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STATE TO EXPEND MILLIONS FOR ITS CHRISTMAS TREES

Large Amount Also Will Be Used for Decorations Department Points Out.—Favors Thinning Process.

Pennsylvanians are expected to spend in excess of \$2,500,000 for Christmas trees this year, the Department of Forests and Waters estimated. In addition thousands of dollars will be spent for holly, mistletoe and other decorations.

The State uses about 1,500,000 Christmas trees annually and more than one-half of these are imported, coming from Canada, the New England States, Michigan, West Virginia and from as far West as the Pacific Coast. The majority of these find their way to the larger cities and consist mainly of balsam, fir and red and white spruces. The principal trees cut in Pennsylvania are white pine, hemlock, Jersey or scrub pine and red cedar. They generally are used in local markets.

Of the decorative material other than trees, the State's chief product is trailing or princess pine and ground hemlock, which are closely related to ferns and are gathered chiefly by the mountaineers. Small clumps of holly are found in several east-central counties, while mistletoe has been reported in Franklin county.

Christmas tree plantations are being developed in the State, and on one plantation annual profits have approximated as much as \$7500 in one season. Some plantations have been developed solely for the supply of holiday greens, while growers of timber sometimes cut the smaller trees at Christmas as a thinning process.

In obtaining Christmas trees, R. Lynn Emerick, head of the department's information bureau, issues a warning about cutting. He said if they are cut at the ground the stump will not sprout. If they are topped or cut above the lower whorl of healthy branches, subsequent trees may be taken from the same stem.

This manner of harvesting trees is used by George Wagner, of Monroe county, who has cut trees from the same stump at three to five-year intervals. He can show stumps from which six or more trees have been taken within 20 years.

Show Eggs at Harrisburg.

Eggs again will form a big part of the State Farm Products Show in Harrisburg, next January. County Agent R. C. Hlaney announces. Several hundred dollars and six silver loving cups are offered to the winning exhibitors.

Last year there were 433 dozens displayed.

Game Warden's Shot Kills Hunter.

Harry Tennis, a farm hand engaged near Water Street, died almost instantly from a gun shot wound in the leg which severed an artery. Mr. Tennis, who was forty years old, saw a wounded doe, and later notified Game Warden O. L. Weber, and the two went into the woods to find the wounded deer. Tennis saw it first shot at it and missed. A bit later the warden fired, the ball passed through the doe's neck and struck Tennis on the leg. Before the wounded man could be given the proper aid he died from bleeding.

Auto Toll for Week, 36.

During the week ending December 6, thirty-six persons were killed and 247 injured in 308 motor accidents, the department of highways reported. Of those killed 21 were pedestrians, while the injured numbered 110.

Wet or icy pavements caused about 20 per cent of the accidents, the department said. Collisions of two or more vehicles were reported in 185 accidents while 97 of the total number of accidents occurred on straight sections of roads.

15 Comes Every Sunday.

Fifteen every Sunday—the big Sunday New York American Every Sunday contains Color Comic Section with 15 separate Comics. This section fitfully adds to the completeness of the hundreds of interesting features and articles that are a regular part of the Big Sunday American.

Buy next Sunday's American at your local newsdealer and enjoy this satisfying weekly newspaper. On sale everywhere at ten cents, or pin this notice to a dollar bill and mail to Circulation Department, New York American, 228 William St., New York City, and receive the Sunday American each week for the next ten weeks. adv

PENNSY WILL SPEND MILLIONS ON ITS YARDS IN ALTOONA

Announcement of Important New Operation, Giving That City Largest Railroad Yards in the World, Is Made Officially at Altoona Offices.

Millions of dollars will be spent by the Pennsylvania Railroad company in Altoona in the course of the next few months to construct the largest railroad yard in the world, work on which has been started.

This was the announcement made in a statement released to the Altoona Tribune by the company.

The improvements involve the purchase of property in the center of the city and from East Altoona to Pine Croft, a distance of approximately two and three-fourths miles. An eastbound advance freight yard will be extended and a relay yard constructed.

Installation of the new Juniata scales in the eastbound yards of Altoona and an extensive re-arrangement of the eastbound classification yard necessitated the improvements and were the first steps in an expansion program, the official announcement set forth.

HUNTER MISSING FOR DAYS BELIEVED ROBBED AND SLAIN

His Rifle Found and Man Wearing His Clothing Is Seen by Several.—State Police Head Search.

The following dispatch was sent out from Lewistown under date of December 9th:

State police today took charge of the investigation of the disappearance of Clyde Hess of Parkersburg, Chester county, from a hunting camp in this county on Wednesday. The theory that Hess was deliberately killed, partially stripped of his clothing and his rifle stolen is growing since the finding of the rifle concealed under some lumber four miles from the hunting camp.

Members of the camp club believe their companion met with foul play. An inmate of the Bellefonte penitentiary escaped last Friday and a man of his description wearing a coat and hat similar to those worn by Hess was seen several lifts in automobiles through the Big Valley in the direction of Huntingdon. Hess could not have shot himself since his rifle had not been discharged.

A farmer told the other hunters that he had given a rifle to a man whose clothes corresponded in every way to those worn by Hess but whose face was quite different. After questioning this man Game Warden F. A. Myers left for Pittsburgh, where the farmer said he man told him he was going. The farmer, who lives far back in the wilderness, said the man to whom he gave a rifle wore no hunting license on his coat. It had apparently been torn or cut off. He carried no gun.

The Broad Mountain section of the Seven Mountains is one of the wildest and most isolated stretches of Pennsylvania. Many hunters say they would not even enter this section to hunt lest they become lost, as it is one part of the mountains where it is almost impossible to follow valleys out to the lowlands should one become lost.

Hess was hunting from the Salisbury lodge on Broad Mountain when he disappeared. On Wednesday morning he took part in a drive with other members of the camp but in the afternoon he went out to play a lone hand. He was not seen again. Since then a persistent hunt has been kept up for him. Hunters at various times reported hearing calls for help, but when they reached the place from which they believed the calls came, they were unable to find any trace of the missing man.

The finding of the rifle this morning caused great excitement. Hunters previously had communicated with Hess' family and friends and learned that there was no reason why he should attempt to disappear. The theory that he had been waylaid and robbed immediately was put forward. His rifle had been well but hurriedly hidden.

The corroborative evidence of the farmer added to the excitement.

A son of the lost man visited the hunting field from which his father disappeared and identified the gun found as that of his father.

It is generally believed now that the hunter is suffering from a lapse of memory, known as amnesia.

Essay Contest.

The Woman's Christian Temperance Union of the county has announced the subject which teachers will use in the essay contest. The contest is open to all public school teachers, and the first prize is ten dollars. The subject is a review of the book "Prohibition at Its Worst," which should be in all school libraries.

Names of teachers should be sent to Mrs. Maude Herrman, of Pleasant Gap, who will supply complete rules for the contest. Ten dollars in gold is offered as the first prize.

Logan Mill Burned.

The Logan flour mill, one of the oldest in this section of the State, was destroyed by fire Thursday night by fire, with an estimated loss of \$50,000. The mill is located at Lewistown. Flying embers endangered nearby residences and the adjacent business section, and all Lewistown's firemen and those of all the neighboring villages and townships were seriously hampered by the cold.

For the past few years the mill has been owned by H. J. Cohen & Son. The building was constructed between 1800 and 1820 over the bed of the old State canal, the boats passing through under it when the canal was in operation. It was three stories high and constructed of brick.

Sheffield Milk Prices.

The net cash price to be paid members of the Sheffield Producers Cooperative Association, Inc., for three per cent Grade B milk in the 201-210 milk zone for the month of November, 1927, is \$2.98 per hundred pounds. This is the equivalent of \$3.18 for 3.5 milk and is an increase of 21 cents per hundred pounds over the price paid in November 1926, and is 17 cents per hundred pounds more than the price in October 1927. It is the highest price ever paid for November milk in the history of the association.

Encouraged by fair prices, members of the Sheffield Producers Cooperative Association, have responded effectively to the appeal for more milk. They have produced a supply that has made it possible for the Sheffield Farms Co. to furnish every customer with her full requirements and in addition thereto the company has been able to diversify several carloads of milk to New England points where the supplies were cut off by the disastrous Vermont floods.

There is no question but what farm-duce all the milk necessary to supply the present market if they are paid a fair price for their product.

CO-ED HONOR SOCIETY AT PENN STATE COLLEGE

Two Students from Centre County Among the Thirteen Charter Members.

Organization of an honor society for senior girls at Penn State college has been announced by Miss Charlotte E. Ray, dean of women students. Thirty-two Pennsylvania girls have been awarded charter membership, the honor or being designated as the highest that can now be given in co-ed circles.

Members are to be chosen each spring from the 100 or more co-eds in the junior class to form the active chapter of the society, which is to be known as the "Archon Society." Selection is based on character, personality, sportsmanship, leadership in activities and willingness to co-operate with others. The object of the society is to lend co-operation to college officials, faculty and student organizations.

The society's officers for this year include the following women seniors: Jane E. Smith, of Beaver, president; Anne Downing, of Downingtown, vice president; Lola V. Ash, of Benton, secretary; Mabel D. Reed, of Allentown, treasurer, and Helen E. Crocker, of Johnstown, historian.

Others are Mary Ellen Burkholder, Centre Hall; Winifred M. Forbes, State College; Frances H. Gages, Scranton; Helen F. George, Middletown; Sara E. Hartz, Palmyra; Elizabeth T. Hazel, Bellefonte; Eleanor B. Pomeroy, Troy; and Mildred M. Wheeler, Allentown.

Miss Burkholder entered Penn State from the Centre Hall high school, and at once became prominent in the various activities of her class and co-eds generally. She now holds several positions of distinction to fulfill the duties of which requires much of her time.

To encourage others of moderate means who have in mind a college education, it may be said here that Miss Burkholder is earning a part of her tuition by giving her services to private parties at stated times.

Bell Co. Using Earth Boring Machines.

The Bell Telephone Company is reconstructing its pole line in this section, and in doing so is using modern methods and machinery. Instead of making the excavations for the poles with the long bar and spoon-like shovel, it is done with an earth-boring machine, a machine that only a flat soil rock can make it hesitate. The power to propel the auger is 15-horse power to six feet in depth, depends somewhat on the character of the earth and rock. Solid earth permits the operation to be performed in one and one-half minutes, while where loose stone and shattered rock are encountered, four to five minutes are required. The earth and stone are lifted to the surface by withdrawing the auger and twirling it. This operation banks the earth uniformly about the opening and is done quickly by moving a lever. When completed the excavation corresponds in appearance to the work done by an ordinary auger in wood. The wall is straight and looks as though there had been little or no interference in the operation.

The machine is operated by two persons, one running the power plant and the other working the two levers.

Monthly Report of Cow Testing Association

The Ten Highest Producing Cows in Butterfat for the Month of November.

Harold N. Brungart, of Smulton, forwards the Reporter the following report of the Centre County Cow Testing Association, for the month of November, which will prove interesting to many of our readers.

Number of herds tested, 10; cows in milk, 95; cows dry, 23; number of cows sold profitable, 1; number cows producing over 40 lbs. fat, 14; over 50 lbs. fat, 4. Number of cows producing over 1,000 lbs. milk, 15; over 1,200 lbs. milk, 8.

The ten highest producing cows in butterfat for the month are owned by the following named farmers, showing their individual records:

(Note: Following the breed of the cow comes lbs. milk, per cent of fat, and lbs. of butterfat.)

J. Victor Brungart, Smulton, Reg. Jersey	1014	5.0	60.8
Fred Slack, Centre Hall, Reg. Holstein	1569	3.8	59.6
S. F. Estrelino, Green Burr, Reg. Jersey	1026	5.3	54.3
Fred Slack, Centre Hall, Reg. Holstein	1386	3.8	52.6
L. P. Fiedler, Aaronsburg, Grade Holstein	1284	3.6	46.2
L. P. Fiedler, Aaronsburg, Grade Holstein	1290	3.5	45.1
J. Victor Brungart, Smulton, Part Jersey	906	4.7	44.9
Paul Winkleblich, Aaronsburg, Grade Holstein	1074	4.9	42.9
J. Victor Brungart, Smulton, Reg. Jersey	651	6.5	42.3
Paul Winkleblich, Aaronsburg, Grade Ayrshire	862	4.9	41.7

U. S. PROTESTS TO RUMANIA OVER ATTACK ON PENNA. MAN

Ned Keller, Formerly of Linden Hall, Hurt in Anti-Semitic Riots in Oradeamare, Rumania, Where He Is in Business.

The following dispatch sent to the States from Bucharest, Rumania, on Sunday, refers to Ned Keller, born and reared at Linden Hall, and well known to many of the Reporter's readers. He is a son of Mrs. Tammie Keller and a brother of Captain Harry Keller, of Millsburg.

The dispatch says:

William S. Culbertson, the American Minister, in Rumania, lodged a vigorous protest on Saturday with M. Titulescu, Rumanian Foreign Minister, against the mistreatment of W. Ned Keller, American-born citizen, of Linden Hall, who was attacked by students in recent anti-Semitic riots at Oradeamare. Keller's injuries were so serious he had to be removed to a hospital.

Mr. Culbertson, upon learning of the case through a courier who brought him an appeal from Mrs. Keller, immediately lodged a demand with the Rumanian Government for an investigation, indemnification of the victim and punishment of his assailants.

M. Titulescu sent for the American Minister, expressed the sincere regret of the Rumanian Government and dispatched a special investigator to Oradeamare with instructions to probe the assault to the bottom, have Keller's assailants apprehended and make the fullest report to the Government. Mr. Keller, who was formerly connected with the Near East Relief, is in business with his father-in-law at Oradeamare.

CENTRE HALL HIGH WILL PRESENT CANTATA

Centre Hall High school will present a cantata, "Santa Saves the Day," in Grange Arcadia, on Wednesday and Thursday nights, December 21 and 22, beginning at 8 P. M.

Santa Claus will be present at the Wednesday performance with gifts for the children. All children under 15 years of age will be admitted free on this night. Adult tickets, 15c. On Thursday evening all tickets will be 15c, except for children under six (6) years of age, who will be admitted free.

School Report, 5th and 6th Grades.

Report for third month: Per cent of attendance, boys 99, girls 95. The following made 100 per cent in monthly test in Arithmetic: Jay Runkle. The following made between 95 and 100 in tests: Arithmetic—Kathryn Runkle, Doris Moite, Reuben Rickert, Henry Harter, Beulah Meyer, History—Henry Harter, Woodrow Hosterman, Marian Treaster, Spelling—Paul Foust, Kathryn Runkle, Fred Spzyker, Violet Hartley, Marian Treaster, Beulah Rickert, Grammar—Reuben Rickert, Henry Harter, Beulah Meyer, Woodrow Hosterman, Marian Treaster, Fred Spzyker, Kathryn Runkle, Jay Runkle, Paul Foust, Geography—Reuben Rickert, Woodrow Hosterman, Jack Kifer, Visitor: Prof. H. C. Rothrock. —Thos. L. Moore, teacher.

Health Nurse Report.

At a regular meeting of the nursing activities committee of the State College Chapter of the American Red Cross, Mrs. Lyons, the nurse, reported in addition to the usual visits made by her, she had accompanied three patients to the Centre County hospital within the past few weeks and having had vision corrected for one school child. The well baby clinic work, too, is growing, as shown in the report for November. At the request of the American Legion auxiliary in Millheim, Mrs. Lyons has arranged a number of well baby clinics in this community. Incidentally it was reported that over two hundred memberships in the American Red Cross for the coming year in Millheim are an indication of the appreciation of this activity conducted by the nurse.

The report also showed that the nurse had made a total of 128 visits to or in behalf of cases of which 87 were to sick patients. Much of her time, the nurse has also been spending in the schools giving health talks and making examinations with a view to keeping down to a minimum the number of cases of illness among school children.

Statistics show that girls in their teens are more susceptible to tuberculosis than boys of the same age, said boys, young men, middle-aged and aged should buy Christmas Seals liberally. The funds realized from the sales of the Christmas Seals are used to fight tuberculosis and promote good health in a general way.

Fire damaged the Robert Gohsen home, at Baileyville, to the amount of \$700. The fire resulted from an overheated stove. The flames were extinguished by neighbors who formed the always efficient bucket brigade.

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FINE AWARDS FOR POULTRY SHOWMEN

With over \$3800 available in prize money, Centre county poultrymen will find it to their advantage to exhibit at the Twelfth Annual Poultry Show held as a part of the Pennsylvania State Farm Products Show at Harrisburg, January 17-20.

Aside from the liberal cash awards, gold medals donated by the State Farm Products Show Commission will be given to the exhibitor of the best male, best female, and best pen in the show.

The show this year will be open to all classes of poultry including ornamental bantams, miscellaneous breeds, and capons.

Entries close January 5, 1928. Preliminary lists can be obtained by writing to the Department of Agriculture, Harrisburg, or Division of Poultry Extension, State College, Pa.

Local School Board Organized.

Re-organization of the local school board was held the first Monday night in December, according to the provisions of the school code. At that time Chester A. Spzyker, elected for a term of six years, took the oath, together with David K. Keller, who was re-elected in November for a like period. With these members duly qualified, the board proceeded to organize by electing D. K. Keller president of the board and Mr. Spzyker vice president. The offices of secretary and treasurer were not due for a change at this time, and are held by Edw. E. Bailey and J. G. Dauberman, respectively.

Mr. Spzyker succeeded H. G. Strohmer as a member of the board. Mr. Strohmer has a record of twenty-six years' service on the local school board, a longer period than served by any other member of that board in the history of the borough schools. Mr. Strohmer retires at the age of 74 years, not a broken, old man, but still retaining full bodily vigor and splendid mental faculties. His record as a school director is clean and honorable. He seldom missed a meeting of the board, and stood in favor of school progress always. The raising of the standard of the local High school had his full support. Although having none of his own children attending school for many years, he nevertheless favored every move that had for its aim the giving of better advantages to the school boy and girl.

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS.

Our prices on Shoes have the mall order house.—Yeager's Tiny Boot Shop, Bellefonte.

Blaine Leister, a 'teen age school lad, of town, killed a nice 4-point deer in the early days of the season.

All kinds of rubber footwear at prices less than the mall order house.—Yeager's Tiny Boot Shop, Bellefonte.

The holiday vacation for students at Penn State will begin Friday. College will again open on the third day of the new year.

Walter R. Hosterman came home after a week's hunt with the State College crowd in the Bear Meadows. Walter got his buck.

Mr. and Mrs. John H. Weibly, of Leont, were in town on Friday. Mr. Weibly is a retired track foreman on the L. & T.

The degree team of the local I. O. O. F. will visit the Lewistown lodge on the night of the 19th to confer degrees on a class.

Kortman Spicher, of Philadelphia, who is a member of the Bradford hunting party, and makes the annual hunt with the boys, went back home to tell his friends that he got one of the six deer shot by his party.

Thursday and Friday nights the temperature went to the opposite extreme of a few days previous, and marked four degrees above zero on the first and five degrees the second night.

Guy W. Jacobs, president of the Steubenville, Ohio, Chamber of Commerce, handed checks to winners in essay contests on General Von Steuben, the man for whom Steubenville was named.

The Grammar grade in the local public school is planning to give an entertainment portraying the Christmas spirit on the last half day of school prior to the Christmas-New Year vacation period.

W. S. Lucas, of Penns Cave, who had been with the Kelleys while several tracts of timber were being cut in this locality, went with them to Millfin county and is now doing his part on a large tract at Strodes Mills. The sawed lumber is hauled to McVeytown for shipping.

Senator Charles M. Steel, representing Northumberland, Snyder and Union counties in the State Senate, will not be a candidate for re-election. He served six years, one full term and two years as a successor to Senator W. C. McConnell, who resigned to become Federal Prohibition Administrator of Pennsylvania.

The spur on the L. & T. leading from Rutherford to the Pennsylvania Village, in Union county, is now completed and is in operation since the beginning of this week. The road is two and three-fourths miles in length and will be used for hauling building material and other large shipments of freight to the State institution.

A method has been found whereby wheat straw may be manufactured into "boards" of great structural strength and are virtually perfect insulation to heat, cold or sound. A mill has been erected in St. Joseph, Michigan, which has a capacity of manufacturing 100,000 square feet of insulated board per day. The plant will use over twenty thousand tons of straw annually.

Professor J. Orris Keller, son of the late Judge Harry Keller, head of the engineering extension department at State College, is planning to take a trip to Europe next summer, in company with professors J. A. Moyer and W. C. Miller, for the purpose of studying industrial engineering in England, Germany, Belgium and France. They expect to be abroad six weeks or longer.

The fact that Christmas presents are already beginning to show up indicates that advertisers did not begin too early to tell of opportunities offered prospective purchasers. The one big gift now attracting attention is a Hudson sedan being driven by Mrs. R. H. Bauman, a gift from her husband, Mr. Bauman is a Sheffield Farms man, and has been with the company for a long while.

A report came in last week of the escape of a stuck hog. It was at a butchering in the vicinity of Linden Hall, a rather large hog was shot and "stuck" and when the "sticker" was about to finish the thrust, the hog jumped up and with the double edged knife in its throat scampered over a corn field. When exhausted, the knife was still sticking.

A general store owned by Paul L. Byler, at Mazonia, was recently destroyed by fire. The dwelling house of the store proprietor was saved from destruction by the use of pumps sent from Milton and Lewisburg, who used water from a stream more than one thousand feet distant. The fire is supposed to have originated from an overheated oil stove on the second floor.

What need an Airedale dog has for a large butcher knife is what the men and women engaged in butchering at the C. T. Crust farm, east of town, were discussing at the supper table one day last week. Whether or not this particular dog had need of such a knife, the fact is he carried one off and buried it. It required some detective work to locate the missing knife, and it was only after one of the ladies recalled seeing the dog carry away what she thought to be a piece of meat that the dog's "cache" was discovered, and the reputation of the butcher's honesty saved for all time.

Santa Claus Once a Dutch Immigrant; Now American.

Everyone knows who Santa Claus is, but how many know how he got the name "Santa Claus" or how this personification of the Christmas was once a "Dutch immigrant" who has now become thoroughly "Americanized"? How many know the story of how a poem, written by a college professor for his children, became famous all over the country and gave to us the description of Santa Claus as we now know him?

The answer to these, as well as many other curious facts about this famous character, are given in an illustrated feature article by Elmo Scott Watson in this issue of The Reporter. Be sure to read the article "Why 'Santa Claus'?" in this issue.

The Reporter Has a Christmas Stocking, Too.

We are hoping and trusting that all subscribers who know the Reporter will not oblige us at this Christmas season to mail them a statement but will of their own free will forward the amount due and thus, figuratively speaking, fill the Reporter's Christmas Stocking, which will permit us, in turn, to pass on cheer and happiness to our creditors.

There are several hundred who should take this notice to heart and act upon it. A look at the figures on your label will tell you at once what is due us. The figures stand for the year to which you are paid, preceded by the month in that year. It is a simple case of multiplication to figure the amount due, if any.

Send your check or money order, today, so that it will reach us while the Christmas Stocking is still hanging.

Thank you.

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On Saturday night, while Clyde Weber and children, who live on the Williams Stover farm east of Rebersburg, were to Smulton, some thief broke into his cellar and stole five cans of land, two crocks of liver pudding and some pies. This is quite a loss to Mr. Weber, and it is to be regretted that there is no clue to the identity of the thief.