

### CHEST SPRINGS

A square dance will be held in the local hall, Saturday, May 31st. Miller's orchestra of Gallitzin will furnish the music.

Mrs. Burns of Ebensburg spent the week end here with her daughter, Mrs. Vince Weakland.

Misses Martha and Matilda Sheehan week Altoona callers Saturday.

Mrs. Fannie Templeton and daughter Mary Grace, of Cresson, are spending a few days here with Mr. and Mrs. John Little.

Mr. and Mrs. Emerson Reig and Genevieve Kibler attended the Commencement Exercises in Patton High School Auditorium on Wednesday.

Miss Aileen Burkhardt, a graduate nurse of Johnstown Mercy Hospital is visiting her aunt, Mrs. Frank Reich, of this place.

Robert and Mary Sutton attended the dance in St. Augustine on Saturday.

Miss Frances Storm of Tyrone, Mr. and Mrs. John Douglas and Mr. and Mrs. John McNells of Altoona visited friends in this place.

Miss Mary Donoughe of Coupon spent Sunday with Misses Rosalee and Mabel Kelly.

Miles Weber of Ashville visited here, Sunday.

Louis Scanlon of this place transacted business in Patton on Friday.

Misses Lorrene and Clare Parrish of Loreto attended the May Crowning here Sunday.

Miss Olive Storm of Altoona spent the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Storm of this place.

Mrs. Herman Krug and daughter, Theresa Ann, of Ashville spent Sunday, with her sister, Mrs. J. F. Kelly.

Mr. T. F. Mellon spent Sunday in Latrobe with his sister, who is seriously ill.

Mr. Bernard Ryan of St. Augustine was among the callers in Chest Springs Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Driskel of Loreto visited, Mrs. Driskel's sister, Mrs. Louis Scanlon.

Mr. Joseph Carroll, of Altoona, visited friends here Sunday.

Gordon Durbin, Clyde Kelly and George Miller visited in Patton Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Mulligan and daughter Anna, of Patton visited at the Alvin Mulligan home here.

Mr. and Mrs. John Kuntzman of this place attended the circus in Altoona Thursday.

Miss Amberzine McCoy of Altoona is spending a few days here with her grandmother, Mrs. Esther Douglas.

Mr. and Mrs. Milton Swank of Johnstown were callers in Chest Springs on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Little of Altoona spent the week end here with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Little.

Misses Ruth Little and Mabel Kelly visited in Altoona on Thursday.

### ST. AUGUSTINE

Mrs. Jos. Dunegan of Patton is spending a few days here with her sister, Miss Sara Noel.

Mrs. Paul Gippich and daughter, Margaret Ellen of Altoona are visiting relatives in this place.

Miss Grace Adams has concluded a visit in Altoona with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon McAtee, have returned to McKeesport after a visit here with friends and relatives.

Elmer Adams of Altoona spent the week end here with friends and relatives.

Morris McDermott and Dick Bloom of Cresson were business callers in this place on Monday.

Otto Kline of Spangler was a business caller here on Tuesday.

L. A. Cretin and B. J. Ryan, have concluded a brief visit in Ebensburg.

Miss Marie McDermott of Cresson is the guest of her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Horne here this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Michael McDermott and family of Dean spent Sunday evening here as the guests of relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Malloy and son, of Altoona spent the week end here with the Jos. Yahner family.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin Howe and family of Cresson were callers here on Sunday.

### PEPPERGRASS HAS BECOME SERIOUS PEST, EXPERT SAYS

Field peppergrass (*Lepidium campestris*) is becoming a weed pest in Pennsylvania, Dr. E. M. Gress, chief botanist, Bureau of Plant Industry, Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture, said today. The abundance of this weed in many places seems to be a mystery to many property owners, Dr. Gress adds. So quickly does it make its appearance and so completely does it cover a field that farmers are astounded and are likely to conclude that the seedsman has sold seeds containing peppergrass.

The appearance of peppergrass so suddenly in such great abundance is difficult to explain, according to the botanist, for it seldom is found in clover, alfalfa and timothy seeds, and if so, in only small amounts. The sudden appearance seems usually to follow the plowing of a field that has been in sod for several years. Therefore, the plausible explanation seems to be that the peppergrass, which produces seeds abundantly, was in the field for several years and while not in quantity to be very noticeable, was maturing and scattering its seed each year until the soil became rather heavily polluted. When the field was plowed and conditions were favorable for its growth the peppergrass made its appearance so abundantly as to crowd out all other growth.

Peppergrass is an annual or winter annual plant and therefore is propagated only by seeds. After flowers and matures its seeds the root dies. In order to eradicate it, one must be careful not to allow it to mature seed. It belongs to the mustard family of plants whose seeds may remain alive in the soil for many years and when

the germination conditions of moisture temperature and depth of planting are favorable, they will grow and produce new plants. Consequently, farmers should be on alert and should take every precaution to eradicate the plants on first appearance for when once established they will cause trouble for many years.

### ST. BENEDICT

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Pooley of Bradford are spending a few days at the home of the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Fletcher.

Blaine DeHaven of Moss creek was among the recent local visitors.

Beano Lesnock, who had been visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Lesnock, has returned to Altoona.

James McCombie of Bakerton has concluded a visit in this place.

A. Kline of Carrolltown has returned to his home following a visit among friends in St. Benedict.

Miss Esther Mae Fox, a nurse in the Spangler hospital, recently visited among friends in this place.

Mr. and Mrs. Jennings Fox of Altoona recently visited at the Fox home in this place.

Following a short visit in St. Benedict, Ralph Corvete of Somerset has returned to his home.

Miss Tillie Steltsonbine of near Nanty-Glo recently visited friends in St. Benedict.

Miss Elmira Hanson has returned to her home in Marsteller, after spending a short time among friends here.

Joseph Chernitsky of Spangler was among the recent local visitors.

John Simmons of Elmira, N. Y., is spending a few days among friends and relatives here.

Miss Helen Hodak has gone to Brooklyn, N. Y. where she will spend several months.

Norman Entler of Spangler was numbered among the recent local visitors.

Joseph Olmehick of Bakerton has concluded a visit in St. Benedict.

Walter Haven, who had been visiting among friends in this place has returned to his home in Colver.

After spending a short time with friends in Colver, James Beverage has returned to his home.

St. Benedict baseball team will play St. Francis College nine this evening at this place.

### STATE AND COUNTY NEWS

Pre-professional examinations are being conducted in the office of Dr. M. S. Bentz, county superintendent of schools. The passing of the examination, which is the equivalent of a high school diploma and carries with it the right to take college entrance examinations, entails a knowledge of sufficient subjects to make up 16 Carnegie units, each unit requiring 120 hours of secondary school work. There are 11 persons taking the tests at the present time.

Walter and John Dubis, of Lilly, killed a large black snake recently in the woods near the Lilly dam. The brothers were on their way home after a fishing trip and came upon the reptile, which measured five feet two and one-half inches in length. The snake was one of the largest ever killed in that section.

A packed house of St. Benedict people witnessed the grammar grade exercises of the St. Benedict Schools at the Miners' Hall, that place, on Wednesday evening of last week. The stage was nicely decorated with flowers and plants and trimmed in the class colors. All parts were well rendered.

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