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**Family Picnic  
At Lungerville**

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Oberst, Lungerville, were hosts at a family picnic last Sunday.

Guests included Mr. and Mrs. William R. Sarley, and son Billy, Midland Drive; Mrs. Marvin Meyer, Lois, Carl, Richard Howard, Harry and Dorothy Meyer, and Richard Hoover, Stillwater; Mr. and Mrs. Willard Hutchins, Montgomery; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hutchins, sons, Ira and Charles, Lungerville; Mrs. Myrtle Wesley, Mr. and Mrs. Diebold, John Lutz, James Knarr, Melvin Knarr, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Sipple and son James Larksville; Mr. and Mrs. Darold Meyers and children, Gordon and Anne, Fairmount Springs.

**Bloomington Grange  
Flower Show Tuesday**

Bloomington Grange will hold its annual Flower and Hobby Show in the Grange Hall Tuesday. Entries in flower and hobby classes will be received until 2 P.M. Entertainment, followed by refreshments, will start at 8. State Deputy Thomas Gardner, and Pomona Master J. H. Kile, will speak.

Mrs. Christine Zuber is chairman.

**Passenger Pigeons Once  
Nested In Pennsylvania**

State Folklorist Henry W. Shoemaker today quoted authorities to show that the extinct Passenger Pigeon was not only prevalent in Pennsylvania at one time but nested here in the nineteenth century.

Shoemaker quoted the late Charles W. Dickinson, McKean County Civil War Veteran and pigeonier, to show how prevalent the vanished Passenger Pigeon was in this state.

He quoted Dickinson as stating: "The only American nestings of wild pigeons were in Pennsylvania in 1878 and 1880 in which one billion birds participated. In 1870, I say, the largest American nesting of wild pigeons ever known anywhere was in McKean County, Pennsylvania, though some believers say the 1846 nesting, even greater."

"On March 28, 1870, I saw the first pigeons carrying twigs and sticks to build their nests. It was seven miles long and two and a half miles wide and embraced 30,000 acres, each bird keeping its place as a soldier would; my father, born in 1811, said the nesting of 1846, was quite as large or larger than that of 1870. As a child of four, I recollect looking out of the window to see the wild pigeons completely covering a ten acre field, to gather up the remaining buckwheat seeds from last year's harvest."

"In 1878, the pigeons covered 20,000 acres in their nesting, showing their decrease."

"They began on Spring Creek, Forest County, April 15, extended northeasterly ten miles to northwestern Elk County into McKean County. It was a double nesting as in 1870 and 1880: That is, five days after the squabs left the nests, the hens began laying again."

"The pigeons sometimes nested in Oklahoma, Michigan and New York, but those which nested in Pennsylvania, 1846, and my father noted the consecutive year, 1853, '54 '55 '56 not in 1857 but did in 1858 not in '59, did in 1860, and then not until 1867, then not until 1870, the nestings covered wide areas, father noted the males and females changed on the nests at 9:30 a.m."

"The pigeons netted alive, were mostly sent east from the Oklahoma nestings, the netters were finding that the charges on live birds gave the best profits."

"The first were shipped from Alton McKean County on the Bradford Branch of the Erie R. R., nine miles west of Smethport, also from Lewis Run, Fifteen to 22 horse wagons were on the roads daily shipping the barrels to New York and Boston. Later when the Sunbury and Erie Railroad was completed in 1865, shipments to

Philadelphia and Baltimore began, but never paid as well as to Boston and New York. Charges were so high from Michigan and Oklahoma that most of the birds went for live bird shooting clubs, 10,000 being used at one shoot at Buffalo, New York, in 1881. The 1880 nesting began March 28 in much the same territory at 1870. I assert, 1,000,000 at 1870, nesting as I figured them at the rate of one bird to every four square feet. Figure this out over 30,000 acres with me, and you will find I am right."

"The Passenger Pigeon, was a long-lived bird, but they could not be domesticated as they would not remain if given their liberty."

"The wild pigeons never 'co-oe'd' like a mourning dove or tame pigeon, the sound of millions of the wild birds was deafening. The Man who shouted the loudest could not be heard in a nesting. When they are alarmed, they gave a sharp flop or snap with their wings."

Dr. H. H. Beck in his admirable brochure on the wild pigeons, says that the last pigeon in Lancaster County was shot by William Ream in 1891 but he himself saw a good sized flight in 1888.

"C. H. Eldon mounted one killed in Lycoming County, 1890 I myself netted 48 1/2 dozen pigeons in one day, 18 dozen and 11 in one cast of the net, which was a 2 1/2 inch net."

"In the fall of 1856, aged 14 years, I killed 22 pigeons at one shot, again in 1863, I shot 22 off a scraggly yellow birch. The wild pigeons were true to color and the males varied between 16 to 18 the long pointed tail. I only saw inches from tip of bill to end of one white pigeon, but a few had white heads, backs or wing feathers."

"Though the wild pigeons are apparently gone, posterity owes a debt of gratitude to veterans like 'Uncle Charlie' Dickinson who have preserved accurate memories of the 'vanished millions,' to adorn the annals of Pennsylvania history and folklore." Shoemaker said.

Removing finger smudges from the doors in the house, Mother asked, "Ann, are your hands dirty? Did you put them on the doors?"

"Oh, no," replied Ann. "Those can't be my finger marks—I always kick the doors open."

A doctor was called in to see a very busy patient. "Well, sir, what is the matter?" he asked cheerfully. "That's for you to find out," the patient snapped, glaring.

"I see," said the doctor. "Well, if you'll excuse me for a minute I'll phone a friend of mine—a veterinarian. He's the only man I know who can make a diagnosis without asking questions."

**D. of A. Outlines Plans  
For Anniversary Dinner**

Mount Vale Council 224 Daughters of America outlined plans for their twentieth anniversary dinner to be held in East Dallas Methodist Church Thursday evening, August 28 at 6:30 p.m. Reservations should be made with Mrs. Cecil Poynton before August 25. Mrs. Poynton is chairman assisted by Sarah Strausser. Mrs. Alice Fiske, Mrs. Goldie Ide and Mrs. Maude Eipper are in charge of entertainment.

Following the business meeting Mrs. Emma Richards was guest of honor at a birthday party. Present were Mrs. Anna Kingston, Mrs. Goldie Ide, Mrs. Alice Fiske, Mrs. Thelma Dietz, Mrs. Lulu VanBuskirk, Mrs. Mabel Davis, Mrs. Helen Veitch, Mrs. Ruth Poynton, Mrs. Mabel Mitchell, Mrs. Emily Parrish, Mrs. Audrey Ide, Mrs. Marjorie Meeker, Mrs. Vivian Cooper, Mrs. Doris Carey, Mrs. Doris Carey, Mrs. Emma Richards and Mrs. Maude Eipper.

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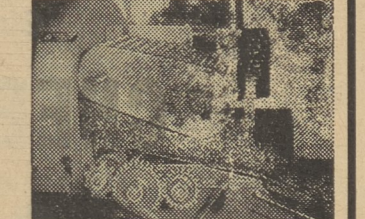
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