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NEARLY 2000 PERSONS ATTEND 13TH KIWANIS-FARMERS PICNIC AT GRANGE PARK

A record crowd of nearly 2000 men, women and children participated in the 13th annual Kiwanis-Farmer picnic at Grange Park in Centre Hall Wednesday afternoon and evening of last week. Good weather and an interesting program marked the occasion.

Shortly after the noon-day meal, which was attended by more than ever before, additional cars began coming into the picnic grounds. Even during the progress of the races and until late in the afternoon, picnickers thronged into the grounds to make the event the most successful ever held.

Helen Homan, of State College, R. D., daughter of Frank Homan, won the pure-bred Guernsey calf at a drawing which featured the program. The animal, of the highest breeding, was donated by Mrs. Mary Stuart of State College. It was bred from the full-blooded herd of Guernseys at Mrs. Stuart's Nittany Meadows farm.

Louise Rudy of State College, R. D., was the lucky person in the drawing for 12 turkey poult, donated by the poultry department at the College. Anna Harpster, Mary Alice Wasson and Beverly Myers won prizes in the girls' division of the amateur contest while the boys' division winners were Junior Cramer, Warren Faust and John Walker.

Harry Peters carried off honors in the horsemanship pitching contest. Other contestants placed as follows: second, Ted Peters; third, Kenneth Neldigh; fourth, John Neldigh; fifth, Charles Coble. John and Raymond Neldigh demonstrated the "brother act" and won first place in the hog-sawing contest. George Musser and Lynn Mochershaugh placed second in this event. The winners' time was 15 seconds.

The following women won prizes in the nail-driving contest: first, Mrs. Clair Burns; second, Mrs. Edna Spearly; third, Mrs. Sida Neldigh; fourth, Mrs. Anna Sweely; fifth, Mrs. Bruce Knarr. Mrs. Merle Walker placed first in the hog-calling contest for women, with Mrs. Maude Miller second and Mrs. Riley Hunter third.

John Burkholder topped the men in the hog-calling contest while Foster Musser placed second and Riley Hunter took third. In the 100-yard free-for-all dash, Joe Ebbs led the field, John Deblair ran a close second, Kenneth Rocky placed third, and Merle Rossman nosed out all remaining runners to place fourth.

Winners in the 50-yard dash for boys under 12 years were Billy Rees, first; Don Weaver, second and Geo. Warner, third. Merle Rossman was first in the 75-yard dash for boys of 12 to 16 years of age. Martin White was second and Glenn Ishler, third. The farmers moved down the Kiwanis, 18-12 in a fast mush-ball game late in the afternoon.

The following were winners in the girls' 50-yard dash with an age limit of 7 to 12 years: Ruth Faust, first; Helen Miller, second; Geraldine Rockey, third; Beulah Bradford, fourth. In the same distance with girls from 12 to 16 years, Freda McClintic was first, Jean Smith, second, Hazel Dutrow, third, Ruth Faust, fourth, and Helen Miller, fifth.

The following were winners in the boys' 25-yard race, under six years: Junior Garner, Ray Dutrow, Guy Miller, and Lee Corl. In the same race for girls, June White, Anne Harpster, Miriam Smith and Gladys Myers placed in order. Junior Dutrow was first in the sack race, Charles Myers placed second, and Willard Smith was third.

Billy Rees and Glenn Ishler teamed to win first place in the 2-legged race, while Tommy and Jimmy Hunter took second, Lynn McClintic and George Warner placed third. The following were winners in the ladies' rolling-pin throwing contest: Mary Ellen Homan, first; Helen Homan, second; Mrs. Roy Wertz, third; Mrs. Ernest Corl, fourth; Mary Zettle, fifth; Ruth Walker, sixth; Jean Slack, seventh; Mrs. M. Walker, eighth; Mrs. Harold Zettle, ninth.

The Kiwanis club members who arranged the picnic were Bill Seckinger, chairman; Bill Jeffries, Thomas Mairs, Albert Bartzges, Jo Hays, L. F. Hartman and R. Y. Edwards.

Prizes numbering nearly 100 were donated by merchants from State College and surrounding communities.

STATE COLLEGE TO BECOME PENNA. STATE UNIVERSITY

In connection with the building boom and preparations for taking care of an increased enrollment, Penn State will get a new name.

Unanimous approval of the Pennsylvania State College Alumni Council was given the proposal to change the name of the college to the Pennsylvania State University at a meeting of the Council at State College last week.

It will still be Penn State, but can soon be called Penn State U.

Our money (2 bits) was on Max Schmeling. Our choice was on the theory that "they don't come back." However, we always guess wrong, and probably have done so this time.

Congressman Don Gingersy will be the main speaker at the monthly dinner of the Martinsburg Booster Association to be held at Memorial Park on Friday evening.

GINGERY ANNOUNCES \$23,016 IN FEDERAL FUNDS FOR CENTRE COUNTY

Congressman Don Gingersy has been notified that the President has approved an allotment of Federal funds in the sum of \$23,016 for the elimination of insanitary devices by the construction of sanitary privies in rural areas and suburban territories where sewer systems are impracticable. This project will operate throughout Centre county, with supervisory headquarters located at Osceola Mills. It is being sponsored by The Pennsylvania Department of Health.

At the same time Congressman Gingersy announced an allotment of Federal funds for Clearfield county amounting to \$38,427. Out of this amount \$23,914 is for community sanitation; \$12,364 to improve township roads designated as Routes 538 and 531 in Boccara township, and \$2,149 to improve school buildings in Mahaffey.

Blair county will also receive \$196,388 in Federal funds to provide employment for needy persons in the maintenance and operation of sewing rooms throughout Blair county with supervisory headquarters at Altoona. The sum of \$21,699 has also been allotted for the improvement of McKinley school near the city of Altoona.

DOLLEY SMITH

Kenneth H. Dolley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Levi Dolley of New York, and Verna LaRue Smith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert I. Smith, of Centre Hall, were quietly married Wednesday evening, June 15, at 5:30 o'clock. The wedding took place at the St. John's Reformed parsonage, Bellefonte, the ceremony being conducted by the Rev. C. Nevin Stamm.

Mr. and Mrs. Dolley will begin housekeeping on the Detweiler farm, now owned by P. P. Henshall, and tenanted by Lewis Baylett. Mr. Dolley is employed by Mr. Baylett.

CENTRE HALL BOND ISSUE IS APPROVED BY STATE

Internal Affairs Secretary Thomas A. Logue approved a \$5000 bond issue authorized by Centre Hall borough to fund \$2000 of floating indebtedness and pay for \$3000 worth of street and sewer improvements.

SUNDAY SCHOOL WORKERS HOLD ANNUAL CONVENTION AT HOWARD

The convention of the Centre County Council of Christian Education was held in the Methodist church at Howard on Tuesday of last week with sessions at 10:00 a. m., 1:30 and 7:30 p. m. Registration began at 9:30 a. m. and nearly fifty delegates registered, but about one hundred were present at the sessions. The morning devotions were in charge of Rev. George R. Johnson, of the Howard Reformed church. The address of welcome was given by the Rev. Robert E. Fleck, the pastor of the host church. The response was given by Prof. Wetzel of Centre Hall.

The convention speaker for the morning and afternoon sessions was Arthur J. Bodmer, Adult Supt. of the Penna. State Council of Christian Education. At the morning session he spoke on the theme of "Unfinished Business" and his address was both inspiring and thought provoking. A short business session was held and then a discussion period, during which time several from the county gave reports of the work in different sections of the county. Dinner was served by the ladies of the Howard Evangelical church. The presiding officer in the morning was the Rev. Delas Keener of Centre Hall.

The afternoon session opened at 1:30 p. m., J. P. Wetzel presiding. The devotions were in charge of Rev. L. E. Kline, pastor of the Evangelical church at Howard. Mr. Bodmer then gave a very helpful and inspiring address on the theme "The Adequacy of Jesus for Today's World." A short business session followed and the convention was divided into group conferences for about two hours. Mr. Bodmer then brought his address of the day on the theme "A Christian in Today's World." In this he spoke of the part a Christian should take in the affairs of the world. His address was very helpful and inspiring. Supper was served by the same ladies who served the dinner.

The evening session opened at 7:15 with a roding song service. The devotions were in charge of Rev. Robert E. Fleck, of the host church. Willis E. Geisinger was the presiding officer. After the announcements and offering, the officers who were elected to serve for the coming year were installed by the three past presidents of the Council, the Revs. Kellar, Johnson and Morris.

The officers for the coming year are as follows: President, J. P. Wetzel of Centre Hall; vice-president, Rev. Housell; secretary, Frances Holter; treasurer, W. H. Geisinger. The closing address of the convention was given by Rev. E. L. Morris, the retiring president, who spoke on the theme "The Church at Work with Christ." His address was very helpful and made a fitting climax for the convention.

The attendance was good at all sessions and it was reported by many as the best convention ever held in the county.

A CITY OF THE SOUTH

Letter to Reporter Readers from S. W. Smith, in St. Petersburg, Florida, Gives Description of a City of Charm.

St. Petersburg, Florida, June 14, 1938.

To the Reporter Readers: St. Petersburg has a most ideal location. It is halfway down the west coast of Florida and is situated on the southern tip of Pinellas Peninsula almost entirely surrounded by Tampa Bay, Boca Ciega Bay and the Gulf of Mexico. The temperature influence of surrounding waters cuts down the extreme of cold in winter and heat in summer. The highest temperature ever recorded here was 97 degrees on July 13, 1932, and the lowest was 28, in February, 1917. The average high temperature for 15 years prior to 1937, was 93.4 degrees for June; July, 94; August, 94.4; September, 93.4; October, 90.6.

A few days ago the thermometer on the front porch indicated 92 degrees, but the free-air temperature of a government station would register somewhat lower. In Philadelphia, on the same day the high temperature was 94 degrees.

It is how hot or cold it feels to the individual that counts. While the thermometer was bobbing around 92, the palm trees were waving vigorously due to a continuous cool breeze. We have not yet nor will we experience a breeze laden with heat.

The average rainfall by months indicates the lowest, 2 1/2 inches, in January, to 8 1/2 inches in July and August. The drop in November and December is to 1 1/2, with an average for the year of about 52 inches, ample to keep vegetation green during twelve months of the year.

During the past twenty-seven years there have been but 126 days on which the sun did not shine. This record is kept by the St. Petersburg Independent, a daily newspaper, which gives away its entire home circulation every day the sun fails to shine before press hours. During 1934 and 1935 there were more than 530 consecutive days of sunshine. This is evidence that living must be comfortable on sunshine days in Florida.

The resident population of the city in 1930 was 273 persons. At this time the estimated population is almost 50,000, of which 90 per cent are American born, while; foreign born, one per cent; and nine per cent colored.

It is estimated approximately 200,000 visitors are entertained during each winter. These are not in the city at one time, but stay for varying periods during the season.

There are vast numbers of points of interest in the city. Among these are a Veterans' Home in the South, located on 500 acres of land donated by St. Petersburg and Pinellas county in which the city is located, first opened in 1932, after the expenditure of over \$1,000,000 of Federal funds. A like amount has been authorized for the enlargement of the home.

The city has a Carnegie library with 29,000 books. Gandy bridge, a seven-mile structure of concrete and steel, spans Tampa Bay to connect St. Petersburg and Tampa, shortening the distance by 25 miles. The long approaches made of land dredged up out of the bay are lined with Austrian pine trees set on either side of the road. The approaches and concrete bridge proper are brilliantly lighted.

The city of St. Petersburg has the distinction of having the only "open-air" post office in the States. All service offered by any post-office may be transacted without entering an inclosure. Hundreds of lock-boxes are visible as one passes by on the pavement. There are also two branch post offices and a sub-station.

The Atlantic Coast Line and Seaboard Air Line have their terminals in this city. Bus lines, including the Greyhound lines, and several steamship companies have offices here. There are two airports which are extensively used for travel and air-mail service.

The street railways in the city are municipally owned and operated. There are thirty-three miles of trolley tracks. In addition to this there are bus lines, connection with Pass-a-Grille, on an island, and the beaches to the south.

Although St. Petersburg's principal business is the entertainment and accommodation of its many visitors, it also offers industrial and commercial opportunities in certain fields which do not conflict with the resort interests.

The 3490 green benches in the parks and on the sidewalks have an interesting history dating back to 1908, when an enterprising merchant had built fifty large benches and painted them a brilliant orange. This soon made the corner a popular place to congregate. Other merchants saw the value of this scheme and began furnishing benches. Today there are 2,250 benches on the streets and 1200 in parks. They are all uniform in size and are painted green to conform to a city ordinance. One can sit with comfort on the benches when the sun is shining brightly and mercury above 85 degrees. A green bench epidemic in northern towns might become a worthwhile experiment.

Pinellas county is noted for its agricultural and citrus groves. The Municipal Recreation Pier, popularly known as the Million Dollar Pier, extends out into Tampa Bay for 2400 feet.

The Municipal Solarium is at the approach of the pier and adjoins the

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GRANGE ENCAMPMENT & FAIR SHAPING FOR 1938 GATHERING

Plans for the 65th annual Grange Encampment and Fair, opening Saturday, August 27, are already well under way. In addition to the new hog and sheep barn now being erected, a building for the exhibit of Cattle Company is planned, and minor repairs and improvements are to be made on other buildings. For the camp fifteen new tents have been purchased.

Throughout the county Grange groups are now busy selecting and casting the plays which have become an eagerly-looked-for-to feature of the Fair week program. These Grange dramatic groups have made notable progress, both in the quality of the plays produced and in their presentation of them. Another enormously popular program number of the past two years has been the Amateur Hour, staged at the conclusion of the Grange plays each evening. Paul Bartzges, Aaronburg, is working with Grange lecturers throughout the county with a view of having every community represented on the program. It is not necessary, however, that one shall be a Grange member to register for the amateur programs; participation is open to anyone, any age, any specialty, group or individual performance. Persons wishing to enter this contest should register with Mr. Bartzges as soon as possible in order that they may be classified and assigned a place on the program.

Exhibits will always be an important phase of any fair; the Grange Fair is justly proud of its exhibits and this year will be no exception. Commercial exhibits promise to be even larger, better, and more numerous than in previous years. Granges, too, are planning their demonstrations of the products of home and farm. A recent development of the Grange exhibits has been those of the Juvenile Grange groups, growing in number and interest each year; already these enthusiastic juveniles in many communities are working to put on an exhibit that will outshine those of their contemporaries. The committee hopes also that tentative plans now being formulated for a Flower Show to be staged by the Centre County Garden Clubs may culminate in yet another spot of interest in the horticultural building.

381 PUPILS PASS HIGH SCHOOL EXAMINATION

Certificates are being mailed out this week to 381 non-resident pupils in Centre county who passed high school entrance examinations on April 30. These are pupils who live in districts where there are no high schools. In the list of the twenty pupils making the highest grades in the examination, the Millsburg schools, as has been the case for the past number of years, lead with seven. A significant feature of the tests this year is that six pupils in one room schools are among the twenty making the highest marks. The 381 pupils do not include Centre Hall boys and Potter township children who took the examination, but only pupils of those districts which must send their high school pupils into another school district. The Centre Hall-Potter joint board of school directors now handles matters pertaining to the local high school. Prof. J. F. Wetzel is supervisor of all schools in the two districts as well as being principal of the joint high school. In this way there is a chance to organize the local schools so as to give a more equal opportunity to pupils of the two districts. Announcement of pupils who passed in the local districts was made in the Reporter two weeks ago.

DANCE REVUE

Frances L. Burns will present her Centre county dancing classes in a revue of tap, toe, ballet and acrobatic dancing, on June 28, at the Centre Hall high school auditorium at 8:00 p. m. Admission; adults, 25c; children under 15 years of age, 10c. Come and bring your friends for a whole evening's entertainment.

MANY HIGHWAYS IN STATE BEING OILED; CHECK THE MAP

According to the most recent de- tailed bulletin sent out by the Department of Highways in Harrisburg, there are over fifty sections of highway in the state now being oiled. This information is effective for the week of June 17 to June 24. Highway between here and Philadelphia, however, are free of oiling projects. Check the latest bulletins at the Reporter office before starting on your summer trip.

CARNIVAL AT SPRING MILLS BY CIVIC ORGANIZATION

Gregg Township Civic Organization will hold their Carnival on Friday and Saturday of this week, June 24 and 25, on the athletic field at Spring Mills.

Contests will be held at which time prizes will be given away, donated by business men of the district. All kinds of seasonable refreshments will be served both nights.

Prizes will be displayed each evening at a special stand with the name of the donor. The first winner will have choice of any article on stand; however, the winner must be present at the time of drawing. Saturday night a special prize, an imported rug, will be given away.

Music will be furnished by the Spring Mills band; also a special section of the State College bugle corps. Many new and novel forms of entertainment will be provided, one of which will be a beauty contest for men between the ages of 16 and 39 years. Prizes will be given to the winner selected by popular choice. It is hoped that the men from the surrounding communities will participate in this contest.

W. F. MacMorran will be in charge of the stand from which the prizes will be distributed.

The committee is desirous that everyone will give their support by attending, since the proceeds from this undertaking will serve to lighten the expense of a community project, namely, the adequate lighting of the streets of Spring Mills.

—S. W. SMITH.

DRIVE OPENS FOR CENTRE COUNTY HOSPITAL

The annual membership campaign of the Centre County Hospital not included in the Bellefonte and State College Welfare campaigns, is now in full swing. In nearly all boroughs and townships captains have been named and they have appointed helpers who are working for a successful drive.

Contributions are being solicited from private individuals, business places, lodges, granges, churches and Sunday schools. A contribution of one dollar or more entitles the contributor to a yearly membership in the Centre County Hospital Corporation. In desperation, many persons must do to turn to this hospital for aid. Among them are families struggling valiantly to maintain independence on incomes too meager for ordinary day-by-day living, lacking resources to stand the strain of sudden disaster; a needed operation or medical care.

Even families on Government relief must look to the hospital for the aid relief checks do not cover. In good times or bad, through depression or prosperity, these are problems the hospital must meet and they can only be met by the liberal support of all.

Certain townships each year call upon the hospital for fine service, but during the membership drive contribute little or nothing for the upkeep of the institution. The hospital is not operated for profit but for the welfare of the citizens of Centre county and the financial support of these citizens is needed to continue the high standard of service now being given. During the past year one-third of the patients have been charity patients.

The following are acting as captains: Mrs. F. V. Goodhart, Centre Hall; Mrs. Harold Leightley, College township; Mrs. Joseph Nyman, Curtin township; Mrs. J. Fred Markle, Ferguson township; Mrs. Harry Condo, Gregg township; Miss Betty Way, Haines township; Leroy Freedy, Harris township; Miss Marion Smith, Howard township; W. K. McDowell, Howard township; Mrs. T. M. Kunes, Liberty township; Miss Dorothy Betts, Miss Norma Yearick, Marion township; Miss Betty Paige, Mrs. Wilbur Meyer, Miles township; J. Radall Miller, Millheim; Lee Vonada, Penn township; R. W. Keck, Snow Shoe; Mrs. George W. Bullock, Unionville; George H. Yarnell, Walkersville.

CHILDREN'S DAY SERVICES

Children's Day services in the Centre Hall Methodist church will be held Sunday evening, June 26, at 7:45 o'clock.

The local Evangelical church will hold its Children's Day service on Sunday morning, at 10:30.

FUTURE FARMERS MEET AT STATE COLLEGE

Last week was Future Farmers week at State College. This ninth annual meeting, with Thursday as its big day, is estimated to have attracted nearly 2000 Future Farmers from all parts of Pennsylvania. Eleven contests were held on Thursday to test the knowledge and skill of the young farmers. These included judging animals, poultry, potatoes and corn; knowledge of trees, feeds, insects and diseases; skill with horses and tools and general farm mechanics.

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TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS

The summer season is upon us, and so are the flies and mosquitos.

Miss Ella M. Bortoff of Lemont is spending a few days at the Jacobs home in town.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Warner and daughter Janet, of Camden, N. J., arrived in town on Monday afternoon.

Mrs. John P. Williams, of Amityville, N. Y., who has been visiting in this vicinity, spent a few days at the Charles Arney home.

Mrs. Savilla Kryder of Centre Hall publishes letters testamentary on the estate of her husband, C. N. Kryder, late of Centre Hall, deceased, in this issue.

"The Slow Train Through Arkansas" has nothing on our own L. & T. Day by day it's arriving later. Perhaps we're to be broken in gradually to the day when we'll know it no more.

Mrs. Rebecca Romig of Liverpool is spending a few days with the C. D. Bartholomew family. While in Centre county she also spent a few days with her daughter, Mrs. Lillian Crow, in State College.

Miss Jane Campbell, daughter of Mrs. Robert P. Campbell, of Penns Cave, has returned from Coudersport where she has completed her first term as English instructor in the high school. Miss Campbell has been called back to the same position for the next term with an increase in salary.

Those from Centre Hall who took part in the Dance Circus presented at Houtzdale by Frances L. Burns Monday evening were Jane Vogt, Betty Schaeffer, David Booser, Betty Johnson and Jean Bartholomew. The same dancing pupils also took part in the Dance Revue at Bellefonte on Wednesday evening.

Week-end visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William McClenahan were: Mr. and Mrs. D. O. Stover, Mr. and Mrs. David Hudson and daughter, Miss Anna Fay, all of Berea, Ohio; and James Stover, of Monticore. These people were in Centre Hall at this time to attend the Stover reunion held at Grange Park on Saturday.

Mrs. J. Elmer Campbell of Drift- ington, who has been visiting at Oak Hall, had the misfortune to fall and break her hip, according to advices received by relatives in Centre Hall. She was taken to the Centre County hospital. Mrs. Campbell is in her eighties, and her condition is not regarded as favorable. The Campbell's resided for many years near Linden Hall.

The ladies of the Rebekah lodges of the Southern District of Centre county held a picnic at Hecla Park on Saturday. Members of lodges from Pine Grove Mills, State College, Boalsburg, Centre Hall, Spring Mills, Millheim and Rebersburg were present, with a total of 145 persons. The picnic lunch was served at one o'clock, and the afternoon was spent in various contests and amusements.

Albert Foster, son of Dr. J. V. Foster of State College, has been signally honored through an opportunity to gather legal knowledge from the eminent jurist, the Hon. John W. Davis, former Democratic candidate for President of the United States. The young man will work in the Davis law offices in New York City for the summer. He is a law student at Washington and Lee University.

Parents and others who are interested in the programs and methods by which the Community Vacation school is being carried on are invited to visit various groups. Beginners are at the Evangelical church, the primaries at the Lutheran church, and the juniors and intermediates at the high school building. Many other communities of the county are conducting similar schools this month.

Among those who attended the Howard Christian Education convention from this vicinity were: Robert Bradford, Jack Kirkpatrick, Dorothy Blazer, Mrs. Fred Slack, Betty Runkle, Eunice Brazier, Charles Ramer, John William Dasher and Marion Treaster. Elsewhere in this issue is a summary of the convention, and statements of important roles played by Rev. D. R. Keene, and Prof. J. F. Wetzel.

Robert Horner, of near Centre Hall, mention of whose serious condition was made in the Reporter last week, returned home from the Geisinger hospital last week after a peanut was removed from his gullet. The peanut stuck in the gullet while eating a mixture of confections on Memorial day, and for the following 12 days he was unable to swallow either food or water, resulting in a loss of twenty pounds in weight. The young man will return to the hospital each week for treatment with special instruments to stretch the tube to its normal size.

In shoe store windows of Bellefonte and Lewistown are to be seen mouse circuses. White mice climb and run on various wheel devices and create as much amusement as the trained bears and acrobats in a large circus. Circus mice cost 25 cents each, are untrained, but perform like old troopers. They commit no indecencies while on display, and apparently enjoy their antics on the moving wheels. They are not penned or fastened in or on any of the wheels, the extent of their performing depending entirely upon their individual desires.