



### IS IT CHEAPER TO RENT THAN TO BUY A FARM?

Sears-Roebuck Agricultural Foundation Discusses the Problem.

Whether it is cheaper to rent than to buy a farm in this State is a problem confronting the farmer today. Interesting data bearing on this much-discussed question has just been made available by the Sears-Roebuck Agricultural Foundation. A government survey covering fifty-two farms in Centre county on which cash rents were paid showed that in 1920 the average cash rent was \$3.31 per acre and that the average valuation per acre was \$54.00. This means a gross return to the owner of 7.2 per cent. In the case of other farms in this county which were rented to kinsfolk, the cash rent was \$3.11 per acre, which amounted to a gross return to the owner of 4.9 per cent on the rated value of his land, which was \$64.00 per acre.

While these figures may not apply with equal force to individual farms in the county, elaborate tests in most counties have shown them to be correct. Furthermore, while it is true that these figures are based on 1920 reports and land values in most states have fallen materially since that time, it is believed that cash rents have fallen in approximately like proportion. The ratio between rents and land values given above may therefore be taken as applying to the present year. State and local taxes in most states, are somewhat higher than in 1920, consequently the net rent in come is usually lower.

What effect existing conditions will have on farm tenancy in the coming decade, there is no forecasting, the Foundation states, but in the long run the rate of net returns must determine the selling price of land.

### THE COMPLAINERS.

Many people who have about all the good gifts that you could imagine very rarely show any thankful spirit and they put no heart into their observance of Thanksgiving day. And many others who seemingly have not much to make them happy, yet have a cheerful philosophy and a capacity for looking on the bright side.

The more people have, the more they seem to want and demand, and the more they growl because of trifling inconveniences and disappointments. It would be a useful thing for some of our complainers if they could have a period of adversity and disappointment for a time so, that they could realize how great are many of the daily blessings by which they are encircled.

### HOW'S YOUR FLUE?

The period for driving the furnace fire has arrived earlier than usual and along with it comes the attendant increased danger from fire due to overheated flues.

The folks who put off examination of their chimneys and smoke pipes until late in the fall, this year, are caught with considerable hazard in their homes.

A dirty flue is a fire danger of great intensity and now that cold weather is here, perhaps only for a temporary stay, those householders who have neglected to have their furnaces, pipes and chimneys inspected and cleaned this fall, should exercise the utmost care against undue driving of their fires until it is done.

### Fire at State College.

What is known as the John F. Gray and Son building, State College, recently sold to P. Barousta, of Williamsport, was destroyed by fire early Thursday morning of last week. The location is on South Allen street. The place was occupied by a bakery conducted by Mr. Spanogle, formerly of Lewistown, a Greek restaurant, the Clyde Hartman barber shop, and two apartments. The fire started in the restaurant when a gasoline coffee percolator exploded.

The fire spread to the Foster building occupied by an A. & P. store, a shoe repair shop, on the first floors, and much water damage done to the property of the occupants below.

The flames became so threatening that the Logan Fire company, Bellefonte, was called into service.

### Get Auto Plates Before Christmas.

The Post Office Department in its Mail Early, Shop Early campaign this year, makes a suggestion to the citizens of Pennsylvania that those desiring the 1925 automobile license tags secure the same at as early a date as possible because of the approach of the holiday season, at which time the Post Office Department is taxed to its limit.

Acting Postmaster General, John H. Bartlett, in Washington, said: "The securing of these tags before the Christmas rush starts not only will aid the clerks in the post offices and the postmen who deliver the tags, but will also enable the motorists to have their cars equipped with the necessary plates before the first day of January. This cooperation on the part of the automobilists throughout the State will be deeply appreciated by every post office employee in Pennsylvania as well as by every official of this service."

"Wanderer of the Waste Land," Zane Gray's masterpiece, will be shown in natural colors at the Municipal theatre, Millheim, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings, December 2 and 3. See display ad. in this issue.

### "The Call of California."

On Sunday evening in the Reformed church in connection with the Home Missionary service a pageant entitled "The Call of California" was presented very creditably by young people of the congregation. The pageant in beautiful fashion revealed the urgent call from California, particularly Los Angeles, for adequate church facilities so that the religious forces can properly work amidst the great material resources of the sister state. So very properly the special offering contributed will be forwarded to The First Reformed Church of Los Angeles, California to aid in the erection of an adequate church edifice.

The cast of characters was: "Internationalism," the symbol of Christ's universality; "America," seeking the Christianization of the United States to meet the world challenge; "Church," the divine institution of Christ's followers banded for service; "Divorce," "Crime," "Lawlessness" and "Greed," destroyers of America and enemies of national life; "Spirit of Yesterday," disinterest and self-satisfaction; "Spirit of Today," knowledge and action; "California," the treasure to be captured for Christ; "Beauty," "Commerce," "Industry" and "Resource," the handmaidens of California; "Reformed Church," to become a "Nation-wide church;" and "Los Angeles," the city of opportunity.

Mrs. C. W. Booser had the pageant in charge. The various characters were represented by the following young people: James Brungart, Bruce Knarr, Paul Martz, Harold Bradford, James Lutz, Budd Coldren, Alma Kutz, Charlotte Keller, Dorothy Odenkirk, Catharine Martz, Margaret Luse, Margaret DeBney, Elizabeth Bradford, Evelyn Bradford, Maud Rees.

### Mission Worker Here.

In the Lutheran churches at Centre Hall, Tusseyville, Boalsburg and State College, the various missionary societies held their annual gathering or "Thank-offering services" last Sunday. The speaker at these places was Mrs. Curran, wife of Rev. J. D. Curran, representing the Lutheran church in one of the African mission fields. Their definite location is Muhlenberg Mission, Monrovia, Liberia, Africa. Mrs. Curran gave a most highly interesting and instructive talk, devoting considerable of her address in telling of the manners, customs, desires and needs of the natives in their mission field.

At Centre Hall the contributions were as follows: Thank Offering, \$59.87; Young People, \$25.62; Light Brigade, \$40.00.

Boalsburg, \$32.00; Tusseyville, \$50.00; State College, \$119.30.

### Making State Road Map.

The five young men who have been working in Centre Hall, taking measurements, etc., along the State road passing through the borough, are securing data for a topographical map of the road. It appears the Highway Department is mapping all the State roads. The portion of the highway leading over Nittany Mountain was surveyed a short time ago. The young men who had the work in charge stated that they could give no information except that topographical road maps were being contemplated.

A question the Supreme court is asked to decide is whether or not a Democratic candidate for congress is elected if he received the majority of the votes cast in his district, or whether the Republican candidate who received a minority vote, is to be declared elected simply because on the face of the returns he was so declared. There is no dispute in the Cambria district that Mr. Bailey, Democrat, received the majority of votes, but the contest is based on the supposition that no one has a right to look into the ballot box to correct errors and fraud. If the correction of errors and fraud are not permitted, Mr. Walters, Republican, will hold the seat; if errors and fraud may be corrected, Mr. Bailey, Democrat, will hold the seat.

### Letter from California.

Red Bluff, Calif., Nov. 16, 1924. Editor Centre Reporter: Your subscription card received and was greatly pleased. Was also pleased to know you thought my news of California worth while publishing in the Reporter.

This finds us all well and enjoying the fine weather we are having at present. We have our rainy season now; it rains a few days and then we have nice warm weather. We certainly think it's God's country to see the roses bloom and many other beautiful flowers; also glad to speak of a fine garden growing with lettuce, radishes, cabbage, spinach, endive, onions, carrots, beets and turnips. We can see the mountain tops covered with snow, and the beautiful Mt. Lassen as it erupts, and especially at sunset is it most beautiful. It gives me great pleasure to write the news of California to the Centre county people, and more news of this sunny State, and would be glad to hear from anyone who is interested, as there is great soil out here and wonderful living conditions. The oranges are now ripe and are being shipped to the eastern markets, and they are a pretty fair crop this year. They lemons, too, are reported a good crop.

Respectfully yours, BRUCE KRATZER.

P. S.—The name "Crotzer" has been changed to Kratzer; some of the "Crotzers" changed it some years ago, as the real name had been Kratzer from the beginning.

### THE LARGEST ORGANIZATION IN PENNSYLVANIA.

State Sunday-School Enrollment Is 2,174,471. One-Fourth of the State's Population.

In the state of Pennsylvania is an organization that stands head and shoulders above any other single organization in numbers and good accomplished. It's the Pennsylvania State Sabbath School Association with headquarters at 1511 Arch St., Philadelphia, which has active branch organizations in every county, township and city in the state.

An organization that is interdenominational and whose policies in Christian Education are worked out by officially appointed representatives of every co-operating denomination in the state in connection with the State Association representatives and the business conducted by a Board of 23 business men and women who meet each month in Philadelphia and pay all their own expenses. The State organization is divided into 67 county organizations; the county organizations into some 900 district organizations reaching every nook and corner of every county in Pennsylvania. The year just closed, 1924, has been a remarkable one. The State Sunday School enrollment is 2,174,471 or one-fourth of the State's population, and one-sixteenth of the entire Sunday School enrollment of the world.

229 new adult classes registered in 1924.

2,531 teacher training students graduated.

6,430 new students enrolled in teacher training.

Twelve counties were 100 per cent. counties.

Eighteen were 90 per cent. and sixteen were 80 per cent.

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### PICKING 'EM OUT.

But Boston Finishing School Ignores the Young Man—Suggested Questionnaire.

And now they're telling the girls how to pick husbands and not draw a blank. How to pick 'em, like socks, with fast colors—something that will stand the wear and tear of married life—something that won't go to pieces in the wash. In other words, something of a permanent nature.

This is all being done in a certain "finishing school," and the advice to the merry marriageable maidens is given by a Boston woman of wide social experience. It is said that the school records so far show that no girl who has taken the course and followed this Boston woman's rules and regulations has made a bad guess. Here are the qualifications:

See him at work—notice his attitude toward his associates.

See him when things go dead wrong. See how he acts in a trying situation.

Find out his attitude toward his mother.

Also toward your mother.

And remember, society manners are merely superficial.

These are all good rules for a girl on matrimony bent to follow. And it is good advice to the eight or nine million girls of this country who, this Boston woman asserts, are at this very moment thinking about the man who is going to make them say the little word of three letters—and make them happy ever after.

Yes, that's all right for the girls, for goodness knows some of them need such help. But why leave out the young men? Statistics will show that they need help, too, and why don't somebody start something of the sort in their interests?

How would this do for a questionnaire for the men?

At the restaurant does she stare at the menu card, and then without the batting of an eye order another lobster Newburg?

Find out if you can on the quiet, who in her home resignedly hangs over the kitchen sink.

Offer her a ride in a flivver.

Tell her you have been reduced in rank in the office, and have suffered a substantial cut in your salary.

Ask her whether it was Columbus or "Al" Smith who cut down the cherry tree, and owned up to his father that he did it with his little hatchet.

Praise some other girl when she's around.

Take her and her mother to a fashion show, and on a camping trip.

Has she hallucinations?

Deer Season a Few Days Away.

Bright and early next Monday morning an army of hunters will leave their camping quarters in Seven Mountains to search out the wary buck who has come to roam unmolested over the mountains since the buck law came into effect. Indications are that more camping parties than ever before will be found in this part of the State, and local hunters, who for years have been accustomed to roaming over large stretches to all sides of their camp, now find "neighbors" to the north, south, east and west, and are fortunate if they can search part of one mountainside without running into another party.

### Census of Agriculture.

The Department of Commerce has completed the preliminary organization of the field work on the Census of Agriculture for the State of Pennsylvania, and announces the names and addresses of the supervisors of the five districts into which the state has been divided for census purposes, together with the probable number of enumerators, number of farms in 1920, and the names of the counties in each district. The work will begin December 1st and is to be completed by January 31st. Centre county belongs to the fourth district in this state, the other counties being Adams, Bedford, Blair, Cumberland, Dauphin, Franklin, Fulton, Huntingdon, Juniata, Mifflin, Perry, Snyder, Union and York. The supervisor of the district is Paul L. Koenig, Harrisburg. The number of farms in this district is 39,578, and it will require 123 enumerators.

Throughout the United States this enumerating will employ a total of almost 20,000 persons, and these are to be taken largely from the employees of the Bureau of Census and Department of Agriculture.

### Bazaar and Supper.

The Ladies' Aid Society of the Methodist church will hold their bazaar and supper on Saturday afternoon and evening of this week (Nov. 29), in the parlors adjoining the church. A beautiful display of fancy embroidered and useful articles will be on sale.

A light luncheon of vegetable soup, sandwiches, salad and coffee; also ice cream, pies and cakes will be served. Supper served from 5 to 8 o'clock, adv.

### MEMORANDUMS APPROPRIATE \$2,639,045 FOR MISSIONS.

Of This Amount \$1,859,955 Will Be Used the Coming Year in Church Extension—Los Angeles Clergyman Deplores Exclusion of Japanese and Calls It Blunder.

Appropriations made by the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension of the Methodist Episcopal Church for the coming year amount to \$2,639,045. The budget was decided on at a meeting of the executive committee in the Wesley Building, 17th and Arch streets in Philadelphia, with Bishop Berry presiding.

It was decided to use \$2,639,045 for home missions and extension work during the coming year. Of this amount, \$1,859,955 will be distributed among the various conferences for home mission work within their boundaries. It was pointed out at the meeting that the various churches have not responded in raising their quotas anywhere near as generously as the past year.

Bishop Richards, secretary of the Board of Home Missions and Church Extensions, proposed a resolution urging that only \$250,000 be diverted from the general fund for any urgent building that is to be done the coming year. This year's amount for that work was \$1,000,000. A number of the Bishops at the meeting thought this sum is not enough and a discussion took place.

Another resolution was proposed by Rev. William W. King asking that the amount be fixed at \$399,000. A vote was taken and it was unanimously decided that Bishop Richards' resolution was the more practical.

Over 200 ministers and bishops representing practically every area of the Methodist Episcopal Church and its possessions attended the conference which closed Saturday night.

Rev. G. Bromley Oxam, of Los Angeles, who spoke at the morning session Friday, said that the result of the Japanese exclusion act will be the exclusion of Americans from Japan.

"The passing of the exclusion act was such a blunder in dealing with Oriental relationships that it can never be corrected," he said. "It was a slap in the face for the Japanese and they will turn the tables and use our own policy against us."

"The question could have been handled more skillfully through co-operation with the Japanese Government. They would have been glad to have kept out of our country undesirable members. There was really no need for such action. I have labored among the Japanese in Los Angeles for the last seven years, and know the number is diminishing rather than increasing."

Rev. E. D. Kohstedt, president of Wesleyan University, Mitchell, S. D., in an interview, said the western girl is a "sunshine kid" and her recreational activities are far more wholesome than her sisters in the East. He declared that she spends more time outdoors than some eastern girls whose main diversion is paint, powder and late parties.

### Hunters Get Four Bears.

A party of Centre county sportsmen made a hunting trip to Potter county recently and came back with four nice bears, killed by G. W. Long, Joseph Shoemaker, Charles Gearhart and W. C. Shoemaker. The Jones Hotel, at Cross Forks, was made the headquarters and from there the party entered deep into the wilds.

The carcasses of the bears were swung to the breeze on a rear porch of the Jones hotel, where some one who liked the broth of the wild meat better than he should have, spirited away half of one of the four carcasses. The workings of the mind of this particular thief is unexplainable. The carcass was severed immediately in front of the hind quarters, and it was the hinder parts that were carried away. The carcass had not been skinned, so it will be seen that the only valuable part, the skin with its shiny covering of long black hair, was destroyed.

The hunting party was made up of the following persons, all experienced hunters: W. H. Homan, Centre Hall; R. A. Kline, Fay Randolph, Fred Gearhart, E. Shoemaker, J. M. Moore, Earl Heffer, Wm. Thompson, Bert Lytle, of Pine Grove Mills; Charles Gearhart, O. M. Hockenberry, Huntingdon; W. C. Shoemaker, Pennsylvania Furnace; J. C. Shoemaker, D. R. Jones, George Gilland, John Gilland, Robert Hess, Daniel Wagner, Thomas McMadon, State College.

### Cantata Christmas Eve.

A cantata, suited to the season, will be rendered in the Reformed church, the night before Christmas.

The Millinburg Lions Club is making an effort to secure an industry that promises to give employment to 100 men. The Club appointed as an investigating committee Messrs. C. F. Lantz, G. P. Roush, C. E. Kempe and R. E. Stover.

### TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

#### HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS.

An old coin, bearing date of 1818, was found by F. P. Royer, of Haines township. It bears the inscription, "One-Half Dollar—Fifty Cents."

Miss Emma J. Corman, having disposed of her home and personal property at Rebersburg, will make her home with Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Stover, in Millheim.

Mrs. Howard Durst, of near town, had the misfortune to fall and break the bone in her left arm. The accident happened while gathering eggs in the poultry house.

Mrs. Sarah Lafferty, of Altoona, mother of Mrs. (Rev.) H. H. Sherman, is critically ill at the Methodist parsonage, Spring Mills. She is suffering from neuralgia of the stomach.

The objection of the Williamsport ministers to the holding of a concert on Sunday evening by the Paul White-man orchestra was met by the theatre manager postponing the concert until 12:01 Sunday night.

Mrs. D. J. Meyer, on Saturday, went to Rebersburg where she will be at the J. N. Meyer home for a short time, and will then go to Tyrone to spend the Winter, as has been her custom for the past few years, with her son, John D. Meyer.

Harry McClellan is superintending the crushing of stone on the State Highway leading from State College to Pottery Mills. The crusher is now located near the Colonel Boal farm, formerly known as the Meyer farm, south-east of Linden Hall.

Henry Manning, aged thirty-seven years, a naturalized Finlander, committed suicide by shooting in a boarding house, near the American Lime and Stone company's works, Bellefonte, Thursday morning of last week. A wife and four children live in Finland.