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ANOTHER LETTER FROM MRS. FLORENCE (RHONE) BAYARD

Former Centre Hall Lady Finds Much of Beauty in German Palaces.

"Well, here we are in Berlin. We arrived late last night—very tired. It was raining. The trip through the channel and North Sea was very interesting as we could see land most of the time and the water was smooth and calm. We didn't see much of Hamburg which is a two days' ride from Cuxhaven, where we disembarked. Then we had four hours ride to Berlin.

"The country we came through was level and very beautiful. All drained and well cared for, with funny tiled or thatched houses, painted red with white lattice work. Many large barns, similar to our Pennsylvania German structures. The farmers were cutting splendid looking wheat, barley, rye, and most of the oats very green and fine looking. We saw many cattle, horses, sheep and goats.

"We are now six hours ahead of the folks in Centre Hall. We have just had our lunch and you are probably eating breakfast. I bade the Tyrolean folks good-bye on the boat. Mr. Maschke, Mrs. Henry and Miss Lanners were fine friends to be with. We had many pleasant visits together on the Deutschland.

"This morning we went to see the Emperor's Palace which is now used as a museum. It was built early in the 17th century and remodeled and added to several times since. The Palace is magnificent. The white hall is superb. The walls, ceilings and pillars are finished in white marble. Other rooms are finished in wonderful velvets, silks and many gorgeous tapestries. The floors are inlaid with designs of the times they were laid. There is much fine wood carving and a lot of the furniture is the original, while other pieces were brought from other palaces. The collection of china, brass, cabinets, paintings, etc., are magnificent and the great hot water jars by which the palace was heated are very curious. There is no central heating system now.

"The palaces must have been wonderful in the Kaiser's time. We visited the balcony from which the Kaiser made his famous speech right after the war was declared and his letter of abdication at the close of the war. In the gallery of the palace are many beautiful paintings, but only a few of the famous pictures are here. They are marvelous. As I had seen originals by the same artists, I did not get quite the same thrill out of seeing the copies, and then we shall see better galleries as we go along. Both art and architecture in Germany seem more like what they represent, that is heavier and more substantial than what we have seen in France and Italy. In France there was such an airy, fairy touch to everything, and in Italy a gay, colorful something that Germany does not possess. The buildings are heavier, the furniture sturdier and the paintings without so many frills, more like the real, I mean the German artists.

"Saturday we drove over the city including the streets 'Under Der Linden' with its center for pleasure walking, with rows of chairs along the way with grass plots on each side and rows of Linden trees on both sides between the street and sidewalk, making four rows of Linden trees along the highway. We saw about all the palaces of former princes, now used for government buildings or museums. We drove through the diplomatic section, saw President Hindenburg's home and the beautiful garden in front of it; also the old home of Bismarck, with a lovely garden in front of it. Drove through 'Tier Garten,' Berlin's most beautiful and largest park; the trees and the flowers are most luxuriant. Along the main driveway of the ex-Kaiser had at his own expense, marvelous statues of the Hohenzollerns placed along one side and the Brandenburg along the other. We visited the airport, which is said to be the largest in the world. The ex-Kaiser formerly reviewed his army here.

"Monday we went to Potsdam by bus and motorboat. Had a wonderful ride on the River Havel. Along the river were beautiful homes of royalty now owned by wealthy Germans and persons of other countries. We also traveled through a forest of 12,000 acres. We went to the Palace of 'Sans Souci,' which means without sorrow or trouble. This palace was built by Frederick the Great where he lived many summers and where he finally died. It looks old but shows its grandeur and there are still many fine paintings, china and crystal ornaments in it. There is a cabinet of at least 100 china toilet articles which was given to Voltaire by Frederick the Great as they were warm friends. It is now owned by the State. The grounds are terraced and on the terraces are planted beautiful flowers and trees. On the sides of the terraces, grape vines are planted which are enclosed in glass like hot beds, set on end. A long stone stairway leads down through the grounds to the level and to the new palace in which the ex-Kaiser made his summer home. The rooms in which we were permitted to enter were those in which receptions were held and it was here that President Roosevelt met the Kaiser and it was in this palace that Mr. Roosevelt was a guest for nine days. The palace belongs to the State. The furniture was owned by the Kaiser and most of it was sent to him. Kings from all over the world sent gifts of furniture, tapestries, etc. Valuable shells and stones were among the gifts presented. It is a room we will not forget. The dining room had three wonderful paintings on the ceiling, representing morning, noon and night. The palace and grounds still show their magnificence. We leave tomorrow for Dresden."

FOUR DAYS FOR GRANGE LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

A Host of Noted Grange Leaders to Instruct on Grange Park, Beginning Tuesday of Next Week.

With those who have had the privilege and pleasure of attending the Grange Leadership Conference at Centre Hall in years past, linger pleasant memories of delightful associations and of a fellowship and fraternal spirit equaled in no other Grange gathering.

The informal atmosphere, coupled with the inspiring and cheerful surroundings of the encampment grounds as it nestles serenely there, in the shadow of the majestic Nittany Mountain, makes for an ideal Grange conference setting that is without parallel in Pennsylvania.

While the conference is designed solely for the purpose of training, instructing and inspiring Grange leaders, yet ample time is provided for recreation, sight seeing, and rest. So that all can confidently look forward to a sojourn at Centre Hall that will at once be delightful, entertaining, instructive, healthful, restful and economical.

The program detail is so arranged as to treat of matters of particular interest and value to Grange Masters, Lecturers and Juvenile Matrons.

The hundreds of delegates from various parts of the State will use the tents on the park which have been erected for the coming Encampment and Fair.

The program covers four business days next week, beginning Tuesday morning, and closing Friday night.

One of the most important speakers, whose name is not printed on the program, and who will be here Tuesday, is L. J. Taber, Master of the National Grange. Mr. Taber will speak on some subject of vital importance to rural folk.

Owing to the great length of the program, the Reporter is unable to print it here, but we give herewith the names of the leaders of the conference, which will give one an idea of the value of the instruction to be given:

Anna A. MacDonald, Extension Lecturer, Pennsylvania State Library, Harrisburg.

Mignon Q. Lott, Rural Sociologist, Minneapolis, Minn.

James C. Farmer, Lecturer, National Grange, South Newbury, N. H.

Hon. R. G. Bressler, Deputy Secretary of Agriculture, Harrisburg.

J. Audley Boak, Overseer Pennsylvania State Grange, New Castle.

Prof. R. L. Watts, Dean, School of Agriculture, State College.

Joseph H. Taylor, Publicity Director, National Council for the Prevention of War, Washington, D. C.

Helen G. Fetterly, Oesterhart Free Library, Wilkes Barre.

Walter H. Whitton, Lecturer, New Jersey State Grange, Newark, N. J.

Mrs. Marion S. McDowell, Assistant Professor of Home Economics, State College.

L. H. Dennis, Director of Vocational Education, Harrisburg.

E. B. Dorsett, Master, Penna. State Grange.

W. R. Gordon, Professor of Rural Sociology, State College.

Lucy C. Shumway, Flora, Pennsylvania State Grange, Wyalusing, Pa.

F. P. Weaver, Director of Agricultural Research and Economics, State College.

Mrs. Walter Zimmerman, Lecturer, Luzerne County Pomona Grange, Shicksping.

W. D. Keener, Chaplain, Penna. State Grange, East Waterford.

W. P. Hill, Past Master, Penna. State Grange, Huntingdon.

Miles Horst, Editor, Pennsylvania Farmer, Harrisburg.

Howard G. Eisman, Lecturer, Penn. State Grange, East Springfield.

Loysville Band Praised.

The Williamsport Sun in speaking of a concert given in that city recently by the Loysville band, closed in this way:

"A group of selections written by Victor Herbert was perhaps the most pleasing part of the program. The numbers were assembled into a medley and the band changed easily from one tune to another with the correct and careful shading of tone and difference in tempo. Popular numbers were entertaining.

"The concert was sponsored by the Lutheran churches of Williamsport and vicinity. The attendance indicated that public desire for such entertainment is great and the applause at the close of each piece was proof of its appreciation of the concert."

The Loysville band will be in Centre Hall on Friday, August 15th. The band is made up of 36 members, ranging from 10 to 17 years old. It represents an orphanage with 186 boy guests and 133 girls.

"LIFE'S LIMELIGHTS."

In a feature column under the caption of "Life's Limelights" in the Loysville Saturday News, Brown Focht, associate editor and author of "Life's Limelights," appears the following:

Automobile tourists who believe in and practice the slogan, "See Pennsylvania First," continually argue concerning the most beautiful view in the State. There is no possible way of settling the discussion, for one human mind has a way of not fitting into a groove—of not reacting in the same way as another human mind.

The view from Nittany Mountain near Centre Hall has much to be said in its favor. Many are quite certain that there is no view in Pennsylvania to equal it. One certainly does see a rich valley—the best in Centre county. And then, in the distance are the glorious Seven Mountains.

ADJOURNMENT OF TAX SALES.

The Court of Common Pleas of Centre County having granted a rule on L. L. Smith, County Treasurer, to show cause why he should not be enjoined from proceeding, on Saturday, August 2nd, 1930, in making sale of real estate as advertised on August 4th, 1930, under the provisions of the Act of May 9, 1929, P. L. 1684, and restraint from making sale of the properties therein advertised on the 4th day of August, 1930, until final determination of the issue, and the Treasurer was ordered and directed to adjourn the proposed sale of August 4, 1930, to a day certain, pending a hearing and final determination of this issue and as often as circumstances may require.

Sale is adjourned until Monday, September 22nd, 1930, at 10:00 o'clock A. M.

L. L. SMITH,
County Treasurer.

VETERAN CRIMINAL FLEES FROM PRISON

William Martin, a third timer serving a three to seven years' sentence at Rockview Penitentiary from Cambria county, walked away from the Rockview railroad station on Saturday and became the object of a hunt by guards through the Nittany Mountains and Penns Valley.

Martin was working at the station as a carpenter when he left the penitentiary grounds.

While several guards were watching at the Centre Hall station that evening at about 9:00 o'clock, a citizen informed them that a stranger was sitting at a table nearby puffing a cigarette. The guards accosted him and asked him to display his "number," but at that instant the supposed or real prisoner, as the case may have been, made a dash for liberty. One or two shots were fired after the fleeing man, who cried, "Don't shoot," but kept on running. Diligent search was made over all that region by the guards and a number of others, but with no success.

The next day a report reached this office that a farmer, up the Boalsburg road, saw a man prowling about his premises and was fired on, the farmer believing him to be a chicken thief. It later was discovered the man was a penitentiary guard.

Henry Lingle, of Colver, one of the oldest residents a Potter township, cradled and bound more than an acre of wheat one day last week. He is eighty-five years old, and spent most of his life tilling the soil. The cradling was done according to the rules of seventy years ago—the grain was not "hammered" off and strewn over the ground, but every swing of the old-time cradle made a clean cut, and the grain was laid in straight swathes and was neatly and tightly bound. The only lacking feature common in 1850 was the frequent pulling of a corn cob from a little brown jug at the corner nearest the bars.

Several acres of oats are ripening before Mr. Lingle's eyes, and as soon as it is matured he will cut it the same as he did the wheat.

Redie Programs from W.P.S.C.

Concluding programs which the Summer Session students at the Pennsylvania State College have prepared for W.P.S.C. the college radio station, will be given Tuesday and Wednesday evenings next week starting at 6:30 p. m. Eastern Standard time. W.P.S.C. operates on 1230 kilocycles. As a special program the Loysville Banjo band will go on the air August 13, closing the twilight series of concerts.

The program to be broadcast Tuesday will include Miss Allegro Gluck, mezzo-soprano, Chambersburg; Miss Florence Weyman, contralto, Pittsburg; and Miss Rose Lee Spence, soprano, Brownsville.

For Wednesday night the concert will be given by Miss Maud Ann Forsythe, contralto, Brownsville; Mrs. Wm. Good, soprano, State College; and Miss Verita McGovern, contralto, New Brunswick, N. J.

THEATRE NEWS.

Will Rogers at "The Richelieu."

"We are all brothers under the skin" briefly expresses the theme of Will Rogers' second starring picture for Fox Movietone, "So This is London," which opens at the Richelieu Sunday night with a midnite show and continues Monday and Tuesday.

Based on the George Cohan stage success of a decade ago it shows the Oklahoma wit and philosopher in the role of a Texan-cotton mill owner, a man prejudiced against the English, mostly because they were not Americans.

Eventually business calls him to England, his son falls in love with an English girl and in trying to straighten out the trouble, Rogers arrives at a mutual understanding with his English friends and finds they are fine people after all.

Irene Rich plays the feminine lead with Maureen O'Sullivan, Frank Albertson, Lumsden Hare and Mary Forbes chief in support.

"Journey's End" at "The State."

What many have termed the best of all the war plays, "Journey's End," is the feature attraction at the State all next week.

Neither the rowdy nor the sensational side of war is charted in "Journey's End." Mr. Sheriff has merely set forth the human side, not only as he saw it, but as he himself felt it while at the front. There is the whiskey-guzzling Capt. Stanhope, a great fellow and a brave leader of his men, who privately admits that he would be scared to death of it all if he wasn't steeped in rum every time he faced the enemy. And the kindly, unflinching, pipe-smoking Lieutenant Osborne, a former schoolmaster, who reads "Alice in Wonderland" before going on a raid.

The likes and dislikes, the emotions and the effect of this slimy existence at the front on the nerves of these men make the tremendous story of "Journey's End" truly a picture you cannot afford to miss.

INCENDIARY FIRES ON PERCIVAL THARP FARM

Barn, Implement Shed and Hog Pen Burned to Ground.—Attempt to Destroy Dwelling House Failed.—Has Suspicion On No One, Says Mr. Tharp.

A partially successful effort to burn all the buildings on the Percival Tharp farm, east of Spring Mills, was made Wednesday night of last week. The large barn, implement shed and hog pen are in ashes, and four work horses perished in the flames.

An almost complete bungle was made to burn the dwelling house. Whatever method was employed to fire the oil-saturated loft of the kitchen annex and the attic of the main structure, failed to function until the barn had brought together large numbers of persons from all parts of the valley. The fire excitement was pretty well over when a tongue of fire was seen on the loft of the kitchen, and before it was extinguished it had become a brisk blaze. Some one who had come to the scene brought with him a fire extinguisher which was quickly brought into play, and a proved successful in action.

After the flames on the loft, which had burned through a very dilapidated shingle roof, were subdued, an examination of the premises was made. It was easily seen that an incendiary had been at work. The loft floor, the framework and roof had been liberally soaked with kerosene. The attic of the dwelling house proper had also been sprinkled with oil. There were distinct evidences of this on Friday following when the writer visited the place at which time Mr. and Mrs. Tharp and daughter were on the premises. Mr. Tharp then, as he did before, stated that the house had been prepared for destruction by fire, but that he had no suspicion on anyone.

The very conclusive evidence that the house had been oil-soaked is sufficient to warrant the belief that the buildings were burned over and set afire at one time and in the same manner and at the instance of the same person or persons.

On the kitchen loft on Saturday, was a partially burned carton, about 14x14 inches, a quantity of partially burned oats straw, and an Amco feed one-third burned. There was nothing to indicate what mechanical device or other means were employed to act as a "timer." It is said by some who were on the loft on the night of the fire, that a second barrel sack was tied to a hope and bungled from a rafter. Whatever the method employed, it failed of its intended accomplishment—the house stands today.

Four work horses were the only animals in the barn. They perished from their stalls and as the fourth was being driven out, the three again rushed into the stable. It was then too late to make further effort to save them. The ten cows and three head of young cattle on the place were in a pasture field and, of course, unharmed.

Mr. Tharp had about \$8000 insurance in the Farmers Mutual of Centre County, F. M. Fisher, secretary, and the Sugar Valley Mutual. In the Farmers Mutual there was \$1500 on the house, \$2000 on the barn, \$500 on hay and grain. The Sugar Valley company carried \$1000 on the house, \$1500 on the barn, \$800 on hay, grain and straw. There was also some insurance on the house and implements.

The grain from twenty-five acres of wheat was in the mow, also about 20 tons of hay. Mr. Tharp thought the grain would have averaged 15 bushels to the acre.

The secretary of the Sugar Valley company, after looking over the place, at once cancelled the insurance on the house. Insurance on the grain was made irregular, in that both policies stated that there was no other insurance. The other insurance was regular. The Farmers Mutual had carried insurance on the buildings for forty years.

The buildings on the Tharp farm were erected in 1850 and 1881, by David Neese, father of Mrs. Tharp. They were the first improvements on the place. Mr. Tharp bought the farm about 1918 from Mrs. David Neese. The barn was in good condition and was a structure 99 feet by 45 feet. The house is also in very fair condition, on the interior and exterior.

Mr. Tharp informed the writer that on the day of the fire he had been hauling manure, and with his daughter left the place between the hours of 7:00 and 8:00 o'clock for their home at Penn Hall. From Penn Hall they went to Spring Mills to Long's store and then back home. When he got the first word of fire he was in bed; the message was that it was Yearick's barn a quarter mile distant from the Tharp buildings on fire.

Mr. Tharp stated that a day or two after the fire several detectives had been at the place making inquiry.

This is the second fire loss the Tharps have had. Within a year from the time the Fisher home in Penn Hall was purchased by them, the large barn on it burned. It was covered by insurance. A much less pretentious barn was built to take its place.

Boalsburg Tavern in New Hands.

The Boalsburg tavern is under new management. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kunes, of State College, having last week taken possession of this famous old hostelry. They will serve quick lunches, special dinners and banquets and the delicious home-made pastries they will serve are sure to prove most appetizing.

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS

R. S. Stover, the Millheim jeweler, having the exterior of his home in that town repainted.

Miss Ella Neese has been ill for several weeks at the home of her sister, Mrs. Percival Tharp. She is suffering from pneumonia.

Mrs. Lucy Henney returned home last week from a two weeks' visit to the home of her brother-in-law, T. C. Henney, at Latrobe.

The association of Justices of the Peace in Centre county will hold a meeting in the Phillips Hotel, Phillipsburg, Friday of this week.

There are nine consolidated schools in Centre county and 1,471 pupils attend them. In the State there are 647 such schools and 123,250 pupils in attendance.

Joseph Platt, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Platt, of State College, is a guest of her cousin, Florence Brooks, at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Floyd Brooks.

The Axe Mann Sunday school held their annual picnic on Grange Park on Saturday. The Horner families, from State College, gathered in reunion at the same place and time.

The Logan hunting camp, on Blue Ball Mountain, north of Penns Cave, is being occupied by Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Hagan and Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Daup, Jr., and son, William, all of town.

Joseph Elmon, of Los Angeles, California, was a guest of her sister, Mrs. Wallace Ilgen, recently. She had not been here for seventeen years. From here Mrs. Elmon went to New York City.

Mrs. John Breon, who is dividing her time among her children, was taken to Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, by her daughter, Mrs. Lynn Platt, of State College. She will be with a daughter, Mrs. Koster, while in that Ohio town.

The principal speaker at the Hazell-Schaeffer reunion on Grange Park today (Thursday) will be Dr. Thomas Dornblazer, who has been living in Germany for a few years. Dr. Dornblazer is a native of Nittany Valley.

The condition of Calude Wert, farmer west of Tusseyville, is somewhat improved under the care of surgeons in the Geisinger hospital since the middle of July. Mr. Wert is suffering from sinus trouble and other ailments. He first took sick the last week in June.

What is known to the West Penn Power company as a plane table survey is being made by surveyors of that company. In fact, it is a correction of geographical maps made by the U. S. Government for use in the company's records. The engineers were at work last week in Pleasant Gap.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Bartzes and daughters, of Sewell, New Jersey, attended the funeral of the former's sister, Mrs. Herbert Reed, held from the home of Mrs. Susan Burrell, in Millheim, last week. While in Millheim the family was at the home of Mrs. Bartzes' parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Secrist.

Lloyd Stover, formerly cashier of the Millheim National Bank, but now a bank examiner with headquarters and residence in Philadelphia, returned home Friday evening after a four weeks' outing along the Pennsylvania coast west of Osburn. Mrs. Stover and her daughter, Bertie, of course, were with him.

W. D. Shoop moved the furnishings into the lodge he built in the Seven Mountains the latter part of last week. The location is about a mile and one-half north-east of the old Foust improvement, and a third-mile north of the detour leading to Sigleville. Nearby is a fine spring of water, cold at all times.

The Broad Mountain club house located near the Garrity place in Seven Mountains, owned by McKeesport sportsmen, has been repainted on the exterior and now presents a handsome appearance. It is said a decoration of large experience worked on the inside for a considerable length of time and succeeded in bringing about marvelous results.

A State inspector who visited the Greens Valley nursery, on Nittany Mountain, found white pine blight on a number of the young trees. Further investigation revealed clumps of wild gooseberry bushes also infected. The gooseberry is a favorite bush for white pine blight propagation and its eradication will likely be the first measure taken to protect the pines.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin S. Cowher, of Altoona, on their way to Central Oak Heights, near Milton, stopped in town on Saturday for a brief chat with Misses Fay Bradford and Algie Emery, former chums of Mrs. Cowher. Mrs. Cowher will be remembered by many readers when it is mentioned that she is Beulah, daughter of Rev. J. P. Bingham, now living at Logansville. Mr. Cowher is employed with the Shaffer Stone company in Altoona.

Are you following the antics of Marty, his sweetheart Polly-Anne, and Polly-Anne Hank in the comic strip "Moe-a-Minute Marty," appearing in the Reporter weekly? You might as well become familiar with these characters from the start, for they'll be seen' you every week for the next year and if you're the average person you'll get many a hearty laugh. You'll see that Marty is a good hound and that he buys his used cars at the Decker Chevrolet headquarters, and is never left in the lurch. It's a clever little strip, so don't miss it.