

### NEWS FROM THE MASONIC HOMES

Monday, February 4th, was the natal day of Brother N. Franklin Heckler, Superintendent of the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown.

For reasons of sufficient moment the anniversary day for 1918 was permitted to pass with quiet greetings in person and by mail but was formally observed on the evening of Tuesday, February 5th, as the guests and employees were unwilling to permit an event of so much interest to pass without a fitting observance, and the expression of their sentiments of appreciation in greeting.

When the guests had assembled for the supper prepared, Brother George R. Welchans, M. D., Past Master of Lodge No. 45 of Lancaster, who had been selected by the guests for the purpose, delivered an address of greeting as follows:

"My friends and fellow guests: In the duties appertaining to the practice of my profession, for more than forty years prior to coming to these Homes, I was expected to do things, and keep quiet about it, a regular 'Dear Beaver don't talk' affair.

I have never laid claim to oratory, and do not understand why I am so often selected as your spokesman, when there are so many others here better fitted for the task than I am. However it affords me such pleasure this evening to unite with you in offering a hearty greeting to our esteemed Superintendent, on the anniversary of his birthday, even if it is the day after.

"Brother Heckler: On behalf of every man, woman, girl and boy-guest of these Homes, both number of 321 I tender you our sincere felicitations on this anniversary occasion, as well as our ardent wishes that your life may be spared to enjoy the silver crowned age of the great-grand-sire whose evening of his life is spent in peace and contentment, with the retrospection of a life well spent in the service of humanity, jewelled with appreciation, and rewarded with affluence and happiness.

We realize and we sympathize with you in the trials and difficulties which you have to surmount in your environment, and you have our best wishes for your success, as well as, that a large measure of health, happiness and prosperity may be accorded to you and yours in the years to come.

On behalf of our Steward Mr. John A. Snell and the rest of the official family, and guests, we tender you a complimentary banquet, which we trust you will enjoy as much as I assure you it will be enjoyed by every guest present.

You do not find these tables decorated with the flowers of the garden, but I can assure you that every station of every table around these tables is garlanded with the fondest hopes, and best wishes, of those who love you and Mrs. Heckler.

Superintendent Heckler responded in feeling terms of appreciation of the occasion, of the kind sentiments expressed for him, and of the many greetings he had received both in person and by mail. He rejoiced in the existence of harmony, and brotherly love in the Homes, and hoped they would long continue to exist, and expressed his warmest thanks for the many good wishes tendered him.

After supper many of the guests and employees gathered in the assembly room, and passed a most delightful evening in social enjoyment.

With that accomplished pianist, Mrs. Henrietta M. Van Horn at the piano, all the new and popular songs were sung, the disciples of Terpsichore, danced away the hours until late at night.

It was a family gathering which presented unusual talent and other accomplishments necessary for an evening of enjoyment and was a source of much pleasure to all present.

One incident which afforded much pleasure to all was the presence of Mrs. N. Franklin Heckler, who for some time had been indisposed.

Congratulatory remarks were made by Mr. John A. Snell, Steward, Brother Frank W. Roberts, engineer and by Brother William H. Shaffer, on behalf of the guests.

Among other employees who contributed to the pleasure of the evening were: Clarence E. Zarfoss, book-keeper; Miss Mathelda E. Tegge, head nurse; Miss Susan E. Miller, stenographer; Miss Barbara C. Muser, assistant stenographer; Mrs. Elizabeth Killinger, house mother; Miss Anna L. Heiser, head waitress; Misses Mary Hassinger, Madeline Sylvester, Elizabeth Schweigert, Edith Diefenbach, Edith B. Reich and Helen Hostetter.

**State Agricultural Notes**  
Farmers having wheat to sell are urged to get in touch with Secretary of Agriculture Charles E. Patton, who will get them buyers at once, if their home market is supplied.

Both National and State officials are urging the farmers to sell their potatoes as there is too large a hold over and many are expected to go to waste on account of lack of demand in the Spring.

The Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture, through the purchase of baby chicks within the State and has list of hatcheries which can be had upon request.

**At the Age of Seventy**  
Peter Emsinger of Marietta, a P. R. R. track hand (and finally a foreman) since 1868, has been placed on the retired list. At the age of 17 he enlisted in the Union army (100th Pa. Vols.) and served till the war ended.

**A Memorial Service**  
A Frances Ward Memorial Service will be held in the M. E. Church on Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock. The Young People's Branch of the W. C. T. U. will have charge of the service.

### RED CROSS STAR COURSE

Tickets Are Now on Sale and Proceeds Are For Local Branch

As announced last week a Star Course for the benefit of Mount Joy Branch of the Red Cross will be given during the months of February, March and April.

The first number, a lecture by Dr. Andrew Todd Taylor, will be given on Tuesday evening, February 19. The Song Recital by Miss Lawson accompanied by Miss Manning will be held Saturday, March 16.

The third number, a play to be rendered by home talent will be held on Friday, April 5th.

The price of the Course is One Dollar. Five cents extra for reserved seats. The tickets are now on sale and the chart for reserved seats will be open for the first number at Dr. Garber's Drug Store, at noon on Friday, February 15. Course tickets can be procured at either Chandler's or Garber's Drug Store, or from any member of the Red Cross.

Mount Joy has had a Star Course every year for a number of years but this year it has been lacking. Hence the series of entertainments given as a Red Cross Benefit will supply a much felt need.

It will be a two-fold benefit, besides helping the local branch to raise money to supply material for their work room and knitters, it presents an opportunity for the public to hear, a lecture on a subject which is dear to the heart of every loyal American, given by an able speaker, who has a wide knowledge of the facts which he will bring before you. Don't fail to procure seats for Dr. Taylor's lecture early.

Due to the request for the conservation of fuel, where ever possible, the Red Cross work room will be closed on Tuesday until April 2nd.

### RENDERED A MISSIONARY PROGRAM AT ELIZABETHTOWN

The Missionary Society of the Trinity Lutheran Church of Elizabethtown on Friday evening to unite with the Christ Lutheran Church of that place in making their meeting a success. The Trinity Lutheran society although guests of the Elizabethtown Society, rendered a very well prepared program. Those who enjoyed the trip were: Rev. and Mrs. George Koehler, Mr. and Mrs. William Schaefer and daughters, Helen and Beatrice; Mrs. Joseph Charles, Mrs. W. R. Heilig, Mrs. H. J. Stambaugh, Mrs. Clinton Longenecker, Mrs. Earl Derr, Mrs. Fred Stretch, Misses Emma Kramer, Beatrice Penypacker, Neva Wiley, Caroline Nye, Mrs. J. A. Bishop, Mrs. Kathryn Breneman, Mrs. Mary Shelly, Mrs. Jacob Zeller, Mrs. William Hendrix, Mrs. William Dellinger, Mrs. William Shires, Mrs. Harry Hinkle, Mrs. Louisa Frank, Miss Alice Wolfe, Mrs. J. H. Kramer, Mrs. Arthur Hershey, Mrs. Simon Snyder, Miss Mildred Mather, Mrs. Jacob Carmany and Mrs. J. A. Bishop. After the program a social evening was spent, refreshments being served, which were enjoyed by all. A happy crowd returned home at a seasonable hour.

### U. S. PROTECTS THE HEN FROM DEATH

Five million dozen eggs will be added to the Nation's food supply because of an order which will prohibit the killing of egg-laying hens at any time before May 1.

The hen will thus become one of the country's war wards, and it will be a crime punishable at the discretion of the Food Administration to wield an axe over her sacred head. Not only are farmers and others prohibited from killing her, but transportation companies are forbidden to carry her, dead or alive, and dealers, wholesale and retail, must not interfere with her egg-laying proclivities.

The slaughter of roosters may continue as usual, and chickens which have not reached the egg-laying stage of life are still left to the mercy of the squab consumer.

It is the first time in the country's history that legal protection has ever been thrown about the hen.

### THIS TEACHER SURE WANTED IMPROVEMENT

It is a handy thing when one can turn his hands to some useful purpose, as well as his intellect. This was demonstrated last week when a certain well known pedagogue reasoned that his school would look far better and would even be more sanitary if about a quarter of a dozen of his boys would be bereft of about one third of a foot of the length of the hair on their heads. So he utilized his school room for a barber shop for a brief interval. The boys appeared quite different after Mr. Teacher had pleased himself and his pupils.—Manheim Sentinel.

### Bible Class Met.

The Men's Bible Class of Trinity U. E. church held their regular monthly meeting Tuesday evening at the home of Mr. C. S. Gingrich. After the business session refreshments were served. Instrumental and vocal music concluded the evening's entertainment. The following were present: Rev. A. M. Sweigart, Earl Kaylor, Ralph Eshleman, H. H. Morton, Harry Kaylor, Clyde Fenstermacher, S. F. Eshleman, George Myers, H. B. Arntz and C. S. Gingrich.

### Broke Leg a Second Time

Several weeks ago Roy Decker, aged twenty-three years, who is employed at the Chickies quarries, fell and broke his right leg above the knee. He was admitted to the hospital in Columbia and nine days ago was discharged as cured. While walking about on crutches Saturday night Roy slipped and fell breaking the leg at the same place. He is again in the hospital under treatment.

Mr. E. W. Bentzel was confined to the house for several days on account of sickness.

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### HAPPENINGS IN HUSTLING FLORIN

WHAT OUR REPORTERS GATHERED IN AND AROUND THAT THRIVING COMMUNITY SINCE LAST WEEK

Miss Mary Dyer Saturday at the County Seat.

Mrs. Wm. H. Gantz offers good sauer kraut for sale.

Mrs. John Dyer visited friends at Conowingo, on Tuesday.

Preaching services will be held at Eby's church on Sunday.

Mr. E. S. Coleman of Harrisburg, Sunday in our village.

Miss Anna Dyer called on Lancaster friends on Monday.

Mr. Mills McKinley visited friends at Middletown on Monday.

Mr. H. Roy Nissly is on a business trip to Richmond, Virginia.

Mrs. Barbara Hostetter is confined to her bed with sickness.

Mr. James Shatz of Cotesville, was a Tuesday visitor to his mother.

Mr. J. P. Bowman of Reading, made a business trip to town Monday.

Mr. Thomas McKinley of Philadelphia, was a Sunday visitor to his family.

Miss Mabel Meashey of Harrisburg, was a Sunday visitor to Miss Mary Dyer.

Mrs. Henry Wittie is visiting friends and relatives at New York City this week.

Mrs. Ben Kiehl of Lancaster, spent Wednesday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Wittie.

Mr. Charles Henry of Manheim, spent Sunday with his son, Mr. Wm. Henry and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Walters and son, have returned from an extensive trip through the west.

Mr. Harvey Grosh stationed at Camp Meade, spent Saturday and Sunday in the village.

Mr. John Hawk and daughter of West Fairview, spent Monday at the home of Mr. John Dyer.

Mr. Edward Gish and family of Elizabethtown, spent Sunday with Mrs. Barbara Hostetter.

Misses Stella Wachstetter and Florence Esbenschade visited friends at Lancaster, on Sunday.

Messrs. Roy Hollinger and Samuel Floyd of Manheim, spent Sunday with Wm. Henry and family.

The Ladies' Missionary meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Harry Shoemaker on Tuesday evening.

Mrs. Eli Smeltzer and daughter Evelyn of Mount Joy, called on C. S. Wachstetter and family on Tuesday.

Misses Maude, Viola and Alice Esbenschade spent from Saturday till Sunday with friends at Royaltown.

Mrs. Henry Wittie has gone to New York City, to spend a few weeks with her daughter, Miss Edna Wittie.

Mr. L. W. Mumma, Jr., installed two pipeless furnaces in the homes of Mr. Ira Hess and Mr. Samuel Young.

Misses Florence Esbenschade and Stella Wachstetter spent from Saturday till Sunday at Lancaster, with the families of William Sprout and Christian Herr.

Rev. O. G. Romig, pastor of the Florin United Brethren church, attended the United Brethren Ministerial meeting at Lancaster on Monday. On Thursday he will attend a meeting of the Ex. Com. of C. E. at Hershey.

Mr. George Geyer of Florin, but who is now spending some time with his daughter, Mrs. Steigwald at Paoli, celebrated his birthday anniversary Monday. A package surprise was planned for him and he was the recipient of many beautiful presents. Mr. Geyer is well up in years and is enjoying good health. He wishes to thank all who so kindly remembered him.

A very interesting and pleasing program was rendered by the pupils of the Washington Primary School on Tuesday, February 12 to a large crowd. Both pupils and teacher deserve great credit in which the following program was rendered: Singing by the School, (a) The Tale of the Hatchet, (b) Ge Like George Washington, (c) A Cleome, Edith Cox; Recitation, I Love the Name of Washington, Jay Rutherford; Duett, Baby Has Gone To Bye-lo-land, Florence Rutherford and Anna Martha Walters; Four Patriots, James Rutherford, Paul Walker, Claude Esbenschade and Paul Musser; A Chorus, Little Mothers, By the Girls; Recitation, The Flag of U. S. A., Charles Buller; Lincoln's Boyhood, By Thirteen Boys; Recitation, Little Orphan Annie, Dorothy Baker; Soldier Drill, By the Boys; Duett, Two Little Orphans, Rhoda Nentwig and Alice Esbenschade; Selling the Baby, Ruth Mothers, and Florence Arndt; What the Children Learned at School, By Eleven Girls; Recitation, The Runaway Boy, James Rutherford; A Reading, Lincoln and the Pig, John Anderson; A Chorus, Anybody Seen my Dog Jack, By the Boys; Independence Bell, By the Fourth Grade; Solo, Apples for a Penny, Mae Walker; Singing by the School, (a) The Bunny Rabbit, (b) Good-bye, Dear Friends Good-bye, (c) It's a Short Way to the School House; Address, Mr. Amos F. Eby. Miss Margaret Raymond, Teacher.

**A Birthday Party**  
Mrs. Mary Patterson was tendered a birthday party by a few of her friends in honor of her eighty-seventh birthday Friday evening, at her home on East Main street. Mrs. Patterson received a number of gifts among which was a cake with the year of her birth, 1831, inscribed on it. Refreshments were served and a pleasant evening was spent. The following attended: Mrs. Patterson, Mrs. Elizabeth Mather, Mrs. John Darnenkamp, Mrs. Sample, Mrs. Lucy Stoler, Mrs. Frank Schroll, Jennie Bowers, Jennie Rinehart, Clara Schroll, Annie and Mamie Hoerner.

**Returned from Hospital**  
Mr. John Berry, who was taken to the General Hospital some time ago, returned home Saturday.

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Lancaster county has 24,833 head of horses, 7,926 head of mules, 41,598 head of milk cows and 25,825 head of other cattle. These are the figures announced by the Bureau of Statistics of the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture, according to a census taken before January 1, this year.

The census also shows that Lancaster county leads the State in the number of horses, is second in the number of mules, second in the number of milk cows and third in the number of other cattle.

The entire census of the State shows that there are in Pennsylvania the following: Horses, 577,887; mules, 46,216; milk cows, 921,639; other cattle, 1,068,337.

The figures show that there has been a decrease in horses during the past year of about two per cent, while the number of mules is about the same as a year ago. Many horses and mules have been shipped from the State for use in the war and the auto truck and tractor are replacing others, but not enough to stop the breeding at about its standard maximum.

Dairy cows have decreased about four per cent, and the number of other cattle about three per cent. The high prices of feed and the high prices offered for cattle have brought about this decrease.

During the past two years much interest has been taken in the sheep industry and the movement started by Secretary of Agriculture Charles E. Patton, to have the farmers take up sheep raising, has brought an increase of about two per cent, or 17,300 sheep during the past year. For ten years there was an annual decrease of about three per cent, until 1916, when the interest created in the sheep industry brought about a slight increase over 1915. The increase of the past year promises to create a new interest in sheep raising and with the benefits from the new hog law the million mark is again being sought for.

The estimated value of the live stock is placed at \$190,863,653, as compared with \$173,580,100 a year ago.

### ROHRERSTOWN

Mrs. Keiser is still improving from her late sickness.

Mr. H. C. Miller, coal dealer had been on the sick list for several days.

Clayton Landis is moving to Morristown, on the Hagy Bros. farm in the near future.

Mr. Albert Flick entertained six of his children and three of his grand children on Sunday.

Mrs. Laura B. Stubbs from Westbrook, was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Baer on Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harner Krow of Lewistown, Pa., are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Krow.

The A. H. Long's Adult Bible Class will meet at the home of H. N. Snavely, Feb. 19 at 7:30 P. M.

Mr. Harry Blottenberger resigned his position as chauffeur for Dr. Ringwalt, and is now employed by Ringwalt & Davis at the store.

Guy & Baer and son Guy from Lancaster and Rev. F. W. McQuire and wife were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Baer on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. William Kauffman and Miss Clara Good, Ira Good and Mrs. Anna Dull were entertained by Mr. and Mrs. John C. Kreider on Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Baer had the pleasure of seeing two very fine looking babies on Saturday. Mr. Harry Blottenberger and Rev. Rentz are the proud fathers.

L. Spencer, Postmaster at Lancaster, was visiting the postmasters along the Lancaster and Elizabethtown trolley line on Monday and on

Thursday went to Washington, D. C. Rev. F. W. McGuire will preach in the Church of God, Rohrerstown Sunday, Feb. 17 at 10:30 A. M., subject, "The Lenten Season." At 7 P. M. the subject will be "Under the Stars with God."

The Annual and Monthly meeting of the Rohrerstown auxiliary of the Lancaster General Hospital was held at the home of Mrs. Dr. Ringwalt on Wednesday evening. It was an important meeting and was well attended.

The Rohrerstown Grammar School held a very interesting Spelling Bee on Thursday evening, February 7th. The program was rendered as follows: Vocal Duett, Misses Christine Snyder and Grace Doerflinger; Novelty, Edward Snavely; First Spelling Class, taught by Miss Myra Warfel; Instrumental Solo, Mr. Stanley Kessler; Second Spelling Class, taught by Mr. Frank Henner; Reading, Miss Blanche Bushong, one of our best local readers; The last and most interesting class, the General Information Class, conducted very ably by Mr. Willis Mellinger. Enjoyed by all.

### CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION CLOSING ITS CONVENTION

The delegates attending the annual convention of the Pennsylvania section of the National Christian Association Tuesday evening closed the session which they were holding in the Mount Joy Hall. Animated discussions featured the program. A number of addresses were made by prominent members of the association. The result of the election of officers follows: Rev. J. Paul Foy, district elder of the Free Methodist church of the Pittsburgh district, president; vice president, Rev. J. B. Tweed, pastor of the Reformed Baptist church, Beaver Falls; secretary, Rev. B. F. Bluebaugh, pastor of the Kinstreet U. B. church, Chambersburg and treasurer, J. B. Berg, of the Church of God, Scottsdale. The collections amounted to \$56.34 and the expenses of the two days' session were \$55.10. There is a balance of \$17.65 in the treasury.

### A Crowd From Landisville

The Sewing Circle of the Lutheran Church at Landisville, enjoyed a sleighride Monday evening. They wended their way here with a dog, named Judy as their leader and Mrs. John Swarins driver. They stopped at the home of Mrs. I. D. Stehman on Market street. They were entertained with music while Mrs. Stehman prepared the favorite beverage, coffee. Miss Edna Park and Mrs. P. Swarr served. The following were present: Mrs. John Swarr, Mrs. John Swarins, Mrs. Mary Baker, Edith Steinkopf, Fannie Long, Barbara Trout, Mrs. Harvey Minnich, Mrs. Henry Koser, Mrs. Harry Miller, Mrs. Samuel V. Swarr, Mrs. Jonas Minnich and Mrs. Paul Baker of Landisville; Mr. and Mrs. I. D. Stehman and Miss Edna Park.

### OUR CLASSIFIED COLUMN

**NOTICE**—Patrons of the Donegal and Conoy Fire Insurance Co. are hereby notified that assessments are now due and payable to the local agent Mr. J. H. Miller, Columbia Ave., Mount Joy, Feb. 9-21.

**OFFICE GIRL WANTED**—High School Graduate preferred. Rollman Mfg. Co., Clarence Schock, Pres. Feb. 9-11.

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### ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE

Estate of Jacob R. Missemer, late of Mount Joy Borough, deceased. Letters of administration on said estate having been granted to the undersigned, all persons indebted thereto are requested to make immediate payment, and those having claims or demands against the same will present them without delay for settlement to the undersigned, residing in Mount Joy Borough.

H. N. NISSLY, Administrator. Jan. 26-6t

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