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## MILLIONS OF FARMERS ARE BANKRUPT.

While Mellon and His Republican Followers in Congress Are Endeavoring to Reduce Taxes of the Rich.

Official figures collated and published by the Department of Agriculture are revealing the extent of the distress which has been experienced by the agricultural producers of the country during the last three years of Republican control of national affairs. Practically a million farmers have been bankrupted. It is estimated that five or six million of men, women and children have been involved in this wholesale ruin of agricultural values.

The Department of Agriculture conducted a special inquiry among the farmers of fifteen states of the east and north central region in which there are a total of 2,289,000 owners and operators of farms. Replies were received from about 2,400 of these farmers. The results of this inquiry indicate that in the section studied more than 108,000 farmers had lost their farms or other property through foreclosure or bankruptcy, more than 122,000 had lost their holdings without legal proceedings, and nearly 373,444, although practically ruined, had kept their property only through the leniency of creditors.

While these farmers are in poverty and distress the Republican Administration is devoting its energies to the task of reducing surtaxes for the wealthiest classes in the country. The Administration's insistence on the enactment of the Mellon tax plan in preference to any other would consume practically all the present session of Congress and thus prevent the passage of any legislation for the relief of the farmers.

### Fifty Killed While Hunting.

All records for fatalities and the number of sportsmen injured in a single hunting season were shattered last year, when 50 hunters were killed and at least 150 others received gunshot wounds. The 1923 record, made public a few days ago, shows that during the last five years 196 persons were killed and 608 injured in hunting accidents.

The recent Legislatures have provided laws holding hunters responsible for accidents. However, it is believed that the majority of the wounds were self-inflicted, due to carelessness. There were 37 persons killed and 125 wounded during the 1922 hunting season.

Last fall was the first time in fifty years that elk could be legally killed in the state, and 23 were shot. The kill of deer is given at 6465, as compared with 6115 in 1922. The number of bears killed was 599, while in 1922 the number was 563. It was an unusually good wild turkey season, and 6049 were killed, as compared with 5431 in 1922.

### Guide for the Lover of Liberty.

If the sublime words with which Woodrow Wilson fired the will to liberty of the American people and the democratic purpose of the world should ever perish, nevertheless this utterance must live:

"I can never accept any man as a champion of liberty who does not reverence the laws of our beloved land. He has adopted the standards of the enemies of his country whom he affects to despise."

### Propose New Taxation Unit.

A recommendation that the county be made the unit of school taxation instead of the township was adopted by the State School Directors' Association at the final session of its twenty-ninth annual convention, held in Harrisburg. Other resolutions adopted urged the State to take over all expense of educating defective children, asked that the State reimburse school districts for loss of taxes where large areas are withdrawn from taxation and favored State aid for rural school districts where means available are inadequate.

### Elks Go to Williamsport.

A meeting of the officers and members of the Advisory Committee of the Pennsylvania State Association of Elks was held in Williamsport for the purpose of discussing plans for the State convention of Elks, which will be held there next August for four days. The convention will open on August 25, and it is expected that there will be at least 25,000 people in the city during the convention.

The annual parade, always a feature of the conventions, will be held on August 28. The parade will bring about 7500 uniformed men, accompanied by a half hundred bands. Philadelphia will send two special trains carrying 750 men of the famous marching units.—Harrisburg, Bethlehem and Reading will also send large delegations, as the three cities will take a bid for the next annual meeting. The ladies' auxiliary of the lodge will meet at the same time, and the women are making elaborate preparations for the entertainment of the visiting ladies.

## GREATER GRANGE ENCAMPMENT.

### Executive Committee Meets to Lay Ground Plans for 1924 Gathering, Which Begins August 30th.

The executive committee of the Grange Encampment and Fair Association met in Grange Arcadia Wednesday afternoon to lay the ground plans for this year's gathering which will begin Saturday, August 30 and close Friday, September 6th.

A leading figure at the meeting was Prof. R. L. Watts, of State College, who is having Prof. Crowell, the Penn State landscape authority, lay out a new ground plan of the camp, which, if accepted by the committee will result in radical changes. It is advised by those responsible for the movement that the changes come gradually so that a financial burden is not unnecessarily laid on the association.

It was definitely decided to erect an additional exhibit building, but whether it will be devoted to horticulture, agriculture or institutional exhibits has not yet been decided. The plans for the building are also being prepared under the direction of Prof. Watts, and its location will be in accord with the new camp ground plan.

Miss Edith Sankey, secretary of the association, stated that almost every tentholder last season made application for quarters for the 1924 encampment and that one hundred additional applications for tents were on file. It appears to be the plan of the executive committee to purchase sufficient additional tents to accommodate the demand in this department.

A continued meeting of the executive committee will be held Wednesday, March 5, in Grange Arcadia.

### Crossing Watchman Dies.

Samuel Campbell, of Milesburg, died suddenly Friday morning at the age of nearly sixty years.

Mr. Campbell, shortly after coming to work as crossing watchman at the High street crossing of the Pennsylvania railroad, in Bellefonte, felt ill and went to the office of a physician, where he received treatment. He returned to his work, but in a short time went back to the office of the physician and died a few minutes after his arrival.

His wife is seriously ill. Besides his wife he is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Josephus Campbell, and a sister.

### Mother of Five Burned to Death.

Mrs. Edna May Fry, wife of Jacob Fry, of Mill Hill, was fatally burned late Friday afternoon when her clothing caught fire while she was trying to start a fire with kerosene.

The accident occurred about 4 o'clock and she was immediately rushed to the Lock Haven hospital where she died at 9 o'clock on that evening.

Mrs. Fry was aged thirty-three years and is survived by her husband and five children: Lillian, Ralph, Fietta, Mary and Liana, the oldest thirteen years of age; her father, Hiram Long; three brothers, Harry, Hilbert and Ralph Long, of Ranshaw; and two sisters, Mrs. G. G. Bastress, of Northumberland, and Miss Lillian I. Long, of Pittsburgh.

### ROBBING STUDENTS CHARGE AGAINST CAPTURED MAN

### Fugitive from Prison Said to Have Inevaded Three Colleges.

Wayne Cobb, alias James Boyd, of Charleston, W. Va., on Sunday confessed, according to the police, that he had escaped from the Florida State Penitentiary two months ago, and since then he had made a specialty of robbing college students. He was arrested at State College on an outbond bus within an hour after he had stroled through the rooms of sleeping students in the Sigma Nu fraternity house, where he is alleged to have taken \$62 from students.

Cobb came to State College from Lewisburg, where he was said to have robbed a fraternity house at Bucknell University of \$80 while members slept. He was identified at the Bellefonte jail by John Buchovecky, one of the Bucknell students who was robbed. The prisoner, who is 24 years old, was said to have told the police that he had served 22 months of a five-year term for aiding in kidnaping a school girl. He said he had also robbed students at Franklin and Marshall College, at Lancaster.

He is being held in the county jail for trial and Florida authorities have been notified of his arrest.

The Buffalo Valley Inn is to be closed as a public house and assume the role of an apartment house. A restaurant will be conducted on the first floor. This hostelry was opened by Millinburg citizens, a number of years ago, who were opposed to the rum traffic. The house flourished and became popular, but appears to have waned in popularity upon the opening of a second house in Millinburg similar in character.

## DENTAL HYGIENE WORK FOR LOCAL PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

### February 15 to 26, Inclusive, Dates for Visits of a State Dental Hygienist to Centre Hall Schools.

Because of the interest taken this year in the sale of Tuberculosis Christmas seals, Centre Hall has been fortunate in securing the services of a Dental Hygienist, working under the supervision of the State Health Department, who will clean the teeth of the school children and also give instruction in the various school rooms on the care of the mouth. Work will be done in the Lemont and Oak Hall schools during the first two weeks of February and in the Centre Hall schools from February 15 to 26, inclusive.

Miss Cora E. Mitchell, the Dental Hygienist, is well known in this vicinity, having worked in a great number of the towns throughout the county both this year and last year.

This work represents one of the latest and most up-to-date methods of safeguarding the health. In keeping the teeth clean much decay is prevented. Not only do normal mouth conditions aid in producing a well developed body through their aid to mastication and digestion but by greatly reducing the number of diseases, ninety per cent of which find their gateway through the mouth. Abscessed teeth have been frequently known to be the cause of heart trouble, kidney trouble, rheumatism, arthritis and a number of other ills. Large cavities in the teeth which become filled with decayed food make excellent breeding places for disease germs of various kinds.

After the teeth are cleaned a report is sent to the parents which designates the number of cavities and from which the parents may easily deduct whether it is necessary for the child to have any dental work done. Help your child by encouraging him to use the tooth brush and visit the dentist. A clean mouth, a healthy body; a healthy body, a clear mind.

### Fount-Carson.

Edward Fount and Miss Martha Carson, both of Pottery Mills, were united in marriage late Wednesday night of last week at the Methodist parsonage, Spring Mills, by Rev. C. F. Catherman. The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Carson, Mr. Fount is a school teacher in Potter township, and this term is teaching at Plum Grove.

### Photoplays at Scenic and Opera House.

Scenic—Friday, Feb. 15: Herbert Rawlinson in "His Mystery Girl" is a melodrama with fast action and the ghost scenes, etc., in the haunted house are very well done. A man cures his brother of an infatuation by hiring a dramatic company to play it out. Also, 11th episode of "The Steel Trail."

Opera House—Friday and Saturday, Feb. 15 and 16: Cullen Landis in "The Pioneer Trails" with all star cast, is a wonderful Indian picture of gold rush of 1849. Greatest Indian fight ever screened. Also, 2 reel comedy.

### Possibly a Ford Factory Site.

Agents of Henry Ford are believed to have taken option on a forty-eight acre water power site along the Susquehanna river near Sunbury last week. The permit to buy was taken out in the name of Wade H. Cruise, but the residence was not given, and came after weeks of negotiations. Theodore Hummel, owner of the property, does not know who the buyer is, he says. The agreed price is said to be \$50,000, a record for property there, farmers said.

### They Met—They Loved—They Married!

It is barely a month ago that Count Ludwig Salm Von Hoogstraten, Austrian nobleman, hero of the battlefield, tennis champion runner-up, shiek of the movies, a noted figure of the European duelling grounds, made the world gasp when he married, in an elopement, Mary Millicent Rogers, the beautiful heiress of some \$40,000,000 of Standard Oil's fabulous fortune. Count Salm has written the story of his whole life with its swiftly varying surroundings of old-world regal splendor culminating in his wedding of America's richest heiress. With their usual enterprise the Hearst newspapers have secured the exclusive rights of this sensational story written and signed by the dashing count. The details of this smashing international romance are of absorbing interest. Under the title "How I wooed and won Millicent Rogers," the story will start in the Sunday New York American next Sunday and continue in the daily and Sunday until completed. There is no romance of modern times that compares in interest with this of the multi-millionaire heiress and the handsome Count Salm.

### Primarys April 22nd.

It will be a matter of but little more than two months before the voters will be obliged to go to the polls and express their preference for candidates for State and National delegates. This year, through an act of the Legislature of 1923, the spring primarys will be held April 22nd instead of the third Tuesday in May. Along with naming delegates to the National convention of the major parties, the voters will nominate candidates for State Treasurer, Auditor General, Congressmen in every district of the State; State Senators in one-half of the districts and representatives in the General Assembly from every district.

Rev. J. M. Kickpatrick, for the past week, has been teaching the Pottery Mills grammar school while the regular teacher, Edgar Miller, has been ill with tonsillitis.

## EXAMINATION OF NEW DRIVERS TO BEGIN IN MARCH.

### Actual Tests Will Be Held in Bellefonte, One of Examining Points in State, Twice a Month—Highway Department Issues Instructions.

Announcement has been received from Harrisburg that the examination of all new applicants for driver's license will begin March 1. A "new" applicant is one who has not held a 1923 license.

Bellefonte has been designated as one of the places in which the examinations will be held. Beginning next month, therefore, these examinations will be held in Bellefonte, the first and third Wednesdays of each month, using Lamb and Allegheny streets for the actual road tests.

Other locations in this section of the state in which an applicant may take an examination are as follows: Lewisburg, Sunbury, Williamsport, Lock Haven, Tyrone, Altoona, Lewistown, etc.

The department of highways announced the following regulations covering the examinations:

"All examinations will be held at the direction of the secretary of highways by an inspector of a member of the state highway patrol.

"Applicants failing to meet all requirements of test must be re-examined.

"Applicants will bring a machine in good running order to such examination for the purpose of a practical demonstration, and observe the rule which requires that such applicants be accompanied by a licensed operator.

"Applicants will report for examination between the hours of 9 a. m. and 4 p. m. When examination days fall on holidays the examination will go over to the next regular date. If this conflicts with the expiration date shown on the learner's permit, the applicant will immediately notify the automobile division, department of highways, Harrisburg, giving his name and address as shown on the learner's permit, the date of issue and the reasons why he was unable to take the examination within the thirty-day period.

"The examination will consist of a practical test to determine the applicant's ability to properly operate an automobile or motorcycle, an oral test to show applicant's knowledge of the motor vehicle laws and rules of the road, and a physical examination, when deemed advisable.

"No practical test will be given in any car the owner of which has not complied with the motor vehicle laws with respect to license tags, approved headlamp devices and adequate brakes. (Deaf operators must have their car equipped with a mirror.)

"Applicant must present his learner's permit to the examiner. No applicant will be examined whose permit has expired."

### Stork Overtook Pastor and Wife.

The stork overtook the Rev. and Mrs. R. H. Dick, of Scranton, at Montoursville the other day, while enroute by motor to their home and as a result will return home with a pair of twin girls.

Upon reaching Montoursville, Mrs. Dick felt fatigued and stopped at the Central hotel for a short rest. Mr. Dick waited outside in the car and a short time afterwards he was called into the hotel and notified that he was father of twin daughters.

### I. O. O. F. Orphanage Fine.

The Central Pennsylvania Odd Fellows' orphanage, located near Sunbury, is in splendid condition, according to the board of directors, which held its annual meeting recently. The children are well cared for, the school attendance is nearly perfect and there is very little sickness at the home, they reported.

President of the Orphanage association, Fred C. Haney, recommended the borrowing of \$30,000 to complete the construction work, now going on, within the next six months. President Haney was given permission to borrow sufficient money to carry on the work at the home.

K. A. Hartman, superintendent of the home, reported that in the past six months, \$9,687.23 had been spent. The year was started with a deficit of about \$1,400 and this deficit is now more than \$5,000.

The boys' band receipts for the year are \$1,585.29 and those of the orchestra, \$140. The profit from the farm was \$624.64.

### Contract Let for New P. O. Building at State College.

Postmaster Glenn at State College received word from the Supervising Architect at Washington that the bid of E. Zimmerli, of Pratt, Kansas, for the erection of a Post Office Building at State College, had been accepted. He also sent to Mr. Glenn two sets of plans to be delivered to the superintendent of construction. This certainly is an indication that operations will be started without delay and that the dream of a post office building for State College will not be a dream for all time.

### Surprise Birthday Party.

On Monday night of last week a birthday surprise party was given James R. Harshbarger who lives in Buffalo Run Valley, above Bellefonte. The occasion was the fifty-sixth birthday anniversary of Mr. Harshbarger. The evening was most pleasantly spent, and before returning home light refreshments were served. Those present were: Lillian Minimyre, Joseph W. Behers, Blain Benner, Pearl Grove, Hugh Longwell, James Dremson, Chas. Benner, Mrs. Max Harshbarger and son Billy, Roy Seanson, Walter Bathurst, Margaret Behers, Alice Jessop, Mrs. Harry Harshbarger and daughter Sarah, William Jessop, Ralph Grove, Sarah C. Behers, Mrs. Longwell, Emma Witmer, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Harshbarger and daughter Frances, Mr. and Mrs. George Seanson, Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Witmer, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Jessop and children, Grace, Samuel and Ralph; Mr. and Mrs. Hiram Grove, N. H. Kruppe, Mrs. Bert Bathurst, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Harshbarger, Clyde W. Harshbarger, Ralph E. Harshbarger, Edna B. Harshbarger, A. Mae Harshbarger.

### State's Livestock Value Decreases.

Report of Department of Agriculture Shows Difference of More Than Eleven Million Dollars Between 1922 and 1923.

The value of all livestock and poultry on Pennsylvania farms on January 1 was more than \$11,000,000 less than that a year previously, reports received by the state department of agriculture from 696 township correspondents indicate. The figures, as made public, give a total valuation for horses, mules, cattle, sheep, swine and chickens of \$141,496,787 this year as compared with \$152,709,631 a year ago.

The reports also disclose other interesting facts of farm life. They show 2,942 radios in use on farms in 696 townships, on which basis the department said there are approximately 7,238 on farms throughout the state. Seventy-two per cent of the farms—145,480—are using automobiles as compared with 132,692 last year. In the 696 townships there were 11,693 motor trucks and on this basis the entire number in use in the state is placed at 27,400 as compared with an estimate of 21,791 a year ago.

It is estimated that there are 110,676 hives of bees valued at \$45,117 as compared with 113,276 hives a year ago with a total value of \$652,350.

A total of 465,585 horses was reported, a decrease of about two per cent, attributed by the department to the increase in the number of automobiles, motor trucks and farm tractors. The value of the horses is placed at \$37,900,640 as compared with \$44,636,879 last year. The number of mules, 54,125, is approximately one per cent less than last year. Their value is placed at \$5,129,360 as against \$5,796,445 last year.

The number and value of other livestock on January 1, 1924, are given as follows:

Three cows—862,835, a decrease of thirty per cent; valuation \$49,227,321 as compared with \$49,861,263 a year ago.

Other cattle—587,145; valued at \$17,561,250, as against \$19,260,590 last year.

Sheep—458,505, estimated as one per cent increase; valuation, \$2,841,679 as against \$2,825,930 last year.

Swine—1,048,725, valued at \$12,822,429 as compared with 1,068,180, valued at \$14,691,111 a year ago.

Chickens—15,870,145, a decrease of four per cent; valuation, \$15,957,097 as against \$16,647,411 a year ago.

## TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

### HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS.

Pedestrians may have the law on their side, but they generally get hit from behind.

S. M. Campbell, the Millheim furniture dealer, has added two show rooms to his place of business.

Mr. and Mrs. John Mowery and son, James, motored to Altoona last week and from there to Patton by the way of Cresson to visit Mr. Mowery's mother, who is not in the best of health.

While working in the Spyker stone quarries at Centre Hall a stone fell and struck F. E. Arney on the instep, injuring a leader so that he had been able to locomote since only with much difficulty.

David T. Noll, of Williamsport, was at the H. W. Frantz home, near Centre Hall, to visit his wife, who is staying at her home. He was accompanied by a brother, L. D. Noll, who last fall returned from South America.

E. S. Charles, manager of the Millheim Oriole Store, is now in the employment of the Keystone Food Products Company, Williamsport, as a traveling salesman. He is succeeded in his former position by Miss Marion Adams.

"Take out that advertisement," is the first remark Roy M. Garbrick, farmer west of Centre Hall, made upon entering the office one morning this week. "I sold all the stock, and have prospects for more; it pays to advertise," he said.

Fire of an undetermined origin razed the dwelling on the McKnight farm, near Hunters Park, entailing damages aggregating \$2,000, covered by \$500 insurance. The tenants, Mr. and Mrs. David Casper, were absent when the fire was discovered by neighbors.

On the return home from the funeral of her little brother, Orin Erwin, who lost his life by drowning, Florence Breun had two fingers crushed by the door of an auto closing on them. The accident happened at the Millheim church, after the ceremonies there. The little girl was taken to a surgeon who dressed the wounds.

Thousands of baby chicks, hatched at the Kerlin Grand View Poultry Farm hatchery, were shipped out by mail last week, most of the consignments going south. The first hatch was very satisfactory, as were also the reports received from the customers. All the machines, the capacity being two hundred and fifty thousand eggs, are being gradually filled.

Mrs. W. W. Kerlin and little son William returned from Philadelphia Thursday afternoon after a stay at the Children's Hospital, 18th and Bainbridge streets, for a period of two weeks where the child was treated. Mr. Kerlin went to the city to meet her, and before returning home they visited the homes of John C. and O. E. Bailey; also Miss Elsie Geiss and Mrs. Virginia Miller at the Green street Geiss apartment house.

In this issue is given the rules and regulations under which "beginner" automobile drivers' licenses will be issued, and it may not be such an easy job to obtain a first-year license. Under the rules laid down the beginner must be able to qualify as a driver before a license is issued, and under the general automobile law no one can drive a car who has not obtained a driver's license, so that while the beginner is learning the process of driving a car he is technically a law violator.

This (Thursday) afternoon a meeting will be held in the Woolman hall, Millheim, in the interest of placing the state highway between Old Fort and Millinburg back to the class of primary road where it had been classed and where it belongs. By some hocus pocus method, it appears this important road was shifted to the secondary class of highways, a class of road not receiving the attention a road of the importance of this one is deserving under present conditions. The meeting is open to all interested.

Rev. Dr. A. H. Spangler, of Yeagerstown, who has been in failing health for over a year, left Wednesday of last week for Harrisburg where he has entered the Harrisburg hospital for observation and treatment. He was accompanied to Harrisburg by Mrs. Spangler and his physician, Dr. V. I. McKim. Five years ago Dr. Spangler was voted by the Lutheran Synod a life-time pastor of the Logan Circuit, which includes Yeagerstown, Reedsville and Alfarata, of which circuit he has been the pastor in charge for 29 years. He enjoys the unique distinction of being one of the three honorary members in the United States of the Grand Army of the Republic.

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