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#### POLITICAL CALENDAR FOR THE YEAR 1932.

Next year's primary election will be held Tuesday, April 26, and the final election will be held Tuesday, November 8, according to George D. Thorn, chief of the election bureau of the State Department.

Other dates on Pennsylvania's 1932 election calendar follow:

First day for securing signatures on petitions for nominations for the House, Senate, Congress, United States Senator, two Superior Court vacancies, Auditor General, State Treasurer and delegates to the Republican and Democratic National Conventions, is Wednesday, January 27. The last day for filing these petitions is Monday, March 7.

The last day for filing objections to petitions for nomination is March 12.

The first day to secure signatures on petitions to be filed with County Commissioners is Wednesday, February 11, and the last day is Tuesday, March 22.

The last day to be assessed for the spring primary are Tuesday and Wednesday, February 23 and 24.

The last day to be registered for voters who were not registered for the November election of 1931 in Philadelphia, Pittsburgh and Scranton to qualify them to vote at the spring primary is Wednesday, March 23.

The last day to be registered for the spring primary in other cities may all voters not registered for the last November election is Wednesday, April 6.

The last day for registration and enrollment in boroughs and townships with the County Commissioners for the spring primary is Saturday, April 16.

The last day for candidates to file statement of expenses for the primary is Wednesday, May 11, and the last day for treasurers of political committees to file a statement of expenses to the primary is Thursday, May 26.

For the final election, the last day for filing nomination papers by independent bodies of citizens, for any office, is Friday, September 9, and the last day when candidates nominated at the primary election may withdraw is Monday, September 19.

The last day to file nominations to fill vacancies caused by withdrawals is Tuesday, October 4.

The last days to be assessed for the November election are Tuesday and Wednesday, Sept. 6 and 7, the assessors sitting at polling places on these days.

The last day to pay tax to qualify for the November election is Saturday, Oct. 8 and the first day to be registered for the November election in any city is Thursday, Sept.

8. The second day is Tuesday, Sept. 20, and third and last Saturday, Oct. 8.

The last day for filing a statement of expenses for candidates and treasurers of committees is Thursday, Dec. 8.

The State next year must elect full membership to the State House of Representatives comprising 208, half the membership of the Senate comprising the twenty-five odd-numbered districts, thirty-four members of Congress, a United States Senator to succeed James J. Davis whose term expires in 1933, two Superior Court judges, an Auditor General, a State Treasurer, seventy-five delegates to the Republican National convention, and seventy-six to eighty-four delegates to the Democratic National convention.

The seventy-five delegates to the Republican national convention will be elected on the basis of two from each of the thirty-four Congressional districts and seven at large. There is a question as to how many votes the Pennsylvania Democratic delegation will be allotted which will not be determined until January 9 at a meeting of the Democratic national committee in Washington.

One faction of the Democratic party insists that the State delegation should be of the same numerical strength as four years ago and another faction insists it should be on the basis of the present Congressional districts. Since 1928 Pennsylvania has had its Congressional representation cut from thirty-six to thirty-four.

If the Democratic delegation from Pennsylvania is on the present Congressional apportionment the party will elect two delegates from each of thirty-four districts and eight at large, four of whom would be men and four women, each with a half-vote, a total of seventy-two votes and seventy-six delegates. Otherwise the party would elect two delegates from each Congressional district and sixteen at large, eight women and eight men, each with a half-vote, a total of seventy-six and eighty-four delegates.

The two Superior court judges whose terms expire are Robert S. Gawthrop, Chester county, and Joseph Stadfeld, Allegheny county.

"Was that man of much assistance in our great political movement," "No," replied Senator Sorghum. "He is one of those people who will subscribe to your opinions, but not to your campaign fund."

Lawyer—"But, madam, you can not marry again. If you do your husband has clearly specified that his fortune will go to his cousin."

Fair Client—"I know that. It's his cousin that I'm marrying."

—Benson E. Taylor, of Punks-tawney, was the guest of honor at a sauer kraut supper given by Brooks-Doll post of the American Legion, on Monday evening.

#### STATE COLLEGE CHANGES ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS

Admission to the Pennsylvania State College next year will be adjusted to accord with the academic records made at Penn State by former students from the High school of the applicant. Registrar William S. Hoffman has informed principals of Pennsylvania High schools.

The scholastic rating made for the High schools by their graduates in Penn State, on which the adjustments will be made, have been given to the principals.

By a direct comparison of these ratings, which are expressed in an index number, the principal of any High school may compare the scholastic standing of his school with that of any other secondary school at a glance. The High school principals asked for the information when they learned of the study at the second annual Guidance and Personnel Conference of Secondary Schools and Colleges held at the college.

Under the new admission regulations, the registrar informed the principals, students who are graduated in the lower three-fifths of their High school classes will be admitted on recommendation of their principals, provided former students from these sections of the class placed in the first four-tenths of the Freshman class at Penn State. Others will be required to take a college aptitude test.

Students who were graduated in the upper two-fifths of their High school class will be admitted on certificate, except where former graduates from the first fifth of the High school class fell into the seventh tenth of the Penn State Freshman class or lower, in which case the applicant will be required to take the college aptitude test. This requirement may be waived where the principal makes special recommendation for an applicant. Students graduated in classes of twenty or less will be required to take the aptitude test.

#### HOPE TO BRING BACK CHESTNUTS IN STATE

The chestnut may return to Pennsylvania forests from which it was eliminated by a blight developing in 1912.

Experiments at the Mont Alto State Forest developed a quart of nuts from six-year old blight-resisting sprouts on the Snowy Mountain tract this year.

Previous to 1912 the chestnut formed 40 per cent of the measured forest stand of trees, four inches in diameter in the Mont Alto forest section. The blight killed the entire stand.

Foresters since that time have sought to restore the chestnut through experiments along two lines, development of a blight-resisting seed and introduction of Chinese chestnut trees.

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#### HUNTERS OBEYED ALL LIMIT LAWS

Field workers of the State Game Commission found new hunters broke the law by bagging more than the legal limit.

The workers attributed the law observance not so much to an improvement in hunters' honesty as to the vigor of the game law enforcement campaign.

Last season the Commission inaugurated a far-reaching campaign. Officials and highway patrolmen stopped automobiles coming out of the hunting sections and found game secreted in many strange places in the machines.

They also met with odd-sounding alibis. Some hunters caught with an excessive amount of game, explained that another member of the party, already returned home, had killed the extra rabbits or birds. Others said that the game had been given them by other hunters, who did not wish to take it home. In all cases, the alibis had to be well substantiated.

The automobile patrol was augmented this year by an air patrol, conducted personally by Clarence Ederer, House member from Montgomery county and a deputy game warden.

#### SEES PROGRESS IN HEALTH PRACTICES

The last few years have witnessed marked progress in the health practices of children in the public schools of Pennsylvania, according to a statement made by Dr. James N. Rule, Superintendent of Public Instruction. Clean children in tidy rooms are found in a great majority of the classrooms of the Commonwealth. Increased attention is given by teachers to proper lighting, ventilation, and play periods.

The State program in health instruction for the elementary schools is planned so that teachers and pupils may work together on some definite health project each month. So far as possible, the project chosen is related to the health needs of the boys and girls at that particular time. For example, prevention of common colds is stressed in November. The teacher tries to have the pupils appreciate the need for, and enjoy the carrying out of health practices at home and in school, and to strengthen some of the health practices which have already been started by the parents in the home.

In order to furnish this type of instruction, Miss Helena McCray of the Department of Public Instruction has just written a booklet entitled, "The Home and the School Working Together for the Health of the Child," which has recently been prepared for the Pennsylvania Congress of Parents and Teachers.

Mr. Jones: I see you have changed your old horse for a mule. How was that, Sam?

Peddler: I done had to have something that would honk, Mistah Jones.

#### FARM NOTES

—Fruit growers who exhibit at the Pennsylvania Farm Show in January will share a large prize fund. Several varieties have been added to the usual standard list of apples. Commercial packs will receive special attention. County exhibits will receive larger amounts as well as a larger number of prizes at the coming show.

—Low producing cows and heifers from poor dams should not be carried through the winter. It is a better and more profitable practice to dispose of these animals which do not pay their board bills and either sell the surplus feed or retain it to supplement a possible shortage next year.

—Farmers can market Christmas trees from roadside stands. Some find that there is less waste when orders are taken before the trees are cut. Poorly shaped trees will not sell readily; they should be converted into wood products later. Freshly cut trees are more desirable because they will last longer in the home than the earlier cut trees.

—Many experiments prove that storage temperatures affect the yields from seed potatoes. The best temperature is from 36 to 38 degrees F. Very few cellars with heated rooms above can be maintained at this temperature, and cellars with furnaces are unsuited for storage. Where these conditions obtain and a storage is not available, pitting the seed potatoes will give the best results, say State College farm crops specialists.

—It is said of the horse he is a faithful animal—and so he is—but is he faithful because of any love for man? Is it not rather because he has learned that any resistance on his part will be met with punishment from his master? As a rule, it is best not to place too much confidence in the horse's faithfulness. The best of them, while they apparently are safe, tame and reliable, are apt to be tricky when they get a chance. This does not necessarily mean that they will forget the many kindnesses shown them and do things from which their master may suffer many inconveniences.

The pony of the West will stand for hours if the reins are but thrown over his head and left hanging, because he was in the beginning placed in a corral with a curb chain on and the reins permitted to drag, so that in walking he would step on them and in this way he would experience so much pain that he would soon learn to stand still, so that he might avoid the punishment. But if the bridle is removed it will be next to impossible to catch him.

Just the moment a horse discovers that he can shirk his task, such as stopping, turning one way or the other contrary to the driver's wishes, turning to go toward home, or re-

fusing to go at all, he will try to do the same thing again. But if the animal can be made to understand that rebellion is useless he will do his work with apparent good will.

It may be said the horse is both a fool and a bully. Try to remove him from a burning building, and he will invariably break away and panic. He cannot see why the old accustomed stall, which has protected him so long, cannot do so now. This proves that he has no reasoning powers. But if blindfolded he may be led safely, from the burning building. He may also be said to be a fool when he permits his cowardice to compel him to run away, not only endangering his own life, but the lives of the people about him, causing a panic. A horse that has been frightened at something will generally be doubly scared upon seeing the same thing again, sometimes to the point of insanity.

The horse loves his home, and, if it has been pleasant, will possibly never forget it. At the close of day's work when his head is turned toward home, he will prick up his ears and show in different ways that he is glad. Some horses, when sol or taken away to unaccustomed surroundings, will refuse to eat or drink for a few days, and at times this homesickness becomes so serious that the animal will become very poor and weak before he becomes reconciled to his new environment.

It cannot be truly said that the horse has any affection for man but, on the contrary, is very affectionate for those of his own kind or to other animals. Some of the greatest horses have been accompanied by animals of some kind. Crescens, the noted trotting stallion was always accompanied by a dog and was always in its company when not at his work.

Many horses show hatred toward hostlers who have punished them usually recognizing them by their voices, at times flying into a awful rage when they hear their speak, and may not permit them to enter their stalls.

Horses, when grazing, will not remain in one place for any great length of time, unless there are none of their own species near; but if no others are close by, the horse cannot be turned loose without tether or any description with the expectation of finding him near, even after several hours have elapsed.

For the general comfort of the work animals when they come from the field at night it is recommended that, after the animal has been removed, each animal be given sponge bath with a solution of coc salt water. In case there are any work galls or shoulder sores, these injuries should be treated with whit lotion, which is one of the most healing and soothing preparations of its kind for use in warm weather.

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