

Crop Conditions.

The following report issued by G. L. Morgan, Field Agent, Bureau of Crop Estimates shows the crop conditions in Pennsylvania as given in the Government Crop Report of August 8, 1918.

The month of July was generally dry and unfavorable to all crop growth. The rainfall in the State averaged about two-thirds of a normal, but with the exception of local showers, all fell in the latter part of the month. There was a deficiency in all parts of the State excepting a few stations where heavy showers occurred. The greatest deficiency was 4.15 inches at Claysville, Washington county, and the greatest excess was 5.98 at Mt. Pocono. There was a slight temperature deficiency in all parts of the State.

Corn.—The condition of corn has fallen off since last month and is unusually low due to poor germination, cool weather in June, and drought during the forepart of July, with probably the largest acreage ever planted in the State, the estimated production is practically 2,000,000 bushels less than the average of the past five years. The growth is very uneven; some of the late plantings being not over six inches high; and unless we have an unusually late fall some of the crops will never reach maturity.

Wheat.—The wheat yield per acre is estimated at 17 bushels; this is a half bushel less than last year's estimate and also the average of the past five years, but owing to the increase of acreage this year's production is estimated at 24,718,000 bushels as compared with 24,483,000 last year, and 23,732,000 the average yield of the past five years. The quality is unusually high due to the favorable weather during May and June.

Oats.—Oats promise a bumper crop in nearly all sections of the State. The production is estimated at 42,488,000 bushels, as compared with 31,125,000 bushels last year, and 36,538,000 the average production of the past five years. The stock remaining on farms is estimated at 5.5 per cent as compared with 5 per cent in 1917, and 5.5 per cent the five year average. Barley—The condition on August 1 was 91 per cent of normal indicating a production of 389,000 bushels as compared with 264,000 in 1917, and 223,000 bushels the average of the past five years. Stock on farms is 2 per cent as compared with 2 per cent last year and 2.8 per cent the five year average.

Rye.—The yield per acre is estimated at 17 bushels, making a total production of 4,505,000 bushels compared with 4,420,000 in 1917, and 4,845,000 the average production of the last five years. The quality is slightly above the average, due to favorable weather conditions.

Buckwheat.—There has been a five per cent increase in the buckwheat acreage this year, and would have been greater, but many farmers were unable to prepare the ground due to the dry weather. The acreage is estimated at 358,000 acres compared with 350,000 in 1917, and 279,000 acres the average of the past five years. The condition on August 1 was 87 per cent of normal which indicates a production of 7,204,000 bushels compared with 6,300,000 bushels last year, and 5,313,000 the five year average.

Potatoes.—The condition on August 1 is estimated at 68 per cent of normal a decline of 24 points since July 1; this is due to blight, wilt, scald, and other diseases caused by the dry weather. The production is estimated at 21,570,000 bushels as compared with 29,532,000 in 1917, and 23,909,000 bushels the average production for the past five years.

Improvements at Millersville Normal.

The many graduates and friends of Millersville in this section will be pleased to know that extensive improvements are now being made. Many doorways are being cut through in both dormitories, thus giving rooms in suitcases, chiffoniers added, rooms and halls repapered, and other changes that will add to the comfort of teachers and students.

The fall term will open September 9th instead of September 2nd as previously announced.

Red Cross Suggestions.

Our people are warned that no unnecessary parcels should be sent to our soldier boys in France and that they will not be forwarded to the boys unless a specific request is made by the soldier and endorsed by the soldier's Commanding officer.

Further, it is urged that it is advisable to send money instead of supplies and thus avoid delay. When it is impossible to have mail communication between soldiers and their home folk, it is best to communicate with W. R. Castle.

Bureau of Communication Washington D. C. To beneficiaries of Soldiers who carry insurance let it be said, if you receive a certificate from the department, nothing further need be expected until after the war when the policies will be sent.

Dependents of soldiers frequently complain of slowness of allotments and of allowance. This often is due to mistakes in filling out applications. The Red Cross stands ready to assist those who may have failed to secure their allotment and allowance.

W. C. PATTERSON McConnellsburg, Pa.

County Per Capita W. S. S. Sales \$14.21.

Philadelphia, Aug. 11.—Sales of War Savings stamps to the beginning of August have passed the half billion mark. According to a statement issued by the war savings committee here the people up to August 3 have bought \$544,206,262 worth and are buying them in ever increasing quantities.

In the eastern Pennsylvania district the per capita sales last week amounted to thirty-five cents, making it the biggest week with one exception since the campaign began. The per capita for the district from the beginning of the campaign is \$5.42. For the entire country the per capita is \$5.17.

Fulton County's sales now stand at \$14.21. Neighboring counties as follows: Franklin, \$5.00; Bedford, \$4.83; Huntingdon, \$9.01. Only one county ahead of Fulton—Union, \$21.14.

No Farmer Slacker.

When this war is over and the boys come marching home from France, there will be at least one class of people who can greet them with no feeling of remorse over failure to back them up in every possible way. This class is the farmers. Men employed in many other industries have struck for higher wages or for shorter days. There has been curtailment of production of many things needed in the war, but never in agricultural production. The farmers have lengthened rather than shortened their days of labor. Their wives and children have participated more generally in farm work. Every available acre has been planted to crops. Meat animals have been produced in large numbers, even when the price did not pay for the feed. No where has the farmer failed to do his best to help speed this war to victory.

Union Evangelistic Meetings.

In a large tent with a seating capacity of 1,200 people there will be a series of Union Evangelistic meetings held at Hancock, Md., commencing on Saturday evening, August 17th and closing Tuesday evening September 3rd.

These meetings will be in charge of Evangelist Rev. C. H. Loyer, assisted by Rev. A. Dotterman. Rev. L. E. Teeter, musical director, will have charge of the singing.

Meetings every evening at 8 o'clock during the week. Sunday meetings at 2 o'clock in the afternoon and at 7:30 in the evening.

All ministers and Christian workers are invited to take part in these meetings. Everybody cordially invited.

REV. A. DOTTERMAN,

Farm Wanted.

Give location, acreage, cleared and in timber, improvements and all detail information and price in first letter. Address, F. M. TAYLOR, 8-8-18, McConnellsburg, Pa.

Shall the Germans Escape Punishment?

Germany invaded and occupied Belgium, a neutral nation whose neutrality she was bound by treaty to respect and defend.

What has she been doing in Belgium during the four years of her invasion?

Having devastated town after town and slaughtered men and women and cruelly treated children in the first days of her savage rush, she refused to feed her helpless victims. This barbaric nation, boasting of its culture and of its greatness and its superiority to all other nations, actually made the lives of Belgians dependent upon the contributions of food by the United States and England.

But that was only the beginning. Germany drove men and women into slavery. She took possession of the Belgian industries, dismantled them and sent the machinery to Germany. She has robbed private houses and stolen from the King's palace. Having largely deprived the citizens of the means of self-support, she has inflicted fine after fine upon them. According to the figures of Lord Robert Cecil, Assistant Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, officially announced to the British House of Commons, the total of these fines has amounted to date to \$466,000,000.

Shall the Huns escape punishment for these crimes? Shall they be permitted to dicker for and obtain an indeterminate peace which will leave autocracy in power and permit the Huns to get away with the swag?

Ask those questions of the Marines and the United States troops and see what the answer will be!

Conference at Antioch.

The Rays Hill and Southern Pennsylvania Christian Conference will convene at the Antioch Christian church in Thompson township on Wednesday, August 21st at 2 o'clock, p. m., to continue over Sunday. Rev. Warren H. Denison, D. D., Superintendent of Forward Movement, will be present Wednesday, Thursday and Friday; and Dr. J. P. Barrett, editor of the Herald of Gospel Liberty, will be present Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Everybody welcome.

W. R. DANIELS, President.

F. M. Diehl, Secretary.

Public Sale.

The Dublin school board will offer for sale at public outcry the Smith school house near Charles Whitsel's on Saturday, August 17, 1918, at 1 o'clock in the afternoon to the highest responsible bidder. Secretary.

Six of the draftees from Fulton county who left July 26th for Camp Lee, Va., returned to McConnellsburg last Wednesday night having been discharged for physical disability. They are: Russell David Thomas, Ayr township; Oscar Elbert Garland, and Geo. Grant Daniels of Belfast township; Clarence Victor Ramsey, Dublin township; Clarence C. Deshong, Thompson township. Horace Ashwell, Todd township.

PUBLIC SALE OF VALUABLE REAL ESTATE.

By virtue of an order of the Orphans' Court of Fulton County, Pa., the undersigned administrator of the estate of Henry R. Lee, late of Union Township, deceased, will sell at public sale on the premises near Northcraft post office, Fulton County, Pa., on Saturday, August 31, 1918, at 2 o'clock, p. m., the following described real estate to wit: TRACT No. 1, the MANSION FARM, contains 200 acres more or less, of which about 50 acres are cleared and under good state of cultivation, and the balance, 150 acres, is well timbered with pine and oak of good quality.

The improvements are a log-weather-boarded dwelling house, flat barn and other buildings. This tract adjoins land of William Lee, George Lehman, Lewis Wigfield, Russell Steckman, and Frank M. Lee. Being well watered and having good fruit are attractive features of this farm.

Tract No. 2 consists of about 8 acres of mountain timber land and adjoins lands of John Borwning, E. Smith, and William Mellett.

Terms of Sale:—Twenty five per cent, when properties are sold and balance at confirmation of sale. FRANCIS M. LEE, Administrator.

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School opens Sept. 9th. For information and catalog apply to C. H. GORDINIER, Principal.

Cumberland Valley State Normal School, SHIPPENSBURG, PA.

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\$4.75 per week pays for boarding, furnished room, heat, light and laundry. \$195 covers all these expenses, including registration fee for entire school year of forty weeks. Full credit for work satisfactorily completed in high school. Fall term of fifteen weeks opens Monday, September 9, 1918.

Last year 29 students from Fulton county were in attendance. For catalogue and other information write to

EZRA LEHMAN, Principal.



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Our Public Debt.

According to official figures the net public debt June 1, was \$11,760,290,131. This includes the nearly \$6,000,000,000 loaned to our allies and also includes about a billion which we owed before the war began. Subtracting these items we find that the net debt on account of the war at that date was only about five billions of dollars.

No More Card Playing.

Card playing on trains must be stopped during the war, according to orders of the Federal train management. Card playing produces the "seat hog," who holds four seats in a crowded train for his companions in whist or pinoche. The games also cause disturbances, annoying other passengers it is said.

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2 A near Scotland, with frame house, on cross roads, close neighbors \$650. Possession in thirty days.

12 A limestone land in Guilford Twp. 5 miles out of Chambersburg, large frame house, bank barn, splendid truck and poultry farm \$3,200.00.

1 A limestone land with good 6-room frame house and other buildings, 5 miles from Chambersburg \$700.00.

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