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CENTRE HALL IS EAGER FOR THE CHAUTAUQUA.

Fine Program to be Given June 20 to 22.—Solves Vacation Problem.

If enthusiasm is the barometer of public opinion, we know that the coming Community Chautauqua Festival will ride to success in Centre Hall. Everybody seems to know about the big program—everybody seems to think it is the best ever offered.

The first day of the Festival brings to us one of the most popular companies on the Chautauqua platform, the Theresa Sheehan Concert Company. The trio of entertainers will present a program filled with readings, songs, stories and music all of which are sure to please. Miss Sheehan is a popular idol of Chautauqua patrons.

Albert and Martha Gale with their collection of Indian costumes, relics, songs and stories will be sure to hold your attention on the second day. There are few entertainments as unique and fascinating as the one which the Gales will present at our Festival.

On the same day the Colonial Maids, with their saxophones, guitars and mandolins will offer an instrumental concert of semi-classic and popular songs and music. They appear as Colonial Maids, Japanese and Gypsies, and their costumes add greatly to the spirit of the entertainment.

"Her Husband's Wife," a screamingly funny farce-comedy, will be presented here on the third day, with special scenery and a strong cast, of Broadway players. This production is to be one of the big feature events. If you want to laugh and at the same time take home a few worth-while thoughts, don't miss seeing and hearing this play.

"Making the World Safe for Democracy" is the title of Dr. A. H. Harnly's lecture. This master orator of the platform will also be with us on the third day. And this message is bound to stir you and make you more fully appreciate some of the vital problems of to-day.

The closing programs make up another big day. We will have with us the Philippine Quartet and Bill Bone, humorist. If you enjoy the soft soothing melodies of the Philippine Islands it will not do to overlook this last day musical program. Native music on native instruments together with lively American songs and music, will add much toward making the Chautauqua Festival an event to be pleasantly remembered.

Bill Bone is a man who makes you smile and think at the same time. His serious-humorous lecture, "The House of Man," is a masterpiece. You will like Bill and he will be sure to like you, for he is the kind of man who wins his audience the moment he greets them.

This year an elaborate Junior Chautauqua for the girls and boys has been planned. Here is a feature of the Chautauqua Festival, which every child should take advantage of. Children's season tickets cost very little and in return they will receive the benefit of four days of systematic play-ground work. They will be in charge of an experienced Play Leader, who will tell stories, teach games and produce a pageant called "The Cruise of the Jollity," in which all Junior Chautauqua members will take part. We understand that the Community Chautauqua System has undertaken this Festival Junior work at a great expense and have in mind a plan for making it a permanent and year-round institution in our town. Anything that is for the welfare of our children should receive the heartiest cooperation from everybody.

There is no time like the present, so buy your season tickets as soon as they are offered for sale by the local Chautauqua Committee. We want to see Centre Hall and community go over the top and be a success in every way.

Dog Owners And Sportsmen—Special Information.

Some years ago the Legislature passed an Act making it unlawful to permit dogs to chase game during the breeding season. At that time the only penalty was the danger of having a dog killed. Later the Legislature amended the game law so that a penalty could also be imposed upon the owners or persons harboring dogs chasing game after notice in writing from the Game Commission or anyone whose duty is to protect game and wild birds. The 1921 legislature has further amended the game law in this respect, known as Section 26 of the Act of June 7, 1917, so that it is no longer necessary to give dog owners a written notice to restrain dogs during the close season, and in order that the dog owners and sportsmen of the Commonwealth may quickly become acquainted with this change of the law, we take this means of getting this information before the public at once. The Act making the change was signed only a few days ago, and hereafter persons owning or harboring dogs are liable to a fine of \$10.00 for every day they permit their dogs to chase game during the close season and \$5.00 for every bird or rabbit killed without a notice of any sort. The special training season is continuing.

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From Texas to Centre County by Auto.

Mr. and Mrs. Earnest Rothrock and little daughter, of Houston, Texas, are at Phillipsburg on a visit to the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Rothrock. They made the entire trip, a distance of 2,075 miles, by automobile, stopping when and where they pleased and at night camped in a tent they carried with them. The trip was a delightful one in every way.

The car used was a model 490 Chevrolet, and 71 gallons of gasoline were consumed on the way, or an average of one gallon for every 29 1/2 miles. Mr. Rothrock purchased gasoline along the way at prices ranging from 20 to 29 cents a gallon. Putting the average price at 25 cents a gallon, he paid \$17.75 for the gasoline to drive his car carrying himself, wife, child, camping equipment and baggage a distance of 2,075 miles. He also purchased and used on the trip two gallons of motor oil.

But everything considered it was so far as transportation expenses are concerned, a remarkably cheap trip, and of course could not be done with the more powerful gas consuming motor vehicles.

THE FARM IS FUNDAMENTAL.

It takes such men as Frederick Rasmussen, state secretary of agriculture, who knows both city and country, to bring to the public's attention the close relation between rural prosperity of the nation at large. Secretary Rasmussen uttered a lot of important truths in a speech in the state capital, the other day, a paragraph of which is worth publishing in every journal in the land. He said:

"If the agricultural industry, which represents approximately thirty-three per cent. of the people in the country, becomes unprofitable every industry will be affected. If you reduce very materially the purchasing power of the farmer, he hires little or no labor, he makes no improvements on his farm and building, he uses his old machinery, he does not buy automobiles, pianos or carpets, he buys fewer shoes and less clothing for his family, and as a result, other industries are curtailed and there will be a great many idle people and the idle people will not be able to buy the food which has been produced at a loss."

It doesn't require much of an imagination to picture the situation as the secretary has outlined it in the event of the several "ifs" he cites, and in light of present conditions, these "ifs" are not so far removed from actualities as we wish they were.

The modern farmer is a good spender. He is a good customer of the lumber merchant and hardware dealer. He always pays cash for whatever he buys in the clothing and dry goods store. His family, usually a large one, wears out many pairs of shoes in a year. Association with the city has taught his children to demand luxuries such as the piano and victrola and conveniences such as the automobile, the value of which he himself has found out to his own satisfaction. His demands for farm machinery keep many manufacturing plants busy and his needs in fertilizers make prosperous many business firms.

Let the farmer reduce his buying by just one-half and a considerable amount of trade suddenly stops. And let it also be remembered that of all classes, the farmer is the most peculiar. What affects the whole number, so that when one feels the need of retrenchment, the same feeling is widespread.

Then, too, as the farmer curtails his expenditures, through necessity, for new farm machinery improvements to his farm and buildings and reduces his paid labor, just that quickly his production suffers. And when that occurs the nation feels the re-action in a smaller food supply and higher prices.

We have heard much of the late years about prosperity of the farmer and how industrial prosperity has enriched him. Still, his degree of prosperity has been no greater than that of the city worker and not nearly so great when one stops to consider that much of the high wage and short day enjoyment of the latter has been at the expense of the farmer's hard labor and long hours during the rush season on the farm.

And now, with every one else in business waiting for some one else to make the move toward actual resumption, the farmer is going about his usual work, rising at daybreak and retiring shortly after dark after a long strenuous manual labor to keep up in the face of financial discouragement and low prices, the same excellent records of production he made during the period he was certain to get top prices for everything his soil yielded. The farmer is doing his part. The rest of us must do as much.—Williamsport Sun.

(Continued from previous column) need, extending from September 1st to March 1st, Sundays excepted, during which period the training of dogs is permitted so long as they are accompanied by their owner or handler and so long as such owner or handler sees to it that no injury is inflicted upon animals or birds pursued and does not carry fire arms usually raised at arms' length and fired from the shoulders.

To Establish State Parks.

The State Forest Commission has taken action to establish about fifteen State parks, or recreation grounds, in different sections of Pennsylvania. Governor Sproul recently approved a law authorizing the Commission to set aside within the State Forests unusual or historical groves of trees especially worthy of permanent preservation. The law provides that the parks are to be made accessible and convenient for public use, and they are to be dedicated in perpetuity to the people of the State for their recreation and enjoyment.

Colonel Henry W. Shoemaker, a member of the Forest Commission, has suggested a list of fifteen historical and noteworthy groves of big trees which he considers suitable for parks in various parts of the State. The Forest Commission has agreed that an advisory committee shall be appointed to act on the selection of the proposed recreational areas, and other sites which may be considered later.

Some of the proposed public parks suggested by Col. Shoemaker are: Forest Engineers' Park, on Moore's Run, Potter county; Nine-mile Drive, on Prouty Run, Potter county; Mount Rinsarses, once the property of the Queen of Spain, in Clinton county; Joyce Kilmer Recreation Park, in Union county; Alan Seeger Recreation Park, Huntingdon county; New Germantown Hemlocks, Perry county; Cox's Valley Pines and Hemlocks, Mifflin county, and McConnell Narrows Hemlocks, a magnificent virgin forest in Union county.

MILLHEIM.

(From The Journal)
Mr. and Mrs. J. W. O. Housman were called to Milton last Thursday on account of the illness of their daughter, Mrs. Clyde Stover, who on Friday was admitted to the Geisinger hospital at Danville and underwent an operation on Saturday. She is reported as getting along nicely.

A baby girl was born to Mr. and Mrs. James Confer, East Main street, on Saturday, and a bouncing baby boy arrived at Breen's garage Sunday, born to Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Breen. Baby boys were also born during the week to Mr. and Mrs. Roy Held, at Smulton, and Mr. and Mrs. Ellery Shreckengast, near Coburn.

Some time during February a rabbit hound was picked up at Spring Mills by a traveling salesman, enroute to Millheim. When the salesman reached Millheim he crated the dog and shipped him to his home. The dog belonged to C. G. Decker, of Spring Mills, who advertised for the dog in the Journal and the advertisement brought the information to Mr. Decker of the picking up the dog by the salesman, who on last Thursday made his regular trip through here and was placed under arrest for the theft of the dog. He was given a hearing before Squire J. F. Musser and was bound over for appearance at the next term of court by giving bond in the sum of \$150.

Northern Conference of W.H. & F.M. Society.

The Northern Conference of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society.

THURSDAY EVENING, 7:30

[Mrs. W. M. Rearick, presiding]

Praise Service
Devotions
Greetings
Response
Conference Sermon
Offering

Choir
Rev. W. J. Shultz
Miss Miriam Beck
Mrs. O. C. F. Janke
Rev. M. C. Drumm
Announcements
Benediction

FRIDAY MORNING, 9:30

Devotions
Business Session
Appointment of Committees
Enrollment of Delegates
Report of special work done during year by Societies of Northern Conference; to be given by Delegates.
Open Conference: Presentation of Departmental Work by Secretaries—Mrs. O. C. F. Janke, Home and Annuity; Miss Jennie Reifsnnyder, Statistical; Miss Orpha Gramley, Young People's; Mrs. C. N. Shindler, Juniors; Mrs. L. G. Shannon, Deaconess.
Chairman Box Work
"Magazine Quiz," Mrs. L. E. Stover and Mrs. S. W. Smith
Report of Nominating Committee
Adjournment

FRIDAY AFTERNOON, 2:00

Roll Call
Devotions
"An Ideal Young People's Society,"
Children's Hour
Invitation for next convention.
"Why Not a Junior Society in Every Congregation?"
Adjournment

Mrs. T. S. Minary
Miss Dorothy Klepper
Snydertown Juniors
Mrs. C. N. Shindler

FRIDAY EVENING, 7:30

Praise Service
Devotions
Address
Report of Resolution Committee
Offering
Minutes
Benediction

Mrs. W. M. Rearick
Mrs. J. W. Mitchell
Miss Helen Brenneman, Guntur, India

PAID \$170.40 FOR STEALING COAL

Twelve Persons Fined for Stealing Coal at Clarence.

A total of \$170.40 in fines was imposed upon twelve persons arraigned before Justice of the Peace Kline Woodring, at Bellefonte, on Friday morning, on a charge of stealing coal from a New York Central freight train at Clarence, Centre county. Less than a ton of coal was taken, according to statements of the defendants, but each of the twelve who had part in the stealing was required to pay a fine and costs amounting to \$12.20. In addition to the twelve who paid the fines, one defendant was held under \$300 bail for trial in court and two on whom warrants had been served failed to appear.

The coal was alleged to have been stolen from a train on May 18 by miners and members of their families. The investigation which resulted in the arrests was conducted by G. N. Slifer, a New York Central detective, and the warrants were served Thursday by Slifer and Sheriff Dukeman, the fifteen accused persons being ordered to appear before Justice Woodring on Friday.

Twelve of the defendants admitted taking coal from the train. They said the mines in that section had been closed down for some time and they were in need of coal. But they don't want any more at the price fixed by the justice. Three members of one family were among the defendants. The three said they had taken about two bushels of coal. It cost them \$42.60. A young girl who admitted taking three or four bucketsful handed over \$11.20 in payment. One of the defendants was a six year old boy who admitted he climbed on the car and threw off coal which others carried away. His fine was the same as in the other cases—\$14.20.

Baseball.

On Saturday afternoon the Centre Hall team went to Spring Mills and what promised to be a closely fought contest, was suddenly terminated in the fourth inning by a heavy downpour of rain, accompanied by hail. The score stood 1 to 0 in favor of Centre Hall, and two were on bases, and one out, when the game was called. It looked good for the home team to win.

At the same time the Linden Hall and Potters Mills teams met on neutral ground—the Grange Park, Centre Hall, and a battle royal was going on when rain interfered. Owing to seven innings having been played, the game was a legal one, and Potters Mills carried off the honors by a 4 to 3 score.

Mrs. Ashbridge Thomas is driving a new Ford roadster.

A recipe "How to make your own moon-shine" is being circulated in Millheim, and the sender is known, says the Journal.

CHAUTAUQUA—JUNE 20-22

A Brief Sketch of a Pastorate.

Last Sunday, Rev. R. R. Jones, of the Reformed Church, closed his pastorate of nine and one half years in the Centre Hall charge. A comparison of the statistics as given in the minutes of classis for 1911 and the statistics for the year 1921 will show a growth in membership of 43 for the whole charge. This, notwithstanding a diminishing population in the townships where the charge is located.

In benevolence the Reformed church in Centre Hall charge expended \$378 in 1911 to \$1102 in 1921. If the amount paid to the Forward Movement is included (\$3025 already paid in) the total benevolence reported to Classis in 1921 amounts to \$4127.

During his pastorate Rev. R. R. Jones, solemnized fifty-three marriages, baptised one hundred thirteen children, officiated at one hundred twenty-three funerals, received into the church two hundred three persons, dismissed seventy-four, and preached 1168 times.

As a token of appreciation and expression of their good will to the pastor, his friends tendered him a farewell social on Thursday evening, 12th inst., and notwithstanding the inclement weather a large number were in attendance. A similar reception by the members and friends of St. John's and Grace congregation was held in the Grange Hall at Spring Mills, on Wednesday evening, the 18th.

Rev. Jones and family carry with them the best wishes of the entire community. The pastor was one of the several able men who, during the last twenty years, served the Reformed field. It was not only as a minister but as a citizen also that Rev. Jones stood high in the estimation of all.

Millheim Bank Installs Burglar Alarm.

Owing to the many bank burglaries which are occurring all over this and other states, the banks are beginning to use extraordinary precautions to protect themselves against the yeggman. Last week the Farmers National Bank at Millheim installed the latest and most improved type of burglar alarm system on the market. The system is very complete. The walls, ceiling and floor of the vault are lined with copper wiring and at no point can an entrance be made, being so constructed and installed that any attempt to enter the vault from any direction will immediately sound the gong or alarm which is contained in the large outside housing. This gong housing is also so constructed that any tampering with it, such as turning a bolt, or attempting to cut the cable leading to it, will sound the alarm.

The vault door, in addition to the connections with the bolts through the combinations, has what is called the Thermo Electric attachment, which will sound if the door is heated to a certain temperature. This will prevent any attempt to burn through the vault door.

The entire system is controlled by an electrical timer located in the vault. This is set on definite hours for opening and closing, and if the dial on the vault door is turned a fraction either way after a certain closing hour, it will result in the sounding of the gong.

The O. B. McClintock Co. of Minneapolis, Minn., manufacturers of this up-to-date burglar alarm system, not only guarantee the system to do its duty at all times, but also offer a standing reward of \$500 for the arrest and conviction of any party attacking any bank using this system.

Persons interested are invited to call and inspect the new alarm system.

Altoona Teachers to Be Put Under Bond.

Altoona school teachers who resign to get married or accept more lucrative offers from other districts will forfeit \$100 to the local district. The school board has decided to require each teacher to provide a bond of \$100 for the faithful compliance with the terms of his or her contract to remain on the teaching corps for the full nine months, unless incapacitated through illness or other disability. Altoona employs 300 teachers, most of them young unmarried women.

Tramp Found Dead in Barn.

James Hagan, aged 65 years and a familiar figure throughout Mifflin county, was found dead in the barn of Michael Spicher near White Hall, a short distance from Belleville, last Sunday by Mr. Spicher. The deceased was a tall red headed man with a red beard and he was frequently seen going through the Big valley.

As a hobo he wandered from barn to barn and on last Saturday p. m. he asked permission to sleep in the Spicher barn. When Mr. Spicher went to his barn Sunday afternoon he found Hagan dead.

It is believed that the man's death was caused by cancer of the face.

Miss M. J. Opie, a representative of the Community Chautauquas, Inc., met the local committee at a meeting on Saturday evening, to arrange for the coming Chautauqua in Centre Hall.

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS

CHAUTAUQUA—JUNE 20-22

The corn that is up looks good.

Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Rearick, of Lock Haven, were visitors in town last Thursday. They were driving a handsome new Studebaker car.

There will be preaching services in the International Holiness church, near Colyer, Saturday evening, June 4th, at 8 o'clock, and Sunday morning, June 5th, at 10 o'clock. All are invited.—D. W. Dubendorf, pastor.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Keefer, of Youngwood, came to Centre Hall the latter part of last week for a short stay at the Squire Brungart home. Mr. Keefer enjoyed several days along the trout streams in the valley, meeting with fair success.

Roger T. Bayard, of Tyrone, has been selected as one of the twenty delegates from Pennsylvania to the National Council of the Order United American Mechanics, to be held in Los Angeles, Cal., June 14 to 20. It is probable that Mr. Bayard will accompany her husband on the trip.

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Britt, of East Sanguis, Mass., are announcing to their friends the arrival of an eight pound baby girl, on May 22, who will be named Meryl Eleanor. The mother will be recalled as Miss Iona Tibbitts, who for several years lived in Centre Hall with her father, an undertaker.

Mechanics are busy at the F. V. Goodhart home. Mr. Ackerman, the painter, has about finished a handsome job of exterior decorating of the dwelling house; the concrete foundation for the new furniture store is completed, and lumber is on the ground for the superstructure. F. V. is a hustler, no kidding.

Boise H. Brown, of Tusseyville, successfully passed the civil service examination and is now in active service on a mail train between New York and Pittsburg. Mr. Brown for several years conducted a general store very successfully at Tusseyville, and the Reporter wishes him success in his new line of work.

The Gregg township vocational school will hold their commencement exercises in the Grange hall at Spring Mills, on Thursday evening of next week. Eighteen graduates comprise the class and the following have been selected to deliver orations: Ray Barges, Tressa Wagner, Robert Albright, Grace Neese, and John Meyer.

Dr. W. K. McKinney, pastor of the Bellefonte Presbyterian church, recently received an official call to the pastorate of the First Presbyterian church of West Elizabeth, N. J., and on Sunday morning of last week he announced to his congregation that he had decided to accept and will leave Bellefonte just as soon as he is released by the Huntingdon Presbytery.

The bill increasing the school term in various school districts in this state does not effect Centre Hall Boro, where the eight-month term has existed for some years back. In Potter township, however, where schools have been open only for seven months in the year, an additional ten days must be added, beginning with the coming term, and then in September 1922, the term must be extended to a full eight months, or 160 days.

Through the efforts largely of the Conservation Association over 160,000 forest trees were planted in Centre county last spring and plans are being made to double this number planted another year. Every sportsman, every fisherman, every lover of camp life, of song birds, and wild flowers should feel a responsibility in protecting the forests from fire, not only that he may enjoy his favorite sport or pastime, but also in the interest of pure water and especially that a future supply of timber may be provided.

One night recently Mr. and Mrs. Robert Meeker, who live on the farm of Mrs. Meeker's father, Luther Royer, below Centre Hall, upon reaching home quite late after a trip to Spring Mills, were startled at the strange actions of the family dog, who came out to meet them and suddenly fell over, as though dead. The premises gave the appearance of someone having been about, and fearing that some person was still in the house, Mr. and Mrs. Meeker and the hired girl feared to enter. Mr. Meeker decided to go to the barn and get his shotgun, and whether the tramp, or whoever he was, heard this remark or not, nevertheless he beat a hasty retreat when Mr. Meeker went to the barn, the hired girl claiming she saw some one in the distance climbing a fence. Upon entering the house nothing was out of order, only the cupboards appeared to have been looked into, although nothing was missing. The dog later revived, which leads to the belief that the tramp sent some "poison gas" in the direction of the animal to get him out of the way.