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D. P. WITTER, Farmers Institute Conductor.

SUMMER INSTITUTES For Cattaraugus County

The state department of agriculture announces three summer institutes for Cattaraugus county, to be held at Leon, Thursday, August 31st; at Wesley, Friday, September 1st; and at East Otto, Saturday, September 2nd. These institutes will be conducted by Mr. D. P. Witter, conductor of Farmers' institutes for Southern New York. Mr. Witter has had more than 30 years of practical training in farm practice, which he has combined with scientific study.

Summer Institutes were first held to a large extent last summer and were found to meet with great success. No one is prevented from

searching meetings at this time of the year on account of impassable roads. Also this is a time when agricultural problems are most in mind and the advice given can often be put into operation at once.

Everyone is urged to keep these dates free so as to attend these institutes. No farmer should remain at home who can possibly attend, as suggestions which he may receive should greatly help him in his work. A question box will be provided at each session of the institutes and everyone is invited to prepare questions on agricultural problems to be considered. Also an opportunity will be given persons with experience to discuss all questions which are presented. Admission is free and ladies are requested to be present.

GENERAL INTEREST.

NEWSY AND INTERESTING ITEMS
CLIPPED FROM OUR EXCHANGES.

Work has begun on a new B. R. and P. station at Orchard Park.

Bradford business men will picnic at Cascade Park on August 19.

The Hunts K. O. T. M. tent initiated 13 candidates at its last meeting.

The Eddy family reunion was held on Saturday at Eddyville, with 127 present.

Allen Colby and wife of Holland celebrated their 64th wedding anniversary last week.

Two drinking fountains have been placed in the park by the Village board of Andover.

The reunion of the 64th N. Y. Regimental Association will be held at Rochester on Tuesday, August 22nd.

Fred D. Smith, B. R. & P. agent at Le Roy, has resigned to enter the employ of a food concern in that village.

Cattaraugus county pays \$200 salary to each Election Commissioner, Wayne county pays \$1,200. Thus they vary.

Following the development of a few cases of smallpox in Olean, vaccination of all school children has been ordered.

Geo. C. Ruff, a railroad engineer, disappeared from his home at Olean in May, 1909, and nothing has since been heard from him.

Odell & Eddy of Arcade are repairing the old Veneer plant at Franklinville and will soon manufacturing last blocks in the same.

Daniel Ambert of Olean was found dead on the promenade of Brooklyn bridge on Thursday. It is

Thursday, November 30th has been designated as Thanksgiving day.

Mrs. Sarah A. Russell of Castile is 90 years of age and does her own work.

A postal savings bank will be established in Perry on September 5, the first in Wyoming County.

The large barn of F. A. Bozard on the Five Mile was struck by lightning and burned on Sunday.

Rev. Joel Baker, for 40 years a Free Methodist pastor, died at Cherry Creek on Aug. 4th, aged 87 years.

Whitesville has a middle aged lady who has passed her life there and never rode on the cars until last week.

The body of William C. Gee, a Cuba teamster, was found in the Evans Slip in Buffalo on Saturday. He left Cuba on Wednesday.

L. H. Bailey of Shingle House, a Civil War veteran of 75, and Mrs. Mary Yentzer aged 60, of Angelica, were married on Wednesday.

Byron Gray, a well known retired miller of Springville, committed suicide on Sunday by shooting himself through the head.

The Little Valley Fair Association receives \$4,000 from the State this year and the Franklinville A. and D. Association, \$2,766.17.

Benjamin C. Button, a Civil War veteran aged 76 years, committed suicide at Little Genesee on Wednesday by inhaling natural gas.

The new E. Church at South Dayton was dedicated on Sunday.



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resources of the united north were centered upon the shores of the Potomac. Great forts were built in a night and a day. The foundations for that grandest and greatest of all the union armies, the Army of the Potomac, were being laid, quiet was nowhere to be seen or heard and in no little spot was this more in evidence than at Fort Washington.

The old fort had to be put in order and prepared to defend the only approach to Washington by water. We had to drag great guns up the bluff and mount them on barbeite carriages and in the casemates and learn to handle them when in place and clean away the woods east of of the fort to give range for the guns on that side, and there was our daily routine. Reville at sunrise, roll-call, policing our quarters, breakfast, drill. Guard mount at 9 a. m. was a most important feature of every days work, every man detailed for that important work must present himself as sleek and clean from top to toe as possible and the sieekest and best set up man on that day's detail, was chosen as orderly to the officers for that day and usually got off with two or three hours stay with side arms around the officers' quarter.

Immediately after Guard Mounting the boat sailed for Washington in command of "Skipper" Bently with Joe Stafford, "Chautauqua Chief" at the helm, carrying the mail and passengers for Alexandria and Washington, returning before sundown.

After Guard mount, more drills and cleaning the fort in every nook and corner.

After dinner schools for officers and schools for non coms. and more drills and cleaning clothes, arms and accountrements and polishing straps, brasses and shoes, no "army shine" was ever tolerated there. Dress parade was most showy event of the day and was only omitted when the weather was bad and which ended with hauling down the flag and firing the evening gun. On Sunday the programme included inspection and inspection of quarters and religious exercises in one of the casemates fixed up for a chapel in place of all drills and exercises except Guard mount and Dress parade.

After Dress parade and supper

the boys owned the town while they were there and always went in sufficient numbers make their claims good and paid their bills when they departed.

The day we came off guard we had to ourselves until sundown and was often taken for excursions to various points of interest, chief of which was Mount Vernon, for which purpose we used one of the boats kept by the government.

To me Mount Vernon had a very special interest. My grandfather was a soldier in troop B, 2nd light Dragoons of "Light Horse" Harry Lee's old brigade and rode in Washington's escort on his great march from West Point to Yorktown and accompanied him on his detour to Mount Vernon the first time Washington had visited his home since he assumed command of the Continental Army. My imagination could bridge the four score years and see Washington riding in on the Pochic Creek road followed by has escort passing close to the peach orchard the rebel cayalry had browsed until almost destroyed. Every bush, tree, shrub and building, spoke of the great man who lay out there in the tomb beneath the tall old trees. Altogether it was a noble shrine at which to worship dnrng the dark days following our humiliating defeat at Bull Run.

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