

THE TRACK MEET.

Bellefonte and Millheim Schools Win High Honors—Centre Hall One Point Short.

The State College High School Press Club, composed of Mildred Zerby, Winifred Forbes, Madeline Schreck and Isabelle Spears, by request, forwarded the Reporter the following report of the meet:

The fourth annual Track Meet of the Centre County High Schools and Field Associations was held last Saturday on the New Beaver Field, State College.

Practically all the High schools of the county were represented and did credit to their respective schools.

Bellefonte easily carried off the honors of Class "A" High schools by winning with 49 points.

The running of Shope and McGargel was especially noteworthy. Davidson of Philipsburg was a close second in all dashes.

State College distinguished itself especially in field events where Shawley scored high in all events.

Class "A" girls contested on close scores and not until the final relay race was the winning cup awarded to the Spring Mills team, with State College a close second.

In Class "B" boys the contest centered largely between the Centre Hall and Millheim teams, Millheim finally winning by one point. Ripka and Emery of Centre Hall carried off the dash honors while Cable of Millheim distinguished himself in the field events.

Detwiler of Rebersburg won out in good shape on the mile run.

Among Class "B" girls, to Miss Sechrist of Rebersburg go the honors of high scorer. Miss Packer of Centre Hall won the standing broad jump by a good margin. Port Matilda won the cup in this class.

The events and scores are as follows: CLASS "B"—BOYS

Class B is made up of the High schools at Millheim, Rebersburg, Port Matilda, Snow Shoe, Howard, and Centre Hall, and are designated in the score by the first letter of the respective towns named.

The position of the contestants indicates the rotation in the score:

100 yard dash—Hosterman, M; Ripka, C H; Cable, M.

220 yard dash—Hosterman, M; Ripka, C H; Reiber, C H.

440 yard dash—H. Emery, C H; Detwiler, R; A. Emery, C H.

One-half mile run—Detwiler, R; Cunningham, S S; Wert, C H.

Mile run—Detwiler, R; Wert, C H; Wert, R.

Shot put—Cable, M; Haines, M; Reiber, C H.

High jump—Cable, M; Durst, C H; Detwiler, R.

Broad jump—Cable, M; Shank, S S; Reiber, C H.

Mile relay—Centre Hall; Snow Shoe.

Baseball throw—Cable, M; Cowher, P; Ripka, C H.

GIRLS EVENTS—CLASS "B"

50 yard dash—Sechrist, R; Williams, P; Williams, P.

One-half mile relay—Port Matilda; Rebersburg; Centre Hall.

Standing broad jump—Packer, C H; Stover, M; Sechrist, R.

Baseball throw for distance—Weber, H; Reese, P; Pringle, P. (For some reason not accounted for the Centre Hall entrants for this event failed to hear the call for it.)

In the Class "A" events in which the Gregg Township Vocational School scored are noted these:

BOYS

High jump—Bower, Bellefonte; Champ, Philipsburg; Lee, Gregg T. V.

50 yard dash—Katz, Bellefonte; Hosterman, Gregg T. V.; Winkleblich, G. T. V.

GIRLS.

One-half mile relay—Philipsburg; Bellefonte; Gregg T. V.

Standing broad jump—Hosterman, Gregg T. V.; Markle, State College; Johnston, Bellefonte.

Baseball throw for distance—Snyder, State College; Muser, State College; Smith, Gregg T. V.

Encampment Committee Meets.

The Grange Encampment and Fair committee met by appointment on Tuesday afternoon and discussed quite fully what ought to be done to further the best interests of the Encampment and make the 1924 gathering the biggest and most successful in its history.

DON'T NEGLECT SOCIAL LIFE.

The Contemplated School for Leaders on Grange Park to Aid Social Life in the Country.

"While there has been no lessening of need to improved agriculture on the production side, and while the problem of more economical and profitable distribution of farm products is paramount at this time, the social side of farm life cannot be neglected if we are to have a satisfied rural folk." With these words, W. R. Gordon, extension specialist at the Pennsylvania State College, characterizes the frequently neglected social side of farm life.

"Economic success does not necessarily mean a successful farm life," he continues. "Instances can be cited where workers are willing to accept lower wages to get away from the life afforded on the average farm. Low economic returns are not the only cause of farm desertion.

Regardless of the type of business or vocation, if those people engaged in it cannot feel reasonably confident that it will afford the chief satisfactions of life, they will look forward to a day when they can rise above it. It is evident that such an industry will lose its most competent, its most successful representatives in such a selective process. That is what is happening in the field of agriculture."

As long as agriculture fails to afford the opportunity for education, essentials in culture, chance for self-expression and reasonable leisure for social life, frequent meetings, wholesome good times for parties and movies, Gordon declares that agriculture will be fighting a losing fight. He relates the story of a young woman acting as a domestic in a country home who said "We don't only want wages, we want parties and roses, too."

One marked obstacle to the realization of these aims is the lack of sound rural leadership, according to the rural economist. There has also been an apparent lack of confidence in the leadership available. Until very recently there has also been a lack of social contact. The rural free delivery, the telephone, the good roads, and automobile have done much to neutralize this condition.

In considering the difference in the effects upon individuals of carrying on two distinctly different types of business, Gordon points out that the town business man takes a raw product and fashions it into a form, shape and a quality that someone wants to buy. He is constantly concerned with the giving of service and there is a maximum of social contact. The farmer on the other hand has been dealing almost entirely with the elements of Nature to produce a raw product. Seemingly he has been left largely on his own resources to influence this.

Gordon does not hold up the city type of business as exemplary, nor does he deplore the spirit of individuality and independence of the farming people. On the contrary, he claims this spirit has been a strong tempering factor in our brief national career and remains a firm stabilizing influence. But in the field of co-operative production and distribution of farm commodities, the first essential, he says is to have an understanding of what the co-operative process involves and to be conscious of the need of a genuine co-operative spirit. This is not to be realized through strictly business activities and especially not when the best qualified leaders are so sorely tempted to desert the cause.

At present the Pennsylvania State College, through its program in rural sociology in the division of agricultural extension is carrying on a program of cooperation with the farming people of the state in an effort to discover and assist local leadership in dealing with community problems. This help is provided through carefully planned and conducted schools, one of which is planned to be held on Grange Park in the latter part of August. The schools are held for several consecutive days in a county. Representatives are sent in to a central meeting place from established rural organizations such as granges, community clubs, churches and schools. It is hoped that through this means some assistance can be afforded in drafting community improvement programs as well as carrying them out.

"Farming must be made economically profitable," Gordon concludes. "But just as certainly, farm life must be made profitable in securing worthwhile satisfaction in education, health, religion, social intercourse, culture and recreation. Only to that degree to which rural life can afford these things can we hope to maintain on farms and in rural sections a high type of native citizenry."

NEGLECTED GRAVES.

The Old Burying Grounds Should Be Restored to Neatness and Beauty.

Travel throughout more or less remote sections of this and other counties affords no more pathetic sight than the neglected cemeteries which are so frequently found in the rural communities, especially in those which are marked by a changing or dwindling population.

Overgrown with briars, brush and weeds, lie the forgotten graves of men and women of earlier generations.

The rude stone markers, perhaps fashioned with painstaking care by loving hands, or more pretentious stones purchased through sacrifice as expressions of love for the persons whose names they bear, are found hidden among the wild growth surrounding them, some standing, some are prone on the ground and others crumbled by the frosts of winter.

Here and there is seen evidence that some family has been more thoughtful of the graves of its ancestors than others.

The brush and briars may be cut away and the grass mowed, or perhaps a few flowers planted on the graves, but in many cases the burying grounds have been so long forgotten and neglected that they escape notice from the passerby, unless it be for a few weeks following Memorial Day, when here and

there among the grass may be seen a flag marking the obscure grave of some man who served in the defense of his nation.

We are not a nation of ancestor worshippers, but it seems to be an inherent duty for man to regard the graves of his ancestors with a trust, and he who permits the last earthly resting place of his kinsmen to be obliterated through lack of attention falls to display a becoming regard for their memory.

It is a commendable move on the part of a committee of citizens to restore to order, neatness and beauty the old cemeteries, which in most instances can be done if appeals are made for assistance where necessary.

There are a number of communities in the valley which make it an annual custom to devote at least one day a year to a neighborhood gathering for the purpose of cleaning up the local cemetery, and it would be a fitting and touching thing if every community in which there is one of these old burying grounds would adopt this custom.

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TUSSEYVILLE.

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C. P. Ramer made a business trip to Lock Haven on Tuesday.

Greely Jordan returned to the home of his brother, Stewart, Monday evening, after spending several days at Lewistown at the home of Roy Martz. While at that place he called at the dentist's office and had his teeth extracted.

Floyd Jordan left on Friday for Buchanan, Michigan, where he will visit his great-aunt, Mrs. William Rough, and cousin, Mrs. J. C. Behm. From there he will go to Chicago where he will enter the Moody Bible Institute.

Entertainment May 24th.

Ellen Ross Lightfoot, teacher in King's School of Oratory, Pittsburgh, will appear in Grange Arcadia, Centre Hall, Saturday evening, May 24th, 8 o'clock, giving her famous miscellaneous program, consisting of a play, in two parts, character sketches, etc. the whole providing an evening's profitable entertainment.

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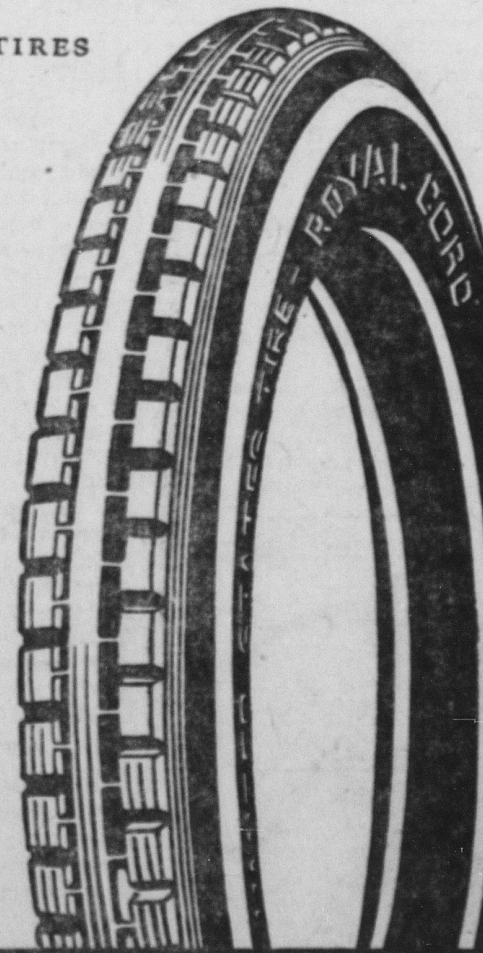
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