

OPPOSITION TO LEWISBURG SITE FOR U. S. PRISON

Former Congressman Focht Reported Against Construction of Penitentiary Because of Loss of Revenue from Tax Exemption on Valuable Tracts.

Opposition to the construction of the new federal penitentiary at Lewisburg which has developed during the past week may result in the government deciding to erect the structure on another site, according to a story in a Scranton newspaper. Those opposed to having the new prison built in Lewisburg, on the edge of the town, are reported headed by former Congressman Benjamin K. Focht, newspaper publisher.

A practical political objection—taxation—is one of the most forceful points but also a valid objection to living near the detention home of hardened criminals, the destructive effect it may have on Bucknell university and the Evangelical home, orphanage and hospital on the border of the proposed prison tract, also have been cited as reasons why Mr. Focht and others believe that the penitentiary should not be in Union county.

The site contains 1,014 acres of fine farming land and after government acquisition, Mr. Focht points out the farms will be exempt from taxation. Loss of that revenue will nearly bankrupt the township, he declares. Exemption of the farms is especially serious because of the large amount of other property in the county exempted from taxation, the newspaperman states.

Already free of taxation \$1,000,000 worth of property of the university, including several farms; several additional farms and \$500,000 worth of property at the Evangelical home, half a dozen farms and more than \$500,000 in property at the Lauriston State Village, a State institution for feeble-minded women.

In addition, Mr. Focht points out, the county is faced with the necessity of paying property damages and freeing from taxation a strip of land 100 feet wide, from the Snyder county line to Lycoming county as right-of-way for a new highway to the prison.

Illegal Hunters in Sugar Valley Fined. District Game Protector G. H. Gustlin and Deputy Game protector David L. Probst, of Lock Haven, arrested J. E. Mayes and G. W. Rossmann, two Nittany Valley men, who were hunting in Sugar Valley.

When the men saw the officers they made an attempt to escape, running to Mr. Rossmann's car, and driving from the scene. The officers ordered them to halt and then followed and arrested them and took them before Alderman T. Mark Brungard, in Lock Haven.

Mayes was fined \$20 and the costs for hunting without a license, and Rossmann was fined \$25 for reckless driving, and \$10 for failure to stop on order of an officer, and the costs.

NEARBY FOREST FIRES. In Penn District, the section covering the State forest lands in this part of the State, it is estimated by District Forester T. C. Harbison that 500 acres were recently burned over, entailing a loss of about \$50,000. The State owns 225,000 acres in the district named.

On Shade Mountain six fires are attributed to one suspect. They were started almost simultaneously and within a mile of each other. The fires soon were under control.

The chief loss it was indicated, is to the young timber growth that was just coming along nicely into new timber. It is estimated that where the young growth has been killed it will take from ten to twenty years to grow more timber to the same height.

About 600 different men were employed at different times during the past two weeks, Mr. Harbison declared, in adding to control the fire.

Penn State's Football Schedule. Penn State will play a nine-game football schedule this fall, opening with Niagara University, September 27.

Then follow Lebanon Valley, October 4, and Marshall College, October 11, both at home. Lafayette at Easton, October 18, is the first game away; Colgate at State College, October 25; Bucknell at Lewisburg, November 1; Syracuse at State College, November 8; Iowa at Iowa City, November 15; and Pittsburgh at Pittsburgh, November 27, are the remaining games.

FEDERAL ROAD PLAN HAS LARGE STRING Highway Officials Doubt State Can Get \$200,000 of \$5,300,000 Allocated.—Red Tape Ties Aid.

The Federal Road Aid plan for the relief of drought-stricken areas may help some of the Western States, but will be of little benefit to Pennsylvania, according to Samuel Eckels, chief engineer of the State Highway Department.

There are too many strings attached to and too much red tape around the Federal offer of money for road building for that offer to be of any value to Pennsylvania, he said.

Under the Federal plan, \$5,300,000 would be allocated to Pennsylvania for road building to relieve unemployment in drought-stricken areas.

"I doubt whether we can spend \$200,000 of the money," said Eckels after he had received from Washington the terms under which the money will be available.

Before Pennsylvania can obtain any of the fund it must show serious unemployment conditions exist in the territory where a road is to be built or drought conditions have been so critical the welfare of the people is endangered.

COLLINS RAPS SCHNADER AS PINCHOT AIDE

Democratic State Committeeman Head Cites His Work for P. R. T. in Cab Case.—Says Forester is Pleasured at "Tainted and Technical" Nomination for Governor.

Gifford Pinchot holds a "tainted and technical" nomination, Democratic State Chairman John R. Collins charged in a statement in which he also blasted Pinchot's counsel, William A. Schnader, a deputy attorney general.

Collins quoted from the Supreme Court decision on the Luzerne county ballot case to support his contention and declared Pinchot "expresses his pleasure to have a nomination partly bought and partly stolen."

The quotations cited by Collins were taken from the Court's reference to the ballot box in the 2d district, 8th ward, of Wilkes-Barre, concerning which the Court said, "the evidence in this case reveals a most glaring instance of foul fraud and corruption."

Quoting also from the Court decision holding the use of perforated ballots in Luzerne county was illegal, Collins said "the Pinchot nomination" was sustained on a technicality.

"Who should cry stop thief now?" Collins asked.

"Pinchot, a minority nominee, now holds a tainted and technical nomination, obtained through the aid of majorities in the notorious Strip district of Pittsburgh and the manipulation of ballots in crooked election districts such as the 2d district in the 8th ward of Wilkes-Barre.

"A hardened gangster might hide his face in shame, but not Pinchot. He is pleased.

His legal fight to establish his dubious nomination was conducted by one Wm. A. Schnader, a wealthy attorney general on the State payroll, who not so long ago appeared before the Public Service Commission of Pennsylvania and argued successfully in behalf of a corporation client for the continuance of the taxicab monopoly in Philadelphia.

Did Mr. Schnader get a leave of absence from the payroll of Pennsylvania while working either for Pinchot or his corporation clients?

"That, I think, is something every taxpayer in Pennsylvania has a right to know. Let Mr. Pinchot, holder of a technical and tainted nomination, ask his chief counsel to explain this."

Schnader, several months ago, argued the protest of the Yellow Cab Company, a subsidiary of the Philadelphia Rapid Transit Company, when the application of the Universal Cab Company, which promised cheaper rates, was before the Public Service Commission. The Universal application was refused.

TRAFFIC LIGHTS TO BE REMOVED, IS REPORT The drive on traffic lights being made by the Pennsylvania State Highway Department will hit the lights in Centre Hall and Millheim, according to statements being made by local employees on the highway.

The light erected on the diamond here was placed there after Route No. 53 had been declared a through highway, but before the signs along it had been erected. The through highways were established with the idea of eliminating a large number of traffic lights and at the same time lessen the element of danger at all intersections.

There are but two lights on the south side of Centre county—one at Centre Hall and the other at Millheim. Neither State College or Bellefonte are protected with them.

The lights cost something like \$500 to install them. The upkeep cost is also considerable.

Acres Produces 457.5 Bu. Potatoes. Dry and hot weather did not keep John Richter, of Duncannon, from again making the Keystone 400 Bushel Potato Club. An acre of Irish Cobbler potatoes grown on his farm produced 457.5 bushels. Richter planted certified Maine seed in March. When graded, the potatoes separated into 423 bushels of first and 34 bushels of seconds.

New High School Building for Phillipsburg. The new Phillipsburg High school building was dedicated last week. Its cost was \$115,500. The structure is 200x100 feet, constructed of buff brick with Indiana limestone trim.

The basement layout consists of boiler room and coal storage. The entrance to the shop is on a ramp principal so that an automobile can be brought directly into the shop. Part of the basement, not occupied by the gymnasium and auditorium floors, is excavated so that a swimming pool, or more classrooms, can be installed if so desired. Locker rooms and showers are provided for boys and girls.

The auditorium on the first floor seats 622, including the balcony; it has a sloping floor and a stage which opens into the gymnasium. This spacious room has a seating capacity of 700. A corridor extends the entire length of the first and second floors.

On the first floor along this corridor there are four classrooms, supervising principal's office, entrance to building, board of education room and lavatories. The home economics room and the kitchen on the corridor are behind the gymnasium. The kitchen opens into the gym, making it possible to conduct a cafeteria. The walls are of yellow sand finish in the classrooms, tile in lavatories and painted in the auditorium, gymnasium and kitchen.

The second floor consists of the balcony and projection room, women teachers' room and men teachers' room, science room, laboratory and storage room, library with work room, lavatories, typewriting room and book-keeping room.

THURSDAY'S LAYOUT AT THE GRANGE ENCAMPMENT & FAIR

- 10:00 A. M.—Concert, Bellefonte Band.
- 10:30 A. M.—Ball Game—Boalsburg High vs. Rebersburg Juniors.
- 1:30 P. M.—Concert, Bellefonte Band.
- 2:00 P. M.—Addresses—Hon. E. B. Dorsett, Master Pennsylvania State Grange; Hon. James J. Davis, Sec. of Labor; Hon. Philip H. Dewey, Past Master Pa. State Grange.
- 3:00 P. M.—Ball Game, winners Tuesday's game vs. winners Wednesday's game.
- 6:30 P. M.—Concert, Bellefonte Band.
- 8:00 P. M.—Auditorium, Spring Mills Players.

As this issue of the Reporter goes to press (Wednesday morning) the fifty-seventh annual Grange Encampment and Fair is in full swing. During Monday and Tuesday most of the exhibits were put in place and today are being inspected by the campers and others on the grounds for the day.

Although this section experienced a drought the effects from which are more severe than in many years, the exhibits in the line of agriculture and horticulture show slight traces. The farm gardens like heretofore furnish many prize winning plates.

Tents Re-arranged. While conforming in a general way to the tent arrangement of a year ago, there are a number of changes. Families in some instances found themselves in new communities and among new neighbors. Tents have been extended westward, covering a section of the original twenty-five or more acres of the camp ground thought thirty years ago as surplus ground. To-day the organization has almost three times as much ground as when it first located on the present site.

On Sunday the Lemon band gave several sacred concerts. The program was attentively listened to by a large number of persons who "parked" on the benches in the open.

Monday the Spring Mills band was on the park for the day and likewise the Pine Grove Mills band on Tuesday. Wednesday the Aaronburg band was the musical attraction and Thursday the Bellefonte band is scheduled.

Machinery Exhibits. As one would naturally expect, the largest display of machinery is in the line of that used on the farm. The most modern machinery and implements manufactured are on display and in a number of instances are put in operation for short periods each day.

Electric motors, gas engines and oil burning engines are interesting power producers to many farmers, the selection depending on local conditions. The tractor, for power for drawing farm implements when performing field work and again used as a stationary power, is continuing an interesting piece of farm equipment and the addition of one or exchange for a new one is in the minds of many progressive agriculturists.

The Education Building. The Education building is filled with exhibits from seven one-room, four Grade and one High and two Vocational schools. The exhibits from each school is extensive and presents the work done by individual students.

Various State departments also have exhibits in this building, and a section is devoted to exhibits of a varied character displayed by Progress, Washington, Victor, Logan, Spring Mills and Union Granges.

Exhibit of Horses. The faithful horse is not receiving as much attention today as in years past, but the animals now on exhibition are of a higher grade.

The Auto Show. The largest space given to any one exhibit is allotted the automobile, under the direction of R. S. Hagan, representing the Automobile Dealers' Association of Centre county. Sixteen makes of cars are shown by a display of forty types.

Cattle, Poultry, Rabbits. Dairy cattle are in the lead of display of cattle. A large building is being (Continued on next column)

GREGG TOWNSHIP SCHOOLS WILL OPEN TUESDAY

The schools in Gregg township will open for the 1930-31 term on Tuesday, September 2nd, at 9 A. M.

Several new teachers have been employed to fill positions in the Vocational school caused by the resignations of Mary M. Lobb, Mildred E. Heller and John L. Phillips of last year's staff. Miss Genevieve A. Wieland, who served last year as assistant supervisor of Home Economics, will this year be in charge of that work, taking the supervision held by Miss Lobb last year. She will be assisted in the Home Economics work by Miss Miriam B. Tachudy who graduated in Home Economics last June at Drexel Institute, Philadelphia. Mrs. Homer Fetterolf will teach English and French in the local school. Mrs. Fetterolf has had a number of years' teaching experience in the schools of Berwick before coming to Spring Mills.

Lawrence C. Foy, whose home is in Fredonia, will fill the position vacated by Mr. Phillips, namely Assistant Supervisor of Agriculture. Mr. Foy is not a stranger in Spring Mills inasmuch as he spent six weeks there during the past year as a practice teacher from the Rural Education Department of State College. The remaining teachers in the Vocational School are John W. Decker, Supervisor of Agriculture, and Curtis M. Watts, Director and Supervising Principal of the Gregg Township schools.

The Grade and Rural School teachers are as follows: Grammar: J. Russell Condo; Intermediate: Sara A. Vonada; Primary: Orle B. Wagner; Decker: Beadie Zerby; Beaver Dam: Carrie Heckman; Penn Hall: A. L. Duck; Cross Roads: Adaline Bradford; Hoy: Rena Wise; Logan: Sara Foreman.

FARM HOUSE BURNED IN BRUSH VALLEY

The farm house on one of two adjoining farms owned by Rufus Haugh was totally destroyed by fire between three and four o'clock, last Thursday morning. The house was located in Brush Valley, south of Yearick's school house and was occupied by the owner's son, Clarence Haugh, tenant on the farm. No reason can be assigned for the origin of the fire. The discovery was first made by the elder Mr. Haugh, who was awakened by the bright light visible from his bed room, an eighth mile distant.

The fire seems to have started in the wood shed in which there were fifteen wagon loads of split wood, but soon communicated to the summer house and the main dwelling, all of which buildings were connected. The fire spread so rapidly that but little of the furniture was removed from the dwelling. Water was not too plentiful, but with a bucket organization the flames were kept from spreading to other buildings near by. The Mill-heim chemical pump was on hand later and rendered valuable assistance.

The dwelling house was erected 26 years ago by William Rishel, then the owner of the farm. The mechanics were Reuben G. Rishel and Ira Hazel.

Some insurance was held on both the house and contents. Mr. Haugh has already made moves toward rebuilding. In the meantime the tenant and family will live with Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Haugh.

New Helicopterplane

A new Helicopterplane passed over the valley from east to west recently and caused considerable comment.

The new type of aircraft is being manufactured at Pittsfield. It is propelled by front motors and is also equipped with a modern device which permits the plane to take off without taxing. That is, it takes off and lands in an almost vertical line.

We had the first shower of rain in six weeks on Tuesday afternoon. There was a bit of hail with the rain but no damage was done by it. The rain was sufficient to lay the blanket of dust on Grange Park and put it in fine condition for the two big days to follow—Wednesday and Thursday. The rain fall was quite local. Both east and west of here the precipitation was of no consequence.

The borough schools will open on Tuesday.

(Continued from previous column) voted to the poultry exhibit, and a tent houses a fine and extensive display of rabbits. This display is exclusively that of the Central Penna. Rabbit and Cavy Breeders' Association. The specimens number several hundred.

Baseball Games on the Park This Week For the first time in a long stretch of years, the Centre Hall baseball club is not participating in the ball games during the big days of the fair week. Last Saturday they were eliminated from all further games of the week by falling before Howard by the score of 8 to 6. When the ninth inning opened, Centre Hall was leading 6 to 4, but Ralph Martz, the local pitcher, who showed signs of weakening an inning or two earlier, in the last frame was both wild and woefully ineffective and before the crowd realized it the game was lost by the local club. The result of the contest was that Howard, instead of Centre Hall, again will play on Wednesday, against the winners of Monday's game, which was Pine Grove Mills.

The score on Monday: Pine Grove Mills, 4; Pleasant Gap, 3.

The score on Tuesday: Rebersburg, 6; Boalsburg, 0.

Thursday's game will be between Rebersburg and the winner of Wednesday's game, with Rebersburg picked as the winner.

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS

Mrs. Elizabeth Small, of Altoona, is a guest this week at the C. E. Bradford home in town.

A son was born on Saturday to Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Ishler, on the homestead farm near Boalsburg.

Maurice Baum, of State College was recently operated on for appendicitis at the St. Joseph's hospital, Philadelphia.

L. H. Pfeigor, of Millifinburg, is assisting in taking care of the extra work at the P. R. R. station here incident to the Grange Encampment.

John Moser, Sr., Mr. and Mrs. Paul Moser, and Mrs. Dick Arnold, all of Wilkes-Barre, are guests at the home of Mrs. Lizze Jacobs, sister of the former.

The Homan Motor company here recently received two shipments of Chevrolet cars composed of two dual wheel two-ton trucks, four coaches, a sedan and sport model roadster.

Morgan Otto, son of Mrs. John Mohr Otto, of Aaronburg, entered the Stultz Field school for prospective airplane pilots near Altoona. He is a graduate of Bellefonte Academy. J. Russell Hosterman, of Millheim, is chief pilot at the field named.

Judge A. R. Chase temporarily enjoined the treasurer in Clearfield county from selling properties returned for taxes. At a hearing recently the judge reserved action on the injunction. When final action will be taken was not disclosed by the court.

Allison Charles and Harold Leathers, two Bellefonte young men who were arrested on the charge of the theft of tires and gas from Bellefonte garages, confessed their guilt and, at a hearing before Justice Kechline were each held in \$1000 bond for trial at court.

Sunday afternoon automobiles passed through town at a rate of over six hundred per hour by actual count. There was not an accident, great or small. A patrolman was located inside the main entrance of the park and another at the intersection of the street leading to it.

Mauley Allis, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Allis, of town, mention of whose visit here was made last week, is a draftsman with the H. H. Franklin Automobile Manufacturing Company, in Syracuse, N. Y., where he lives. He was taking his usual two weeks' vacation with pay.

Corn in Brush valley, beginning seven miles east of here, is in very much better condition than about here. Rains of some consequence during the past six weeks fell in that section, while here we had no rain worth mentioning. Some fields in that region have a really promising appearance, while many have spots that will yield very fair.

Jean Gramley, Sunset Road, Lewis-town, was the happy hostess to twenty of her little friends on her sixth birthday. A treasure hunt with a gift for each child was greatly enjoyed, followed by a dainty luncheon. Jean left for Wilkes-Barre after the party to stay until September 1, when her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Gramley, will motor there and bring her home.

Although lawns throughout Pennsylvania are apparently burned out by the long drought, Walter Trainer, superintendent of landscape construction and maintenance at the Pennsylvania State College, holds out the hope that the majority of them will recover. Properly seeded lawns that were started this spring should also show a good growth next year, he said.

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Vogt and Mr. and Mrs. G. J. Vogt recently entertained Gust Brum, of Pittsburgh, an uncle of the gentlemen, Mrs. George Crockett, of Broadway, mother of the latter Mrs. Vogt, and daughters, Miss Zora Crockett, and Jack Kern, of Wilkes-Barre, arrived Saturday. The young people stayed but for the weekend, while Mrs. Crockett is remaining for a longer period.

D. Sparr Wert and family of Aaronburg, accompanied by Mrs. Wert's sister, Miss Orpha Fleisher, of Pottery Mills, and Harold Ard, of Woodward, returned from a ten-day motor trip through the eastern part of Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware, Virginia, and Maryland. The principal points visited were Philadelphia, Atlantic City, Baltimore, Washington, D. C., Mount Vernon, the famous Barbara Fritch place at Frederick, Md., and the battlefield at Gettysburg.

Beginning with Monday a State health law forbids the sale of milk not sterilized, the equipment to accomplish which involves considerable expense—in fact, a sum beyond that warranted by distributors or producers in smaller communities. The exception is made where milk is produced by a one-cow dairy. The presumption is that where the one cow is kept, the surplus milk not used by the family may be sold, provided a permit to do so is obtained from the State Board of Health.

Pennsylvania potato growers were joined by R. P. Campbell of Penns Cave on their trip of inspection through Maine, Canada and New York. The party of about 150 traveled in a special train. From Aroostook county Maine, where there are great potato fields, they went to Prince Edward Island where 25,000 acres of potatoes are grown annually for certified seed. After this they went into Quebec. The return home was through New York State by way of Watkins Glen and Niagara Falls. The party traveled about 2500 miles.



GRANGERS' PICNIC.

Would you enjoy a little lark? Just come out and tent at Grangers' Park. With nothing to do, but walk around And enjoy the sights, shown on the ground.

With rows and rows of spotless tents, That are filled with folks on pleasure bent, Who greet friends here, on this same site As they laugh and chatter far into the night.

The children romp merrily all day long, While their hearts are filled with laughter and song; But the end of the weeks, nickels and dimes will have flown, For pennies these days are too low toned.

Vacation days, when pleasures they seek, Will soon be o'er—just one week more; When to knowledge and books their thoughts will turn, As they try so hard their lessons to learn.

That exhibition building—one look through the door, You see vegetables, fruit, flowers and ferns galore; With the art, patchwork quilts—all hand made, Did you ever see so much beauty displayed?

Then the finest of live stock, only a Granger will know Of the pleasures and pride, when blue ribbons he'll show. And the poultry you'll peek at, not one but twice, As well as machines with labor saving device.

So next year, father, mother and all, Just wend your way to Centre Hall, And spend a week—you'll never regret it. At the Old Camp Ground—Grangers' Picnic.

—Vernie Breen Hackenberg, Rebersburg, Pa.