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TO A FRIEND ON CHRISTMAS

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This isn't a lot of boloney sliced thin, 'Cause it reads like a fairy tale. Its a wish that's above all the Santa Claus din That's hearty, sincere and hale. There's something about a Christmas dawn And a year's most fitting end, That brings back thoughts of a day that's gone, When harmony would blend. If I were the kind of a guy that'd drink, And had a pint or two, I'd fill the cup to the bloom'in brink, And drink a toast to you. And venture a wish for the coming year, As well as Christmas day, That joy and peace and all good cheer May always come your way.

LOVERS OF NATURE GARNER NUT CROP

Gathering nuts in the woods is one of the most enjoyable pastimes of the autumn season for lovers of the out-of-doors in Pennsylvania. A variety of nut-bearing trees is found in every part of the State. Nuts mature in September and are usually ripe and begin to fall when the first frosts arrive. Those that fall early may be undeveloped. Now is the time when they are at their best. According to reports received from various sources throughout the State by John W. Keller, deputy secretary of the Pennsylvania department of forests and waters, the nut crop this fall will be bountiful, the result of a good growing season and sufficient rain-fall during the past summer. What is perhaps the best known nut tree in Pennsylvania is the black walnut. It grows wild in rich bottomlands and on fertile hillsides, but is rare in the northern part of the State, where severe frosts are apt to cause it to freeze back each year. The meat of the nut is a favorite in the preparation of cakes and ice creams because it does not lose its flavor in cooking, and it is high in food value. The butternut or white walnut tree resembles the black walnut, but the fruits are quite distinctive. The covering or husk of the black walnut is round, from one to two inches in diameter, whereas the husk of the butternut is elongated and very hairy and sticky. The nut is sweet, but it is more oily than the black walnut. Six species of hickories are native to Pennsylvania, and one other variety, the pecan hickory, has been planted extensively for the sweet nuts produced by it. All the hickories bear edible nuts, but the pignut and bitter nut hickories are ordinarily not used as food owing to their small and rather bitter kernels. The favorite nut-bearing species are the shag-bark and the big shellbark hickories. The meats are white and sweet and the husks split open fairly easily. The sweet kernels of beech nuts are delicious and nutritious. The early colonial settlers fattened their hogs on beech nuts, and since ancient times they have been used extensively for human food. Beech trees are found all over the State in woodlots, but they are most abundant in the northern part and at the higher elevations, where birch and maple are their most common associates. The hazelnuts, or filberts, have two species native to the State. They are shrubs, and grow in clumps and thickets, rarely exceeding eight feet in height. The nuts are about one-half inch long and contain sweet edible kernels, which are common on our markets. The hazelnut is found locally throughout the entire State, and frequents the borders of woodlots and fence rows. Many people consider the filbert our choicest and most deliciously tasting nut. The chestnut, probably the best known nut-bearing tree of the northern hemisphere, was one of the most sought-after nuts until the blight, a bark disease, swept through the forests of the State a few years ago killing the entire chestnut stand. Very few native chestnuts of nut-bearing size are living now, although foresters and rangers occasionally find a tree that has grown from sprout and has resisted the blight. The chinquapin, or chick-a-pin of the South, is a small brother of the chestnut and is a native in the southern part of the State. It may easily be distinguished from the chestnut by its small size—it rarely exceeds 25 feet in height—and by its smaller leaves. Unlike the chestnut which usually produces three units inside each bur, the chinquapin has only one, and occasionally two nuts in a bur. The kernels are very sweet. Many natural hybrids of domestic wild nut trees have been found, and considerable grafting and artificial propagation are being carried on in Pennsylvania. These experiments have resulted in the development of some exceptionally large and delicious varieties of thin-shelled nuts. Nuts are now raised and marketed as an agricultural crop, and may be purchased throughout the year in grocery and candy stores. But autumn is the season for gathering the nuts in the woods, and now is the time when the true devotee of the out-of-doors finds them at their best.

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TWO MEN SENTENCED, TWO PAROLES GRANTED

At a special session of court, on Saturday morning, Walter Vance, the big negro who made an attempt to escape from Rockview penitentiary on Monday night of last week, was called up for sentence. Asked why he made a break for liberty he stated that he had been kept in solitary confinement for some days and he didn't like it. Deputy warden W. J. McFarland told the court that Vance had been put in solitary confinement because he refused to work. He was given a duplicate of his original sentence, three to six years.

Homer Detwiler, who on November 6th was sentenced to pay a fine of \$300 and serve sixty days in the county jail, for a violation of the liquor laws, was granted a parole on condition he arrange with the probation and parole officer for the payment of the fine and costs.

Michael Shay was also granted a parole on condition he make arrangements to pay his fine and costs. He was sentenced on August 15th to pay a fine of \$400 and serve four to eight months in the county jail for a violation of the liquor laws.

The fourth man called before the court was Guy Coll, a well known barber of Bellefonte. His case has been before the court since May, 1924, when an action for desertion and non-support was brought against him by his wife. An order of \$25 a month was made against him for the support of his child. On a number of occasions since he has been brought before the court for failure to comply with the order, and now he is almost \$700 in arrears. The court sentenced Coll to make satisfactory arrangements with the probation officer within ten days to pay the arrearages and monthly order, and failure to do so go to the Allegheny county work house for six months to one year.

Two escaped prisoners who so far have refused to plead guilty are Charles Cole and Jack Dunn and the court made an order transferring them from the Centre county jail to Rockview penitentiary until such time as their cases are called for trial.

TWO MEN FINED FOR DRIVING OVER FIRE HOSE

Give the firemen of Bellefonte and their apparatus a wide berth in the future if you don't want to pay for your thoughtlessness. At the recent fire at the Academy three motorists drove their cars over the fire hose and another man drove over the hose at a fire previous to that. Information was made against the four men before a Bellefonte justice of the peace and two of them appeared before that official and settled by paying a fine of ten dollars and costs, or a total of \$12.45 cents each. At this writing the other two men have not appeared to settle their cases, and if they fail to do so within the time limit warrants will be issued for their arrest. The firemen feel that this is the only way to break up this practice of carelessness upon the part of automobile drivers.

MOTORISTS WARNED OF STOP SIGN ENFORCEMENT

Motorists traveling on State highway route 350 are cautioned to stop at the intersection of that route with route 220 at Port Matilda. Local officers in that borough are rigidly enforcing a stop-sign ordinance recently passed.

Since the improvement of the road across the Bald Eagle ridge, many motorists are now using route 250 from State College to Buffalo Run and from there to route 550 to a point below Stormstown where route 350 intersects and crosses the mountain. The district under strict surveillance is the neighborhood of the intersection of route 350 and the Horseshoe Trail at Port Matilda. Port Matilda officers are also enforcing the speed limit through that borough, so be on your guard and don't drive too fast.

PEOPLES NATIONAL BANK BUILDING, STATE COLLEGE, DAMAGED SOME BY FIRE

The Peoples National bank building, at State College, was damaged to the extent of \$2500, last Thursday evening, by a fire that for a time baffled the efforts of the firemen to extinguish. The blaze started under the stairway leading to the second floor and was in a location difficult to get at. In addition to the bank the building is occupied by Winner's meat market, on the first floor, John T. Taylor's law offices and Frost and Doty's insurance offices, on the second floor. While the fire did not reach any of these offices all of them were damaged by smoke and water.

—At the election on November 3rd twelve justices of the peace were elected in Centre county and eleven of them have notified the Prothonotary that they will lift their commissions. The one man who don't want to be a 'Squire is C. A. Dolan, of Marion township. His declining to serve leaves a vacancy which will be filled by an appointment by the Governor, if anybody is willing to take the office.

MILLION TROUT EGGS ARE "SET" FOR HATCHING

The Fish Commission has announced purchase of over a million brook trout eggs from commercial hatcheries in preparation for the hatching season at Pleasant Mount, Corry, Tionesta, and Reynoldsdale hatcheries. Purchase of these green eggs has been found by the Board to be more economical than the retaining of brood stock at State hatcheries the year around.

The trout eggs are placed in hatching troughs immediately after they are received at the hatcheries. The hatching period varies from 90 to 120 days and is contingent upon the temperature of the water at the different propagation plants.

While all trout of over legal size available were distributed from the hatcheries this autumn, thousands of speckled beauties not yet of legal limit are being held over at Reynoldsdale, Pleasant Mount, Corry, Tionesta, and Bellefonte for the spring stocking season. Rapid growth under scientific methods in vogue at the State hatcheries insure a splendid supply of brookies for the spring stocking. An idea of the extensive fall stocking program now nearly completed, may be had when the fact that 122,320 trout were distributed in August, while the September distribution exceeded 179,000. The autumn stocking supply of brook trout ranged in size from 6 to 11 inches. Total value of the trout stocked in August and September exceeded \$72,000 if purchased.

A constant increase in popularity of trout fishing throughout the State makes the propagation of brook trout one of the major activities of the hatcheries. Outstanding success in the rearing of these beautiful game fish has marked the propagation program of the Fish Commission.

LUMBER OUTPUT IS BELOW CUT IN 1929

The production of lumber sawmills in Pennsylvania during the current year was only twenty-five per cent of that of 1929, according to data compiled under the direction of John W. Keller, deputy secretary of the Department of Forests and Wa-

ters based on a recently completed State-wide survey of the industry. The survey shows there are 1177 sawmills with an individual annual production of less than five million board feet in the twenty four forest districts into which the State is divided.

THE FIVE CENT CIGAR GETTING POPULAR AGAIN

The popularity of the nickel cigar is spreading in Pennsylvania. Manufacturers' sale of that type increased nearly \$2,000,000 last month over October a year ago in the Twenty-third Pennsylvania Internal Revenue District, which has headquarters at Pittsburgh.

The Pittsburgh district's gain was in accordance with a similar trend in the First District, with offices at Philadelphia, existing for several months this year and checked for the first time in October.

Sales of 5-cent cigars there last month totaled 103,545,970, as against 106,179,160 for the same month in 1930. Corresponding figures for the Pittsburgh district were 7,133,715 for last month and 5,298,100 in October, 1930.

The decrease in sales of the higher priced cigars in the First District evident during most of the year was maintained during October. Only 955,750 of Class B cigars, or those selling for 8 and 10 cents retail, were sold last month, as against 8,503,870 in October, 1930, and Class C, or 15 centers, dropped from 64,211,028 to 36,976,968.

PROHIBITION DISCARDED FOR TEMPERANCE

A report declaring Finland's prohibition law to be insupportable and recommending that beer and wines be legalized will be submitted soon by the government commission appointed last winter to study the problem.

The majority report, it was learned on the highest authority today, will declare a change is needed in the interests of real temperance. It will offer three proposals:

To permit the manufacture, transportation, storage and importation of wines of not more than 12 per cent alcoholic content by volume, of beer of 3.2 per cent and liquors of 12 per cent.

HE WAIVES A HEARING

In Dallas, Texas, a Negro named Claud Williams was arrested for owning a cache of whisky and taken before United States Commissioner L. R. Smith for the following hearing:

Q.—What do you plead?
A.—I plead guilty and waives the hearing.
Q.—What do you mean, waive the hearing?
A.—I means I don't want to hear no more about it.—Time.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

H. E. Dunlap, sheriff, to Joseph H. Weaver, et ux, tract in Ferguson Twp.; \$1868.00.
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Michael Hettinger to James Hettinger, tract in Gregg Twp.; \$1,776.09.
Joseph Wright to Minnie Wright, tract in Rush Twp.; \$10.
Mable Johnson, et al, to Harry A. Eeck, et ux, tract in State College; \$4,500.

State College Borough to Lynn R. Daugherty, et ux, tract in State College; \$1.
Harry Morrell, et ux, to Arnold J. Currier, tract in State College; \$550.
Mary H. Miller, et bar, to Clair A. Gettig, et ux, tract in Spring Twp.; \$2,000.

T. E. Jodon, et ux, to Elizabeth J. Klinger, tract in Spring Twp.; \$1,000.
Olive Jenks Brown to Earl A. Harper, et ux, tract in State College; \$800.

Bellefonte Realty Co., to the Bellefonte Boro., tract in Bellefonte; \$1.
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Cloyd S. Harkins, et al, to Borough of Phillipsburg, tract in Phillipsburg; \$900.
Fannie E. Boozer, et bar, to Adam H. Krumrine, tract in State College; \$900.

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