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Political Announcements.

FOR NATIONAL DELEGATE.

We are authorized to announce that John P. Short is a candidate for Delegate to the National Democratic Convention from the 23rd Congressional District. Subject to the primary election laws of Pennsylvania and the Rules of the Democratic party in the State and District.

To the Democratic Voters of the Twenty-third Congressional District:

Your support and influence is respectfully solicited as a candidate for National Delegate to the Democratic National Convention to be held in New York, beginning June 24th, 1924, in accordance with the Primary Election Laws of Pennsylvania and the Rules of the Democratic party. I consider principle of greater importance than the political fortune of any individual candidate and if elected, I shall support that candidate who seems best able to carry to victory the great and progressive principles of the Democratic party and the upholding of the constitution of the United States.

JAMES G. PAUL, Bradford, Pa.

THE YANGTZE JOURNEY.

The Norths Continue Their Trip Westward Through China.

On the Upper Yangtze, November 6, 1923.

Dear Home Folks:

The Ox Liver gorge is not of long extent, but it is grand—in the true sense of the word. Next we came to the Wushan gorge, the longest of them all. It extends for about thirty miles. Its magnificence outshadows that of all the rest. Huge crags and perpendicular cliffs rising for thousands of feet beggar description. I put in a full day ranging from one part of the ship to another trying to find the most favorable places from which to take snapshots. When night came I was thoroughly tired out. The last gorge we visited that day, and the last gorge of them all, was the Wind Box. This is short, but full of picturesque turns and sheer cliffs. We emerged at the western portal to find ourselves at the town of Kweichowfu, the first walled city of Szechwan. Here we anchored for the night. As usual many sampans came alongside, bringing venders trying to sell their wares. We bought some carved chopsticks and a pocket comb cut from the wood by hand in a single piece. This latter cost us about 42 cents steno.

Yesterday we had less strenuous sight-seeing, but the shores are still mountainous, although not so precipitous or high. We found the farmers cultivating the land almost to the river's edge. This land was, until a few weeks ago, under water. By the time the river rises again the crops will be harvested. Some of the huts we saw perched far up the mountain side. The fields in some cases appeared almost perpendicular. The farther we go, the broader becomes the valley, although it is narrow everywhere. More land seems to be under cultivation the farther we get from the gorges. Bamboo groves, occasional banana trees, sugar cane, oranges, and many things which I do not recognize grow on either bank. As we go westward, the number of trees seem to increase. Few of these, however, seem to be large. Cedars and banyans are about the only ones I recognize.

Pagodas are picturesquely situated on many of the most commanding points, and can, in many instances, be seen for miles. The temples are picturesque, but hard to describe effectively in a letter. I hope to send some photographs later showing some of the best of these. The water-worn rocks along the river banks are also picturesque. Fishermen use these rocks as a basis for operation. They have long bamboo poles to which are attached nets that remind one in the shape of their openings of a lacrosse racket. Otherwise they are much like the landing-nets used at home. Beginning up stream, the fisherman swings his pole down stream, gives it a little twist to imprison, I suppose, the unlucky fish, and withdraws the net. Then he repeats the operation. I have never yet seen a fish caught in one of them, but evidently they are so caught, of the fishermen would not continue this method. Fishing with nets attached to boats does not seem to be done in this part of the river.

Traffic by native junks seems to have disappeared from the river since the Northern and Southern troops have been levying upon river transportation. Hardly a junk do we pass, except at anchor in some cove. We see many soldiers as we get nearer Chungking. These are the troops of Yang Tsen, a subordinate of Wu Peh Foo, of the Northern army, who were recently driven out of Chungking by the Southern army of Shiong Ke-wu—I hope I have the names right. They are gathering their forces to do battle to regain the city. This morning we have passed long lines of them hiking up river, on their way westward. The Northerners wear red arm

bands. The Southerners are supposed, I am told, to wear white ones, but in reality wear none at all. The Szechmanese, on either side, wear blue bands. The whole business seems more like a big football game than like a real war. The danger is apparently very slight. Neither side wants to get into trouble with foreign powers. Yesterday afternoon we came into a cove opposite the city of Wansien. This is now the headquarters of the Northerners, I am told. Just above the city, at a narrow point of the channel, the soldiers had built the pontoon bridge of boats that held up our boat on its downward trip. When we reached there we found it gone, except for a few soldiers, some coils of cable, and the junks moored along the bank. We anchored for the night just above the point. Don't believe the reports that appear in the home papers about conditions out here. We found every one in Shanghai ready to scare us, telling us that it was likely that we could not get through. The farther west we went, the less the scare; until now that we are in the midst of what is called the danger region, there is no trouble at all. We have a guard of American sailors on board with machine guns, riot guns, rifles, and grenades. On the last down trip they were not fired upon. On this up trip we have not been fired upon, although firing on steamers is a favorite sport of the soldiers. We have a bridge covered with armor plate. If any firing is done, all rush to the bridge, where the bullets have no effect. No one has ever been killed by this promiscuous firing, so we look on it as merely something to break the monotony. With the "gobs" about us, and the Stars and Stripes floating from our stern, we feel almost as if we were at home. The crew and the sailors are all most agreeable.

Unfortunately I ran out of films on Saturday night. I had no films left for pictures yesterday, which was the first sunny day since we left Ichang. I have borrowed today, one of Blanchard's camera's, but the atmosphere is so hazy that picture-taking is almost out of the question. The river grows narrower as we go westward. It seems almost as muddy as it did at the mouth. Great piles of silt or rock are strewn along the shores as the water recedes. Soon the water will be so low that such boats as the Robert Dollar will have to discontinue their schedule until spring. At present the river is about twenty-five or thirty feet above the low water level. At times it reaches in some places a height of 150 feet at high water. It is a wonderful river.

BILL and SARA.

Centre County Women Prominent in D. A. R. Activities.

The Fort Antes chapter D. A. R., of Jersey Shore, gave a unique entertainment last Saturday night, for members of the Col. John Chatham chapter and other guests.

Following a luncheon for which thirty covers were laid the ladies presented an historical pantomime entitled "An Old Chimney Corner, or Bits of Early Pennsylvania History." The story was written by Mrs. John Wolfe and adapted by her for presentation in tableau. It was a blending of history and romance beginning with Penn's purchase from the Indians and ending with the early days of the Revolution. The pantomime was in five scenes the back ground being an old fire place almost a hundred years old; with blazing logs and dim candle light it made a most realistic scene of by-gone days.

The regent and secretary of the Col. Chatham chapter are both Centre county women. Mrs. John Bowes, the regent, and Mrs. Gardner, the secretary, both being residents of Eagleville.

Patriotic Mass Meeting at State College.

Washington's birthday a week from today will be celebrated by the State College camp P. O. S. of A. with a big patriotic mass meeting in the auditorium at seven o'clock in the evening. Congressman W. I. Swoope will be the stellar attraction and make an address on "The Duty of Patriotic Citizens, Washington the Great Exemplar." The State College band will render several patriotic selections and members of the student quartette will sing a number of appropriate songs. The public is urgently invited to attend the gathering.

Y. M. C. A. Bowling League.

The third series of the bowling league will open on Monday evening, February 18th. All the alleys will be in shape by that time and games will be played each evening of the week excepting Saturday, with two games on Monday, Wednesday and Friday as heretofore. This will leave two alleys for open rolling each evening.

We are sorry to note the fact that Capt. W. H. Fry, of Pine Grove Mills, is again quite ill, and as a consequence "Watchman" readers will miss his always interesting letter from the columns of the "Watchman" this week. He was brought to the Bellefonte hospital last evening where it is hoped relief can be given for his rather serious trouble.

One of the most exciting of the basket ball games of the season will be played at the armory tomorrow (Saturday) night, between the Indiana Normal and the Bellefonte Academy, playing to begin at 7:30. It will be well worth while for those interested in the sport to see this game.

RHOADS.—The very sudden and unexpected death of George E. Rhoads, at his home at Coleville, at 7:30 o'clock on Sunday morning, was not only a terrible shock to the immediate members of his family but to his numerous friends in Bellefonte and throughout Centre county. A man of rugged physique and apparently strong constitution, he was stricken down almost in the twinkling of an eye. A contractor by occupation he worked all of last week including Saturday and the only complaint he made was embodied in a remark on Saturday that his stomach was a "little out of order." Sunday morning he awoke apparently as well as ever and talked and joked with his wife. Suddenly his head fell back upon the pillow and that was the end. Chronic heart trouble of a year's standing was given as the cause of death.

He was a son of William and Lydia W. Eckley Rhoads and was born at Coleville on December 19th, 1871, hence was 52 years, 1 month and 22 days old. As a young man he learned the trade of a stone mason but later took up concrete work and in time became one of the leading contractors in that line in this section. He not only did work in Bellefonte but at State College and various places throughout the county. He was a member of the Methodist church and prominent in Masonic circles, being a past master of Bellefonte lodge No. 268 Free and Accepted Masons; past high priest of Bellefonte chapter No. 241 Royal Arch Masons; a member of Constans Commandery No. 33 Knights Templar, and a charter class member of Nittany Council No. 57 Royal Select Master Masons.

In 1891 he married Miss Esther Purdie who survives with four sons, namely: Albert W., William G., Leonard E. and Lee Ellis, all of Bellefonte. He also leaves one sister and three brothers, Mrs. William Jodon, Harry, William and Charles Rhoads, all of Bellefonte.

Funeral services were held at his late home at two o'clock on Wednesday afternoon by Rev. E. E. McKelvey, after which burial was made in the Union cemetery.

PECK.—Mrs. Mary E. Peck, widow of the late Solomon Peck, passed away at the Peck home at Huston, in Nittany valley, on Monday, following an illness of four months with uraemic trouble. It was the first illness she had had during her long life, and unfortunately the last.

Mrs. Peck was a daughter of John and Rebecca Wise Wolf, well known pioneer residents of Miles township, where she was born on August 18th, 1838, making her age 85 years, 5 months and 23 days. In 1860 she married Solomon Peck and the first year of their married life was spent in Brush valley but in 1861 they moved to Nittany valley and located at Huston where she had lived ever since. In her younger life she was a member of the German Reformed church but of late had not been affiliated with any of the churches near her home. Her husband died in April, 1921, and her only survivors are two grandsons, Earl and Ralph Peck, of Huston, and one sister, Mrs. W. H. Corman, of Williamsport.

Rev. Gauss, of Howard, had charge of the funeral services which were held at 11 o'clock yesterday morning, burial being made at Jacksonville.

THOMPSON.—Mrs. Emma Catherine Thompson, widow of James W. Thompson, died on Monday morning at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Ralph Haag, in Bellefonte, following an illness of fourteen months with a complication of diseases, most of which time she was confined to her bed.

She was a daughter of Eli and Ann Clemson and was born at Baileyville, this county, on October 18th, 1864, hence was in her sixtieth year. The greater part of her married life was spent in the western part of the State, her husband dying in Greensburg fourteen years ago, since which time she had been making her home among her children, four of whom survive, as follows: Eugene, of South Fork; Harold, of LaJose; Mrs. Ralph Haag, of Bellefonte, and Mrs. A. L. Jamison, of Baden. She also leaves her aged mother, now past ninety-two years of age, and the following brothers and sisters: Mrs. Flora Wike, of LaJose; Elmer Clemson, of Spangler; William, of Irvona, and Mrs. Charles Nixon, of New Jersey.

Rev. E. E. McKelvey had charge of the funeral services which were held on Wednesday afternoon, burial being made in the Union cemetery.

LANDIS.—Mrs. Mary Woodring Landis died at the home of her son, Charles W. Landis, at Crum Lynne, Delaware county, on Tuesday morning, as the result of a stroke of paralysis sustained seven years ago.

She was born in Bellefonte on August 18th, 1848, hence was in her seventy-sixth year. Her husband died twenty-four years ago, but she is survived by six children and six brothers and sisters, one of the latter being Mrs. John Woodring, of Port Matilda. The remains were taken to Altoona where burial will be made this afternoon.

MCCORMICK.—William W. McCormick, a long time resident of Potters Mills, died at his home in that place at 11 o'clock Wednesday night following a long illness. He was close to seventy years of age and is survived by one son, George McCormick. The funeral will be held at two o'clock tomorrow (Saturday) afternoon, burial to be made in the Sprucetown cemetery.

CAMPBELL.—Samuel W. Campbell, a watchman at the High street crossing of the Pennsylvania railroad in Bellefonte, died very suddenly and unexpectedly in the office of Dr. David Dale, about ten o'clock last Friday morning, as the result of an attack of angina pectoris. He lived in Milesburg and came to Bellefonte that morning with John Scholl, in the latter's car. He complained of not feeling well and the latter advised him to go and see a physician. He walked up to the office of Dr. Dale but the physician being out he returned to his post of duty and worked until the morning trains had come in and gone out, when he again went to the doctor's office. The doctor was at the hospital and remarking that he felt very bad Mr. Campbell sat down in a chair and expired before the physician could reach his office.

Mr. Campbell was sixty-two years old and most of his life was spent in Boggs township. In his early life he was an iron worker and was employed in the rolling mills at Curtin and McCoy & Linn's, but later worked for the Pennsylvania railroad company and during the past two or three years had been a crossing watchman in Bellefonte. He is survived by his wife and two children, H. Lester Campbell, of Tyrone, and Mrs. Josephine Campbell, of Pittsburgh. He also leaves one brother, Hiram Campbell, of Tyrone.

He was a member of the Methodist church and Rev. J. Fred Andreas had charge of the funeral services which were held at two o'clock on Monday afternoon, burial being made in the Milesburg cemetery.

WALTERS.—Mrs. June A. Walters, widow of the late Alfred Walters, of Millheim, passed away at eight o'clock on Tuesday evening following a week's illness with pneumonia, the result of an attack of the grip.

She was a daughter of D. A. and Lydia Shreffler Musser, and was born in Penn township on August 5th, 1855, making her age 68 years, 6 months and 7 days. In May, 1877, she married Mr. Walters and all their married life was spent in Millheim. She was a life-long member of the Methodist church, a member of the Bellefonte Chapter D. A. R., the Eastern Star, and the Royal Neighbors, being quite active in both church and organization work.

Her husband died ten years ago and her only survivors are Mrs. Ward Gramley, whom she raised from childhood, two brothers and one sister, H. C. Musser, of Cedar Falls, Iowa; M. O. Musser, of West Union, Iowa, and Mrs. T. R. Stamm, of Latonia Beach, Florida. Rev. C. W. Fetherman will have charge of the funeral services which will be held at ten o'clock tomorrow morning, burial to be made in the Millheim cemetery.

MARKLE.—Mrs. Mary Emma Markle, wife of J. C. Markle, of Orchard Crossing, Blair county, died on Sunday afternoon of cerebral hemorrhage, following an illness of over three weeks.

She was a daughter of Peter and Sarah Fleck and was born at Port Matilda on August 12th, 1854, hence was in her seventieth year. In March, 1872, she married Mr. Markle and for twenty years or longer they lived on a farm in Halfmoon township, Centre county, finally moving to Blair county. Surviving the deceased are her husband and the following children: James L. Markle, of Fostoria; George H., of Tyrone; A. C., of Charlotville; Herbert C., of Beaver Falls; John M., of Fostoria; Mrs. J. M. Johnson, of Pine Grove Mills; Mrs. J. M. Keller, Mrs. C. E. Wilson and Mrs. W. M. Keller, all of Pittsburgh; Mrs. R. C. Salkeld, of Mt. Lebanon, Allegheny county, and Mrs. Don Davis, of Waynesburg.

She was a member of the Grazierville Methodist church where funeral services were held on Wednesday afternoon, burial being made at Charlotville.

WIKE.—Mrs. Margaret Wike, widow of William H. Wike, died on Saturday evening at the home of her son, G. W. Wike, in Altoona, of general debility. She was born in Halfmoon township, Centre county, on August 5th, 1829, hence was in her ninety-fifth year. She was twice married, her first husband having been John H. Farber, who lost his life during the Civil war. Of their six children only two survive, John and Jerry Farber, both of Philipsburg. Her second husband, William H. Wike, died twenty-six years ago and the only survivor by this union is one son, G. W. Wike, of Altoona. The greater part of Mrs. Wike's life was spent in Halfmoon township but during the past twenty years or so she had lived in Altoona. She was a member of the Third United Brethren church, of that city, and the pastor, Rev. H. A. Bufington, had charge of the funeral services, which were held on Tuesday afternoon, interment being made in the Oak Ridge cemetery.

BATCHELOR.—Mrs. Esther B. Batchelor, wife of Lewis S. Batchelor, of Philipsburg, died at the McGirk sanatorium in that place on Sunday, following an illness of six weeks with inflammatory rheumatism and other complications. She was a daughter of James and Susannah Goss and was born on August 14th, 1892, hence was in her thirty-second year. Surviving her are her husband and one son, James W. Batchelor; her parents, two brothers and two sisters. Burial was made in the Philipsburg cemetery on Wednesday afternoon.

—Subscribe for the "Watchman."

SHARP.—James Kenneth Sharp, son of Charles and Laura Ingram Sharp, died at the family home at Hubersburg on Monday morning following three days' illness with cerebral meningitis. The fact will probably be recalled that late on Christmas evening the young man was walking along the road on the outskirts of Hubersburg when another young man came along in an automobile and asked him to take a ride. Sharp got into the machine but they had gone only a short distance when they had an accident, he was thrown out and sustained a slight fracture of the skull. The owner of the car disappeared leaving Sharp lying by the roadside where he was found the next morning by the bus driver. His injury and exposure kept him confined to the house through January. Previous to the accident he had been employed at the Bellefonte silk mill and last week, believing himself sufficiently recovered came to Bellefonte and went to work. He worked but three days when he again became ill and his death followed.

He was almost eighteen years old and the family moved to Hubersburg from Butler two years ago. A quiet, rather diffident young man, he was industrious and well liked by all who knew him. He was a charter member of the Penn-Centre chapter Order of DeMolay, of Bellefonte. In addition to his parents he is survived by one sister, June Sharp.

Funeral services were held at the home at 3:30 o'clock yesterday and the burial in the Hubersburg cemetery was in charge of the Order of DeMolay.

BUBB.—Mrs. Frances Jane Bubb, widow of John Bubb, died last Friday at the home of her son-in-law, L. P. Bower, about a mile west of Millheim, as the result of general debility. Her maiden name was Frances Stoner and she was born in Bedford county on May 9th, 1851, hence was in her seventy-third year. In 1871 she married John Bubb, who passed away several years ago, but surviving her are three children, Mrs. H. H. Leitzell and Mrs. L. P. Bower, of Millheim, and Mrs. H. E. Bible, of Altoona. She also leaves one brother, David C. Stoner, of Green Springs, Ohio. She was a life-long member of the Reformed church.

Funeral services were held at the Bower home at 10 o'clock on Tuesday morning by Rev. John S. Hollenback, assisted by Rev. F. H. Daubenspeck, after which burial was made in the Fairview cemetery, Millheim.

WILLIAMS.—Mrs. Julia M. Williams, widow of the late Nelson Williams, of Lemont, died on Friday at the home of Mrs. D. F. Smith, at Centre Hall, as the result of general debility. She was a daughter of Daniel and Eliza Mogle and was born at Shingleton eighty-six years ago. Her only son, James M. Williams, former postmaster at State College, passed away nine months ago. Burial was made at Lemont on Monday.

—The Sophomore class of the State College High school will present a play, "A Girl in a Thousand," in the I. O. O. F. hall at Pine Grove Mills Saturday evening, February 16th. The patronage of the public is solicited.

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THE OLD LADY THOUGHT THEY WERE SPOOKS.

For some time there have been strange carryings on about the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Lutz, who live in the tenant house on the farm occupied by Miles Mechtly. It is located on the Jacksonville road several miles east of Bellefonte.

Once or twice a week, in the middle of the night there would be strange noises about the place and then from the darkness outside would come a shower of stones that battered the doors and smashed windows. The Lutzs are old folks, have harmed no one so that the good old lady could account for the strange doings in no other way than that there were spooks about.

Sheriff Taylor sent a deputy down to get a view of the situation last Monday night a week and he had scarcely gotten on the job until a large stone hit him on the head and he was so busy seeing stars for a while that he missed everything else.

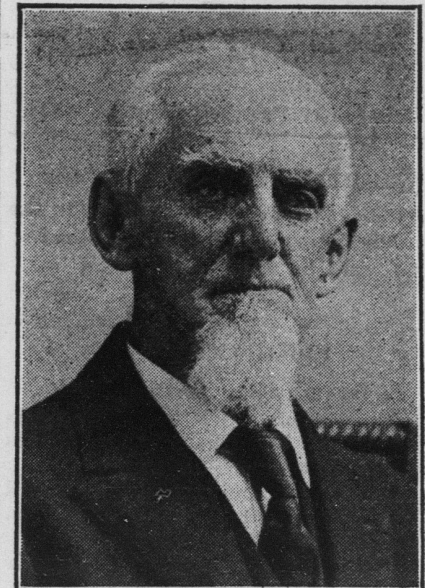
The Sheriff then went down himself and came home with a list of sixteen boys, ages ranging from 14 to 18 years, who have admitted that they were doing the deviltry. What for remains the mystery in the situation.

Infant's Body Found in Sewage Disposal Plant.

At noon last Friday Joseph L. Swift, caretaker at the State College sewage disposal plant, discovered the nude body of an infant floating in the fifth just where one of the large sewer pipes empties into the sludge reservoir. The child was evidently of premature birth but it was impossible to tell whether it had been born dead or murdered by an inhuman mother and then cast into the sewer. "Squire I. J. Dreese, of Lemont, held an inquest, but as the jury empanelled could not tell how the child met its death or at what point it was cast into the sewer it was impossible to unravel the mystery of the body's appearance in the reservoir.

—Though a week delayed in getting on the job the groundhog made good on Saturday night with the heaviest fall of snow so far this winter; at least in Bellefonte. But that it was only about three inches in depth. Sunday was quite windy but fortunately not unusually cold.

—R. Fiske Shearer has sold his meat market on Allegheny street to W. R. Kissel, an expert butcher of Lock Haven. Mr. Shearer will devote his time to the buying and selling of cattle.



GEORGE WASHINGTON RUMBERGER.

Gallery of "Watchman" Pioneers.

Above we present the photograph of George W. Rumberger, of Unionville. It was taken December 4th, last when Mr. Rumberger was well on in his eighty-seventh year.

We take unusual pleasure in placing this picture in the "Watchman's Gallery of Pioneer Readers for Mr. Rumberger is, we think, the only person who has read the paper from the date of its first issue to the present time.

There might be others who have equalled his record as a consistent reader of the "Watchman." If so we would be glad to hear from them and receive their photographs to be hung in the Gallery.

We note, elsewhere, that "Uncle" Jimmie Waddle, of Lock Haven, has just celebrated his ninetieth birthday. As he has been a reader of the "Watchman" as long as we have known anything about his list we are wondering whether he might not be pretty nearly in Mr. Rumberger's class.

If there should be no others living who began to read with the first issue it would be interesting to hear from those who began in the early years of the publication.

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CENTRE HALL.

Mrs. "Billie" McClenahan has been on the sick list for several days past. Rev. and Mrs. J. F. Bingham and son Fred, spent Tuesday in West Altoona.

Miss Hazel Ripka, of Millheim, visited in Centre Hall during the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Stahl, of Altoona, spent Sunday at the J. S. Stahl home.

H. E. Weaver moved his family to Altoona on Thursday; moving by automobile.

The "Castle" lodge of our burg had an oyster supper on Tuesday evening, which was a very enjoyable affair.

The Christian Endeavor society of the Presbyterian church held a social Wednesday evening, which proved to be quite a success.

C. D. Bartholomew represented the Penns Valley Banking company at the annual meet of the Bankers' association in Altoona, on Tuesday.

The radio recently installed by J. Roy Schaeffer is proving very satisfactory and is the source of a great deal of pleasure to his family and many friends.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Boozer, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Bradford and Miss Verna Rowe spent Wednesday in Altoona, going up by auto on Tuesday afternoon.

Mrs. Shook, of Pittsburgh, a cousin of George Seanson, visited at the Seanson home for nearly a week. From here she went to Boalsburg and then to Lock Haven before returning home.

Another death on the South side was that of W. W. McCormick, of Potters Mills, who passed away on Wednesday night. His health had been failing for a number of months, but he was confined to his bed for a period of only a few weeks.

Seed Corn Situation.

Centre county farmers will do well to test their seed corn at once. Inspection of several cribs throughout the county shows the seed corn to be in a very poor condition. Corn went into the crib last fall carrying a high percentage of moisture and shows a large percentage of moldy corn at this time. A rather mild winter is the only thing that has saved the reputation of a seed corn situation similar to the spring of 1919.

The county Farm Bureau is locating the available good seed corn and will be in a position to help you if your seed is poor. Any samples left at the bureau office will be tested and if you have an exceptional, good lot of seed notify the Farm Bureau, as present indications point to a serious shortage for the spring planting. With high cost of labor, fertilizer, etc., it is poor economy to plant doubtful seed. Replanting never pays.