

WHO WILL BUILD THE NATIONAL HIGHWAYS?

Expenditures to Come From Taxable Wealth.

Nine states in the east and north-eastern part of the Union, although they are but 5 per cent of the area of the United States, possess one-half the national wealth.

Some taxpayers in these states, New York, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island and Connecticut, sometimes argue against the idea of national highways to be built and forever maintained by the National Government, on the ground that they will have to pay half the cost of such roads.

Probably they will. But they have to pay half the cost of all the expensive hauling now done over all the bad roads of the nation. These nine states, paying half the taxes of the nation, have to pay half of all national highways. They have to suffer half the bills of all national highways. They have to pay half the cost of all the money lost by all other states through having bad roads.

It is as impossible to live outside the working of the laws of economics as it is to work outside the laws of nature. The apple falls, be it in Maine or California, and the tax paid is half collected from half the wealth. The expense of poor roads is half paid by half the national wealth, which suffers half the loss. And while half the cost of the whole country-wide system of national highways will eventually be paid by the nine states in which half the wealth of the country is located, they will also reap half the benefits though they possess but a small part of half the mileage of the proposed system.

M. E. Building Record.
Church extension aid was given 3-469 separate building projects during the last 4 years. Dr. D. O. Forsythe, corresponding secretary, reported at the opening session of the annual meeting of the board of home missions and church extension of the Methodist Episcopal church. Comparing this with a yearly average of a little more than 29 projects added in previous years, the report said, would give an idea of the enormous progress made by the denomination in church building.

The treasurer's report showed that of the nearly \$26,000,000 received and expended for home missions the last four years, \$9,600,000 had been put into buildings. Pointing out that the total expenditure for this purpose for the entire preceding fifty years was but \$5,500,000, Dr. Forsythe declared the denomination in the last four years had written a chapter in church extension "unparalleled in the history of any denomination."

The story of the licking a pussy cat give a black snake, published in the Reporter two weeks ago, appeared on the first page of the Philadelphia North American, in its Sunday issue, and was dated Philadelphia, November 24. A correspondent like that no doubt would fight a wild cat barehanded for amusement and compete with the devil for lying.

Let us give thanks today, each in his or her own way, and if possible attend the public Thanksgiving service.

FARM CALENDAR

Timely Reminders from The Pennsylvania State College

Selecting Breeding Cockerels—The proper time to select cockerels for the following breeding season is during the fall months. People who intend purchasing cockerels have a better opportunity to get better birds now than next spring when the supply is practically exhausted.

Cooling Milk in Winter—Just because the weather is cold is no guarantee that milk does not have to be cooled. A great quantity of milk is spoiled through insufficient cooling in winter. This is particularly true of the night's milk, and is due largely to efforts of the dairymen to keep the milk from freezing.

Driving Nails—A little axle grease or lubricating oil applied freely to the point of a nail will make it drive much easier into seasoned timber such as white oak or hickory. The grease will also have a tendency to prevent the nail from rusting in the timber.

For the young pigs—The young pigs may well have alfalfa, clover or soybean hay before them whenever possible. It will lessen the tankage requirements and furnish a filler which will do us a winter substitute for pasture. Experiments have proved that legume hay, especially alfalfa, is also a good feed to keep before the brood sow. The hay should be bright, and clean and not too coarse.

WHEAT COMMITTEE ASKS ACREAGE REDUCTION

50,000,000 Acres Are Sufficient to Yield Needs for a Year—Present Acreage 62,000,000.

A 10,000,000 surplus in wheat acreage was noted in the report adopted by the Production committee of the Wheat Council of the United States at its meeting in Chicago last week. The opinion that the present acreage of 62,000,000 planted acres should be gradually reduced to approximately 50,000,000, which the committee believes is an acreage sufficient to care for domestic requirements was expressed in the report.

Such re-adjustment should be made as profitable alternative crops can be introduced, the report said. The average annual consumption of wheat in this country during the past twelve years for food, feed and seed has been about six bushels per capita. The population of the United States is approximately 110,000,000 so that the domestic requirements are NOT more than 660,000,000 bushels. Statistics show that for the same period the average yield per acre planted is about 13.4 bushels. Thus, about 50,000,000 acres planted should yield enough wheat to meet domestic needs. To meet the requirement of increasing population from year to year additional wheat should be obtained from larger yields per acre rather than by the expansion of acreage, the report says.

In recommending the planting of 10,000,000 acres of wheat lands to other crops and urging definite extension programs looking toward reducing wheat acreage wherever an alternative crop or type of farming can be found profitable the report states that better opportunities for making readjustments exist in the humid areas than in the sub-humid sections.

It is not desirable to enter upon a drastic wheat acreage reduction campaign without reference to alternatives, the report continues. "But even the farmer in the sub-humid regions where the great bulk of our wheat is produced, could aid materially in reducing the present acreage by planting a part of his wheat acreage to feed, forage, and pasture crops and through summer fallowing. The feed thus produced can be utilized to advantage by feeding it to dairy cows, hogs, chickens, turkeys, etc. The kind and number, of course, will be determined by the adaptability of the individual farmer's land and by his likes and dislikes. It would be to the advantage of every wheat farmer to produce sufficient milk, butter, poultry and meat to feed his own family and to provide for other necessary living expenses. In this way, money secured from the sale of wheat, his cash crop, would be available for use in reducing mortgages, bringing about better living conditions on the farm and generally making country life more attractive.

Red Cross Report.
The Centre Hall Red Cross Auxiliary makes the following financial report, the treasurer being Miss Grace Smith and the auditors C. F. Emery and M. L. Emerick, the period covered being from November, 1922, to November, 1923.

RECEIPTS

Cash from previous year.....	\$ 25.43
Membership dues—	
Adult.....	\$68.00
High school.....	7.10
Grammar school.....	4.65
Intermediate school.....	2.90
Primary school.....	3.00
Sept. 1923, for Japanese relief.....	57.95
Total.....	\$169.03

EXPENDITURES.

To Treasurer State College Red Cross Chapter—	
Membership Dues.....	\$ 55.65
For Japanese Relief.....	57.95
Balance in hands of Treasurer, Nov. 1923.....	25.43
Total.....	\$169.03

SPRING MILLS
The exercises by the Mission band of the Lutheran Sunday-school on Sunday evening were excellent and were enjoyed by a full house.

Mrs. Sylvia Grenoble and little daughter are spending a week in Lewistown visiting friends and relatives. Thanksgiving service will be held in the M. E. church; sermon by Rev. M. C. Drumm.

The hunters are busy getting ready to go to their different camps. "Grandma" Heering is visiting her son Horace at Penn Hall.

Only four weeks in which to do your Xmas shopping.

HUNTERS AND THE CAMPS.

Gathering for the Slaughter of Bucks Mountain Homes Succeeded by Hunting Camps and Lodges.

During the past week hunters of large game have been gathering at various points along the Seven Mountains at private homes and in hunting camps in the mountains setting the traps in order for the deer season to open Saturday morning, and by that time several hundred hunters will be ready and a hunt will be commenced that will touch every spot the buck and doe inhabit.

Since last season several permanent hunting camps have been erected, most of these are on the west side of the state highway. These—the new and old—vary in architecture. Some afford accommodations only such as are needed by the rugged hunters for a stay of two weeks while others are equipped as a place for social enjoyment by the members of the hunting club, their families, and friends at all seasons of the year. The latter idea of the hunting camp or lodge is growing and is becoming pretty general.

Fifty years ago the Seven Mountains were largely uninhabited. The homes then—like the lodges now—varied in importance as to style of design and size. Many of the homes of that day have disappeared. Some became uninhabitable through lack of attention to counteract destruction by the elements; some have been razed and carted to the valley. Those remaining are gradually passing into the hands of hunting clubs social clubs or individuals who are seeking places of rest and quiet.

The school houses continue to hold their places in the district named, although not as educational centers. The school house above Colyer, a few years ago passed into the hands of a hunting club from the eastern part of the state, and the Cold Spring school house beyond Potters Mills, has been closed owing to lack of pupils in the district it served.

These conditions are changing not only in the Seven Mountains but everywhere where game and fishing abound or mountain scenery appeals sufficiently strong. And so let it be.

Union Thanksgiving Services.
Union Thanksgiving services will be held in the Evangelical church, Centre Hall, to-day (Thursday) at 10:30 a. m. Rev. D. R. Keener will preach.

At Spring Mills in the Methodist church, at the same hour; Rev. M. C. Drumm will preach.

Beware of Infection.
By reading the newspapers one is convinced that patrons of public schools in many districts throughout the state are not content with their present school building, the equipments provided and the school playground. The building of a new school house or the remodeling of one and the securing of equipments means the expenditure of a considerable sum of money, yet the agitation is going on in many sections and especially in the smaller towns and villages. The conditions that once apparently were satisfactory are no longer so. The improvement of the school playground—at least to make the present one at nearly every school house inviting—is within the reach of every school community and it should be done. Most school grounds could be made inviting to school children and become a pleasant place to look upon by the expenditure of little money and brain and muscle. This is being done in many localities and the germ should be spread into every district not now infected. An acute case in point is in Hartley township, Union county, where school patrons met on Tuesday to put into presentable condition the playground connected with the Laurenton High school.

Transfers of Real Estate.
Jeremiah Hafner to John A. Minnie, tract in Miles twp.; \$625.
Harry Long to Alva C. Duck, tract in Gregg twp.; \$800.
W. A. Ishler, sheriff, to Jeremiah Hafner, tract in Miles twp.; \$251.
Adam Minich, et ux, to Joe Minich, tract in Miles twp.; \$1.
Elixa E. Ellenberger, et ux, to Angie Skidner, tract in State College; \$8,900.
George S. Shoak, et al, to S. G. Walker tract in Gregg twp.; \$10,500.
Jacob B. Kerstetter, et ux, to Thomas H. Ebenhuth, tract in Penn twp.; \$112.
J. D. Keller, et ux, to Sarah J. Moore tract in State College; \$600.
George F. Lente, et ux, to Mary W. Miller, tract in Harris twp.; \$60.
W. H. Breon, et al, to W. E. Musser, tract in Gregg twp.; \$1,300.
W. E. Musser to Harry C. Musser, tract in Gregg twp.; \$1,300.
Sarah A. Garnett, et bar, to School District of borough of State College; tract in State College; \$4,000.

Installed Three Mammoth Electric Incubators.

The Kerlins' Grand View Poultry Farm of this place, owned and operated by A. E. Kerlin & Son, have the past week installed a battery of three Smith Standard, cabinet type, incubators. These machines are the latest development in incubation and are the result of many years of scientific research by Dr. S. B. Smith of Cleveland, Ohio, the inventor. The three machines are built as a solid unit and have a total capacity of one hundred twenty thousand (120,000) eggs. Live steam is driven into each machine and is circulated into every nook and corner by twelve powerful 16-inch electric fans. So rapid is the circulation that the re-ventilated air is completely changed every three or four minutes.

Three Tycoos recording thermometers are employed which are operated by an eight-day clock system. By this method the exact temperature to the fraction of a degree is recorded in red ink every hour throughout the hatch. One heater, burning any kind of coal, coke or wood, and three thermometers care for these entire 120,000 eggs. The machine is constructed of six layers California red wood and four layers Arabian gum, forming a chamber containing India cork, compressed under enormous pressure between the walls. The machines are eight feet high and cover a floor space 30 feet by 13 1/2 feet. Finished in a beautiful shade of mahogany and brass trimmings, it is a delight to walk through these machines, as the operator steps directly into the machine, which is electrically lighted, and closes the door after him. One would imagine that to be confined within a temperature of 95 degrees would be most uncomfortable but the added moisture and rapid changing of air creates a sensation well nigh pleasant.

Installation of the machines was made by Robinson-Miller Co. of Waukegan, Indiana. The Kerlins plan to operate the machines until about November 30th as a tryout to become thoroughly familiar with all working parts, etc.

This new addition gives this farm a total capacity of 250,000 eggs at one time. Hatching will be started within the next six weeks.

Centre County Farm Products Show.
The Centre County Farm Products Show will be held on the day of the Annual Meeting of the Farm Bureau, Saturday, December 22, at the Court House. Due to the early date of the county fair at Centre Hall this is really the only farm products show here in the county, the Centre Hall Fair being too early for a good exhibit of farm products. The exhibits this year will include corn, wheat, barley, oats, potatoes, apples and eggs. The quantity required for each exhibit will be: Corn, 10 ears; wheat, oats, barley, 1 peck; potatoes, 1 peck; apples, plate of five; eggs, 1 dozen.

Uniformity is the thing most important in selecting a good exhibit of farm products. This includes uniformity in size, shape and color and also freedom from disease.

As in the past years the best exhibits will be forwarded to Harrisburg to represent Centre county at the State Farm Products Show in January. Attractive premiums have been offered for both the county and state shows, hence every farmer should take the opportunity to exhibit the best of his farm products.

One More Dollar, Please.
Under a bill passed by the 1923 Legislature the automobile owner's driver's license will cost \$1 in addition to the titling fee and the license fee for the automobile. The blanks for the owner's cards have not yet been prepared and probably will not be ready for distribution before January, when they will be sent out to notaries throughout the state. The 1923 drivers' cards, however, are valid until March 1, 1924, under the provisions of the new law.

It appears applicants for a driver's license who have not previously held such a card will be obliged to undergo an examination bearing on their knowledge of the state automobile laws and the mechanism of an automobile.

S. S. Class Entertained.
The following is copied from the Millburg Telegraph, because it refers to a number of persons known to many of the Reporter readers.

The Altruis Bible Class of St. John's Reformed Sunday-school was entertained on Monday evening at the home of Mrs. C. F. Lontz, on West Chestnut street. Those present were: Prof. and Mrs. Emory O. Bickel, Mrs. Sarah Bingham, Mrs. I. V. Musser, Mrs. John Walter, Mrs. Howard, Mrs. Everett Baker, Mrs. James Culp, Mrs. Irene Ringler, Mrs. S. H. Strunk, Mrs. J. T. Strickler, Mrs. Charles Shaffer, Mrs. C. S. Chambers, and Mrs. Irwin Royer.

TELLS WHY RURAL COMMUNITIES ARE LOSING DOCTORS.

Long Drives, Poorer Facilities for Practice, No Libraries, No Laboratories, Few Churches.

"Reasonable living conditions" are necessary to restore permanently physicians and surgeons to rural communities. Dr. H. P. Colwell, of Chicago, told the convention of the American Country Life Association, in session in St. Louis, Missouri, Dr. Colwell is secretary of the Council of Medical Education and Hospitals of the American Medical Association.

"The objectionable features of country practice," said Dr. Colwell, "are loss of well-to-do patients, long drives, bad roads, hard work, loss of income, increased expenses, poorer facilities for practice, no hospitals, no laboratories, few churches, poorer schools and loss of time or opportunity for professional development.

"What wonder, therefore, that the country doctor after struggling in vain against the rising tide of difficulties finally decides to follow his disappearing clientele to the city. It is quite clear also why the young physician, after graduating from medical school, usually in debt for his medical training, prefers to, or from necessity must, remain in the city rather than go to the country.

"Census figures show that of the total of physicians in the United States 65 per cent are in cities of 5,000 or greater population, leaving only 37 per cent in cities or towns of less than 5,000. In other words in cities of 5,000 or above there is one physician for every 541 people.

"To permanently restore doctors for rural communities requires restoration of reasonable living conditions in those districts."

McKinley-McClenahan.
William E. McKinley, of Millroy, and Marion E. McClenahan, of Centre Hall, were united in marriage at the Methodist parsonage, Spring Mills, on Sunday afternoon by Rev. C. F. Catherman.

County Grange Officers.
The Centre County Pomona Grange met in Grange Arcadia in annual session on Saturday and elected the following officers who will serve for a period of two years:

Master—David K. Keller.
Overseer—Geo. W. Ralston.
Lecturer—Prof. R. G. Bremsler.
Chaplain—Clem Dale.
Steward—Geo. W. Geringer.
Asst. Steward—R. C. Bair.
Treasurer—Jacob Sharer.
Secretary—J. Gross Shoak.
Lady Asst. Steward—Mary Zerby.
Pomona—Lizzie Grove.
Flora—Bertha Evey.
Ceres—Margaret Alfman.
Auditor—D. M. Kline.
Telephone Directors—J. S. Dale, A. W. Dale, Jacob Sharer, E. E. Swartz, D. A. Grove.

Airdale Is Mail Messenger.
A bewiskered Airdale, owned by William Wingard, of Sunbury, is a regular mail messenger from the mill trains on the Lewisburg and Tyrone branch and a camp at Weikert occupied by Mr. Wingard much of the time. The dog meets the trains and carries the daily papers and other mail matter from the train to the camp with the certainty of a U. S. mail messenger.

Mr. Wingardner was formerly a section foreman at Lewisburg, but later removed to Sunbury. He is in the mountains for his health, which he is recovering.

Jail Birds in More Trouble.
A heifer and a hog were killed and dressed for meat by George Taylor and Paul Hetrick, Millburg characters, who with Taylor's wife are former jailbirds. The heifer was killed in a pasture field and belonged to Edgar Fisher. The hog was captured in one of the pens on the Penitentiary plot and carried away in a buggy to a safe place where it was dressed and later put into pickle. The parties are now also in pickle in Fort Dukeman, on the Hill.

Bazaar and Supper.
On Thanksgiving Day and evening the Willing Workers Sunday-school class will hold a bazaar and give a supper in Grange Arcadia. The menu will consist of roast chicken, mashed potatoes, corn, beans, ice cream and cake, coffee, etc. Price, 55 cents. Service will begin at 4:30.

All kinds of fancy work—aprons, dresses, towels, handkerchiefs, etc. These articles will be suitable for Christmas gifts.

Change in Sale Date.
TUESDAY, MARCH 18, at 10 a. m., on the Harper farm, east of Centre Hall, on the Brushvalley road. H. E. Shreckengast will sell farm stock and implements. George Wise, auctioneer. (Please note that this is a change from date previously announced.)

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS.

One thing Centre Hall is thankful for: The incalculable step for a new high school building.

We had some of the finest weather imaginable last week, but it wasn't Friday that is referred to.

W. E. Shultz, farmer on the Dr. C. F. Smith farm at Penn Hall, was in town on business and favored the Reporter with his presence.

A meeting will be held in the parlors of the Evangelical home in Lewisburg, to discuss the possibilities of a hospital to serve the towns of Lewisburg, Millburg and Milton and vicinity.

The State Public Service Commission appealed to by S. H. Hoy and Clement Dale to prevent a high power electric line passing over their land were not favored by their decision.

It cost \$9.89 per capita to run the government of Pennsylvania for the year closing November 30, 1922. The cost in 1917 was \$2.66; in 1914, \$4.13. The total expenditures in 1922 was \$58,794,424.

A car driven onto the main road near Pleasant Gap hit the coupe driven by Benton Tate, the telephone lineman, resulting in several ribs being broken, which long supported the diaphragm sported by him.

District Attorney William K. Miller, of Snyder county, has let it be understood he will be a candidate for the Republican nomination for State Senator in the 27th Senatorial district composed of Northumberland, Union and Snyder counties.

The Williamsport Division of the Pennsylvania Railroad company dropped from its payroll 250 men, a part of the 7000 men employed. Among those hit by this order is the local truck crew, all of whom, except the foreman, were laid off.

The State highway between Centre Hill and Potters Mills has been ditched and drained on both sides. Work a week ago was begun at the Millin-Centre county line. Some of the road will require considerable attention to prevent it from responding to frost action.

The report that Mrs. Clara Meeker, who last spring began farming operations on her farm near Potters Mills, will return to Centre Hall is unfounded. She sold her property here to Jerry Shank, a railroad section hand, who has been living in it for some time. The price paid was \$1500.

The discovery of what is believed to be an effective serum for hardening of the arteries, known to medical men as arterio sclerosis, following so closely on the heels of the advent of insulin for the relief of diabetes would seem to indicate that science and medicine are gradually conquering disease.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Grove, of near Berwick, came to Spring Mills for a short visit. Mrs. Grove came on to Centre Hall the latter part of last week to be with her sister, Mrs. Belle Whitman. She reported Archie W. Zettie, her son-in-law, also living near Berwick, had been quite ill from an attack of pneumonia, but was now very much better.

This is Thanksgiving Day. There is not one in all the wide land that has not something to be thankful for. Most of us have had so many blessings during the past year there is danger of assuming we are entitled to them for the little good we may have done, forgetting that for even the privilege of doing good we should all the more be thankful not only today but at all times.

No doubt a considerable number of automobile owners throughout the state through negligence or other reasons failed to fill in the blank application form for a certificate of ownership and mail it to the Highway Department prior to the 25th inst. The best thing for them to do now is to forward the blank immediately, making such statement as they can for the delay. No license will be granted for a car not titled, and to apply for one before the car is titled might complicate matters that would tend to an unpleasantness.

The village of Swengle had a fire experience a few days ago when the building occupied by the store conducted by W. L. Burd & Co. took fire from a defective flue. The fire was finally subdued, through the operation of a bucket brigade. An aeroplane was responsible for quickly assembling the population. It was noon when the fire was discovered and no one seemed to be on the streets until a plane passed over the town so low that the terrific noise of the engine and propeller brought the residents out into the open where the fire was then observed.