



STATE RANKS HIGH FOR CROPS RAISED UPON ITS FARMS

Surpasses Some Famous Rivals in Yields of Grain, Potatoes and Tobacco.—Leads With Few Products.

Despite bad weather conditions during some of the spring and summer months, Pennsylvania farmers last year proved themselves among the best in the United States, the Department of Agriculture says. The total value of crops produced was estimated at \$239,084,000 or \$860,000 more than in all the New England States and New Jersey combined.

The average potato yield of 120 bushels to the acre was 28 bushels more than in Wisconsin, 19 bushels more than in Minnesota, and 14 bushels more than in Michigan, and 14 bushels more than in New York, all leading potato growing States.

The average yield of tame hay, 1.55 tons, was the highest on record for Pennsylvania and the total crop of 5,683,000 was the largest since the Civil War, with the exception of that of 1916.

DEATHS.

CASSELL.—Mrs. Mary Anna Cassell, one of Millheim's aged ladies, died at the home of her brother, W. S. Matze, of the effects of a fall the week before in which several bones were broken. Deceased was a daughter of the late John and Anna Matze and was born at New Berlin, December 30, 1842, making her age 85 years and 6 days.

Her husband departed this life fifteen years ago. Surviving are two brothers, A. P. Matze of Allentown, and W. S. Matze, of Millheim. Also a stepson, Wm. E. Cassell, and two stepdaughters, Mrs. Joseph Rudy and Miss Minnie Cassell, all of Harrisburg.

Deceased was a member of the Evangelical church for the past half century. Funeral services were held from her late home, and interment made in the Union cemetery, Millheim.

BARTHOLOMEW.—Mrs. Cheslie A. Bartholomew died last Friday at the home of her grand-daughter, Mrs. H. C. Hassinger, in Millheim, of teaking heart and hardening of the arteries. She was born at Zion on the 30th day of August, 1851, making her age 76 years, 4 months and 19 days. She was married to Ephraim Bartholomew, who preceded her to the grave May 10, 1910. Surviving are two daughters, Katie A., at home, and Agnes, wife of Elmer Corl, of State College.

Interment was made in the family plot in Fairview cemetery, Millheim.

EVERY.—Elmer W. Every, of Lemont, died at the Centre County hospital on Tuesday night of last week, of blood poisoning, the result of an injury to his hand sustained on the 6th of December. He was a son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Every, and was born at Centre Line almost sixty years ago. The greater part of his life, however, was spent in College township. He married Miss Winona Whitehill, who survives with one son, Forrest, of Lemont. He also leaves two sisters and a brother, Mrs. Emma Rote and Mrs. Lucy McGinley, both of Bradford, and Samuel Every, in Florida. The funeral was held Saturday morning; burial at Boalsburg.

WHITE.—Henry M. White, nine-year old son of Mrs. Robert M. Castner, of Clermont, Pa., died in a hospital at that place after a short illness of chicken-pox and complications. The child will be more easily identified by local persons when it is stated that Mrs. Castner was formerly Mrs. Margaret White (nee Margaret Musser) of Millheim.

22,795,251 MEMBERS IN LEADING PROTESTANT DENOMINATIONS

Twenty-three Denominations Pay Annually \$486,527,143 for All Purposes—\$445 for Benevolence; \$17.65 for Congregational Expenses per Member.

There are 22,795,251 members in 23 of the leading Protestant denominations of the United States and Canada. They represent about two-thirds of the Protestants in these two countries. The average gift of each member of these 23 denominations to his respective church is \$22.31 a year.

These statistics just compiled were announced by the Rev. Dr. William E. Lampe, chairman of the Publications Committee of the United Stewardship Council, on behalf of that body. The figures are official statistics furnished by each denomination. Dr. Lampe is the executive secretary of the Reformed Church in the United States with offices in Philadelphia.

The Methodist Episcopal Church leads in membership with about six and a half million members in the Church both North and South. The Protestant Episcopal Church leads in per capita for all church purposes with \$38.51, which is sixteen dollars a member more than the average of all the denominations. The United Presbyterian Church follows close with an average gift per member of \$33.04. The statistics of the United Stewardship Council follows:

Table with 3 columns: Denomination, Total Gifts for All Purposes, Membership in the United States and Canada.

BIRTHS.

Richard Grove is the name given to a son born Tuesday last week to Mr. and Mrs. James Brooks, west of town.

A son was born on January 8th to Mr. and Mrs. Norman Brunhart, at Rebersburg, who has been named Eugene.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.

Mac Russell Saylor.....Altoona Mabel Grace Stoner.....Altoona Knigsley Hoffman.....State College Helen Ruth White.....New York City George H. Sweeney.....Potters Mills Grace I. Martz.....Linden Hall

Seek Missing Son of Hugo Bezdek, Penn State Coach.

A telegraph dispatch from Hanover, New Hampshire, dated Tuesday, states that Hugo Bezdek, Jr., son of the head football coach at Penn State College, has been missing since January 13th, a freshman at Dartmouth College and disappeared while on his way back to college after the Christmas vacation.

Gelsinger Hospital Enlarged. The two million dollar Gelsinger hospital, at Danville, was enlarged by the erection of a \$300,000 new surgical pavilion during the twelve years of the institution's existence, 26,173 patients have occupied beds and 17,651 operations have been performed.

Transfer of Real Estate. Boyd E. Miller et ux. to M. B. Meyer, tract in Ferguson township; \$1. John G. Strayer to Robert G. Strayer, tract in Ferguson twp.; \$4,000. W. S. Glenn, et ux. to Willis E. Williams, tract in State College; \$1,000. Stanley J. Fiedler, et ux. to Harry K. Brindle, tract in Haines twp.; \$2,600. Harry C. Bailey, et ux. to Margaret B. McCrea, tract in Harris twp.; \$1. Margaret B. McCrea, et bar. to Harry C. Bailey, tract in Harris twp.; \$1.

GRANGE ANXIOUS TO BUILD DORMITORY AT PENN STATE

Encouraged by an increase from \$64,000 to \$90,000 in their fund for the erection of a memorial dormitory for girls at the Pennsylvania State College, members of the Pennsylvania State Grange are now working toward a temporary goal of \$100,000 and the starting of work on the proposed structure. The fund-increase came at the Grange convention in Erie during December, and last week the Penn State Grange at the college added \$1,500. Women students at Penn State are now conducting a campaign among members following a list headed by Mrs. C. C. Phillips, president of the Pennsylvania State Grange, trustee and Grange leader who has done much for this fund.

Carper Farm Sold.

The John Carper farm at Linden Hall was sold a few days ago by Mr. Carper to David Glasgow, south of Centre Hall, for a sum said to be between \$3,000 and \$4,000. Mr. Glasgow intends leasing the farm. Mr. Glasgow purchased what is known as the Ruble farm, west of Earlston, from H. P. Eitner, for over \$10,000, two years ago. He has lived on the place since and will continue to do so. He has given his business close attention during the past years and has had a reasonable return.

Manager Brown Entertained.

At the close of the annual session of the County Medical Society held at the Centre County hospital Wednesday morning, Dr. H. Brown entertained the physicians, newspaper men of the county, Judge Fleming, Senator Scott, Representative Holmes, Mayor Harris, Commissioners Miles and Wilson, the Bellefonte dentists, the directors of the hospital, and others, in all about forty, at a dinner in the new directors' room of the institution. The part of the expense connected with the affair came from hospital funds. Manager Brown, as one of the speakers called on by toastmaster Dr. Locke, related, practically lives for the hospital and its welfare, aimed to bring the institution and the public into closer relation. After the dinner was served, Mr. Brown took his guests through the various departments, including the wards and private rooms. Dr. J. V. Foster, of State College, was elected president of the County Medical Society; Dr. David Dale, vice president; and Dr. W. O. McIntire, of Howard, secretary-treasurer.

State Officers to Be Elected.

At the April primaries nominations of candidates will be made to fill the following offices: United States Senator, Auditor General and State Treasurer. Delegates to both the Democratic and Republican National conventions will also be elected at the April primaries.

READY TO START NEW BUILDINGS AT STATE COLLEGE

With the signing of contracts with builders, work is ready to start on the erection of two of the three buildings planned for erection at the Pennsylvania State College this coming summer. The H. K. Ferguson Company, general contractors, will erect a new hospital or infirmary at a cost of approximately \$125,000 fully equipped for health service to the student body. The same company will erect the new recreation hall or gymnasium at an approximate cost of \$500,000. Land is already cleared and work is to start as soon as weather conditions permit. Both buildings are to be completed in September.

New Film Play Fall of Action.

Adventure, mutiny, the rough and ready life of the sailor before the mast, and a haunting romance are the ingredients worked into "The Blood Ship," Columbia Pictures specially produced drama about those who went down to the sea in clipper ships, in the days when "hell ships" were a reality, and a captain admitted no higher authority than himself. This pretentious picture, which had its world premiere at the Romy Theatre in New York City, comes to the Richelieu Theatre, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of next week. It boasts a superlative cast headed by Hobart Bosworth, Jacqueline Logan and Richard Arlen.

Birthday Party.

A pleasant birthday party was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry White, in Centre Hall, in honor of Mrs. White's 52nd anniversary. The event took place Thursday night, and was a freshman at Dartmouth College and disappeared while on his way back to college after the Christmas vacation.

The Farmers Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Centre County at its last annual election elected all former directors and officers.

LOGGERS INSTALL OFFICERS.

Castle No. 365, K. G. E. and Central Queen Temple No. 174, L. G. E., Banquet After Ceremonies.

Centre Hall Castle No. 365, Knights of the Golden Eagle, met in their hall on Friday evening for installation of officers, the ceremony being performed by Walter L. Wolf, District Grand Chief, of Spring Mills. After the ceremonies refreshments were served. The officers installed follow: P. C.—R. D. Martz, N. C.—P. E. Bradford, V. C.—R. G. Noll, H. P.—W. E. Lee, S. H.—J. A. Martz, W. H.—W. F. Colyer, K. of E.—D. M. Bradford, C. of E.—C. T. Crust, 1st Guard—J. C. Bohn, 2nd Guard—J. C. Lingie, W. C.—E. C. Lutz, Ensign—W. H. Bland, Esquire—R. I. Smith, Rep.—G. L.—W. E. Lee, Alternate—C. T. Crust.

The Castles in this district—Centre Hall, Spring Mills, Millheim and Madisonburg—will hold a class initiation in Centre Hall on February 9th, in the Odd Fellows' hall. Fifty or more new members will be admitted. The Danville degree team will confer the degrees.

Central Queen Temple Installs.

Central Queen Temple No. 174, Ladies of the Golden Eagle, officers were installed on the evening preceding that of the ceremony incident to the installation of the K. G. E. officers. The district deputy and staff of Bellefonte, covered the ritual work. The officers inducted were: P. T.—Vianna Zettle, N. T.—Anna Mary Walker, V. T.—Laurie Searson, M. of C.—Catharine Martz, W.—Margie Zettle, Priestess—Katie Tressler, G. of R.—Blanche Bradford, G. of E.—Verna Frank, G. of E.—Ester Lutz, I. P.—Ruth Runkle, O. P.—Alma Lutz, Music—Leona Lohr, Rep.—G. L.—Mary Searson, Alternate—Maybell White.

After the business session of the ladies closed refreshments were served. Twenty-five visitors from the Bellefonte lodge were present.

SWEENEY—MARTZ.

George H. Sweeney, of Potters Mills, Miss Grace I. Martz, of Linden Hall, were united in marriage Saturday, at the Evangelical parsonage in this place by Rev. W. E. Smith.

Both the bridegroom and bride are graduates of the Centre Hall High school. Their many friends extend hearty congratulations.

11th and 8th Grades School Report.

Attendance for the month, boys 98 per cent, girls 97 per cent. The following made 100 per cent. in test: Spelling—Hugh Morrow, Muth Bailey, Bruce Hartley, Arthur Scott, Jack Coldron, Franklin Moyer, Arithmetic—Hugh Morrow, Geography—Muth Bailey, John Spicker, Bruce Smith, Mental Arithmetic—Madeline Emerick, John Spicker, Grammar, Muth Bailey, Physiology—Muth Bailey, Helen Bower, History—Evelyn Colyer, Muth Bailey. Ten boys and 8 girls out of 32 scholars have perfect attendance to date.

School Report, 5th and 6th Grades.

Per cent of attendance, boys 96, girls, 96. The following pupils made 100 per cent. in tests: Arithmetic—Ruth Reiber, Violet Smith, Woodrow Hostormann, Ruth Hartley. In spelling—Ruth Reiber, Miriam Mitterling. —Thos. L. Moore, teacher.

GOOD HEALTH HINTS.

The State Health Department gives these good health hints: Plenty of fresh air day and night. A two-mile walk every day. Plenty, but not too much nor too little, food. Keep the alimentary system regular. Prescribe sit and walk erect. Shun all drugs unless your physician prescribes them. Reasonableness in the use of stimulants, including coffee and tobacco. Avoid contact with communicable disease. Eight hours sleep every night. Cultivate a happy frame of mind. Make this a chronic condition if possible.

CENTRE COUNTY FARMERS TO EXHIBIT AT STATE SHOW

Farmers in more than sixty counties, in addition to some in surrounding States, have one or more exhibits at the State Farm Products Show in Harrisburg this week, according to J. M. Fry, secretary of the State Farm Products Show commission. Last year sixty-two counties were represented, besides New York, New Jersey and Maryland.

In addition to beautiful cups, medals, ribbons and other special prizes, over \$10,000 in premium money will be paid to the prize winners this year. Centre county farmers who are exhibiting are: Berkshire hogs, W. F. Risher, Centre Hall; Poland China hogs, Peters Bros., Stormstown; poultry entries, H. E. Hennigh, Spring Mills. In addition to the above mentioned entries, seven boys and girls will each exhibit a pen of three fat lambs in the boys and girls department. These seven pens were selected at a round-up of the Centre County Lamb Feeding Club held at State College. There were fifteen pens in the club, seven of which went to the Farm Show at Harrisburg, and the remaining eight were sold to a local buyer.

GREGG TWP. VOC. SCHOOL TEAM AT STATE SHOW

A demonstration team representing the Gregg Township Vocational School at Spring Mills, is in Harrisburg this week at the State Farm Products Show. This team will enter into competition with forty Vocational schools from all sections of Pennsylvania for prizes awarded in the State Demonstration Contest held in connection with the Farm Products Show. The demonstration must be on some phase of agriculture, and is open to all schools teaching vocational agriculture.

The G. T. V. S. team is composed of John Stover, Rufus Hettinger and Lester Rossman, who are agricultural students in the local Vocational school. The team is accompanied by J. W. Decker, supervisor of agriculture. The demonstration which this team will give before an audience of farmers and visitors at the show, is along the line of poultry improvement.

The Durtows and Spayds in Florida.

The families of A. H. Spayd, Clyde E. Durtow and Roy Durtow, who left Centre Hall in three automobiles beginning of the year, are now in Lakewood, Florida. A few paragraphs of interest to "home folks" in a letter to friends here from Mrs. Roy Durtow follow: "Well, down here we are enjoying summer. We drove 1364 miles to Lakewood. Some trip. We had fine roads. We all dreaded Georgia, but had solid road through the State.

"It has been colder through the South the last week than it has been for years, but here we have our windows open and are sitting out on porches. Slept indoors two nights and camped the remainder of the time.

"Roy and his father went fishing today with the Lamberts, but have not returned yet. We are all living in a cottage together. "I am wondering how cold it is up there. It seems odd to come from winter into summer. Yesterday we were in an orange grove and picked some oranges. They are plenty this year; just picking them now. We are all eating oranges and grapefruit. "Oh, boy, the colored people! and believe me, they are black, too. We camped one night in Georgia and were surrounded by them."

E. H. Loughner Sells Home.

The E. H. Loughner home, at Egg Hill, near Potters Mills, was sold by him to Joseph Wolf, of Bellefonte, who will occupy it in the near future. Mr. Wolf is a bricklayer of more than ordinary skill and will continue his trade. Mrs. Wolf, before marriage, was Miss Sarah Snyder, of Potters Mills, and for some time prior to her marriage was Mr. Wolf's housekeeper.

Mr. Loughner will move to his cabin, east of Sunset club house, a very cozy mountain home.

Road Viewers Appointed.

The two vacancies in the Board of Road Viewers of Centre County were filled on Monday when Judge Fleming appointed Edward J. Thompson, Esq., of Phillipsburg, and Hon. Phillip D. Womelsdorf, also of Phillipsburg, as members. Mr. Thompson succeeded John A. Way, who resigned to accept the commissioner's post. There are three other members on the board, viz., Thompson Henry of Martha; John Eby, of Zion, and Irvin Yarnell, of Mingo.

Wood, Lost in Narrows in April, Dies in Philadelphia.

Biddle Wood, member of an old Philadelphia family, who was lost four days in the Penns Valley Narrows, last April, and who was nearly dead from starvation and exposure when found, died recently at his home in Devon, aged 59 years.

High blood pressure forced Mr. Wood to sever his connection with the Alan Wood Iron and Steel company three years ago, and while in the Millheim section for his health, he became lost in the woods. The hardships he then endured are said to have hastened his death.

LICENSE FEES \$2,000,000 MORE THAN IN 1926

\$26,000,000 Revenue Derived from Automobiles; More than One and Three-Quarters Millions Drivers' Licenses Issued.

Pennsylvania motorists paid slightly less than \$26,000,000 into the State's coffers through the bureau of motor vehicles during 1927, a report disclosed. Total receipts for the bureau were \$26,017,495.46, or \$17,000 more than the estimate made at the beginning of the year and approximately \$2,000,000 in excess of 1926. This grand total was reduced through a deduction of \$101,275.01 for returned checks, protest fees and refunds but it is pointed out that much of the amount credited to bad checks will be collected along with 55 penalty.

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS.

Luther L. Weaver, of Millheim, entered the Jefferson hospital, Philadelphia, for treatment.

The borough school teachers attended the session of the teachers' local institute, held at Millheim, last Friday afternoon.

Sunday was a most delightful day. The sun shone brightly and the air was warm, bringing automobiles from every section like in mid-summer.

Friday at about 1:30 p. m., a mid-winter electrical storm passed over. Following it were several hours of bright sunshine and spring-like air.

Mr. and Mrs. William W. Kerlin and party of friends made a trip to the Clearfield hospital, Saturday, where Mrs. Kerlin was examined by a physician.

Farmers and others from hereabouts who visit the State Farm Products Show will find several local farmers exhibiting there; also, two juniors with pens of lambs.

The Millifung town council took measures at a recent meeting to employ a uniformed policeman, Charles F. Lontz is president of the borough legislative body.

The discovery of more than twenty cases of scarlet fever in Winfield and New Berlin, Union county towns, has caused an order to be issued closing all schools, churches and places of entertainment.

Miss Phoebe Potter, of Pennsylvania Furnace, who carries her more than eighty years gracefully, and county surveyor H. B. Shattuck and wife, of State College, were guests on Sunday of Mrs. Lizzie Jacobs, in Centre Hall.

The railroad company is having the snow fences erected west of Centre Hall station. Some of the old fence made of boards is being used and with it several hundred feet of woven fence similar to that used on State highways.

During the first few days of this week, Funeral Director F. V. Goodhart was in charge of four funerals: Mrs. Ephraim Keller, Bellefonte; William Frazier and Mrs. Margaret Kent, Centre Hall, and Jacob Auman, near Coburn.

Col. G. B. Goodhart is not only an auctioneer, but also gives demonstrations in breaking horses, as is stated in the advertisements of sales of horses he conducted this month at McCoy and McConnell, near his home in Orangeville, Illinois.

Miss Myra Noll, of Green Park, Perry county, from Saturday until Monday was the guest of Rev. and Mrs. W. E. Smith, at the Evangelical parsonage. She is a sister of Prof. Charles Noll, head of the agricultural department, Penna. State College.

J. Frank Bible had a peculiar experience one morning recently when he undertook to start his car to make a trip to school at Millheim with his daughter. The car refused to do a thing, not even a buzz would come from it, and upon investigation it was found that the battery had been stolen from the Chevrolet.

Twenty-six Bucknell University students, on Friday, visited the Western Penitentiary at Rockview, making the trip in a Corson & Lose Muncy bus. They stopped at the Mitterling restaurant for dinner. The students, boys and girls, accompanied one of the University professors to the institution named to study a phase of sociology.

The removal of the worm fence along Old Fort woods and the erection of a modern snow fence along farther to the west will eliminate snow drifts on the State highway in this quarter. For many years this section of road was piled full of snow every time a snow of any consequence fell, making travel by the ancient ways and the modern ways most hazardous.

Letters of administration on the estate of Miss Emma McCoy, late of Centre Hall, deceased, C. D. Bartholomew, administrator, appear in this issue. Miss McCoy, a short time prior to her death, had made a will naming Mr. Bartholomew executor, but after her death the instrument could not be found, although it is known that she had had the will in her possession.

Gertrude Ederle, the world-famous swimmer, who won undying fame last year when she swam the English Channel, was an attraction at the Richelieu theatre, latter part of last week. In a 7,000 gallon tank of water, all her under-water movements in full view of the audience, she performed a few swimming feats which indicated clearly her great strength as well as her ability in the water.

Miss Sarah Smith entertained her Sunday school class at her home last Wednesday night. The time was spent playing games, after which refreshments were served. The following were present: Elizabeth Brooks, William Campbell, Blaine Leister, Clarence Walker, Clarence Travis, Helen Meyer, Sarah Smith, Marion Smith, Roberta Smith, Gladys Smith, Estella Hostormann, Helen Smith, Mrs. Lanson Burris, teacher. Due to sickness several members were unable to attend.

It was due no doubt to past experience that a hobo, on Saturday night, dug himself in in the huge sawdust pile at the Kelley sawmill site at Old Fort landing. The sawdust is from recent manufacture of lumber, and is yet fermenting, generating a heat easily felt when the top layers are removed. No one made inquiry as to just how he napped off the night, but a soft and warm bed could not be too bad. The contents of his shoe uppers, pockets and decorations of his wool cap bore unmistakable evidence that his "bellevue" was cuttings from bags, even though he didn't register with Forey Bible, the nightman.