank was behind the solicitors. In the evening the boys who turned over their funds during the day were the butt of many jokes. Next morning the bank was called up and the transaction cleared up. The bank stood for and will stand for all funds turned over to their solicitors.

The whole trouble was caused, when all is summed up, by the Millin County National Bank being a bit more progressive than our people thought a staid bank would be.

Centre Hall Wins in Twilight Game.

A seven-inning twilight game of baseball was played on Grange Park on Friday evening between Centre Hall and Potters Mills-Tusseyville teams, Centre Hall for the third consecutive time winning out, this time by a score of 8 to 5.

Centre Hall started off in the first inning to hit Yearick and scored a run; another was earned in the second, and six counts were made in the third through a combination of fielding errors and some timely hitting. The misplays were most damaging to the visitors' chances of winning, since they occurred at a time when the bases were all occupied and invariably meant a run or two which on clean play would not have counted. All the misplays made by the visiting team were contained in the third frame and were directly responsible for their defeat. After that period Centre Hall failed to score.

The P.M.-T. team could not connect with Harry Gross' pitching until the fourth inning when Earl Frazier "rode" one for three bases and scored on a single by his older brother, Lee. The latter himself scored a moment later by the third hit for the inning. Two more runs were added in the sixth and one in the seventh.

Harry Gross outpitched both Yearick and Floyd Jordan, the latter relieving Yearick in the middle of the game. Harry had the visitors fanning and averaged two strikeouts each in the seven innings of play.

The following is the batting order of the clubs:

Potters Mills-Tusseyville—B. Jordan, cf.; E. Frazier, c; F. Jordan, lf; Bradford, ss; L. Frazier, 3b; Miller, 2b; F. Foust, 1b; Yearick, p; H. Foust, rf. Centre Hall—N. Crawford, 3b; Mitterling, cf; Keller, lf; Gross, p; Bailey, 1b; Kuarr, 2b; A. Crawford, c; Auman, rf; Emery, ss.

The score by innings:
Potters Mills — 0 0 0 2 0 2 1—5
Centre Hall — 1 1 6 0 0 0 x—8
Umpire, V. A. Auman.

Storm Causes Several Fires Near Lock Haven.

Last Thursday afternoon between 4:30 and 7 o'clock, Lock Haven was visited by a heavy electrical storm and down-pour of rain. A large barn on the James M. Miller farm near McElhattan was struck by lightning and destroyed by fire, together with tobacco shed and other outbuildings. The house was saved.

Twenty-five tons of hay, a thesaur and other farm implements were burned. No stock was lost. The loss will be about \$5,000 with practically no insurance.

A school house and dwelling was struck by lightning at Salona about 6 p. m. Aid was sought from Lock Haven and a pumper was sent making the run in fifteen minutes. The cupola and a portion of the roof were burned off and the buildings damaged by water. The loss is covered by insurance. Fifty telephones were put out of service when a Bell telephone cable was struck.

The Bellefonte and Huntingdon baseball teams played a fast game at Bellefonte last Thursday afternoon, Bellefonte winning by a 4 to 3 score. Some Centre Hall "fans" witnessed the game.

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS

Two more days in July.
Next Thursday is Community Picnic Day on Grange Park.

It is on November 2nd that the question will be settled for another four years of Democratic rule.

If you had seen a man wearing an overcoat Sunday evening you would have considered him quite sane.
Ex-Sheriff A. B. Lee and Mrs. Hulda Meyer motored from Spring Mills on Friday evening and visited friends in town.

William W. Kerlin purchased from Mrs. P. H. Meyer the Hobart Cable piano which was used in the Meyer home.

The frequent showers during July have interfered to some extent with haying and harvesting, but oh! how it did make the corn, potatoes, second growth of clover and garden truck hum!

Report had reached here that the fourth motorcycle victim in the recent wreck in Millin county had died, but the statement is untrue. The young man is on a fair way to recovery.

Miss Grace Smith recently completed the enumeration of school children in Centre Hall borough between the ages of six and sixteen years, as required by law. The census showed a total of 105 children of school age.

The N. H. Smith farm, containing ninety acres and located near Millheim, was sold to Frank W. Miller, who at present is tenant on the farm owned by his father-in-law, Samuel Kerstetter. The price paid was \$10,000.

A new Buick car being delivered to a Milton Rache and a Ford car driven by Charles Racheau, of Madisonburg, had a pretty bad smashup in Millheim, a few days ago, at a point where "Long Lane" and Main street intersect.

A big harvest home picnic is booked to be held at Port Matilda on Saturday, August 31st. The Millsburg Girls' Band will furnish music for the occasion and the Howard and Port Matilda baseball teams are scheduled to play a game.

The condition of finances of Centre Hall borough school district for the year ending July 1st, 1920, is shown in a statement which is published in this issue. The balance on hand proves to be \$358.34, the largest cash balance in a number of years.

L. H. Matthews, of Pittsburg, purchased what is known as the mill property in Millheim, occupied by S. J. McMullen. The place is to be greatly improved and will become the Matthews home as soon as the present tenant can find quarters into which to move.

For the first time in a long while the Chautauqua at Bellefonte was supported sufficiently liberal to pay its way out. Had the road to Bellefonte across old Nittany been inviting a few skillings more would have been added to the excess.

The road over the Seven Mountains is in ideal condition. It is just an ideal drive between here and Lewistown, and this brings that live industrial centre so much nearer Penns Valley where nature works day and night to do her part in supporting the world's table.

The State Game Commission has its eye on a large tract of land in Rush township, and has authorized an examination of the property with a view of purchasing the same. If the examination proves satisfactory, the state will likely take over the tract soon after.

"Bill" Bailey, who since his return from overseas has been located in various sections of the far west, was recently transferred from Wichita, Kansas, to Waynoka, Oklahoma, by the Santa Fe Corporation, a \$12,000,000 concern having eating house establishments located throughout all parts of the west.

Sergt. Gervis E. Stover, who was confined in a Philadelphia hospital since his return from France nearly two years ago, was discharged from the army last week and returned to the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Stover, near Woodward. Next fall he will take up vocational training under government regulations.

Mrs. H. H. Laub, of Lewistown, and Mrs. Harry Wheeler, of Harrisburg, accompanied by two nieces and two grand-nieces of the ladies, of Lewistown, stopped with the Reporter for a five-minute chat, on Friday of last week. The party were on their way to State College where Mrs. Laub has a daughter attending the summer school for teachers.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard McClintock, of Augusta, Georgia, are in Penns Valley, and are spending a part of this time with the former's sister, Mrs. Harvey Musser, near Centre Hill. Mr. McClintock has been in the south for more than twenty-five years and is engaged in the wholesale dry goods business. He speaks well of the south and thinks it the best section of the States.