"A PINE STUMP GHOST."

Elias S. Garver Recalls Thrilling Experience During His Early School Days in Pine Stump District.

A few weeks ago there appeared in these columns an interesting article from the facile pen of Elias S. Garver, a former Potter township native, now of Grant City, Missouri, concerning the Pine Stump school district, west of Centre Hall, where Mr. Garver, as a lad, attended school. For many years past Mr. Garver has been a resident of the West, where he has met with success in the newspaper field. As a newspaper man, Mr. Garver has the happy faculty of putting into readable form reminiscences of his youth, and when he volunteered the first article, the Reporter prevailed upon him to write others for the Reporter readers, knowing full well that out of his store-house of knowledge of the early history of Penns Valley there might be brought forth many interesting stories and legends of the long ago. Consequently the Reporter is permitted to give its readers this week another of Mr. Garver's stories, this one on "A Pine Stump Ghost."

"A PINE STUMP GHOST."

"The Legends of Sleepy Hollow were never more interesting to the people among whom the scenes are laid than would the legends of Pine Stump School District be were they put in readable form. Legends come down to us from the early ages and afford interesting reading when compared with similar events in this enlightened day. In legendary days the people were more susceptible and superstitious of the supernatural than they are now. They beour grandfathers and grandmothers and they impressed themselves very will cite an illustration of what I mean. When I was a boy about thirteen years her died. Next day she sent for an old are that mother and babe are out of seer in the neighborhood, who was to danger. take the hide off of the animal for comand solemnly declared that a witch had the mishap. shot the heifer with a hair bullet. Every- The car was so little damaged that As I see it now, had a modern veterinar- ed under its own power. ian been present, he would have declar- The dead man-Wilbur Lee Diehl-

ant about three-fourths of a mile. The as a carpenter. Besides his wife and children along Nittany Mountain who four children, he is survived by his fathfarms on to the school house. Close up Jersey; Mrs. Raymond Bowersox, of to the line fence on the Gregg side and Mifflinburg, and Mrs. Fred Bender. of by the name of Ream, who lived on the attendant at Sunday School and church Gregg farm, committed suicide by services. hanging herself to an apple tree. It cide in a regular graveyard, hence the Rev. Kutz and Rev. Maneval officiating. above. It was current rumor that the burg. grave was haunted. Many rumors were afloat about different persons, having seen a nocturnal visitor about the grave. says the poet raw nights we have been having? school children who had to pass that way. This was particularly true at telling it. Those who could speak Engnight when spelling schools were had at lish the better, declared it was a ghost, the Stump. The children would assem- while those of us who could speak Dutch ble near our place and then proceed to the better, declared it was a spook. the school house in a body. One night After hearing us, Henry Geistwite, an a spelling school was announced and as old resident, solemnly declared: "By usual the children assembled near our Gott, des vor de olt frau." After spellplace to attend the spelling. I was with ing was over the boys and girls who the crowd and as we neared the grave. lived along the mountain and had to many jests were made concerning the pass the grave, assembled in a group probability of seeing the ghost. We and made a wide detour through the were all care-free and happy, never field to avoid the possibility of again dreaming of what was in store for us. seeing the ghost. I should have stated Just as we were passing the grave, a above that the grave was surrounded by white clad figure arose in the corner of a neat fence made of white pine pickets the fence and began reproaching us in a about three feet in length. For a time sepulchral voice for using the name of this fence remained intact, but finally it the dead. If a German shrapnel had was torn down by school boys who burst near the crowd, it would not have wanted the pickets out of which to make caused greater consternation. With a "paddles" to play ball. This episode revived the talk about the grave being school house was on. It was a case of haunted. A year or two later it develop-"devil take the hindmost one," A Kan- ed that a mischievous young man in the sas jack rabbit, with all of its reputed neighborhood had secured a sheet and speed, would have had no show in that repaired to the grave and acted as a crowd. Indeed if one of the little long- ghost for the sake of having fun with eared animals had been in the race, he the boys and girls. would have been kicked aside in order Poor Mrs. Ream! Her name was reto give runners a chance who knew how viled and made the subject for jest and to run. Breathlessly we rushed into the jibe. May it not be possible that the school house and did not feel safe until kind and forgiving hand of Deity guidthe door was closed. Quite a number had gathered, among them being older choir where even now she is singing and residents of the district. They inquired shouting Glory. the cause of our agitation and we began

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MILLHEIM NARROWS SCENE OF FATAL AUTO ACCIDENT

Instant Death When Car Drops Over Embankment.-Narrow Escape for Wife and Small Children.

Wilbur L. Diehl, a young man of wife and three children made a miraculous escape from meeting a similar fate, on Sunday evening at 6:30, in the Millheim Narrows, when the Overland car, dropped over a five-foot enbankment, landing in the creek. Mr. Diehl's neck was broken.

Mr. Diehl was driving an old model Overland car, belonging to his brotherin-law, S. L. Gephart, of Rebersburg. The automobile party consisted of Mr. pants in his car, and Mr. and Mrs. from a trip through the Woodward Narrows and while passing through the Millheim Narrows, Mr. Deihl, who was ahead, looked back to see wh ther Mr. Gephart was following. The car was running over crushed stone and in his gazing backward the machine started to caused Mr. Diehl to momentarily lose his head and before he could turn the car afternoon leads to the opinion that these back on the road it had taken the fatal two fires may have been of incendiary plunge, turning completely over and landing on its wheels in the creek below. Mr. Gephart, who was only a few of the academy building had reported hundred feet behind, saw the whole pro- that some persons were frequenting the ceeding and hastened to the scene. He lieved in ghosts, spooks, witches and saw that Mr. Diehl was already dead, goblins. Stories of these uncanny having apparently been caught under things were told around the fire-place by the car in its turn over. Mrs. Diehl was lying in the creek, bruised about the body, but not seriously injured. strongly on the minds of the young. I The young daughter was also bruised, while the boy escaped with a few scratches. The infant child, it appearof age, I lived at my grandmother's, ed, was fatally injured, for its head be-She believed in the super-natural and gan to swell to half again its normal could tell dozens of stories on the sub- size, although there were no outward ject. One night a heifer belonging to indications of injury. Latest reports

Mr. Gephart told the Reporter that remercial purposes. When he slit down ports to the effect that the accident was the fore-leg a dark streak of blood was due to wreckless driving were untrue, for discovered running from the shoulder at no time did Mr. Diehl drive over almost to the hoof. He lay down his eighteen miles an hour. He was an inknife and called attention of the by- experienced driver, however, which was standers to the black streak of blood responsible more than anything else for

body believed it because it was popular. after returning it to the road it proceed-

ed it a case of black-leg which frequent- was born near Rebersburg on April 2, ly affects cattle. But I am digressing. 1887, hence was aged 34 years, 2 months I must return to my Pine Stump, Ghost. and three days. Only six weeks ago he The Pine Stump School House stood moved from the Pittsburg district, with directly south of my father's place, dist- his family, where he had been engaged attended school there would come as far er and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Robert O. as our place and then turn south through Diehl, of Turtle Creek; also the followthe Gregg woods and follow the line ing brothers and sisters : Clarence, of fence between the Gregg and Neff Greensburg; Thurston, of Camden, New distant about a stone's throw from the Rebersburg. He was a very unassuming school house, was a grave. An old lady and industrious young man, a regular

Funeral services will be held in the was the custom then not to bury a sui- Reformed church on Thursday morning, body was buried at the point indicated Burial in the Union cemetery, Rebers-

> "What is so rare as a day in June." says the poet. Well, how about its

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ELIAS S. GARVER. Grant City, Missouri,

ATTEMPT TO BURN HOME OF HEADMASTER HUGHES.

Wilbur Diehl, of Rebersburg, Meets Following Close to Academy Fire Leads to Belief That Incendiaries Are at Work in Bellefonte.-Making Thoro Investigation.

A fire attended by circumstances Rebersburg, met instant death, and his which indicate that it was probably the work of an incendiary was discovered on last Thursday afternoon at 4 30 o'clock in the residence of Charles Hughes, business manager of the Bellefonte acadriven by Mr. Diehl, left the road and demy. The structure stands a short distance from the ruins of the old academy building, which was destroyed by fire on Tuesday evening of last week.

The fire originated in the attic of the Hughes residence. When it was first noticed huge volumes of black smoke were issuing from the building. It is and Mrs. Gephart, and three other occu- believed that this indicated the presence of oil. Firemen found the flames about Diehl and three of their children, aged the chimney. The fire was extinguish-10 and 12 years, and a baby of six ed after a short fight. Damage from months. They were on their way home the flames and from water will reach several hundreds of dollars.

> It was stated that the door leading to the attic was kept locked. When the fire was discovered it was found that the lock was broken.

The cause of the fire which destroyed the academy building, as well as that of eave the road, and seeing the impend- a small blaze which was discovered in ing disaster ahead of him, is said to have the academy a week ago Tuesday is unexplained. The occurrence Thursday origin and a thorough investigation will be made. It is stated that the caretaker attic of the building and as a result the door was locked. It was still locked when firemen tried to enter this floor to fight the fire Tuesday evening. It was noticed that in the early stages of this fire the smoke was very black ,as though caused by burning oil.

> Borough Favors Bond Issue of \$14,000 To Improve Roads.

Citizens of Houtzdate, Clearfield county, at a special election on Tuesday, May 31, voted by a good majority to increase the debt of the borough to the amount of \$14,000. This sum was required to pay the borough's one-fourth nently improve the stretch of street county authorities, it is expected.

loyal to her people and to her institutions.

town clean and without stain or blemish.

and thy friendships shall multiply.

Financial Statement of Memorial Day Committee.

Receipts-215 adult tickets for min-

Flags sold to Tusseyville Cash contributions-Jas. Stahl - \$.50 Thomas Delaney .50 J. Elmer Noll

Pedestal for "Unknown Dead," made by Aaron

Paint, painting and lettering contributed by Goodhart, Coldron and Bailey - - - - -War tax on 215 adult ticktickets, at 5c - - - 10.75

War tax on 40 junior tickets, at 4c - - - -Half proceeds of minstrel paid to B'f'te Academy 60.95

Balance on hand - -\$20.35 The committee wishes to commend all ho assisted. They also wish to state that the statements made by some people to the effect that \$50.00 has been received in previous years and this year from the county or State and appropri ated by several members of this and former committees, is a plain falsehood. as county and State records will show. Persistency along this line will undoubt-

Osceola and Madera, now being built.

Contracts are already under way on both ends of this stretch of road and bids for the section through Woodward township and Houtzdale will be one of

Ten Commandments for

Your Home Town

WRITTEN BY E. FRED EASTMAN

Director of Community Service

Community Chautauguas, Inc.

To Interpret for Our Own Town the Command "Thou

Shalt Love Thy Neighbor as Thyself."

I. Thou shalt love thy home town above all other towns. Thou shalt be

II. Thou shalt guard thy home town from the hosts of evil that would

III. Thou shalt elect as thy public servants in political office men of

IV. Thou shalt exalt thy public school and honor it all the days of thy

V. Thou shalt defend the health of thy home town from the death that

VI. Thou shalt build good roads and keep them good. For by her roads

VII. Thou shalt keep thy home town beautiful. The hills, the trees,

life with the best of teachers, building, and equipment, for the school is the

cradle of the future. Thy children are here and they shall be the citizens of

lurks in marshes, swamps, and heaps of filth. Thou shalt exterminate the

fly and the mosquito, for they carry typhoid and malaria. The tubercle

bacillus shalt thou drive before thee with the sun and fresh air as thy allies.

is a town known for good or ill. Eternal watchfulness shall be thy motto,

the waters that Nature has given her thou shalt preserve in sacred trust.

No hovel shalt thou permit to disfigure them. Thou shalt keep thy homes and

thy door yards clean and cheerful. Thy waters shalt thou purify that they

may bring thee life and strength. The future of thy town shalt thou plan

with care and diligence that thy growth be not haphazard, but full of thought

together with thy neighbors with all thy heart and strength and mind. Thou

shalt work together in thy organizations, clubs, and Chautauqua for the com-

mon welfare. Thy leaders shalt thou learn to obey. Thou shalt serve on

committees where thou art put and not intrude on committees where thou

art not put. Thus shalt thou know each other better, thy work shall prosper,

whether they be rich or poor. Thou shalt speak ill of none and good of many.

own good. Thou shalt not consider thyself too wise nor too busy, too bad nor

too good to spend an hour or two on Sunday with thy neighbors in the worship

of God. Thou shalt not send thy children to church, thou shalt bring them

there. Thou shalt offer thyself to thy spiritual leader for the service of God

Thou shalt be a friend to strangers and visit the sick in their affliction.

and thy community. So shall ye win many battles together.

IX. Thou shalt be a good neighbor to all who live in thy home town

X. Thou shalt go to church for the honor of thy home town and for thine

VIII. Thou shalt honor thy community institutions. Thou shalt play

and loving care as the plans of a mother for the growth of her child.

that thy roads may not ravel nor thy supervisor forget thee.

tomorrow. No training is too good for them and no preparation superfluous.

invade and destroy her soul. Thou shalt keep the good name of thy home

them, for their temptations are many and their burdens are not light,

Cash balance, May 30, '20 \$15.81 strel, at 55c - - - - 118.25

40 junior tickets, at 40c - 16.00 and Sprucetown - - 4.60

Geo. Potter .25 Edward Durst Cyrus Brungart 1.00 Wm. O. Breon 1.00- 3.75

Expenses-Thomas - - - - \$12.00

Hall for minstrel - - - 8.00 Centre Reporter, printing 6.25

Postage and twine -Flags, bunting and pins 16.65 Speaker - - - - - 15.00 Supper for 13 of Troop L 6.50

prove their statements. -Committee. necessary to complete the connecting link on the stretch of state road between

edly afford these people a chance to

SCHOOL TEACHERS ELECTED.

Only One Change in Personnel of Local Teaching Corps.

The election of teachers for the schools of Centre Hall borough for the term 19-21-22 was the principal item of business transacted at the regular monthly meeting of the local board of school directors on Friday evening. Only one change was made in the personnel of the teaching corps of last year, hamely, Miss Sara M. Neff being elected to teach the grammar grade, instead of Miss Mary A. Hess. The teachers elected were :

N. L. Bartges, supervising principal. Miss Isabel Rowe, assistant principal. Miss-Sara M. Neff, grammar grade. T. L. Moore, intermediate grade.

Miss Helen Bartholomew, primary

Barn Destroyed By Lightning.

The barn on the Jerry Kreamer farm, east of Rebersburg, was entirely destroyed by fire on Friday evening through a bolt of lightning. Five horses of the tenant, Ambrose Weber, and three head of cattle, together with a large lot of farm implements burned. Mr. Kreamer carried \$1200 insurance and Mr. Weber \$2200. Kreamer will build a new barn as soon as possible.

Contributed Flowers.

The following children of Centre Hall contributed flowers on Memorial Day for the graves of the deceased veterans Emelyn Brungart, Thelma Brungart Lorraine Brungart, John Spyker, Genevieve Ruble, Donald Ruble, Louise Smith, Catharine Smith, Agnes Geary Miriam Mitterling, Richard Bailey Muth Bailey, Margaret Luse, Sara Slack, Paul Smith, Beulah Bingman, Bertha Sharer, Edith Moltz, Mary Helen Bartholomew, Elizabeth Bartholomew Doris Moltz, Alverta Weaver, Dorothy Emerick, Russel Colyer, Eugene Colyer, Evelyn Colyer, Margaret Delanev. Algie Emery, Adaline Dinges, John Thomas Delaney.

Spring Mills Wins, 13 to 0.

The Spring Mills baseball team adninistered a crushing defeat to the Potters Mills team on the former club's grounds on Saturday afternoon. It ap- John L. Rowe. peared that the Potters Mills boys had share of the amount needed to permahit off the "old master," Windom Gram- hart. Mr. Goodhart expects to be in ley, and lost the game by the score of 13 his new place of business about

> The score by innings : . Spring Mills— 3 0 0 6 4 0 0 0 x—13

Potters Mills- 000000000-Do You Want Boys to Help on Your

Farm ? The Department of Labor and Indus-

try, Harrisburg, this week sent the Reporter the following letter to pass on to the farmers of this section. It is selfexplanatory :

Editor, Centre Reporter

Centre Hall, Pa. Dear Sir :

At this time when the public schools and high schools throughout the State are closing, there are released many boys whose services can well be used upon the farms. Will you please, therefore, call the attention of the farmers in your county to the fact that many ablebodied and energetic boys and youths are available for suitable work upon the farms during June, July and August. I am sure there are many farmers in your county who can use the services of these strong character, eager to conserve the best interests of thy people. And boys and I am sure that these boys unwhen thou hast elected such men thou shalt stand by, support, and encourage der proper guidance and encouragement gave the commencement address at

can perform excellent work. Please inform the farmers in your day evening, June 7, and on Friday he county that they can secure the services will speak to the graduates of the Freeof such boys through Mr. Walter S. land Mechanics Institute at Drifton. Greevy.Superintendent of the State Employment Office, Commerce Building, member of the Potters Mills ball team,

Altoona, Pa. Thanking you for your cooperation in Spring Mills and ran off, badly wrecking this matter, I am with much respect, the buggy. Yearick jumped and at-

Very truly yours, ROBERT J. PETERS,

Director.

Bees Must Be Fed to Save State Honey Industry.

the state provide food for their bees, dur- take in the big celebration of the threeing the next few weeks, thousands of linkers at Philadelphia and Atlantic City hives of bees will be lost. These bees are now literally starving to death.

This warning to the bee-keepers has been sent broad-cast throughout the state by the Bureau of Plant Industry of the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture, which has general supervision over the bee industry in the state.

which destroyed the blossoms; on the fruit trees in many sections of the state, kahs. destroyed the food supply of thousands of colonies of bees. The clover in many sections of the state was also a complete loss as a result of the late spring freezes. Bee-keepers are urged to see to it that their charges are properly nourished. ing sisters. The marriage took place Advice on the feeding of bees will be furnished by the Bureau of Plant Industry of the Pennsylvania Department by the bride's brother-in-law, Rev. M. of Agriculture at Harrisburg.

CHAUTAUQUA--JUNE 20-22

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS,

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS

CHAUTAUQUA--JUNE 20-22

Messrs. Cloyd Brooks and C. M. Smith motored to Reading one day last

L. L. Smith loaded a carload of wheat at Centre Hall, last week, paying \$1.50 per bushel.

Miss Marian Royer visited Miss Rebecca Kreamer, at Lewistown, for several days last week. David Bohn, of Linden Hall, was a

visitor in town last Saturday, and made a call at this office.

Shannon Boozer left for Chicago, Ill., ast week, for a visit at the home of his prother, Ralph C. Boozer.

James I. Fetterolf, the hustling garage man, last week placed a new electric sign to the front of his place of business. C. W. Slack has been carrying the nail to and from the trains, the past

week, during the absence of John M. Heavy and damaging frosts occured Saturday and Sunday nights. Mercury ell to within 5 degrees of the freezing

Earl Lutz has placed a fine cabinet Rishell phonograph in his home, purhased from F. V. Goodhart, the local

Next week is commencement week at State College. Penn State will graduate 460 students—the largest number in he history of the school.

Class No. 5 of the Sprucetown M. E. Sunday-school expect to hold a festival n the Sprucetown church lawn, Satur-May evening. June 25. All are invited.

A carbuncle on the arm of James Fetterolf became infected when opened, causing blood poisoning in the arm and everal days of intense suffering for Mr.

Misses Isabel and Verna Rowe left on Saturday for Atlantic City, where they will enjoy a brief vacation, visiting their brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Carpenters began work this week on

the new furniture store of F. V. Good-Granger's Picnic time-in September. Horace Sherman, the Coco Cola man

from Williamsport, and his daughter. Miss Hortence, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Shoop, over Saturday night, and visited Penns Cave on Sun-

The Chautauqua tent will in all probaility be pitched on the silk mill lot. where the tabernacle stood a few years ago. This will prove a central location and convenient for all persons in the town.

J. H. Durst has built concrete walks about his property just south of the borough line, which with other recent added improvements, makes his home a very modern and desirable one in every

Twenty-eight different agricultural subjects will be taught in addition to the many other branches in all schools at the Pennsylvania State College summer session which opens a nine weeks term on June 28. Dr. Edwin E. Sparks, retiring presi-

dent of the Pennsylvania State College, North Carolina State College on Tues-A horse driven by Fred Yearick, a

tempted to take hold of the horse by he head, but was unsuccessful. Capt. W. H. Fry, of Pine Grove Mills. who continues to give old age the merry ha! ha! is attending the annual G. A.

on Saturday, became unmanageable at

R. convention at Allentown this week, Unless the bee-keepers and farmers of and being a good Odd Fellow, will also

Besides those mentioned in the Reporter last week, the following from Centre county are attending the 100th convention of the State Odd Fellows at Philadelphia, this week : Dale Musser, Bellefonte Odd Fellows ; Curtis White, Axeman, Bellefonte Canton; Mrs. Edward Gehret, Bellefonte Rebekahs; The freezing weather of the spring Mrs. Braucht, Spring Mills Rebekahs, and Mrs. Bartholomew, Millheim Rebe-

> Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd C. Berger, newlyweds, enjoyed a few days the past week at the Lutheran parsonage in Centre Hall, Mrs. Berger and Mrs. Drumm belast Friday evening at Treverton, the home of the bride, and was solemnized C. Drumm. The bridegroom is an exservice man with an overseas record. He is engaged in trucking in his home'