

News of the 4-H Clubs

New Scotland Lassies
On Thursday, March 12, the New Scotland Lassies had parents' night, the demonstration was held in the church basement. Mr. and Mrs. Paul Thayer, 4-H agents, the Clarksville Clover Girls' Senior group, friends from the Home Bureau, Ladies' Aid, Opportunity Club and our parents were guests.

about 4-H demonstrating we all enjoyed cookies and punch.—Geraldine Ayers, reporter.

The Guilderland-Hamilton 4-H Club held a meeting at the church Monday night and discussed demonstration day.
A work meeting was held at Mrs. Gade's Saturday, March 14. Those present were: Joan Radley, Carol Gardner, Donna Flinn, Dianne Gade, Ginny Lehman, Florence Gemick.

HEY, CURLY!
Hair is only a useless ornament now, says a New York city skin specialist, who predicts that baldness may be fashionable among both men and women in about 200 years.

Death of Rev. Charles H. Riggs, China Missionary

The Rev. Charles H. Riggs, for 36 years a missionary of the American Board of Missions (Congregational) in China, died at his home in New York Friday evening, March 13, at the age of 61. Mr. Riggs was born in Turkey, his parents and grandparents having been pioneer missionaries.

He graduated from Ohio State University in 1914, and in the summer of 1916 started for China with his wife, Grace Frederick, who died in 1921. After one year of language study in Nanking, they made the overland trip by sedan chair and small river boat, to Shaowu in western Fukien province, where they served as agricultural missionaries until 1930.

Mr. Riggs conducted an experiment farm for seed selection, irrigation, and improvement of farm tools. In 1930, due to upset political conditions, the Board closed all its work in Shaowu, and Mr. Riggs accepted an invitation from the College of Agriculture of the University of Nanking, to initiate a department of agricultural engineering.

In 1937 the Japanese war brought this work to a temporary standstill, but Mr. Riggs served for nearly two years with the International Committee for protecting women and children refugees in a safety zone recognized by the Japanese. His special work was on the housing, transportation, and salvaging trucks for rehabilitation to transport food and fuel for the refugee camps.

After three months at home in the spring of 1939, he and his wife joined the University in exile in Chengtu, Free West China. When the closing of the Burma Road made it impossible to continue the work of research and manufacture of farm tools, because of scarcity of materials, Mr. Riggs devoted most of his time, aside from instructing students, to technical assistance to the Chinese Industrial Cooperative program of making of looms for weaving blankets for the Chinese army.

In 1944 he acted as advisor to the National Agricultural Engineering Corporation in their manufacture of some of the tools he had designed in Nanking. He returned to this country in the summer of 1945, and in that fall joined the Farm Home Program for China, of UNRRA, and served in its Washington office until the following summer, when he and his wife went back to China, for the fifth time. He worked with the UNRRA factory in Shanghai, in development of farm tools using some of his designs; while carrying his teaching program in the University of Nanking one week a month. During this time he was able to make final arrangements for the establishment of a full department of Agricultural Engineering in the University, and in 1950 there was a formal dedication, with officers of the new government participating.

At the close of the UNRRA work, Mr. Riggs returned to Nanking, but was already suffering from heart trouble. Then the opening of the Korean war brought the "hate America" program, and after delays, accusations and suspensions, he was given permission to leave in March 1951. He arrived with his wife in New York in May, and in July underwent a serious throat operation. He never fully recovered from this, and was unable to resume his work. He and his wife lived at the Congregational Christian Service Center, 110 East 29th street, New York, since last summer, where Mrs. Riggs is employed as hostess of Hostel. Mr. Riggs' death followed two days of acute illness. He is survived by his wife, Grace Frederick Riggs; three sons, Fred W. of North Bergen, N. J.; Charles H. Jr., of New York, and Wendell P. of Mexico City; two daughters, Mrs. Elizabeth J. Hankin and Edith C. Riggs, both of Tulsa, Oklahoma, and a sister, Edith Riggs Gillet, a missionary in Portuguese East Africa. There are also five grandchildren.

A memorial service was held at Broadway Tabernacle (Congregational) in New York on Monday afternoon, March 16. Another service will be held at Fairview cemetery, near Altamont, at 3 o'clock Saturday afternoon, March 21. Friends are invited. Rev. Arthur Blaze of the Schenectady Congregational church will officiate.

Christian Science
The idolatrous character of material existence in contrast to spiritual being is brought out in the lesson sermon on "Matter" to be read in Christian Science churches next Sunday.
The golden text is from I John: "Little children, keep yourselves from idols." (5:21).

Feura Bush
REFORMED CHURCH
Rev. Carl W. Fleth, minister.
Sunday, March 22nd:
9:45 a. m. Sunday school. Everyone is invited. A genuine opportunity to study God's Word.
10:45 a. m. Worship and sermon. Theme, "Spiritual Decline." Public and christian fellowship.
Wednesday, March 25th:
7 p. m. Choir rehearsal.
8 p. m. Lenten service. Meditation: "In His Steps."
Friday, March 27th:
8 p. m. Regular meeting of the Ladies' Aid to be held in Fellowship hall.

Duanesburgh

JENNIE McMILLAN OSTRANDER, funeral services were held Monday afternoon, March 16, from the Galen White Funeral Home in Delanson for Mrs. Jennie McMILLAN Ostrander, who died Friday at the home of her niece, Mrs. William J. Koonin of Churches Rd., Duanesburgh. Mrs. Ostrander was the widow of Melvin Ostrander. She was 75, and had been ill a short time.

Rev. Edward Diamond, of Schenectady, former rector of Christ Episcopal church of Duanesburgh, officiated at the services. Burial was in Braman's Corner Union cemetery. Mrs. Ostrander was born in the Town of Duanesburgh, daughter of Alexander and Sarah Ladd McMILLAN. She had been a lifelong resident of the area.

Survivors include a sister, Mrs. Eugene Wilber, and a brother, Samuel McMILLAN.

AUXILIARY SPEAKER
Mrs. Edward Abbe of the Church Mission of Health, Albany, was guest speaker at the March meeting and luncheon of the Women's Auxiliary of the Christ Episcopal church of Duanesburgh, held at the home of Mrs. R. W. McDougall.
The meeting was an all-day affair, with a covered dish luncheon at noon. The committee included Mrs. Galen White, Delanson; Mrs. Alice Williams and Mrs. Raymond Kelly, Duanesburgh.

Attending were Mrs. White, Mrs. R. H. Schrade, Mrs. Anna Van Worman, Mrs. Anna Kelly, Mrs. Earl Liddle, Mrs. Ralph Alsip, Mrs. Raymond Suits, Mrs. Gertrude Lindsey, Miss Grace Mudge, Mrs. Margaret Slawson, Mrs. Isabel Hoath, Mrs. A. E. Tullock, Mrs. Fannie Bagg, Mrs. Ralph McDougall, and appointed a committee for the April 3 meeting were Mrs. Anna Kelly, Mrs. Lena Tullock, and Mrs. Isabel Hoath.

WELCOME HOME PARTY
Waldo Chesnut, Jr., and Raymond Fletcher were honored last Tuesday night at a welcome home party held in the Duanesburgh Community hall, under auspices of the Reformed Presbyterian church.
Fletcher served with the Navy off the coast of Korea. Chesnut served with the Army in Korea. Both have received their honorable discharges.

Some 70 persons attended the party, which opened at 6:30 with a covered dish supper, and was followed by a program of movies and fellowship. Rev. Harry H. Meiners, pastor, spoke to the group and welcomed home the servicemen. Responding briefly were Chesnut and Fletcher.

Mrs. and Mrs. Norman Collins were chairman of the committee in charge of the party. Miss Paulina Fidler was chairman of the dining room committee.

FIRE AUXILIARY MEETS
The Duanesburgh Fire Company Women's Auxiliary session, last Monday night, voted to contribute \$15 to the Charlton school rebuilding and reactivation fund. The group also voted a \$5 contribution to the 1953 Red Cross fund.

The meeting, directed by Mrs. Kenneth McMILLAN, was held in the firemen's hall in Duanesburgh. The social committee of the group is mapping plans for the presentation of a play, "There's a Man in the House." The date for the play will be set later. Mrs. Cyril Lee is directing the arrangements.

Appointed a committee for the April 13 meeting of the auxiliary were Mrs. Mildred Schworm, Mrs. Mary McDuffee, and Mrs. Norma Pettit. The March committee included Mrs. M. L. Joslin, Mrs. Lee, and Mrs. LeRoy Mericle.

Pomona Grange Meets At Duanesville Hall

Miss Kathy McGarry of the staff of the Schenectady Gazette was guest speaker at the meeting of the Schenectady County Pomona Grange held Friday night in the Gifford Grange hall in Duanesville. Miss McGarry, "Community Ambassador to Yugoslavia," spoke and showed films of Yugoslavia.

Lloyd Brinkman, Pomona master, conducted the business meeting. James Peugh, associate director of the Tri-County Fair board, announced that three Granges -- Duane, Scotia and Scotch Church -- would have exhibits at the 1953 Albany, Schenectady and Greene County Fair at Altamont. Another meeting of the Fair board will be held in April.

Mrs. Harry Haushalter announced that the Pomona Grange will sponsor a benefit party in the Duanesburgh Community hall on April 11. Deputy Master LeRoy Looman installed Walter Gaige of Gifford Grange as Pomona Grange gatekeeper.

The Pomona degree will be conferred May 22. The Grange will present to City hospital, Schenectady, a bicycle trainer to be used in rehabilitation of polio patients.
Next meeting of the County Grange will be held May 8, at Glenville, with Glenville Grange as hosts. Feature of the meeting will be the molasses cookie contest with various granges in the county participating.

Granges in Schenectady county have chosen "Fraternity" as the theme of their 1953 Neighbor-night programs. Officials of the granges announced that the topics and programs have been scheduled as follows:
"Fraternity in the Home," Niskayuna at Glenville, March 24; "Fraternity in the Church," Glenville at Gifford, April 1; "Fraternity in the School," Gifford at Scotch Church, April 7; "Fraternity in the Grange," Scotch Church at Duane, April 16; "Fraternity in the Community," Duane at Scotia, May 12; "Fraternity in the Nation," Scotia at Glenville, May 14; "Fraternity in the World," Glenridge at Niskayuna, May 18.

Sportsmen's Show
A 14-act entertainment program, headed by Florence Chadwick, American girl channel swimmer, will feature the second annual New York State Sportsmen and Boat Show which is scheduled in the RPI Field House, Troy, March 25-29.
Miss Chadwick, only woman to swim the English channel from France to England and from England to France, will demonstrate her water technique as part of the tank show which is scheduled each of the five night and for Saturday and Sunday matinees during the Troy exposition.

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