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Gregg Vocational School Observes 20th Annual Community Fair

The tenth annual Community Fair of the Gregg Township Vocational School will be held on the Vocational school grounds, Spring Mills, today (Thursday) and Friday.

School exhibits, children's health program, judging of poultry, athletic contests, dramatic entertainment, band music, all combine to make this fair the most outstanding in the history of Gregg Township Vocational School.

The complete program follows:

Thursday
9 a. m. to 11 p. m.—Inspection of exhibits.
9:30 a. m.—Children's Health Program; auditorium.
10 a. m.—Judging of poultry; shop room.
12 noon—Lunch at booth on the grounds.
1:30 p. m.—Games, races and contests. Athletic field.
7:30 p. m.—Evening program—auditorium. Admission free. Music by the Spring Mills band. One-act comedy, "Sparkin'" by G. T. V. S.

The scene of the play is laid in the kitchen of Tude Hanna's farm house. The time is evening. The cast:
Susan Hanna Bernice Zettle
Lessie Hanna Isabel Musser
Granny Painsberry
Cathrine Barger
Oray Sparks Robert Myers

Friday
12 noon to 11 p. m.—Inspection of exhibits.
2 p. m.—Dodge ball game, East P. V. high girls vs. G. T. S. girls. Athletic field.
2:30 p. m.—Soccer game, East P. V. high boys vs. G. T. V. S. boys. Athletic field.
7:30 p. m.—Evening program. Auditorium. Admission, 25c and 15c.
G. T. V. S. students present 3-act comedy, "Lady Spiffire". Music by G. T. V. S. orchestra. Presentation of premium awards and prizes.

The details of the above comedy drama, "Lady Spiffire" are these: Place: reception room of Rutherford School for Girls. Time: present; summer. The cast:
Miss Prudence Betty Lee (Owner of the school for girls)
Cindy Dale, a student in the school Dorothy Duck
Ginger Reid, another student, Gladys Grove
Flobelle Berthon, another student Hazel Zettle
Kay Sutton, "Lady Spiffire"
Bernice Barger
Tom Brown, looking for work John Shook
Bud Jones, Tom's pal
Dean Hettling
Jed Buell, the constable Malcolm Yearick
Henri Dufayne, Kay's friend
Harold Walker
Stephen Sutton, Kay's father
Joseph Myers
(Agriculture, Poultry and Home-Making Exhibits)

JAILBREAKER GETS TWO MORE SENTENCES

Steve Mastermak, 22, one of three who escaped from Rockview Penitentiary, July 24, was given additional sentence from 5 to 10 and 3 to 6 years on the charge of breaking jail by Judge Fleming.

Mastermak was caught in Pittsburgh Monday of last week. He had served one year of a 5-to-10-year sentence.

A second member of the trio, Frank Burke, was caught soon after the three cut their way through a wire fence. The third, Raymond Hill, still is at large.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

William E. Craven Phillipsburg
Alberta E. Fleckenstein Phillipsburg
Elmer E. Chapman Niagara Falls
Sara Maudie Daley Howard
Lewis W. Solt Bellefonte
Marjorie E. Loe Bellefonte
Wm. Albert Droegge Baltimore
Roberta V. White State College
Wm. Francis Keene Millheim
Miriam L. Harter Penn Hall
Ira L. McGlantfin Plainfield, N. J.
Lottie Mae Jorgensen Rebersburg

BIRDS OF A FEATHER.

[Democratic Watchman]

Mr. G. Edward Green, the new chairman of the Republican party in Pennsylvania, was registered as a Democrat until last year. In explaining his apostasy away he said he was only a Democrat for "political expediency."

Musser W. Gettig, Esq., nominee of the Republican party in Centre county for District Attorney, was born and raised in a family of unwavering devotion to the principles of Democracy. When things were dark and the prospects of pickings was poor for Democrats in Centre, he announced to a friend that he was going to change his politics because he thought he would get nowhere as a Democrat in Centre county. That was political expediency, too.

Chairman Green admitted that he wasn't sincere when he registered as a Democrat. Mr. Gettig said he registered Republican only to get somewhere.

Shake, gentlemen! "Birds of a feather flock together."

LET'S KEEP THE RECORD STRAIGHT!

(Centre Democrat, Oct. 7)

When a candidate for public office submits his record as qualification for office, the record becomes subject to close inspection from all angles. In considering such records the voters are entitled to have the complete picture, not just those portions which place the candidate in the most favorable light.

The Keystone Gazette in its issue of September 23, 1937, published what is purported to be a review of Judge M. Ward Fleming's decisions as reviewed and acted upon by the Supreme Court of the State of Pennsylvania. In this article it stated in part:

"In his ten years upon the bench there have been but six appeals taken from his decisions in our Court to the Supreme Court of the State of Pennsylvania, in four of which he was affirmed."

According to the record there were seven cases where there were appeals filed from the decisions of Judge M. Ward Fleming to the Supreme Court and in these he was affirmed without qualification in three, one he was affirmed with a modified decree, two were reversed and the seventh was sent back for further action of the Court. These were all appeals from the Centre County Court. There were appeals to the Supreme Court from other counties in all of which he was affirmed.

Nothing in the newspaper article, however, was said about appeals to the Superior Court of the State of Pennsylvania, the other Appellate Court. There were fourteen appeals to the Superior Court from decisions in Centre county and no was affirmed in five, an appeal was quashed in another, reversed in six, and the record was sent back for further action by the Court in two cases. Three of the reversals occurred during the year 1936. There were six appeals from cases heard by him in other counties, in three of which he was affirmed and in three reversed.

The record of appeals to both Courts from Centre county decisions therefore stands at eight affirmations, one affirmation with modified decree, one appeal quashed, three which were sent back for further action by the Court, and eight reversals.

The last Centre county judge who ran for re-election had established the enviable record of only one reversal in the two appellate courts during his eleven years of service on the bench.

ATTENDED FUNERAL OF MRS. LANSON BURRIS, WEDNESDAY

Friends and relatives who attended the funeral of Mrs. Annie Coble Burris, wife of Lanson Burris, in Centre Hall, Wednesday of last week, included:

Mr. and Mrs. Julius Walls, Mr. and Mrs. Dick Walls, Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Sauer, Mrs. Sam Hanney, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Gibson and son, Mr. and Mrs. Percy Kipe, Mr. and Mrs. Austin Clapper and son, Mrs. Sullie Coble and son Don, and Esther Sparr, all of Williamsburg; Mrs. John Walters, Mrs. Lillian Bagon, of Hollidaysburg; John and Robert Coble, Hershey; Mrs. Clyde Shaffer, Mrs. Lawrence Bowser, Mrs. Ida Shaffer, Altoona; Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Burris, Yeagertown; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lester, Mrs. Orpha Hall, Lewistown; Elizabeth Casseberry, Mount Carmel; Rev. A. H. Bruyn, Morrisdale; Mrs. Pauline Coble, Bernardsville; wife and daughter Marlene Mrs. Mary Mountz, of Williamsburg.

PENN STATE STUDENTS HAVE PERFECT MARKS

Perfect grades have been attained by eight students at the Pennsylvania State College, Wm. S. Hoffman, registrar announced this week. All have averages of 3, a perfect rating under the system of grading used by the institution.

Three members of the senior class have perfect averages. One is from Centre county, namely, Christine M. Kauffman, Millsburg, liberal arts.

Secretary of Highways Warren Van Dyke urges county commissioners to make their first use of the counties' one-half cent refund of the normal gasoline tax in meeting property damages caused by highway improvements. He states further that in spite of the fact that the counties maintain but 1,100 miles of road, against the State's 40,600 miles, some counties balk at assuming a rightful share of property damage cost.

Judge Fleming, at the close of his present term as Judge of the Centre County courts, will have collected \$115,000.00 for his services. That is much more than any other judge in Centre county collected, and it is fair reason for not re-electing him for a second term. The Judge is aiming to double his fee, an ambition not well thought of by the rank and file of voters in the county.

FATHER IMPROVING.

When I was a boy of 14, my father was so ignorant I could hardly stand to have the old man around. But when I got to be 21 I was astonished at how much the old man had learned in seven years. —Mark Twain

NORTHERN CONFERENCE OF SUSQUEHANNA SYNOD OF LUTHERAN CHURCH TO MEET HERE

The Northern Conference of the Susquehanna Synod of the United Lutheran Church in America will meet in St. Luke's Evangelical Lutheran church, Centre Hall, Rev. L. Arthur Wagner, pastor, on Tuesday, October 26th. There will be three sessions—morning, afternoon and evening.

The officers of the conference are: president, Rev. J. J. Weaver; secretary, Rev. L. Arthur Wagner; treasurer, Rev. J. F. Harkins, D. D.

The program will be published next week.

VACANCIES NOW EXIST IN U. S. MARINE CORPS

The Officer in Charge, United States Marine Corps Recruiting District of Baltimore, Maryland, announces that a limited number of vacancies now exist in the Marine Corps for young men between the ages of 18 and 25 years who have had some high school training, preference to be given high school graduates. The minimum requirements at the present time is 64 inches in height; weight proportionate to height.

The life of a Marine is very interesting, everything of a soldier and something of a sailor. Marines are stationed in many foreign countries and aboard ships of the Navy. The Marine Corps offers steady employment, free education, travel and adventure.

Applicants should consult with their local postmaster.

MEETING IN GRANGE HALL, TUESDAY EVENING, OCT. 19

The Democratic women and men of Centre county will hold a meeting in Grange Arcadia, Centre Hall, Tuesday evening, October 19. The meeting is being sponsored by the Democratic women of Centre Hall and Penna Valley, who hope every Democratic voter will be present to meet and hear the Democratic candidates—Ivan Walker for Judge, and Philip Johnston for District Attorney—both worthy of your support.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Reber of Westmont, N. J., spent the week-end at the home of Mrs. Reber's parents Mr. and Mrs. Thos. L. Moore.

During the past week Mrs. Delas R. Keener visited in Sayre and Wilkes-Barre, attending District meetings of the Order of the Eastern Star.

Wm. D. Shoop is confined to his home since Monday a week, suffering from an attack of illness similar to that to which he has been subject during the past few years.

W. A. Reiber, who holds a responsible position with a public utilities concern in Johnstown, accompanied by another Johnstown gentleman, visited with the former's son, Curtis B. Reiber, and family, over the week-end.

Calvin Runkle, of Shamokin, on Saturday, visited with his niece, Miss Laura Runkle. He was accompanied by his son, Sylvester Runkle, who went on to State College and witnessed Penn State defeat Bucknell in the annual football game.

W. F. Bradford, retired P. R. R. station agent, suffered a heart attack during Thursday night of last week. He was taken to the office of Dr. P. H. Dale, State College, by his brother, D. W. Bradford, who was successful in giving relief.

Mrs. Tressie McClellan was again taken to the Lewistown hospital during last week, but the physician consulted assured her the complaint was nothing serious, and entirely dissipated from her disorder which was given hospital treatment several weeks previous.

Wallace Ilgen, who recently acquired the Stoner farm at the south borough line, is taking advantage of an unusual opportunity to have a ravine to the south of the buildings filled and made available for a building lot. The surplus ground and stone from the road construction between Old Fort and the railroad crossing is being used for filling. The leveling of the ravine will greatly improve the appearance of that section and be of real benefit to Mr. Ilgen.

After a three days' visit with her husband, F. V. Goodhart, Mrs. Goodhart, accompanied by a niece, Barbara Potter, returned home late Sunday night. She reports she found Mr. Goodhart in fine spirits and greatly improved. The three days' association with him in the Pennsylvania hospital Philadelphia, gave her an opportunity to judge more accurately the real condition of the patient, consequently much reliance is placed on her conclusions based on observation and after consultation with hospital authorities.

Modern farm machinery is finding its way into Penna Valley and is a factor in reducing the drudgery on the farm. The latest move in this line was made by William Luse, near Old Fort, who accompanied D. W. Bradford to Harrisburg to select a corn picker. In due time he will be driving a tractor pushing a McCormick-Deering corn picker through the field, gathering the corn from stalk, husking it and dropping it into a wagon in lots of twenty-five bushels. The implement is the latest word in corn harvesting machinery and will be shipped direct from the McCormick-Deering factory.

SECOND STRAIGHT WIN FOR THE "TIGERS" SOCCER TEAM

Displaying fine passing and unusual enthusiasm, the Centre Hall-Potter high soccer team defeated Boalsburg here on Friday, 2 to 1.

The victory places Centre Hall high in a tie for first place with Hublersburg high, who is to be the opponent of the Tigers this Friday afternoon at Centre Hall.

The orange and black scored early in the game when Clarence McCormick in his first year of soccer, headed the ball into the goal. Following this the opposing eleven tightened and in the second quarter was able to drive through a loose ball to tie the score at 1 to 1.

In the third quarter, Centre Hall was awarded a penalty kick as the result of illegal charging by a Boalsburg player and Dean Runkle scored the point to place the local team ahead, 2 to 1.

During the final twelve minutes the Myers' machine threatened to score again but the final whistle prevented another goal.

Cocher Myers is well pleased with the showing his comparatively new team has made this year, but realizes that the Tigers need plenty of hard drills before they play the remaining half of the schedule.

The lineup:
Goal—Kerlin
Outside full—Reish
Inside full—Sharer
Left half—Arney (capt.)
Center half—D. McCormick
Right half—Dashem
Outside left—Martz
Inside left—C. McCormick
Center forward—K. Runkle
Inside right—D. Runkle
Outside right—H. Bradford.
Substitutes—D. Bradford; Geffart; Snyder; Treasurer.

Standing of the Teams
W. L. T. Pts
Centre Hall 2 1 0 4
Hublersburg 2 1 0 4
Boalsburg 1 1 1 2
State College 0 2 1 1

CENTRE HALL-SPRING MILLS HIGHWAY NEARING COMPLETION

Contractor Hutchinson continues to make rapid progress in building the Centre Hall-Spring Mills State highway. The grading from the Ripka farm, a short distance west of the Wm. M. Allison home, near Spring Mills is completed, and base stone laid and broken to Old Fort.

Oiling and finishing the top surface was begun at the Ripka farm on Thursday of last week and is being rushed. Two tanks of oil are received each day at Spring Mills. By the end of this week much of the eastern terminus of the new road will be available for use by farmers living along the route.

The rough grading from Old Fort to Centre Hall railroad crossing within the borough limits is well on to completion. On Monday two shovels began working on this stretch of road. One was located at the Mowery eating stand, at Old Fort woods, and a second in the borough limits to the front of the Benner and Auman homes. The contractor predicts completion of the grading by Saturday. The base stone will be laid at once.

RAILROAD OFFICIALS TO GO OVER LOCAL BRANCH

The general superintendent of the Williamsport Division of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, as well as the supervising agent, will go over the L. & T. branch tomorrow (Friday) with the view of determining whether or not the curtailment of service at the Centre Hall station shall be permanent.

A stiff protest was voiced by local business men following the announcement, a few weeks ago, of the virtual closing of the local railroad station, with its attendant inconvenience as regards local freight shipments, mail service, etc.

It is sincerely hoped the officials will rescind the closing order.

WILL ENFORCE COMPULSORY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE LAW

At a recent meeting of the Potter township school board the body decided that beginning Monday, October 18, the compulsory school attendance law will be enforced more to the letter than heretofore. The board urges those who have been negligent in sending their children to school regularly to comply strictly to requirements of the law.

D. C. Fohringer has been named truant officer.

POTTER TWP. SCHOOL BOARD SYNOD TO DISCONTINUE DRIVE FOR \$150,000

Rev. C. E. Freeman, of Millheim, accompanied Rev. L. A. Wagner of Centre Hall to Sunbury where they attended the Fall Retreat of the Susquehanna Synod. Dr. I. S. Sassaman, president of the Synod, presiding. The Synod considered it inadvisable to continue with the financial campaign for the raising of \$150,000 for Susquehanna University, Gettysburg Theological Seminary and State College Lutheran church, but decided to increase the appropriation to Susquehanna University from \$10,000 annually to \$15,000 annually and the extra \$5,000 to be raised during Susquehanna Field, held throughout the synod some time during the post-Easter season. At the afternoon session, Dr. Ross Stover, pastor of the Messiah Lutheran church of Philadelphia, brought a very inspiring message.

HEAD-ON COLLISION OF AUTOS AT THOMPSONTOWN KILLS 2 AND INJURES 5

Two New Bethlehem, Clarion county, men were killed and five persons were injured in a head-on collision of two automobiles on the Harrisburg-Lewistown highway near Thompsonstown, Juniata county, on Saturday.

The dead are Homer Gathers and Harry Jack, believed by police to be State architects or engineers.

Plans for a Kitting building were in the back of their car, and a sticker permitting parking on Capitol grounds. Their car was headed towards Harrisburg.

Samuel Emhoss, New Bethlehem, employed by the Milk Control Commission, and a companion named Stephenson were in a critical condition in a Lewistown hospital. Stephenson, semiconscious, had no other identification on his person. They were riding with Gathers and Jack.

Three Negroes in the other car also were patients in the hospital for less serious injuries. They are Herbert Raslos, Youngstown, O.; Harry Layton and Louise Drake, Clarion.

ROBERT BREON REVEALS "SECRET" TO REPORTER

Robert Breon, son of Mrs. Grace Breon, of Centre Hall, leased the apartment in the Centre Hall hotel for occupancy some time in November and since the young man is single our nosy reporter asked, "How come Bob?" He imparted the information that about November 5th he will depart for Richmond, Va., and marry Edith Mackey, and shortly thereafter will return to Centre Hall and continue his work as a mechanic in the Miller Motor Co. garage.

WOMEN NEWSPAPER WRITERS TO VISIT COUNTY, SUNDAY

Guests at Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt's Women's Press Conference will leave the Washington meeting and visit scenic and historical spots in Centre county on Sunday, October 17, according to the plans formulated.

Some 25 women correspondents for nature magazines, travel magazines and newspapers will tour the county with Orson N. Ritzman, executive secretary of the State Publicity Commission. They will also be tendered a luncheon and be presented with pictures of the beauty spots of this section of the State.

HOUSE PAINTING BEING CONTINUED IN CENTRE HALL

Two additional homes in town not heretofore made mention of are either being painted or are under contract to undergo such improvement. Awards were made through bids, both spraying and hand brushing competing. The Wallace Ilgen farm house (formerly Stoner farm) is under contract for painting by G. W. Long, who has almost completed repainting the Mrs. Elyva Floray home. The latter place is white, no trimmings.

COFFEY GETS APPOINTMENT IN STATE HIGHWAY DEPT

Appointment of Clarence R. Coffey, of Centre Hall, as senior inspector of construction in the State Highway District No. 2 at \$1620 a year was disclosed by personnel sheets made public by Secretary Warren Van Dyke.

Mr. Coffey was an engineer in the Forestry Department while located at CCC Camp 65, near here. During his engagement at the camp he lived in Centre Hall. He and Mrs. Coffey are now living at Kane, but have not vacated one of the Luse duplex apartments.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT PURCHASED ADDITIONAL 897,200 FEET OF SNOW FENCE

The State Highway Department purchased an additional 897,200 feet of snow fence to be used for the first time during the approaching winter. Last year 1,200,000 feet of fence was added, making a total of 10,000,000 on hand at that time. The addition of the 897,200 feet just purchased gives the department almost eleven million feet of fence to combat snow drifts during the coming winter.

It has been found that at some points double and triple fencing are necessary to be effective.

Voices Appreciation.

Mrs. J. Cloyd Brooks wishes in this manner to indicate heartfelt appreciation of the services rendered during the time of her property loss on the Rhoneyman farm, and for the splendid patronage accorded at the subsequent sale of farm stock and implements, which resulted in a successful auction.

BIRTHDAY BALLS RAISED TOTAL OF \$1,090,729.23

The 2800 Birthday Balls and Parties held for the President last January netted a total of \$1,090,729.23. Of this sum the parties contributed directly \$52,292.89. Birthday greetings to the President accounted for \$80,106.18, and private contributions \$59,379.15. Local committees retained 70 per cent of the funds raised for use in their communities, and the remaining 30 per cent was presented to President Roosevelt for the Warm Springs Foundation. Col. Doherty, the national chairman, said the fund was the largest of any year.

The Centre Reporter, \$1.50 a year.

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS

The campus and farms of the Pennsylvania State College total more than 2,000 acres.

Miss Charlotte Keller, who is teaching commercial subjects in the high school at Buck Hill Falls, was at her home here over the week-end.

Geological surveyors have completed their work about Welkert and territory west into Centre county. They are now located at Jersey Shore.

Editor S. W. Smith has been back at his desk part time during the past week, which would indicate a noticeable improvement in his physical condition.

The electric light and power line to the abandoned Sheffield Creamery plant a short distance from the local railroad station, is being dismantled by the West Penn Power company.

Mrs. W. H. Strohecker, with Miss Ruth Reiser driving the Strohecker car, motored to Utica, N. Y., latter part of last week for a few days' visit with her son, Roy Strohecker, and family.

The Fourteen-Mile Narrows road between Livonia, Centre county, and Forest Hill, Union county, has been completed. Construction work on this road has been in progress for three years.

Insurance was taken on two boilers in the Centre Hall-Potter high school building and on one in the grade school building, as well as on hot-water tanks, as required by a recent act of the legislature.

The Weather Man displayed his winter samples on Friday morning, and the few flakes which he passed out during a short squall convince us that his goods are of the same old variety—beautiful but plenty cold.

A group of chain store organizations whose operations cover the 5- and 10-cent variety, auto supply and retail drug fields reported this week gains ranging from 2.2 to 45.8 percent for September over a year previous.

Miss Perma Hoover, of Danville, Va., Miss Laura Runkle and Mrs. Cleveland Brungart, of Centre Hall, visited with Mrs. R. R. Finkel in Millfinburg. Miss Hoover is superintendent of the General Hospital in Danville.

Rev. H. B. Zechman resigned as pastor of the New Berlin Evangelical and Reformed church to accept a call to the Beaver Springs charge of the same faith. The Beaver Springs charge was filled by Rev. E. H. Zechman, deceased, a brother of the pastor called.

Russell Copenhagen, who conducted a barber shop in Centre Hall for a short time several years ago, and engaged with barbers in Bellefonte, has decided to move to Niagara Falls, N. Y. to continue as a barber. He came to this conclusion after a visit of ten days to the New York state city.

School street improvement project has again been delayed through an error in calculations in the Clearfield office. The error is of slight consequence, but to correct it for forwarding to Washington means time. The borough council has fulfilled all its requirements promptly and is not at all responsible for the unnecessary delay since last spring.

In line with the U. S. Government's plans for more complete rural electrification, engineers are now making a complete survey of the territory in Centre and Clinton counties served by the West Penn Power company. All roads will be mapped and every home in rural districts located. Present and prospective electric lines will also be indicated. The nine civil engineers will be occupied approximately three months in completing their work.

E. W. Miller, of the Miller (Chevrolet) Motor Company, Centre Hall, and W. F. McClellan, Chevrolet dealer at State College, witnessed the first two World's Series games between the Yankees and Giants, in New York City, Wednesday and Thursday of last week. Tickets for the game and all expenses were paid by the Chevrolet Motor Company as the result of these two dealers' high sales during the month of August when a contest was being staged.

The Federated Women's Clubs of Centre County will meet Saturday, October 16, at 10 o'clock in the morning in the Grange hall of Pleasant Gap. This will be the first assemblage of the Centre County Federation to be held this season and promises to be of great interest and benefit to all women. Consequently the president of the County Federation, Mrs. Wallace Ward has issued a most cordial invitation to every woman of Centre county to attend the meeting and partake of the luncheon to be served at 2:30. Mrs. Carroll D. Champlin of State College, who has just returned from abroad, will be the guest speaker. Mrs. M. H. Lukens, vice-president of the North Central District of Pennsylvania Federated Clubs, will conduct a conference. Mrs. Jo Hays of State College will direct the music while two splendid plays will be presented by the Drama Section of Bellefonte Woman's Club and the hostess club, Pleasant Gap. One should make luncheon reservations by October 13th with Mrs. Samuel Noll of Pleasant Gap or with the president of one's own club.