

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Miss Fern Hoover, of Altoona, is a guest of the J. W. Runkle family in Centre Hall.

The contract for the erection of a keeper's house on the Rush township game preserve has been let.

Calvin Runkle, of Shamokin, visited his brother, James W. Runkle, at the Centre Hall hotel, a few days the past week.

Misses Mary Dutrow and Florence Zettle, students at a Williamsport business college, are at their homes here and will remain for a week or more.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Emery are planning to begin housekeeping in the home recently vacated by Mr. and Mrs. John A. Slack, in Centre Hall.

For the consideration of one dollar Samuel Shoop purchased an alley way between his property and that of Rev. W. R. Picken, from H. G. Strohmeyer.

Andrew Imml, who for years lived at Fairview, Erie county, is now making his home with Mrs. J. D. Lingie, Spring Mills.

Mrs. Paul Fetterolf was rushed to the Centre County hospital the latter part of last week for treatment. Her condition was reported favorable on Monday.

From the best information at hand it appears the pouring of concrete for the road over Nittany Mountain will not be begun until after the Grange Encampment and Fair.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry J. Kittelberger and children drove to Centre Hall, on Sunday, from their home in Curnessville. While here they stopped with C. D. Bartholomew, a cousin.

Postmaster R. M. Smith is attending the National convention of postmasters being held this week at Cleveland. Postmaster Kniesly, of Bellefonte, is also attending the gathering.

Misses Elizabeth Delaney, of Greensburg, and Ina Clark, of Jeanette, are guests at the home of the former's brother, Thomas F. Delaney, at Centre Hall. The ladies came to this section for a two weeks' stay.

John L. Rowe motored up from Atlantic City, N. J., on Saturday, and expects to spend the week in Centre Hall, returning Sunday with his family who have been visiting relatives in Clearfield and also in the Dominion of Canada.

Miss Beulah Bingman, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. J. F. Bingman, now of New Kingstown, Cumberland county, was a guest of her chums, Misses Alice Emery and Fay Bradford, in Centre Hall. She returned home a few days ago to be ready for the opening of the public schools in Carlisle on the first of next month.

The twelve Sunday-schools comprising the ninth district of the Centre County Sunday School Association held their annual picnic at Hecla Park on Thursday. The schools are located in State College, Boalsburg, Lemont, Linden Hall and Houserville. The Locust Grove Sunday-school, near Farmers Mills, picnicked on Saturday.

Miss Mary Rearick, daughter of D. H. Rearick, of Georges Valley, who since the latter part of July had been with her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. I. Y. Moyer, in Cleveland, Ohio, came back to Pennsylvania last week, and after spending a few days with her uncle, J. Paul Rearick, at Martinsburg, returned to her home this week.

Mrs. J. R. Bible, of Phoenixville, last week became suddenly seriously ill and was taken to a hospital for treatment. Her condition later was reported somewhat improved. On Saturday morning her mother, Mrs. Geo. W. Bradford, and sister, Mrs. John A. Martz, of Centre Hall, went to Phoenixville to her bedside. They expect to return home this week.

Mrs. Emma Smith, widow of the late Dr. Domes Smith, and Mrs. Seyfarther, both of Freeport, Illinois, drove to Centre Hall, arriving here on Monday. They went on to Utica, N. Y., and on their return next week will remain here for a short time with Mrs. Smith's brothers and sisters. Mrs. Smith, before marriage, was Miss Emma Heckman, a daughter of William Heckman, deceased.

Two cars came together in a rather peculiar manner at a point where the Farmers Mills and Brush Valley roads intersect. Damage was done to the two cars to the extent of \$75.00 or more. One car was driven by S. E. Lloyd of Saxon, Bedford county. The parties adjusted their differences before separating. One of the ladies, Mr. Lloyd's mother, had a cut on her hand, and a little daughter was injured to some extent.

Frank Q. Moyer, of Cleveland, Ohio, is the guest of his uncle, S. P. Henrich, in Centre Hall. Mr. Moyer is at present employed as a stenographer with the Union Paper and Twine Co., Cleveland, but in his recent spare moments has fitted himself for entering the undertaking profession. He is a graduate of the Eckels School of Embalming, Philadelphia, and also holds a diploma from the Sanitary Science department of the same school. After gaining the necessary two years practical experience, he expects to strike out for himself. Good luck to him.

The township road leading from the State Highway over Seven Mountains to Bird's Gap, above Coffer, has been improved to a considerable extent for the distance of about two miles, on to the Stow-Rock hunting camp located on what was formerly the Perry Krise farm. The hunting club built a rather pretentious hunting lodge last year, and this was assessed at a higher figure than the owners thought it should have been. Their comeback was the insistence that the road leading to way should be improved for auto use and maintained in that way.

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A. Kessler, of Millheim, is now in New York City doing his fall buying of clothing.

Samuel Baker, of Vicksburg, is an extra man at the Centre Hall railroad station during the time of the Grange fair.

Franklin Goodhart, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Goodhart, of Johnstown, is at the home of his grandfather, Alfred Durt, in Centre Hall, enjoying a portion of his school vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. F. P. Geary and daughter, Miss Agnes, on Sunday drove to Williamsport. Mr. Geary returned the same day, but the ladies remained with friends in that city until Tuesday.

Clyde Moyer, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. Allen Moyer, and friend, Cecil Stitt, of Vandergrift, are in Centre Hall visiting relatives—Franklin Moyer, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Runkle, and others.

Miss Anna Sweeney, of Boalsburg, spent a week with her aunt, Mrs. Priscilla J. Condo, and other Vandergrift relatives. She also visited relatives in Greensburg, Johnstown and Altoona before returning home.

Mr. and Mrs. James Spayd and daughter, Geraldine, and Mr. Spayd's sister, Miss Meta Spayd, and Mrs. Elroy Spayd, a sister-in-law, all of Bellevue, Ohio, are spending ten days at the home of Mr. Spayd's brother, A. H. Spayd, in Centre Hall.

Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Alexander, and the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jomm M. Luse, formerly residents of this place, are now located at State College, 120 N. Banard St., having moved there from Williamsport.

Origin of Town Names.

The State Highway Department is erecting metal signs giving the name of boroughs and villages together with the origin of the name, and distance to the next place of importance.

At the borough limits of Centre Hall a sign with the following will be found:

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44 Counties Represented in Rural Leadership Conference Here.

The Encampment committee had some difficulty in taking care of the large number of people in attendance at the Rural Leadership Conference on Grange Park last week.

The number far exceeded expectations. Forty-four counties were represented and 215 registered, which number included delegates, speakers and leaders.

Farm Accounting Reveals Losing Methods and Points Way to Bigger Profits.

(From Banker-Farmer)

A farm cannot properly be called successful unless it pays a fair rate of interest on the investment and returns fair wages for the farmer's labor. Agriculture is considered by all odds the most important industry in the world, and yet in no other industry is the business end so neglected.

It is common to find a farmer with an investment of fifteen to twenty thousand dollars, yet does he keep books? Perhaps he may jot down a note now and then of an important deal, but this is of no value in an analysis of his business as a whole. No other industry, however small, is carried on without books of some sort.

Farming is a business and to be successful must be conducted in a businesslike way. The business man's mind should have indelibly printed upon it two questions: What profit is my business making? How can that profit be increased? To know the latter, one must find out the former; and to find out about profits requires the keeping of books.

It is not necessary for a farmer to have a course in bookkeeping. All most every agricultural college in the country has issued a simplified farm accounting book which it sells at cost and only a few minutes are required each day to jot down the day's happenings.

Accounts Increase Profits
 Instances number a thousandfold where farmers have profited by knowing their business. Accounts kept by nineteen farmers in Illinois led them to improve the organization and operation of their farms in ways that added approximately \$650 to their average net income in 1922, the seventh year they had kept accounts.

An Iowa farmer found at the end of the first year he kept books that cropped to livestock brought more money than when sold outright. His figures showed that his cows were poor, compared with other farms in the state, he found the number of acres cultivated per man on his farm, as well as the number of acres per horse, were below average. He rented more land and replanned his fields, so that the crop area per man and horse were increased. He sold some of his scripps and bought good cows. The second year his income from the farm, after paying all expenses and interest on the money invested, had

Costs Can Be Regulated

"I have discovered," says one farm bookkeeper, "that the kind of man you have on a job, as well as the particular team, often makes quite a variation in the cost of performing certain tasks. I have learned from the pages of my book that if I could have increased the yield of my wheat field by two bushels and my corn by five bushels I would have realized a substantial profit from them."

While the farmers may not be able to fix prices on their products, they do have a voice in determining the costs of production. To reduce this cost they must first know what the costs are.

The number of farmers who are keeping books on their business has increased remarkably in recent years, but the number of businesslike farmers is woefully small when listed alongside the sum total of the farmers in the country.

Inventory is indispensable
 The basis of any system of farm accounting is the annual property list or inventory. It is the starting point of the farm records. One must take into consideration decreases or increases in the value of all property owned to gauge the progress of the business. Lacking facts as to the value of his property, no business man can form an accurate estimate of how he stands financially. Increased cash may be due to property which was sold, or increased debts may be due to improvements made. If a farmer is falling behind, the inventory will emphasize this fact. Often when a man is discouraged and thinks he is making no progress, his inventories will tell him that he is better off than he thought.

At the end of each year a financial statement is drawn off. This is the farmer's rating and no farmer with a good financial statement need fear walking into a bank and asking for a loan.

BANKERS HELP

A bank in Monrovia, Ind., tests seed corn for farmers. A basement room was fitted out last season for the purpose and 25,000 ears were tested for fifty-six farmers. One-fourth of the seed tested last year was unfit for seed. This year the percentage will run even higher. The work is done under the supervision of the high school agricultural teacher. He reports that the community will have a surplus of seed corn this year.

The banks of Conway, Ark., have offered prizes for the most marketable sweet potatoes produced on one acre of land. A first prize of \$150 is offered, along with three district prizes of \$50 each. The county agent and the banks are working out the details. The County Bankers Association will help to employ a full time county leader this year for boys' and girls' club work in Calhoun, Cherokee and Buena Vista counties Iowa.

PUBLIC SALE REGISTER

SATURDAY, SEPT. 5th, at 1:30 P. M., at Centre Hill, T. F. Royer will sell: Horse, cow, farm implements and household goods—E. M. Smith, auct.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 5, 1:30 o'clock, in Centre Hall, by Mrs. John A. Slack: A lot of household goods. See posters for further particulars.

Changes in Harvesting the Wool Crop



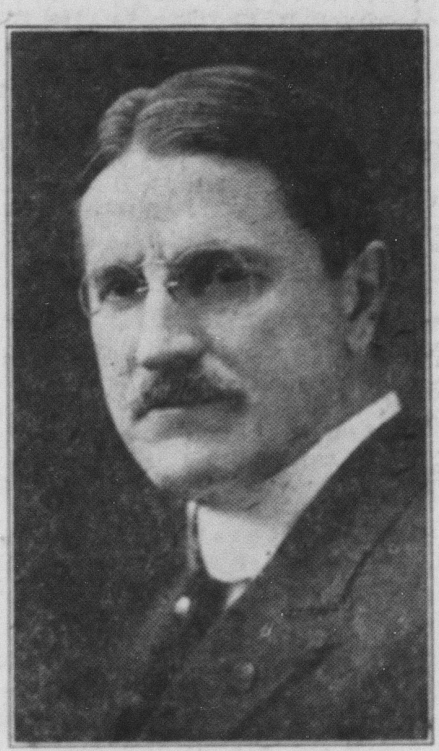
Wool with a long, fine fibre brings the highest price. LEFT—Doing a smooth job with a machine shear.



There have been many changes in the operations of securing the wool crop. It has not been many years since it was considered necessary to clean the wool before it was taken from the sheep. This used to be done by driving the flock to a lake or stream where each animal was thoroughly washed. Modern methods of wool scouring have made sheep-washing unnecessary, although even today, a very dirty fleece is discriminated against by the buyer.

There are certain precautions observed by successful sheep owners at shearing time which have been found to increase the value of the clip. For example, bright days are selected on which to shear, as this will avoid obtaining fleeces wet with dew or rain. Do not shear sheep on the ground, but rather use a clean platform upon which to do the shearing operation. Keep the fleeces in one piece, and clip off some of the inferior tags.

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