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STATE FARM SHOWS OPENS JANUARY 15TH; TO CONTINUE FIVE DAYS

A half-million men, women and children, the Agriculture Department has estimated, will mill through the vast Pennsylvania State farm show in the five days beginning January 15.

That attendance, they figured, would at least match the crowd that was drawn to the capital last year by the twin attraction of the annual agricultural exhibition and Arthur H. James' inauguration as governor.

The farm show management completed its list of more than 60 judges for various competitive exhibitions ranging down the alphabet from agriculture, apiary products, apples and nuts to swine, tobacco, vegetables and wool.

As an indication of the vastness of the nation's largest indoor agricultural products exposition, it cited these statistics:

Floor space: 400,000 square feet.

Entries: 10,000.

Cash awards: 9.500, totaling more than $40,000.

Livestock displayed: Dairy cattle 448; beef cattle, 178; horses, 97; sheep 443; swine, 224; baby chicks; eggs chickens and turkeys.

Entertainment: Plays by 10 rural dramatic clubs; music by 10 bands and orchestras; state-wide horse-shoe-pitching contest among 13 entrants; horse-pulling contests; horse show.

The horse show is the only thing about the exhibition, except eats and exhibitors' wares, that isn't free.

Centre Co. People to Compete

A great many Centre county people are looking forward to the Farm Show. County Agent R. C. Blaney states that Centre county people will compete in several features in the Show. In the dramatics tournament Spring Mills Grange will present "The Pampered Darling" on Thursday afternoon in Room A, Main Show building. They are entitled to represent Centre county in the State contest as a result of their winning the county contest in competition with eleven other groups. Mrs. Joseph Swabb, director of the play, states those taking part are Ruth Zubler, Mabel Eungard, Mrs. Harry Auman, Evelyn Brooks, Dean Hettinger, Frances Zerby, Sara Zubler, Rosella Hettinger, Adam Condo, Harold Dress, and Eugene Zerby.

In the horse shoe pitching contest, Earl Homan, of Penna. Furnace, will represent Centre county as the winner of the county contest held at Grange Fair last fall. The State Tournament will be held in the large arena on Thursday evening, at 7:30 o'clock.

4-H Lamb Club members will be represented by six entries. The boys and girls competing are as follows: Dan Stearns, Lemont; William Hess Boalsburg; Helen Homan, State College; Donald Ross, Centre Hall; Lynn Miller, Centre Hall; Wilma Peters, Stormstown. The 4-H club lambs will be judged on Thursday afternoon January 18, starting with Shropshires at 8:30 a. m. Following the judging of the lambs, the baby beeves will be judged in the main arena in the afternoon. The 4-H lambs and baby beeves will be sold at auction starting at 1:00 p. m. on Friday, the 19th.

In addition to the 4-H Club lambs, Richard Luse of Centre Hall will exhibit two Southdown fat weathers in the market lamb class. These will be judged in the small arena on Monday morning, January 15 at 8:00 a.m.

CLIFFORD RICKARD, FARM INS. MANAGER, RECEIVES PROMOTION

Clifford Rickard, district manager of Centre, Clinton, and Mifflin counties for the Farm Bureau Insurance Company, has received an opportunity for additional training in the home office of this company in Columbus, Ohio.

During this training period Mrs. Rickard and the young son, Bobby, will remain with her mother, Mrs. Wilda Pollock, in Clarion, to join Mr. Rickard as soon as the company assigns him to another district.

Mr. and Mrs. Rickard have been residents of Centre Hall for a year and a half, occupying the Thomas Moore property.

Heart Specialist Dies of Heart Attack

Dr. W. G. Falconer, noted heart specialist of Clearfield, died Wednesday night of last week. Ironically enough, he was the victim of a heart attack, at the early age of 51 years.

DEMOCRATS IN CONTROL OF CONGRESS BY BIG MARGIN

Democrats enjoyed a 3-to-1 majority in the Senate when the third session of the 76th Congress convened in Washington last week. The Democratic majority in the House will approximate 3-to-2.

The Senate's official roster reveals 69 Democrats, 23 Republicans, 2 Farmer-Laborites, 1 Progressive and 1 Independent.

The House will comprise 260 Democrats, 164 Republicans, 2 Progressives, 1 Farmer-Laborite, and 1 American Laborite.

No vacancies exist in the Senate. Seven vacancies exist in the lower chamber.

CENSUS TO INCLUDE QUERIES ON BATHTUBS AND SPINACH

Have you a bathtub or shower in your home, and who uses it?

How much did you make last year and what rent do you pay?

How far along in school did you get?

Have you a telephone?

How much spinach did you raise last year and how much, if anything were you paid for it?

Thus will 120,000 census-takers query whoever answers the door at 40,000,000 farm and city dwellings next April.

Secretary of Commerce Harry L. Hopkins made public this week some of the questions through which the Census Bureau expects to gather the most complete data ever assembled about 132,000,000 persons, their homes and their farms.

Farmers in particular will be asked for a wide variety of information. More than 6000 proposed questions were submitted to the Census Bureau for inclusion in the farm survey These were sifted down to about 250 during conferences with farm leaders market analysts and statisticians.

New questions to be asked in the population census this year deal with education, mass migration, employment, occupation and income.

The housing survey is a new one. It lists 31 queries, dealing with type age and condition of the structure facilities, ownership, rental and mortgages.

There are 26 general questions in the population census and 11 additional questions which will be asked one out of 20 persons. These deal with ancestry, war service, social security and occupation. In addition, all married women will be asked whether they have been married more than once how old when first married and how many children they have.

WAR NATIONS TO 'GO ON TRIAL' IN DEBATE AT PENN STATE

Both Germany and the Allies will be placed "on trial" at the Pennsylvania State College next week in a novel forum-debate with Bucknell University along the general lines of a court trial. The purpose will be to decide which side is responsible for the present European war.

With a Penn State student in the role of prosecutor against the Allies, three witnesses will testify in an effort to show that the Versailles Treaty and post-Versailles mistakes brought about the Hitler regime, that the Allies bungled in diplomacy, and that Germany was willing to negotiate. Likewise, a Bucknell representative, acting as defense attorney, will introduce three witnesses against Germany. These three will deny that the World War treaty was solely responsible for Hitler and will claim that Germany has been a consistent aggressor and that British diplomacy was powerless in the face of broken promises.

In line with modern debate procedure, both colleges will participate in the testimony on both sides. Joseph F. O'Brien, associate professor of public speaking, is coach of the Penn State team.

Joint Council Meeting.

The annual meeting of the joint council of the Penns Valley Lutheran charge will be held in the Lutheran church at Centre Hall, Saturday afternoon, January 13.

SWEEPING REORGANIZATION OF LIQUOR CONTROL BOARD

A sweeping reorganiaztion of the Liquor Control Board with pay cuts for 314 employes, wage increases for 350 others, and an estimated saving of $190,125 in operating costs, was announced a few days ago.

Thomas D. Frye, secretary and executive director, said the wage changes affect only "administrative employes," bringing the board's salary schedule to conform with provisions of the state administrative code and with salaries for identical duties in other branches of the state government."

Wage cuts totaling $37,000 a year became effective Monday for one bracket of employes, including 134 who were reduced from $1,200 to $1,140 a year, 56 from $1,200 to $1,080, and 124 from $1,200 to $1,020.

At the same time, under a general readjustment of the wage scale, employes with seniority and increased duties obtained added increments totaling $108,160 a year.

A committee including the superintendent of the state stores system, a supervisor, and three representative store managers from different sections of the state conferred with Harry Statler, director of operations, on a proposed new schedule of wages for the state store clerks.

The $1,200 a year minimum still is in effect for store employes, Frye said, adding: "No store employes whatever" were affected in the reorganization.

The salary increases effective Jan. 1 would be deducted from the saving in operation costs through elimination of some sections, bringing the net reduction in board expenditures to around $80,965 annually.

ANNUAL MEETING CENTRE CO. AGR. EXTENSION SERVICE HELD AT BELLEFONTE

The twenty-second annual meeting of the Centre County Agricultural Extension Service was held in the Court House at Bellefonte on Thursday of last week. J. Foster Musser of State College was re-elected president for the coming year. Henry Stover, Aaronsburg, was elected vice-president; Wm. P. Campbell, Centre Hall, secretary, and W. C. Smeltzer, Bellefonte, treasurer.

In the morning session in addition to the Extension Agents' reports on the past year's work, J. B. Dickey, Extension Agronomist of State College, gave an interesting discussion on hybrid corn and its value to Centre county. Mr. Dickey discussed figures taken from tests which have been conducted to try to determine the varieties of hybrids that are adapted to this area. He advised farmers to be sure they have a hybrid that is adapted and that will ripen under adage conditions, before planting it too extensively.

A. L. Baker, representing the State Extension Directors' office, pointed out the fact that extension work is entirely educational and is combined to help people solve their many rural problems. The influence of an educational program is slow but permanent in character.

In the afternoon session, A. B. Houser, Bellefonte, R. D., pointed out the importance of the honey bee and its relation to mankind, and Mrs. A. L. Albright of Pa. Furnace, gave an interesting talk on home beautification. These were followed by a panel discussion showing methods and work of the home economics department. Ladies who took part in the discussion were Mrs. Isaac Harpster, Penna. Furnace; Mrs. Harry Confer, Howard; Mrs. M. T. Zubler, Spring Mills; Mrs. Ray Ishler, Bellefonte, and Mrs. Maud Graham, Boalsburg.

An illustrated talk, "Home Is What You Make It" by J. R Haswell, Agricultural Extension engineer of State College, was very interesting and of practical value to all present. Mr. Haswell in his talk showed pictures and discussed many conveniences which a great many farm homes have and which more need.

The meeting throughout the day was attended by a large number of Centre county people interested in Extension work.

Woodward Girl Marries

Cecil H. Orr of Milton and Edna E. Storer, daughter of Mrs. Elizabeth McCaslin, of Woodward, were married on the afternoon of Dec. 31 at the parsonage of the United Brethren church at Cocolamus, Juniata county, by Rev. L. C. McHenry, uncle of the bridegroom.

Editor Dies in Florida

Relatives received word on Saturday of the death at Orlando, Fla., of Joseph G. Lesher, 84, editor and publisher of the Huntingdon Monitor. He had been in Florida on a vacation.

Lesher served at Huntingdon postmaster from 1915 to 1921.

HOWARD HIGH BOYS' TEAM WINS HERE; GIRLS' LOSES

Howard high school basketball team came to Centre Hall Friday night and scored a hard-fought victory by a 22-19 score. Smith, Centre Hall center tallied 12 points to lead the scoring. Yearick of Howard was next with 10.

In a preliminary game, the Centre Hall girls topped the Howard girls by a 24-19 score.

Players, positions and points scored in the boys' game follows:

Centre Hall: Harter, f, 0; Martz, f 0; Smith, c, 12; Ralston, g, 4; Bradford, g, 0; Frank, 1; McCormick, 2.

Howard: Yearick, f, 10; Miller, f, 6; Gardner, c, 6; R. Confer, g, 0; Schenck, g, 0; Holter, 0; Kunes, 0.

Centre Hall Girls Defeat Howard

In the girls' 24 to 19 victory, very little fumbling was done by either team throughout the entire game. The passing by the Centre Hall team seemed to confuse Howard in many instances. Madeline Faust was high scorer with 13 points and Ruth Faust was second with 8 points.

The starting lineup was as follows: Madeline Faust, rf; Ruth Faust, lf; Nellie Knarr, cf; Leona Fye, capt. cg; Jean Smith, rg; Lois Arney, lg. Substitutes, Freda Smith, Alice Slack Betty Runkle and Lefa Bitner.

Church Notice.

To whom it may concern:

You are requested to attend a meeting for the purpose of electing trustees for the Colyer Community church, Friday, January 19, at 7:00 o'clock p. m.—By request of the attendants of the Colyer church.

Prestone Sale.

Closing out our Prestone while it lasts at $1.98. Buy a supply for next winter at this give-away price.

CITIES SERVICE GAS STA.
Sunset Diner, Seven Mts.

Turkey Dinner

We are serving our delicious turkey dinner each Sunday from 11 to 7 o'clock.—SUNSET DINER, Seven Mts.

LOCAL MINISTERS DISCUSS THEME OF WEEK OF PRAYER IN ABLE MANNER

Using this text from Psalms 8, "What is man that Thou art mindful of him, the son of man that Thou visiteth him?", the Reverened D. R. Keener of the Reformed church spoke on the theme "Alive to Man" at the Week of Prayer services last Wednesday night in the Methodist church.

On this theme Mr. Keener stressed the truth that just as life is a mixture of good and evil, so is man. He spoke first on the good among men as a creative force, and then on the destructive effect of the evil in mankind. The sermon closed with a challenge to make the Christian life more productive toward good living.

"Alive to the Times" was the topic of a sermon by the Rev. Thomas Fisher of the Lutheran pastorate at Pine Grove Mills, delivered in the local Methodist church last Thursday night. This topic led to an examination of what is going on in the world today. Mr. Fisher pointed out existing evils as a result of the sins of men. His challenge was that one cannot be alive to the times and neglect God.

The Rev. I. L. Miller, pastor of the Methodist church, preached the sermon at the last of the services Friday night on the theme "Alive to God." He mentioned the importance of seeing oneself in the proper relation to God to realize humanity's great need for the deity. This sermon completed the series on the general theme for the week, "Abundant Living Today."

BELLEFONTE MAN KILLED BY CAR AT JACKSONVILLE

Merle J. Setzer, 21, of Bellefonte, was killed in Jacksonville, Sunday, when he was struck by an automobile as he stood on the highway by his vehicle.

Private J. M. Amick, Pleasant Gap, State police barracks, said David Henry, 27, Lock Haven, was the driver of the car which struck Setzer. The policeman said the victim got out of his car when it caught fire.

MACKEYVILLE STARTS WATER SYSTEM UNDER WPA

Twenty-five men began work this week on the WPA project which will bring Mackeyville, in Clinton county a complete new water system.

The undertaking calls for the construction of a reservoir and the laying of about 13,000 feet of pipe. The projects will later employ a total of forty men.

It is set up for six months with $16,866 allocated by the federal government and $6,900 by the local government.

NOTICE TO HUNTERS: MAKE GAME-KILL REPORT BY JAN. 15

In an announcement a few days ago game officials reminded hunters that they have only a few more days, until January 15, to submit their game-kill reports to the Commission's offices at Harrisburg. Last year 98 per cent of the hunters voluntarily returned their reports to the Commission. This year it is hoped to equal, if not exceed that percentage. While the Commission is loath to prosecute hunters for negligence, the $2.00 penalty will nevertheless be imposed upon all those who fail to comply.

To make absolutely sure they receive credt for having filed their reports, hunters are asked to check them carefully before they mail them and to be sure to compare the number on the report with the number on their license.

"Send in your report at once," the Commission advises, "and save yourself trouble and embarrassment, or possibly even a $2.00 penalty."

Remember also that by sending in your report immediately you will be helping the Commission plan its future game program more intelligently. It takes several months to tabulate the game-kill and negligent hunters who fail to cooperate retard the Commission's work considerably in this respect.

COMMON NATIONALITY DRAWS PEOPLE CLOSER

What yould you consider the outstanding characteristics of a well-organized community? According to Dr. M. E. John, professor of rural sociology at the Pennsylvania State College, there are a number of things that you would want to consider.

For example, in his studies he has found that persons having similar ideas and interests find it easier to work together. Common nationality, religion and occupation tend to bring about a closer feeling of unity between the people of a particular area. The absence of physical or geographical barriers helps hold a group together while a mountain range tends to separate the people living on either side.

Because people develop the habit of going to a central point, schools, churches and other public organizations will be more likely to succehd if they are located at this community center, Dr. John believes. Community fairs, old home days, and similar community functions help bring about greater unity.

OPPORTUNITY FOR RENTING YOUR FARM, IF A GOOD ONE

Do you have a good farm to rent? Would you like to rent it to a farmer who is following approved farm management practices as a participant in the rehabilitation program of the Farm Security Administration?

If the answer to both these questions is "yes," you are invited to list these farms now, for consideration of FSA borrowers, with Oakley S. Havens, Rural Rehabilitation Supervisor, 234 East College Ave., State College.

"Every winter about this time, many borrowers are forced to move to other farms and appeal to us to help them find a farm suitable for their particular needs," Mr. Havens explained. We are therefore preparing a list of good farms for rent in Centre and Blair counties. It will be of interest to landlords to have their available farms included on this list. It goes without saying that no obligation will be incurred by an owner whose farm is rented as a result of this listing."

TRI-HI-Y SPONSORS BANQUET FOR C.H.-P.H.S. SOCCER SQUAD

The Centre Hall-Potter soccer squad, runners-up for the county championship in the 1939 season, will be guests at a banquet in the high school building Wednesday evening January 17 at 6:30 o'clock.

The Tri-Hi-Y, a girls' service club of the school, will sponsor and serve the banquet, contributions for which will be made by students from all the classes.

Besides the squad and Coach James A. Myers, the faculty and coaches of competing teams will be invited.

Several speakers will be provided for the occasion and Mr. Myers will act as toastmaster.

Mrs. Shoop Breaks Hip in Fall.

Mrs. Ella Shoop of Centre Hall, who has been with her granddaughter, Mrs Irene Moody, in Newark, N. J., for some months past, sustained a broken hip in a fall at that home some time before Christmas. She is a patient in a Newark hospital.

Owing to her advanced age, 81 years, the injury will doubtless be slow healing.

HOME BURNS WHILE FAMILY IS ABSENT

Six persons were made homeless after fire destroyed the home of the Clyde Shutt family at Runville, not far from Bellefonte, last Thursday night, with a loss of several thousand dollars, despite efforts of the Logan Fire company of Bellefonte. A small part of the loss was covered by insurance.

The blaze at the home was discovered at about 8:15 p. m. by neighbors, none of the family having been home at the time. Flames had already made considerable progress when the Logan firemen were called.

They were hampered in their efforts to subdue the blaze by ice and rocks in Wallace Run, to which a hose line was laid. A small amount of the furniture in the house was removed by firemen and neighbors, but the home burned virtually to the ground. Origin of the fire is unknown.

Mr. Shutt is employed by the American Lime and Stone Co., Bellefonte. Mrs Shutt is adaughter of E. S. Bennett of Runville. Living with them were two children, one married and with a child.

RED CROSS CHAIRMEN REPORT COLLECTIONS

Red Cross chairmen in the various townships of Centre county under the State College Chapter, reported the following amounts received in the recent Red Cross drive:

Mrs. Drew Kolb, Penn and Haines torwships, $144.48; Mrs. Guy Stearns College township, $137; Mrs. J. N Fisher, Miss Charlotte Koch, Mrs. Paul Wrigley and Miss Jane Cowell in charge in Ferguson township, $88.12; Mrs. Curtis Watts, Gregg township, $57.70. Also Mrs. Alma Corman, Miles township, $31.80; Mrs. Jas Gray, Halfmoon township, $15; Miss Kathryn Dale, Harris township, $65.55; Mrs. F. V. Goodhart, Centre Hall borough and Potter twp., $103.06; and Mrs. Roxie Sanderson, Worth township, $82.62.

DIRECT RELIEF PAYMENTS IN CENTRE COUNTY HOLD UP

Payments for direct relief in Centre county for the week ended last Wednesday show little change from those of a week ago but an increase both in the amount of money expended and the number of checks issued, over disbursements for the comparable week last year.

This analysis of the changing relief picture in Centre County was made today by the State Treasurer F. Clair Ross in a summary of payments made through the Bureau of Assistance Disbursements in Treasury Department.

Disbursements for the current week were $3,678.10 made in 653 checks.

Disbursements last week were $3,647.80 made in 650 checks.

Disbursements last year were $3,449.80 made in 551 checks.

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS

Miss Jennie Bartholomew has been ill all week with a severe chest cold.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Slenker of Lock Haven, visited the latter's parents Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Spyker, in Centre Hall over the week-end.

During the year just closed, 431 marriage licenses were issued at the Register's office in Centre county, which is 87 more than last year.

Claude G. Aikens of State College has announced his candidacy as a delegate from this Congressional district to the national Republican convention.

This section had a 2 1-2-inch snowfall, Sunday. At the same time the country to the far South was hit by a heavy snowfall, a two-foot fall being recorded in Arkansas.

Your 1939 auto driver's license expires January 31, and not February 28 as in former years. That means you have only two weeks remaining to use your old card.

A drop of 25 per cent in the box rental at the local post office became effective January 1. Boxes which rented for sixty cents for the quarter are now forty-five cents for the same period.

In the mention of homes beautifully lighted in the Christmas lighting contest, the Reporter erred in naming the Rome Gingrich home when it should have been that of Mrs. T. F Delaney.

Solomon Homan, who makes his home with his son, Fred Homan, in Centre Hall, is improving following a heart attack suffered a week or ten days ago. It was the second attack in less than a month.

The Friendship class in the Reformed Sunday school met at the home of Mrs. Bob Wetzel last Thursday evening, in the regular monthly meeting. Following the business session, refreshments were served.

Mary Rice Morrow of State College has been appointed director of the Bureau of Women and Children, Department of Labor and Industry, at Harrisburg, succeeding Mrs. Gertrude R. Emery. The position pays $4,200 per year.

The borough of Bellefonte is supplying water to farmers who are in need of it due to the current water shortage. The big spring supplying Bellefonte with its water, never knew a lessening in its copious flow, and its origin is still a mystery to scientists.

An oil heater in the Thomas A. Hosterman home failed on Friday night, the coldest night in the present winter, and auxiliary heating units were pressed into service until repairs on the motor were made.

From now on we may expect the days to gradually lengthen.

According to a message received by friends in Centre Hall H. J. Lambert, who was injured in one of the southern states when struck by an automobile, last fall, has been discharged from the hospital some time ago and is now on the way to full recovery at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Erdman West, in Gainesville, Florida.

Mrs. Besse G. Cummings, wife of Dr. M. P. Cummings, residing in Reidsville, North Carolina, in writing the Reporter a few days ago, states "we had a beautiful white Christmas this year," which we presume is a novelty for that southern city. Mrs. Cummings is the former Besse Grove of Spring Mills.

Station Agent J. C. Lee presented The Reporter with a P. R. R. calendar for 1940, the picture on which is by that famous artist, Grif Teller who for several years past has been depicting the endeavors of the Pennsy to provide finer, faster and safer railroad service. His latest painting is again a work of unusual art—a streamline train, speeding over a winter landscape. Artist Teller has few equals in his peculiar technique.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel I. Ross of Linden Hall have announced the engagement of their daughter, Betty E. to Harold T. Breon, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert T. Breon, of State College. Miss Ross is a graduate of Lock Haven Teachers College and has been teaching in Coburn for the past three years. Mr. Breon attended Penn State and is engaged in teaching music and managing the Penn State Campus Owls orchestra at State College.

From all appearances it looks like a slim public sale season in Penns Valley for the coming spring. One wonders why the change from the "good old days" when every day during March and the first week in April found one or more public sales booked for that day,—sales in which fenant farmers sold stock and machinery and moved perhaps to some distant point and continued farming; farm owners retiring after 15 or 20 years' work. Today, fear holds them to their present abode, only where specific circumstances leave no other alternative but to move.