

Spring Mills

A Collection of Newsy Happenings and Personals from Gregg Township's Metropolis.

Joseph K. Bitner Celebrates Birthday Anniversary—

Joseph Katherman Bitner, one of the most elderly citizens of Gregg township, became eighty-three years of age on Tuesday. The event, however, was celebrated in a quiet way at his home on Sunday, when a dinner was served by his daughter, Mrs. Paul Swabb, to him and two of his brothers, Dr. Henry F. Bitner, Lewisburg, and Robert U. Bitner, of Avis; also, the wives of the two brothers and the daughter of the younger brother, Miss Grace, of Avis, but employed at State College. In addition to those mentioned were Ralph Bitner, son of the elder brother, living in New York, together with the members of the family, Mr. and Mrs. Swabb and their daughter, Miss Isabel, and Mrs. Pauline Rossman.

The elder Mr. Bitner was born on the farm now owned and occupied by George E. Heckman, a mile east of Centre Hall and on State highway route No. 95. His father was Jacob Bitner and his mother, before marriage, was Miss Katherman. When Mr. Bitner married Miss Elizabeth Fetterolf they set up housekeeping in what was then known as "Cooperstown," the section south of Long's store, Spring Mills. He assisted his father to farm the Coburn place. After the father tenanted the Coburn farm for twenty-two years, the son followed him, remaining continuously for twenty-three years.

On retiring from the Coburn farm Mr. Bitner purchased the Jacob Hoffman farm, in the Farmers Mills district, and made it a fine country home with all modern conveniences. Twenty-three years ago he discontinued farming and located in his present comfortable home in Spring Mills, his son-in-law, Mr. Swabb, taking over farming operations. Later the grandson, Joseph Swabb, succeeded the father, and now lives there.

Mr. Bitner is in good health and is able to be about, taking care of himself. Above all, he is cheerful.

A bit of history connected with the first Bitner to land on the Continent between 1700 and 1750 will be of interest. The family history tells us that he and a lady friend sailed together on a ship from Germany to Philadelphia. On arriving in that city, the young lady was "bound out" to pay her passage fare. Young Bitner went to Lancaster county and on getting ahead by \$75.00 went back to Philadelphia and purchased the girl's release. The couple married and located in Lancaster county. One of their sons was Mathias, and it is from this son the Bitner family about here are descendants.

Mr. and Mrs. M. T. Zubler and family, Mrs. John Kishel of Spring Mills and Mr. and Mrs. Ray Bright and infant son, of Aaronsburg, were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Heckert, in Millheim.

Invitation to Sportsmen—

On March 28th the Spring Mills Fish and Game Association will hold a shoot which promises to be one of the big events of the season. The members of the association have been very actively engaged, throughout the winter months, in preparation for the coming season's undertaking in their project work of rearing trout.

In view of the fact that the past season's activities have been very successful, the association contemplates undertaking a large program for the coming season.

During the past season, birds and fish were given every consideration by the association, insofar as protecting, feeding and stocking were concerned. Feed furnished by the State has been on hand all winter and placed for the wild life in the forests and fields for the preservation of every kind. It is the intention of the association to continue their protection and feeding program each season. The fish-rearing project is one of the outstanding undertakings and appeals to all sportsmen from far and near. While this is one of the big jobs of the association to carry this project through, they do not lose sight of the fact that other game and bird life is not properly considered.

We are, therefore, making an appeal to our members and fellow sportsmen to come out and make this shoot worth while. Already sportsmen from this and adjoining counties have assured the association of their intention to be present. All interested in these events should come prepared for a big time. The time is March 28th, 7:00 p. m. Place, Rossman store building, Spring Mills. .22-caliber rifles with iron sights will be used. Exceptional prizes will be given.

Dean E. L. Watts, Penn State, will be the principal speaker at a meeting of the Spring Mills Fish and Game Association to be held in the Vocational school building this (Thursday) evening.

Mrs. William Lingie, living in the eastern section of Georges Valley on the south road, was stricken with paralysis on Wednesday of last week. Her entire left side was affected, leaving her in a rather serious condition. Mrs. Lingie, before marriage, was Sarah Jamison. Her husband was killed several years ago while sawing staves for Ezra Harter, near Spring Mills, when a piece of wood hurled by the saw struck him.

G. L. Long, tenant on the Walker farm west of Spring Mills, will move to a farm at Rockville, near Hebersburg.

Thomas Kerstetter, a silk mill employee, is the Kingfish fisher. He came home a few days ago with the limit of a day's fishing for suckers. The

twenty-five suckers sucked once too often.

Miss Mary Neese, daughter of William Neese, is in Philadelphia before the State Board of Registration of Nurses. She is a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Hettinger will begin housekeeping and farming about April first, at which time they will occupy the Mrs. Mabel Foster farm. The young man is a son of Herbert Hettinger and his bride is a daughter of C. W. Biddle. W. L. Young, who now occupies the place, will move on to the G. O. Benner farm, near Old Fort.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Long will soon set up housekeeping in one of the C. P. Long properties, on Long avenue. He is employed as a farm hand by M. T. Zubler.

The union church services held Sunday evening in the Reformed church were well attended and met with the approval of the audience. It was the second held during the winter just closed, and it is likely similar services will be held in the future. The sermon was by Rev. D. R. Keener and the opening and closing by Rev. Russell.

Spring Mills Vocational will enter the baseball field for the first time in several years. The roster has not yet been prepared, but it is contended a strong team can be put into the high school league. The new athletic field will be ready for use by the time the ball season opens and this it is predicted will attract ball fans from all sections.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Robinson and daughters, Misses Rebecca and Betty Jane, and son, John, Jr., during the latter part of last week visited with Mr. Robinson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. William R. Robinson, at Washingtonville, where the father is in charge of the DeLong Memorial. Mr. DeLong, the patentee of the DeLong hook and eye, purchased an old church and remodeled it at great expense and established a library, reading room, auditorium with stage and all modern conveniences, in memory of his mother. Later he had an entirely new school building constructed, and equipped it and turned it over to the local school board, reserving that a rental of one dollar per year be paid. The building and equipment cost approximately \$75,000 and the memorial more than half that sum. The most generous DeLong loved his old home community, and it was there while in a carpet weaving plant conducted by an uncle that he conceived the idea that led to the construction of a hook and eye that stays put. Washingtonville is a borough of only 200 population, and is the only borough other than Danville in Montour county.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Fetterolf motored to Berwick during the latter part of last week to visit with Mr. Fetterolf's mother. Both the Fetterolfs are natives of Berwick.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Wagner, of Williamsport, motored to Spring Mills on Sunday, giving their new Hupmobile a tryout. While here they took the elder Mr. and Mrs. Wagner for a spin.

Lois Shook, aged about 14 years, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Shook, is ill from pleurisy.

Mr. and Mrs. Jay Riden, of Lewisburg, and children, were brief guests of Mrs. C. A. Krape on Sunday. Mr. Riden is athletic director in the Lewisburg public schools. Mrs. Riden, a daughter of the late Rev. R. F. Fetterolf, is a niece of Mr. Krape.

A square dance will be held in Grange hall, Saturday evening, March 30. The Penna Valley Harmonizers will furnish the music.

Mrs. Charles McCool and Mrs. D. M. McCool, on Monday, visited with the latter's son, D. M. McCool, at Weis's Store. Both of them were found to be ill.

Melvin, a young son of Clayton Snyder, is afflicted with measles, as is also Mrs. William Osman.

Mr. and Mrs. William Shelton, of Akron, Ohio, visited with Mrs. Shelton's mother, Mrs. Susan Meyer, during last week. Mrs. Paul Swabb and Joseph K. Bitner, her father, were dinner guests one day while the Ohioans were visitors there.

Wm. A. Neese, who had been a hospital patient for some weeks following an injury to a knee cap, was discharged from the hospital and Sunday was brought to his home here by a daughter, Mrs. Roy Smeltzer, of Bellefonte, R. D. The Neese home was visited for a short time, and then Mr. Neese was taken on to the home of Mrs. Raymond Boob, also a daughter, on the Gentzell farm, east of Spring Mills.

C. E. Stover and daughter, Miss Josephine Stover, made a business trip to Sunbury on Friday. Miss Stover has improved the equipment in her beauty parlor by the installation of the latest improved combination dryer.

Mrs. George Rachau and daughter Betty, Mrs. Samuel Miller, Samuel Miller and Miss Peg Strickler, of Sunbury, were guests on Sunday at the C. E. Stover home.

Melvin Grove was at his home over the week-end.

Mrs. Beulah Snavey, of Salona, was at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Ripka, on Saturday.

A. P. Krape, of Centre Hall, was a business visitor in Spring Mills.

D. W. Sweetwood, of Georges Valley, with Mrs. Sweetwood, were callers at the C. E. Stover home.

Mrs. John Ream is spending some time at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Clayton Snyder. The ladies are engaged in quilting.

George C. King is reported to be slightly improved. He is able to turn in bed, but has no use of his right arm. The only pain he suffers is in his knees, a condition prevailing prior to his later affliction.

ANSWERS TO MATHEMATICAL PROBLEMS.

- 8. Answer—\$3794.00.
- 9. Answer—\$2900.00.
- 10. Answer—(a) 4; (b) 3.

Explanation: You see we spent all the money for the radio broadcast, so we will have to get the newspapers to print it free.

ADMINISTRATRIX NOTICE

In the Estate of THOMAS L. SMITH, late of Centre Hall Borough, Centre county, Pa., deceased.

Letters of administration on above estate having been duly granted the undersigned, all persons knowing themselves indebted to the estate are requested to make immediate payment, and those having claims against the same to present them duly authenticated for settlement.

M. LOUISE SMITH, Administratrix, Centre Hall, Pa.

MUNICIPAL Theatre

MILLHEIM Shows 7 & 9 P. M.

Friday & Saturday, Mar. 22-23

With the coming of Spring we bring you two outstanding Stars—
JANET GAYNOR and
WARNER BAXTER in:

"ONE MORE SPRING"

A Fox Picture. Woven of deep human interest, packed with dramatic, sparkling with comedy and glows with romance. You will want to see this delightful picture.

FOX NEWS — "MORAN & MACK" Single Reels.

Mon. & Tues., March 25 & 26

The man whose word was LAW!! and if the LAW would not do, then there was action a plenty!!

GEORGE O'BRIEN in:

"The Gay Caballero"

Special Added Attraction: One of Shirley Temple's First Comedies made in 1933, before she gained fame on the silver screen. Shirley Temple in:

"Managed Money"

COMING—MARCH 29 & 30—

"HIDE OUT"—a M.G.M. Picture

PUBLIC SALE

The undersigned will have Public Sale on the J. W. Kyle Heirs' Farm, one mile West of MILLROY on

FRIDAY, MARCH 22ND, 1935.

The following personal property to wit:

54 Head of Livestock

1 pair Mules, 9 and 12 years old, weight 2400 lbs., single line leaders, good workers, sound and gentle; gray horse weighs 1350 lbs., can't be hitched wrong; sorrel horse weighs 1250 lbs., works wherever hitched; black mare, weighs 1200 lbs., sound and nice worker; gray mare, weighs 1125 lbs., sound and good worker; spotted pony, weighs 550 lbs., kind and gentle, safe for any one of the family to use.

10 HEAD OF GOOD MILCH COWS

Consists of Guernseys Shorthorns and Holsteins. Seven due to freshen by time of sale; balance due to freshen by July 1st. Three stock bulls, 2 good Short-horns and 1 Holstein, 6 young heifers, nice ones.

A bunch of good ewes with lambs by

their side. One brood sow, 1 Chesterwhite boar, 4 good shoats, weighing 50 and 60 lbs.

FARMING IMPLEMENTS

Deering binder, 8 ft. cut, in good condition; Deering corn binder works like new; John Deere hay loader & side rake; good as new; Ontario grain drill, 10 rows; New Idea manure spreader; Deering inrower; Bulls-eye corn planter; Fordson Tractor and Oliver Plows 9X; Big Valley cut-off to attach to tractor; Deering folder shredder; International chopper; one 2-way Oliver Plow; 2 Oliver chilled plows, steel beams; 2 spring tooth harrows 2 riding cultivators; one steel roller; two 2-horse wagons, 1 2-in. tire, 1 3-in. tire; set of hay loaders, 135 ft. hay rope with fork and pulleys, pitch, sheaf and dung forks; log, tie and cow chains.

Gears complete for 6 head horses. One incubator and brooder stove.

HOUSEHOLD GOODS.

One Dockash range room stove "Fay-rite" like new; chunk stove, New Perfection 3-burner oil stove, refrigerator, 100 lbs. capacity; extension table and 6 chairs; 6 room chairs, rocking chairs, couch, 2 library tables, one large mirror, vacuum sweeper, Victrola; Auto-Harp; 6-tube Kolster Radio; Croquet Set; 2 iron beds; spring and mattress;

bureau; rug 9x12 ft.; linoleum; comforts and quilt, never used; 2-gallon churn; waffle-iron; pots; pans; dishes and cooking utensils of all kinds; milk buckets, and other articles not mentioned. Lunch Stand on Grounds. Household Goods sold first. Sale begins at 9:30 A.M. Rain or Shine. SIDD McSITT.

When thinking of holding PUBLIC SALE, Call the undersigned, and reverse charges.

E. M. SMITH

STATE COLLEGE, PA.

Phone 1082

Spring Approaches --

MARCH IS HERE. The harbingers of Spring are on the threshold. Naturally, we are preparing what we feel is the smartest, nicest group of Spring Coats, Suits and Dresses that we've ever had.

NEW DRESSES Arriving Daily

Our buyers just came back from the Eastern markets—and we are proud of the marvelous selection we have for you. Come in and see them.

NIEMAN'S DEPARTMENT STORE

"Where Your Dollars Go the Farthest" MILLHEIM, PA.

A Grave Threat Against Employment in Pennsylvania

Should two Bills now before the Legislature of Pennsylvania pass the Senate as they have the House, they will strike a body blow at employment in the State.

The first, the so-called Full Crew Bill, should more properly be called the Excess Crew Bill. It would add to train crews, forcing the railroads to put on trains men for whom there is no work.

The second, called the Train Limit Bill, would arbitrarily limit the length of trains, destroying present-day economical units.

NEITHER WILL ADD TO THE SAFETY OR EFFICIENCY OF OPERATION.

Rather, they will cost the railroads of the State millions of dollars annually, money wastefully spent, a bill which the industries, the farmers, and the people will have to pay.

Obviously, the temporary effect of the proposed legislation will be to increase the number of engine and train service employees.

However, its inevitable result will be to advance the cost of railroad transportation, driving business away from the rail lines, and decreasing the number of railroad employees in every department of the service.

The enactment of such laws would be at variance with the Administration's policies for recovery and employment.

They Would Create a Vicious Circle Adversely Affecting Every Individual and Industry

The consequent shrinkage of railroad traffic and payrolls will mean less buying from local merchants, farmers and businessmen. It will mean less purchasing by the railroads and decreased employment in allied industries. Higher rail transport costs will force the industries and farms of Pennsylvania to compete on an unequal basis with those of other communities not hampered by such restrictive legislation. These Bills are unwise and unfair. They are absolutely discriminatory against one form of transportation. They are against the best interests of the State of Pennsylvania.

The present law of Pennsylvania imposes upon the Public Service Commission the duty of providing safe and efficient operation of railroad trains. The responsibility for such matters properly belongs in their hands and should remain there.

Associated Railroads of Pennsylvania

Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Co.
Bessemer & Lake Erie Railroad Co.
Central Railroad Co. of New Jersey
Delaware, Lackawanna & Western Railroad
Delaware & Hudson Railroad Corporation
Erie Railroad
Huntingdon & Broad Top Mountain Railroad
Lehigh & New England Railroad
Lehigh Valley Railroad
New York Central Railroad Co.
New York, Ontario & Western Railway
Pennsylvania Railroad
Pittsburgh & Lake Erie Railroad
Pittsburgh, Shawmut & Northern Railroad Co.
Reading Company
Western Maryland Railway Co.