

Agricultural Group Names Officers at Meet Wednesday

Wilmore Man Named President for 8th Term

Members of the Cambria Co. Agricultural Extension Association last Wednesday elected Edward Jones of Wilmore to his eighth successive term as president of the organization.

The election brought to a close an annual meeting of the association in the courthouse at Ebensburg. Approximately 150 members attended morning and afternoon sessions.

Mrs. Frieda O'Hara of Ebensburg, was elected to her 14th successive term as secretary of the group. Others named to office are J. Norman Griffith, Ebensburg; E. D. Westrick, Patton, R. D., vice president.

Those named to the nine-man executive committee are: Irvin Brown, Lloydell; Mrs. Florence M. Lane, Johnstown; R. D. 2, Eldred Gittings and Miss Charlotte Davis, Ebensburg; R. D. 1, Mrs. H. J. Leiden, St. Lawrence; E. J. Farabaugh, Loreto; R. D. 1, Ambrose Feighner, Carrolltown; R. D. 1, Mrs. Stanley Nippes, Nanticoke; and Mrs. Paul Yahner, Patton, R. D. 1.

In a resolution, the association urged that labor and industry settle any grievances as soon as possible so that farm machinery can be manufactured. It was pointed out that there is still a shortage of some much needed farm equipment.

Principal speaker at the affair was Lyman Jackson, dean of the School of Agriculture at Penn State College. Mr. Jackson discussed the favorable conditions in agriculture in a democracy as compared with agriculture under a dictatorship.

"Our greatest danger of losing our democratic principles," he declared, "comes from within, not from without. Our best answer to Communism is a democracy that is physically, morally and spiritually strong."

County Farm Agent H. C. McWilliams, in discussing the expansion program for 1948, said that farmers are "on the verge of an era when it will be more necessary than in any previous period in our agricultural history to use all modern scientific production methods at our disposal."

In outlining the program for the ensuing year, Mr. McWilliams urged farmers to keep informed concerning economic trends that would influence future plans of action on farms. A number of discussion meetings on economic trends are included in the year's program, he said.

A review of 1947 activities was presented by E. J. Mintier, assistant agent in Cambria County. Among the topics reviewed by Mr. Mintier were agriculture, economics, agriculture engineering, agronomy, animal husbandry, dairy husbandry, insects and disease, bee keeping, vegetable gardening, ornamental horticulture and poultry.

Another feature of the afternoon session was the home economics program entitled, "Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow," Mrs. Harold Altemus was the narrator.

The main talk was given by Miss Sanna Black of Penn State College who discussed the future of home economics activities. Others who took part were: Mrs. C. F. Settlemeyer, Mrs. Eldred Gittings, Mrs. John Bloom, Mrs. Clarence Makin, Mrs. Stanley M. Nippes, Mrs. Richard Jones, Mrs. Robert Lydie, Thilma Makin, Naomi Davis, Sara Roberts and Delores Weaver.

The program was arranged by Miss June Kunkle, county home economics representative, and Mrs. Hazel Kripe, assistant representative. Both submitted reports on county activities.

Other reports were given at the morning session when two committees were appointed by President Jones. They are: Resolutions—E. J. Westrick, John L. Jones, Mrs. E. C. Rieg, and Mrs. Paul Hoover; finance—Herbert Cogan, Calvin Rhoades and Fred Bloom; Mrs. Fern Myers and E. J. Westrick reported on a tour of the U. S. Dept. of Agriculture experimental station at Beltsville, Md. A number of county farmers visited the station last summer.

Mrs. Lawrence Hartsis, Jr., reviewed social and educational activities of the senior extension club during the past year. Reports on 4-H Club activities were given by Barbara Metzger, Dairy Calf Club; Herbert Cogan, Beef Calf Club; Calvin Rhoades, Pig-Feeding Club, and Thilma Makin, Capon Club.

Custom ditching and drainage were discussed by E. P. Fowler and Homer Schultz, both of Danville, Pa. Progress in artificial breeding was discussed by E. J. Farabaugh, president of the Cambria Co. Artificial Breeding Co-operative. Francis Yahner spoke on potato variety demonstrations. Eldred Gittings reported on the rat-elimination campaign conducted in December.

Flood Prospects Said Not Too Good

Extensive Rainfall Could Cause Much Damage

By Pennsylvania News Service Harrisburg—The prospect of floods in Pennsylvania this Spring are not considered too good, according to the U. S. Weather Bureau here.

This prediction has been made notwithstanding the heavy snow now covering many sections of the state, but the weatherman based his predictions on such scientific items as the fact that the present time the ground is not frozen to any considerable depth and there is not an excessive amount of moisture in the ground.

Melting snow will seep to some degree into the ground, it was pointed out, but a good portion will dissolve in run-off rather than in ground saturation.

However, an extensive rainfall which could not be absorbed by the ground, in combination with other similar factors could cause serious flood damage, the bureau said. In fact, within 24 hours, conditions could combine to create serious flood conditions.

All of this seemed to add significance of the organization meeting here recently of the new State Flood Control Commission, the primary purpose of which is to study a flood-control program for the state.

THE CURE

By JAMES KURTZ

We all have our share of trouble. We all have our aches and pains. And though they seem to come double, Still a smile can make a change. We are sure to meet up with sadness. Bound to worry and care; And each day may not be of gladness. Still a smile is good anywhere. Our burdens may grow quite heavy. And our friends may know us not. And folks can get quite contrary. Still a smile can mean a lot. We may feel that we are "no" And life is not worthwhile; But remember there is always someone Who is waiting for you to smile.

Barnesboro's Business Women to Organize

Plans are being made to organize a Women's Business and Professional Club at Barnesboro. An organization meeting was held recently at the Parish House of St. Thomas' Catholic Church.

Any woman earning a salary is eligible to become a member. The next meeting is scheduled for the 27th of February at the Parish House. Officers will be elected.

Protect Evergreens

Tying evergreens and shrubs corn-shock fashion, not too tightly, protects them from being broken by snow and ice.

Portage Twp. Tax Hits All Incomes, All Coal Produced

All earned income and all coal tonnage in Portage Twp., will be taxed by the Portage Twp. School District in order to make up deficits in its operating budget.

A notice stating the intention of adopting such a program on Mar. 13, to be effective Apr. 16, is currently being published. The tax calls for a levy of one cent on each ton of coal and one-half percent on all earned income.

This is the first municipal subdivision in the county outside the city of Johnstown to impose a "local income tax." The tax not only will affect those who reside in Portage Twp., but also residents of other areas who are employed within the township limits. All salaries, wages, commissions, net profits or other compensation will be affected.

The tax of one cent on coal will apply to all coal dumped, conveyed, placed or loaded into or onto any railroad car, truck, wagon or conveyance of any kind within the limits of the school district.

Officials estimate the new tax will bring in about \$33,000 in a 12-month period. The two votes were decided upon so that the new taxation would be borne more equally by coal operators and the miners. It will be effective from Apr. 16 until the end of the district's fiscal year, July 31, 1948, at which time it is expected the results will be re-evaluated for a full year.

J. Edgar Hoover Voices Need For Religious Faith in Homes

Text of Speech Printed As Result of Requests

(By J. Edgar Hoover)

The greatness of America—the future of our nation—depends on all of us. America's destiny rests in the hands of every individual, regardless of race and creed, in every town and city throughout the nation.

During the recent years, major crime has been on the upswing. At the end of the last war, age 17 led all the other age groups in arrests for serious crimes.

More and more children are being led towards crime as parents throw away responsibility. Selfishness is often the keynote of the day, and materialism the inspiration for living. God, in many instances, is not accepted in the home, and concepts of morality have been relegated to the junk heap.

Can a nation exist void of all religious thought and action? Can we have internal peace without morality? Can we build homes without God, or have worthy parents who do not know and practice His teachings?

The key to these problems—to life itself—is God. He is man's first need—his final goal.

Our nation is sadly in need of a rebirth of the simple life—a return to the days when God was a part of each household, when families arose in the morning with a prayer on their lips, and ended the day by gathering together to place themselves in His care.

If there is hope for the future of America, if there is to be peace and happiness in our homes—then we, as a nation, must return to God and to the practice of daily family prayer.

Foundation Built on Faith

The foundation of our democracy was built upon a firm faith in Almighty God. As our nation grew and prospered, as it overcame vicissitudes and adversities, its people never lost faith in a personal God.

Our generation, it seems, has allowed old faithful religious practices to slip into oblivion. As a result, family life has been weakened. The nation has suffered and many of its children have become spiritually starved.

A Godless home is built upon sand; it is an inviting breeding ground for moral decay and crime.

My hope for the future of this nation is predicated upon the faith in God which is nurtured in the family. No outside influence of a constructive nature can overcome the lack of a guiding light in the home, and the spark of this light must be the knowledge of God; the fuel must be the strength of prayer.

We have entered a new year, a year in which great things will be accomplished, we hope. But the greatest thing we, as individuals, can do for ourselves and for our country, will be to keep our families together in peace and happiness. There is no better way of doing our part for home life in America than by reestablishing the daily practice of family prayer in our homes, because families that pray together, stay together.

State Educators Meet School Heads

Approximately 25 Cambria Co. school principals conferred with two officers of the State Department of Public Instruction and city and county administrators on Wednesday night of last week. They discussed methods of improving the teaching of Americanism in public schools.

The two state officials were Dr. Edwin W. Cruttenden, chief of secondary education, and Dr. Frederick L. Pond, curriculum consultant. Dr. Cruttenden advised the group on needed curriculum changes.

Dr. Roy W. Wiley, Johnstown superintendent, and Dr. A. W. Still, county superintendent, took part in the discussions. The session was held in the city superintendent's office in the Johnstown High School.

State Police Say:

It is the moral duty of every driver to be on the alert for children playing on the streets or along the highways, and to remember that they may dash out from the sidewalk or from behind parked cars. In all communities school children are being taught safety. Drivers should cooperate in this good work and take every precaution to insure child safety. "I am sorry," will never return the life of a child taken by a careless driver.

Expect Guests at Meeting Of Spangler VFW Ladies

A group of ladies of Lady Member Auxiliary of VFW Post, No. 155, Johnstown, will attend a meeting of the Auxiliary to McDonald Post, No. 7503 at Spangler on Feb. 26. The meeting will be held in the Brandon Hotel dining room at 7:30 P. M.

The charter of the Spangler Post will be open for a period of 90 days to persons who wish to become charter members to join.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank all those who assisted us in any way during our recent bereavement, the death of our wife and mother, Mrs. Mary Hobart, also for the Spiritual and floral offerings and for the use of automobiles.

Charles Hobart
John Donahue

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We wish to thank in this manner all those who assisted us in any way during our recent bereavement, the death of our husband and father, Harvey B. Stair; also for the floral offerings and use of automobiles.

Mrs. Carrie H. Stair & Family

—Register and vote this spring.



Mowers and other farm machines often require new bearings and other parts which farmers can install themselves and save on repairs, say extension agricultural engineers.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE

In the Estate of Alexander Marozza, Late of the Township of Susquehanna, Cambria County, Pennsylvania.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Letters of Administration in the Estate of the above named decedent have been granted to the undersigned. All persons indebted to said Estate are requested to make payment, and those having claims or demands against the same will make them known without delay to

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LEGLESS BOY TESTS NEW LIMBS



IN CHICAGO, Jimmy Riley, 7, who lost both legs when he was run over by a train two years ago, tests his second pair of artificial legs by kicking a football held by Mrs. Margaret Coady, his benefactor. Reading of the boy's plight, Mrs. Coady provided him last year with his first pair of "legs." This year she replaced them with larger ones. (International)

Gray Says VA Will Fire 8,500 Employees

The Veterans Administration will fire 8,500 of its 200,000 employees before July 1, Administrator Carl Gray said in Washington during the past week.

He told his assistants this must be done to stay within the \$6,100,000,000 budget President Truman has proposed for the fiscal year of 1948.

Medical services will not be reduced, Gray said. However, thirteen branch offices will get 6,810 administrative workers and the central office in Washington and New York, must cut off 1,650.

VA employment reached a peak of 226,131 last February. It was down to 200,731 a month ago.

BLANDBURG

By SHIRLEY JEAN NASH

(Too late for last week.)

Miss Melba Withrow of Hollentown visited her relatives here on Friday and Saturday.

District No. 5 had their hymn-singing at the Lutheran Church on Wednesday evening, Feb. 4, at Blandburg.

Another hymn-sing was held on Wednesday evening of last week at the United Brethren Church in Glasgow.

The Reade Township High School Boys recently played the Patton High Basketball team, score being 59 to 18 in favor of Patton.

Mr. Luther Troxel is home from the hospital and doing fine.

Mrs. Betty Douglass is ill and will soon enter a hospital.

Miss Shirley Bloom is ill at her home here.

The Parent Teachers Association held their regular meeting on Wednesday, Feb. 18th.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Eburger have taken up housekeeping adjacent to the John Knott barber shop.

George Yingling has returned home from the hospital where he had been a patient for some time suffering from burns.

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