

ALLEN STREET PAVING BEING PUSHED

Contractor Has Grading Almost Completed—More Machinery Added to Equipment

With the addition of a second steam shovel, rapid progress is being made on the Allen street paving project.

The Erie steam shovel recently brought in, is taking the crest of the hill beside the post office, while the Brown is stationed at the unloading plant.

The construction is in the hands of the Peter B. Colman Co., of Erie, Pa.

Superintendent D. Kelly, a partner who has had fifteen years practical experience in highway construction.

The new Allen street will be lowered six feet or more at its crest, a great improvement over the former steep grade.

SQUASH SPELLS SUCCESS AT ROADSIDE MARKET

Farm Fruit and Vegetable Growers Sell Directly to Passing Motorists

"Squash" The common or ordinary garden variety of squash spelled success for at least one Pennsylvania roadside market last summer and bids fair to repeat again this season.

Farm fruit and vegetable growers throughout the state are rapidly seeing the wisdom of conducting a neat and attractive stall for the sale of produce at their front doors to passing motorists.

One of the most successful of these that has come to the attention of agricultural men at the Pennsylvania State College is that conducted by Gilbert S. Watts at his Logan Spring farm on the William Penn Highway at Bellwood, near Altoona.

But to get back to the squash, Gilbert planted two acres last year and sold six tons at his roadside market at an average of three cents a pound.

"There is room for the man who will work and loves the game, but hard bidding for any other" is the younger Watts' advice to those who might think vegetable growing is a bed of roses.

MEKEAN LEADS WITH 4 BULL ASSOCIATIONS

With the organization of its fourth "bull association" a few days ago MeKean county stepped to the front as the leader in Pennsylvania with respect to pure bred herd sire cooperation.

A Jersey Bull Association is the latest organization of its kind to get under way in MeKean. The first Aryshire Bull Association in the United States was organized in that county.

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RURAL COMMUNITIES TO BE AIDED BY SPECIALIST

Centre county rural folks are to have the benefit of the services of a "home beautification" specialist who has been added to the agricultural extension staff of the Pennsylvania State College.

The college extension specialist services have so many requests from farm communities, granges, women's clubs, parent-teacher associations and individual farmers for advice on making the home, school and picnic grounds more attractive, that it has been found advisable to engage a landscape gardener to meet the demand.

John R. Bracken, who was graduated from the Pennsylvania State College in 1914 and who has been actively engaged in work for the past ten years in Philadelphia and vicinity, has been appointed to the position and has stated his activities. He will come to Centre County to aid with home and ground beautification projects when legitimate requests for his services are taken to the office of the County Agent, R. C. Blanes, at Bellefonte.

The landscape gardening of the college is not commercial service in any sense. Mr. Bracken will be traveling over the state, helping farm people and rural communities with their ground decorating problems.

Despite unfavorable weather conditions, the work is progressing rapidly, and with three weeks of fair weather the job ought to be near completion. The new Allen street will be lowered six feet or more at its crest, a great improvement over the former steep grade.

HONORS FOR PENN STATE ARCHITECTURAL STUDENTS

Several Prizes Won in Recent Competitions in Drawing Exhibits

High honors have been brought by students to the department of architecture at the Pennsylvania State College through the winning of a number of prizes in recent competitions in drawing exhibits.

In a competition in architectural drawings in which students from most of the larger eastern universities were entered, Penn State was awarded the highest number of honorable mentions. The winning architects were called upon to design a well head for a museum courtyard in medieval style.

In addition, a first medal award has just been announced as won by Charles E. Maulo, of Conowingo, in a big inter-collegiate competition.

The architectural department at Penn State has this year been ranked among the first eight of the thirteen best architectural schools in the United States. This honor has come to Penn State in other years from the Society for Architecture Diplomas per le Gouvernement Francaise, composed of American architects who studied at the Ecole des Beaux-Arts in France.

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MANY STUDENTS "GO TO COLLEGE" WHILE AT HOME

Penn State Extension Classes Were Conducted Last Year Throughout State

That a large number of public school teachers in Pennsylvania are "earning while teaching" is disclosed in the annual report of the teacher training extension department of the school of education at the Pennsylvania State College in charge of Dr. A. S. Hurrell.

State College extension classes for teachers were conducted during the last collegiate year in twenty-seven cities and towns of the state and in one city outside of Pennsylvania. There was a total of 4150 enrollments for 77 different courses out of the more than 100 courses offered in home towns where twenty-five or more teachers expressed a desire to form a State College extension class.

Teachers in increasing numbers are also taking correspondence courses from the college, says Dr. Hurrell. "This is evidenced by the 100 per cent increase in enrollment for the home study course this year over last year. In this form of State College instruction there were 479 general educational course enrollments representing 317 individual students. Of the 55 correspondence courses offered by the department, 42 were actually conducted during the year."

UNITED STATES CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINATION

The United States Civil Service Commission, Washington, D. C. announces the opening of a competitive examination for Mathematicians. Applications will be received until September second.

The examination is to fill vacancies in the Coast and Geodetic Survey, and positions requiring similar qualifications, at an entrance salary of \$1960 a year. Advancement in pay may be made without change in assignment up to \$2,100 a year.

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The work of a mathematician in the Coast and Geodetic Survey is technical in character. It involves the computation and adjustment of the data obtained from the field work in one or more of the various branches of geodesy, terrestrial magnetism, tides and currents, and the preparation of the results for publication. A mathematician is frequently called upon to devise new methods to facilitate the work of the bureau and to solve intricate mathematical problems connected with the work on which he is engaged. The work especially requires accuracy and sound judgment and the ability to make rapid use of mathematical tables and formulas.

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Garden Hints

Tomatoes Late—The tomato plants are having a hard time to set fruit during the continued period of excessive rains and cool nights. The blossoms drop off and nothing is left but the bare fruit spur. This means that in addition to the losses of setting out into the garden and the slow growth made, that most plants have lost the first, and in some cases, the second crop of fruit. Tomatoes will be very little this year.

Grape Rot—If you have experienced losses from grapes rotting in recent years, it is advisable to spray the grapes this summer regularly with Bordeaux mixture. The Bordeaux mixture for the small grower in farm gardens may be tried with the aid of a small hand sprayer.

Apply Numerous—Attention is again called to the damage being done throughout the state by aphids on truck crops. Melons and cucumbers are especially easy to the plant lice this season. State College specialists recommend the use of a two percent nicotine dust. It can be made at home by thoroughly mixing ninety-five pounds of hydrated lime with five pounds of nicotine sulphate. Send to the School of Agriculture at State College, Pa., for Bulletin No. 186, which tells all about the "Control of Plant Lice on Vegetables."

Poultry Tips—See if your brooder houses are crowded on warm nights. Birds will not get enough ventilation unless the house is comfortably filled. It is a better plan to have young stock roost in the trees than to try to confine them to an over-crowded brooder house. Germ life multiplies rapidly in filthy water vessels. Plan to change the water often and to disinfect the vessels. A fowl appreciates a clean, cool drink as much as any other animal.

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