

## Farm Specialists Added To Staff Of Utility Co.

James R Metzler has been appointed farm specialist in Pennsylvania Power & Light Company's division, according to an announcement by Mr G. T. Storb, division vice president. A 1957 graduate of the Pennsylvania State University with a bachelor's degree in agricultural education, Mr Metzler will be responsible for providing farmers with technical as-



JAMES R. METZLER

istance in the applications of electric service to modern farm management.

He replaces Richard E Green, who has been named

assistant to the district manager in the Company's Susquehanna district.

Mr Metzler is a native of Mount Joy and is a graduate of Mount Joy High School. Following his graduation from Penn State, he served in the U.S. Navy as an engineering officer on the U.S.S. Elokomin.

Prior to joining PP & L in June of this year, he was instructor of vocational agriculture at the Milton Hershey School in Hershey and also worked as a fieldman with a dairy in Hanover.

## State's Trees Could Cover All Northeast

Enough lumber to cover Pennsylvania, New York, and New Jersey with a solid one-inch roof—that's the amount of potential lumber now standing in Pennsylvania's commercial forests. And it's no wonder there's so much lumber in Penn's Woods when we consider that forests are growing on more than half (52.7 per cent) of the 28,829,000 acres in the Keystone State.

Although Pennsylvania is no longer the nation's leading lumber producing state, as it was for many years during the 19th Century, its sylvan resources still make a substantial contribution to the economy and industry of the Commonwealth. The forest-dependent industries in

Pennsylvania provide full-time jobs for nearly 82,000 persons with payrolls amounting to almost 340 million dollars a year.

Lumber production in the state which has been rising steadily in recent years now stands at about 560 million board feet a year. High quality hardwoods such as cherry, ash and maple account for a sizeable portion of the annual yield from Penn's Woods and are eagerly sought by manufacturers of furniture, sporting goods, and other products requiring high grade lumber.

In all, some 3,000 manufacturing establishments, located in the state's 67 counties, use wood as their raw material, not to mention the demands for Pennsylvania lumber from other states. To produce this lumber, there are some 1800 sawmills in every county except Philadelphia, with a high of 79 mills in Fayette County.

Pennsylvania, which now ranks seventh among the states in production of paper and paperboard, was the birthplace of papermaking in America—the nation's first papermill was built at Roxborough, now a part of Philadelphia in 1690. Today there are 57 primary paper and pulp mills in the Commonwealth and 239 mills that make paper and paperboard into consumer products such as towels, napkins, paper cups and the like.

Who owns the forests which cover slightly more than one out of every two acres in the Commonwealth? Private ownership accounts for about 75 per cent of

Pennsylvania forest land, or 11,783,000 acres. This land is distributed among 301,000 owners, most of whom hold under 100 acres. More than one-fifth of Pennsylvania's commercial forest land is in government ownership with the State the largest governmental owner.

The Department of Forests and Waters administers about 2,000,000 acres in state forests and parks, and the Game Commission administers an additional 893,000 acres. The Federal government owns 491,000 acres, mostly in the Allegheny National Forest, and 156,000 acres are held by counties and municipalities.

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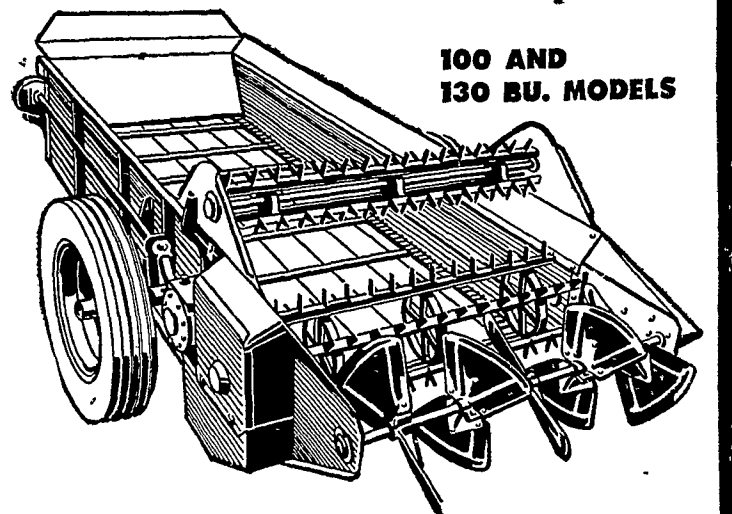
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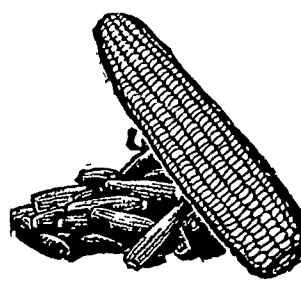
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