

Bellefonte, Pa., September 13, 1918.

## How the Pennsylvania Council of National Defense and Committee of Public Safety Has Helped Centre County Farmers.

Working quietly, yet efficiently, the Centre County Branch of the Pennsylvania Council of National Defense and Committee of Public Safety has played a very important part in planting and harvesting the bumper crops that Centre county farms have produced this year.

Through the splendid work of John L. Holmes, of State College, farm labor manager for Centre county, a complete survey of the farm labor situation was made early in the spring and upon it was built an organization designed to supply all the calls that might be made for farm labor.

First came the enrollment and training of boys for the Boys Working Reserve. Of the number enrolled twenty-one went sent to State College for intensive preliminary training and then assigned to farms in the county as follows:

Howard Moore, Philipsburg, placed with William Way, Halfmoon township, turned out to be a disappointment.

James Johnson, Philipsburg, placed with Milton Walker, of Marengo, turned out to be a disappointment.

Richard Hoffman, Howard, placed with Ives L. Harvey, in Howard township, splendid boy and earned the bronze medal.

Harry Crain, Philipsburg, placed with Darlington Way, Halfmoon township, was not satisfactory to Mr. Way but showed that he was a good boy by accepting a transfer to Mr. Wilson in the same township and earning the bronze medal.

Donald Pendleton, colored, Bellefonte, placed with George Thompson, at Alto, stayed one week. Didn't like work.

Mahlen Everhart, Bellefonte, placed with Elmer Lowder, at Oak Hall. Fine boy, pleased Mr. Lowder, but quit after ten days because a season-man's work was expected from a boy just out of school.

Malcolm Haupt, Bellefonte, placed with Paul Vonada, at Zion, well liked by Mr. Vonada but was too small for farm work.

Malcolm Love, Bellefonte, placed with Clyde Fishburn, in Ferguson township, and later with J. F. Hoy, Rockview, worked fine and awarded the bronze medal.

William Reed, Philipsburg, took the course but never reported for work.

Albert Smith, Bellefonte, placed with Samuel Homan, Rock Springs, good boy, liked by his employer, but left after ten days claiming the work was too hard.

E. D. Leitzell, Bellefonte, placed with E. D. Merritt, back of Julian, stayed one week and left, claiming the place was too lonely.

Randall Graham, State College, placed on the College farms. Did good work, was awarded the bronze medal.

Rufus Cole, State College, placed with E. D. Worthern, College township, good boy and awarded the bronze medal.

C. Dale Slagle, State College, placed with David Slagle, Ferguson township, good boy, awarded bronze medal.

Geo. E. McClelland, Bellefonte, placed with William Mothersbaugh, in Harris township, good worker and well liked by employer but wouldn't stay.

Harold Zimmerman, Bellefonte, placed with Charles E. Mothersbaugh, Harris township, was too light for farm work.

Ralph Kern, Lemont, placed with C. E. Meyer, State College, awarded bronze medal.

Guy Williams, Oak Hall, placed with C. E. Meyer, State College, was awarded bronze medal.

Harry Detweiler, Miles township, placed with Frank Homan, Ferguson township, splendid boy but got an infected hand and had to quit.

Irving Boerlin, Sewickley, Pa., placed first with E. F. Shoemaker, Harris township, then transferred to D. A. Grove, of College township. A city boy who made good in the country and was awarded bronze medal.

Geo. R. Rice, Sewickley, Pa., placed with Stine Walker, in Ferguson township, another city boy who made good in the country and was awarded bronze medal.

Of the above twenty-one the ten awarded the bronze medal worked their full six weeks on the farms and in every case proved to their employers that a high school boy, however inexperienced, can make himself very useful on a farm where he is encouraged and not worked too hard until he gets a little seasoned.

This work of placing boys on farms supplied every call that was made. It was later supplemented by the farm emergency corps organized by Chairman Kapp and Mr. Holmes largely through the co-operation of Bellefonte and State College merchants. Through this organization ninety-two farm hands were sent out for one and two days at a time, from stores in which they are regularly employed, and in each instance the results were satisfactory. Every demand was supplied. And in addition to this Mr. Holmes supplied eight farmers skilled help for the entire season.

The general committee, through the courtesy of J. Thomas Mitchell Esq., and one of the local printing establishments, was able to furnish to the farmers of the county, a legal application placing boys who were work-

ing on the farms and subject to an early draft call, in a deferred call class and in this way saved boys for the farmers until the harvests were in.

The chairman of the Food Supply committee has also made possible the financing of two pig clubs which County Farm Agent Olmstead has organized in the county and which are already creating considerable interest among the young owners of these thoroughbred pigs that have been given to them for raising.

This rather lengthy report is published at this time not only to show what the County Branch of the Pennsylvania Council of National Defense and Committee of Public Safety has been doing but to call the attention of farmers and others to the matter of farm labor. It is highly probable that next season farm labor will be scarcer than it has been this. It is also reasonably certain that the draft is going to make further drains on the skilled farm labor in the county. To meet this depletion all of our farmers should use the coming winter months to try to adjust themselves to new conditions that will confront us all next spring.

The first thing is to count out of consideration for next season any farm hand who is within the draft call, who is physically fit and has no dependents. While all such may not be taken plans should be made, if possible, to man the farms next spring with others, so that if they are taken serious interruptions of working plans will not be suffered.

To meet such a contingency only two sources of labor are available: Men over forty-five and boys under 18. It therefore seems urgent that in considering labor needs for next year only these two classes can be fully relied upon and because such will probably be the case the wise and patriotic farmer will make plans during the winter that will fit in with the changing conditions that war has brought upon all of us alike.

## Report of Sales of War Savings and Thrift Stamps as Credited to Various Postoffices in Centre County.

Column 1, number of W. S. S. sold during August.  
Column 2, number of T. S. sold during August.  
Column 3, number of W. S. S. sold since December 1, 1917, to September 1, 1918.

Aaronsburg	224	86	2,376
Axemann	40	7	208
Bemore	58	21	245
Bellefonte	5,162	3,148	32,869
Blanchard	55	68	1,887
Bonsburg	33	81	1,214
Centre Hall	519	335	6,963
Clarence	45	31	210
Coburn	134	28	931
Curtin	28	37	200
Fleming	134	53	1,297
Howard	21	163	375
Hublersburg	53	4	1,195
Jullian	175	55	763
Kato	162	91	672
Lemont	17	17	445
Linden Hill	163	0	28
Livonia	0	0	0
Madisonburg	98	4	1,471
Martha Furnace	85	30	1,135
Milesburg	156	177	719
Millheim	331	451	3,506
Mingosville	17	0	217
Monument	121	8	745
Moshannon	32	2	262
Nittany	164	14	2,021
Oak Hall Sta.	27	12	57
Orysville	272	16	2,714
Pine Glen	8	24	8
Philipsburg	2,579	2,311	29,464
Pine Grove Mills	169	31	436
Pleasant Gap	101	165	1,294
Port Matilda	325	21	2,309
Pewellton	159	8	1,119
Rebersburg	69	29	2,232
Runkville	20	0	145
Sandy Ridge	84	176	784
Smiltion	3	0	154
Snow Shoe	20	44	2,217
Spring Mills	925	94	5,129
State College	1,073	974	11,050
Tusseyville	180	22	1,025
Wadole	29	8	74
Wingate	63	30	271
Wolf Store	6	0	268
Woodward	83	33	1,731
Yarnell	19	0	166
Zion	94	2	1,543

During the special drive, the week of August 26th, satisfactory gains were made in a few districts, while in others where your Chairman had every reason to expect large sales practically nothing at all was done. It is absolutely necessary in certain localities where the District Chairmen know they have not secured sufficient sales and pledges to go "over the top" that a personal canvass be made at once, and that sufficient W. S. S. be sold and delivered that will net that particular district its full quota.

Instead of having a per capita of \$5.00 during the week of August 26th we only had 79 cents. We still retain fourth place in the Eastern district and have a total per capita of \$14.36.

During that same week Cameron county had a per capita of \$4.31; Pike of \$1.03; Lancaster of \$1.02; Fulton of 95c; Clinton of 85c and Blair of 83c. We need \$5.64 per capita to go "over the top." Centre county leads Snyder with \$1.25, and Clinton with \$1.68.

Arrangements have been completed whereby W. S. S. headquarters will be maintained at Grangers picnic, beginning Saturday, September 14th. Your chairman will be present every day. The Picnic association will pay all premiums, prizes, etc., in W. S. S. Stamps will also be sold during the entire week. Every person visiting the picnic is cordially invited to the W. S. S. headquarters; make that place your headquarters; meet your friends there.

Centre county has eighty-eight limit holders of W. S. S. There may be additional names that I do not have, but when the list reaches one hundred, the publication of those I do have will be made. All limit holders visiting the picnic grounds should call at headquarters and register. I also desire the personal registration of every district chairman, postmaster and authorized agent.

Let me appeal to the good people of Centre county to enlist their very best efforts and lend their influence in selling W. S. S. Purchase for yourself and family these government

securities. Let us all do our best. Let us do our patriotic duty. Let us go "over the top." Make the week of September 16th a banner week in the W. S. S. campaign for Centre county.

Very truly yours,  
W. HARRISON WALKER,  
Chairman War Savings Committee for Centre County.  
Bellefonte, Pa., Sept. 9th, 1918.

## Merchants Hear New Food Rulings Explained.

About thirty merchants attended a meeting in the court house on Friday evening, in response to a call of Col. W. Fred Reynolds, food administrator for Centre county, who explained to them the new ruling on flour and substitutes as well as the sugar status. The meeting was called because of the fact that many of the grocers and merchants in the county were somewhat in doubt as to the new ruling on flour.

In his talk to the merchants Col. Reynolds told them to watch the newspapers of the county and to be governed strictly by any ruling published therein over his name, and not to follow any other ruling. Col. Reynolds told them that until further notice they are permitted to sell four pounds of flour and one pound of substitute, but the substitute must in all cases be a flour, with the single exception of cornmeal. That while dealers in flour are not required to carry

all the substitutes in stock, they must keep three, namely: Barley flour, corn flour and cornmeal. If they have any of the other substitutes on hand and a customer wants it, they can sell it, but can give with flour only the substitutes named in the new ruling. The Colonel also told the merchants to endeavor to have the customer take a flour substitute instead of cornmeal, as the purpose of the food administration is to conserve wheat flour by mixing with it a substitute, and that cornmeal is not really a substitute for flour in baking bread.

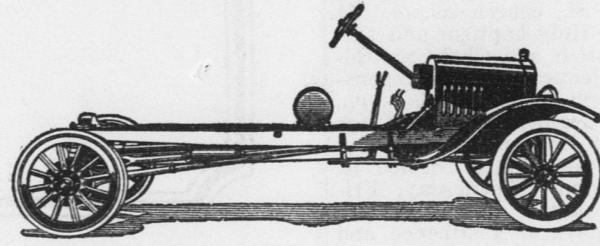
One of the merchants asked Col. Reynolds what a merchant should do in case he knew consumers who, while purchasing substitutes failed to use them in the way it was intended they should be used, and in answer Col. Reynolds said it is the merchant's duty to report the matter to him at once, and the merchant has then discharged his responsibility. That he will look after the consumer.

The sugar status in the county was also discussed, Col Reynolds telling the merchants that if they adhere strictly to the card system and sell to their regular customers they will have no trouble in handling the sugar question.

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ALL GOODS in our line are thirty to sixty days late this season. Prices are somewhat, but not strongly above the level at this time last season. It is not safe to predict, but it does seem that prices are just now "passing over the top" and may be somewhat more reasonable in the near future.

## We Have Received

New Evaporated Appricots at 25c and 30c a lb. Fancy Peaches 20c and 22c lb. Very Fancy Evaporated Corn at 35c a lb. or 3 cans for \$1.00. Fancy Selected Sweet Potatoes 5c a lb.—some grades at 3c to 4c a lb. Very Fancy Cranberries at 18c per quart or pound. Almerin White Grapes, Celery, New Paper-shell Almonds, California Walnuts, Finest Quality Cheese.

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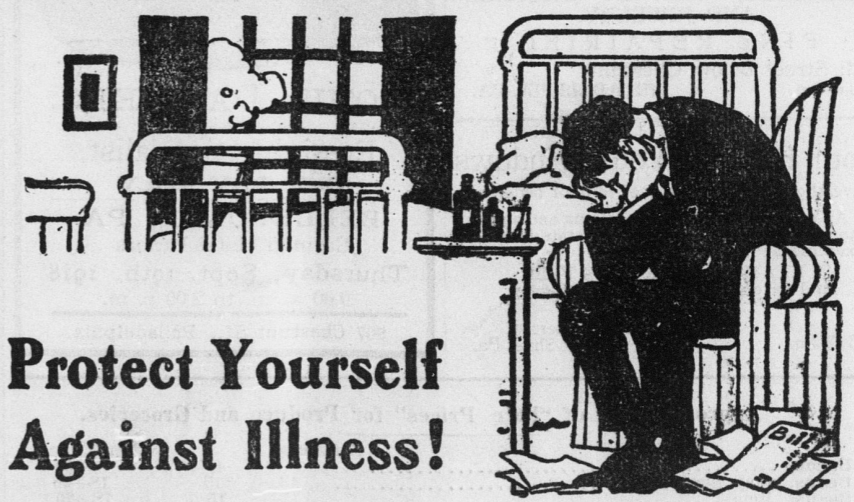
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