



RESULTS OF SEED CORN TEST

In Centre County, emphasis is placed on the fact that every farmer should test every single ear.

The first results from our seed corn survey have been returned, bringing a big surprise on the germination test. All corn sent in was crib selected and a good compost sample was taken by selecting 25 ears through the crib and taking six kernels from each ear. This gave us a good representative sample of 150 kernels from all over the crib.

Some of the germination tests were unusually low and from the ten samples sent in the germination ran from 23 per cent to 100 per cent. Five of the samples tested were below 85 per cent, only three tested 90 per cent and only one tested 100. It also brings a more critical condition to the seed corn condition of the state when you realize that Centre county corn has averaged higher than any county so far tested. Of course not very much corn has been tested to date but it does bring out the fact that corn for seed is going to be mighty uncertain this year and no farmer can afford to plant without testing every single ear. You are running a chance for a very poor stand if you do. Especially is this true of crib corn and corn that was selected and stored in the barn or a shed where it was subject to the early frosts that we had.

We have more corn under test but we still want more samples. If the tests continue as they have you may have a chance to sell all your corn for seed and it will not hurt to have it tested at least. If you have what you consider fair corn to sell pick out 25 ears and send us as a composite sample and we will run the germination test. If you are in need of seed corn we are now in position to direct you to good seed on a germination basis. We wish you to supply our own needs first then all outside sources as the demand comes. Apply early if you are in need and send samples if you have mature corn to sell.

R. H. OLMSTEAD,
County Agent

Camp Life for Tree Planters.

Would you like to spend six weeks in a woods camp this spring, with good food and plenty of it, good wages, and pleasant work? If so, and if you can do an honest day's work, the Commissioner of Forestry wants you to plant trees on one of the State Forests.

The State Forest nurseries have a huge stock of trees on hand—over 21,000,000. About 15,000,000 are large enough to plant this spring, and about 8,000,000 are of such size that they must be planted if serious loss is to be avoided. So many of the Department's foresters and woodmen have enlisted that those now in the service cannot plant even a fourth of the trees on hand. To overcome this difficulty, it is proposed to make five or six large plantations, of a million trees or more each, probably in Union, Potter, Tioga and Westmorland counties. At these planting sites, which are from five to fifteen miles from the nearest settlement, camps will be erected to house from fifty to seventy-five men each. All available labor will then be concentrated in these camps.

The planting season will open about April 5th or 10th, and will continue until about May 25th. The Department of Forestry wants to hire several hundred men who are willing to leave home for this period.

Says Commissioner Robert F. Conklin: "The men who plant trees for us this spring will get a taste of camp life at an actual profit to themselves. The eyes of many of them will be opened for the first time to the real size and importance of their State's reforestation program. We will pay their traveling expenses to and from the camp, give them comfortable lodging and the best of camp cooking without charge, and pay them good wages. In addition they will have the satisfaction of knowing that in reforesting our denuded hillsides they are performing a real service for posterity."

State College students have already taken up the project, and about twenty-five of them have agreed to enter the camps for the period before farm work starts.

Bellingrove Cleaned Up.

An agent of the Pennsylvania Reform Association has just completed a general cleaning up of Bellingrove, confiscating a large number of gambling devices including punch boards, etc. The money secured in the raids on pool rooms and other places having the illegal devices in service was turned over to the school fund of the district. The raider is now making ready to launch a similar campaign elsewhere.

A country worth fighting for is a country worth saving for.

A SUCCESSFUL CONCERT.

Patriotism Kept at High Tide and Neat Sum Realized for Benefit of Soldiers at Local Talent Entertainment.

The patriotic concert, given by local talent in the Grange hall on last Thursday evening, proved a decided success from every standpoint. A record-breaking attendance would have been the result had the country roads been in shape for traveling. As it was the hall was filled to its seating capacity and the admissions totaled the sum of \$78.50. The only expense was for the hall and printing, consequently there was about \$70.00 to divide equally between the Red Cross and Y. M. C. A., for war needs.

Aside from the financial success of the entertainment, the program appealed to the audience so favorably that the various participants were justified in feeling a sense of pride in the performance of their parts.

Promptly at eight o'clock the curtain rose on a camp fire scene, the tent, a stack of guns and a bon fire, made realistic by the use of red electric light bulbs, all combining to good effect while the singers, seated in a semi-circle, rendered "We're tenting to-night on the old Camp ground." For two full hours one number followed another in rapid succession and each was received with spontaneous applause, the audience in many instances continuing their manifestations of approval until an encore was forthcoming.

That the concert met with such a large degree of success was due in no small measure to the very talented manner in which the young ladies recited their several selections. Misses Miriam Foss, Agnes Geary, Verna Rowe, and Lillian Emery, in the order named, took their places on the stage and their selections appealed to the entire gamut of human emotions, little Miss Miriam Foss bringing forth tears in her "God Save Our Men," while Miss Lillian Emery convulsed her hearers with her "Aunt Katuria's First Visit to the City." Miss Agnes Geary very beautifully rendered "That Old Jay," while Miss Verna Rowe delighted the audience with "The Old Man and Jim." Each reciter responded with an encore possessing patriotic sentiment.

Aside from taking his part in the various choruses, William Kerlin, in his solo rendition of "The Homelands," was afforded an opportunity to display the volume and richness of his fine voice. He also delivered the only two monologues on the program. "Uncle Josh Buys an Automobile," and "Cohen at the Telephone." They "brought down" the house.

Miss Rebecca Kreamer, who so ably took her part at the piano during the evening's entertainment, rendered several difficult instrumental selections which added to her already enviable reputation as a pianist. Miss Kreamer is a real artist and has the genius to develop into a musician of first rank ability.

The personnel of the troupe of male singers is as follows: Rev. R. R. Jones, F. P. Geary, first tenors; Rev. J. Still and G. H. Emerick, second tenors; E. W. Crawford and C. W. Boczer, first bass; William W. Kerlin and Edward E. Bailey, second bass.

Dealers are not permitted to sell wheat flour except on the 50-50 basis—that is, when you buy fifty pounds of wheat flour you must also buy fifty pounds of some kind of wheat flour substitute. These substitutes are corn meal, corn starch, corn flour, hominy, corn grits, barley flour, rice, rice flour, oatmeal, rolled oats, buckwheat flour, potato flour, sweet potato flour, soy bean flour, feterita flours and meals, and no others except that rye may be used until March 8.

This is a necessary war measure and appeal is made to the public for patriotic acceptance of the conditions imposed even though inconvenienced in the purchase of any flour by set of temporary trade shortage of substitute materials.

A short time ago J. D. Vonada received a letter from L. A. Straite, U. S. N. R. T., that his son, Earl E. Vonada, had returned to the U. S. Naval Training Station, at Newport, Rhode Island, and that the notice sent out that he had left the station without leave of absence was an error occasioned by duplicating leave of absence. The Naval officer assured Mr. Vonada that his son would not suffer punishment, and regretted the error having been made.

Phillipsburg Garage Burns.

Fire Tuesday night of last week destroyed Joe Pritchard's garage at Phillipsburg. Seventy-six automobiles, his livery barn and contents were destroyed. Many automobiles were in storage. The estimated net loss is \$50,000.

WEEKLY WAR NEWS DIGEST

Stories of Activities and Conditions Throughout the United States and on the Battle Fronts, from Washington, D. C.

GEN. CROZIER DISCUSSES AGE LIMIT ENLARGEMENT OF SELECTIVE SERVICE LAW

Discussing enlargement in age limit for selective military service, Provost Marshal General Crozier said: "A pronounced majority of the boards favor some enlargement, but there is great diversity of opinion as to the proper age limit. Nineteen and 35 are perhaps the limit most frequently suggested; but some recommend 40 to 45 years as the upper limit. There is a distinctly stronger demand for raising the minimum age than for lowering the minimum."

Gen. Crozier estimates that 1,389,388 acceptable single men would be made available by an increase in the age limit to include men up to 45 years. The estimate places the number of acceptable single men between 18 and 21 years at 1,548,283. The number of probably acceptable single men already registered but not called is 1,321,845. According to these figures, should the age limit be enlarged to include men of from 18 years to 45 years, inclusive, 4,257,516 physically and otherwise qualified unmarried men would be open for call to service.

LICENSE IS REQUIRED TO SHIP GOODS ABROAD BY PARCEL POST

The War Trade Board is calling attention to the fact that license is required to ship abroad goods on the conserve list, even when sent in small quantities by parcel post. In many cases this has been done by persons ignorant of the President's proclamation concerning exports, or who do not know of the many articles which may be exported only under license.

For violation of a fine of not more than \$10,000 or imprisonment for not more than two years, or both, form the penalty. Licenses may be applied for at the Bureau of Exports, Washington, D. C., or any of its branches which are located at Seattle, Portland, San Francisco, Los Angeles, Nogales, El Paso, Eagle Pass, Galveston, New Orleans, Mobile, Savannah, St. Louis, Chicago, Boston and New York.

OPPORTUNITY FOR SERVICE OPEN FOR MEN WHO "KNOW" HORSES

Men not of selective service age who are accustomed to handling horses have opportunity for special service in the enlisted Veterinary Corps, enlistments for which are now being taken. The 2,000 men wanted include veterinary and agricultural students, farmers, stablemen, and others who have had experience handling horses. Pay ranges from \$50 to \$65 a month, with clothing, food and quarters.

Application for enlistment may be made at any Army recruiting station.

WOOD PULP USED IN CLOTH MANUFACTURE IN GERMANY

Wood pulp is being manufactured into cloth in Germany, according to advice received by the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce. The pulp is spun into a thread and then woven into a fabric, the warp of which is linen thread. It is said to be durable and to stand washing five or six times. It is utilized for clothing of all kinds, but especially for underwear.

SHIPPERS OF FOOD AND FEEDS SHOULD APPLY FOR CARS THROUGH RAILROAD AGENTS

Director General McAdoo and the Food Administration have arranged to cooperate in the distribution of cars for the food and feed trades. The grain and grain product and feed shippers are to first apply for cars in the usual way through railroad agents; in case of not being furnished within a reasonable time they may then apply to the zone representative of the Food Administration grain divisions at the various terminals, stating the cars required, point at which it is desired cars should be sent, character of the product to be loaded, the destination of shipment, and the consignee.

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"VICTORY" BREAD MUST CONTAIN NOT MORE THAN 80 PER CENT WHEAT FLOUR

Any baker will be permitted to advertise his product as "victory" bread if it contains not more than 80 per cent wheat flour. No stipulation is made as to what ingredients shall compose the other 20 per cent, so long as they are selected from the list recommended by the Food Administration, which includes corn flour and corn meal, barley flour, oat meal, rice and rice flour, potato flour, etc.

CLANDESTINE CIRCULAR ISSUED IN GERMANY ATTACKS RULERS

A copy of a broadside forbidden in Germany has reached the Committee on Public Information. It is a single sheet of foolscap size, printed on both sides, and bears a coarsely executed woodcut representing a soldier in arms, a workman in a blouse, and a woman shoving a rock off a precipice, beneath which is seen the head and bust of the Emperor, crowned and sceptered and moustached, looking up in terror at the fate impending. The last paragraph of the text is as follows: "Man of toil, awake from slumber! Recognize thy growing might. All the wheels will lose their motion Without thy strong arm's devotion. Down with the war! Down with the Government! Peace! Freedom! Bread!"

REGISTRATION BOARDS TO BE PAID ON BASIS OF MEN CLASSIFIED

New regulations from the office of the Provost Marshal General in regard to compensation of registration boards read in part as follows:

"The rate of compensation for members of local boards up to and including the completion of the final classification of the registrants within the respective jurisdiction of said boards shall be on the basis of 30 cents as aggregate compensation to the membership of a local board for each registrant to whom a questionnaire shall have been mailed and who shall have been finally classified in accordance with the provisions of these regulations.

"Money due for said work shall be paid in proportionate amounts to each member of a local board claiming compensation for his service, unless it shall be requested by the unanimous vote of the local board that the money due should be paid in some other proportion. In such case no one member shall receive more than 15 cents of the allowance of 30 cents for each classification and no two members shall receive more than 25 cents for each classification to be distributed between them."

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Aged Lady Found Dead in Bed.

Mrs. Catherine Stover, one of the oldest residents of Centre county, was found dead in bed early last Thursday morning, at the home of her son-in-law, Howard Evey, on South Pugh street, State College, death being due to old age. Had she lived, she would have been eighty-five years on the seventh of next July. She was preceded to the grave by her husband, Daniel Stover, who died eighteen years ago last February.

Mrs. Stover was born on a farm near Centre Hall, July 7, 1833, the daughter of Godfrey and Mary Baser. Her early life was spent in that vicinity, until she was married to Daniel Stover, when she then resided in Ferguson township. In 1911 she went to State College and since that time has been living with her daughter, Mrs. Howard Evey. Mrs. Stover while in ill health for some time, had been able to be up and around, so that her death comes as a severe shock to all her friends.

Mrs. Stover is survived by seven children, four boys and three girls, namely: William E. of Turtle Creek; Charles, of Millheim; John, of State College; Ralph of Akron, Ohio; Mrs. Sarah Tyson, of Howard; Mrs. Elizabeth Thompson and Mrs. Luella Evey, of State College. There are also seventeen grandchildren and twelve great grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted Sunday afternoon at the Pine Hall Reformed church, Rev. S. C. Stover, of Boleburg, officiating. Interment was made in the Pine Hall cemetery.

Centre Hall Boy Arrives in France.

Word has been received from somewhere in France that Roy L. Puff arrived safely, after an interesting, yet an uneventful, voyage over the sea. He is connected with company F, 35th Engineers, and reports the boys in fine spirit and health, enjoying the experience, and working hard. Private Puff is the first from Centre Hall proper to set foot on French soil, as a servant of dear old Uncle Sam.

James J. Gramley, ex-treasurer of Centre county, was kicked in the face a few days ago by one of his horses, but fortunately no serious injury resulted from it. Mr. Gramley was driving a team in the vicinity of the William Rishel home at Farmers Mill, being in search of another horse. A vicious dog came out and bit one of his horses on the hind leg, which caused the animal to kick, thereby unloosing a trace. The team was starting down a hill and in a short time all four traces had become loosened. Mr. Gramley then stopped the team and proceeded to fasten up the harness, forgetting however to first speak to his horse, which had become unnerved through the acts of the dog. While in the act of fastening a trace, the horse which had been bitten, struck out and caught Mr. Gramley fair in the face. The stroke was a short one, consequently it lacked force to inflict serious injury. Mr. Gramley at present feels no bad effects from the accident.

Rev. J. H. Keller, of China Grove, North Carolina, writes the Reporter under date of February 4, as follows: "We have enjoyed the weekly visits of your paper during the past year and through its columns we are keeping in touch with many friends of my native valley. We have had the coldest winter in Sunny South that I have felt during my stay of seventeen years. I have assumed the duties of a Scout Master of a troop of Boy Scouts of America; am also teaching in a High school, which, with my duties as pastor of a charge, keeps me very busy. Our little town raised \$500 on Y. M. C. A. War Fund and took \$18,000.00 Liberty Bonds (second issue). My little son, three and a half years of age, took a \$50 of the second. Enclosed find check of \$1.50 for the Reporter another year. Wishing you all a most prosperous and blessed year during 1918, I am, Yours, J. H. Keller."

More Centre Co. Boys Leave for Camp.

Thursday morning six more Centre county draftees left Bellefonte for Camp Meade, as follows: John G. Ishler, State College. William Earl Muser, Lemont. Alvin Andrew Bohn, Oak Hall. Amos Fye, Waddell. Fred Yarnell, Walker Township. Howard A. Dunlap, Fort Matilda. To Camp Pike, Little Rock, Arkansas: Jacob R. Lee, Spring Mills. Sheriff Yarnell, chairman of the local exemption board, on Wednesday evening tendered the selective men a farewell dinner.

Now we are all considering whether a freeze-up or a thaw-up is the worst.

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS

H. W. Kreamer has improved sufficiently to permit his going outdoors. Last week Millin county sent another lot of thirty-five men to Camp Meade.

Bradford and Son got another car of chestnut coal, about twelve o'clock Friday night.

The purchase of a thrift stamp will help just that much to get the Kaiser, the German beast.

Mrs. D. L. Kerr, who spent the past several months in Washington, D. C., returned to her home in Centre Hall a short time ago.

The development of a case of diphtheria at Tylerville, in Sugar Valley, resulted in closing the public schools as a precautionary measure.

Rev. Wm. M. Reick, of Millinburg, has a son who landed safely in France. He is a member of Section 574 of Susquehanna University.

A needle was removed from the stomach of a child, eight months old, son of Harvey Egan, of Orviston. The operation has been declared entirely successful.

Quite a number of Centre Hall residents will come in for paying income tax. It's a fine thing. It keeps one better posted on his receipts and expenditures.

Dr. Garfield won out. The heatless days will be continued. It now depends upon the individual as to the extent of making his order effective. B. fair, save fuel.

The Venetian Trio, said to be the best number on the local Lecture Course, are scheduled to appear in Centre Hall on Wednesday evening, January 27th. They are musicians of exceptional ability.

If we are not obedient to the present war regulations as to food, fuel and other conservation rules, we will have to submit to more stringent ones later on. A hog knows nothing of conservation. Don't be a hog.

A number of correspondents' news letters were omitted from last week's issue of the Reporter, owing to their late arrival resulting from the disrupted train service, consequently they are all appearing this week.

A number of men from Centre Hall who have been idle for several weeks on account of the shut-down of the Standard Steel Works at Burnham, have again resumed work at the big plant.

Col. Henry W. Shoemaker, a member of the Governor's staff and owner of the Altoona Tribune, is being talked of as the proper person to be chairman of the J. Denny O'Neil gubernatorial campaign committee.

The Kaiser is getting his work in in the United States Senate. If it were permissible William no doubt would be very willing to present the iron cross to the gentlemen who are so ably assisting him win the war in the United States.

Clinton county's register has had a cozy private corner built in the register's office, and now bashful couples seeking a marriage license may retire there to answer the questions propounded. A capital idea, and one all counties in the state might adopt with approval.

The extravagant prices commanded by farm products during 1917 will no doubt run up the net returns from a good many farms to over \$2000, and oblige the farmer to make out an income tax statement. Of course, if the farmer is single the net income is \$1000 before the income tax is reckoned.

Centre county, up to the present time, has attained an average of 63 cents for each man, woman and child of her population in the purchase of War Savings Stamps, while her neighbor—Union county—holds the record for the State, at the figure of \$2.78 per capita, or more than five times that of Centre's showing.

The Brush Valley road west of Centre Hall, and the cross roads from Potter's to Lloyd Brown, were the last sections of road to be opened through the snow drifts on mail route No. 1, covered by W. F. Keller. On route No. 2, the roads were all opened about the same time, leaving the carrier to make a complete circuit on Thursday of last week.

J. H. Detwiler, farmer and stock-breeder, whose farm is located east of Old Fort, believes there was a local disturbance of the earth's surface a short time ago. While the family was seated about the dinner board, a distinct shock was felt. A few years ago the Detwiler family had a similar experience, and later it developed that a large sink had fallen in some distance from the house, and that is what Mr. Detwiler thinks has again happened.