



WASHINGTON NEWS LETTER SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE

THURSDAY A BIG DAY.

Largest Crowd in History of the Encampment and Fair, It Was Said.

Thursday was beyond doubt the biggest Thursday of any Encampment and Fair gathering in the forty-eight years that the annual picnic has been in existence. A space of twenty-eight acres provides room for many thousands of people and vehicles, and on Thursday there was a crowd in every corner of the big park. Nearly twice as many business stands as ever before were on the ground and each did a good business on the big day.

The auditorium was crowded in the afternoon with farmers and others who gave good attention to the speakers of the day—John A. McSparran, master of the State Grange, and Dr. John M. Thomas, president of the Pennsylvania State College.

The spirit of co-operation and unity of effort for Pennsylvania farmers in their marketing and buying, was urged upon the great gathering of Grangers by Dr. Thomas.

"The biggest problem of today for the Pennsylvania farmer is the necessity for united effort working for the betterment of his general welfare," said President Thomas. "The farming interest is the largest single industry in the State, and in order to compete with urban pursuits, life, work and the financial return from the farm must be placed on a similar scale."

"The Pennsylvania State College agricultural school, its extension and experimental station work, have come to be the greatest friend of the farmer. They aim to make farm life agreeable and profitable, and the extension division alone, with its 62 county agents and 39 field specialists, have been largely instrumental in raising the State standing in agricultural production from thirteenth to seventh and its acre value to second place. The college is doing all it can to help the farmer. The response has been truly wonderful, and the next 10 years will see a marked change for even a better record when you come to use standard grades and co-operative marketing methods to compete with other States where these steps have already been taken."

Will Lecture in U. Ev. Church.

Mrs. Sarah Ernest Snyder, of Pittsburgh, will lecture in the United Evangelical church of Lemont at 7:30 p. m., Monday, Sept. 19, and also in the United Evangelical church of Centre Hall, at 7:30 p. m., Tuesday, Sept. 20. Mrs. Snyder is widely known throughout the church east and west. She has the reputation of being one of the most able speakers in the church and is especially interested in the missionary cause. Everybody is cordially invited to come to hear her.

Purchased New Chevrolets.

The Decker Bros., of Spring Mills, last week, sold Chevrolet cars to the following persons:

- John Neese, Millheim, F. B. Chevrolet.
- Edwin Weaver, Rebersburg, F. B. Chevrolet.
- Clarence Rishel, Aaronsburg, 490 Chevrolet.
- Samuel Gingerich, Centre Hall, 490 Chevrolet.
- George Keen, Madisonburg, F. B. Chevrolet.
- Prof. Anderson, Spring Mills, 490 Chevrolet.

Smith-Decker.

Word was received in Centre Hall last week of the marriage of Miss Helen Decker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Decker, to John F. Smith, son of ex-Register J. Frank Smith, in Cumberland, Maryland, on Tuesday of last week. The young people were at Hecla Park on Monday while enjoying the picnic and it is said they left from the park for Cumberland. John is time keeper at one of the American Lime & Stone Co. operations and is a graduate of the Bellefonte High School, having secured his elementary schooling in Centre Hall. He served during the war in the Navy as a wireless operator, and is a prominent member of the American Legion. The pretty young bride is also a graduate of the Bellefonte High School and is prominent in society circles in that section. For the present the newlyweds will not go to housekeeping.

Hogs Harvesting Corn.

Many sections of the state report an unusually good corn crop this year, and as harvest time approaches, scores of knowing farmers are getting ready to turn their hogs into the standing corn and allow them to "go to it." In this way harvesting is cheapened, and it is the most economical method known for fattening hogs quickly for an early market, provided it is done properly and the corn supplemented with a small amount of tankage daily, say Pennsylvania State College specialists.

Trespass notices for sale at the Reporter office.

Robbed Granary of Cured Meat.

Some party, or parties, took advantage of the absence of the Jacob Sharer family at the Grange Encampment, last week, and entered upon the premises with the thought of laying in a good supply of meat and eggs. Here's how well he, or they, did it: Eight or ten large hams, a nice size piece of dried beef, and twenty-nine dozen fresh eggs, were taken.

The Sharer farm is east of Centre Hall, and the robbery was committed some time Monday or Tuesday. The 29 dozen eggs were packed in a crate and were ready for delivery to the Kerlin poultry farm in Centre Hall, where they are sold regularly. These were in the separator room and could be taken without much trouble. The meat, however, was under lock and key in the granary in the barn, and the thief, having no key to fit the lock, used a tool to pry off the lock fastenings. The marks on the wood indicate that possibly a crow bar was used. All the meat save a shoulder, was taken.

That the robbery was committed by some one very familiar with the place, is the belief of Mr. and Mrs. Sharer, for it was done in a rather methodical manner, and there was no evidence of any great hurry on the part of the thief, and everything was put back in good order before the departure was taken.

Rimney-Bitner.

C. Gilbert Rimney and Miss Esther R. Bitner, both well known young people of Potter township, were united in marriage on Saturday evening by Rev. M. C. Drumm, pastor of the bride at the Lutheran parsonage in Centre Hall. The bride was dressed in a gown of white crepe de chene, while the bridegroom wore a blue serge suit.

The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Bitner, of near Tusseyville, and possesses every qualification for a successful home-maker. The groom is a son of Charles Rimney, and is a young man of sterling character. The couple expect to begin farming in the near future, in Potter township.

Their many friends join in wishing them much happiness and prosperity.

Inauguration of Dr. Thomas.

More than three thousand invitations have been sent out by the Pennsylvania State College requesting the attendance of individuals at the inauguration of Dr. John M. Thomas as president of the institution, which will take place on Friday, October 14. Plans for a most impressive ceremony have been formulated and arrangements made for the entertainment of at least 1000 visitors.

The occasion will be featured by industrial and educational conferences on the day preceding the inauguration, and by the second annual alumni homecoming celebration on the day following, October 15. These additional attractions will bring the largest crowd of visitors ever experienced on the college campus. Over 2000 alumni and former students are expected for the homecoming.

Conference day will see prominent men and women from all parts of the State and country gathered for a discussion of general conditions pertaining to agriculture, education, engineering and industry, industrial chemistry, mining and education for women. The inaugural will be preceded by a student parade and followed by a dinner at which prominent educators will speak.

Important to S. S. Workers.

There is an unusual state-wide interest in the coming Annual Assembly of Sunday School workers to be held in Altoona, October 12-14. It is estimated there will be fully three thousand delegates attend. Every county will send its quota. Delegates are appointed irrespective of their denominational affiliation, for all Protestant Evangelical denominations will participate. The program contains such names as Margaret Slattery, Boston, Mass.; Wayne B. Wheeler, Washington, D. C.; Lyell M. Rader, Chicago, Ill.; Charles Stetle, New York, and many others of national reputation.

Centre county should be well represented at this important gathering. All pastors, superintendents, teachers, and adult students desiring to attend should write for credential cards to Darius Waite, corresponding secretary for the Centre County Sunday School Association.

A credential card will guarantee admission and a seat at all sessions.

Catechise Picnic.

Rev. M. C. Drumm's catechise classes will gather in Delaney's woods at Old Fort, to hold a picnic, on Saturday of this week. All catechumens are invited to be present.

Rubin and Rubin Coming.

If your eyes are giving you any trouble see Rubin and Rubin on any time next week with a line of wool and cotton hosiery for men, women and children in black and brown; also in the heather color in wool. Thanking you for past favors, I am sincerely,
Mrs. C. E. ROYER.

ROUNDING UP MOONSHINERS IN CENTRE COUNTY.

Illegal Distilling in Mountains Near Phillipsburg Broken Up By State Police.

The Phillipsburg Ledger, in its issue last week, has the following to say: Moonshining is finally being broken up by the State Police officers stationed here. The illegal distilling has been going on in the mountains nearby for some time. However, evidence at the hands of the proper authorities is safely guarded that the conspiracy implicates several young men of our town.

These men in particular have been using the influence of a poor innocent person, who knows distilling from the start to the finish. They have been reaping a fortune from the labor of this innocent man. Several confessions before Justice of the Peace Thomas Byron, are enough evidence to convict these men and impose a heavy fine and jail sentence.

According to one of the testimonies, these two men furnished the material and financed the innocent man with two stills. The stills were taken to the nearby mountains and put in operation. Illegal liquor making and selling has been going on for some time past by these two men and a warrant will be sent out today (Friday) for their arrest.

A hearing will be held following the arrest and if heavy bail is not furnished, the guilty parties will be sent to Bellefonte to have their case come up before a jury at the September term of Court.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL.

New toilets have been built on the public school grounds in the borough.

Lee Frazier, of near Centre Hall, returned this week to his studies in the Western Reserve law school at Cleveland, Ohio.

Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Shirk, of Glen Iron, came up to the G. E. and F. on the "big day" to visit with the many acquaintances they found there.

William Shoop, of Bellefonte, who has been ill at the home of his father, Samuel Shoop, in Centre Hall, for a week or more, is again able to be about.

C. G. Weaver, of near Tusseyville, was a caller at this office on Saturday. Mr. Weaver, a few years ago, purchased the farm of the Stoner heirs, and reports good crops this summer.

An eight-pound baby boy was born to Rev. and Mrs. C. F. Catherman at their home in Spring Mills, early Monday morning. The child is the first-born and consequently there is great rejoicing at the M. E. parsonage.

Report of the condition of the First National Bank at Spring Mills appears in this issue. This bank continues to show a consistent growth that is gratifying to all who in any way have an interest in its progress.

A baby daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. J. Leroy Puff on Monday evening, at their home in Centre Hall. Papa Leroy has come into a new experience, and as a result appeared about three inches taller to those who observed him step-in' it off on Tuesday morning.

Miss Edna Bailey, formerly of Centre Hall, returned to her home in Madison, Wis., where she will continue her course in the university. Miss Bailey spent her summer vacation at the home of her grandfather, John Kline, at Millheim, helping care for her aunt, Miss Minnie Kline, who is in a critical condition. Mrs. Godshall was not permitted to return with her family on account of the condition of her sister.

Some valuable jewelry was lost by various parties on Grange Park during last week, and several "lost" ads appear in this week's issue. In one instance a wrist watch, found by Albert Emery, of Centre Hall, was soon returned to the rightful owner, who was made happy in the return of the goods and promptly offered a suitable reward. The other losers are trusting that their property has fallen into as honest hands as in this case, for, after all, it is not the reward offered that returns the goods, but the desire of the finder to be an honest person.

The Reporter regrets to announce that Miss Ethel Rowe left Centre Hall Wednesday to take up training to become a nurse in the Elizabeth General Hospital, Elizabeth, New Jersey, just a half hour's ride from New York City. Miss Rowe has been a clerk in the Penna Valley Bank during the past four years whom it was always a pleasure to meet at the window to transact business. She has a splendid record in that institution and is a young woman of fine qualities, and will undoubtedly be able to attain a high rank in the profession she has selected to follow.

"The Hose That Wear."

I expect to be in Centre Hall some time next week with a line of wool and cotton hosiery for men, women and children in black and brown; also in the heather color in wool. Thanking you for past favors, I am sincerely,
Mrs. C. E. ROYER.

Reunion of Veterans on Grange Park.

Wednesday of last week the 48th annual reunion of the Centre County Veteran Club was held on Grange Park, the Odd Fellows' band of Bellefonte furnishing music for the occasion. Rev. J. M. Kirkpatrick invoked the divine blessing and Rev. E. Roy Corman delivered the address of welcome.

After enjoying a big dinner the old soldiers assembled again and the committee election of officers reported as follows: President, S. B. Miller; first vice president, Henry Meyer; second vice president, B. D. Brisbin; secretary, W. H. Fry, all of whom were elected.

Grange Park was again selected for holding the next reunion, the time being Wednesday of the annual Grange Fair. Short and interesting talks were made by J. L. Holmes, of State College; J. Kennedy Johnston Esq., of Bellefonte; chaplain T. W. Young, of the western penitentiary; Hon. John A. McSparran, Master of the State Grange, and Clement Dale Esq., of Bellefonte, while Miss Edith Dale gave several splendid patriotic recitations. Mrs. R. M. Beach, of Bellefonte, made a brief speech in favor of Miss Simmons, of State College, for delegate to the constitutional convention.

Thirty-five members of the club answered the last roll call during the year.

- | Names | Regiment | Age |
|-------------------|--------------|-----|
| S. B. Miller | 100th Ohio | 83 |
| John Griffith | 104th Ohio | 79 |
| W. H. Taylor | 47th P. V. | 79 |
| William Keister | 7th Pa. Cav. | 78 |
| Rev. T. W. Young | navy | 76 |
| W. S. Williams | 45th P. V. | 75 |
| J. B. Holter | 57th P. V. | 75 |
| W. S. Dale | 149th P. V. | 75 |
| C. H. Martz | 2nd Cav. | 75 |
| T. A. Snyder | 1st Cav. | 73 |
| George Martz | 56th P. V. | 72 |
| J. P. Mechtly | 1st Cav. | 72 |
| W. H. Bartholomew | 2nd Cav. | 75 |
| J. W. Sunday | 148th P. V. | 75 |
| W. E. Tate | 136th P. V. | 77 |
| Ira Lyle | 13th Cav. | 77 |
| William Hoy | 56th P. V. | 79 |
| Isiah Beck | 22d Cav. | 79 |
| William Slack | 45th P. V. | 79 |
| John Noll | 19th Cav. | 76 |
| E. M. Walker | 7th Cav. | 76 |
| J. Rote | 148th P. V. | 77 |
| S. H. Griffith | 57th P. V. | 76 |
| Capt. G. M. Boal | 148th P. V. | 82 |
| W. H. Fry | 45th P. V. | 78 |
| P. H. Haupt | navy | 79 |

New Wheat Yields Well.

Returns are fast coming to the agricultural school at the Pennsylvania State College on this year's yield of the new wheat developed there—"Penn's 44." The college farms gave a yield of slightly more than forty bushels to the acre, and county agents are almost daily reporting unusually large yields. In the majority of cases, forty-four is out-yielding its nearest competitor by from four to eight or more bushels per acre.

Some Good Baseball Games.

A number of good ball games were played last week during the Encampment and Fair, which attracted a large number. Thursday's crowd, especially, was a large one, and a State policeman had a busy time keeping the crowd from surging on the playing field.

Possibly the best game of the five played was the one between Centre Hall and the Millheim-Spring Mills aggregation, which the locals won by a score of 2 to 0. The cream of the two clubs from the lower end of the valley formed a strong combination, and they were doubtless sure of victory, but the locals played their best game of the season and shut them out. They found Gross for only two hits, while the locals gathered six off Winegardner.

Centre Hall

Player	R	H	O	A	E
N. Crawford	3b	0	2	1	0
Knarr	ss	0	1	2	0
Garis	c	0	11	1	0
Gross	R	0	0	0	5
Frank	2b	0	1	3	2
Keller	lf	0	1	0	0
George	cf	0	0	0	0
Ralston	rf	0	0	0	1
Bailey	1b	0	0	11	1
Totals		2	6	27	12

MILLHEIM-SPRING MILLS

Player	R	H	O	A	E
G Corman	cf	0	0	1	0
R Miller	ss	0	1	1	1
Gramley	1b	0	0	8	0
Goodhart	c	0	1	12	2
J Corman	2b	0	0	1	2
Winegardner	p	0	0	2	0
Eisenhauer	lf	0	0	0	0
Ray Miller	3b	0	0	2	0
Wilson	rf	0	0	0	0
Totals		0	2	24	8

Hecla Wins Second Game.

The second game Wednesday afternoon was between Centre Hall and Hecla.

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS.

Mr. and Mrs. John C. Rossman, of Millinburg, greeted friends here last week.

Sheridan Garis, who puts in seven days a week as engineer in a large power house in Altoona, enjoyed a few days in Centre Hall last week.

Penn State opened this week with a record enrollment. It is said that 1000 students were refused admission, owing to the crowded condition of the college.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry A. Decker, their son Wilbur, wife and son Leroy, motored to Centre Hall last Friday for the wind-up of the picnic, returning to their home in Altoona same day.

The Reporter had a special eagle-eyed representative to report on "rolled-down" knit goods and the condition of the caps during the G. E. and F. He came along with but one report—everything fair.

Several bushels of potatoes, cabbage, mangoes, and other vegetables were donated to the Bellefonte hospital by the exhibitors on Grange park, at the close of the fair. The hospital truck removed the vegetables Friday afternoon.

If you are anxious to know how many persons and automobiles were at the G. E. and F. on Thursday of last week, guess. Your guess is as good as any other person's. Make it big, and you'll feel all the better for having been one of such a large number.

R. U. Bitner is a car inspector at Avis, but just now he is being pushed into all kinds of service by the railroad company which employs him. Although obliged to put in hard work, he was relieved for a day to attend the great gathering at Centre Hall, last week.

Frank H. Brown, of near Centre Hall, and Mrs. Henry P. Shuey, of Pleasant Gap, were among the new subscribers enrolled on Thursday of last week. Mrs. Shuey is a native of Potter township and through the Reporter hopes to keep in close touch with Penna Valley happenings.

Mr. and Mrs. Gross R. Allison and young son, John Runkle Allison, and Mrs. Allison's aunt, Miss Hettie Thomsom, of New Castle, Ky., motored to Penna Valley last week and are guests of Mr. Allison's parents, Dr. and Mrs. J. R. G. Allison, in Millheim. They visited the J. W. Runkle family in Centre Hall one day last week.

William C. Woolston escaped from the Western penitentiary at Rockview Tuesday afternoon of last week, and was arrested at Lemont Wednesday evening, and placed in the Centre county jail. He had only four months still to serve. His attempt at escape will mean that he must again serve his original sentence, which was from two to three years.

The Reporter will correct its mailing list next week, when credit on subscription paid will be shown on the pink label which will appear at that time. We hope that several hundred subscribers who are a year or more in arrears will respond before next week so that our list will make a good appearance. We really need the many small amounts that are due us in order to carry on business. If our readers will take this notice kindly and seriously, we will be grateful.

Byron F. Krumrine, for more than two years a reporter and Capitol Hill correspondent for the Harrisburg Patriot, drowned Sunday, September 4th, in Penna creek, near Ingleby, Centre county. He had spent the week-end at the camp on Paddy mountain on the state forest reserve in Centre county. In the afternoon he started to walk to the nearest railroad station to take the train for his father's home in Altoona. On his way he stopped along Penna creek to swim. Persons living in a nearby cottage heard him call for help. Before they could reach the stream, he had disappeared. A half hour later the body was recovered. It is believed that he was stricken with cramps while swimming. Deceased was a nephew of James Foust, state dairy and food commissioner. He was an instructor in officers' training camps during the war.

The U. S. Census Bureau has just announced some very interesting figures about home conveniences on Pennsylvania farms. This state has 48,402 farm houses into which water is piped, being second only to California. The water works are often connected with the electric light system. Again Pennsylvania is well in the lead, reporting 30,369 farms with gas or electric light. Some farmers hesitate to install a modern bathroom because they fear the old fashioned cess pool. The Agricultural Extension service at State College has just issued a free circular—"Septic Tanks for the Farm"—which gives directions for building concrete septic tanks suitable for farm use. Any man handy with tools can usually build a tank for about the same expense that the less satisfactory cess pool would cost and in some cases for much less.