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225 GRANGE LECTURERS

TAKE COURSE AT P. S. C.

Subordinate, County and State Grange Lecturers throughout the State ended their sixth annual conference on Friday evening at State College after having been in session since Wednesday previous. Two hundred and twenty-five Grangers were registered for the course, the largest attendance in the past five years.

The conference was arranged by Mrs. Ira C. Gross, State Grange lecturer, who is being assisted by Prof. Willis Kerns of the Rural Sociology extension department at the College. Prof. Kerns termed the course as particularly successful, pointing out that the conference theme of "developing community resources" had attracted widespread interest among the Grangers.

Group leaders were Kenneth Hood and Rosalind Jewett, extension specialist; Beaty Dimitt, Slippery Rock and Ira C. Gross, Johnstown; Macklin John, agricultural economist, and Seth Russell, sociologist; and Rev. Fred Norris, Duncansville and Ray Conger, instructor in physical education. They discussed the development of economic, education, civic, and recreation resources in four separate conferences.

In addition to the lecturers the conferences were for juvenile matrons, deputies and masters, home economics and other lecturers.

A banquet on Friday night followed by special music and an address on "Looking Ahead Through the Year" by James C. Farmer, South Newbury N. H. lecturer of the National Grange concluded the conference.

HOUSE APPROVES ALL-WEATHER TOLL HIGHWAY

The House of Representatives unanimously approved a bill for a \$50,000,000 all-weather highway between Carlisle and Pittsburgh over the route laid out for the South Penn Railroad in the 30's.

Governor Earle already has thrown his support behind the proposal. The highway would follow the partly completed roadbed of the South Penn, abandoned in 1885, using nine tunnels bored through the Alleghenies. The tunnels would eliminate steep grades and shorten the route of the highway 164 miles.

Tolls would be collected to pay the cost. A commission appointed by the 1935 legislature approved the project. It estimated the tolls would bring \$5,000,000 a year.

BECKER INTRODUCES BILL TO SELL A CEMETERY

A bill was introduced in the Legislature, last week, by Hon. John W. Decker, of Centre county, authorizing the State department of military affairs to sell the land near Boalsburg which the State acquired some years ago for use as a military cemetery. The land was purchased from Col. Theodore Davis Boal and up to this time no burials have been made there.

125 MILLION PEOPLE DO NOT WANT CERTAIN LEGISLATION

Huntingdon, Pa., March 27, 1937.

The Centre Reporter, Centre Hall, Pa. Gentlemen:

Enclosed find check for \$1.50 in payment of a year's renewal subscription to The Reporter from March 1937.

I was interested in reading your account of the celebrated Victory Dinner in Centre Hall. The Hon. Ritzman took in a lot of territory in claiming that "one hundred twenty-three million people want certain legislation." Far from it. If some people want to curb the Supreme Court, others want to see the executive branch of the government kept in its proper place. When the returns came in from your own county, some thousands of voters had said no, and more thousands in Huntingdon county, in spite of the gray labeled out by the apostles of spending—spending other people's money. Politicians would have higher standing if they would stick a little closer to the truth.

Very truly yours,
EDWARD R. WEBER.

CONGRESSMAN FOCHT DEAD

Benjamin K. Focht, congressman and newspaper publisher, of Lewisburg, died Saturday night in a taxi-cab in Washington, D. C., on his way to a hospital. He had become 74 years old on March 12th. The body was shipped to Lewisburg where burial was made on Wednesday.

He served in the State Senate from 1901 to 1904 and was first elected to Congress in 1907.

He was a son of a Lutheran minister. A wife and daughter survive him.

"Some of our people are complaining that the dollar is already too cheap and that prices are now too high. Also we hear fear expressed that the public debt is becoming so large as to be dangerous, yet the facts are that such public debt today, in terms of gold and commodities, is not nearly so large, burdensome, or dangerous as the debt inherited by the present administration."—Senator Elmer Thomas, Oklahoma.

W. Alice Burpee & Co. seeds are the most dependable garden seeds that can be bought anywhere in the United States. Sold in bulk by H. P. Schaeffer Hardware, Bellefonte.

WEDDINGS

NEFF—BRENNAN.

Monday morning at 11 o'clock the home of Mrs. Fennie J. Brennan of West Beaver avenue, State College, was the scene of a pretty wedding when her daughter, Hilda Evelyn, became the bride of John Ralph Neff, son of Mrs. Mary Neff, of Centre Hall. The ring ceremony was used with the Rev. H. F. Babcock, pastor of St. Paul's M. E. church, reading the rites.

In front of the fireplace an altar was formed of palms, ferns and Easter lilies. Baskets of spring flowers completed the decorations in the living room. The bridal march was played by W. Jay Kennedy, cousin of the bride. There were no attendants.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her brother, J. H. Brennan, of Kingston, was dressed in a light blue ensemble, trimmed in white fur with accessories of navy blue. She wore a corsage of Joanna Hill roses, pink sweet peas, and lilies of the valley.

Mrs. Brennan, mother of the bride, wore a lovely gown of navy blue crepe with blue and white accessories. Her corsage was of gardenias and lilies of the valley. Mrs. Mary Neff, mother of the bridegroom, wore a charming gown of heliotrope crepe, and her corsage was of gardenias and lilies of the valley.

Following the ceremony a reception was held in the State College Hotel for members of the immediate families. After the reception the young couple left on a motor trip and will be at home in Oak Hall after April 5.

The bride was graduated from the State College high school and attended Penn State for three years. She was graduated from Simmons College Boston, Mass., in the class of 1933 from the School of Home Economics. Mr. Neff was graduated from the Centre Hall high school and in the electro-chemistry curriculum at Penn State in the class of 1936.

Out-of-town guests included Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Brennan, of Kingston; Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Grove, of Centre Hall; Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Miller, of Centre Hall; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Neff, and Mrs. Mary Neff, all of Centre Hall.

OSMAN—MEYER.

On Saturday evening, March 13th at Milesburg, by Rev. M. C. Piper of the Methodist church, Lyman Osman of Bellefonte, and Miss Marion Meyer of Centre Hall, were united in marriage. The couple expect to begin housekeeping in the near future in Bellefonte.

HETTINGER—JODON.

Willard A. Hettinger and Miss Emma K. Jodon were united in marriage at the Lutheran parsonage, by Rev. L. Arthur Wagner, at noon Friday of last week. The ring ceremony of the Lutheran church was used. There were no attendants.

The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. V. Jodon, and since leaving school was employed in the Millheim knitting mill. The groom is the second son of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer C. Hettinger, a graduate of Gregg Township Vocational school, and since has been employed on the farm by his father.

The young couple are now living on the Hettinger farm, at Spring Mills, succeeding the elder couple in conducting farming operations.

WEBER—ZETTEL.

On Saturday afternoon, at the Lutheran parsonage, Centre Hall, by Rev. L. A. Wagner, Earl C. Weber and Miss Sara R. Zettel, were united in marriage. The ring ceremony being used as prescribed in rites of the Lutheran church.

Miss Zettel, the bride, is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roland Zettel, of Penn Hall, and has been employed as an operator in the Bell Telephone exchange for a number of years and is so employed at this time.

The bridegroom is a son of Newton Weber, of Smulton, and is employed as a public school teacher in Haines township, having made preparation for his profession at the State Teachers' College, Lock Haven.

RIPKA—SHAWVER.

Charles Ripka, living on the Ripka farm west of Spring Mills, and Miss Shawver of Penn township, were recently married. The couple will live on the Ripka farm where the groom has been conducting farming operations for several years.

STATE MAY TAKE OVER 13 MILES OF ROAD IN CENTRE

Addition of more than thirteen miles of rural roads in Centre county to the State Highway system is proposed by a series of bills introduced by Assemblyman J. W. Decker, Spring Mills.

Decker would have the State take over the following roads: 4.3 miles over Houseville north in College and Bonner townships to Route 346; .8 mile from near Lemont westward in College township; .7 mile from near Springtown northwest in Harris and Spring townships; 2.6 miles from Route 871 north in Benner and Spring townships to Route 346 at the Bellefonte borough line; 5.3 miles from near Curtin northeast in Boggs and Howard townships to a point near Howard borough; and Route 14052 extending northwest in Gregg township to Route 306 near the Gregg-Potter township line.

Remember the time when we were told to STAND UP for our rights?

HARRIS TWP. GETS \$181,777

PAYMENT ON SCHOOL PROJECT

G. Douglas Andrews, State PWA Director, announces the payment of \$181,777 to the Directors of the School District of the Township of Harris, in Centre county. The amount represents the first of a series of grant payments which are being made by the Public Works Administration in the fulfillment of its agreement to contribute \$21,272, or 45 per cent of the total cost of the project which is estimated will amount to approximately \$47,272. Other grant payments will be made by the Public Works Administration as the work on the school project progresses.

This project, which was only recently started, is making possible the construction of the new Junior-Senior high school building at Boalsburg, in Harris township, the structure to contain a combination gymnasium and auditorium, a library room, several class rooms, food, clothing, general science and agricultural laboratories, a shop, dining room and offices.

Although estimated to cost approximately \$47,272, this modern high school building will cost the taxpayers of Harris township only \$26,000, or 55 per cent of the total cost of the project, the difference being contributed by the Public Works Administration.

This project is providing over 25,000 man-hours of useful employment both for workers living in Harris township and for many others in industry who are engaged in preparing fabricating and transporting the material and equipment which are being used in this new public school building.

NEW CCC ENROLLMENT ELIGIBILITY LIBERALIZED

The CCC enrollment period will be from April first to the twentieth of this particular enrollment period. Eligibility requirements have been greatly liberalized, according to an authority, and an opportunity is being extended to many persons to enroll in the CCC who will probably not have that opportunity again. This is particularly true of men between the ages of 21 and 25, as indications point to a lowering of the age limit in the near future.

All boys who fulfill the following eligibility requirements are urged to file their applications at the Relief office:

1. Age 17-25 inclusive—single and unemployed.
2. Living in a family receiving help from any of the following public relief agencies: SERB, WPA, PWA, NYA, MAF (including blind and old age pensions). Local Poor Overseers, Resettlement Administration. No budgetary deficiency is necessary.
3. Willing to allot \$22.00 of their monthly wage to some member of the family.
4. Former enrollees must have in addition to the above requirements an honorable discharge dated at least one year ago.

LOTT THOMPSON, BOALSBURG, KILLED IN MOTOR CRASH

Lott Thompson, 64, of Boalsburg, died in the Centre County hospital of a skull fracture received when a fruit truck operated by Marshall VanLierde, Phillipsburg, struck the rear of a multi-drawn wagon the driver of which was Charles E. Chamberlain, who lives close to the Sharer farm along route 322 south of Linden Hall, and Mr. Thompson one of the several occupants.

Mr. Thompson was a native of Howard and was employed at the match factory, Bellefonte. A wife and several children survive him.

CORN BORERS INCREASE IN CENTRE COUNTY CROP

European corn borer have their favorites. They especially like farmers who cut their corn high or top it because that gives them more room to hibernate and be ready for the activities of the new year.

Corn borers are fond also of farmers who leave stalks and cobs lying around the buildings and barnyards and they think, if they think at all, that farmers who do a poor job of plowing under cornstalks are pretty fine fellows.

Unfortunately the only way corn borers have of showing their appreciation is to get busy, multiply, and not replenish the earth but eat all the corn that they can, says County Agent R. C. Blaney. That is just what makes them so dangerous to the Centre county corn growers. Yes, it is Centre county and not some other place that has a corn borer problem now.

Back in 1928 corn borers were counted in the second decimal place, only .06 or one per cent here in Centre county. Last fall however, the infestation was up to 27.06 per cent.

In 1931 the infestation was 2.5 per cent. A general cleaning of stalks and refuse on farms followed and as a result, the infestation dropped to less than one stalk in a hundred in 1932. The following year the number of infested stalks was less than half of the preceding year's figure.

Then the number began to increase, three times as many in 1934 as in 1933, 10 times as many in 1935 as in 1934, and last year more than one-fourth of all the stubbles examined contained borers. The average on 17 farms in five communities was 27.06 per cent. Corn that was topped revealed as much as 58 per cent less.

CONFIRMATION, BAPTISMAL SERVICES, P. V. LUTH. CHURCH

Rev. L. Arthur Wagner, pastor of Penns Valley Lutheran church, during the Lenten season, admitted twenty-two to membership, and baptized ten children.

Admitted to the Centre Hall congregation were sixteen by confirmation, namely: Albert Clyde Dutrow, Evelyn Helen Dutrow, Alee Hazel Dutrow, Melvin Richard Dutrow, Marie Ellen Emerick, Donald Grenningor Foust, Jean Mildred Fetterolf, Elsie Darline Foust, Paul McClellan Fetterolf, Ernest Frederick Frank, Lois Virginia Homan, Robert Lewis Homan, Warren Hiram Lutz, Adaline Louise McClellan, Bruce Richard Moyer, Jean Isabella Musser.

By profession of faith three were added, namely, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce W. Sharer and Mrs. Warren Homan.

The seven children baptized, children whose parents are members of the same congregation, were: Richard Dean, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dean Smeltzer; Robert Sari, son of Laura Breon; Marlin Glenn, son of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Weaver; Russell LeRoy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Lair; Warren Cecil, son of Mr. and Mrs. Warren Homan; Lynn Edwin and Warren Ralph, sons of Mr. and Mrs. John H. Dutrow.

At the Farmers Mills service there was one admission by confirmation Miss Ruth Irene Louie, and three baptisms: Nancy Louise, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph S. Hagan; Ruth Elizabeth, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. Lester Hagen; Clair William, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry W. Zerby.

The Tusseyville congregation received two new members by profession of faith, namely, Mr. and Mrs. Roy W. Weaver.

EASTER COMMUNION SERVICE IN EVANGELICAL CHURCH

The early Easter communion service held at the Evangelical church at 7:00 a. m. was well attended. The hymns responsive reading, "A Psalm of Life," read by the pastor, and the sermon meditation were all centered about the theme, "Easter, a Beginning and not an Ending." The special musical selection was a vocal solo "The Holy City," sung by Gertrude Ishler.

The members placed their daily letters offering boxes upon the altar as they commended.

Beautiful pot-of-flowers were placed about the pulpit by the following: Mrs. Charles Miller, Mrs. Harold Bradford, Gertrude Ishler, The W. M. S. for Mrs. Rev. Hosterman, and Mrs. Elmer Runkle.

At the close of the Sunday school session the entire school met in the main auditorium for a short Easter program consisting of exercises and songs given by the children of the church.

Trinity Reformed congregation held an Easter Communion Service Sunday evening at 7:30 o'clock. One hundred five members commended. Dr. H. R. White and Mrs. White were received as new members by letter from the M. E. church, Lewistown, and the Church of the Brethren, Burnham, respectively.

Miss Sara Odenkirk very beautifully sang "My Redeemer Liveth," by Handel, as an opening number.

SPRING MILLS COMMUNITY HOLY WEEK SERVICES

The community Holy Week service participated in by all the churches of the Spring Mills community were highly successful. The services were held during Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings in the Spring Mills Lutheran church and were conducted by the four ministers of the community. Each service was well attended and entered into with reverence. This response and manner of worship indicates that many sense the importance of these community services.

PENN STATE STUDENTS ARE CONTEST WINNERS

Donald R. Johnston, Mercersburg, freshman in agricultural education, won first prize in a contest in which 54 students in agricultural engineering courses at the Pennsylvania State College competed. He wrote on the use of the hydraulic ram in a modern water system.

Ralph F. Hartach, Jr., Livonia, sophomore in agricultural education, won second prize in the contest, which was sponsored by a Virginia manufacturing concern.

COLLEGE STUDENTS TO SIT IN "MODEL" LEGISLATURE

Twenty-three students will represent the Pennsylvania State College when 400 delegates from eastern colleges meet in Harrisburg, April 9-11, to act as a "model legislature" at the annual Intercollegiate Conference on Government.

The general assembly to be formed by the delegations will go through the procedures of a legislature in introducing bills holding committee meetings and voting on legislation submitted.

Lightning struck a humble home occupied at the time only by the three children of Mr. and Mrs. George Robinson, Thursday morning. While the house and all furnishings were totally destroyed none of the children were injured.

The supper to be served by the Ladies' Aid of the Sprucetown M. E. church on the 10th has been postponed to the 17th of April.

MOVINGS IN CENTRE HALL DOWN TO MINIMUM

April 1st has and will bring about an unusually small number of movings in Centre Hall and most of these result from the building of new homes or the conversion of single homes into duplex apartments.

The shifts from this and other causes are noted:

Robert Neff to his farm near Tusseyville; he is followed to the Alexander place by Harold Bradford and following Bradford, Meredith Coldron moves from the Odenkirk apartment.

Paul Hironimus vacates the Hironimus home on Allison street to occupy a farm near Zion. His successors are Mr. and Mrs. Emory Florsy, newly married, Frank Smith from the Zettie home to his new home. The vacancy created is filled by Franklin Sharer who comes from the Decker formerly Carson, farm near Potters Mills.

W. W. Kerlin will occupy his new home, while Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Jamison succeed him. The place vacated by the Jamisons will be occupied by Lewis Garberick, who recently acquired it by purchase from the Rowe estate.

Paul Lingle, who is beginning farming on the Lingle farm, near Tusseyville, will be followed by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Lingle from the farm home.

William Walker leaves town to locate in Pleasant Gap. Mrs. T. F. Delaney is occupying a part of the Rome Gingery house, having come there from the Delaney farm home, as noted last week.

HOUCK'S ORCHESTRA FOR LOCAL SENIORS' DANCE

The seniors of Centre Hall high school will hold their first "Senior Dance" in the high school auditorium April 2, at 9 o'clock, with Houck's orchestra from Milesburg furnishing the music.

The senior class is having this dance to raise funds for their trip to Washington. The admission will be 35c and the holder of the lucky ticket will receive the \$2.00 door prize. There will be both round and square dancing.

Refreshments, consisting of sandwiches, ice cream, punch, cake and coffee will be on sale throughout the evening. There will also be free check-room service.

200 MILES FOREST ROADS IN SEVEN MTS. NOT PLOTTED

Do you know that in the vicinity of State College there are 200 miles of forest roads which have not yet been plotted on maps?

These roads were built during the past three years. They were developed in the Seven Mountains area within Penn State Forest. These travelways are available in almost all kinds of weather barring winter months in a few sections. They offer to tourists a variety of scenic beauty not found anywhere else within the United States.

HISTORIC OLD OAK TREE

Do you know that an oak tree, which is one of the "Famous Trees of Pennsylvania," is located in Clarion county?

The oak is situated along Route 322 about one mile west of Strattenville. At one time it sheltered a small house where the first male white child in Clarion county was born—Thomas Young, June 13, 1802.

"THE TIGER" APPEARS

The spring number of "The Tiger," local high school publication, appears this week, and it is the best looking number to appear in the six-year history of the magazine. Text matter is especially well-written, and two pages of original poetry is a special feature and far above the average student composition. Linoleum block printing is coming into its own, and two pieces of work, one for the cover page and another for the inside pages, exhibit the skill of Russell Reish, who did exceptionally well in his first attempt.

Then there is the usual run of advertising from local business men, without the support of which "The Tiger" would have difficulty to survive.

The leadership of the English teacher, Mrs. Agnes E. Jamison, clearly stands out in all the work, and to her great credit is due for a worthwhile school enterprise.

The percentages of illiterates in Centre county is not as high as in either Blair or Clearfield county. The percentage runs 2.2 in Centre 2.6 in Blair and 3.5 in Clearfield.

DISASTER STORY PUBLISHED IN THIS WEEK'S ISSUE

Expedited service permits the Reporter to give its readers in today's issue a complete story of the New London, Texas, school explosion late last week which snuffed out the lives of several hundred children and teachers.

A special corps of correspondents was moved to the scene immediately. The story in today's issue is the result of their work, giving a vivid description of the catastrophe.

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS

Applications for beer licenses must be filed with the county treasurer, not later than tomorrow, Friday, April 2.

Preparations are being made for celebrating the 100th anniversary of the birth of Dwight L. Moody, which will continue throughout the year.

A chicken bone lodged in the throat of Mrs. Clara Toner, of Bellefonte, was removed a few days later at the Gelsinger hospital, Danville.

The spring institute of the Centre County W. C. T. U. is in session in Millheim today, April 1st. The morning session will open at 9:30 o'clock, and the second session at 1:30 o'clock.

Miss Flossie Gardner, of Howard, a registered nurse, daughter of Mrs. Amanda Gardner, sailed the beginning of this week from New York City. She will go to Ethiopia, to work as a missionary nurse.

The Centre County Fishermen's dinner to be held in Old Main Sandwich Shop, State College, on Thursday evening, April 3, promises to be largely attended. Sales of tickets will continue up to Monday evening.

Fire on Allen street, State College, destroyed many of the wedding gifts sent early to Miss Regina Drooge, whose marriage took place on Monday. The fire in the Drooge home started about the furnace.

Centre Hall Lodge No. 895 I. O. O. F., will install newly elected officers on Wednesday evening, April 7, at 8 o'clock. District Deputy Grand Master D. S. Peterson will install. A good attendance of members is desired. Refreshments will be served.

Thomas H. Mensch, son of the late Charles F. Mensch, former owner of the Keystone Gazette, resigned as manager of the West Penn Power Co. to become business manager of the Keystone Gazette. He will enter upon his new duties as soon after April 1st as possible.

Bids received by the Post Office Department for carrying the mail between State College and the railroad station at Lemont and between State College and the railroad station at Bellefonte were not satisfactory. New bids are invited. Time for filing them will close April 12.

Arrangements are being completed by the Department of Welfare for the installation of a small capacity flour and grit mill at Rockview Penitentiary. Products, including flour and by-products such as bran feeds and dairy feeds will be supplied for use at a state-owned institution.

The Susquehanna University Alumni Club in Centre and Union counties will hold their annual banquet in Millheim, Friday evening of this week. Dr. George F. Dunkleberger, dean of the University, will be the guest speaker. There are more than 125 members of the club in the two counties.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Saxon and three children, Mr. and Mrs. James Baughman, and Mr. Baughman's brother, all of Greensburg, spent the Easter season with Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Sharer, in town, and Mr. and Mrs. Frank White, near Rebersburg. Mrs. Saxon was the former Miss Mary Shreckengast, well known here.

A federal court jury returned a verdict awarding Mrs. Essie Sulliff, of Renovo, Clinton county, \$10,649 in her \$50,000 suit against the Frank Marts Coach Company for the death of her husband, Jay, last July 6 in a crash of the car in which he was riding with a bus of the defendant company at Beach Haven.

Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Hess of Boalsburg announced the engagement of their daughter, Miss Virginia Hess, to David E. Allman, son of Mrs. Nettie Allman, West Fairmount avenue, State College, on Thursday evening at a dinner at their home. The color scheme for the table was green and yellow, while the center piece was of yellow daffodils.

At a recent bidding for concessionaire privileges on Hairy John's or Vopelda Park, in Seven-Mile Narrows, along route No 45, Harry H. Mensch was outbid by John Hickernell, of Union county. Mensch had been on the place for ten years and owns the building in which he will continue to do business until May first. At that time the building will be razed and reconstructed on a site west of the park owned by Mr. Mensch.

The high price of horse power reflects itself in the sale of farm tractors. When horses were cheap and farm products the same, the tractor was on many farms left standing in the shed, and few new ones were sold. But now, with horse flesh prices sky high the tractor—old and new—is being brought into service. Farmalls, sold by the local agent, D. W. Bradford, include one each to Ralph Luse, John Rimmey and Charles Bohn.

W. Bieber Rishel son of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Rishel, was at the parental home during the Easter vacation from school work. Mr. Rishel is serving his second or third year as supervisor of agriculture in the Darlington (Beaver county) Vocational school, and is also athletic coach. The school is made up of some seventy pupils and is doing good work in the class-rooms and also in athletics. Mr. Rishel is a graduate of Penn State and is thoroughly prepared to follow the profession of teaching and supervising.