

District of Ross Mills Ross Mills Newsletter June 2019

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She's pointing a bird out to us that she saw flying by.

This was taken at Ross Mills Church, they have a small playground that is just perfect for the little ones to enjoy the outside.

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Vacation Bible School at Ross Mills Church of God is August 5-9, 2019! Put it on your calendar!!



## Ross Grange News

ZIN

Ross Grange members hosted 4-H families to a buffet meal at their May 13 meeting. Winners of the 4-H meat animal essay contest read their writings - Erma Wolcott, Senior Hog and Tesika Kilmer, Goat. Not available were Kamryn Harper, Junior Hog and Hanna Cross, Sheep. Their essays were read by Betty Wakefield, lecturer. Each received a \$50.00 check and certificate from Ross Grange. The Meat Animal Sale will be at the Chautauqua County Fair July 19 where the 4-H members invite the public to attend and bid on their animals.

This is the only Ross Grange meeting in May due to the Memorial Day Holiday. The next meeting will be at the Falcon's Nest Banquet Hall June 10 with a tureen dinner at 6 PM. The Grange Memorial program will be observed.

**ZINC** Most people, at least in the United States, have seen a great deal of the metal called zinc. But probably some of them may not know that they have. They may not know that when they see a bucket or a tub or a roof made of galvanized iron they are really seeing zinc. But it is true, for galvanized iron is iron with a coating of zinc. The iron in a piece of galvanized iron does not show. Anyone who has ever seen a flashlight battery has seen zinc, too. This is because the "can" of each little dry cell in a flashlight battery and of every other dry cell is made of zinc.

Zinc is not a pretty metal. It does not take a high polish. But no other metal works so well in dry cells. And it is very useful as a coating for iron because it does not rust. A solid sheet of zinc roofing no thicker than the cover of this book would last, it is said, several hundred years. Galvanized iron does not last nearly so long, but it lasts much longer than plain sheet iron.

Zinc is never found pure. It is always joined with other materials. There are several kinds of zinc ore. Not one gives up its zinc easily. It is no wonder that people knew about some of the other metals long before they knew about zinc.

Brass is made of zinc and copper. The ancient Romans without knowing about zinc made brass. They made it out of zinc ore and copper. They had no idea what it was in the ore that made the copper into a beautiful yellowish metal.

About 400 years ago Portuguese traders began bringing zinc back from China and India. Probably the Chinese and Hindus had been getting zinc from ore for centuries. In time the people of Europe learned how to get zinc from its ores. Today the United States produces more zinc than any other country in the world.

Nations at war need huge amounts of zinc. A great deal is needed for making brass for cartridges and shell cases. Much is needed, too, for making galvanized iron for camp equipment. Some compounds of zinc, substances in which zinc is joined with other materials, are very useful. Some of them are used in house paints because they last a long time and cover up well what is under them. Some are used in paper and white-walled tires. Their good covering power makes them useful in face powders. And some zinc compounds are useful for their healing powers. Zinc ointment is found in many home medicine chests. (See COMPOUNDS; COPPER; METALS.)

The above article was taken from The Golden Book Encyclopedia. Book 16; 1960.



***The Tuscan Villa styled house, located next to the Country Fair, was built in 1869 by J. Newell Wilson, a prosperous lumber dealer. When he built the house it had seventeen rooms with servant quarters in the back.***



***The photo above shows the main road between Jamestown and Dunkirk now Route 60. This was taken in August of 1908 somewhere between [Gerry](#) and Sinclairville.***

Both pictures taken from *A Peek into Our Past* by  
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