

"IS THERE A SANTA CLAUS?"

For the fourth time The Centre Reporter prints the New York Sun's famous Christmas editorial, "Is There a Santa Claus?" Every one, without regard to age, should read this editorial at least once each Christmas season. Here it is:

We take pleasure in answering at once and prominently the communication below, expressing at the same time our great gratification that its faithful author is numbered among the friends of the Sun:

Dear Editor: I am eight years old. Some of my friends say there is no Santa Claus. Papa says, "If you see it in the Sun, it's so." Please tell me the truth; is there a Santa Claus?"

VIRGINIA O'HANLON,
115 West Ninety-fifth Street.

Virginia, your little friends are wrong. They have been affected by the scepticisms of a skeptical age. They do not believe except they see. They think that nothing can be that is not comprehensible by their little minds. All minds, Virginia, whether they be men's or children's, are little. In this great universe of ours man is a mere insect, an ant, in his intellect, as compared with the boundless world about him, as measured by the intelligence capable of grasping the whole of truth and knowledge.

Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist; and you know that they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy. Alas! how dreary would the world be if there were no Santa Claus! It would be as dreary as if there were no Virginias. There would be no childlike faith then, no poetry, no romance, to make tolerable this existence. We should have no enjoyment, except in sense and sight. The eternal light with which childhood fills the world would be extinguished.

Not believe in Santa Claus! You might as well not believe in fairies! You might as well not have men to watch in all the chimneys on Christmas eve to catch Santa Claus, but even if they did not see Santa Claus coming down, that would not prove that he does not exist. It is as absurd to believe that there is no Santa Claus, as it is to believe that there is no God. Those that neither children nor men can see, did you ever see fairies dancing on the lawn? Of course not, but that's no proof that they are not there. Nobody can conceive or imagine all the wonders that are unseen and unseeable in the world.

You may tear apart the baby's rattle and see what makes the noise inside, but there is a veil covering the unseen world which not the strongest man, nor even the strongest men that ever lived, could tear apart. Only faith, fancy, poetry, love, romance, can push aside that curtain and view the picture the supernatural beauty and glory beyond. Is it all real? Ah, Virginia, in all this world there is nothing else real and abiding.

No Santa Claus? Thank God! he lives; and he lives forever. A thousand years from now, Virginia; may, ten times ten thousand years from now he will continue to make glad the hearts of children.

Bank Liable for Sale.

The State Supreme Court has ruled that banks and bonding houses selling bonds are responsible for representations made by their salesmen, and also for statements contained in circulars issued in connection with securities. The opinion was handed down in the case of Charles R. Caldwell, who, the court ruled, is entitled to the return of the money he invested in bonds of the McClean Tire & Rubber Company, which were sold to him by the Continental Trust Company. The case attracted wide attention among banking and bonding houses, being the first time that the question involved was ever determined by the State court.

Rules for Longevity.

Life never was more attractive than it is today. Life never had such a chance to live as now. But in order to enjoy the benefits, the citizens must co-operate. Where accidents are concerned the individual alone is in control. Rules can be suggested, but their enforcement is strictly a personal matter. Here are a few to consider:

1. In driving your automobile, always avoid excessive speed. Don't try to prove that the manufacturer's claim for power is under-rated.
2. When at the wheel, keep your mind on your business.
3. Remember the ever-present possibility of the fool driver behind, ahead or at the side of you.
4. Utmost care when roads are wet or icy.
5. As a pedestrian, always watch your step.
6. Don't put absolute faith in traffic control lights. A fool driver may come along and if he hits you, faith will have been misplaced—and possibly yourself.
7. Whether driving or walking, consider the fellow in the car as a careless individual who will kill you if you give him a chance. And don't give it to him!

Why not take heed?

MERRY CHRISTMAS.

I wish you a Merry Christmas. For folks like you, why shouldn't I? Of course I do! Why shouldn't I? If it seemed as if I wouldn't. Or you wondered why I shouldn't. It would be because I couldn't. But I can, and I do!

Men's all rubber arctics, \$3.85.—Yeager's, Bellefonte.

CONFESSION TO CAR THEFT.

Patrolman Finds Merchant Ripshof's Chrysler at Avls—Garage Employee Was Working at Car With Tampered Numbers On Engine.

Claiming ownership of a car had been tampered with, was the undoing of Benjamin E. Ripshof, White confronted by Merchant John H. Ripshof, of Spring Mills, Sheriff Taylor and the State Patrolman, Ripka acknowledged the car to be the property of the merchant and that he had stolen it from his garage at Spring Mills during the first week in November. The car was a new Chrysler sedan, 72 model, and had only been purchased a few days previous by Mr. Ripshof from his brother-in-law, William Krader, of the Bellefonte dealer.

No clue of the theft could be found prior to a few days ago. Mr. Ripshof had really said "good-bye" to it. The patrolman went to the Jersey Shore garage, where Ripka is employed, as patrolman do, and found him working at the car. The officer discovered that the engine had been tampered with, and on making inquiry from the garage owner what it meant, was told the car belonged to his employee, who was working on it. A hurried conference was held, resulting in Mr. Ripshof confronting Mr. Ripka and confession on the latter's part. On Tuesday a hearing was held before "Squire Woodring in Bellefonte. Mr. Ripka stated he wished to be sentenced at once, and will likely go before Judge Furst for that purpose before the adjournment of court this week.

Benjamin E. Ripka is a native of Gregg township and is aged twenty-eight years. He is married and has one son.

METHODIST PARSONAGE SCENE OF TWO WEDDINGS

Immel—Hassenplug.

Andrew Immel and Mrs. Emeline Hassenplug, both of Spring Mills, were quietly married at the Spring Mills parsonage, November 29th, at 9:30 o'clock, by the pastor, Rev. C. E. Hazen. The newlyweds reside at the bride's home.

Wolf—Snyder.

Joseph N. Wolfe and Miss Sarah O. Snyder, both of Pleasant Gap, were united in marriage, Saturday evening, December 17th, at the Methodist parsonage in Spring Mills, by the Rev. C. E. Hazen. The beautiful ceremony of the church was used. Mr. and Mrs. Wolfe will reside in Pleasant Gap.

Judge-Elect M. Ward Fleming Files Account.

It cost Judge-elect M. Ward Fleming, of Philipsburg, \$655.25 to defeat W. Harrison Walker, Democrat, of Bellefonte, by 57 majority in the general election for the judicial prize. This was revealed when Mr. Fleming filed an account of his expenses with Prothonotary Roy Wilkinson. Mr. Wilkinson, who was defeated for the office of prothonotary by S. Claude Herr, Democrat, by a majority of 25 votes, filed his expense account and showed expenditures of \$368.63. The Republican County Committee filed their account and showed receipts aggregating \$2,846, against which expenses totaling \$2,310.20 were filed. The Democratic Committee's account showed receipts of \$1,843.69 and expenditures of \$1,564.55.

Detwiler Wins Cross Country Race.

High school boys and girls who participated in the High school field meet held at State College a few years ago will recall how Richard Detwiler, then a student at Rebersburg in the Miles Township High school, carried away without a try all the races he was permitted to enter. He is now a Freshman at Penn State and is doing the same thing on the track when pitted against youths from institutions like Princeton, Dartmouth, Yale, Harvard, Cornell and Penn.

His latest victory was won over the Van Courtland Park Cross-Country Course at New York City, where he led the entire pack by sixty yards.

He has covered the three-mile hill and dale course at State College in the fast time of fourteen minutes and twenty-six seconds. The youth also sings second tenor on the Varsity Glee Club and is a member of the Penn State choir.

Truck Overloaded With Cattle.

One of the Winner truck drivers, named Russell Ludwig, was arrested in Lock Haven last week charged with overloading a truck with cattle. The truck contained thirteen head of cattle, two of which were dead and a third died soon after the cattle were unloaded. It is claimed they were tramped to death while crowded in the truck.

Former Congressman Benjamin F. Focht, of Lewisburg, is an avowed candidate for the seat in the State senate to be vacated by Senator Steele. Focht represented that district in the Senate during the days U. S. Senator Quay held the Republican political reins, but on being defeated by Capt. Fredrick A. Godcharles, now State Librarian, he was elected to Congress, and at one time he was thought to be a permanent fixture there. After several efforts to dethrone him, E. M. Beers, of Huntingdon, was able to do so and now holds the seat. Focht and Federal Judge Albert W. Johnson are political cronies. It appears Judge Johnson is losing political prestige and that his political buddy will have a hard task on hand to get into the Senate. W. O. Jury, a prominent Shamokin contractor, and Ben Apple, a Sunbury banker, will oppose Focht as candidates.

CLYDE HESS RETURNS TO HOME IN CHESTER COUNTY

Lost Memory from Blow on Head With Rifle Butt in Hands of One of Five Hunters Who Claimed Buck He Had Killed on Broad Mountain, in Seven Mt. Range—Slight of Auto Crash in Detroit Brought Back Memory.

His memory restored when he witnessed an automobile accident in Detroit, after more than two weeks of wandering, J. Clyde Hess, 45-year-old Highland township, Chester county, farmer, came home Sunday afternoon. He disappeared while hunting in the Broad Mountain region of Mifflin county on December 6 and, despite a thorough search of that region by game wardens and hunters for days, only his rifle was found. A theory was advanced that he had been killed by a fugitive convict from the Rockview Penitentiary, who stole his clothing to aid himself to escape and hid his body.

After a happy reunion with his wife and five children, who had practically given up all hope of ever seeing him again, Hess told of his strange experience. "On Tuesday, December 6, I left the hunting camp alone and started out to get my buck," he said. "I walked a few miles when I saw a deer and shot it. Then five other hunters appeared on the scene and claimed the deer, saying they had killed it. I argued the matter with them and told them I shot it. One of them hit me over the head with the butt-end of his gun. I was knocked down. Although I did not lose consciousness my mind became a blank.

"I was never lost in the woods. I can remember that I walked over strange roads for days and was given several rides in automobiles. Finally, I do not know how, I reached Detroit, where I obtained a job as a laborer. I never once occurred to me that I had two farms in Chester county and that my wife and five children were there. Not until last Friday night did my mind become normal. "I was sitting at a window in my rooming house, looking out at the street, when two automobiles crashed together. The noise from the crash had a peculiar effect upon me and my memory started to return. Then I dreamed that one of my mind must have been blank for several days. I decided at once to return home. On Saturday morning I went to my employer, secured my wages and started the return trip."

Hess' money became exhausted when he reached Tyrone and railroad employees, after listening to his tale, telephoned to the station agent at Parkersburg, who confirmed the story of the man's disappearance and agreed to stand guard for the remainder of the fare.

He was greeted at the railroad station by Rev. L. D. Bosworth, pastor of the Parkersburg Baptist church, in which Hess is a deacon, and taken to his home by the clergyman. He was in good physical condition, despite the experience, and wore the same hunting suit he had on when he left his home, almost two weeks ago. He carried a paper bag, in which were a few cakes.

News of his home-coming preceded him a few hours and members of his family killed the fatted calf for the reception tendered him. Neighbors flocked to his house to help celebrate the return of a man who for a time it was believed was dead. Persons joined in a search lasting several days. Hess denied that financial worries might have preyed upon his mind and asserted he was feeling fine the day he left his companions and went into the hills alone to hunt a deer.

HEALEY NAMED COMMISSIONERS' CLERK

Fred Healey, former deputy warden at Rockview and later court messenger, was appointed clerk to the board of county commissioners. The appointment was made at a meeting of the board held on Saturday. There were a number of applicants, and it was generally believed that the one who gathered the fruit had the shortest pole.

William Yarnell, of Lemont, was named janitor at the new house. He is a man of past middle life and followed farming for a number of years, and at one time lived on the Clinger farm near Linden Hall.

Miss Rachael Lambert has been named assistant clerk in the commissioners' office.

An attorney for the board is yet to be selected.

G. T. V. S. Students and Alumni In Basket Ball Contest To-Night.

The Gregg Township Vocational School boys' and girls' basket ball teams will play the G. T. V. S. Alumni teams on Thursday night, December 22, at 7:30 o'clock, at Spring Mills.

To accomplish the delivery of milk from the various plants in Penns Valley at a less cost to the railroad company, the local freight train east on Mondays will be dispensed with. The freight west on Saturday evening will return east on Sunday forenoons and carry the milk cars to Sunbury to connect with the milk train to New York City. Heretofore an engine and crew came up from Sunbury on Sunday mornings to perform this service.

Since 1920 Lewisburg has made an increase in population of 33 per cent, as reckoned by the secretary of the board of commerce of that city. Lewisburg now has a population of 12,132 as against 8,349 in 1920. In the immediate environs there is an additional population of 3000. Since 1920 the births have exceeded the deaths by 780.

CABLEGRAM FROM NED KELLER SAYS, "RECOVERING NICELY"

"Recovering nicely." These few but cheering words were contained in a cablegram received on Monday morning by Mrs. Tammie Keller, at Milesburg, from her son, W. Ned Keller, who is located at Oradeana, Rumania.

As was told in last week's Reporter, Mr. Keller was the victim of an attack on the part of students in an anti-Semitic riot, and was so seriously injured that he was removed to a hospital.

The above two-word cablegram was the first direct information Mrs. Keller had received from her son since the attack upon him.

Rumania to Pay \$50,000 Indemnity to Wilfred Nedson Keller.

An Exchange Telegraph dispatch from Bucharest says the Rumanian Government will pay \$50,000 indemnity to Wilfred Nedson Keller, who was severely beaten in anti-Semitic riots at Oradeana last week.

Immediately after Mr. Keller was injured the American Ambassador, William S. Culbertson, made a vigorous protest to the Rumanian Government, and received a written apology from Foreign Minister Titulescu, together with assurances that American citizens would receive every protection possible from the rioting students, who indulged in many excesses over a week's period.

Cow Tester Makes Report.

The tester, Ira Whiteman, for the Centre County Cow Testing Association No. 1, reports for the month of November. There were 23 herds tested, with a total of 162 cows in milk and 59 dry. Ten cows produced over 50 lbs. of fat and thirty-four produced over 40 lbs. fat. Forty cows produced over 1200 lbs. milk and sixty-nine over 1000 lbs. milk.

The ten highest cows are as follows:

(Note: Following the name of the owner and the breed of cows, appears the number of pounds of milk, per cent of fat, and the buttermilk.)

Paul Bradford, grade Holstein—1652, 4.2; 62.9.

Peters Bros., Registered Holstein—1734; 2.3; 65.3.

Western Penitentiary, Purebred Holstein—1581; 4.0; 63.2.

Western Penitentiary, Grade Holstein—1158; 5.3; 61.3.

Western Penitentiary, Grade Holstein—1383; 4.3; 59.4.

Ward Krape, Reg. Holstein—1650; 2.3; 64.4.

Paul Bradford, Grade Holstein—1608; 2.3; 63.6.

Peters Bros., Grade Holstein—1428; 3.6; 61.4.

George Gummo, Grade Holstein—1111; 2.9; 51.1.

Paul Bradford Reg. Holstein—1572; 2.7; 60.5.

WEEK OF PRAYER SERVICES.

Centre Hall and Spring Mills to Observe Customary Mid-Winter Services.

Week of Prayer services will be held at both Spring Mills and Centre Hall, the first week in the New Year, as per the following schedule:

Centre Hall

Monday, January 2—In the Evangelical church; subject, "God."

Tuesday, January 3—In the Evangelical church; subject, "Sin."

Wednesday, January 4—In the Presbyterian church; subject, "Christ."

Thursday, January 5—In the Reformed church; subject, "Bible."

Friday, January 6—In the Methodist church; subject, "Salvation."

Saturday, January 7—In the Lutheran church; subject, "Holy Communion."

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Penn State Students.

The south side of Centre county is well represented in the student body at Penn State as is shown by a list of students in vacation from these points:

Centre Hall—Kathryn P. Ripshof, Ruth Smith, Mary E. Brungart, Mary E. Burkholder, Agnes E. Geary, Mary C. Long, Eugene W. Burkholder and John R. Neff.

Boalsburg—Heater E. Lonberger, James D. Bohn, Neven F. Fisher and Richard A. Goheen.

Lemont—John W. Williams, Kenneth F. Mayes, James G. Mitchell and Maynard A. Peters.

Milheim—L. Rebecca Musser, Minerva K. Fetterolf, Catharine Gutelius and Lester Nieman.

Oak Hall—Dorothy G. Lowder, Ralph H. Dale and Walter L. Ferree.

Spring Mills—Emma K. Walker, Sara F. Goodhart, James L. Hosterman and William G. Walker.

Smulton—Randall E. Brungart and Richard J. Detwiler.

Potters Mills—Crescence M. Stevens, Linden Hall—Frederic H. Ross, Coburn—Charles W. Korman, Rebersburg—Kenneth G. Haines and Stanley C. Bierly.

JAMES ZUBLER, A SCHOOL BOY, KILLED BY AUTO

Car Strikes Lad of Seven Years As He Was Crossing Road from School Bus to His Home. Near Spring Mills, Tuesday Evening.—Died at Hospital a Few Hours After the Accident.

James Zubler, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Tibben M. Zubler, was hit on Tuesday by a car driven by a Berwick party, and was so badly injured that he died in the Centre County hospital several hours later. The boy's right leg was broken at the knee and again at a point near the ankle; several ribs were fractured, severe bruises on the body and internal injuries inflicted. Death came at about 3:00 o'clock.

The unfortunate youth attended school at Spring Mills and on being transferred to his home on a school bus, a covered wagon drawn by two horses driven by Willard Hetzinger, the bus stopped opposite the Zubler farm home west of Spring Mills along the State highway. The boy stepped from the bus and was about to cross the road when a Buick car coming from the west hit him. Before the Buick car stopped it hit a Maxwell car and knocked it into a fence and put it out of commission. Frank Igen, son of Harry Igen, of Farmers Mills, was driving the Maxwell. He came along to the rear of the bus and when the bus stopped, Mr. Igen seeing the Buick coming, also stopped one hundred feet from the bus, and when hit by the Buick the car was not in motion. The parties in the Buick car stopped and went back to the scene of the accident, and did what they could for relief. The driver of the car was Louis Minichello. He was not the owner of the car but lived in Berwick with him. He had two companions. All were Jewish.

James Zubler was aged seven years, two months and four days. Beside the parents he is survived by a brother and four sisters. Funeral services will be held on Saturday morning at 10:00 o'clock in the Farmers Mills church, and interment in the cemetery at that church. Rev. D. R. Keener will be in charge of the services.

Special Meeting of Progress Grange.

A special meeting of Progress Grange will be held Saturday evening, 31st inst., at 7:00 o'clock, for the purpose of installing officers. The officers are: Master—V. A. Aman. Overseer—Curtis Reiber. Steward—George Luse. Chaplain—Mrs. George W. Ralston. Lecturer—Francis Brooks. Treasurer—A. H. Spayd. Secretary—G. W. Ralston. Lady Assistant Steward—Mary Reiber. Stewart—Charles Andrews. Gate Keeper—Russell Colyer. Cere—Vesta Blauser. Pomona—Alma Andrews. Flora—Margaret Rudy. Pianist—Mrs. Della Reiber.

Former Tusseyville Youth Held on Forgery Charge.

Orvis Richardson, aged 23, a farmhand of Spring Mills, is being held under \$1000 bail for his appearance at the next term of court on charges of forgery preferred against him by Constable Stover, of Coburn, following alleged check forging activities by Richardson during the past several weeks. Richardson was arrested after he had passed a check on a Coburn store. Whose name was signed to the check has not been made public. At a hearing before Justice of the Peace Weaver, of Coburn, late on Saturday night, Richardson was held under the stated amount of bail for court. The young man's father died a number of years ago and his mother resides in Milton. Ten years ago Richardson, then a small boy, lived with his mother at Tusseyville.

Former Bellefonte Banker Indicted.

J. Edward Rupert, former cashier of the McVeytown National Bank, in Mifflin county, was indicted by the Federal Grand Jury on 69 counts for alleged failure to credit the bank with small sums totaling \$2715 between January 18, 1924, and August 27, 1927. G. Dale Hetrick, former assistant cashier of the bank, and Thomas J. Ayres, McVeytown business man, also were indicted. It was alleged that Hetrick falsified certified checks signed by Ayres.

No Paper Next Week.

There will be no paper issued from this office next week, which is in keeping with a custom of long standing. The office, however, will be open to receive orders for printing and payments on subscription.

That all our readers may have a Merry Christmas and a New Year brimful of happiness and good health, is our wish.

Tan and gray arctics for women, only \$1.95.—Yeager's Tiny Boot Shop, Bellefonte.

Christmas Season Fire Caution.

The Bureau of Fire Protection sent out warnings against fire during the Christmas season, due to the use of flimsy trimmings for decorations and the use of open lights to illuminate Christmas trees, and during entertainments. Paper, cotton and all inflammable materials may be made fire proof by immersing them in a solution made of one pound of commercial ammonium phosphate in one gallon of water. Fabrics immersed in this solution, slightly wrung and dried, will not ignite when touched with flame, and furthermore, when placed directly in flames, the material will only char, and upon removal there will be no smouldering fire.

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS.

No paper next week.

Ladies' dress arctics, \$2.55.—Yeager's Tiny Boot Shop, Bellefonte.

Mighty cold and mighty windy was the weather condition on Monday.

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

Football netted State College \$28,925 for the season just closed. The receipts were \$98,053, and the expenses \$69,155.

While grinding meat in an electric grinder, Merle Meyers, of Spring Mills, severed the tip of the third finger on the left hand.

Fred K. Carter is ill at his home at Millmont. On Sunday he was visited by his daughter, Mrs. John M. Luse, her husband and daughter, all of State College.

For November the local producers of milk received from the Sheffield Farms Company \$2.18 for 2.5 milk, and from the Dairyman's League, \$3.02 for the same grade.

One of the large antlered deer seen by hunters for a few seasons on Egg Hill mountain, was killed by John W. Whiteman, one of a party of hunters, on the last day of the season.

Anyone desiring to purchase tickets for the Centre Hall High school alumni banquet, to be held in Gregg, Arctica, Thursday evening, December 29th, may procure them from Curtis Reiber. The price is \$1.00.

How wonderfully good the little boys and girls are right now. All errands run and chores done without a murmur or complaint. In the words of one of the great national advertisers: "There's a reason."

George J. Colledge, a former Methodist minister on the Penns Valley charge is reported seriously ill at Torrance, Westmoreland county, afflicted with paralysis of the nerves. It is stated that the doctors attending him hold out small hopes for his recovery.

The farm of 400 acres sold at Sheriff's sale as the property of Wm. G. Runkle, Esq., was purchased by Earl Grove, district manager of the West Penn Power company. The farm is located east of Bellefonte on the Jacksonville road. The price paid was \$7,000.00.

The Mountain Times, published at Howard for two years by Benjamin F. Sheetz, suspended publication with its issue of last week, for lack of support. It simply went the way of any business that fails to receive the patronage of the people it aims to serve. Howard and its environs will miss the Times which measured up to the requirements of the community and the standards of a rural newspaper.

We made the types say, quite incorrectly, last week, that H. G. Strohmer served as a member of the local school board or a period of twenty-six years. The truth is that he served exactly twenty-eight years and six months, so that if any school director here or elsewhere has an ambition toward beating that record, he must set his goal just that much farther ahead.

Under a new law which went into effect recently, Register Roseman is relieved of duty to collect State taxes as appraiser of estates. Auditor General Edward Martin appointed Major Eugene H. Lederer as appraiser of estates in Centre county, with a salary said to be \$100 per month. The appraiser will give the office his personal attention, thus dispensing with the sub-collectors previously employed. Major Lederer is a State College real estate man.

There were a half-dozen slides from the highway by cars going up and down the first fourth mile of concrete road in the borough on Friday night. None of the accidents proved serious, but all of them made business for the garage man. Most of the cars landed in one of the ditches, but one from New Jersey driven by a young lady, parked in the yard surrounding Harry Meyer's home. Most of the accidents were caused by drivers being obliged to give a part of the road to an approaching car, or to a too severe application of the brakes. Down town James C. Goodhart drove the rear of his truck into the Nash sedan being driven by Mrs. F. V. Goodhart. He was backing out of the street at Searson's when the collision occurred. Road conditions were responsible for the smashing of a rear fender and running board.

The Reporter was most kindly remembered by A. F. Gibboney, proprietor of the Gibboney Park Farm, east of Bellefonte, by forwarding by parcel post a basket of Stayman-Wineap apples grown in his 30-acre orchard, which bore in successive years almost 6000 bushels of high class fruit. The exact number of bushels the orchard yielded this year was 5562. All of the crop has been sold except one car in storage at Roanoke, Virginia. Nine car loads were sold through the American Fruit Growers Association, and the remainder locally. Top prices were received for the entire lot due to the high quality of the fruit, in size, color, perfection, and flavor. H. J. Heima, the Pittsburgh 57-variety man, purchased two car loads; other shipments of car load lots went to Tennessee, New York and Michigan. Mr. Gibboney is handling his orchard as to pruning, spraying and fertilizing in strict conformity with rules laid down by Penn State College, and to that institution he gives the credit for making a profitable orchard out of a profitless one.