

## NORTHWEST RAPHO

## Revival Services Began at Mastersonville on Sunday Evening

More tobacco sales reported at 8½ and 1½ cents a pound.

Benj. G. Stauffer's were the guests of Henry Shenk's on Sunday.

On Monday was ground hog day. Watch the outcome of the weather.

Revival meetings at Fairview church are attended with great interest.

The Brethren in Christ opened a series of meetings at Mastersonville, on Sunday night.

I. S. Hollinger and Webster C. Gible made a call on N. B. Hollinger's on Monday evening.

He who managed well finished stripping tobacco last week. This also largely depends as to the amount that one has to strip.

C. G. Hollinger's were guests in the home of Isaac C. Geib on Sunday as were also John G. Hershey's of White Oak.

Jno. W. Geib and family, Aaron R. Gible and wife, Frank S. Shenk, Jr., Oscar Frey, Norman Ruhl and Jos. R. Gible were Sabbath guests to Jno. R. Gible and household.

The Victorial Literary Society had a good meeting on Friday evening. The question debated upon was Resolved, That Spring Time affords more pleasure than Autumn. Aff. speakers—H. P. Wisegarver and H. A. Merky; Neg. J. A. Engle and Harvey Rettew. The affirmative side won in regular debate while in general debate it was a tie decision by standing vote when the chairman Mr. Wm. J. Werner decided in favor of the affirmative.

Courtship report. Central Rapho—Sunday evening—Arrived at a friend's home at 6:30 o'clock p. m., took a drive to church and arrived home at 9:30; warming waltz to 9:45; instrumental music to 10:00, acquaintance chat to 10:30 and fire out by 11:00; the parlor was cold by 11:30; further arrangements and farewell emblems 12:05 a. m. Arrived home at 1:00 o'clock on Monday morning. This is the report of a well-known gentleman for Sunday night, January 25, Nineteen Hundred and Froze-to-Death.

## MARIETTA

## Iron Moulder's Union Attended Reformed Church Sunday

Mr. and Mrs. Barr Spangler were married 67 years on Monday and received the congratulations of their many friends.

Local No. 339, Iron Moulder's Uni-

## GRIEST SEEKS FARM SURVEY

## Department Expert in Washington Says Banner County Can Furnish Invaluable Knowledge to Farmers

"Information worth millions of dollars to the farmers of the United States could be secured by a farm survey of the banner agricultural county of this country," is the opinion of an agricultural expert of the United States Department of Agriculture. Representative W. W. Griest of Pennsylvania, has asked that such survey be made in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, and Dr. B. T. Galloway, Assistant Secretary of Agriculture, says that a thorough study of all the factors making for the success or non-success of the farmers in Lancaster county would be a valuable piece of work. The conclusions reached would inform farmers as to unprofitable crops, and show them what crops would make the farming enterprises most profitable.

Lancaster county has prestige as the greatest agricultural county in the United States, and is especially well suited for a systematic study of these farm problems. Two years ago a topographic survey of the county was completed; a soil survey begun last year will be finished during 1914, and the tobacco-growing experiments which have been under way for several years, under the joint supervision of the United States Department of Agriculture and the Pennsylvania State College, are developing to a stage where the farmer will soon be able to profit thereby. Last year a farm bureau was established in Lancaster county for the purpose of assisting the local agriculturists in the development of scientific farming so as to help them make \$2 grow where \$1 once grew.

## Lancaster at the Front

Respective Griest, who was instrumental in securing the interest of the Federal authorities in local agricultural activities, in speaking about the proposed agricultural survey, said.

"For fifty years Lancaster county, according to the census reports, has ranked first among the leading counties in the United States in the value of its farm products. While the survey of this county would undoubtedly result in great financial benefit to the local farmers, it is also believed that an analysis of their methods would prove financially beneficial to our farmers and at the same time provide the department information which could be disseminated throughout the country to the benefit of other farmers."

## TEACHERS HOLD INSTITUTE

## Big Attendance and Interesting Program—Prof. Fleischer Spoke

The twenty-eighth annual session of the Marietta District Institute, comprising the schools of Conoy, E. Donegal, West Hempfield, Mountville and Marietta was held Saturday with two sessions, morning and afternoon, and despite the inclement weather there was a large turnout from all sections belonging. The sessions were held in the high school room of the public building, the first one at 9:45. Following was the order of exercises: Music, Institute; devotional exercises, Rev. H. H. Poticher, pastor of the Methodist church; discussion, Influence of the High School Upon the Community, Miss Gertrude Kraybill; music, Institut.on; discussion, Home Study of the Pupil, Peter Kraybill. An open discussion followed here on this subject and many took part, bringing out some of the most essential points.

At the business session, the following officers were chosen for 1914: President, Prof. E. R. Ruhl, Maytown; vice-president, John K. Miller, Marietta; secretary, Miss Allegra Baker, Marietta; treasurer, Miss Alfareta V. Grove, chairman, Prof. S. S. Simons. The session then adjourned.

The afternoon session opened at 1:30, with music by the institute; discussion, Importance of Study of Child Psychology, Mervin Brandt; vocal so'o, Miss Marian Bucher; discussion, Duties of the School Director, Amos F. Eby; recitation, Miss Clara Bohn; discussion, The Backward Pupils, Ira S. Mumma; Piano so'o, (a) Heather Rose (b) Neath Love's Window, Edith Mae Witmer; address, The Mexican Situation, Dr. H. H. J. Kline, professor of history, Franklin & Marshall college, Lancaster. Dr. Kline delivered a very stirring address, and as this was not his first visit to the institute, he was gladly welcomed and invited to return next year.

The county superintendent, Daniel F. Fleischer, was present, it being the first time in many years that a county superintendent was here on this occasion. He spoke at length on "Sightlv School Grounds," and entertained the audience for nearly half an hour. A vote of thanks was extended the speakers, and after music by the institute, they adjourned to meet next year.

## MAYTOWN

Lutheran Church Will Hold a Social at the Parsonage Saturday

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