

Country Flavor

AUGUST

August slouches across the land on sticky, dragging feet and the living carpet on Earth's breast pulls its breath in labored gasps. The Indians called the period of Dog Days the Thunder Moon Month. Black thunderheads spurt from the horizon without warning; streaks of jagged lightning blaze like broken, flaming spears in the sky. Intermittent heat flashes often light the horizon at dusk as the eighth month drags through its days.

In spite of sporadic electrical storms this is a quiet period. Twice in each calendar year before the great climatic changes, Nature lifts her foot from the accelerator and slows down her speed. In February there is hushed expectancy as Winter's grip loosens; in August there is diminuendo tempo as Earth gathers its strength for the glory burst of autumn. Now the green of leaves and grasses is faded; heavy dust covers shrubs grass and reeds along the roads. The thin stridulations of grasshoppers is muted music on the meadows; creeks and brooks flow unhurriedly on their way to the sea.

There are occasional bird calls during daylight hours as a brassy sun smolders its path across a faded-blue sky. Heat is a smothering blanket over the countryside. Here and there one sees flocks of birds already gathering for preliminary autumn maneuvers. Goldfinches explore sunflower heads and crows' melancholy calls sound from the groves. Toward the end of the month goldenrod lifts its pennant and fall's first asters timidly reflect the blue of the sky. Dusk falls heavily and quietly and brings motionless moist air to press against the land. Go to the edge of the cornfield on an August night and you can almost hear the corn grow. Listen! Do you hear that faint whispering rustling as the tall stalks drop golden pollen to waiting silks below? Crickets' penetrating cheeps sound from the wet grasses and a night hawk's lonely boom echoes from the darkness above. This is August—Nature's interlude before the climactic rush of maturity. The hoarse, eerie-sounding, grunt-bark of a fox from the ridge tells us summer is going and autumn is poised on the horizon.

Trucksville Ladies Meet In Church Parlors

W.S.C.S. of Trucksville Methodist Church held its meeting in the Church parlors last Thursday afternoon with Mrs. C. S. Hemmway in charge.

Mrs. Cedric Griffiths gave a talk on missions and reported a profit of \$45 on the doll show. Ten dollars was sent to the Ethel Harpst home and plans made to send a Christmas box. The flower and hobby show to be held in the Fire Hall September 21 was discussed as well as the rummage sale to be held in Luzerne September 27, 28 and 29.

Entertainment consisted of a pageant given by the Junior Girls and the Girls' Choirs. Taking part were: Kathryn Stringham, Hazel Roushey, Sugar Drake, Nancy Dymond, Wanetta Evans, Marilyn Marth, Lorain Harrison, Jean Houghwout, accompanied by Marian Gregory.

On the serving committee for the August meeting are Mrs. William Newberry, Mrs. Wilbur Nichols, Mrs. Ernest Norrie, Mrs. Charles Norris, Mrs. Lancelot Norris, Mrs. Charles Palmer, Mrs. George Parry and Mrs. Sara Pealer.

Present at the meeting were: Mrs. S. P. Finney, Mrs. Ben Post, Mrs. George Metz, Mrs. Marian Marth, Mrs. Bruce Long, Mrs. Morris Lloyd, Mrs. Lorrey Johnson, Mrs. Albert Jordan, Mrs. Louis Wilcox, Mrs. Lynn Ashworth, Mrs. Sara Pealer, Mrs. Nesbitt Sutliff, Mrs. Sheldon Jones, Mrs. Herbert DeWitt, Mrs. W. E. Bennett, Mrs. William Rhodes, Mrs. Arch Woolbert, Mrs. William Clewell, Mrs. Norman Stookey, Mrs. Eugene Platt, Mrs. John Dykman, Mrs. William Gregory, Mrs. William Glace, Mrs. Laing Coolbaugh, Mrs. Cedric Griffiths, Mrs. Beaulah Frable, Mrs. Albert Williams, Mrs. Robert Shoemaker, Mrs. Sam Keast and Mrs. Hemmway.

The Bookworm

ASYLUM FOR THE QUEEN

In "Asylum for the Queen" Mildred Jordan brings to light a little known episode that took place during the early history of Pennsylvania. The book tells of a group of loyal aristocrats who during the French Revolution plotted to rescue King Louis XVI, Marie Antoinette and the Dauphin and bring them to a Pennsylvania colony called Asylum. (Asylum is on the Susquehanna River above Wyalusing.)

The story is centered in young Pierre de Michelait. The rough pioneer life this spoiled young aristocrat is forced to lead in the New World does much more than harden his muscles. America awakens in him a new understanding and appreciation of his fellow men. Here, too, he experiences a love far different from any he had ever known at the French Court.

Mildred Jordan has lived in the Pennsylvania countryside of which she writes so vividly for nearly twenty years. She is married to J. Lee Bausher and makes her home in Reading. Other books by Mildred Jordan are "One Red Rose Forever" and "Apple in the Attic."

Hayden D. Williams Entertain At Picnic

Mr. and Mrs. Hayden D. Williams and family entertained friends at a picnic Sunday at their home at Idetown. Present were: Mr. and Mrs. William Pottier, Mrs. Richard Horst, Richard Horst, Mrs. Stella Coldren, Mrs. Dan Hoffman, Mrs. Ringler, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Emore, Danny Emore of Shillington, Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Sheeler, Mrs. Catherine Rotte and daughter, Rebecca, Ori Beare, Miss Helen Fisher of Reading and Earl Steffy of Collegeville.

Home Winemakers Must Register Or Face Possible Penalties

The United States Treasury Department advises that it's getting around to the time of the year when some people are beginning to think of making wine for home use. Before commencing that job it will be well to make inquiry at the Alcohol Tax Unit, Room 221 Post Office Building, Wilkes-Barre, Pa., relative to the requirements of the law respecting home manufacture of wine.

The law makes provision for home manufacture of wine, under certain conditions and in limited quantities, tax free. Prescribed Forms must be executed, signed and submitted to the Investigator in Charge, Alcohol Tax Unit, Room 221 Post Office Bldg., Wilkes-Barre, Pa., before starting to make the wine, otherwise the maker is liable to payment of the taxes and possibly additional penalties. It makes no difference whether or not Forms were executed and wine made in any previous year, if you are going to make wine this year you must complete the forms for the current year.

Jelly and Preserve Canning Increase

Housewife Now Has Sugar to Satisfy Craving for Sweets

The high cost of jellies and preserves is a problem which the housewife can now solve by putting up her own this summer, for sugar is more plentiful and the price is not too high. So get ready your supply of sugar, jelly glasses and fruit jars and make jellies and preserves along through the summer at every opportunity. You'll be surprised how the number of containers filled with spreads will mount and be gratified when they are an easy means of satisfying your family's large sweet tooth this winter.

Dewberry, Loganberry, Raspberry, Boysenberry, and Youngberry Jams. Wash and crush berries. Add one-fourth cup water to each quart berries. Cook until soft. Press the cooked berries through a strainer to remove seed. (If preferred, the seed may be left in.) Add from three-fourths to one cup sugar to each cup berries or from three-fourths to one pound sugar to each pound berries. Boil until thick. Pour, boiling hot, into hot jars; seal at once.

Change Meeting Date

Jackson Township School Board has changed its meeting date from the first Monday to the last Tuesday of each month.

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Vernon Ladies To Hold Ice Cream Festival

Ladies Aid Society of Vernon Union Church will hold an ice cream social on the church lawn, Thursday, August 12 at 7:30 p.m. Hot dogs, ice cream, apple pie a la mode, cake, sundaes and soda will be sold. The public is invited. From 9 until 10 p. m. there will be a community sing in the church.

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