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On The Farm Front

All over the country, ever since industry went into high gear and ever since Selective Service started to draft men, the cry has gone up, "What is the farmer to do?" Farm state representatives have been working extra hard lately to get either (1) high ceilings on food commodities so that the farmer can get more money for his products, or (2) another definition of parity to include cost of labor, thus raising prices indirectly.

All this is necessary; for the farmer does have a tough time to get a fair income. However, the labor shortage causing it is not the fault of draft boards as much as it is the fault of industry.

This opinion is confirmed by a report of Dr. W. E. Kepper, a professor in the department of agricultural economics, who revealed "draft boards in most cases have done a creditable job of taking those men who are least needed from the farms of the state. More farm workers have been attracted by the high wages available in towns than have been taken by the draft." With that established, it isn't hard to see why the recent move was made to change the draft administration and place all matters in the hands of Paul McNutt's Manpower Commission. McNutt can help stem the flow of farm workers now migrating to higher-paying industries.

But how is Pennsylvania faring all this time? Again we refer to Dr. Kepper's survey, made over 484 farms in this state since October 1.

Although 199 workers other than seasonal have left those 484 farms during the last two years, the average number of acres under cultivation and the average number of livestock units kept are larger than before. Even on those farms from which year-round laborers were lost in 1941 and not replaced, the average livestock units lost were only three per cent, although the labor loss was 20 per cent.

If that doesn't mean anything more than a bunch of terms, then compare it to a manufacturer who has lost 20 of his 100 employees, yet maintains approximately the same production. It shows that women and children are helping more and more on the farms to plant as many acres and raise as many animals as was the practice before a family worker went to war, or the tenant moved to town. It shows that farm families in this state are as alert as any other group in helping the war effort by keeping the people fed. Farm extension services at the College are extremely helpful in educating the farmers how to get more done with less help.

No consideration has been given here to the probable decrease in production, since lack of vital chemicals in fertilizers will cause a drop, and less care of dairy herds, below a certain point, affects milk production. Nevertheless, the figures do pay tribute to the farmers, and show that no patriotism is lacking in that field. Another laurel should be handed to the Ag Ec department in the ag school for digging up the facts which demonstrate things aren't so bad on the farms after all.

Santa's Helpers

Not so long ago, Collegian asked professors to be lenient to students who must leave a day or two early at the end of the semester to take Christmas jobs. This item is only to emphasize that stand. Most post office jobs last only until Christmas or a day afterward, so that every day of work before that time means more money. Many students are dependent on that income to help pay fees when classes resume in January, so it might be beneficial to the enrollment next semester to cooperate with holiday-working students.

The CAMPUSEER

Sadie Hawkins At Work

Also in our GWYC (grab 'em while you can) league for the coming weekend we have the Phi Mu's who'll swing 'n' sway (with the Aristocrats) at the Nittany Friday night. Leadin' the line will be Panhel bigwig Bea White and Bill Patterson, agr—Dottie Frank and her Sam from Lafayette—spe pin-sharers Ruth Hannigan and George Burns—Ione Cramer and Bill Fulk—Phyllis Runkle and Charles Sauder—Rosine Stauffer and Don Fickes—Leila Lehman and Ensign Thane Weeks—Mary Werts and Chuck Kaviny, beaver house—Jean Nienstadt and Fred Reeves—Renee Snyder and Ed Quirch, alphachirrow.

Catchin' up on a few of last weekend's doin's we gotta menshun a few of the lucky catches of the kappadelts at their formal at the State College Hotel. Prexy Mary Roberts and Danny Matto, alphazeta—Betty Frable and Dick Adams—Elaine David and Bob Mellen, taufidelt—Betty Jane Haupt and Lehigh import Dick Thompson—Skip Scrivanich and Herb Zukauskas—Ginny Coltrin and Joe Fromme, taufidelt—Audrey Hackman and "Iilabner" Bill Patterson, agr (if ya don't understand, refer to our first stanza)—Eloise France and Tom Becker, alphazeta.

Wedding Bells

Jane Barnes, aopi, is flashing a new sparkler around campus this week. Peggy Acker, sdt, is now guarding her gorgeous diamond with a wedding ring, and her name with a Mrs. (Tinney Glazier, gamma-siga). It happened in Nashville last Saturday. Norma Shakespearé, sdt, will also join the ranks when she marries Ensign Walt Levin during the holidays.

Jane Buchanan, kappa, will become Mrs. Charles Moonley as she takes the oath in Baltimore on Saturday. Jo Miller will be married Christmas Eve to Ed Pechan, alphasigma alum. Also among the engaged we have former sdt prexy Edith Cahen to Billy Rosscam, phiop grad in the marines.

Straight From The Saloon

We gotta report ('nother ultimatum) that froth's out. We've also been asked to menshun that the life of little Mickey Blatz (prize goldfish belonging to Grey and Faloon) was snuffed out last night in a sad and lonely struggle. (That crm theory has been blasted.)

—Helen Keefauver

Buy War Bonds And Stamps

Suggestions for Christmas

Books—of course—for all the family and friends. You select the book—we do the rest . . . wrap and mail.

Leather Goods — Pens & Pencils
Writing Cases — Playing Cards
Photo Finishing Outfits — Diaries
Oil Color Sets — Water Color Sets

Buy Bonds and Stamps Now!

TRADE AT
KEELERS
Cathaum Theatre Bldg.

Reservists—

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ground crew service as meteorologists or engineers.

Two years of engineering training are needed before applying for a post as a meteorologist. Courses covered must have included physics to thermo-dynamics and heat plus integral and differential calculus.

Air Corps engineers must have at least three years of college engineering before receiving appointments as aviation cadets.

From the office of the FAWS came the advice that men not over seventeen would be wise to enlist in either the Navy's V-1 program or else the Marine Reserve Corps before these are closed permanently.

Men already enlisted in the Army Enlisted Reserve, and who are "earmarked for the Navy" need not apply for V-5 until after December 15, an announcement from the Philadelphia Naval Office said last night.

Chief reason for issuing this directive was that the Navy is rushed at the present time with men who must complete their enlistments before December 15.

Since it would only be a matter of transferring AER's, the Navy felt that this could be done after the 15th when they won't be so busy.

Calling long distance from Philadelphia yesterday, Lieutenant Batdorf said that the Navy's V-1 office would be open this Sunday from 8:30 a. m. to 5 p. m. to handle applications.

A Navy V-1 and V-5 examining board will be at Dickinson College at 2 p. m. today, staying until Friday night.

Commencement

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ing the deans of each school, who will award baccalaureates to the graduates.

Colonel Edward D. Ardery, P. M. S. & T. will then lead the presentation of commissions to graduating students who have completed the advanced ROTC course.

Rounding out the exercises will be the singing of the Alma Mater, the Benediction, and the Recessional, which will be for faculty members only.

A number of functions have been planned for the senior class during its last week at Penn State. The Commencement Week program consists of the Annual Christmas Musical Chapel Services in Schwab Auditorium at 11 a. m. Sunday morning, followed by Baccalaureate exercises that afternoon at 3 p. m.

Tuesday evening, December 15, the graduating class' "Hot Dog" roast will take place in the Armory from 9 to 12 p. m. At this function, the seniors will choose the "Hot Dog" of the class from a group of five candidates. Dancing, entertainment by a Thespian crew and refreshments will be other features of the affair. Only seniors who show their matriculation cards at the door will be permitted to enter the function.

Senior Class Day exercises will be held in Schwab Auditorium at 7 p. m. Wednesday evening. Presentation of honor awards and the History of the Class of 1943 will occur here. Directly after the exercises, the annual Christmas Sing will take place on the Front Campus.

We, The Women . . .
What Will You Tell Your Grandchildren?

Twenty-five years from now you 1,776 coeds, now slaving away at the books and counting the days 'til an Armistice, will be comfortably situated in your own homes telling youngsters of the days during "the last war."

You'll explain how they instituted a Summer semester and you went to school all year 'round. You'll tell about the ensigns and army men who were stationed here on campus. You'll recall the number of your own particular friends who had to go into the armed services; you'll read interesting excerpts from their letters.

You'll boast about the number of mittens and scarfs you knit for service boys and you'll tell about drinking white milk instead of chocolate; only one cup of coffee; and handing in sugar ration books. Or will you?

But what are you going to tell your children when they ask if you ever rolled bandages and made surgical dressings for the soldiers?

What are you going to say about plans that were made for Christmas for service men and the poor of the land? Will you care to

say that Penn State women collected money for needy students and orphan children? Will you feel right boasting that your college sponsored a charity Christmas drive, to which you didn't even contribute?

It'll sound funny to say that the quota was missed by a long shot, knowing all the time that there were more women there than usual. It'll seem queer to know that the drive had to be extended in hopes that more women would contribute. It'll sound even funnier to hear that all woman solicitors didn't "make the rounds" and many coeds were saying that they hadn't even been asked.

WSGA has extended your opportunity to make history in the realms of Christmas drives while records are being broken in other parts of the world. Contributions will be solicited and accepted until next Monday, according to a decision made at the WSGA House meeting yesterday.

A little foresight might eliminate embarrassment for the days when you relate tales of "the last war" to the kiddies of the future. What will you tell yours?

An Elegy To The Check-off

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semesters. Sometimes we wonder what's the use of bowing to demands of high pressure groups when those same groups refuse to give us aid.

Again we say it was a hard blow. We've been managing this sheet alone. Rarely does an older person venture into the office. Only students run this paper.

But we've been hit before. We're an independent corporation. We'll struggle on by ourselves as we did before. The blow may force us into a semi-weekly paper for the duration. It may force us to make some other move to continue publication. We may continue to contribute our 20 hours a week just for the love of the Collegian.

We don't blame the trustees,

These are hard times. If Collegian was accepted, what guarantee would the College have of every other publication trying to do the same stunt? If the enrollment for the next semester dropped to the point where the income from the check-off were not sufficient to meet publishing costs, what guarantee could we give that we would not end in the red? These and many other factors probably helped to defeat the check-off policy, despite the favorable student vote. The trustees probably had good reasons, so we won't bear malice toward them.

Something will have to be done about the present Collegian setup. We can't continue the way we are at present with the doubtful Spring semester looming. Somehow, we'll slave on.