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60,000 FARMERS IN STATE TO GET 3 1/2 MILLION DOLLARS UNDER CONSERVATION PROGRAM

Approximately 60,000 Pennsylvania farmers are now being paid for carrying out agricultural conservation work during 1937. It is estimated that the total sum paid to these farmers finally will total approximately \$3,500,000.

These figures, an increase over the previous year of more than 30 per cent, were referred to by the Pennsylvania Agricultural Conservation Committee, in reviewing the results of the agricultural conservation program just ending, and in urging the farmers of the state to participate in the 1938 program.

The State Committee pointed out that the practical accomplishments of the past year's program have made a real contribution to permanent conservation, many acres in pasture and hay already showing the effects of fertilizer, lime and reseeded.

During the course of the 1937 program the State Committee revealed, more than a million acres of Pennsylvania farm land were permanently improved with new seedlings of legumes or legume mixtures, the growing of green manure crops, the application of limestone, super phosphate and other minerals, and through additional sound farming practices including the planting of forest trees.

In addition to including farm practice as under the past programs, the 1938 Agricultural Conservation program sets up definite objectives for special crops, according to the State Committee.

"Any special crop goals under the program, established on a National basis, are an important factor," the committee said, "in the plan to stabilize agricultural production by preventing drastic crop shortages and immense surpluses. All of this is an effort to help both the consumer and the farmer by working to establish and maintain uniformly fair prices to each of these, year in and year out."

"Agricultural conservation offers us farmers an opportunity to put into practical operation the type of farming that has been taught and sought for many years," the committee declared, as it urged every farmer in the state to get in touch with his county agricultural conservation office to learn how he may participate in the new program.

HE'LL BE ALL RIGHT IN 20 OR 30 YEARS

[Editorial Philada. Record] Gifford Pinchot defends himself against those who say he's too old to be a Governor, and we agree entirely with him on that point.

He's no broken old man, but a healthy and vigorous specimen. Many men 40 years younger would be delighted to have the Pinchot pep.

In fact, if Gifford were running for middle-weight boxing champion, chief flapole sitter, or healthiest baby at the county fair, we would be happy to give him our unqualified indorsement.

But he's running for Governor, a job that requires a great deal more than enthusiasm and spryness. It requires consistency and steadfastness of purpose, characteristics more associated with maturity than with youth.

Our objection to Gifford isn't that he's too old but that he's too young. He leans before he looks. He starts things he doesn't finish. He lets his promises run miles ahead of his performance. And all those are the typical faults of a young fellow just starting out in politics.

What Gifford needs is more seasoning. If he would serve a couple of terms in the lower house of the Legislature he might begin to learn that what counts in public service is getting things done, not talking about what you're going to do.

Gifford is only 72 now and shows we are glad to report, every sign of living to be 172. When he's about 99 he'll probably begin to settle down and take things seriously. He's a coming youngster that will bear watching in the 1963 election.

SCOTT IS CANDIDATE FOR REPUBLICAN STATE COMM.

Former Judge M. Ward Fleming will be opposed for the important post of State Committeeman from Centre county by former State Senator H. B. Scott and the present member on the State Republican committee from this county. With these two men seeking the same position will undoubtedly result in a heated contest. The Hon. H. B. S. and former Judge never rode complacently side by side.

CENTRE COUNTY HOSPITAL NOTES.

Patients in the hospital from the south side of Centre county during the first week in February:

Tuesday, admitted: Mrs. James D. Searson, Centre Hall. Discharged: Ralph Sweeney, Lemont.

Wednesday, admitted: Mary Grassmeyer, Spring Mills, R. D. Discharged: Mrs. Paul Henninger and infant son, Spring Mills.

Saturday, admitted: Mrs. Albert Smith, Centre Hall; Richard McClenahan, Centre Hall. Discharged: Mrs. Lewis H. Garbrick, and infant daughter, Mrs. James D. Searson, all of Centre Hall.

There were forty patients in the hospital at the beginning of this week.

GAME KILLED IN PENNA. IN 1937 ABOVE 1936 FIGURES

In Pennsylvania a preliminary report indicates there were 601,349 hunting licenses issued during 1937, or about one-tenth of all hunting licenses issued in the United States.

Below will be found the approximate number of the leading game animals and birds killed in 1936 and 1937:

	1936, No. 1937, *No.
Deer	18,084 25,000
Rabbits	1,338,892 1,924,760
Raccoons	34,736 30,526
Wild turkeys	3,208 4,102
Ruffed grouse	96,909 88,018
Ringneck pheasant	267,890 373,121
Quail	42,095 31,696

*Preliminary report.

There were a total of 45 fatal accidents among hunters in 1937. Twenty-four of these were self-inflicted, and 21 inflicted by others. There were 336 non-fatal accidents.

FORENSIC-MUSIC LEAGUE DIRECTOR, PROF. PASSMORE

W. H. Passmore, principal of the State College high school, has been re-appointed director of the Centre county Forensic and Music League. Each year hundreds of high schools in Pennsylvania and thousands in other states, enter their bands, orchestras, choruses, ensembles, soloists, debating teams, speakers, orators, and readers in statewide programs under the direction of the University of Pittsburgh.

First place winners in the Centre county program qualify for the central district or inter-county meets at State College and Huntingdon.

The time and places for holding the contests have not been announced. The 1937 contests were held in the Centre Hall-Potter high auditorium.

REV. WHETSTONE PASTOR REEDSVILLE LUTH. CHURCH

Rev. John W. Whetstone was installed as pastor of Reedsville Lutheran church, Sunday, when special services were arranged for 10:30 in the morning with the sermon delivered by Rev. Dr. John F. Harkins of State College. At 7:30 in the evening services and installation were in charge of Rev. Dr. Ira Sassaman, president of Susquehanna Synod.

The Rev. Whetstone is a son of Mr. and Mrs. George H. Whetstone, Waynesboro, where he was ordained to the ministry Sunday a week ago. Rev. Dr. Carl C. Raasmussen, pastor of Lutheran Place Memorial Lutheran church, Washington, and president of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Maryland, preached the ordination sermon and performed the official rite of ordination.

The Rev. Whetstone is a graduate of Waynesboro high school, Gettysburg College and the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg.

\$400 FREE SCHOLARSHIP.

The date for the annual State Scholarship examination which will be held in every county seat in the state, is Friday, May 6, 8:45 a. m.

The competition is open to every free school senior to win a \$400 free scholarship valid at any approved institution of higher learning in Pennsylvania.

On March 4th secondary school principals and superintendents will be notified of the date and place of the contest and the date when the enrollment blanks will be sent to schools. For further information, contact your principal.

If you've observed as you drive through Centre county, a new "industry" is making its presence felt. The old "out-house," made famous in a poem by James Whitcomb Riley, is fast being displaced by a standardized, painted, neat-appearing little shelter that may never come in for the sentimental touch acquired by the old structure, but which certainly improves the landscape. Somewhere in the county an enterprising someone has conceived an idea and is capitalizing on it. More power to him!

Former Judge Fleming has hitched up with the Pinchot element in the State and with Bond C. White, prothonotary, are expected to carry Centre county for the Pike county seven-year-old candidate for the nomination for governor at the coming primary. The former judge and former State Senator Harry Scott are opposing each other for the important party post of representing Centre county on the State Republican committee.

Attorney General Charles J. Margittoli said this week that the sale of "counterfeit" milk is prohibited in Pennsylvania under a recent decision of the Supreme Court. He acclaimed the decision as a great step forward in protecting the public health and in preserving the milk market for Pennsylvania dairy farmers. The court upheld the constitutionality of two filled milk acts of 1923 which prohibit the sale of milk from which the butterfat has been removed and coconut oil added to simulate richness. Mr. Margittoli pointed out that a skimmed milk compound of this nature does not contain the most important elements of children's diet. He also said its sale deprives Pennsylvania farmers of their market.

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EVANGELICAL CHURCH TO BE RE-OPENED FEBY 20

Two services will be held in the local Evangelical church, Sunday, February 20 commemorating the completion of the interior renovation of the church.

The first service will be held in the morning at 10:30. Rev. W. J. Dice, District Superintendent of the Williamsport District of the Evangelical church, will deliver a re-opening message and also will conduct a baptismal service.

The formal service of re-opening and dedication will be conducted in the evening at 7:30. The guest speaker for this service will be Rev. H. W. Healey, pastor of First Evangelical church, Lock Haven.

Each service will be enriched with special music by the choir, including anthems, a baritone solo, etc.

The renovations include a complete rebuilt chancel, the walls and woodwork redecorated, a new Brussels carpet over the entire floor, and new pews designed to harmonize with the Gothic architecture of the church.

Benefit Card Party.

Lady of the Valley Rebekah Lodge, Centre Hall, will hold a card party in the lodge hall on the evening of February 15th. Everyone cordially invited. Tickets sell for 25c.

Penny Abandons Passenger Service On Its Shamokin Branch.

Abandonment of Pennsylvania Railroad passenger service on the Shamokin branch between Sunbury and Mt. Carmel was approved on Saturday by the Public Utility Commission. The railroad contended the line had lost money.

Citizens of Shamokin Valley withdrew their protest after the railroad showed adequate transportation would continue. The Commission said a transit company proposes to operate buses in place of the discontinued trains on the same schedule.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Bradford, Miss Isabel Bradford and Robert McCormick visited with Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur McClellan, in Lock Haven, Sunday.

The tool house in Farview cemetery, Millheim, was so badly damaged by fire that it is beyond repair. The fire seems to have originated from an overheated stovepipe. When rebuilt the structure may include toilet facilities.

Wm. Gruenwald, who has been conducting numerous most successful horse sales in Centre Hall, informed the Reporter he would sell another carload of South Dakota horses here in the near future. Posters and an advertisement in next week's issue of the Reporter will name the date.

John F. Erdley, ex-postmaster at Beaver Springs, was put on probation by Federal Judge Johnson. Erdley, it was shown to the Court, had had a series of financial reverses and used the \$500 he had taken from his post office funds to prevent a loss of \$2500 in a deal. It was Erdley's first offense.

Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Eye moved into their home in Centre Hall on Saturday when vacated by Mr. and Mrs. George K. Rimmey. The Eyes lived on their farm along State highway Route 95, east of Centre Hall, which will be conducted by their son-in-law, Stewart Musser.

A little more than an inch of rain fell Sunday afternoon and night. January made a record for rain instead of the more reasonable snow fall, and February bids fair to follow suit. But you never can tell. Perhaps instead of April showers we shall see April snows.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Ream, of Jersey Shore, came to Centre Hall on Tuesday on a bit of business. Mr. Ream, since leaving here a year ago, has been gainfully employed as a carpenter, which is his occupation. At present he is repairing a residence property he purchased in Jersey Shore with a view of renting it.

Clair D. Weiser, of Millheim, was held up on Route 45 between Vicksburg and Lewisburg by two men who blocked his way and was relieved of his money, watch and about \$200 worth of mechanic's tools for which he is an agent. The men flashed powerful flashlights in Weiser's face, and ordered him out of his car.

Tripping over a dust pan left on the steps leading to the boiler room, Alonzo Schenck, janitor of the Howard high school, broke his left ankle. Mr. Schenck received a number of bruises in addition to the fracture when he fell to the bottom of the steps. The injured man was taken to his home where he was treated by a Howard physician.

Elias Schmieck, of Elmira, N. Y., who owns a property in Lockport near Lock Haven, and has operated a branch of his ice cream industry in Lock Haven, has purchased two farms in Liberty township, Centre county. One is two miles from Blanchard on Marsh Creek, and is known as the J. Irvin Clark estate, and was the W. W. Clark homestead. The second farm is midway between Blanchard and Howard on state highway route 64, and was owned by Clair Schenck, who disappeared a number of years ago. It is rumored that several other farms in the locality have also been purchased by the Elmira business man.

MT. CARMEL MAN DIES IN ROCKVIEW'S ELECTRIC CHAIR EARLY MONDAY MORNING

Walter Strantz died in the electric chair at Rockview Penitentiary early Monday morning for slaying a Mt. Carmel tap room keeper on a 'wild night' of crime last April. He still believed he "didn't get a break."

The 34-year-old Northumberland county man, crippled in a gun battle with the state police, hobbled into the execution chamber with his arms around a priest and deputy warden. The crippled foot was bandaged.

He sat in the chair, glanced quickly at witnesses and newspapermen and then began repeating a prayer. The switch was thrown at 12:31 a. m. and two minutes later he was dead.

Strantz was convicted of slaying Earl Rome one of three persons killed on the night of last April 9 in a round of robbery and gun-fire. The others were Strantz's companion, Joseph Yurcavage, and Yurcavage's estranged wife, Kathryn.

Yurcavage was killed in a gun battle with police after they had barricaded themselves in a diamond town house. Testimony disclosed that Yurcavage killed his wife.

The pair also were accused of wounding two other persons, stealing a taxicab and robbing two tap-rooms. Strantz outwardly composed, talked with three brothers and later told newspapermen that he "didn't get a break in this thing."

For his last meal, he chose the simple prison fare, although he could have selected what he desired.

The brothers claimed the body and was returned to Mt. Carmel, despite Strantz's request for burial at Rockview because at home "they'd point to my grave."

"CAREFUL CLEANERS" DO GOOD JOB ON LOCAL BASKETTEERS

By a score of 69 to 57 the Lewistown Careful Cleaners won over the Centre Hall Independents in a basketball game on Thursday evening on the Centre Hall floor. The defeat is not at all a discredit to the local boys since the Cleaners are professional non-professionals.

The players and points credited to each:

Centre Hall Independents: Horner, 8; Roseman, 10; Wetzel, 2; McCool, 25; N. Roseman, 2; Bradford, 4; Lester, 6; Coldron, 6; Heckman, 4.

Careful Cleaners: Zelders, 6; McClure, 4; Reynolds, 15; McCormick, 25; Houtz, 5; Suloff, 2; Logan, 0; Rupp, 6.

Score by quarters:

Cleaners 19 13 18 19-69
Centre Hall 12 16 4 25-57

CENTRE HALL FALLS BEFORE MILLHEIM, 25-20

The East Penns Valley high school basketball team kept up its record of victories for the year by defeating the Centre Hall-Potter high on the local floor Friday evening by a score of 25 to 20. Guy Bohn was "tops" for Millheim, while Don Smith, with 9 points, led the local attack.

The lineup: Centre Hall
Millheim f..... Smith
G Bohn f..... D Runkle
Auman f..... Gerhart
C Bohn f..... Arney
Sheasley g..... K Runkle
Hosterman K
Meeker
Bradford
Sharer

Points scored: Millheim-G. Bohn, 13; Auman, 5; Roseman, 3; C. Bohn, 2; Sheasley, 2. Centre Hall-Smith, 9; D. Runkle, 6; Gerhart, 2; Arney, 1; K. Runkle, 2.

Score by quarters:

Centre Hall 4 6 9 7-20
Millheim 5 4 7 6-25

Governor George H. Earle urges the people of Pennsylvania to observe the period from now until March 6th as "Eat-More-Meat Month." Pennsylvania's meat industry is the fourth industry in importance in the State and ranks tenth among the forty-eight states. There is at this time a surplus of meat, and the governor asks that as much as possible of it be consumed.

FATAL ACCIDENTS IN HOMES VIE WITH THOSE ON HIGHWAYS

That almost as many persons are killed in accidents in their homes each year as die in traffic mishaps may come as a surprise to many. Yet during the past year, the National Safety Council reports, the immense total of 32,000 accidental deaths occurred in homes, compared with 39,700 lives lost in motor accidents. Outside of traffic fatalities most accidental deaths, 26,000 of them, were caused by falls.

Fatal accidents in the home, whether that of a child burned to death playing with matches, or poison taken from an unlabeled bottle, or a fall downstairs because of a loose board or a rickety banister, may nearly all be ascribed to the same fundamental reason for most traffic accidents: human carelessness.

Common sense and forethought, whether in crossing a street or minding the baby, can save lives.

The State Department of Forests and Waters will ship approximately 22,500,000 trees from its four nurseries this year for spring planting, the largest shipment in the history of the conservation division.

WEEK OF PRAYER OFFERINGS

The following is a statement of the offerings received during the 1938 Week of Prayer services, at Centre Hall:

January 3\$ 4.60
January 4 7.62
January 5 7.37
January 6 7.69
January 7 6.71
Total\$33.99

By action of the ministerium \$10.00 has been given to the Presbyterian church for the use of the church during the week. The remaining \$23.99 is retained by the ministerium to be used for contemplated community projects.

SHEFFIELD MILK PRICES

The Sheffield Farms company is paying more for the milk delivered to their plant from January 1 to 15 inclusive than that received from the latter date to the end of the month. For the first period the price is \$2.21 1-2 per hundredweight for 3.5 per cent milk, and for the latter \$2.05 for the same quality of milk, an average of \$2.13.

The company points out the price is the highest paid to farmers in eight years for the second consecutive month.

ALUMNI ASS'N OF GREGG VOC. TO HOLD BENEFIT DANCE

A benefit dance by the Gregg Vocational School Alumni Association is scheduled to be held in the community hall at Spring Mills on Wednesday evening, February 15, beginning at 8 o'clock. Bob Lyons' All-Stars orchestra will be the musical organization. The small sum of 25c per person will be charged, which should guarantee a good turnout.

BANKERS IN GROUP SIX MEET IN ALTOONA, SAT.

The forty-third annual meeting of Group Six, Pennsylvania Bankers' Association, representing eighty-one banks in Bedford, Blair, Cambria, Centre, Clearfield and Huntingdon counties, has been called to meet on Lincoln's birthday, Saturday, February 12, Penn Alto Hotel, Altoona, at 10:00 A. M. The guest is D. J. Lopold, president of the Pennsylvania Bankers' Association. Speakers high in banking circles include T. F. Dougherty, of Spangler; G. Fred Berger, of Norristown; F. W. Selsor, New York City; luncheon speaker, Bernard Zuffall.

The officers of the association are: C. H. Swigart, Huntingdon, chairman; John D. Meyer, Tyrone, secretary-treasurer; A. W. Evans, Ebensburg, member of council.

DANCE IN H. S., FEBRUARY 22

The alumni association of Centre Hall-Potter high school will hold a dance in the high school gymnasium on February 22nd, for the members of the association and their guests. There will be square and round dancing. Remember the date, Washington's Birthday.

SHERIFF KEELER ANNOUNCES APPOINTMENT OF 12 DEPUTIES

In accordance with a recent act of Legislature empowering county sheriffs to appoint special deputies to act when occasion arises or to serve at the discretion of the sheriff at a salary to be paid by the county commissioners, the following were appointed by Sheriff Harry V. Keeler for Centre county: Walter G. Chandler, of Julian; Clark N. Aikie, Gottlieb Haag, John Confer, Elmer Eby, Joseph L. Beizer and Leo Boden, all of Bellefonte, Elmer Breon, Bellefonte R. D. 1; Earl M. Shreckengast, Bellefonte, R. D.; Norris Shay, Howard; Daniel M. Fisher, of Boalsburg, and Elwood Camley, of Unionville.

Though the appointments were made in the fall of 1937, they were not officially filed in the Prothonotary's office until the forepart of last week and entered in the court's record. All of the deputies have their pictures attached to the certificates on file at the Prothonotary's office as a means of identification.

PICTURE ATTRACTIONS AT THE "PLAZA" AND "STATE"

Showing from 2 till 11 p. m.

At the Plaza Theatre:
WEDNES., THURS., FRIDAY, this week—Ronald Colman in "The Prisoner of Zenda." Cast includes Madeleine Carroll, Douglas Fairbanks, Jr., Mary Astor. Special Attraction, "The March of Time," bringing you the story of "Inside Nazi Germany."

SATURDAY; and MONDAY and TUESDAY—Carole Lombard and Frederic March in "Nothing Sacred." Entire picture in Technicolor. Also, Our Gang comedy.

At the "State" Theatre:
WED., THURS., FRIDAY, this week—"Double Feature Program! No. 1—"Breakfast for Two," with Barbara Stanwyck, Herbert Marshall and Glenda Farrell.

No. 2—"Rhythm in the Clouds," with Patricia Ellis.

SATURDAY — "Partners of the Plains," with Hopalong Cassidy and Bill Boyd. Also, Special Shorts.

MON. & TUES., next week—"The Man Who Cried Wolf," with Tom Brown and Barbara Read. Also Short Subjects.

Is your subscription due?

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS

The fifty-mile speed limit for motor cars seems to bring about the desired result—slower and more careful driving.

Snow fences along State highways have been called on to do but little service up to this date in the winter of 1937-1938.

S. P. Springer, who resides in the Millheim Narrows, was recently taken ill, suffering from hemorrhages of the stomach.

Miss Cora Homan and niece Miss Annie Homan spent the week-end with Mrs. Lulu Lepley, a sister of the former, in State College.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Spyker visited with Mrs. Spyker's mother, Mrs. Sarah Donelson, who is ill at her home in Marklesburg.

Miss Sara Odenkirk, a student in music in Ithaca College, was at the home of her mother, Mrs. Wm. A. Odenkirk, over the week-end.

John E. Hishel has been housed at his home for ten days from grippe, but beginning of this week showed marked improvement. He is regularly employed at the Kerlin poultry plant.

Belleville is making a drive to collect \$3000 for a community fire truck. More than half the amount sought was obtained during the first few days the drive was on.

Fifty years ago Centre Hall was enjoying a building boom, which we would like to see repeated in 1938. That year (1888) twelve new houses were being built.

J. Shannon Boozer was named executor of the estate of his mother, Mrs. Martha J. Boozer, late of Centre Hall, deceased, and publishes letters testamentary on the said estate in this issue of the Reporter. W. Harrison Walker is the attorney for the executor.

On Thursday Mr. and Mrs. Walter Auman, of Milliford, formerly of Spring Mills, called at the Centre County hospital to see their grandson, Lance Alex, born to Mr. and Mrs. Harold McDonald, Bellefonte. The mother was the former Kathryn Auman.

Two Rockview penitentiary inmates escaped early on Thursday morning. One was a white man, the other colored. The latter, Moses Terrell, 24, was recaptured the same day at the Vogt Rendering plant, above Centre Hall, only a short distance south of the penitentiary grounds.

Rather severe head injuries, which by this time have much improved, were sustained by D. W. Sweetwood, Georges Valley, when he fell from the rear of a truck operated by John Vonada. The men were engaged in moving a stove to the I. O. O. F. hall when the accident occurred.

The Reporter through misinformation stated in last week's issue that the Spayd farm in Gregg township at the junction of the Penns Cave road with Route No. 95, had been purchased by the Campbells. The farm continues in the possession of the Spayds who have owned it and occupied it for an unmyriad of years.

Miss Dorothy Blazer, employed in the State Employment office, Bellefonte, for a week, was called back to Harrisburg on Friday. She was employed in the Revenue Department on Capitol Hill prior to a few weeks ago but is now engaged in another department, with better prospects for permanency.

John T. Gramley, principal of the schools at Clymer, is on leave of absence from his teaching duties and has registered at Penna. State College for the second semester. He is working on his master's degree, and expects to drive to his classes daily while staying at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Gramley, in Millheim.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Colyer, of Lewistown, visited the former's mother who recently underwent a major operation in the Lewistown hospital on Sunday and found her improving in a general way. Mr. Colyer is in charge of the Mifflin County Institutional district office conducted by the board of county commissioners in the court house, Lewistown.

John Dutrow, tenant on the Spayd farm at Earlstown, is recovering from burns on the face and eyes by being splashed with hot lard. The mishap occurred at a butchering at the Ralph Homan farm when a kettle of lard was being lifted from the fireplace. The hook used by Mr. Dutrow in some manner slipped through his hand, leaving the kettle to go to the ground, the joint throwing the hot lard over him.

The J. S. Boozer-George K. Rimmey real estate deal went through last week as forecast in the Reporter. The deal includes the residence, the gas and service station as well as the rear concrete and wooden building used for storage and garage. Stanley Brooks, who holds a lease on the gas and service station as well as on the rear building, will continue to do business there as heretofore. Mr. and Mrs. Rimmey are already occupying their new home, having moved there from the H. E. Eye property in which they lived since their marriage. Mr. Rimmey will continue auto repair work in the rear building, and Mrs. Rimmey teaching in one of the State College grade schools, commuting to her home here daily.