



CENTRE COUNTY 4-H LAMB CLUB WINS FARM SHOW PRIZES

Competing in the Farm Show last week in Harrisburg, Centre County 4-H Lamb Club members successfully competed with lamb club members from a number of other counties in the State.

Linn Miller, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Miller of Centre Hall, was awarded the Hampshire Champion award on his pen of three fat lambs. Other winners in the Hampshire class were: third, Helen Homan, State College; fifth, Dan Stearns, Lemont; seventh, David Nolt, Centre Hall. There were fifteen pens exhibited in the Hampshire class.

Out of a group of twenty-two Shropshire lambs, William Hess of Boalsburg, exhibited the fifth prize pen, and Dean Ross of Centre Hall the seventh prize pen.

The Grand Champion of the show was shown by Donald Wait of Lehigh county, and the Reserve Champion by Jeannette Brownlow of Washington county.

While in attendance at the Farm Show, Centre county boys and girls were under the supervision of the following parents and club leaders: Clarence Miller and Harry Frantz of Centre Hall, and Mrs. Frank Homan of State College.

4-H Club lambs and baby beavers were sold at auction on Friday afternoon. The six pens of lambs from Centre county averaged 13.98 cents per pound, which in addition to the prize money, provided a fair return to the club members for their lamb-feeding project.

According to County Agent R. C. Blaney, this is the fourteenth year that Centre County 4-H club members have exhibited lambs at the Farm Show. During this time Centre county lamb club members have won the Grand Champion award five times, the Reserve Champion seven times, and have had twenty-one breed champions. Centre county lamb club members are proud of this record and are looking forward to another successful year.

ANSWER TO THE RURAL SCHOOLS' READING PROBLEM

There are seventy-five one-room schools in Centre county, representing about twenty per cent of all the elementary school population. Approximately two thousand pupils go to these one-room schools each day. There are fourteen two-room schools with nearly nine hundred in attendance and five three-room schools with about five hundred pupils.

Very rarely do you find any library books in any of these schools. If any are there it is because some community-spirited individual has donated them or money has been raised by some school function and a few books have been purchased. Very seldom do local school boards find that they have enough funds to supply these schools with proper library books.

Nearly ten years ago a rather difficult literature test was selected for high school entrance requirements. The purpose was to encourage, eventually, the improvement of library facilities. A difference was noticeable in the larger elementary schools, but the one-room school remained quite the same as before. Progressive teachers loaned books to pupils and they borrowed from each other but the results were not especially encouraging.

Today conditions remain quite the same as before and not much hope of a plan which will give to our rural folks a chance to read desirable literature both for information and leisure time activity.

It would seem to me that the County Library as now being organized would be a solution to this reading problem. It is evident that reading is one of the major handicaps of rural children. They find high school and college subjects very difficult because of a lack of good training in reading. Many pupils have become discouraged and have withdrawn from school rather than continue on with this apparent handicap.

Schools do a rather good work under the conditions that exist. What an improvement there would be if each teacher had access to all kinds of appropriate books. How this type of reading would replace the cheap literature which sometimes finds its way into the home and school.

Under the County Library plan a teacher can get a number of books for a certain period of time. At the end of this time these may be exchanged for others. Good books of the right kind can be supplied at all times.

I am confident the same results could be obtained in Centre county as an answer to the rural school reading problem as in the twelve other counties where this plan has been in operation for some years.

F. G. ROGERS, County Superintendent

William Hoffer is general chairman for the Celebration of the President's Birthday in Philipsburg on Jan. 30.

BELL LINES TO SERVE RURAL DISTRICTS DIRECTLY

The Bell Telephone Company is contacting members of the Patrons Rural Telephone Companies relative to a change of system. The Bell company is offering to build a main line through Penns and Brush Valleys to which private lines could be built and connected from farm homes.

The rural telephone companies, some twenty in number, were organized more than thirty years ago, and served many rural sections in which telephone service at that time was not available. The yearly rentals were brought down to a minimum cost, the movement being largely instrumental in putting the Bell company to the fore in Centre county. It was distinctly a Grange movement and was supported financially by the Centre County Pomona Grange, the late Hon. Leonard Rhone being the prime mover in the undertaking to connect farm homes by a "speaking" wire.

Since that period the Bell company has extended its main lines into many sections not touched at that time, and rates lessened, so that many sections at this period could probably be served as economically from main Bell lines as ever what are known as Rural Telephone Company lines.

JOBLESS FUND TO PAY WIDE RANGE OF BENEFITS

Several hundred thousand unemployed Pennsylvania workers who meet the law's requirements will receive a larger amount of Unemployment Compensation benefits—\$12,000,000 to \$15,000,000 additional—during the year 1939 and thereafter, as a result of a ruling made by the Department of Labor and Industry, Secretary Ralph M. Bashore announced.

The Pennsylvania Unemployment Compensation Fund, one of the largest and most solvent in the nation, can well stand this additional distribution, Mr. Bashore pointed out. On January 11, 1939, the Fund contained \$68,458,538.99 despite the fact that from February 1, 1938 to January 11, 1939 nearly 900,000 unemployed Pennsylvania workers had withdrawn \$73,505,458.70 in Unemployment Compensation benefits. Moreover, the balance will be substantially increased within two weeks, when an estimated \$18,000,000 will be added to the Pennsylvania Unemployment Compensation Fund by payments for the fourth calendar quarter of 1938 from 140,000 Pennsylvania employers; these contribution payments are due January 21, 1939.

According to present indications, upwards of \$75,000,000.00 will be paid into the Fund for 1939, the period during which the wider jobless payments will be disbursed.

BABY BEEF AT FARM SHOW SOLD FOR 61 CENTS POUND

Elwood Buss, president of the Northampton County 4H Baby-Beef Club, who lives on a farm near Easton, captured the top award at the Farm Show with an Aberdeen-Angus weighing 1060 pounds.

The animal, sold at an auction, was purchased at the rate of 61 cents per pound, four cents above the previous high.

Buss also won a gold medal as the best "fitter," one who grooms livestock for showing.

Bellefonte will celebrate the President's Birthday on Friday evening at Hecla Park. The patrons are assured good dance music and a variety of entertainment. Tickets are offered at \$1.00.

Work on the School Parkway WPA project was resumed on Friday and then held up by the cold weather until Monday afternoon.

CENTRAL QUEEN TEMPLE INSTALLS 1939 OFFICERS

The Central Queen, Lodge, Ladies of the Golden Eagle, at Centre Hall, installed their officers in the lodge room Thursday evening. The officers installed by District Grand Templar Mrs. Blanche Bradford were: past templar, Mrs. Vianna Durst; noble templar, Mrs. Angeline Rickert; vice-templar, Mrs. Ethel Fetterolf; M. of C., Mrs. Esther Lutz; guardian of records, Mrs. Florence Whitman; guardian of finance, Mrs. Lydia Bradford; guardian of exchequer, Mrs. Verna Frank; guardian of music, Mrs. Sara Bradford. After the installation ceremonies the members enjoyed an oyster stew.

SPRING MILLS and community will hold the Celebration of the President's Birthday in the Vocational School building, on Monday, January 30. Further announcement will be found in the Spring Mills column on last page of this issue.

A Great Man's Courage Defeated Infantile Paralysis

CELEBRATION FOR THE PRESIDENT'S BIRTHDAY AT CENTRE HALL, THURSDAY EVENING, JANUARY 26, TO AID IN FIGHT ON DREAD DISEASE.



PRESIDENT FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT

The Celebration of the Birthday for the President in this community will be held this (Thursday) evening in the Centre Hall-Potter high school building, the first celebration date in the county.

The large auditorium and stage are being elaborately decorated for the occasion, and the floor will be found in the best of condition for dancing, the principal form of entertainment. To make the dancing attractive, the leading orchestra—the Campus Owls of Penn State College—have been secured, together with a second orchestra to furnish music especially for square dancing. The drummer in the Owls orchestra will operate on a platform raised above that of his companions so he may be readily seen from all points of the spacious dance floor. The fact that the drummer was featured on the Steel Pier, Atlantic City, is evidence of his ability to entertain. The orchestra also has a vocalist who will sing numbers fitting the occasion.

All committee chairmen and their assistants report activity in their special lines, and are meeting with reasonable success.

The Program and Entertainment Committee assures the general chairman, Roy S. Jamison, they have completed all preliminary arrangements and that during the progress of dancing will, with a few others, give personal attention to arranging more creditable sets for square dancing, which will begin at 8:00 o'clock, and supervise both classes of dancing while in action.

The refreshment committee is headed the same as a year ago for the reason that the committee as a whole was capable of providing excellent food and punch at reasonable rates.

The remaining committees are no less active, all of which assure the success of the 1939 celebration.

Cantor Suggests Dimes Dimes by the hundred thousand are marching to Washington—but every one is going to be counted.

They're going to the White House in the March of Dimes as part of the national infantile paralysis campaign in connection with the Celebration of the President's Birthday being held throughout the country.

This community is joining with the rest of the nation by celebrating the President's birthday and contributing dimes, this (Thursday) evening. The movement was suggested by Eddie Cantor, radio and screen star.

The whole purpose of the Celebration of the Birthday of the President is to raise funds to fight in a big way infantile paralysis. One-half of all the net funds will this year be returned to local districts to be used as they deem proper. The remainder will be held in a permanent organization, non-political in character, to combat the dreaded disease in a nation-wide movement.

Harry Hopkins' appointment by President Roosevelt as Secretary of Commerce was approved on Monday in the U. S. Senate by a vote of 58 to 27.

P. T. A. MEETING TO FEATURE HIGH SCHOOL PLAY

The program committee of the Parent-Teacher Association has arranged for a repetition of the play, "Room for Ten," at the next meeting of the association, Monday, January 30, according to Mrs. Harry Potter, president.

The entertainment will begin with a high school band concert at 7:15 o'clock and the play will begin at 7:30. The program has been scheduled at this early hour to accommodate those persons who wish to attend the Birthday Ball at Spring Mills.

An admission charge of fifteen cents for adults and ten cents for children will be made at this P. T. A. meeting. The business of the organization will be transacted between acts of the play.

TROOP 20 BOY SCOUTS WIN AT BASKETBALL

The local Boy Scout Troop met the Junior Y. M. C. A. basketball team of Bellefonte last Friday evening on the latter's floor. The game was hotly contested, but the deciding factor for the Scouts was the neat field work of Kenny Runkle. The final score was 23 to 14 in favor of the Scout team.

FIRE COMPANY ANNUAL MEETING, FEBRUARY 1ST

The Centre Hall Volunteer Fire Company will hold its annual meeting on Wednesday evening, February 1st, in the council room, at 7:30 o'clock.

One item of business is the election of officers.

BILLS TO BOOST PENSIONS AND PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Two measures were introduced in the House of Representatives by Democrats that would boost old age pensions from \$30 to \$50 per month and reduce the age limit from 65 to 60 years.

The other measure was to repeat the \$1,000,000 appropriation to the Department of Public Instruction for rentals on school buildings the department expected to construct under the abandoned \$3,000,000 General State Authority PWA program. (Jir-orlanio, D., Northampton).

SPEAKER BANKHEAD AT JACKSON DAY DINNER

Hon. William B. Bankhead, Speaker of the House of Representatives, at the Jackson Day Dinner in Washington, said:

"The Democratic Party has nothing of which to be ashamed in its long, useful, and honorable history. It has fought the people's battles; it has fought to crystallize and preserve the majestic statesmanship of Thomas Jefferson; it has sought to meet every national emergency with courage and sound judgment and is yet entirely worthy of the continued confidence and support of the American people."

James F. Wills, editor of the Bellefonte Times, was recently taken suddenly ill with a kidney ailment and is now a patient in the Lewistown City hospital for observation and treatment.

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS IN SUCCESSFUL STAGE PLAY

Centre Hall-Potter high school students put on a three-act comedy drama on Saturday evening, entitled, "Room for Ten," which proved a signal success.

Miss Sarah Kocher, the faculty member who had the training of the pupils in charge, succeeded admirably in giving an entertainment acceptable to a house made up almost entirely of adults. This was made possible by giving a matinee at an earlier date for children at a much reduced rate of admission.

Every character was able to go through his or her part without prompting and at the same time gave no signs of embarrassment, and more than one gave the audience a surprise in ability of stage work.

The cast of characters follows: Mr. Scott, the father, Geo. McCormick; Ted Scott, the son, Russell Belsh; Lucille Scott, the daughter, Jane Spyker; Mrs. Turner, "Aunt Jane", Lois Arney; Stella, the cook, Frances Runkle; Walter, the handy man, William Kerlin; Tom Morey, a bank cashier, James Meeker; Mozelle Adams, a newspaper woman, Miriam Homan; Mrs. O'Brien, an Irish woman, Edna Meyer; Doris O'Brien, her daughter, Peg McClenahan; Barry Appleton, her fiance, Francis Snyder; Mr. Fisher, a Government official, Kenneth Runkle.

GOVERNOR TILTS THUMBS ON SCHOOL HOUSE BUILDING

It appears Governor James has turned down the Thompson plan calling for the erection of school buildings in Bellefonte, Centre Hall (two buildings), East Penns Valley, Gregg Township, Harris Township, Hubersburg, Philipsburg, Rush Township, Snow Shoe, Snow Shoe Township, State College, and Worth Township, in addition to the five million dollar building program for Penn State College.

The Thompson Plan called for the building of 750 school buildings in Pennsylvania.

CORN LOANS OF 43 CENTS PER BUSHEL AVAILABLE

In order to determine whether there is a substantial demand for corn loans by Pennsylvania farmers, the State Agricultural Conservation Committee asks farmers interested to write the office at 140 South Second Street, Harrisburg.

Corn loans can be made available to Pennsylvania farmers who cooperated in the 1938 Agricultural Conservation Program by keeping within their total soil-depleting allotment and meeting the loan requirements.

The loan rate for corn for Pennsylvania, which is outside the commercial corn area, is 43 cents per bushel. In the commercial corn area the loan rate is 57 cents per bushel. This higher rate, however, is accompanied by a program of corn acreage reduction.

Pennsylvania had no special corn acreage program in 1938.

BROKE ARM IN FALL

Mrs. Ada Bloom in a fall at the Bartholomew home broke the bone in the right arm above the elbow. An adjustment was made after the fracture was x-rayed. Mrs. Bloom for some months assisted in caring for Miss Jennie Bartholomew, a partial invalid, at the Bartholomew home. The accident occurred on Friday.

DRUMMER FOR "CAMPUS OWLS" FEATURED AT ATLANTIC CITY

It will be of interest to those contemplating attending the Celebration for the President's Birthday to be held in Centre Hall, Thursday evening, January 26, that the snare drummer was featured all summer long on the Steel Pier, Atlantic City. That experience will enable him to entertain with his half-dozen musical instruments as a part of the Penn State Campus Owls Orchestra more completely than he did a year ago.

The federal government has a claim against Prince D. Farrington, now an inmate of the Northeastern Penitentiary, Lewisburg, for approximately \$40,000 of unpaid income tax from 1926 to 1931, liens for which were filed with the prothonotary of Lycoming county in 1932 and 1933.

CENTRE COUNTY HOSPITAL NOTES.

Patients in the hospital from the south side of the county for the week of January 16:

Tuesday, admitted: Master Roy F. Harpster and Master Harold Harpster, Centre Hall, R. D. Admitted Wednesday and discharged Thursday: Master David Rimmer, Centre Hall, R. D. Thursday, admitted: Master Harry Zeigler, Boalsburg. A daughter was born on Friday to Mr. and Mrs. Russell Lair. Saturday, discharged: Miss Rhoda Harrison, Boalsburg. There were 52 patients in the hospital at the beginning of last week.

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS

Blair Templeton of Tyrone was here on Monday looking over the Gruenwald horses.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Horner of Colyer moved to Pleasant Gap and are occupying the Gill cottage.

A twin son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold E. Walker, of Howard, died on Thursday. The child was one year old.

Mrs. John Heckman, confined to bed from neuritis and a bad cold, is able to be about the house since Tuesday.

Mrs. William A. Wagner of Altoona, who had been ill for some time, is reported to be much improved at this time.

Wilbur Stover is driving a new Dodge truck of four-ton capacity, purchased from the R. S. Hagan agency in Centre Hall.

W. W. Kerlin, the Centre Hall poultryman, was elected one of the directors in the Centre County Thrift Corporation by the stockholders.

Since the blood test law in New York State is in operation, north-tier county towns are becoming "Gretna Greens" for prospective brides and bridegrooms.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Adam Adams of Woodward at the Evangelical Home hospital at Lewisburg. It was the first child born to the couple.

Enlist in the Army to fight infantile paralysis by attending the Celebration for the Birthday of the President in the Centre Hall-Potter high school building, this (Thursday) evening, January 26th.

More than 200 students are scheduled to receive baccalaureate and advanced degrees at the annual mid-year commencement exercises at Penn State College which will take place Friday evening, February 3.

W. Harrison Walker, Esq., was named District Deputy Grand Master of the 21st Masonic District, composed of the counties of Centre and Clearfield, for the twenty-fourth consecutive year. Mr. Walker is the only thirty-third degree Mason in the northern Masonic district.

One of the newest aids designed for the after-treatment of infantile paralysis is the whirlpool bath, which is more beneficial in certain cases than bathing in a pool or large tank. Proceeds from the March of Dimes and President Roosevelt Birthday Balls will make available more of these baths for other children throughout the country.

The courts are abetting Governor James in accomplishing his desire to fire Democratic office-holders. The courts, during the past year, have done much to aid the Republican party to reestablish itself in Pennsylvania. Whether or not the decisions were the result of political bias, at any rate, the decisions went with the courts' political leanings.

Mrs. Myra Winegardner, who has been seriously ill for several months at the home of her sister, Mrs. Edwin Glenn, at the Branch, near State College is not improving. During last week she apparently suffered another stroke, affecting an eye and one side of her face. Mrs. Winegardner is a sister of Frank V. Goodhart, and during the lifetime of her husband lived at Millroy.

The man in the South who spoke over the radio, begging to be identified by some friend, bears no resemblance to Andrew McNitt, declared dead by the court of Centre county about two years ago. Mr. McNitt disappeared nine years ago after leaving Bellefonte for Miami, Florida. Members of the McNitt family made investigation of the Southerner, who was an amnesia victim.

C. R. Ellicott, general manager of the Bethlehem Steel Company at Johnstown, announces the plant made the best safety record in its history in 1938, when there was but one fatality. The members of the Centre Hall Business Men's Association will recall Mr. Ellicott as one of the speakers at the banquet the Steel company gave them. He was then assistant to the late L. R. Custer, general manager.

Mrs. C. W. Slack, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Alexander and Rev. J. M. Kirkpatrick attended the funeral of Charles Roskelley, whose remains were interred in the Branch cemetery. Rev. Kirkpatrick was in charge of the funeral services. Mrs. Roskelley, formerly Mary Love Campbell, who was badly injured in a motor accident on her return home from the funeral, will require long hospital treatment to bring about repairs of a shattered pelvis bone.