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TANEYTOWN LOCALS

Items of news from town, or vicinity are always wanted for this column. Especially accidents, sales of real estate, fires, important happenings, visits to or from the community social events, and all matters of general interest to those at home, and away from home.

This column is not for use in advertising any money-making program, fair, support party or sale, except for non-denominational charities or Fire Company or Public Library support.

Churches, Lodges, Societies, Schools, etc., are requested to use our Special Notice Department for money-making events.

Miss Anabel Hartman, of Baltimore, is visiting the Misses Annan this week.

Mrs. M. A. Pittinger, of Baltimore, spent the week-end with Rev. and Mrs. W. O. Ibach.

Miss Mildred Baumgardner spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Devilbiss, at Keysville.

Mrs. Helen Roof, Meldrum and son, of York, Pa., are spending this week as guests of Miss Virginia Ott.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Albaugh and daughter, visited Mr. and Mrs. Guy Albaugh, near Frederick, on Sunday.

Rev. and Mrs. Guy P. Bready spent Tuesday with Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Bready, at Norbeck, Montgomery Co.

Nancy and Mary Ellen Weaver, of Baltimore, are spending some time with their grand-mother, Mrs. Nettie Weaver.

Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Fuss and children, returned home on Wednesday, after spending several days at Atlantic City.

Rev. A. T. Sutcliffe and family, accompanied by Jimmie Elliot, are spending several days at Harrisburg and Hershey, Pa.

A letter from the family of H. Clay Englar, Long Beach, Cal, reports their enjoying a two weeks' vacation at Yosemite Park.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Wantz and son and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Angell spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Witherow, at Washington, D. C.

Mrs. Upton Birnie, of Philadelphia, who is staying this summer at Braddock Heights, spent several days this week at Miss Amelia H. Birnie's.

Miss Laura Belle DaHoff is visiting this week at the home of her sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. P. W. Plank and family, of Westminster.

Mrs. Wm. F. Schmick, (nee Reindollar) of Baltimore, daughter Nancy and son William, are on a two weeks' trip to Hawaii, and expect to return home next week.

"Dick" Bollinger, Emmitsburg, well known here, is a popular and effective addition to the local ball team, "Dick" is a good all-around player, as well as pitcher.

Mr. and Mrs. Titus Rutt, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Witmer, of near Manheim, Pa., and Jacob Witmer, of Elizabethtown, Pa., visited Mrs. Jesse Myers and family, on Sunday.

Dr. Carroll D. Dern has opened an office in Baltimore, for Tuesdays of each week, at 443 East 25th St., but expects the remainder of his time to be spent in his Taneytown office.

W. Wallace Reindollar accompanied the party of ladies to Konnarock, Va., Lutheran Training School, last Saturday morning. All report having enjoyed the trip and the mountain scenery.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Boyd and grand-daughter, Virgie Boyd and Mrs. Albert Biddinger, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Albert Biddinger, at Libertytown. Mrs. Biddinger remained to spend some time there.

Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Null and children, near town; Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Null and daughter, Grace, and Mark Wildasin, of Hanover, visited Rev. and Mrs. C. W. Hess and Mrs. Grubb, at Neersville, Va., on Sunday.

Mrs. Clarence Nace and daughter, Miss Margaret, of Hanover, and Mrs. Charles Harp, of New York City, visited Miss Nettie Putnam last Friday. Mrs. Galen Wright and Mrs. Amanda Wilhite, spent Wednesday at the same place.

Mr. and Mrs. David Hahn, Mr. and Mrs. Martin Koons, Mrs. Lum Fleagle and Mrs. Laura Reindollar, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Guy D. Hahn, at Frederick. Master Billy Hahn returned with them to spend some time here.

Those who were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. David Little, on Sunday, were: Miss Marie Little, Robert White, Mr. Malone, Mr. and Mrs. William Malone and daughter, Dorothy; Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Satterfield and children, Edith and Morton, all of Baltimore; Joseph Kritz, of Emmitsburg; George Henry and Miss Thelma Livesburger, of Hanover.

Mr. and Mrs. U. C. DaHoff and family, entertained at their home, Sunday; Mr. and Mrs. Harry Frock, of Baltimore; Mr. and Mrs. I. C. Fogle, Mr. and Mrs. John Zeigler and grand-daughter, Patricia Jane Stock, all of York; Mr. and Mrs. P. W. Plank, daughter, Lola R. and son, Gene, of Westminster; Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Hahn, daughters, Chloris and Rosaine and son, Rodger, of near Detour; Mr. and Mrs. Albert R. Hahn, of near Middleburg; Mr. and Mrs. Glenn N. Hawk and C. Donald Diller, of near town.

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LETTER FROM DETROIT

An Interesting Contribution from Our Former Co-worker.

Several months having elapsed since my last letter to The Record, and not having anything in particular to look after, nor any job to worry about, I have concluded to send another letter to the Editor, in the hope that I may be able to interest the readers of The Record, and be of a little assistance to the Editor in his efforts to give the people of Taneytown a paper that they may be proud of.

But in the very start I want to say that I cannot promise how interesting the article may prove to be, as it seems to me that there is very little occurring out here that would interest the people of Taneytown and vicinity. About all we hear is about the struggle the residents of Detroit are having to make both ends meet, even with the much heralded aid the National Government, through the NRA, is giving. The business world, as well as the people generally, are all giving this much talked-of plan their hearty support, although I have heard numerous opinions that it is not suited to conditions in Detroit. It is pointed out that as work was not very plentiful before the code went into effect, the effect will be to spread out the jobs among more men, and the result will be that while there is a large number were making a decent weekly wage, now the work will be so divided that no one will be able to make enough to live on.

It is a fact that a number of the large automobile factories made special efforts to build far ahead of their present requirements, placing the cars in storage, and are now cutting down on their production thus using less men in fewer hours. How they expect any employee to buy cars, or any other luxuries, is beyond me. It is true that in a great many cases wages have been raised, but the cut in hours more than balances these raises, and does not begin to compare with the cuts given the past few years.

While it is true that more men are being employed, it remains a fact that Detroit is not a very desirable place to come to, in search of employment. The recent Legislature passed a law empowering Detroit to register the unemployed. This was done, with the result that over 102,000 men were placed on this list, and I will venture to say that half that many more did not go to the trouble to register. It would be of no use for a man over 50 to go to that trouble, as he could not get a job anywhere. Nor could a man who is not physically sound in every respect. This latter requirement is brought about by the provisions of the new Compensation Law. What they expect an old man to do, is a question I cannot answer.

I presume you are not bothered with any trouble caused by the legalizing of 3.2 beer. Well, out here there is plenty of trouble and dissatisfaction. Not that it makes many people tipsy—they say it is too weak for that—but in the administration of the law. More than one-half of those who took out licenses are now sorry that they did so, and are, in a great

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TANEYTOWN SAVINGS BANK REOPENED.

The Taneytown Savings Bank, having completed its plan of re-organization and been licensed to open on a 100% basis, reorganized its board at a special meeting on Wednesday evening, Aug. 9, 1933.

The members of the old board who have been untiring in their efforts to re-organize the bank will compose the new board, Daniel J. Hesson was appointed President, Norville P. Shoemaker was appointed vice-president, in place of Calvin T. Fringer, deceased; O. E. Dodner, Secretary and Treasurer, Clyde L. Hesson, Asst. Treas., and Wm. E. Burke, Jr., Clerk. Other members of the board are: David H. Hahn, Norman R. Hess, Norman R. Baumgardner and Merle S. Baumgardner. In addition to these vacancies on the board were filled by the appointment of George R. Sauble and Edward E. Stuller.

These are all well known successful business men of the community and it is felt they will use their best efforts and judgment to make the new bank a success.

The bank has also been considerably strengthened by the increase of its capital stock from \$25,000 to \$50,000 and the setting up of a new surplus of \$12,500, by the sale of 2500 shares of new stock at \$15.00 per share, held by 186 stockholders. With the added new capital and interests this bank should stand second to none in strength and stability and should commend itself to the general public.

J. ALBERT ANGELL'S 79th BIRTHDAY CELEBRATED.

J. Albert Angell was accorded an unusual honor last Sunday afternoon in the United Brethren Church, the occasion being the celebration of his 79th birthday. A sketch of the many activities of his life was published in last issue, the record being one seldom reached even by those privileged to live 79 years.

After all the number of one's years amount to but little—it is how one lives them, and Mr. Angell has certainly lived not only a long, but a useful and good life.

The church could not hold all who desired to show their respect by being present, and some turned away. About 65 automobiles were parked along Middle St., many of them from Pennsylvania. An excellent program of addresses and music was rendered.

THE CARROLL COUNTY FAIR NEXT WEEK.

Condensed Program of Interesting Events and Scenes.

The Carroll County Fair Association has practically completed all details of the Fair, that opens, next Tuesday. The general programs in brief, is as follows:

Tuesday, Horse and Pony show, 10:00 A. M.; Jersey field day, Wednesday, Guernsey field day, Horseshoe championship contest, Greased pig contest, horse and mule races, fireworks.

There will positively be a real public wedding, with an elaborate setting, on Wednesday evening at 8:30. There will be a maid of honor, four bridesmaids, best man, four flower girls as ushers, ring bearer, etc., with music during and after the ceremony, and a lot of gifts. A prominent minister will officiate. The names of the bride and groom will be announced before the ceremony.

Thursday, Holstein field day, final horse-shoe pitching contest, horse and mule races, greased pig contest, tug of war, fireworks.

Friday, will be specially interesting with, hog round up, greased pig contest, horse and mule races, baseball game Taneytown vs Westminster.

The free attractions, Pat's Society circus, with trained dogs, dancing mule, acrobatic performances, and the appearance of "Dynamite" the meanest and funniest mule in the world, will be featured each day before the grand-stand.

Aside from these there will be the usual variety of exhibits, midway, refreshment booths, 4-H Boys and Girls exhibits, and a variety of good racing each day except Tuesday.

The program for the horse racing follows: Wednesday, 2:22 trot, purse \$150; 2:27 trot, purse \$150; Thursday, 2:17 pace, \$150; 2:17 trot, \$150; Friday, 2:27 trot, \$150; 2:21 purse \$150. There will be a three-heat plan; mile heats; every race a heat; five to enter, four to start. When three horses each win a heat, a fourth heat will be required for the heat winners only. A mile race will be held on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, the purse to be \$5 each day.

This year, admission charges will be, adults 25c; children 10c; automobiles free. There will be ample police protection and every effort will be made to bar undesirable characters of every kind. The grounds will be electrically lighted, and the fireworks displays Wednesday and Thursday nights, will be high-class.

Note the space advertisement in this issue. It will be necessary to "come and see" what promises to be one of the best exhibitions in the history of the Fair.

The department managers are as follows: Cattle, County Agent L. C. Burns and H. Herbert Snyder; Swine, County Agent Burns, H. H. Snyder and the Rev. Miles S. Reifsnnyder; Sheep, County Agent Burns; Poultry, S. C. Ott and William J. Flohr; Boys' and Girls' Clubs, County Agent Burns' Farm and garden products, John N. Starr; Homemakers' club exhibits, Miss Agnes Slindee, County Home Demonstration Agent; Household Department, Edward S. Harner and Mrs. H. A. Allison; Horse and Pony Show, Frank Barnes, Ralph Reifsnnyder and H. S. Norwood; Horseshoe Pitching, C. K. Perry and Marshall Campbell; Machinery and automobile exhibits, the Rev. M. S. Reifsnnyder; Sports, Truman B. Cash; Greased pig contests, George Sauble; Concessions, J. H. Shirk and Truman B. Cash; Racing Secretary, George H. Hunter.

BARN BURNED NEAR WESTMINSTER.

On Monday, fire destroyed all the buildings on the Ivan L. Hoff farm, tenanted by Howard Easworth and family, situated along the Washington road near Dorsey cross roads. The fire started in the straw stacks, and spread rapidly to all other buildings, including the dwelling. The Westminster Fire Company responded, but due to scarcity of water could not save the dwelling.

In addition to the buildings 300 bushels of wheat, in sacks, ready to be marketed, were burned. The household furniture and many of the farming implements were saved. The loss on house and barn is estimated at \$7000., not including other buildings, or contents. The house and barn were insured but no other buildings. Mr. Hoff has asked the State Insurance Commissioner for an investigation.

MONOCACY OUT OF BANKS.

The heavy rain, of Thursday, that reached flood proportions afternoon and night, will be of considerable benefit to late corn and to pastures. Owing to a very heavy downpour in the Marsh Creek and Gettysburg sections, the Monocacy and tributary streams were out of banks. At Bridgeport a cabin owned by Taneytowners was flooded about three feet, and the surface of the water was up to the floor of the new concrete bridge. Other buildings along Monocacy are also reported to have been flooded.

EVANGELISTIC MEETINGS.

The evangelistic meeting to be held in the Church of the Brethren in Westminster, is scheduled to be Sunday morning, Aug. 20, at 10:45 A. M., by the Rev. F. A. Myers, Cloverdale, Va. In the evening, these services will continue, every evening, for at least two weeks, to begin at 7:45.

THE N. R. A. EXPLAINED

Gen. Johnson Called for Action at Baltimore Meeting.

Gen. Hugh S. Johnson, who has charge of the N. R. A. campaign, made an address in the Lyric Theatre, Baltimore, on Thursday night, that was broadcasted over the Columbia system in which he explained in part, the objects of the Act, and some of its advantages and penalties, and designated it as President Roosevelt's own idea.

He urged it as a cure for depression and emphasized the importance of its general acceptance. That the Blue Eagle sign represented the President's determination to put people back to work and that this Blue-Eagle buying is not a boycott, but it is a "white list." A portion of the exact address follows:

"In the first place, don't forget that nobody expects employers to pay the cost of reemployment. That is not possible. The consumer—as always—pays the bill. It is inevitable that the employer will raise his price and will himself pay nothing at all. The only restraint that is asked of him is that he not raise his prices any more than his costs are raised. Except in a limited class of cases, there is simply nothing to the claim that any employer pays this bill.

"Another wide complaint is that the increased bill will ruin some employers in three months. Now it may very well be true that, for a limited time, there will be higher costs before there are higher sales, but unless this whole plan is to fail, this condition will not last long and in the short time that it does last the burden is not very heavy for anybody. The public will soon buy more for the simple reason that it needs much and can afford to buy more.

"There is a point of perfectly tremendous importance here. It is nothing less than the point of success or failure. I have no words strong enough, or voice loud enough to emphasize this point. The public must buy now. It must buy under the Blue Eagle, and it may buy to the full of its reasonable and prudent needs. It cannot be otherwise. To support increased wages there must be increased business. To get increased business there must be increased buying. Increased wages depend on increased buying, and we can't have one without the other and that is as certain as that two and two make four.

CORNER'S JURY FAILED TO PLACE RESPONSIBILIY.

The coroner's jury called in Taneytown, last Friday evening, to hear testimony concerning the automobile accident on the Taneytown-Keymar road, Thursday night, that resulted in the death of Austin G. Shuff, aged 22 years, of Frederick, was made up as follows: George Winemiller, chairman; Charles Shoemaker, Newton Six, William Houck, John Harman, Luther Wachter, William Crum, Edward Shorb, Edward Baumgardner, Norman Reaver, Benjamin Crabbs, and Delmar Riffle.

After hearing testimony and deliberating for over two hours, the jury made the report that "Austin G. Shuff came to his death, August 3, between Taneytown and Keymar, by a collision with a truck of A. F. Reis, Hanover, Pa., operated by Frederick Mills, Frederick, Md."

Coroner George E. Benson, who presided, said no further action would be taken unless the State's Attorney for Carroll County, or the Grand Jury, decides to do so.

Mills, the truck driver, his daughter, Mrs. Helena Nusbaum, and George Deberry testified that Shuff was standing on the running board of his car; while Mrs. Shuff, the widow, who was in the car with her husband, said he was not standing on the running board, but was leaning with his head out of the window, looking ahead, thinking an accident had occurred to their friends in another car ahead.

The truck, Mrs. Shuff said, then hit the front of her husband's car, catching his head in its tire rack and smashing the rear fenders of the car and continuing down the road.

She pulled the emergency brake, she said, and ran to look for her husband, being joined by Mr. Wiles and Mr. Gilbert, who ran back to see what had taken place.

When Mills came back to the scene of the accident he found the other members of the party lifting Shuff's body from the road. The tire, it was stated, was wrenched from the carrier and was found 40 feet from Shuff's car.

CHILD KILLED BY AUTO.

Another auto fatality of an unusual character, occurred on Monday about a mile east of Libertytown, when a 5-year-old colored child, while attempting to beat off a swarm of wasps, ran in front of an auto operated by George M. Hampson, Pen-Mar, and received injuries from which he died before reaching Frederick Hospital. His name was William Duppins.

The child ran down a lane from the home of its parents on the highway, with the bees after him, directly in front of the car which was running at about 40 miles an hour. A charge of reckless driving was lodged against Hampson, and an inquest was ordered to be held.

At the inquest Tuesday night before Justice Guy K. Motter, acting coroner, Hampson was exonerated from blame for the accident, and the technical charge of reckless driving was dismissed. It developed in the testimony that the child was running with head down, beating off the bees, and apparently hearing a warning cry, had doubled back across the road.

BOARD OF EDUCATION PROCEEDINGS.

Teachers Appointed, and Several Contracts Awarded.

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Education was called to order in the office of the Board, Wednesday, Aug. 2, 1933, at 7:00 P. M. All the members were present.

The minutes of the last regular meeting and one special meeting were read and approved.

The lists of paid and unpaid bills presented to the Board were approved and ordered paid, with the exception of one bill for \$333.03 from the Mutual Fire Insurance Co., which was ordered held up for investigation.

Superintendent Unger reported on the funds from the State. There is still an amount of about \$15,500 outstanding.

The Superintendent also called attention to the demand from the attorney to the County Commissioners for a report on balances and overdrawn amounts. The Board ordered, upon the advice of its attorney, Mr. Clemons, that this information should be given to the County Commissioners in the form of the annual audit and appointed President DeVries and Superintendent Unger as a committee to get bids from about five auditing companies and to arrange for an audit by the most suitable company as soon as possible.

The attention of the Board was called to the latest developments in the Ehrhart case by the Superintendent.

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THE CHILDREN'S AID DRIVE.

The following letter is being mailed to former subscribers to the work of the Children's Aid, but we wish to make this appeal a personal one to everybody in Taneytown district. We will be grateful for your help whether large or small as each of us is responsible for whatever aid he can give to those in need in our midst. Gifts may be mailed or brought to Mrs. Walter Bower, Mrs. William Bricker and Eleanor Birnie.

ELEANOR BIRNIE, Sec'y.

Westminster, August 11, 1933.

My Dear Carroll Countians: Through the courtesy of the local press the recent twelve months' report of the Children's Aid Society of Carroll County was presented to the reading public. You probably read this article, but because there were so many vital points in that report that bear repetition, we want to present some of them again in our annual letter to members and other friends.

There were 150 different families of the county given material relief, counsel, planning, encouragement and guidance during the year just past. 638 visits were paid these families and 781 office interviews were given in their behalf, but such service could not possibly have been given without the volunteer assistance of approximately 150 county women and men who have been organized into District groups by the Society for speedy investigation and more efficient handling of the cases of need. None of these volunteers receive any salary or commission for any service rendered or for any mileage necessary in carrying out the work. There is only one paid worker in the whole organization a full time, trained, social worker.

In addition to the families aided, 56 little children without homes were under the care of the Society during the past year; children who, for imitative reasons, had to be removed from unfavorable homes and safeguarded by the Society. 252 visits were made in behalf of these children and 265 office interviews were given.

The Social Director traveled over 6,000 miles for the Society last year and this figure does not take into account the time given or the miles traveled, without any cost to the Society, by the volunteer groups interested in the organization.

There is grave need existing in our county and there is no other county-wide agency attempting to meet and correct it. You too, have assisted in this work since its beginning by your contributions, without which we could not hope to go on.

We do not wish to sound an alarming note but conditions will not right themselves for a long time, even after prosperity is again known in the land. Please make your gift just as generous as you can.

Yours sincerely,
MRS. WALTER A. BOWER, Chm.

OPEN HOURS IN WESTMINSTER.

Westminster merchants held a well attended meeting, on Tuesday night, for the purpose of each class agreeing on opening and closing hours, and to work together in harmony along these lines. It does not appear, however, that the agreements reached are in exact harmony with the NRA code, but may lead to that. All classes of business were not represented. The following are among the agreements reached.

Dry goods and general stores, open at 8:30 A. M. and close at 6 P. M., except on Saturdays when closing will be at 10:30 P. M.

Grocery stores, open at 7 A. M., and close at 6 P. M., and on Saturdays at 10:30 P. M.

Plumbers and electricians, open at 8 A. M., and close at 5 P. M., 6 day each week.

Lumber and Feed dealers, open at 8 A. M., close at 5 P. M., six days each week.

Barbers all opening at 8 A. M., and closing at 6 P. M., except Wednesday closing at noon, Friday at 8 P. M. and Saturday at 10 P. M.

THE WHEAT ACREAGE PROBLEM

Carroll County Farmers Likely to Agree to Signing-up.

The acreage to be sown to wheat, this fall, is still the subject of much speculation, the result being that many farmers are undecided as to whether to accept the government's proposed acreage cut—the extent of which does not seem to be definitely fixed, but will be somewhere between 10 percent and 20 percent. The proposed cut will be a percentage based on the average acreage sown for the past five years.

It is estimated that home consumption requires only about 54 percent of the wheat grown in this country which makes it desirable for production to be decreased. The limit granted by Congress was a cut of 20 percent in the acreage, but it appears that this percentage may be reduced by authority of the government through the Secretary of Agriculture.

If the whole 20 percent is finally agreed on, then production in Maryland would have to be reduced by 29,120 acres; below this year but if a 15 percent reduction is called for, the acreage would be reduced only 5690 acres, and with only a 10 percent reduction throughout the whole country, then, strange to say, the Maryland acreage could be increased some 17,740 acres more than in 1933.

It is therefore easily seen that the whole question is decidedly mixed up, but it would appear that so far as Maryland is concerned, farmers are likely to gain by signing-up, while in some other states the situation might not be so favorable to signing. No doubt, through meetings and explanations, the farmers will soon be able to make up their minds to "sign up."

STATE LUTHER LEAGUE.

The state Luther League Convention will be held in Frederick, Sept. 2-4, 1933.

The sessions on Monday will combine business as well as pleasure. From 9:20 to 11:30 A. M. the routine business of the convention and the election of officers for the ensuing year will be transacted. Mr. Fred Heise, president of the State Luther League, will preside. The Rev. Henry W. Snyder, D. D., of Washington will deliver an address, "Christ the Light of the World." In the afternoon the convention business will be completed, general Luther League conferences conducted, and the newly elected officers will be installed by Rev. J. Edward Harms, president of the Maryland Synod who will subsequently address the convention.

The various committees are as follows: Credentials—Sister Catherine Nevhad, chairman; Mae Mercer, Margaret Bediet, Kathryn Fritch, and Marie Trede; Resolutions, Mary Mathaney, chairman; Fred Mowen, Dr. J. Edward Harms, Helen Mercer, Iva Blanche Lathrum, and Philip Krautwurst; Auditing, Gilbert Major, chairman; Louis E. Hoover, Jr., and Herbert Lee, Nominating, Beard Miller, chairman; William Muly, Gilbert Major, Rev. Raymond Sorrick, Henry Falk, George Whetstone and William Armbruster.

Monday evening concludes the convention and is given over to the banquet and farewell address by the Rev. Chester Simonton, on Harrisburg. 24 Leaguers who have attended for ner conventions know what an inspiration such an evening will be.

For further information write to Miss Mae Mercer, W. Patrick St. Extended, Frederick, Md.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.

William Heltzel and Fay Mansberger, York, Pa.

Vernon C. Lippy and Julia H. Davidson, Manchester, Md.

Willard R. Sterner and Threse C. Klung, Hanover, Pa.

Paul E. Krout and Anna M. Heilmann, Thomasville, Pa.

Norman Pittinger and Hester King, Porters Siding, Pa.

William Burchfield and Cleo Dunn, Mifflin, Pa.

Everett Anderson and Elizabeth Bilheimer, Stewartstown, Pa.

Donald F. Dougherty and Margaret H. Landis, Ada, Ohio.

Random Thoughts

CHESTNUTS.

Just when, or why, it came into use for the word "chestnut" (slang) to be applied to an old joke, we do not know; but our good old authority of Noah Webster's descent has so recognized it, these many years. As we know the familiar sweet nut, we might easily imagine a certain bad reputation attaching to it because of the well fed worm that often abides within its shell, but this fact is not recorded as being responsible for its reputation.

But, we are in the habit of taking many of our expressions as we find them, without inquiring into, or caring about, their origin; and so, we will go on through the ages to come saying "chestnut" to any expression that we prefer to belittle; just as we also say "rats" when we profess disbelief.

But even so "random" a topic as this may point a moral, for the excellent reason that we should try to avoid using "chestnuts" in our speech, under the guise of telling a story to illustrate a point; for there is no failure in speech, plea, or quite so dismal common conversation, as an "old one" that don't fit, and fails utterly to produce the expected applause—or favorable verdict. P. B. E.