



## FARMERS' INSTITUTES BEGIN THIS WEEK.

**Able Speakers Have Been Assigned for Meetings at Hublersburg, Pine Grove Mills and Spring Mills.**

Farmers' Institute meetings under the direction of C. L. Goodling, County Chairman, in cooperation with County Farm Agent J. N. Robinson, will be held in Centre county three days beginning Friday of this week. The schedule of the Institute meetings for the county follows: Hublersburg, February 11; Pine Grove Mills, February 12 and Spring Mills, February 14.

The State Department of Agriculture has assigned three speakers to the county for the sessions; these people being particularly selected as filling the needs of Centre county. Particular attention will be given at the meetings to the discussion of dairying, potato culture, seeds and injurious weeds, and the speakers assigned by the state are L. W. Morley, Charles F. Preston and Dr. E. M. Gross.

L. W. Morley, State College, Pa., is instructor in dairy husbandry at Pennsylvania State College, and is also connected with the field extension work of the college. Mr. Morley is a graduate of University of Missouri and has been a member of the faculty of State College for several years. He is entirely familiar with dairy problems.

Charles F. Preston, Bottingham, Pa., is a practical farmer and dairyman. Mr. Preston is one of the best qualified men on the Institute lecture force to present up-to-date agricultural subjects. For a number of years he was identified with the Agricultural Extension work of the Pennsylvania State College and specialized in agronomy. He was also Secretary of the State Potato Growers' Association, and it was due to his efforts that the same was organized.

Dr. E. M. Gross, Botanist for the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture, is a botanical authority for many years standing. For a number of years he was professor of botany in the Schenley High school, Pittsburgh, Pa., during which time he pursued special courses at the University of Pittsburgh where he was awarded a Doctor's degree some time since. Prior to going to Pittsburgh he was instructor of botany in several high schools about the State. He is recognized authority on plant life and during the past six months has been engaged in enlarging the herbarium of the State of Pennsylvania. This herbarium which already contains more than six thousand specimens of plant life common in Pennsylvania, is expected to be one of the best in the country.

## HISTORIC SPOT IN PENNS VALLEY TO HAVE MARKER.

**Col. H. W. Shoemaker Heeds Appeal of Former Aaronsburg Pastor.—Suggests Dedicating Marker July 4th.**

A few weeks ago, Rev. J. J. Weaver, former pastor of the Aaronsburg Lutheran church, and now of Everett, caused to have printed a splendid article in the Millheim Journal appealing for a suitable marker on a historic spot in lower Penns Valley. The article has come to the notice of Col. H. W. Shoemaker, who with characteristic generosity has consented to provide a marker.

Rev. Weaver's appeal was as follows: In the year 1759, General (then Captain) James Potter with a companion, Captain Thompson, discovered Penns Valley. Captain Potter feeling that enclosed by the mighty mountain ranges, which he had beheld from a distance, there could not but be fertile valleys and bubbling brooks fringed with mighty forests. Suiting the action to the thought, he and Thompson passed up the Susquehanna River from Ft. Augusta to the mouth of the Bald Eagle creek; passing up this majestic stream to where Milesburg now stands, they past thence overland through forests and vast wilderness to the top of noble Nittany Mountain, with all the beauty of valley and mountain stretches before them, and grasping the arm of Captain Thompson, the noble frontiersman, soldier and benefactor, exclaimed "Thompson, I have discovered an empire!"

This however is only preparatory to that which we wish to state. We have all learned, or at least should know, if interested in one of the most beautiful and fertile valleys in Pennsylvania just what this noble soldier, General Potter, did for the early inhabitants of Penns Valley. The fort was built near the present town of Centre Hall; has been properly marked by those noble women, the D. A. R., and all good citizens hold in sacred memory the heroic deeds of the men and women who dared the dangers of early settlement in this valley.

There is another place, however, which should be just as much enshrined in the hearts of our citizens, which until this time has been entirely forgotten or neglected. I have in mind the old Lower Fort of Penns Valley. One hears lit-

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## MEETING OF THE CENTRE CO. CONSERVATION ASSOCIATION.

**Annual Convention to be Held at Bellefonte, June 17.**

A meeting of the directors and members of standing committees of the Centre County Conservation Assoc. was held at Bellefonte last Thursday. Thirty-five members were present.

County chairman of standing committees were elected as follows:

Forestry, Prof. J. A. Ferguson, State College.

Fish, T. H. Harter, Bellefonte.

Game, J. R. Miller, Millheim.

Song Birds, Richard Harlow, State College.

Wild Flowers, Mrs. J. B. Hill, State College.

Recreation, Thomas Horne, Philipsburg.

Education, Prof. J. A. Pletcher, Howard.

It was decided to hold the Annual Convention of the Association at Bellefonte, June 17. Prominent speakers will be asked to address this Convention as well as experts along the lines of Forestry, Fish, Game, Birds, Wild flowers, etc. The convention will be in the nature of a Conservation Exhibition. The Directors were authorized to offer prizes.

Contests were suggested along several lines—the best bird houses, the best collection of the leaves of forest trees, the best collection of wild flowers, the best exhibition of the work of a Boy Scout Troop or Girl Scout Troop, the best essays on some subjects relating to conservation. A county shooting match under the auspices of the Association may be held that day and also prizes given for the largest trout caught the day previous to the convention and the heaviest catch of trout. Many county organizations will be asked to make exhibits.

Resolutions were introduced by J. R. Miller, of Millheim, putting the Association on record as favoring a simplification of the game laws through making the open season for all small game in November and large game including deer and bear in December and opposing the proposed change that would compel a hunter to see two prongs on a buck before legally shooting, and recommending that the fewest number of changes possible in other respects be made in the present game laws.

## Cinder Roads for Grange Park.

The possibility of hub-deep mud on the driveways leading through Grange Park, such was experienced last September, has been practically eliminated through the building up of driveways with cinder, this week. Five carloads were shipped here from Northumberland by the P. R. R., free of all charges, and about fifteen teams and a score of Grangers worked on the job of spreading the cinder to a double track width with sufficient raise to preclude the possibility of autos again floundering in the mud.

The good women of the Grange served dinner in the Grange hall for the workmen during the days the job was in progress.

## First Visit in Twenty Years.

George McClellan Smetzler, of near Minneapolis, Minnesota, has been visiting his brothers, James H. Smetzler, in Centre Hall, and R. J. Smetzler, at Pottery Mills, during the past week. Mr. Smetzler is enjoying his first trip back home in twenty years, since which time he has traveled throughout all parts of the west, through to the Pacific Coast, but for the past thirteen years has been engaged in farming in Minnesota, part of the time for himself, and now managed a large farm for another party. Mr. Smetzler, like most former residents living in the west, is enthusiastic about that country. He expects to return in a few weeks, and will be accompanied as far as Ohio by his brother, James H., where the two will visit another brother, David G., of Clyde, Ohio.

## MILLHEIM.

H. F. Confer, of Rebersburg, on Friday shipped a carload of horses from Coburn station to an eastern market.

On Monday morning a milk truck driven by Glen Kerstetter, of Coburn, and the Ford touring car of Harvey Hough, of Wolfs Store, collided in front of the tollgate north of Millheim. The Ford car was badly damaged and was towed into the Breon garage by the other car.

A certain resident of West Main street claims to have a quart bottle of whiskey in his safe. He says the safe is one of the old-fashioned kind which is locked and unlocked with a key and that several years ago he broke the key and has been unable to get a new one made. This is a hint to locksmiths to get busy.

Breon garage during the past week sold and delivered cars to the following persons: Ford touring car to Paul Wise, of Madisonburg; Ford sedan to Rev. C. F. Catherman, of Spring Mills.

## IS IT A SIN TO DANCE?

Who dances in Centre Hall?  
Who goes to see the dance?  
Why is the hall used for dancing?  
Why do the citizens permit it?  
Will all dancers be lost?

Come to the Lutheran Church SUNDAY NIGHT and hear these questions answered by the Pastor.

REV. MELVIN C. DRUMM.

A TORNADO OF GOD'S TRUTH!

Note.—This same sermon at Spring Mills Lutheran Church Sunday, Feb. 20, at 2.30 p. m., and at Tusseyville, 7.30 p. m.

## LOCAL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT WON PRIZE.

**The Best Written Essay on "Why I Want to Attend the Centre County Auto Show."**

Miss Ellen Burkholder, a freshman in the Centre Hall High school, captured first prize offered this school in the recent contest conducted by the Centre County Auto Dealers in connection with the first Centre County Auto Show which closed last week. Eugene H. Lederer, the director of the show, has forwarded the Reporter Miss Burkholder's prize-winning composition on "Why I want to attend the Centre County Auto Show" and the same is herewith presented:

"There are many reasons why I want to attend the Centre County Auto Show. First, because it is the first show of its kind ever held in the county. I think every citizen in the county should attend, if he is the owner of an automobile or not.

"Probably some people will ask the question, 'Why do school children want to attend an Auto Show; what do they know about autos and tractors?' Don't you know we are living in the age of modern invention? That is the main reason why I want to attend the auto show. Every one knows the big part the automobile and truck has played in our transportation system. Not only automobiles but tractors are playing a big part in our agricultural industry. If the auto and tractor are going to play such a big part in the future of our nation, why shall we, the school children of today, not attend the auto show? We must know which autos and tractors are the strongest built; the most lately improved; the highest powered; what advantages the small car has and what advantage the large car has. There are a number of other things which we must also know.

Now the question is where can we find these things out? Why, go to the auto show, and I think you can find out a great deal.

"Another reason is that you will not only find this out, but which dealers in the county sells the best cars, or the best tractors, whichever it may be.

"Still another reason is that the different bands are coming from all over the county. So you will not only learn a great deal about autos and tractors, but will also be entertained.

"ELLEN BURKHOLDER."

## 475.65 Sales Red Cross Stamps.

The entire sales of Red Cross stamps in Centre County was to the value of \$475.65, and contributions \$12.48, making a total of \$448.13 for use to combat tuberculosis. Of this sum seventeen and one-half per cent, or \$85.43, is sent to the state association, and the remainder is retained in the county committee's treasury for expenditure in Centre county. These figures were given out by Miss Helen E. C. Overton, the efficient head of the Centre county organization.

The chairman is desirous of organizing Health Rule classes in the schools in Centre county, and upon expression of the various schools to take an interest in the work, a worker in that line will be sent out to effect an organization.

## Trout Distributed in Centre.

Part of a lot of 30,000 two-year old rainbow and brook trout were distributed in Centre county streams during January, by the state department of fisheries.

## Celebrate 74th Wedding Anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. Barr Spangler, of Marietta, this state, the oldest residents of that section, celebrated their seventy-fourth wedding anniversary on Wednesday. Mr. Spangler, who is in his one hundredth year, is president of the First National bank of Marietta, and is the oldest bank president of the United States. He is daily on duty. He attributes his longevity to "work and more work" and the following of simple rules of health.

## Letter From Ohio.

Barberton, Ohio  
Feb. 4th, 1921.

Editor Centre Reporter,  
Enclosed find money order for the Reporter, which we always enjoy reading.

Times are very dull here now; so many people out of work, and most of those who have work, have had a cut in their wages. Am working for the Diamond Match Co., and have had an interesting year with them, they having sent me on two trucking trips to Bellefonte factory, transferring to that factory some machinery from this plant.

I also had a trip to New York city to bring a truck from there. New York is certainly a great city. Returned by way of Philadelphia and followed the Lincoln highway as far as I could back to Barberton. One interesting experience during my stay in New York was to view the city from an aeroplane.

I was later sent to the match timberland with the same truck to start a trucking system, to take the place of teams. It was located at a point near Warren, Ohio. I spent two months there and am thankful that I can still say "I have a job," for the most asked question these days around here is, "Do you still have a job?"

Yours truly,  
JOHN F. BROOKS

## Want to Locate Biggest Trees.

The Pennsylvania state department of forestry has started an inquiry to obtain facts about the biggest tree in each county in the state and also to list the unique and historic trees of the commonwealth. The campaign to locate the trees, as it is called by Prof. J. S. Illick, chief of the bureau of research, will be conducted throughout the spring and it is the intention to follow it up by taking scientific data on the measurements of the largest of each of 100 species of trees in the state.

Colonel Henry W. Shoemaker, a member of the forestry commission, has already given the commonwealth information on several trees. Bedford county claiming the largest swamp white oak, Sullivan the sugar maple at Eagles Mere, while Dauphin has a sycamore twenty-five feet in circumference at the base, located near Linglestown, which is claimed to be the largest of the kind in Pennsylvania and to be among the giant trees of the state. Professor Illick says in sending data to the capitol regarding the big trees the measurements should include circumference at the base and breast height, height of tree and spread of branches.

## Noble Work by the Red Cross.

John Earl Baker, director of famine relief at Peking for the American Red Cross, has transmitted to Washington a brief report of present and prospective activities. Mr. Baker states that the Red Cross is now feeding about 37,000 persons daily. About 3,500 men are engaged on highway construction to improve communication and facilitate the relief work. Mr. Baker says in part:

"We expect to get up to 20,000 workmen and feed 100,000 per day. Our plan is to call upon the village headman for a list of their needy families classified as to most needy and moderately needy. Our investigators then examine these families and offer jobs to the able-bodied men on highway construction. We call them in groups of 30; each group furnishes its own headman and cooking utensils and native tools. "About the end of each fortnight each of the men from each gang is given two days' vacation and a standard package containing thirty rations to take home to their family."

## The Editor's Critica.

Of all fields of human endeavor, the work of the editor probably is most generally and continuously criticized. And 99 per cent of his critics could not distinguish a news story from the thirty-sixth chapter of Genesis, and the other 1 per cent could not write it up in 300 words to pass the approval of the primary English-study class in the least efficient school of the slum wards of Telok Betong.

## Reasons for Suggested Change in Deer Law.

(From the office of the Board of Game Commissioners, Harrisburg, Pa.)

Since the newspapers of the State announced that the Game Commission would approve a change in the deer law so as to protect all bucks until they reach the two-point or prong age, (about 2 1/2 years) many sportsmen who do not understand the situation are protesting to this office, as well as their representatives in the Legislature, while fully as many more sportsmen highly endorse the change without hesitancy because they have enough confidence in the Board of Game Commissioners to know that such Board would not approve anything that would be detrimental to either the sportsmen or, the future supply of deer.

In the first place, the idea of protecting spike bucks did not originate with the Game Commission, but instead originated and is requested by sportsmen who have hunted deer for many years and whose sole interest is to protect human life and their future sport.

The reasons advanced by sportsmen and scientists in favor of such change are as follows:

1. To protect human life, does and baby bucks. During 1920, 198 does and 66 baby bucks were killed—more than twice the number of deer in both sexes the Game Commission can possibly buy this winter. One man was also killed in mistake for a deer. Too many men now shoot at "large deer," taking a chance on killing a spike buck because the spike antlers are usually very difficult to see on account of the ears, etc.

2. Bucks in their second year may have spikes from one half inch to seven or eight inches long, usually four to six inches. Because of this fact many sportsmen and scientists say a provision fixing the length of antlers is exceedingly poor law.

3. Scientists who have followed the chase many years say we should have one buck of desirable breeding age to every four or five does; that when the number of does is greatly in excess of that ratio the offspring will often degenerate, and especially will this occur if practically all procreation is left to immature males.

4. Bucks in their third year are much better breeding animals than the year previous, as they are more mature, weigh 25 to 30 lbs. more, and have trophies worth mounting. In one section where accurate data was collected 83 per cent of the breeding this past season fell to spike bucks, as 50 out of the first 60 legal deer killed were spikes. This same condition is rapidly developing in other sections. Breeders of domestic stock would not think of using immature stock animals; why should not the same precaution be taken with deer to keep up the stamina, size, antlers, etc.

5. A buck with antlers having two or more points can be seen much more readily than spikes without points, and the main objection sportsmen seem to have is that the party with whom such persons have been hunting have in the past been killing spike bucks; something that in the opinion of many indicates that in some instances hunters are not as careful as they should be.

While the number of legal male deer under the proposed law would be considerably reduced the first season, thereafter there would be just as many bucks killed as before. However, sportsmen must bear in mind that the Game Commission simply approved this change if the majority of the sportsmen want it. It is therefore, a matter entirely for the sportsmen and the Legislature to consider carefully from the standpoint of future conditions rather than a meat supply for the present, and then act accordingly.

## Port Matilda Plant Under New Control.

Charles W. Albright, of Altoona, one of the stockholders of the Superior Silica Company which operates the brickmaking plant at Port Matilda, has purchased the shares in the company held by Ellis L. Orvis and Ives L. Harvey. Mr. Albright some time ago bought the large holdings of James Scott, deceased, and the taking over of the Orvis and Harvey stock, along with some blocks of shares he purchased recently, makes him controlling stockholder. He will move the office of the company from Bellefonte to the Lincoln Trust building at Altoona.

Disposal of his holdings in the Eastern Refractories Company to Messrs. Orvis, and Ives L. and Ellis Harvey was made by Mr. Albright. The company controls the brick making plants at Orviston and Snow Shoe. The general office of this company will be moved from Bellefonte to Orviston.

## John D. Jr., Gives \$1,000,000 to the Starving Children.

John D. Rockefeller, Jr., son of the Standard Oil magnate, has contributed \$1,000,000 to the relief of starving European children. This announcement was made by Herbert Hoover at the conclusion of a dinner given to Mr. Rockefeller's Bible class.

## TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

### HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST ALL PARTS

The fifth month of the school term in Centre Hall comes to a close this week.

"Gasoline Price Is Again Cut," newspaper headline. Where do they get this "again" stuff?

The Morrisdale and Grassflat post-offices, both in Clearfield county, have been advanced to \$1,200 class offices.

"Bob" Jones, the noted evangelist, is scheduled to open a campaign at State College, beginning March 6th, and continuing two weeks.

Scarlet fever and whooping cough are running a race for first honors in the city of Williamsport, with scarlet fever leading with about forty cases.

Bruce Stump, who has been firing on one of the Pennsylvanians, out of Altoona, has felt the retrenchment axe and is now at his home near Centre Hall.

J. Reed Irvine, grand patriarch of the grand encampment of I. O. O. F. of Pennsylvania, was in attendance at the meeting of the Millheim Lodge of Odd Fellows on Tuesday evening.

The Dr. J. F. Alexander home in Centre Hall borough is advertised at public sale in this issue by James C. Furst, executor of the estate of Lillie Allison Alexander.

Archie Moyer has been a successful fox hunter this winter, having killed a number of both red and grey foxes on Nittany mountain. On last Thursday he bagged another red fox.

Dr. H. H. Longwell was forced to take his bed for a few days last week, suffering with grip. The doctor has been a very busy man, taking care of a large practice this winter, and no doubt "broke" under the strain.

The State Board of Charities have recommended to the Pennsylvania Legislature that the Bellefonte hospital be appropriated \$22,000 for the coming two years. If the legislature allows this amount it will be \$2,000 in excess of that appropriated the hospital two years ago.

The Newell Brothers, evangelists of McKeesport, have been engaged by the Millheim United Evangelical church to conduct a series of evangelistic meetings there, and began with the morning services of the church last Sunday. The services will continue for three weeks.

The new large four-story concrete mill at Bellefonte, built by C. Y. Wagner, is about ready for operation, the last of the machinery having arrived. The mill has a capacity of about one hundred and twenty-five barrels of flour per day, besides grists. Large storage bins will amply take care of the normal crops harvested in that section in any season.

Rev. John A. Bright was again elected chaplain of the house of representatives of Kansas. Rev. Bright was first elected to this position in 1887 and has at various times since held the position. There are but two Democrats in the body, one of whom is a woman. Three women were also elected to the house by Republicans.

Nofrio Saia, an Italian who has been residing in a dwelling owned by Charles Austin, a Philipsburg barber, was placed in the jail at Bellefonte, last week, and is charged with arson. The roof of the dwelling was burned in December and the Philipsburg authorities were suspicious as to the cause, investigating the matter and finally placing Saia under arrest.

A valuable grey horse belonging to the Reese-Sheriff Lumber Co., of Williamsport, whose men for more than a year have been hauling lumber from near Hecla to the Centre Hall railroad station, took sick on the Brushvalley road one day last week, and the animal was placed in George Heckman's barn where it was found to be suffering with anastria. The horse died the following day.

The Reporter is indebted to Guy W. Jacobs, of Steubenville, Ohio, for copies sent from the office of the Steubenville Herald-Star during the evangelistic campaign now being conducted by evangelist "Bob" Jones. From the press accounts "Bob" Jones is awakening that city to the need of a more righteous living. "Bob's" epigrammatic broadsides of words sound much like "Billy" Sunday's and, of course, he is getting Sunday results.

The twenty-sixth annual meeting of Group Six of the Pennsylvania Bankers' Association will be held in the Second National Bank building, Altoona, on Lincoln's birthday. The banks in Centre county belonging to Group Six are: Bellefonte, Bellefonte Trust Co., Centre Co. Banking Co., First National Bank; Centre Hall, Penns Valley Bank Co.; Howard, First National Bank; Millheim, Farmers' National Bank, Millheim Banking Co.; Philipsburg, First National Bank, Moshannon Nat'l Bank; Rebersburg, Rebersburg Nat'l Bank; Snow Shoe, Snow Shoe Bank; Spring Mills, First National Bank; State College, Farmers' Trust Co., First National Bank.