

APRIL'S ARBOR DAYS ARE FIXED

Governor Issues Proclamation Designating Two Fridays in Next Month

Friday, April 12, and Friday, April 26, were to-day designated by Governor Brumbaugh as the spring arbor days for Pennsylvania, in a proclamation in which he makes appeal for planting of fruit and nut trees, and the planting of trees about public places, as well as advancement of general reforestation.

"WHEREAS, A wise people will never sacrifice a permanent good for a temporary gain; and WHEREAS, Pennsylvania, to-day, can correct the error of a former time and make her future population increasingly happy and healthy, by planting trees and thus manifest a wise provision and do a worthy service;

"WHEREAS, It is increasingly manifest that this great commonwealth needs great reaches of forests and widely distributed areas of shade to the end that our people may not lack in the essential resources that are necessary to their well-being, now

"THEREFORE, I, Martin G. Brumbaugh, Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, do hereby designate and set aside "Friday, April 12, and Friday, April 26, 1918 as ARBOR DAY."

"Our environment has much to do with the kind of people we are. To build a home and rear children in a barren waste, is wholly unwise. To live in the practical and mystical ministrations; to environ our homes with trees whose shade and fruit are ministrations of the greatest value; to hear the songs of birds with the songs of our mothers, to realize that the first plot, over five million school children were mobilizing into an army with officers and privates and sergeants, with drill and marching, prepared for splendid service. Harrisburg was right on the job.

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SCORES SEEK PLOTS FOR WAR GARDENS

same hour the entire United States school garden army mobilized. The vast plan has been so carefully worked out that there was not a single hitch in the program. The Secretary of the Interior through the Bureau of Education, called upon state and county superintendents of schools and also upon the Governors of the different states, the mayors of the different cities, and school superintendents in cities, towns, villages and suburban communities, and asking everyone of these people to fall in line and get to work in the greatest practical volunteer campaign that has been started since the war began.

Home Work Gardens, Too The Germans organized their garden army years ago and just because they did so that very thing they have been able to laugh at the rest of the world for so long. For back of every bullet and behind every shell and under and over every cloud of poisonous gas and running every submarine and directing every aeroplane is a man who must keep up his energies with food. We might as well send our men to the trenches to face cannons and airplanes and poison gases, dressed in a suit of pajamas with nothing but their bare hands for weapons, declares the federal government, as to send our army overseas without enough provisions to keep them not only alive but in fighting trim when they get there.

Where are we going to get the food to eat? We have just one storehouse from which to draw, and that storehouse is in the fertile fields and the rich harvests of our own country.

Blind, deaf and indifferent, the people of the United States are now beginning to realize what this food question means and to-day, when the first plot, over five million school children were mobilizing into an army with officers and privates and sergeants, with drill and marching, prepared for splendid service. Harrisburg was right on the job.

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Last Call Issued For Filing Income Tax Report

The last call for income tax returns will sound Monday, and in order to oblige numerous taxpayers who have put off this duty to the last, Internal Revenue Tax Collector E. Volmer has started to keep his office open at nights. Beginning with this evening, his Post Office building, will be open all day, until 6 p. m. and then from 7:30 to 9:30. Those who do not file their blanks before Monday are liable to punishment for evading the requirement of the law.

WARD LINE Direct service on fast twin-screw steamers from New York to HAVANA and PORTS IN CUBA Callings every Saturday MEXICO THROUGHLY To Progresso, Vera Cruz and Tampico. Frequent calls at Nassau, Bahamas, St. Thomas & full information on request. NEW YORK AND CUBA MAIL. See Red Star Co. Foot of Wall Street, New York Or any Red Star Ticket Office or Authorized Tourist Agency.

FIRE DESTROYS AUTOS IN CITY GARAGE

McCormick home at 101 North Front street. When Rogers discovered the fire, flames were shooting out the middle and back of the second floor of the garage. The center of the conflagration was at the elevator shaft, which accounts for the fact that no cars were saved on the second floor.

Rogers rushed to the first floor of the garage where he aroused William Meyers, the night man at the garage. Rogers stated that Meyers was asleep when he aroused him. Mr. Wolfe, the owner of the garage, who lives almost directly back of it at 119 Strawberry street, was quickly summoned. Fire Chief Kindler arrived on the scene soon after the alarm was turned in, and directed the drivers of the fire apparatus to run the cars on the first floor out on to the surrounding streets. The fire had attained such headway on the second floor that it was impossible to ascend the stairs or save the gasoline in the building. Fire Chief Kindler feared that the sparks from the flames would drop into a gasoline tank of one of the machines on the first floor and spread the ruin to the sixty motor cars located there. For that reason the men ran the motor cars to places of safety before turning all their attention to the fire on the second floor.

Flames Spread Rapidly The flames spread so rapidly along the second floor that the gasoline in the automobiles, that at the arrival of the firemen the second floor was a seething mass of flames. The fire was one of the most spectacular in months, as the flames leaped many feet into the air, throwing up dense black fumes of smoke from the gasoline and oil. The fire was punctuated by loud crashes as the debris of the roof fell onto the ruined machines on the second floor. Each time a section of the roof fell in, great showers of sparks were thrown high into the air, and firemen kept a sharp watch on surrounding buildings to prevent spreading of the flames.

Because of the intense heat of the fire, the danger of gasoline explosions and the falling debris, firemen were at a great disadvantage, and inserted much favorable comment for the efficient way they rescued the cars from the first floor. Early in the fire the elevator fell from the second floor to the first with a great crash, thus cutting off all means of salvage for the doomed contents of the second floor.

Insurance on Cars On the second floor, which is constructed of concrete, seventy-five motor cars of all makes are completely ruined. Half buried under a mass of steel roofing, burned embers and charred debris, the cars were completely ruined. Half buried under a mass of steel roofing, burned embers and charred debris, the cars were completely ruined.

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by insurance. The loss on this floor to the motor cars alone is \$75,000, Mr. Wolfe said this morning.

The heaviest individual loser is George E. Zech, the local Buick agent. Mr. Zech had fifteen cars on the second floor last night, every one of which is a shapeless ruin to-day. Four of the cars were new machines, one of which he had brought from Steelton yesterday. His cars are not insured, he said.

Three cars which were ruined in the early morning conflagration were stored in the garage last night for the night only, and were to be removed early this morning. D. W. Anderson, of Clearfield, motoring home from Florida, with his family, placed his five-passenger touring car in the garage late last night. This morning he exhibited a small iron burr as the only part of his car salvaged from the wreck. His loss is \$800. The car was uninsured.

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day. It was uninsured. Another car owner was on hand this morning who had his touring car at the garage for repairs, and by oversight neglected to take it home last night. It is an uninsured loss.

Origin Is Unknown The salvaged cars were run into Market Square and the side streets adjoining the garage. As their owners appeared this morning, they were asked if their cars were stored on the first or second floor. If they replied "on the second," they would be told without hesitation they would never see their cars again. If stored in their first floor, they were directed to go out on the street and look for them.

The origin of the fire remains a complete mystery. Fire Chief Kindler could give no reason, nor could Mr. Wolfe. Mr. Wolfe said he knew of no possible way the fire could have been started. The night watchman had been on the second floor a half-hour before its discovery without seeing signs of fire.

Fire fighters had to combat the worst heat in many months to approach fighting distance of the fire this morning. The heat was so intense that windows in the Union Trust Building and the new building of C. Ross Boas were broken during the height of the conflagration. Mrs. E. Z. Gross, 23 North Third

street, wife of the city commissioner, was on the scene early this morning, serving hot coffee to the weary firemen who had been fighting the flames for two hours. Many of the firemen worked many hours without rest. They were at work all morning pouring water into the embers and tearing away the debris that blocked the way to the half-buried machines.

To Rebuild at Once Mr. Wolfe this morning made no announcement regarding the steps he will take to continue his business. He announced to several of the persons who stored their cars in his garage that he would arrange as soon as possible to take care of them.

The building will be rebuilt at once, according to the Commonwealth Trust Company trust officers, who now hold the lease. The property loss is fully covered by insurance, and there will be no change in the tenants at the present time. They announced that they will be identified among the ruined are two trucks valued at \$1,500, belonging to John C. Herman and Company; and a touring car valued at \$2,750, belonging to Boone Abbot, superintendent of the Philadelphia and Reading railroad, and Frank Masters, civil

THOMPSONTOWN'S BUSINESS AREA BURNS

The loss followed the fire in the C. D. Stewart's general store. M. E. Schlegel Co., general store, E. Gayman's garage. H. C. Rowe's confectionery store. Dr. W. H. Haines' drugstore. Dwellings occupied by B. H. Brantthoff, Clarence Wetzel, Mrs. Sarah Gayman and Mrs. Keturah Meredith. The loss at the Stewart store alone is estimated at \$40,000.

The fire started from an overheated stove in the cellar of the Stewart store. A strong west wind carried the flames across the street to the Schlegel store and wiped out everything in a direct line. The local fire company managed to stop the progress of the blaze at the home of Edwin Fry.

Driven by High Wind Sparks driven by the wind started several minor fires in different parts of the town, but these were extinguished without loss. The dwellings of Mrs. Irvin McNaught, the Thompson town hotel and the home of Mrs. Mary Gross, across the street, were badly charred by the heat which also broke windows.

The fire spread so rapidly that Dr. Haines was able to save only one pocket case of medicine. It was with these that he treated Amos Stouffer who was burned when he grasped a live wire and was thrown into burning embers.

H. L. Long fell through a roof and was burned about the legs and badly bruised. Rowe also was hurt when a Lewisburg store aid but the apparatus was turned back at Vandike when word was received that the fire was under control.

MILITIAMEN TO FILL COMPANY

Only Need One More Man to Complete the New Company I of State Militia

The Pennsylvania Reserve Militia had only one man to go to complete its complement of fifty when it finished its work last evening as the Army. Forty-nine men have been accepted for service. A number of applications are still pending and it is believed the required number of men will be reached at next Tuesday's meeting.

Officers of the organization called attention last evening to the difference between the Harrisburg Reserves and the Pennsylvania Reserve Militia. While both organizations are open to the same classes for enlistment they differ widely in their aims and field work. The Harrisburg Reserves were organized with a purpose of drilling a picked body of men for home defense. They are an independent organization, financed by their own members and subject to no orders except their own plans for patriotic work.

When it was realized that at any time might arise an occasion when it was necessary to do the work formerly done by the Guard. They are subject to the orders of the Governor of the state through the Adjutant General's Department. They may at any time be sent to any point where in the discretion of the Governor it is deemed necessary to place armed men. Both organizations are aiming to do patriotic work, each in its own particular field.

Major H. M. Stine, with the approach of the warmer weather and a coming opportunity to drill on the Island, hopes to have a good attendance of the reserves throughout the summer months. The entire unit will be divided into several smaller bodies, each under command of officers who Major Stine has authority to appoint. Men who wish to receive this training are asked to report to the Adjutant General's Department, with the secretary of the organization, Box 131, Harrisburg.

BAROMETER OF BUSINESS The humble penny is an unfailing barometer of business. During periods of depression pennies accumulate in the subtreasuries, but when business is brisk they are on the move. Watch the pennies for an indication as to the condition of business.—Milstones.

Dives, Pomeroy & Stewart

New Cupid Hats We are pleased to announce the arrival of Cupid Hats of the latest Parisian inspiration, featuring new large shapes that are picturesque and charming \$12.00 to \$20.00 Dives, Pomeroy & Stewart, Second Floor, Front.

Suits For Critical Young Fellows The average young fellow these days, knows what clothes he wants and knows where he gets them. Catering to such tastes demands a stock of distinctive clothing, and we know that the suits we have in this Easter display are the latest designs and most approved patterns. Flannels, cassimeres and other fabrics in Military, Trench and English models. \$20.00, \$25.00, \$30.00 and \$35.00 Dives, Pomeroy & Stewart, Second Floor.

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Suits and Coats For Women and Misses Many Styles to Choose From—Moderate in Price Women who know the yardage cost of fine quality materials are invited to profit by this special Easter showing of suits—the garments presented this week for Women and Misses are developed of gabardine, serge, tricotine and tweeds, and they are finished in a manner that stamps them at once as distinctive. Navy blue is a favored color though there are many other attractive conservative shades, including rookie, Belgian, tan, grey and black. Coats of Fine Quality Woolens For Spring Coats for every Spring occasion— For driving. For motoring. For street. For formal wear. The colors, fabrics and weaves are interestingly complete. In fact every coat wish can be realized in our Coat Section.

Rosaries and Prayer Books For Easter A complete showing of rosaries, in ruby, jet, emerald, amethyst, crystal in ivory box; warranted 10 years \$1.50, \$2.25 and \$2.50. Better grades of rosaries in better stones; boxed and guaranteed for year to 20 years. \$1.50, \$2.25 and \$2.50. Gold bead rosaries at \$3.25 to \$5.00. White bead rosaries \$3.50 to \$2.25. Soldiers kit, including prayer book, black rosary, crucifix and identification card. Special, \$1.25. Prayer Books White and decorated white covers \$3.50 to \$2.25. Black cloth and leather in plain and fancy bindings. 25c. Vest pocket prayer books, with Knights of Columbus seal, \$1.25 to \$2.75. Dives, Pomeroy & Stewart, Street Floor.

The Latest Models in Boys' Suits, Including the Famous "Sampeck" Suits New Military Models in tan, light and dark greys, dark checks, mixtures and tweeds, with extra pair pants, sizes 6 to 18 years \$7.50 and \$8.50. Trench models and English models with patch pockets. Norfolk style in variety of shades; sizes 8 to 18 years \$5.00 to \$15.00. Boys' Wash Suits Military and trench models, Russians, Middy blouses with short and long trousers, khaki; sizes 3 to 7 years \$2.00 to \$5.00. Boys' Top Coats; sizes 2 1/2 to 10 years, \$5.00 to \$10.00. Dives, Pomeroy & Stewart, Second Floor, Rear.

Beautifully Trimmed Cotton Waists Many New Styles in a New Showing Novelty and plain voiles, sheer batistes, dimities and handkerchief linens have been used with a lavish hand in making up these cotton blouses, still fresh in their boxes. The trimmings are tucks, laces, organdie and hand-embroidery and the individual touches to collars and cuffs are very refreshing. Choose in this special Easter group, at \$1.95 to \$10.00. Dives, Pomeroy & Stewart, Second Floor.

Notable Gathering of Spring Gloves Rich Embroidered Effects in Imported Kid The styles are more varied than you would expect them to be with manufacturing conditions in France so topsy turvy—and the grades are of as fine quality as we have ever received. Ready Tomorrow, Silk and Kid Gloves Two-clasp silk gloves, with double finger ends; in black with white or white with black stitching; pair \$1.00 to \$2.00. Two-clasp silk gloves with double finger ends; in black and colors; pair \$1.00 to \$2.00. Two-clasp kid gloves, in white with self or black embroidery; pair \$1.75 to \$2.50. Two-clasp silk gloves with two pearl clasps; in white with black stitching; pair \$1.00 to \$2.00. Kid gloves with one pearl clasp and P. K. stitching; in khaki with brown, grey or tan with ecru; pair \$1.00 to \$3.25. Dives, Pomeroy & Stewart, Street Floor.