

# Country Correspondence

## Independence

(Mrs. Floyd Clarke, Reporter)

Mr. and Mrs. Hartley York of Greenwood were guests Saturday of Mr. and Mrs. Carrol Wallace. S. B. Crandall and Miss Anna Laura Crandall attended the funeral of Mrs. B. S. Bassett in Alfred, Saturday. Mrs. E. R. Crandall, Jane and Bill of Alfred were guests of Mrs. R. E. Spicer and Mrs. Floyd Clarke, Saturday. Jason Hawks was in Oswayo calling Saturday evening. Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Clarke and Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Spicer attended a sub-district Dairymen's League meeting at Bishopville, Monday night. Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Spicer celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary Saturday evening. About 40 of their relatives and friends spent a very pleasant evening with them in visiting and music. Refreshments of ice cream and cake were served. Mr. and Mrs. Cleon Clarke spent Sunday with Mrs. Laura Quick at Silver Springs. Robert and Mary Spicer, Onnolee Smith accompanied Paul Vincent to Buffalo, Sunday night. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Short and family of Wellsville passed Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Carrol Wallace. Floyd Clarke was in Belmont on business Friday.

## Lane School District

(Harold Church, Reporter)

April 28. Wind blew in the hay barn of Carl Childs, and blew off the rear enclosed porch of Mrs. Libby Bundy. Several trees were blown down and much roofing from buildings in this vicinity, Monday. S. P. Regan was a business visitor to New York, Tuesday. H. W. Corryell of Andover was on his street Monday, inspecting barns. Mr. and Mrs. Van Coombs motored to Hornell Thursday on business. Heened and Nelson Brewster were visitors to Andover Saturday evening. Daniel Mullen passed Friday evening with Mrs. John Church and son, Harold. Mr. and Mrs. Lester York and family were Andover visitors Saturday evening. Harold Church was in Hornell on business Friday of last week. Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Slocum of Davis Hill were visitors in this place Friday. Alton Coombs was in Andover on business Saturday evening. Frank Graves was a business visitor here Monday. Prin. and Mrs. R. E. Brutsman of Olean spent the week-end at their summer home here. Robert Flynn and children were in Andover Sunday, on business. Walter Smith was in Hornell on business Friday. Lyle Mulconery of Andover called on friends here Sunday.

## Greenwood

(Mrs. A. L. Trowbridge, Reporter)

Will O'Dell and son of Dryden Hill were in Hornell Saturday on business. Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Foster called on Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Karlen, Monday evening. Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Smith of Wellsville and Junior McCaffery and Margaret O'Dell visited their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Trowbridge, Sunday. Bob McKinley and Miss Dorothy Cooper were business callers in Angelica, Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. George Stephens visited Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cook in Woodard Hollow, Friday. Mr. and Mrs. John Rogers were in Canisteo on business Tuesday. A dance will be held at the Odd Fellows hall this Friday night.

## Voorhees Hill

(Mrs. Raymond Church, Reporter)

April 27.—The high wind Monday afternoon blew down a silo on the VanSchaick farm, tore off limbs of trees and did other minor damage. W. D. Saunders of Wellsville was a business visitor on the hill Monday. Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Adams called on sick friends in Wellsville, Sunday afternoon. Miss Madeline Woodcock of Sabinsville and Claire Church of Elkland, Pa., were supper guests at the home of R. B. Church, Sunday evening. John Slough returned to his home in Nanuet Thursday, after several weeks spent at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Adams. Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Church called on Mrs. Mianda Adams in Proctor District, Monday evening. Miss Thelma Lewis was a visitor in Raymond, Pa., Sunday afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. Roy VanSchaick called on Mr. and Mrs. Chris Kruger on Meservey Hill, Thursday evening. Carrol Church has torn down part of his dwelling house preparatory to remodeling it this summer. Miss Pauline Perkins spent Wednesday night with her sister, Maude Perkins in Richburg.

## SAFEGUARD SEEDS AGAINST DECAY

Geneva Specialist Tells of Value of Red Copper Oxide Dust for Flower and Vegetable Seeds—Easy to Apply.

Disappointment and loss in the flower and vegetable garden could be very largely avoided if gardeners would form the habit of treating all seeds with bright red copper oxide dust just before planting, says Dr. J. G. Horsfall, plant disease specialist at the State Experiment Station at Geneva. This treatment, as developed at the Experiment Station is not just another seed disinfectant, states Dr. Horsfall, but the red coating serves to protect the tiny seeds and seedling plants against inroad of decay organisms that occur in the soil. It acts as a barrier to prevent rotting of the seeds and thus will help reduce the tremendous losses suffered every spring from so-called "damping-off" of young plants.

One of the great advantages of red copper oxide is that it can be used dry, thus avoiding the messiness of liquid dips, explains Dr. Horsfall. Also, the material is relatively cheap and only small amounts are required, while seed can be treated well in advance of planting and stored in a dry place without danger of injury. The standard dosage recommended by Dr. Horsfall is 2½ pounds of dust per 100 pounds of seed. For small quantities of seed this is equivalent to 1 level teaspoonful per pound. This rate is satisfactory for seeds the size of spinach or smaller and for rough, light seeds like beets and chard. For larger, heavier seeds, such as peas, squash, or cucumbers, one teaspoonful to 5 pounds of seeds is sufficient.

Dosages cannot be very well recommended for packet seeds, but it is suggested that a pinch of material is sufficient to give each a complete coating of the dust. The tendency is to use too much rather than too little of the chemical and there is no reason to believe that if "a little will do good, much will do more good," for the opposite is more nearly correct. The seed and the dust should be shaken together in some tight container like a fruit jar which should be filled not more than half way. A complete coating of the chemical around each seed is essential if the seed is to be protected against rotting in the soil.

## Province of Brittany Is

### Noted for Stone Columns

In the Province of Brittany, the rugged peasant land of Northwest France which traces from the ancient Duchy of Bretagne, are the Bretons, descendants from the pure Celtic race, who arrived in the fifth century, states a writer in the Los Angeles Times. At Carnac and Lozmariaquer the prehistoric monuments stimulate imagination and challenge curiosity. Rows of strange huge Stonehenge columns face one another. Brittany is distinctive for its three types of historic stones. The Menhirs, which are the tall standing stones, are usually erected on ends and are unattached. The Alignments form in lines with upright stones supporting one or more horizontal cap stones, thus forming crude chambers; and the Dolmens consisting of two large stones standing on end and supporting a third which is generally flat. The Alignments of Carnac form 13 avenues of prehistoric structures and typify Brittany's claim as a rare outdoor museum of ancient history.

The peasants retain their picturesque dress and their quaint and primitive ways.

## George Bryan Brummell,

### the "Dude" of His Time

The real name of Beau Brummell was George Bryan Brummell. He was a splendid spendthrift, at one time a man of wealth, a dresser in exquisite taste, and the arbiter of fashion among the courtiers of the Prince of Wales, with whom he was an intimate, notes a writer in the Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Brummell was born in 1778. Early in life he managed to make the acquaintance of the prince and from that time his star was in the ascendant. He had a fortune, which he spent lavishly. He maintained an extravagant establishment in London until his last penny was gone.

For some time he lived on credit. Then, one by one, his whilom friends deserted him. The prince turned against him, and he was obliged to flee to France in order to escape arrest for debt. After some years in wretchedness, his mind failed him, and he died in a hospital for mendicants in 1840.

## An Old Marriage Custom

Ancient matrimonial customs still prevailing in certain sections of Quebec, French-Canadian province probably would amaze prospective brides in the United States. Much of the form and tradition harks back two and three centuries to the mother country, France. In the outlying districts and villages of the province, where direct descendants of the first French pioneers live in much the same fashion as did their ancestors in Normandy and Brittany, a wedding assumes the character of a festival. One of the picturesque customs surviving among the "habitants", or rural residents, is that of the public wedding procession which passes through the streets to the church. Established early in the Seventeenth century in France, the wedding procession sometimes brings out the entire population of a village.

## Colors and Health

It is only within recent times that scientists have begun to associate colors with health. They know, for instance, that blue is a soothing color—so soothing, in fact, that too much blue in the color scheme is liable to cause melancholia. Dr. Ronald Laird, of Colgate university, who has experimented widely in this branch of science, says that a red-papered bedroom is liable to produce insomnia, and that men working continuously under red light become irritable and violent. He insists, too, that the red flannel petticoat of our grandmothers was a wise choice, being far warmer than a blue one of the same material. Many people are unable to wear red next to the skin, as it acts as a powerful irritant.—Tit-Bits Magazine.

## Bishop Pictured Weird Land

Joseph Hall, an English bishop of the first half of the seventeenth century, wrote a book of satires picturing a land where the geese generated out of the fallen leaves of trees, lambs grew out of the earth, and, as for fish, when a line was thrown into the sea fish clung to it in the thousands. Cooks, tavern keepers and bakers make up the chiefs of the city. Magnitude of stomach and not wisdom constitute statesmanship. Among their laws, any one guilty of fasting for four hours is compelled to eat a double dinner, and one convicted of high treason is starved to death.

## Necessity of Rest, Change

The earth itself teaches us the necessity of rest and change. During the snows and frost of winter it lies dormant. In rest it gathers force for the rejuvenating processes of spring. We must follow the earth's example, and gather force in rest and recreation, or we can no more go on growing and gaining in strength and power than it could go on producing the grains and fruits and vegetables of summer and autumn without an annual rest.

## Island of Malta Really

### Made Up of Five Islands

The Island of Malta, forming as it does the most strategic naval base in the Mediterranean and Britain's most formidable station on the short route to India, in reality consists of five islands, four of which could be contained in the largest, which gives the group its name and which has an area of slightly less than 100 square miles. Two are mere rocky pinnacles which are used for target practice by the British fleet. The others are inhabited and have been likened to the Three Bears with Malta on one side, Gozo, the middle-sized Bear on the other and Comino, the Little Bear in between.

Archeologically the islands present a pageant of western civilization from the dolmens of the Stone Age to the most modern of naval bases; and the patois of the native Maltese is said to be the only remnant of the language of the Phoenicians, albeit it contains admixtures from the tongues of the Greeks, Romans, Saracens, Normans, Spaniards, French and English, who at various times have been the overlords. The remains of three temples built of great stone slabs attest the existence of pre-historic races, as do parallel tracks which have never been satisfactorily explained, but in solid rock and extending down into the sea. Gozo has been identified as the scene of Homer's legend of Ulysses and Calypso.

From tombs and other structures built by them it is estimated that the Phoenicians settled in Malta about 1000 B. C., supplanting a civilization comparable in some respects to the Minoan of ancient Crete, and later the islands were used as one of their bases by the Carthaginians in their disastrous wars with Rome.

## "Commodity Dollar" Was

### Invented Many Years Ago

The "commodity dollar" was actually in use in Hingham a century ago, states a writer in the Boston Globe.

Manuscripts uncovered in the Watertown Public Library by the Federal Historical Sources Survey show that Hingham paid its minister on a commodity dollar basis in 1803. The minister was Rev. Henry Ware, afterward the first Hollis professor of divinity at Harvard.

Rev. Henry Ware went to Hingham in 1787 and the inference is that his salary was \$500 a year, enough and plenty in a period of low prices. But during the late seventeenth century there had been a "very great demand and high prices for all the necessities of life" and the minister was at his wits' end to make both ends meet, for his salary remained stationary. The remedy adopted by the parish was to adjust his pay on the basis of the average prices of the great staples between 1787 and 1803, and this settlement of the problem was accepted by the minister.

## Florence Nightingale Pledge

The wording of the Florence Nightingale pledge follows: "I solemnly pledge myself before God and in the presence of this assembly, to pass my life in purity, and to practice my profession faithfully. I will abstain from whatever is deleterious and mischievous, and will not take or knowingly administer any harmful drugs. I will do all in my power to elevate the standard of my profession, and I will hold in confidence all personal matters committed to my keeping, and all family affairs coming to my knowledge in the practice of my calling. With loyalty will I endeavor to aid the physician in his work and devote myself to the welfare of those committed to my care."

## Happiness

The happiness of today is as important as the happiness of tomorrow. You cannot postpone your enjoyments and lump them in one mass to take them after you have gained a certain position or won a fortune. You must take them, if you take them at all, as you go along. The capacity to enjoy is not a constant element in human life. There comes a time when desire fails. A man may deliberately sacrifice his enjoyments and reap thereby great moral advantage, but he cannot postpone them.

## Lavender Favorite Perfume

Lavender is one of the favorite perfumes the world over and enormous quantities of the dried flowers are used annually to make the perfume and other lavender products. The yield of oil varies from year to year depending on the weather and the age of the bushes. The plants are very tender to any frost. The oil has to be stored from three to five years before it is sufficiently matured for use in the perfumery and other trades.

## Wasting Time

To learn never to waste your time is perhaps one of the most difficult virtues to acquire. A well-spent day is a source of pleasure. To be constantly employed and never asking, "What shall I do?" is the secret of much goodness and happiness. Begin, then, with promptitude, act decisively, persevere; if interrupted, be unruffled, finish it carefully—there will be the signs of a virtuous soul.

## Births

April 15.—To Mr. and Mrs. Arleigh Freeborn of West Almond, a son.  
April 23.—To Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Hall of Scio, a son.  
April 26.—To Mr. and Mrs. John Garey of Wellsville, a son.

## Marriages

April 15.—Miss Theresa Phillips of Fillmore and Merton Greene of Angelica, at St. Patrick's rectory in Fillmore.  
April 17.—Miss Lucksinger of Rochester and Frederic Roberts of Angelica.

## Deaths

April 15.—Mrs. Ella Hendryx, 66, at her home at North Cuba. Two sons and four sisters survive.  
April 17.—Mrs. R. Jane Learn, 89, at her home in Cuba. A daughter, Mrs. Elmer E. Conrath survives. Funeral services were held Monday and burial made Tuesday in Indiana, Pa.  
April 21.—Erma E. Jordan, 78, lifelong resident of Cuba, at the Kirkpatrick Home. A sister survives. Funeral services were held Friday afternoon.  
April 22.—Mrs. Carrie Littlepage, 73, at the Kirkpatrick Home in Cuba. Services were held Saturday afternoon.  
April 23.—Elmer S. Hayes, 70, of Scio at Jones Memorial hospital in Wellsville. His wife survives.  
April 23.—George H. Giguee, 69, of Friendship, at Bethesda hospital, Hornell. Three sons survive. Services were held at Friendship Monday.  
April 26.—Charles Woodworth of Hartsville, at Bethesda hospital, Hornell. Services were held Thursday afternoon in Canisteo.

## Sit-Downers Change

### Mind When Farmer Turns Bull Loose

Ithaca, N. Y.—At least one individual in these parts has discovered a wholly satisfactory method of dealing with the illegal seizure of property by sit-down strikers. He is a Tompkins county farmer and we'll let him tell the story of how his farm hands happened to change their minds about a sit-down strike. "The boys have been reading so much about these sit-down strikes," he said, "they kinda thought they'd put one over on me the other night. 'We'd brought in the cows and had them in their stalls, ready for the milking, when the boys just planked themselves down on their

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To receive payment in the 1937 Agricultural Conservation Program, New York farmers must carry out soil-building practices; payments will not exceed the soil-building allowance for the farm.

stools and declared a sit down strike for a raise in pay.

"Then I happened to think of Neb loafing in his box stall. That bull is so mean we don't dare take him out without clamping a lead pole in his nose ring."

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