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CLEANING UP TUBERCULAR CATTLE

Failure to Join in An Area Test. Two Mifflin County Farmers Have Them Under Quarantine.

Farmers themselves are now leading the way to clean up tubercular cattle, and to accomplish this, effectively area testing is being resorted to. This means that when a certain per cent. of farmers in a given township agree to have their cattle tested, they are protected against the possibility of having their cattle again infected by cattle belonging to farmers who refuse to join in the testing movement. This protection is given by the State holding in quarantine all cattle, milk and milk products on such farms when cattle have not undergone the tubercular test.

An item from the Lewisson Gazette further enlightens the reader:

Two Derry township (Mifflin county) farmers had their cattle quarantined this week for failure to permit the testing of their cattle for tuberculosis during the recent area test of that township. Both farmers keep their stock at the same barn. They are Charles Porter and Aaron Singley, of R. 4, near Maitland.

An agent of the Bureau of Animal Industry of the State Department at Harrisburg visited the premises and posted large notices on the farm buildings containing the provisions of the quarantine which will remain in effect until their cattle are tested. The measure is necessary to protect the cattle of the other farmers in the township, who have had their cattle tested from being infected by the cattle on this farm.

The provisions of the quarantine as stated in the posted notices and in the notices advertised recently are:

This general quarantine is established and will be enforced under the provisions of the Acts of Assembly approved July 22, 1913, and June 7, 1923.

It is unlawful to remove any cattle, milk or milk food products from the premises named or described in this quarantine notice without a written permit from the Bureau of Animal Industry.

Blackstone, World-Famous Magician, at Richelleu Theatre.

Fresh from his recent tour of the world and his triumphs in Boston, New York, Brooklyn, Washington and other important centers of culture, Blackstone, the world-famous magician, and his big company of mystifiers, will hold the boards of the Richelleu theatre, Bellefonte, for Thursday night, Friday matinee and night of this week. During his Washington engagement, Blackstone was invited to the White House, where he gave some of his baffling performances for President and Mrs. Coolidge and a distinguished party of guests. The supporting company numbers upwards of thirty artists, recruited by Blackstone, from all parts of the civilized world on his latest trip around the globe. He brought back with him some of the famed Oriental illusions which he is showing for the first time outside of the Orient. The production is said to represent an investment of more than \$100,000 and it is claimed to be the most gorgeous and elaborate ever seen on a local stage.

Only last April Blackstone returned to the United States from his fourth tour of the world. In India, Blackstone is looked upon as a person possessing supernatural powers. The natives revere him and believe him to be a holy man. He is better known in the Far East than he is in his native land, America. Since his return to this country he has been appearing in all of the principal cities to phenomenal business. The critics have been as one in proclaiming him the greatest magician of all time. No less an authority than the late Harry Keller, himself the foremost magician of his time, proclaimed Blackstone to be "the greatest magician the world has ever known."

For prices, see display ad. elsewhere in this paper.

There will be less public sales of farm stock, implements, etc., during the coming season in Penns Valley than for some years. Last year the sales were less than previous, but more numerous than for the season about on. Similar conditions prevail in Mifflin county, as is given expression to by the Bellefonte Times. This condition is largely the result of farmers having had a more profitable year in 1925 than previous, and the present high prices prevailing for farm crops. With wheat locally at \$1.80; corn, 75 cents; potatoes, \$2.00; hay, \$15.00 to \$18.00; hogs live, 13 to 14 cents; country produce both in demand and selling for good prices, convinces many farmers that their condition cannot be improved by changing occupation.

The former chief of police of Juniata, Lawrence L. Ewing, is in jail for having robbed a pool room in Juniata. It is thought he is connected with a number of robberies. His accomplices are being sought.

WANT GREATER AID FOR RURAL SCHOOLS

Director of State Favors Law Giving More Help to Pupils Planning to Be Teachers.

Enactment of a law which would permit the State to give greater aid to boys and girls in the rural districts preparing themselves to become teachers was urged at the closing session of the convention of the Pennsylvania State School Directors' Association, held in Harrisburg last week. Another resolution adopted would have the State extend financial aid to school districts in which the taking over of forest lands by the State and national Government have exempted those lands from local taxation.

The directors also said they wanted a digest of the school code prepared and classified, according to the classification of school districts, and authorized appointment of a committee for the work. The gathering, which was held in the Technical High school, was attended by about 600 directors from all parts of Pennsylvania. It was the association's annual meeting.

The little red schoolhouse, which stands as the emblem of America's public school system, no longer meets the requirements of modern education. Dr. S. C. Schmucker, of West Chester, told the assemblage. He said there was a time when it did meet the requirements and served its purpose. He spoke on the functions of a school and said a good director should realize the worth of every schoolboy and schoolgirl in his district, and be willing to do everything possible for them.

"One thing more," he added in that connection. "You are not only the servant of the people, but the servant of all the people of your district. You have no right as a member of a school board to be 'pro' anything, or to be 'anti' anything."

Other speakers were Dr. Charles Shultz, of Dayton, O., and D. A. Kline, superintendent of schools in Perry county.

Dr. Floyd C. Sandt, of Easton, was elected president, succeeding J. D. Orr, of Leechburg. Other officers elected were: First vice president, O. R. Brownfield, Fair Chance; second vice-president, Dr. S. C. Schmucker, Goshen township, Chester county, and secretary-treasurer, D. D. Hammelbaugh. The following were elected directors of the association: A. G. Gougler, Middleburg; Edward P. Young, Towanda; Mrs. Mary Luckie, Chester; Dr. J. H. Ringer, Jeanette, and W. M. Phillips, Kingston.

It was announced that the School Secretaries of Pennsylvania had chosen Miss Anna M. Tanner, of Erie, as president, the first woman head of the organization. Charles M. Doll, of Abington, was elected vice president.

Local High School Observes Lincoln's Birthday.

The chapel period on Friday morning, February 12th, was used by the sophomore class to celebrate the birthday of our sixteenth president, Abraham Lincoln. One of the outstanding features of the program was the awarding of the medals to the two successful participants in the Lincoln Essay Contest. Mr. Wetzel presented these medals to the winners, Alma Lutz and Grace Wible. The sophomore class gave the following program:

Hymn—Faith of Our Fathers... School Vachel Lindsay's poem, "Lincoln Walks at Midnight"... Fay Bradford Song, America Beloved... Sophomores Captain, My Captain... Earnest Wagner Presentation of medals... Prof. Wetzel America the Beautiful... School

Closed Garage Sundays.

Permitting his conscience to govern him, Walter R. Hosterman, proprietor of the local Hosterman Garage, closes his place of business on Sundays. He is willing to aid anyone in distress at any time, anywhere, who calls in person or by phone. Sale of gas, repair work, etc., however, is discontinued. Mr. Hosterman has been doing a successful business here for several years, and until recently had his place of business open Sundays, although his conscience protested. He recently decided to be guided by his better judgment and asks his many patrons to make all foreseen purchases and repair work done during week days. adv.

The beacon lights and field lights marking the course of mail planes are being tampered with in some sections in Pennsylvania. In some instances bulbs have been removed, and in others the bulbs were evidently the targets for rifle shots. At other points machinery was interfered with. Air mail service officials are endeavoring to place the responsibility for these depredations.

February court opens on Monday for a term of two weeks. Commonwealth cases will be heard the first week and civil cases the second week. Two sets of jurors have been drawn, one for each week.

AIR MAIL PILOT DIES AS PLANE CRASHES

Art Smith, Original Sky Writer, Incinerated After Hitting Tree, Like Ames Last October.

Art Smith, one of America's best known aviators, and widely known as a stunt flier, lost his life while straight flying Friday night. He was killed when his plane struck a tree and crashed to the ground near Montpelier, Ohio, six miles northwest of Bryan. His body and mail he was carrying from Chicago to New York was burned when a fire broke out in the wreck age.

He was about two miles off the regular mail route between Chicago and Bryan, H. B. Shaver, acting division superintendent of the air mail service at Cleveland declared.

Although only 32 years old, Smith was a veteran flier. He was the originator of sky writing, and is said to be the first American aviator to loop the loop. He was the holder of fifty-eight medals.

Smith began flying when he was 16. He was encouraged by his parents, who mortgaged their home in Indiana for \$1800 to furnish capital to build a plane. He purchased his own materials while his mother prepared the cloth for the wings on her sewing machine.

His first flight wiped out what it took Smith six months to build. Undaunted by the crash, in which everything but the motor was wrecked, Smith built another. This time he was successful, and earned enough money from exhibition flights to pay off the mortgage.

In a few years he had acquired a national reputation, taking the place of Lincoln Beachey on the program of the Panama-Pacific Exposition when Beachey was killed.

When the United States entered the World War, Smith became a civilian test pilot and instructor, and helped in the design of several new planes. He joined the Air Mail Service April 1, 1923, flying in the Eastern Division since.

He was the second pilot to lose his life since the inauguration of the New York-Chicago overnight air mail service, July 1. When Charles H. Ames crashed into a mountain near Bellefonte during a fog last October, Smith took a prominent part in the search for the wreckage of his plane, which was not found for ten days.

At about the same time the original sky-writer lost his life in Ohio. Dean C. Smith made a most spectacular landing with his mail plane on Island field, at Sunbury. A telephone message from the Bellefonte field instructed the custodian of the Island field to signal the flier to descend, but when one of the two signals necessary for this information had been given, Smith was hovering over the field. The one signal meant to watch for bad conditions toward the west. The flier went on, of course, but soon the storm became so bad that he was forced to return, making a safe landing in the deep snow. He was obliged to remain on the Island field until Monday. In the meantime the plane was inspected by Sam Weaver, of the Bellefonte field, who made the trip to Sunbury by auto. The plane was in perfect condition.

Elected High School Teachers.

At the regular monthly meeting of the Centre Hall school board, Monday evening, the present staff of teachers in the local high school was unanimously re-elected for the 1926-27 school term. Prof. J. F. Wetzel and his two assistants, H. E. Stong and Miss Sara Neff, have been giving such entire satisfaction that the board considered it only fair to assure them that their positions for another term were secure.

Cows Average \$77 at Sale.

The twenty-four cows sold at public sale on Saturday at the Mitterling barn in Centre Hall by T. E. Jodon, averaged in price \$77.00. The highest price paid for a single cow was \$139 and the lowest \$49. The load consisted of Holsteins, Jerseys and Shorthorn, purchased in Ohio, and were counted a very fair lot. The day was fair, but traveling through the country districts was bad, which may have had something to do with the sale losing good money to Mr. Jodon.

Deputy collector of internal revenue

Toner A. Hugg will assist income tax payers in preparing their income tax returns at the following places: Phillipsburg, February 24 and 25; Bellefonte, court house, February 26 and 27 and March 1st; Millburg, at his residence, March 2nd.

WILL GIVE LECTURE ON HAWAII

Lottie L. Tillotson, of Hawaii, Globe Trotter, to Speak in Grange Arcadia, Wednesday, February 24.

A fine lecture—instructive, educational and entertaining—will be that which will be given in Grange Arcadia, Centre Hall, on Wednesday evening, February 24, by Lottie L. Tillotson, of Hawaii, globe trotter. The lecture will be given under the auspices of the Ladies' Bible Class of the local Reformed Church.

Lottie L. Tillotson will give one of her travelogue entertainments on the Hawaiian Islands, telling the customs and habits of the people, ancient folk lore, mythology and scenic grandeur. This distinguished traveler and lecturer comes to us with recommendations from Hawaii, Central America, old Mexico, Alaska, and Europe, and large cities throughout the United States and Canada, besides the leading organizations of this state. The entertainment will be interspersed with music.

This lecture will be especially delightful and instructive to school children. No one should miss it. Admission: Children, 15c; adults, 30c. At 8:00 o'clock.

Carter-Osman.

Frederick K. Carter, of Centre Hall, and Mrs. Sarah Alice Osman, of Glen Iron, were united in marriage on Saturday, 5th inst., at the home of the bride's daughter, Mrs. Reno Bowersox, in Middleburg. Mr. and Mrs. Carter came to Centre Hall on Friday. The couple will live in Millmont, it is understood.

The ceremony was attended by Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bowersox and son Charles, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Henry Weaver and daughter Evelyn, Mr. and Mrs. O. H. Bowersox, Mr. and Mrs. John Osman an children, Hunter and Martha.

Gave Valentine Social.

Central Queen Temple, No. 147, K. G. E., at Centre Hall, gave a Valentine social Thursday evening of last week in their hall. The gathering was largely attended, among those present being thirty from the Bellefonte sister lodge. In the way of entertainment the local lodge put on a play entitled "The Goose Creek Line." Refreshments in abundance were served after the entertaining feature mentioned was closed.

Birthday Party.

Thursday of last week was the thirteenth birthday of Vernon Godshall, son of Mrs. Margaret Godshall, and the event was celebrated at the latter's home by members of a Sunday school class in the Methodist church of which Mrs. Lanson Burris is the teacher. Together with the teacher the following companions of the youth were present:

Clarence Walker, Frank Rines, John Spyker, William Spyker, Alfred Grove, Harold Dunkle, Helen Meyer, Marian Meyer, Myla Spyker, Jean Jodon, Sara Smith.

FARM CALENDAR

Timely Reminders from The Pennsylvania State College

Brighten the Home—During the shut-in winter days the housewife will appreciate a little help from her farmer husband in painting walls and ceilings and laying linoleum. This is hard work for the good wife but most men don't mind it after handling logs and bags of feed all winter.

Build a Dairy House—Every farm should have a suitable place in which to handle and care for milk. Milk ordinances and sanitary regulations of boards of health in many communities require that milk houses or spring houses be part of the regular dairy equipment. Milk or dairy houses separate from other buildings give the best satisfaction. Extension Circular 107, which tells how to build them, will be mailed free by the Pennsylvania State College, if you send your request to the Agricultural Publication Office of that institution at State College, Pa.

Get One Out of Three—If you want 100 mature pullets next fall set 600 eggs, or buy 300 chicks. These figures allow for a 50 per cent hatch, and of the 300 chicks one out of three will die, one will be a cockerel or cull pullet, and so there will be 100 well matured pullets to put in the laying house in the fall.

Str Up Mule—It is well occasionally to stir up the mule applied to tender plants. This generally loses its value if it becomes too compact.

Prepare for Early Vegetables—Are the hotbeds built and pits filled with heating manure? Seed of cabbage, early cauliflower, and head lettuce should be seeded at once, to get the earliest crops.

W. L. SWOPE NOT RECOGNIZED.

Almost \$17,000,000 for Public Buildings in Pennsylvania—Nothing for Swope's District but Disappointment.

It looks very much as though none of the \$16,800,000 for improvements to and the erection of new public buildings in Pennsylvania will find its way into Congressman William L. Swope's district. The policy of the present congress appears to favor only the larger cities.

The treasury department has furnished the house committee a list of cities which will be given prior consideration in the construction of new buildings. The favored communities are Philadelphia, with an appropriation of \$3,500,000; Pittsburgh, \$3,065,000; Chester, \$535,000; Lancaster, \$340,000; New Castle, \$500,000; Wilkes Barre, \$295,000, and Scranton, \$1,025,000.

In addition to these allotments, for which no appropriation has yet been made, the treasury department declares that prior consideration will be given these Pennsylvania cities, for which partial appropriations are available: Donora, \$125,000; Lewistown, \$95,000; McKees Rocks, \$129,500; Olyphant, \$75,000; Sayre, \$120,000; Tamaqua, \$149,000; Tarentum, \$100,000; Waynesburg, \$125,000.

The sum required to finance these projects is estimated by the treasury department at \$2,200,000.

Allentown, \$1,900,000; Ambler, \$150,000; Ambridge, \$200,000; Ardmore, \$150,000; Bellefonte, \$125,000; Blairsville, \$150,000; Bloomsburg, \$200,000; Brookville, \$150,000; Canonsburg, \$170,000; Coatesville, \$150,000; Clearfield, \$150,000; Columbia, \$40,000; Conshohocken, \$150,000; Danville, \$100,000; Erie, \$600,000; Everett, \$125,000; Farrell, \$100,000; Greenville, \$100,000; Grove City, \$100,000; Hazleton, \$175,000; Honesdale, \$250,000; Houtzdale, \$100,000; Jeanette, \$250,000; Jenkintown, \$150,000; Johnstown, \$100,000; Kane, \$100,000; Kittanning, \$150,000; Lancaster, \$600,000; Latrobe, \$200,000; Lebanon, \$125,000; Lewistown, \$100,000; Mercer, \$100,000; Mount Carmel, \$200,000; Nanticoke, \$225,000; New Castle, \$250,000; New Kensington, \$250,000; Norristown, \$150,000; Olyphant, \$62,000; Philadelphia, \$2,000,000; Phillipsburg, \$125,000; Pittsburgh, \$2,500,000; Plymouth, \$225,000; Rochester, \$150,000; St. Marys, \$100,000; Scottsdale, \$200,000; Scranton, \$1,150,000; Shippensburg, \$125,000; Somerset, \$125,000; Towanda, \$250,000; Tyrone, \$250,000; Uniontown, \$150,000; Vintona, \$100,000; Wellsboro, \$100,000; Wilkes-Barre, \$55,000; Williamsport, \$299,000; Wyomissing, \$100,000.

Promises are many, but fulfillments are few.

Accident at Mann's Narrows Bridge.

H. T. McFadden, 43, his wife and daughter, Madeline, 11; sons, Thomas, aged 2; Merle, aged 4 and Walter, aged 2 years, 327 South First street, Bellefonte, had injuries dressed at the Lewistown hospital Saturday afternoon. Mrs. McFadden sustained a fracture of the nose, lacerated and contused wounds of the body; the children were lacerated and contused, all suffered from shock and an icy bath in the Kishacoquillas creek in Mann's Narrows.

Mr. McFadden, who drove a sedan, escaped all except the severe and icy bath when he struck the Mann's Narrows bridge and his car skidded through the railing into space on the lower side of the structure. The car turned a complete turtle, landing in the creek twelve feet below.

The car was badly damaged and Mr. McFadden and family left for home by train on Saturday night.

Interesting Letter from Chicago.

Chicago, Ill., Feb. 12, 1926.

Dear Editor: I notice by the yellow slip that my "Reporter" is dated Feb. 26. This indicates to cash in for another year, for which please find money order for \$1.50. I prefer reading my paper much more when I know that my subscription is paid in advance.

I beg to inform that a great many changes have taken place in Centre county, especially in Potter township, the past year, among the old-time acquaintances. How many Reporter subscribers remember when Fred Kurtz was the editor of the "Reporter"? when Clevan Dinges and "Billy" Wolf were the main merchants in Centre Hall, and when Centre Hall had no railroad? When William Colyer had the saw mill running full time winter and summer? And when David Miller had the pottery a short distance from Colyer, and when Jacob Moyer had a tannery a little further east, and Mr. Lukenbach had a saw mill above the stone mill dam, and "Little Johnny" Allen ground flour at the Red Mill; the Allisons had the "woolen mill" Pottery Mills? Since the above changes have taken place, new names have taken the place of old timers.

The names in the death list in the Reporter are beginning to become unknown to the writer with the exception of a few now and then that are laid to rest.

A. W. SHADOW.
P. S.—Who can remember when Mr. C. W. P. Hosterman was professor of the High school in Centre Hall, where the writer attended in 1897?

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS.

Sixteen head of horses were sold at a Bellefonte sale at an average price of \$188.00.

James I. Fetterolf delivered a Star coach to Boyd Smith, of Pottery Mills, one day last week.

Monday is Washington's birthday. The writer missed being called "George" by a day, but he did get a "W" in his name.

J. W. Tressler, of Linden Hall, was in town on Friday. He had been confined to the house for two weeks on account of sickness, but is again as chipper as ever.

Mr. and Mrs. John W. Garis, who have been residing in Lewistown for the past year expect to make Bellefonte their home again, where they own a property.

The Coleman House in Lewistown is to be remodeled and refurbished at an expense of \$20,000. The hotel is now being conducted by Messrs. W. H. Farnsworth and C. S. Reed.

Postmaster R. M. Smith and W. U. Jacobs made a trip by auto to Washington. They encountered very bad road for considerable distances, especially from York to Baltimore.

John Jordan, of Colyer, was taken to the Centre County hospital on Monday for treatment for kidney trouble. Dr. H. S. Braucht had the case in charge. Mr. Jordan is a farmer and lives on one of the Lee farms, which he owns.

With a view of inducing buyers to secure a better grade of goods, Warren Carter of the firm of Carter, Donlery & Company, Philadelphia, dealers in tin-plate, sheet iron and metals, made a trip through this section last week. Mr. Carter is the head of the firm and was successful in inducing his trade to accept his advice, because of his large experience.

"A Daughter of the Desert" is the title of a play given by Pleasant Gap local talent receiving recognition, and was successfully played from points of entertainment and profit financially at Millheim and Spring Mills. On April 7th the company will appear in Moose Temple theatre, Bellefonte. Dates have also been made for Lock Haven, Williamsport, Harrisburg and Altoona.

According to the reports gathered by the State Game Commission just 291 foxes were trapped in Centre county during the months of December and January. Of this number 162 were gray foxes and 129 red. Red fox pelts are worth on an average \$10 and gray ones \$4. The bounty on foxes is \$2, hence the entire revenue accruing to Centre county trappers from foxes alone for the two months was almost \$2,500.

From the taxes collected in Mifflin county during the current year, \$38,000 will be used in liquidating bonds issued to pay the iron bridge across the Juniata. The bridge was erected thirty-six years ago at a total cost of \$55,000. Of this sum only \$17,000 had been paid and that within the last decade. Another item of expense to be taken from the 1926 taxes is \$25,000 to be applied to the erection of the Mann's Narrows bridge, the total cost of which will be \$90,000.

Prof. H. C. Rothrock, assistant superintendent of Centre county schools, visited the local schools last Thursday. Prof. Rothrock is one of the six candidates in the field for the office of county superintendent which becomes vacant with Prof. D. O. Eiters' retirement in May. Prof. Rothrock is a school man of large experience in Centre county, knows the needs of the county schools probably as well as any school man within its borders, and would doubtless prove a worthy successor to the present incumbent.

Some ornithologist will favor residents hereabouts to name a bird that for two seasons has been here in large numbers. The birds are generally described as being black, but closer inspection will show them to have a peculiar bronze color over the back and wings. They are shaped somewhat like a sparrow, really look like a "stall-fed" sparrow that lost its neatness. Its bill is short, as are also its wings and tail. During the summer months hundreds of them roosted on shade trees in a particular section in town, very much to the annoyance of residents who take pride in keeping clean their premises. And at night there was a continuous twittering of the birds that could be heard for a block. At this season but a few of the birds are about. On the morning of the recent heavy snow a dozen were fed from the writer's table. They took their meal from the same dish and at the same time as did the sparrows and with the same enjoyment.