

"No Annual Teachers' Institute," Says County Supt. F. G. Rogers

Section 2105 of the School Code gives the County Superintendent of the school districts of the fourth class the right to substitute other equivalent forms of teacher training or teacher improvement for the teachers of such districts as may be approved by the Department of Public Instruction, in lieu of the Teachers' Institute hereby provided for.

Owing to the present economic condition of the various school districts of Centre county and the desire to maintain the present school standards, I wish to announce that there will be no annual County Teachers' Institute this year. A series of district institutes will be established in various parts of the county, where the teachers may be assembled for four or five meetings during the year.

It is expected that the school boards of the various districts will assist in these programs. Approximately twenty clock hours will be provided for this

substitute-institute.

According to the Department of Public Instruction, school directors will not pay teachers the usual fee of \$20.00. This will amount to \$7420 for the school districts of Centre county, \$200.00 paid by the county commissioners will not be paid this year.

Teachers have been contributing \$3 toward the Pennsylvania State Educational Association for the past few years. I wish each teacher would continue these payments and my office will be glad to receive this money and forward it to the secretaries of the educational organizations.

This is an emergency measure and has the approval of the Department of Public Instruction. I trust everyone interested in school affairs of Centre county will lend all the assistance that they can to make these substitute-institute programs as interesting and profitable as possible.

F. G. ROGERS.

FOUR AT P. S. C. HIT BY GREATER COUNCIL ECONOMY

Of the twenty-nine dismissals from the payroll of the Greater Pennsylvania Council, four are connected with Pennsylvania State College, and include: J. C. Bryant, soil survey enumerator, \$1200; Raymond E. Murphy, economic survey, \$3600; Margaret Allen, stenographer, \$1020; Paul I. Wrigley, supervisor of research studies, \$2640.

Frank E. Arney was given the position of janitor of the public schools in Centre Hall borough, at a meeting of the school board, held last week. A number of bids were submitted.

Vienna U. Honors Dr. Mackenzie

The gold honor medal of the University of Vienna has been awarded to Dr. George Mackenzie, of Philadelphia, for his outstanding work in treatment of diseases of the ear.

Dr. Mackenzie is a graduate of Hahemann Medical College, and is on the staff of St. Luke's and Children's Homeopathic Hospital, Philadelphia. He makes an annual trip to Vienna in company with physicians seeking post-graduate work at the university. Among these, several years ago, was Dr. J. V. Foster. The eminent surgeon, during the past few years, on several occasions was a guest of Dr. Foster at State College, and F. V. Goodhart, in Centre Hall.

Encampment & Fair Offers Operetta, Pageant, Plays as Evening Features

Centre County Grange Fair is known as a day and night fair inasmuch as all activities, exhibits and entertainment features are in full swing the entire evening. And the management has been consistent in its aim and purpose to furnish the best and highest type of entertainment insofar as in its power. It was the first fair in the State to support the organization of rural groups in dramatic study and make use of such groups in the presentation of plays for evening entertainment. Within the limits of the subordinate granges a play contest was developed and has been highly successful. Training in the selection of the right kind of play and also in presenting a first class dramatic performance has been available to these groups and has resulted in bringing before the people the evidence of real talent and splendid entertainment features.

Three granges are making preparation this year to take part in the contest and will present plays of proven merit on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings. These granges are Logan, Victor and Union, and the public is assured that no effort will be spared to present finished productions in every detail, including type of play, training, costumes and scenery. These groups should be supported heartily and the auditorium filled each night. It will be supporting a worthy project bringing pleasure in return.

Saturday, the opening night, has been reserved for a delightful feature, an operetta, "The Lucky Jade," presented by a group from Central Pennsylvania. The talented members of this group have had superior training and some six months ago put on the operetta when it was said to be the equal of many good professional productions. And we consider the fair fortunate in gaining the consent of the group to add to the evening entertainments. It will be a fine first night performance.

Pageant Tuesday Evening.

Since it is highly fitting that the Grange Fair organization at this annual meeting should in some manner celebrate George Washington's Bicentennial and the Extension Department offered its services to assist in making plans for the celebration, Tuesday evening was selected and a great pageant will be presented in honor of this historical event. About two hundred young people, members of the 4-H clubs of Centre county, will take part in this performance. It will be given outdoors with flood lights and amplifiers to aid in presentation. Costumes and scenery will be historically correct insofar as possible and everything will be done to make of it an outstanding event in the history of the fair.

This pageant was presented last winter in Harrisburg at the Farm Show. Those who were fortunate enough to see it there may advertise its splendid worth and beauty to the people of Centre county. It will be shown on Grange Park free to the public.

The fair management is proud of the variety and value of these entertainments which have been made available to the fair visitors this year and consider it an advancement in this department.

Our speakers on Wednesday and Thursday will be men of note in State and nation. Hon. J. Banks Kirtz, member of Congress from this district, Hon. Phillip H. Dewey, Secretary of Internal Affairs and Past Master of Pennsylvania State Grange, will be among the number and it is certain will dis-

cuss topics of general public interest and importance.

The necessity of music to the fair is recognized and arrangements made for daily concerts at stated hours. Bands, whose training has prepared its members to furnish pleasure, have been engaged and will be present each day.

Baseball games, which seem to never fail in drawing crowds and arousing general interest and excitement, have been arranged for each day. The teams are strong and have a record for good playing and fair dealing which insures enjoyable games. To those who desire them, bleacher seats will be available.

A full week's program of value, interest and enjoyment.

LIVE STOCK JUDGING AT FAIR.

The livestock judging contest for the boys and girls of Centre county, held in conjunction with the Grange Fair, will be held this year on Tuesday, August 30, at 11:00 a. m.

Each entrant in this event is required to judge one class each of dairy cattle, poultry and swine. The winner is determined by selecting the individual with the highest total score for the three classes.

The boys' and girls' judging contest is one of the outstanding events of the fair for the young people. The fair committee has offered very fine prizes which make the contest even more attractive. First place carries a \$10.00 prize, second place \$8.00, third place \$5.00, fourth place \$3.00 and fifth place \$2.00.

The contest is made possible thru the combined efforts of the county agent and the teachers of vocational agriculture in Centre county.

Pageant, "Keeping Faith With Washington"

Centre County 4-H Club members will present a pageant "Keeping Faith With Washington" on Tuesday evening, August 30th at 8 o'clock, at the Grange Encampment and Fair.

This pageant is presented to celebrate the Washington Bicentennial. The pageant is presented under the direction of the Centre County Agricultural Extension Association. Over 200 boys and girls, members of 4-H clubs in Centre county, will participate. These club members are located in practically all communities of Centre county. In addition to club members a number of other people in the county are assisting in the presentation.

"Keeping Faith With Washington" starts with the return of George Washington to Mount Vernon following the Revolutionary War. It depicts the development of education pertaining to agriculture up to the present time.

The pageant will be presented in a huge open-air stage in the rear of the encampment grounds. The stage will be 150 feet wide and 300 feet long, lighted by flood lights and spot lights. Amplifiers will be installed in order that the large crowd will be able to hear the speaking distinctly.

The pageant was written by W. R. Gordon of State College, who is in charge of Rural Sociology Extension work throughout the State. It has been presented in a number of other counties in the State by club members to a crowd of from 2,000 to 10,000 people.

It will be presented free of charge to the visitors of the Fair and the public is cordially invited to attend.

EXPERIENCED PLUMBER LOCATES IN CENTRE HALL

Fred Homan, of Williamsport, has purchased from the J. S. Rowe estate the stock of the late J. S. Rowe and will devote his entire time to the plumbing business, thereby filling a great need in the community. Mr. Homan is a young man, nevertheless has had ten years' practical experience and is competent to do anything in his line of work.

This week he will move his family from Williamsport and occupy the apartment in the B. G. Grove home. He will continue to use the shop on Church street as his place of business.

Mr. Homan's advertisement appears in this issue. The Reporter is pleased to recommend Mr. Homan to anyone needing the services of a first-class plumber.

BELL TAX SALES BILL SIGNED BY PINCHOT

Governor Pinchot on Monday approved the Bell (Senate) bill permitting county authorities, with Court approval, to postpone sales of land for delinquent taxes for two and one-half years. The previous law provided postponement for one year.

FROM ALASKA.

Mr. and Mrs. Blaine Bitner, of Spring Mills, who this week are completing a 9,000-mile pleasure trip by rail and steamer to Alaska, write the Reporter under date of August 7, as follows:

"Skagway, Alaska.

"We have reached the end of our trip. This is a snow-capped mountain. Have had a wonderful trip. We went through two salmon canneries on Friday; visited a gold mine yesterday. Weather fine, about like October weather at home. Tomorrow we reach Sitka, then start for Vancouver, B. C."

Drivers Granted Licenses.

The following passed the learners' test to operate a motor vehicle Wednesday of last week, in Bellefonte: Mrs. Alberta Cressman, State College; Anna R. Flood, State College; Esther Miller, State College; Emery McCloskey, Carence; Paul Benner, Lemont; Isabelle Swabb, Spring Mills; Charlotte Spenser, State College.

DEPRESSION HITS POLITICAL ADV. SOUP KITCHEN

Dauphin County Court last week upheld the Department of Justice ruling that once is enough to publish amendments to the Constitution.

It dismisses a mandamus action brought to test whether such publication, three months before election was sufficient, or whether the law requires publication in two papers of each county once a week for thirteen weeks prior to election.

The Court set aside the contention of Douglas D. Storey, of Harrisburg, attorney for the publishers, that one-time publication would deny voters adequate opportunity to study important amendments and enabled organized minorities to force changes in the fundamental law.

Attorney General Wm. A. Schnader presented the Commonwealth's contention that the Constitution required only one publication three months before election.

Most papers throughout the State have already printed the amendments. Publishers' spokesmen said it was unlikely they would be published again unless a reversal of the decision by a higher court also carried an order to start running the notices from the date of the decision.

The decision will be appealed to the Supreme Court, which is scheduled to sit in Pittsburgh September 26.

WILL ROGERS ON "THE COUNTRY WEEKLY"

Will Rogers, referring to the National Editorial Association composed of editors in small towns and weekly publications holding sessions in Beverly Hills, California, closed his talk with this statement:

"These editors are not conceited enough to think they hold public opinion. They just go along and service their community with the most indispensable article that it has. And yet their real power is greater than all your metropolitan dailies combined. Any person that don't read at least one well-written country newspaper is not truly informed."

Governor Pinchot vetoed the bill passed by the Legislature discontinuing, for the present, county teachers' institutes. However, county superintendent F. Glenn Rogers is making every effort to secure releases from his contracts with institute instructors and if successful, will cancel the institute for this year. The institute date, as set, is the week of October 18th. (Supt. Roger's official statement on suspending the institute appears on page one of this issue.)

The State corn borer quarantine has been revoked, effective since July 30th, following similar action on the part of the Federal Government. The Japanese beetle quarantine should be next. What is the use of paying a horde of men to stand along the main highways to look you in the face and motion to proceed with your vehicle. These quarantines are ineffective due to the way they are conducted.

HOMAN BARN BURNED—BALL OF FIRE FROM BLOWER INSTANTLY IGNITES STRUCTURE

Waldo Homan, the Owner, Reaches Safety from Straw-mow With Difficulty—Children Penned in Granary Frightened—Thrashing Machine Burned—Engine Saved by Workmen.

The large barn at Oak Hill Station owned by Waldo Homan, was entirely consumed by fire at about 2:45 o'clock Monday afternoon while a thrashing machine was in operation in it. The residence and all sheds, etc., were saved from destruction by the quick response of the State College fire company, which brought the pumper into action, Cedar creek nearby, furnishing an abundance of water.

The fire was first seen by Mr. Homan, who while working in the straw-mow near the stacker, saw a ball of fire coming from the mouth of it. In an instant the flames spread to all parts of the mow, making the reaching of a place of safety by him somewhat difficult. An effort was made by Geo. Searson and the men with the machine to remove the thrasher from the barn, but the rapid spread of the fire soon prevented this. Attention was now given to removing the steam engine to safe quarters by Mr. Searson. Discouraged by the prospect of doing so, he left the thrasher. Arber Cummings, who was helping Mr. Homan, mounted the engine. His daring efforts were successful.

Two boys, Paul Homan and Thomas Weber, eight years old, were playing in the granary in some manner the door closed. They were given a terrific fright before being relieved.

The only stock in the barn at the time was a mare and colt, and a calf. The calf was burned to death.

The barn proper was a structure 35 by 78 feet with a straw shed 40x40 feet. The barn was built in 1884 by the present owner's grandfather, John Homan. Since turning to dairying, Mr. Homan had the interior of the barn concreted throughout; running water was also available in all parts of it.

While Mr. Homan carried insurance in the Grange and Centre Hall companies, the loss is much in excess of the sums covered by the policies. Nearly all of the farming implements were in the barn. These included a hay blower, hammer chop mill, sulky plow, manure spreader, potato digger, potato planter, cultivators, wagons, etc. In the crop line it is estimated there were fifty tons of hay. One hundred eighty bushels of wheat had been threshed. This was about one-third of the crop from 25 acres. A barley crop of 211 bushels had also been threshed. There were 25 acres of oats, estimated to yield 30 to 40 bushels per acre.

Mr. Homan began farming on the place 21 years ago, and later purchased the farm from his father, B. F. Homan. It is his present intention to continue farming operations, necessitating rebuilding. His stock consists of 34 Guernsey cows and 3 head of young cattle, 5 horses and a colt, also some hogs. There was not a poult of feed left on the place, except that now growing.

WELLS-EUNGARD.

John Henry Wells, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Wells, of Centre Hall, R. D. No. 4, and Miss Maude Eungard, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Eungard, of Farmers Mills, were united in the holy bonds of matrimony on Sunday evening at the Lutheran parsonage by Rev. F. S. Greenhoe.

COLYER B. B. CLUB TO HOLD SECOND FESTIVAL

Enthusiasm over the success of their first festival, a few weeks ago, the Colyer baseball club will hold another festival Saturday evening of this week (August 20) on the John Jordan farm, where their baseball field is located. The Siglerville band of 25 to 30 pieces has been engaged for the evening. The boys will appreciate your patronage.

Irey Musical at Penn Hall

The Irey Trio, composed of Mrs. Phillip Irey, Miss Janet Irey and Sumner Irey, playing the piano, cello and saw, will give an evening of music in Salem Reformed church, Gregg township, on the evening of Friday, August 19, 7:30 o'clock. The general public is cordially invited to enjoy this musical treat. A silver offering will be lifted.

Grand Templar Visits Local Lodge.

Mrs. Sadie Asson, of Homestead, Grand Templar of Pennsylvania, made her official visit to Central Queen Temple, No. 174, Thursday evening, calling in Temple No. 169, Spring Mills, also No. 144, Bellefonte, making a large delegation present. There were also four visitors from Phillipsburg. After a very interesting meeting there was a social hour at which time Bellefonte ladies furnished entertainment.

The number of members from the various lodges present were: Centre Hall, 24; Spring Mills, 25; Bellefonte, 30; Phillipsburg, 4; Reading, 1.

STATE COLLEGE ADMITS NEW CLASS APPLICANTS

Applications of nearly 1200 boys and girls, graduates of the four year high schools of the State, have been accepted for admission to the Pennsylvania State College this fall, Registrar Wm. J. Hoffman said recently. More than 400 of these admissions were offered as the result of the college aptitude test which Penn State gave in every section of Pennsylvania recently the Registrar said, while the other admissions were made on certificates. With additional applications to enter Penn State being received daily, the freshman enrollment is rapidly approaching the limit of 1250, the Registrar said. The freshman class has been limited for some years to such a number a the college can care for and to which adequate instruction can be given.

BRUSH FIRE RESULTS IN BURNING OF TWO BARNES

Two barns, with all their contents, were consumed Tuesday afternoon, located a short distance south of Bellefonte on a back road leading from that place to the Axemann-State College road. The fire was due to a brush fire on the Clyde Wetzel farm which got out of control, and communicated to the Wetzel barn and from there to a small barn on one of the Witmer properties tenanted by Mr. Williams. The only stock burned was a calf.

A son was born at 12:30 a. m. Wednesday to Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Godshall, at the home of Mrs. Margaret Godshall, in town. The lad, on arrival, weighed nine pounds.

Register Wetzel reports there are no marriage licenses for publication this week.

Gene Tunney will speak in behalf of Franklin D. Roosevelt at the Kutztown fair today (Thursday.)

GARRISON MURDER CASE, UP FOR TRIAL, SEPT. 12

From present indications the trial of Howard Hutton, now in the Lyscoming county jail, charged with homicide, will take place at the September court, opening on the 12th of that month, in Williamsport. The victim was Wm. L. Garrison, a 22-year-old taxi driver, and July 3rd was the date of the supposed murder.

A local ting has been given the case since the fact has been made known that Miss Cowher lived with her parents at Boalsburg and later at Bellefonte, from which place the family moved to South Williamsport.

A few days ago three State policemen were assigned to serve as a guard over Miss Carol Cowher, now a patient at the Williamsport hospital as the result of swallowing a quantity of poison. Forty-eight hours after her act, she was reported Saturday night as resting comfortably and well on the road to recovery.

Miss Cowher's attempt at suicide followed by a few hours the apprehension of two men suspected of attempting to dissuade the young woman from testifying further in the George Wenner and Victor Perotto cases.

Wenner and Perotto, the former having been mentioned as a friend of Hutton in the early investigation of the murder case, are now in the county jail in default of \$10,000 bail on charges of assault and battery with intent to kill. The prosecutor is Miss Cowher, who alleges that they were the assailants who knocked her down and gagged her at a house near Cogan Station several weeks ago. She was taken to the hospital after the alleged assault and later was treated by a physician.

At a hearing Tuesday of last week in the actions against Wenner and Perotto, Miss Cowher testified that Wenner told her he was at the scene of the murder of Garrison when it was committed.

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TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS

Beautiful new Fall Hats in at The Hat Shop, Millheim.—Mrs. Lenore V. Burd. adv

Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Fisher and Rev. and Mrs. R. E. Corman are occupying Sunset Club house at this time. Last week they entertained a large number of their friends there.

A petition in voluntary bankruptcy was filed in federal court, at Scranton, by Walter H. Hosteman, automobile dealer at State College. Assets are given as \$12,900 and liabilities as \$21,462.

Work out your taxes or go to jail, is the alternative given twenty-five able-bodied men in Lock Haven who have asked exonerations of the council of that city. The men are offered work on city projects.

The action seeking a receivership for the Penn Central Light and Power company collapsed of its own weight. A U. S. District Court judge in Pittsburgh, dismissed the plea without leaving the bench.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Fisher, of Danville, came up to Centre Hall on Thursday in their Packard sedan, driven by a chauffeur. While here they visited with Mr. Fisher's aunt, Mrs. Lizzie Jacobs.

The Glad Girls Missionary Society will hold a social in the Presbyterian church this (Thursday) evening, 7:30 o'clock. There will be a forty-five minute play, after which refreshments will be served. A welcome is extended to the public.

Floyd Horner added two more copperhead snakes to his motley collection of reptiles pickled in alcohol on top of Nittany Mountain. The collection is receiving quite a lot of attention, and may at some time become quite valuable.

Burgess Eugene H. Lederer, of State College, was summarily released from his job as appraiser of estates for State inheritance taxes, and George G. Fink, of Phillipsburg, appointed as his successor. The job pays a salary of \$1200 a year and expenses. The change was due to politics.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Cummings and five daughter arrived in this vicinity recently to spend a vacation of ten days among home folks. At Millheim they were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. O. Stover, parents of Mrs. Cummings. Earl is assistant postmaster at Alliquippa.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Emery and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Perotto, on Saturday night went by auto to Washington, D. C., and on Sunday witnessed the Yankee-Senators ball game, returning home in time to permit the rural mail carrier and post office clerk to be at their respective posts on Monday morning.

Mrs. C. S. Brungart, accompanied by her daughters, Misses Emeline, Thelma and Loraine, and son, Dean, on Sunday drove to Mexico, where for the day they were guests of Mrs. H. L. Ehrig and daughter, Miss Bettie, at their camp. The Ehrights returned home beginning of the week after having camped for about two weeks.

Marshall Smith, 15 years old, son of Robert Smith, of State College, was instantly killed when a motorcycle driven by Robert Baker, 19, on which he was a passenger, skidded in front of a car operated by Virginia Applegate, of Altoona. The accident happened Wednesday afternoon of last week, near State College.

Merchants complaining of unfair competition of non-local firms paying no license fees to operate in their districts, have been advised of the fact that the laws permit a firm to sell a product it manufactures anywhere without a license, and a firm in retail business can sell anywhere in the State when a mercantile license tax is paid.

Mr. and Mrs. C. N. Kryder motored to Harrisburg on Friday, where the former attended an agents' meeting of the Farm Bureau Mutual Auto Insurance Company, while Mrs. Kryder visited at the home of her cousin, W. W. Ripka. They returned by way of Williamsport where they spent a day with friends, and arrived home Sunday evening.

The third annual reunion of the Jamison clan was held at Grange Park, last Saturday, with one hundred and fifty friends and members of the clan present. Officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows: President, G. A. Jamison, Bellewood; secretary, R. S. Jamison, Centre Hall; treasurer, Grey Hendrixson, Williamsport. The reunion for 1933 will be held at Martinsburg.

Last Thursday evening the following guests were entertained at a bridge party at the Bartholomew home—Mrs. Anna Kittleberger and daughter, Miss Louise, of Curwensville; Dr. H. A. White, his sister, Mrs. Grove, of Lewistown; Mr. and Mrs. Albert Emery, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Daup, Mr. and Mrs. "Junior" Wert, Mrs. J. S. Booser, Mrs. J. W. Bradford, Mrs. George Stover, Mrs. T. L. Smith, Miss Louise Smith, Miss Charlotte Keller, Miss Agnes Geary and friend, Miss Elsie Weaver, of Wilkes Barre; Harold Keller and Roy Jamison. Refreshments were served during the evening, and all those present report having had a very enjoyable evening.