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CAPTAIN J.C. ERB AND HIS BIRTHDAY – Old-Fashioned Country Dinner
Given at His Pretty Country Place at Village Green

Captain J. Clayton Erb, secretary to Israel W. Durham, celebrated his birthday yesterday by giving an old-fashioned country dinner to a party of friends at his beautiful country place, Village Green, near Glen Riddle.

Throughout the day the captain received scores of congratulatory messages, including one from Durham, who sent his greetings by cablegram from Carlsbad, where he is spending the summer. Although Captain Erb extended the “glad hand” to all of his many friends on his anniversary, he diplomatically avoided saying just how old he was. “I’m a young old man, and feel no older than I look,” was his sagacious retort when pressed real hard to tell just how many summers and winters he has passed through.

For several months Captain Erb had been leading the life of a gentleman farmer on his big farm a few miles from town. His place is one of the prettiest spots in the picturesque Chester Valley and his pet project.

It had been planned by friends of Captain Erb to take him by surprise yesterday by calling on him at his county place unexpectedly. There was a “leak” somewhere, however, and when the train bearing a dozen or more guests arrived at Glen Riddle the delegation as surprised to find the captain on hand to greet them.

After being shown about the Erb place the visitors were taken into the homestead, where an elaborate spread was enjoyed.

To several of his intimate friends just before their departure, Captain Erb modestly admitted, after much hesitation, that he was “past forty.”

Among those who enjoyed the Captain’s hospitality were George Brennan, Joseph P. Rogers, John Curley, John Sinberg, William H. Evans, Clarence P. Wynne William Bray, Edward M. Daily, Daniel J. McConnellough, Louis C. Beattie, Jack Pennell and Clyde Hambright.

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