



WHAT WE EAT AND WHERE WE GET IT.

Shipments of Fruit and Vegetables to Altoona in 1924 vs. 1923 Cars—Figures Interesting Alike to Producer and Consumer.

The Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture from its Bureau of Markets issued a circular letter which reveals the great quantities of vegetables and fruits we consume, distributed from shipping centers like Altoona, which is the shipping point from which this section is served.

An 8 per cent. increase in the carlot receipts of fruits and vegetables in Altoona was shown in comparing the 2,236 cars received in 1924 with the 2,059 cars of 1923, according to a report of the Pennsylvania Bureau of Markets. "If all these cars were coupled together," states the report, "they would make a trainload extending from Altoona to a point several miles beyond Tyrone; in this train would be 3 miles of cars from California, 2 miles of cars from New York State, with the remaining cars from 29 other states of the Union and from 6 foreign countries." In addition, Blair county growers supplied appreciable quantities of seasonal fruits and vegetables.

Pennsylvania and New York alone supplied three-fourths of the late potatoes shipped into Altoona, against one-half of the late crop receipts in 1923. Of the total potato receipts amounting to 329 cars, over one-half consisted of early stock, while one-third came from the two states named. The quantities of Pennsylvania stock on the market were fairly uniform for the past two years, but New York's increased about 40 per cent. Maine potatoes also appeared on the market in larger quantities, most of the 20 cars coming in during October and November.

On the other hand, receipts from Michigan, Wisconsin and Minnesota dropped from 73 cars in 1923 (mostly from Michigan) to 17 cars last year (all from Michigan), a decrease of 75 per cent. This decrease was replaced by Eastern potatoes, thereby benefiting producers closer to the Altoona market.

Pennsylvania producing sections supplied Altoona with a number of commodities in carlots, including 26 cars of apples (from various apple districts); 2 of cabbage; 14 of celery (all from Tioga county); 4 of grapes (all from Erie county); 3 of mixed produce; 16 of peaches (mostly from Franklin county); 2 of pears; and 66 of potatoes (from various sections, but many from Cambria county).

The receipts of all fruits and vegetables in Altoona in carlot lots during 1924 are as follows: Potatoes, 329; mixed produce, 292; apples, 26; peaches, 16; grapes, 4; cabbage, 2; celery, 14; pears, 2; watermelons, 53; sweet potatoes, 70; tomatoes, 69; strawberries, 62; lettuce, 59; onions, 58; grapefruit, 42; pineapples, 26; pears, 24; cucumbers, 19; lemons, 19; peppers, 8; cranberries, 7; tangerines, 6; beans, 3; plums and prunes, 3; quinces, 2; turnips and rutabagas, 3; cauliflower, 1; corn, 1; currants, 1; total, 2226 cars.

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RUSSET, KING OF SPUDS.

In Test of Varieties Conducted at the Gregg Township Vocational School Judges Declare Russets the Favorite Potato.

The Russet potato has been crowned "King of Spuds" in Centre county. Housewives and farmers put the five leading potato varieties of the county to all possible cooking tests at a farm and community meeting Thursday night at the Spring Mills Vocational school and the Russet came out on top with colors flying and with the unanimous vote of ten men and women judges elected by the gathering of 150 people, most of whom expected to see entirely different results.

Farmers and their potato consumers from miles around went to the Spring Mills meeting for a pre-arranged test of the county spud varieties.

A "set-up" of ice cream for the entire gathering was the "stakes" in an unique wager arranged for the test on baking, boiling, mashing and chipping qualities of the Russet potato against all other county varieties.

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BILL TO PROVIDE SCHOOL TIME FOR RELIGIOUS CLASSES

Measure Introduced by Assemblyman Harer Would Permit Pupils Be Dismissed at Discretion of Board to Attend Religious Instruction.

Representative W. Clyde Harer, of Williamsport, has presented to the legislature a bill to permit children to be dismissed from school at the discretion of the school directors, to attend religious instruction.

Such a bill is desired by members of a large number of affiliated church and educational organizations to meet a situation which has arisen in Williamsport and most of the other cities of the state.

Church schools, either denominational or conducted by individual churches, in a number of cities have asked permission for the school children who wish to attend such religious schools, to be dismissed from school earlier one day a week to be given the religious instruction during regular school hours. Almost invariably the decisions of boards of school directors have been that the law, which fixes the number of school hours per day, grants no discretion to the boards to release the children from public school instruction for an equivalent amount of religious instruction. Many of the boards have gone on record as favoring the religious instruction.

Mr. Harer's bill is designed to create the necessary authority in law to permit the school boards to take such action as they wish. His bill amends two sections of the school code to permit of such discretion.

In all instances, the board is to decide the amount of school time which may be out from the pupil's schedule to permit attendance at religious schools. The permission is to be granted only at request of parents or guardians.

Representative Harer, in presenting the bill, said he did so at the request of the church and educational organizations which have discussed such a bill for more than a year.

It is reported on good authority that Dr. Morrow, of Elk Lick, Somerset county, will locate in Centre Hall about the first of April. He is said to be a man of middle age, with a good record as a physician, Elk Lick, where Dr. Morrow is now located, is a town of about the importance of Centre Hall.

See Mutt and Jeff, in the flesh, at Moose Temple Theatre, Bellefonte, Wednesday night, March 4.

LETTERS FROM SUBSCRIBERS.

Chicago, Ill., Feb. 17, 1925.

Dear Editor:
I notice by my slip on the Reporter that the time is up for a remittance, and I enclose herewith money order for \$1.50 for another year for your valuable paper. Beg to inform that the writer has gained much information from the Reporter in the past year, especially from old acquaintances and school mates some forty years ago. A cousin was located by the name of Bruce Krutzer, at Red Bluff, Calif.; another school mate by name Mrs. Lizzie Osman, nee Messenger, whose husband died recently. The then Lizzie Messenger went to school in the Loop school near Colyer, with the writer, over forty years ago.

The writer takes notice of a great many people from Centre county taking long auto trips, viz. the Lamberts, who motored to Florida. The writer would advise them while in Jacksonville, Fla., to go see the ostrich and alligator farms, and drive about sixteen miles east to Ponce de Beach where they can bathe the year 'round in the ocean.

Anyone contemplating an auto trip to Canada around Montreal should stop at St. Arns, about 25 miles west of Montreal, take the boat at St. Arns for Montreal via the Lacine Rapids; that will give them a thrill for all time to remember.

Those going to the far North-west should motor to Vancouver, B. C., via Calgary. Informant would advise tourists to take a compass along as while going through the Canadian Rockies very high and covered with snow and ice all the year 'round. Especially around the glaciers. When tourists arrive in Vancouver, B. C., they should take the ferry boat to North Vancouver, walk 1/2 miles north by road and come back along the log flume to Capilana Canyon, walk across the cable bridge over 175 feet from the bottom of the canyon—a grand scene—take auto and drive 25 miles west of Vancouver along the English Bay, to the salmon fisheries, where tons of salmon are caught, cleaned and canned. A good place for bathing in English Bay in Vancouver.

The writer has observed the above personally and a great many other points of interest throughout Canada and the United States.

The above article may be too long to publish, so will close.

A. W. SHADOW.

3525 Wentworth Ave.

Indianapolis, Ind., Feb. 16, 1925.

Editor Centre Reporter:
Please find enclosed check for year 1925. It is always a great delight to receive and read the "Reporter" and glean the news about town and country side. Perhaps it is because I lived so happily among you in my earlier years. So, then, I will wish continued success to the "Reporter," and greetings to old friends.

CORA B. BOOE.

STATE UNIVERSITY NOT SANCTIONED.

Senate Committee Decides to Continue Present Method of Appropriations for Educational Work.

A higher educational policy which would continue the present method of appropriations to State College, University of Pennsylvania, the University of Pennsylvania and Temple University, at Philadelphia, and lead to recommendations of over \$10,000,000 to the four institutions instead of the creation of a single State University was favored by members of the Senate educational committee sitting with other Senators, educators and State officials in conference. The conference received a report from Marcus Aaron, of Pittsburgh, a former member of the State council of Education, who made a survey of higher education covering over two years and who declared for liberal state assistance to the four institutions and against a single university. This report was made the basis of a policy which will be urged.

In the course of the discussion it was brought out that State representation on the boards of Pennsylvania and Pittsburgh would be welcomed and that arrangements could be made for senatorial appointment to scholarship as in former years.

The speakers included Judge H. Walton Mitchell, president of trustees of Penn State; Chancellor John G. Bowman, and Registrar S. J. Lenhardt, of Pittsburgh, and Dr. Edgar Fahs Smith, Pennsylvania's former provost. The sums which the conference declared justified were Penn State, \$6,000,000; Pittsburgh, \$1,500,000; Pennsylvania, \$2,500,000 and Temple, \$800,000.

The Reporter's Rebersburg correspondent relates that three boys of that town took to hair bobbing, and a short time ago bobbed about the only mites of fourteen years that wore her tresses long. The young miss was Loraine Sechrist, and sported long golden-tinted hair. The bobbing is reported as having taken place on a Wednesday evening when the girl was returning home from prayer meeting, after having received an anonymous letter referring to her long hair. Our correspondent fails to state whether or no the bobbing was agreeable, but since she is now in a bobbing class and not alone, and warm weather approaching, she may be more comfortable than heretofore.

Boys Bob Girl's Hair.

Here's to laughter, the sunshine of the soul, the happiness of the heart, the heaven of youth, the echo of innocence, the treasure of the humble, the wealth of the poor, the joy in the cup of pleasure! Without it humor would be dumb, wit would wither, dimples would disappear and smiles would shrivel. It dispels dejection, banishes the blues and mingles merriment, for it is the fob of woe, the destroyer of depression, the birth cry of mirth and the swan song of sadness.

Toast to Laughter.

Lock Haven and outlying districts are being plagued by an epidemic of mumps, grippe and scarlet fever.

SERIES OF BILLS PLANS TO AMEND SCHOOL CODE.

Much of Proposed Legislation Freshish Department to "Charge" for Its Services.

A series of bills amending the school code were presented on behalf of the Department of Public Instruction in the State Senate. The age limit for compulsory education of 70 per cent. of a whole term is raised from 12 to 14 years by a bill by Senator Painter, of Butler county, and another bill by Senator Painter would permit the department to charge to school districts the cost of furnishing printed documents, printed matter and other services. Two of the measures of Senator Griswold, of Erie, provide for election of advisory county school boards of five members by the School Directors' Association in each county, and for a revision of the State-aid limit to school districts for vocational training.

Petitions from 20 or more residents of a district would require school boards to provide facilities for extension education for children by a bill by Senator Barr, of Allegheny. A deposit of \$5 for all pupils enrolled would be required and it would be returned to parents of pupils attending 75 per cent of the term. Stenographers would be provided for county superintendents through another bill by Senator Barr.

A bill with merit aiming to protect school children, presented by Senator Betts of this district, would provide for all doors on school buildings to be constructed to open outward.

A bill by Senator Gelder, of Susquehanna, would require quarterly reports from all persons employing minor children to be made to the department.

Amendments to the High school classifications are provided by a bill by Senator Steeles of Northumberland, 13. Reserved seats, 35c; general admission, adults, 25c; children, 15c.

Good-bye, February, you've made us think of spring. May March take up the job where you left off.

GROWING ASPARAGUS.

Supply of Delicious Vegetable Not Equal to Demand—How to Plant.

Supply and demand are not equal in the case of asparagus. During the past few years markets have not seen enough of this delicious vegetable to satisfy those who hungered for it. "It is no longer regarded as a luxury, which only the well-to-do can afford," says W. B. Nissley, vegetable gardening extension specialist of the Penna. State College. "But it is rapidly being thought as a necessity. This vegetable merits a place in every farm garden, at least, and also in town gardens where space permits."

Now is the time to order asparagus roots for the spring planting. County Agent R. C. Blaney states. These may be secured from a reliable seedsmen or from some grower.

The most widely planted variety is Washington. For a family of five, 75 to 100 roots will be sufficient. For a family of 2 to 3 persons, 50 to 75 roots are enough. For larger families add more roots proportionately.

Where space is available it is well to plant the asparagus 20 inches apart in rows 4 to 5 feet apart. In small gardens where hand cultivation is practiced, plant in squares 20 inches to 2 feet apart each way.

Asparagus crowns must be set deep. In sandy soils they recommend 12 to 14 inches and in heavy soils 8 to 10 inches. When the roots are planted cover lightly with 1 1/2 to 2 inches of soil. Later, after considerable growth has been made, the trench or hole may be filled gradually with soil.

Nissley urges all who plant to start an asparagus bed this spring to send to State College for a copy of Extension Leaflet No. 15 which tells how to plant this crop.

Cost of Collecting Taxes.

There is more or less agitation to do away with the old system of collecting taxes, but it is doubtful if a cheaper method can be found. Relating to road tax, the Reporter has been supplied with these figures which are undoubtedly correct: The assessed valuation in the county for road purposes is \$223,017; average mileage, 8.4; yielding in taxes \$23,046.55, expended on 974 miles of township roads; average cost of collection is 2.14 per cent.

While these figures show the cost of collection ample, and probably more than necessary, any new system now adopted by the state legislature would not be less, but more. Economy in the Pennsylvania legislature is an entirely forgotten virtue.

New Aviation Field.

A new site has been leased in the Nigh Bank section, east of Bellefonte, for an aviation field to accommodate both the day and proposed night air mail service. The field contains about ninety acres and was leased from Mrs. G. P. Central, H. F. Garbrick, W. G. Smetzer and Mrs. Alice Garbrick, and is large enough for any landing or flight may be made from any angle. It is thought work will at once be commenced to put the field in condition and that the erection of an entirely new hangar—50x100 feet—will also be at once begun.

To make night air mail service possible landing fields will be illuminated by great beacon lights and border lights. In addition to the fields of the Bellefonte class, there will be eleven emergency fields in Pennsylvania. These are planned to be about half the size of the stated landing fields, but they will be lighted in a very similar manner and will have a regular caretaker. Two of these auxiliary fields are located in Centre county—one at Woodward and one at Snow Shoe.

Through Centre county the old air mail route is being pretty closely followed. From Woodward the course to the Bellefonte field is almost due west. From there to Snow Shoe the course leads somewhat to the north. On a straight line the phases will cross Brush Mountain slightly east of Penn Hall and Nittany Mountain a bit east of Penns Cove.

Mutt and Jeff Coming.

Those who have followed the fortunes of Mutt and Jeff, the internationally popular Bud Fisher cartoon creations, are acquainted with the fact that Little Jeff is a bachelor. Unlike his pal in fun and frolic, he has decided that single blessedness is the only solution to permanent happiness. Around this idea, Nat Le Roy has woven a sparkling and effervescent comedy with music which will be the next attraction at the Moose Temple Theatre, Bellefonte, Wednesday night, March 4th. This will be the first time in the flesh heretofore and the event is awaited with considerable interest.

Fun of the rampant, infectious brand; surprises, features and the unconventional in stage entertainment is provided, a fact that should argue a prosperous and enjoyable engagement for this pair of imitable mirth provokers. The offering is in two acts and five scenes with music by Leo Edwards.

Junior Highs to Give Play.

The Junior class of Centre Hall High school will present a play in the Grange hall, entitled "Engaged by Wednesday," on Friday evening, March 13. Reserved seats, 35c; general admission, adults, 25c; children, 15c.

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS.

The home in Millheim, owned by Roy Held, the Madisonburg mail driver, was purchased by S. W. Gramley.

The celebration of Washington's birthday by the Elks in Bellefonte was a notable affair and was largely attended.

The addition to the Centre County hospital will be constructed under the supervision of Benjamin Bradley, a Bellefonte contractor.

D. J. Nieman, the Millheim clothing merchant, left on Sunday for New York City where he will purchase his new spring line of goods.

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Knarr have closed their home in Millheim for the remainder of the winter and will live with their daughter, Mrs. David Kuhn at Dewart.

The Reporter was favored with a call from Roddy Omara, a salesman from Lewistown, who is in quest of antique house furniture. In this issue he is advertising for goods of this kind.

In this issue of the Reporter D. W. Sweetwood has an executor's notice on the estate of George A. Ripka, late of Gregg township, deceased. Mr. Ripka was the father of Mrs. Sweetwood.

It is regretted to mention that Russell, aged fifteen years, a Gregg Township Vocational School student, son of R. E. Sweetwood, of Georges Valley, was recently stricken with scarlet fever.

Harvey Vonada, of Georges Valley, was a Reporter visitor on Friday. Mr. Vonada is within one year of the four-score mark, but one would never suspect it from his hale and hearty appearance.

Misses Margaret Luse and Aigie Emery, local High school girls, on Saturday went to State College to spend the brief vacation from school work. While in the college town they were guests of the former's sister, Mrs. Fred Harvey.

The proposal to turn over to the federal government the power to regulate the labor of boys and girls up to the age of eighteen years through an amendment to the U. S. constitution, was defeated by the Pennsylvania state senate by a vote of 43 to 4.

Mr. and Mrs. John P. Breen, who occupy one of the Dr. Allison farms near Millheim, were in town one day last week. Following their sale, this spring, Mr. Breen will quit farming as a vocation and remove to State College where he expects to seek other employment.

Guy Vonada, a son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Vonada, of Coburn, was operated on in a Pittsburgh hospital, the appendix being removed. The young man was employed in Pittsburgh when he became ill. The parents visited their son and found him in the best of condition, considering the circumstances.

The Snyder well drilling outfit that stood idle all winter at the railroad station, was started out last week under the management of Edward Ritter, who operated it last season. Three wells will be drilled at Coleville, and then a well is to be sunk on the new aviation field near Zion.

The "Helping Hand" Sunday school class of the Lutheran church entertained themselves and the various members of the families to which class members belong, Wednesday night last week, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Luse, west of Centre Hall. The affair was participated in by about sixty persons.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert McClellan, of Linden Hall, and Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Prantz, of Centre Hall, last week paid a visit to Rev. W. A. McClellan, pastor of the Reformed church, Rebersburg. On their return home they stopped with Charles McClellan, in Millheim. The latter Mr. McClellan has been very seriously afflicted with rheumatism for a long while. He is slowly improving but as yet is unable to walk.

Subject to the enabling act of the \$50,000,000 bond issue for road purposes, the State Highway Department has accepted the bids for building the roads in Centre county as printed in these columns two weeks ago. This brings the construction work one step nearer. The contract price for the 11,278 feet of concrete pavement over Nittany Mountain is \$121,658.50, and was let to Reitz Brothers, Sunbury. One of the members of this firm, some years ago, was one of the freight crew on the local branch.

Miss Catharine Gleckner, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Gleckner, of Centre Hall, is very hopeful of being able to walk again, her limb having almost healed. About eighteen months ago, one of her lower limbs became subcutaneous, affecting the bone. Everything possible was done for her, but to no treatment did the affliction yield until a Lewistown surgeon opened the flesh to the bone, removed a portion of the bone and supplied a silver plate. The limb was then put into a plaster cast and later a brace was used to hold it rigid. At this time the wound, after much patience and care, has almost completely healed, which as stated above gives rise to the hope that the young lady, now in her eighteenth year, will again be able to walk. Dr. Braucht, of Spring Mills, has had the case in charge since the operation.