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A SPOTTED PROSPERITY.

Michigan Agriculturists Hard Hit—Remedial Programs Not Measures of Real Relief.

A marked copy of the North Branch Gazette is on the Reporter's desk having been sent here by A. Q. Stover, a brother of Mrs. M. L. Emerick of Centre Hall.

The article referred to above is printed in full, as follows: Michigan is prosperous, but the prosperity is in spots, and those spots are principally the big industrial centers.

Many remedial measures for the alleviation of the ills that beset the rural districts have been proposed and each and all of them have been deservedly—adversely criticised as real measures of relief.

The farmers it must be admitted, have in a large measure been to blame for much of their financial distress. When money was flush with them they bought automobiles, trucks and tractors, for instance, on the partial payment plan thoughtless of what the near future might develop.

That is not all, nor perhaps the worst of it. The farmer's son, lured by the high wage inducements, have flocked to the cities where these machines are made, leaving the "old man" single handed to pay the bills or become a bankrupt.

In the towns where prosperity flourishes by reason of these industrial plants that have fairly sucked the lifeblood out of agricultural pursuits, they call a farmer a "hick" and a chronic grumbler, while they blow the money that might still be his if he had been just a little more discreet.

Perhaps it would be unchristianlike and an inadvisable procedure, but if every farmer in the United States, and this means small town folks as well, would stop buying automobiles for three years, we venture the prediction that a back-to-the-farm movement would eventuate with a decided reversal of comparative conditions.

\$16,000,000 for German Children.

The action of the House in voting almost unanimously the magnificent sum of ten million dollars to buy food for destitute children and women in Germany, is a beautiful christian act and in accordance with the teachings of the lowly Nazarene. The senate cannot act too soon.

Bonniwell "Not On It."

Eugene C. Bonniwell, the Philadelphia municipal court judge, who for years has pandered to the Philadelphia Republican machine, will not get his name printed on the Democratic primary ticket for National Committeeman. The Dauphin county courts, to which Judge Bonniwell appealed, decided that it was the prerogative of the state committee to elect a National Committeeman. The selection for the place now lies between Mr. Sterling and Mr. Guffey, the chance of Bonniwell's selection being next to zero.

Wilson Estate, \$250,000.

The estate of Woodrow Wilson was valued at \$250,000 in a petition for probate of his will filed by his widow, Mrs. Edith Bolling Wilson.

Papini's "Life of Christ."

There is no narrative with a more gripping appeal than Giovanni Papini's "Life of Christ"—rated as one of the most engrossing volumes of the present century. Papini was originally a believer of Christ, but afterward drifted into atheism. The World War brought him to his knees before God again, and he wrote "The Life of Christ" with the avowed hope of turning the world again to the Savior. The power of the story on its readers may be appreciated from the fact that half a million copies have already been sold here and abroad. With their usual enterprise the Hearst newspapers have secured the exclusive rights for the publication of this sublime story which will begin in the New York Sunday American next Sunday—April 6th—and continue in the daily and Sunday editions until completed. "The Life of Christ" by Papini is the most notable contribution to the literature of the current century, and as a newspaper serial should command extraordinary attention.

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LOCAL SCHOOL BOARD REJECTS ALL BIDS ON HIGH SCHOOL.

Contractors' Figures from 50 to Over 100 Per Cent. Higher Than Funds Available for New Building.—Must Reduce Size of Building.

How to make \$14,000 fit into a \$22,000 building proposition is a problem the local school board is wrestling with at present. Bids for the construction of a new two-story, four-room high school building were opened on Friday morning. The bidders and their figures were as follows:

E. C. Miles, Bellefonte, \$22,195.00.

W. S. Williams, Centre Hall, \$22,812.44.

E. E. Sheffer, Jersey Shore, \$24,351.00.

William Kennedy, State College, \$39,250.00.

The authorized bond issue will make available only \$14,000 for a new building, and there is no surplus in the treasury to add to this amount. It will be seen that the lowest bid is considerable more than 50 per cent. higher than the \$14,000, a figure which the board believes is beyond the point of reaching without taxing to the limit for some years. After due consideration all bids were rejected and certified checks returned to the various contractors.

The board is now figuring on a three-room, two-story building—two class rooms downstairs and one large room upstairs. This will reduce the number of cubic feet in the building by twenty per cent and effect a corresponding saving in expenditure.

A rough sketch is now being prepared and will be submitted to the State Department of Public Instruction for approval, after which a re-letting will be necessary.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Bruce Knarr was a guest over Sunday of his young friend Byers Ripka, in Millheim.

Carpenters are at work making alterations to the interior of the Thomas L. Moore home.

J. Elmer Royer began excavating the cellar for his new dwelling house in Centre Hall, on Monday.

Mrs. J. H. Auman, of Royersford, is now living in Phoenixville with the family of J. R. Blise.

Mr. and Mrs. Dayton Lansberry, on Monday, moved to the Harris farm on the state road between Lamar and Salsola.

With April already three days old there are yet on tap a few farm stock and implement sales throughout the county.

The beginning of this week the condition of Mrs. Henry Homan was reported slightly improved. She is, however, in very delicate health, but by careful nursing her family hopes to see her recover.

During the electrical storm experienced Saturday evening between seven and eight o'clock, there was a brisk fall of hail in some portions of the valley. Potters Mills section coming in for a good share of it.

On leaving here several weeks ago it was simply the intention of Jefferson Slick to go as far as Johnstown to visit friends, but before returning the latter part of last week he had been in Pittsburgh and Struthers, a suburb of Youngstown, Ohio, where he visited his sisters.

Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Crawford, of Bellefonte, were in Centre Hall on Monday. The former was here in the interest of the Centre County hospital drive, having charge of the drive in the district composed of Centre Hall borough, Potter township and Gregg township. He is very hopeful of the final results.

George Bright, of Aaronsburg, was in town on Monday. He has retired from the farm, having made sale during last month of his farm stock and implements and is now living in Aaronsburg. Mr. Bright, who has not been in good health for some time, is feeling better since the strain of hard work has been removed.

Judge William H. Keller, of the state superior court, a resident of Lancaster, was elected president of the board of trustees of the Stevens industrial school. He succeeds Judge Charles I. Landis, of Lancaster, who declined reappointment under the terms prescribed by Governor Pinchot. Judge Keller is a brother of Attorney Harry Keller, of Bellefonte.

Mr. and Mrs. John F. Kramer will make their home with Mrs. Kramer's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Byron Garis, for a month and then they plan to set up housekeeping in a tent on the lot on which they will build their new home of concrete blocks. The blocks will be manufactured by Mr. Kramer, who has furnished the blocks for several buildings in Centre Hall. The lot to be improved is in the new section laid out by Mrs. F. O. Bahrfoot, west of the public school house.

WAR ON TUBERCULOSIS.

Field Nurses Will Aid in Work—Children's Diseases Contributory Cause to Development of White Plague.

While much has been done to stamp out tuberculosis in the state, the very nature of the disease requires the unremitting vigilance of health workers and the constant application of preventive measures.

The State Department of Health has made commendable progress in its war on this disease, but realizing that there is still much to be done plans are being made for practical tuberculosis work in every county in the state.

This work will be undertaken chiefly through the 135 field nurses in the Department of Health.

In rural and industrial counties it is planned to have these nurses, with their experience and wealth of knowledge in the proper handling of all cases of sickness, visit every home-stricken with so-called childhood diseases.

Many will no doubt argue that these childhood diseases must be expected and there are many families who accept them in the light of necessary evils and consequently give only such attention to them as is necessary.

The field nurses, however, in their visits to these stricken homes will point out that quite often tuberculosis is the direct aftermath of these diseases.

The nurses will also co-operate with local physicians and school authorities to discover children afflicted with measles, whooping cough, scarlet fever and instruct mothers in the proper care of and necessity for attention in the convalescent stage in order to keep tuberculosis germs from gaining a foothold in the weakened constitutions of the children.

Strange to understand, tuberculosis incurred in childhood very frequently does not manifest itself in any marked degree until the person reaches maturity.

Frequently by that time the disease has taken a hold on the constitution and a hard fight ensues to clear the system of the germs. This reveals the importance of looking after the health of the children if they are to grow up into sturdy men and women.

The state plans to do its share and parents certainly ought to be enough concerned over the welfare of their children to lend the utmost co-operation in the state-wide fight against tuberculosis.

L. O. O. F. 165th Anniversary.

The Central Pennsylvania Odd Fellows' Association which meets at Northumberland on April 25, will observe the 165th anniversary of the founding of the order in the United States. Among large delegations which will be sent is one from Williamsport which will number 500 members.

The association embraces twenty counties and its gatherings are always largely attended. The officers are all residents of Williamsport and include: H. C. Keightley, president; W. E. W. Laird, secretary; Anthony Cockburn, assistant secretary, and H. H. Blair, treasurer.

To the Left, Pedestrians.

The Pennsylvania Motor Federation says many serious and fatal accidents to pedestrians on the highways of the State are due to the habit of walking on the right hand side of the road. This is always dangerous and especially so at night when the motorist, perhaps blinded by the lights of an approaching car, and forced to pull over to the right, cannot see a person walking alongside the road. Therefore the pedestrian facing the traffic is in a better position to avoid danger. Walk on the left of the road.

Cleaned Bottom of Bellefonte's Spring.

The "Big Spring," after which Bellefonte is named, was cleaned on Friday by J. B. Seibert and a crew of men. The water was lowered about six feet by opening the gates and the bottom dragged with triangular rakes studded with iron spikes, to which were attached long ropes.

The spring, one of the largest in existence, is the unending source of the town's water supply and the water is pure, cold and clear as crystal. It is about sixty feet across fifteen to eighteen feet deep and nearly square. It bubbles up out of the ground so fast that a small stream runs away from it as well as the pipes to the town. It has never been known to be dry.

Williamsport Commercial College.

Spring term begins April 22nd. All new classes for spring and summer work. Special courses for teachers and high school graduates. School open all summer. Send for catalogue.

F. F. HEALEY, Proprietor.

Storm doors are coming down and thermometers are going up.

HIGH SCHOOLS MEET IN SPORTS COMPETITION.

Fourth Track Meet of the Centre County Track and Field Association to Be Held May 10, New Beaver Field, State College.

Saturday, May 10th, is the time set for the fourth annual track meet of the Centre County Track and Field Association, and the New Beaver Field, State College, the place. The association is composed of all the High schools in Centre county, which schools have been classified into grades A and B. The A grade includes State College, Spring Mills, Philipsburg and Bellefonte, and Class B all other High schools in the county.

The events for girls have not yet been decided on, but the committees will do so in the near future. The events for boys in Classes A and B follow:

Class A—Boys: 100-yard dash, 220-yard dash, 440-yard run, half-mile run, mile run, mile relay (4-man team), shot put (8-lb.), discus throw, javelin throw, high jump, broad jump.

Class B—Boys: 100-yard dash, 220-yard dash, 440-yard run, half-mile run, mile run, mile relay (4-man team), shot put, high jump, broad jump, baseball throw.

Various committees composed of principals and instructors in the schools interested have been appointed to perform duties prior to and during the meet. These committees are not of interest to the public and are therefore omitted.

List of entrants must be in the hands of the program committee by April 26, in order to be printed in the program. Mr. Weik, State College, is chairman of this committee.

An entrance fee of 25 cents for each name sent in will be charged and is payable with the list of entrants.

Definite decision has not yet been made as to whether any preliminary events will be held in the morning. The track at State College may render this unnecessary, which would prove advantageous to all concerned.

Points will be scored as last year, first place counting five, second place 3, and third place one. Boys' and girls' scores will be counted separately in Class A, together in Class B.

Medals will be awarded for first, second and third places. Cups will be awarded for team prizes. Probably small cups will be awarded as relay prizes.

The association decided that all team trophy cups (not including relay cups) are to be competed for annually until won three times by one school.

During the execution of the various stunts there has been much confusion during the past meets from a variety of causes, mostly unnecessary. The fact that Penn State students will help conduct the meet in the capacity of track and field officials will largely insure better management.

The officers of the association are these: D. M. Wieland, State College, president; Mr. Bennett, Spring Mills, vice president; E. K. Stock, Bellefonte, secretary-treasurer.

More Stone for Mountain Road.

One hundred tons of crushed stone were hauled on Nittany Mountain road between the brick section and the top, and last week a second order was given for a hundred tons of stone to be placed on the same section. Most of the stone were spread on the "flat" between the brick road and the Gregg road intersection. The stone were hauled in one of the State trucks by Shannon Booser and were distributed at the direction of Caretaker Samuel Gingersch.

1924 Baseball for Centre Hall.

A meeting was held in the council room on Wednesday night of last week looking toward supporting America's popular game during the coming summer. The association was re-organized, the officers being Dr. H. H. Longwell, president; C. W. Booser, secretary; H. L. Ebricht, treasurer.

Last season closed with a deficit of about \$300. At the meeting referred to above four individuals each subscribed \$25.00 to liquidate the indebtedness; an association of young men vouched for \$25.00 additional; two individuals squared up for \$20.00 each, which with three minor sums brought the total up to \$189.00. A committee of two—Edward Durr and Cleveland Mitterling—were appointed to wait on others who may have a spirit to clean up and begin with a new slate the 1924 season.

The association last year purchased suits, shoes, bats, and bleachers. Most of this material is on hand and will not need to be duplicated, and this will very materially lessen the expense for the coming season.

LARGE DISPLAY EASTER GOODS.

I have one of the largest displays of Easter goods to be found in a country store. Please come in and look it over before buying elsewhere.

G. R. MEISS, The Colyer Merchant.

DEATHS.

ROSS.—James Ross died at his farm home at Linden Hall on Friday morning after an illness extending over a few months, during which time he was not, however, confined to bed all of the time. Mr. Ross was a farmer by occupation and engaged in that pursuit about all of his life. He was the only son of John and Lucy (Tressler) Ross, who had lived on the farm where Mr. Ross died.

There survive the deceased, his wife, who before marriage was Miss Ellen Houtz, and two sons—John and Samuel, both at home.

Mr. Ross was a member of the United Evangelical church, the site for the church of that denomination at Linden Hall having been donated by the senior Ross. Rev. J. P. Bingham was the officiating minister at the funeral, which took place on Tuesday, interment having been made in the cemetery at Boalsburg. His age was seventy-one years.

SWABE.—Frank W. Swabb, a well-known Ferguson township farmer, died Friday morning at his home on the Mitchell farm, near Pine Grove Mills, where he had resided for the past twenty-four years, death being caused by grip and heart trouble.

Deceased was aged about 65 years; was a good stockman and a real farmer, as well as a staunch Democrat, never missing an election. He was a member of the Lutheran church and for many years a township supervisor. His wife preceded him to the grave about ten years ago, but he is survived by the following children: Mrs. John Gearhart, Shelby, O.; Mrs. Harry Erb, Brunswick, Md.; Mrs. Carl Tilby, Baltimore; Mrs. Fred Williams, Clearfield, and Mary, Ruth and Claude at home. Two brothers, John, of Erie, and Commissioner James W. Swabb, of Linden Hall, also survive.

The funeral was held Monday, Rev. English officiating, and interment was made in Pine Grove Mills cemetery.

MILES.—Mrs. Emily Miles, of Milesburg, died early Friday morning at her home at the age of eighty-five years, of pneumonia. Mrs. Miles was one of the best known women of that town and was the wife of the late William D. Miles. She had lived practically all her life there.

She is survived by one son, Oscar E. of Milesburg, and a sister, Mrs. John Meese, funeral services were held at the old Miles homestead, where Mrs. Miles lived, on Monday afternoon at 1 o'clock.

DALE.—Clement Dale, one of the oldest and best known members of the Centre County Bar Association, died at his home on North Allegheny street, Bellefonte, on Wednesday afternoon of last week. He had been seriously ill for several months following a general breakdown.

Born in Boalsburg, on February 25, 1851, he was a son of Christian and Eliza (Neff) Dale, being the youngest of the family of fifteen children. He prepared for college at the Boalsburg Academy and entered Gettysburg college in 1870, graduating four years later. He was a member of the Philomathean literary society and an orator on many special occasions. He read law at Bellefonte and was admitted to the bar in 1876, since which time he practiced there.

He was always a staunch Republican and was Burgess of Bellefonte during the years 1880 and 1881. He was also an active member of the P. O. S. of A., Bellefonte Camp, keenly interested in the affairs of the order.

Surviving are his widow and two children: Arthur C. and Miss Ethel, both at home; the former District Attorney and the latter an instructor in the schools in Colorado; also two brothers: Philip, of State College, and Austin W., of Boalsburg. Funeral services were private and burial made in the family plot in Union cemetery, Bellefonte.

SUNDAY.—George H. Sunday, of Bellwood, died at the Mercy hospital, Altoona, following a prolonged illness with cancer of the liver. He was a son of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Sunday and was born at Tusseyville, over sixty-six years ago. He is survived by one daughter, two sons, three brothers and two sisters. Burial was made in the Logan Valley cemetery.

Would South Dakota Republicans have expressed a Presidential preference for "Hi" Johnson if Mr. Coolidge had shown greater decision and promptness in handling the recalcitrant Daugherty? This is a legitimate question, which the man in the White House evidently does not intend to have asked again. Inexcusable delay has lost one State, and the Coolidge managers ought to be quick to learn their lesson.

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TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS.

We now have April 3rd. Philipsburg, Dubois, Clearfield and Osceola Mills have formed a baseball league.

One hundred and fifty ring-neck pheasants were distributed recently in Millin county.

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Miss Beatrice Kramer, student nurse for the Bellefonte hospital, was at her home in Centre Hall for a short time last week.

Mrs. Mary Williams secured a thousand White Leghorn chicks a few days ago. She expects to raise them and engage in egg production.

A section lying east of Millinburg has been laid out in lots, the plan having been accepted by the borough authorities. The land is owned by Rev. Charles R. Bowers.

Rev. Harold S. Laird, formerly pastor of the Henry Memorial Presbyterian church, Philadelphia, has been called and accepted the pastorate of the Presbyterian church in Lewistown.

The Centre Hall dramatic club is making arrangements to render a play entitled "Lena Rivers" by Marie Doran, based on the novel of the same title by Mary J. Holmes. Date will be announced later.

The three largest cities in Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh and Scranton, have a total of 456,496 telephones or more than any county outside the United States, except Great Britain and Germany.

Two more building lots have been sold in Bairfoot addition by William J. Smith to Orvis Weaver and Byron Garis. The latter lot will be improved by William Garis, a stone mason, who also holds the office of constable in the borough.

A new and modern dwelling house will be erected in Gramsey's addition, on the east side of Millheim, by Lloyd E. Barges. Mr. Barges built one of the substantial residences a few years ago on the west side of Millheim, but to accommodate an incoming physician, Dr. E. M. Miller, it was sold to him.

Huntingdon county will get an important five miles of road built the coming summer, provided the county builds a bridge over Aughwick creek. The road starts south of Mount Union and continues direct south to below Shirleysburg. It is a link in the road connecting the William Penn at Uniontown with the Lincoln highway at McConnellsburg.

Friday evening a meeting will be held in the Elks' home, Bellefonte, by representatives from Millheim, Centre Hall, State College, Bellefonte, Hecla and Howard, and probably other places, to discuss the matter of forming a baseball league on lines similar to last year. The meeting, it is understood, will be open to any persons interested in the movement.

Clark Bille, of the Lewistown district, was in Centre Hall for a few days last week assisting his daughter, Mrs. Edward Homan, to move her household goods from the Homan farm to Centre Hall, where she and her sister, Miss Agnes Bille, will make their home. The latter is employed as a clerk in the Orkist store since Mrs. Ernest Homan gave up her place there to begin farming.

Mr. Snyder, the Selingsgrove contractor and builder, who is erecting school buildings at Millroy and Mount Union, was in Centre Hall on Friday, having reached here too late to meet the school board and present his bid on the proposed new school building for Centre Hall. However, Mr. Snyder avowed that his bid was in the class with the others which were considered to, high and were accordingly rejected.

The Durant automobile people called to their plant at Elizabeth, New Jersey, a large number of their dealers, and among those who accepted the invitation to visit the factory and receive their favors was James I. Fetteroff, of Centre Hall. He was more than delighted with the trip, the entertainment by the company officials, and now thinks more than ever that the Durant product is the best thing on the road. He returned home Saturday.

Road cops were busy for a day or two last week at the cross roads at Pleasant Gap. If reports given out by auto drivers are true, some of the questions asked by the cops are entirely senseless and not likely authorized by their superiors. The easiest way out when coming under the questioning of one of these officious officials is to give a civil answer for the officer has the long end of the string and can greatly inconvenience you, if nothing else, if he cares to do so.