

IN EXCELLENT CONDITION.

Poor Director's Annual Report of the County Home—Affairs in Good Shape.

The annual report of the poor directors of Somerset county—George W. Kimmell, of Somerset; Joseph J. Snyder, of Somerset township, and Jacob W. Peck, of Summit township—shows the county home farm and hospital in excellent condition. Thousands of bushels of necessaries of life were produced on the farm during the year, the inmates of the institution contributing the labor required to make the farm a paying proposition, and manufacturing many articles of wearing apparel.

With the erection of a new hospital and a sewage disposal plant, Somerset county's eleemosynary institution ranks high in the State as to modern and commodious equipment. The progressiveness of Somerset county along these lines has enabled her to be of valuable assistance to neighboring counties, whose institutions are overcrowded.

COAL.

An analysis of the coal underlying the County Home farm, which it had been thought could be worked to advantage and profit to the county, showed that it would hardly be a paying proposition for the following reasons: First, because the acreage of the farm underlain with coal is comparatively small. Second, because the opening of the seam of coal without shafting would entail much expense and require the purchase of a right-of-way over an adjoining farm. Third, because the part of the farm on which the buildings are located is without doubt underlain with the best coal of the farm and this could not be removed without danger to these buildings. Fourth, because a large spring north of the county home buildings which supplies the water for the dam and other uses would in all probability be destroyed.

HEATING SYSTEM.

On account of the overhauling of the heating system and the unearthing of the conduits which bring the steam to the various buildings no attempt was made during the summer of 1913 toward leveling the grounds or putting down permanent walks or doing any landscape gardening about the buildings. This work will be taken up in the early spring.

THE INSANE.

Enclosed yards for the insane to exercise in the open air during the summer months will also be provided within the next 60 days.

The Somerset county home and hospital for the insane is now for the most part modern in its equipment and under careful management and supervision and modern methods should soon be the equal of any of its kind in the State, with comparatively small cost to the county. It shall also be the aim of the present board of directors to make the farm one of the leading farms in Somerset county.

INMATES.

Male paupers in home January 1, 1913, 42; female, 9; male paupers admitted during the year, 49; female 22; male inmates of insane hospital January 1, 1913, 83; female, 59; male insane admitted to hospital during the year, 84; female, 41; total in home and hospital, 392. Deaths in home during 1913, 4; deaths in hospital, 29; children in feeble-minded schools, 10; with children's aid society of Somerset during the year, 25; tramps fed during the year, 263; meals furnished tramps, 507; lodging for tramps, 250; number of days support given inmates, including vagrants, during the year, 78,362; average weekly cost per capita, \$2.85.

WEARING APPAREL.

The following new articles of clothing were manufactured during the year—children's dresses, 28; skirts, 7; women's dresses, 102; waists, 4; chemises, 9; aprons 106; drawers, 16; undergarments, 111; infants' dresses, 13; skirts, 13; diapers, 60; curtains, 70 pairs; clothing mended, 1,000 pieces.

FARM PRODUCTS.

Farm products were raised on the county farm during the year, as follows: oats, 190 bushels; potatoes, 1,500 bushels; ensilage corn, 125 tons; cabbage, 4,000 heads; beets, 10 bu.; rutabagas, 500 bushels; sweet corn, 35 bushels; kohlrabi, 25 bushels; green beans, 50 bushels; green peas, 25 bu.; tomatoes, 75 bushels; onions, 60 bushels; lettuce, 100 baskets; pumpkins, 30 loads; squashes, 1 load; radishes, 6 bushels; butter, 2,425 pounds; eggs, 435 dozen; apples, 50 bushels; hay, 75 tons; straw, 30 tons.

Canned and preserved fruits and vegetables were put up as follows: blackberries, 10 quarts; elderberries, 65 quarts; cucumbers, 40 quarts; chow-chow, 90 quarts; tomatoes, 150 quarts; beans, 90 quarts; catsup, 40 quarts; Bordeaux sauce, 50 quarts; mustard pickle, 32 quarts; green beans, 50 quarts; jellies, 7 gallons; tomato butter, 10 quarts; preserved

tomatoes, 10 quarts; dried beans, 2 bushels. Meat products—Beef, 9,968 pounds; pork, 7,766 pounds; lard, 1,527 pounds.

LIVE STOCK.

The following livestock was on the farm on January 1, 1913; horses, 7; cows, 23; bull, 1; two-year-olds, 12; one-year-olds, 11; fat hogs, 13; shoats and pigs, 20; boars, 1; chickens, 72.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

The annual financial report follows: Expenses—Salaries, wages, and labor (including medical attendance), \$12,056.55; provisions and supplies, \$7,383.64; fuel and light, \$3,144; clothing and shoes, \$261.24; furniture, bedding, etc., \$1,326.45; medicine and medical supplies, \$368.27; ordinary repairs, \$1,879.29; traveling expenses, \$365.80.

Farm expenses, \$3,464.49; incidental expenses, \$1,040.63; total current expenses, \$31,941.36; buildings and improvements, \$1,362.25; other extraordinary expenses, \$2,420.56; total county home and hospital expenses, \$36,724.17. Outside expenses—outside relief, \$4,179.42; insane in state hospitals, \$2,950; children in homes and private families, \$850.15; feeble-minded in training schools (Polk), \$250; other outside expenses, \$2,161.21; total outside expenses, \$7,637.53; aggregate expenses, \$42,361.70. Total receipts (not tax receipts), \$23,389.89. Net cost to county, \$19,971.81.

Following is a summary of the accounts of Treasurer Clarence Moore, of Meyersdale: from former Treasurer Henry F. Barron, \$4,001.38; Somerset county commissioners, \$23,000; Cambria county commissioners, \$1,275.75; Fayette county commissioners, \$1,233.71; Westmoreland county commissioners, \$551.70; other counties, \$39.84; State aid, \$16,898.75; other sources, \$3,283.64; total receipts, \$59,284.77. Credits—Paid orders outstanding, \$352.75; 1913 orders, \$42,776.49; balance on hand on January 5, 1914, \$7,155.53; outstanding orders, 1913, \$585.21.

CONFLUENCE.

Mrs. John Alexander has returned home from a few days visit with friends at Meyersdale.

Mrs. Coughenour has returned to her home in Connellsville after visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Morrison, a few days.

W. W. Frazee, a B. & O. brakeman, who met with an accident to his foot, a few days ago is able to be about again.

E. W. DeBolt of Charleston was a business visitor to Connellsville Tuesday.

E. C. Jamison, a well-known resident of Humbert, was in town Tuesday on business.

Kimmel Frazee was here Tuesday on his way to his home at Buffalo Run, and after visiting friends in Cumberland, for several days.

Miss Mary Kate Davis of this place has accepted a position as head milliner with the leading department store at Homestead.

Nathan Selby, a prominent lumberman was here yesterday on his way to his home at Selbysport, Md., after being in Connellsville on a business mission.

John Merrill, a former resident here but now in the lumber business at Fort Hill, was transacting business here Tuesday.

J. L. Burnworth, a young farmer of Johnson Chapel, was transacting business in town Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Beggs were shoppers in Pittsburgh Tuesday.

Mrs. E. L. Beggs, and daughter have returned to their home in Scottsdale, after visiting friends here for several days.

Miss Grace Stark was in Connellsville Monday.

Mrs. A. G. Crabbe, and little grand son Orville Hitchcock, of Hyndman, have returned home after visiting her sister-in-law, Mrs. John Hawke here a few days.

Orville Burnworth, of Johnson Chapel, who lately bought a property on the west side, was a business visitor in Somerset yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. I. K. Conway, who were visiting friends near Draketown, have returned to their home in Cumberland.

Lawrence Burnworth of Uniontown is here on business.

Dr. T. J. Jacobs and Wm. Grey, a leading business man of Somerset, were here yesterday enroute to Pittsburgh.

Mrs. G. R. McDonald, was shopping in Pittsburgh Monday.

Wm. Bowman of Johnson Chapel is visiting friends in Somerset.

Harry P. Burnworth, wife and two children of Humbert, went to Johnson Chapel Saturday evening on account of the death of Mrs. Burnworth's brother, Clarence Butler.

Samuel Wilhelm, an aged man of Listonburg, died Saturday, aged about 85 years. Interment at Addison.

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VIM.

Mrs. Priscilla Queer, and her grandson Earl Smiley, of near Centre Church, visited relatives in Vim, on Thursday of last week.

S. M. Gnagey, and Russel Engle visited our schools on Wednesday and Wilson Walker on Thursday of last week.

The local institute to have been held in our school Friday evening last was altogether postponed on account of contagious disease, prevailing in the community at present.

Elias Fike, and his brother Wm. Fike took advantage of the snow, by hauling tile from Springs, Thursday last.

George Bangard made a business trip to Salisbury last Thursday.

Misses Maud and Ruth Commons, spent last Friday in Cumberland.

D. H. Knepp and family moved their household goods to Centre Co., Pa., on Wednesday last and C. H. Marten and family moved the same day from Larimer twp., into the house vacated by the Knepp family.

Our mail carrier, Howard Fike, was unable to make his round on Monday and Tuesday on account of the roads being drifted.

Miss Mary Christner, of Larimer twp., visited several days in Vim, this week.

Wm. Engle, and George Bangard, attended the funeral of J. J. Zorn, in Berlin on Sunday.

Farm and Garden

WINTER SPRAYING FOR TREES

Dormant Spraying is the Only Method For Destroying Certain Pests.

There is long list of tree pests, one miles of fruit yields and actual destroyers of the trees, that should be vigorously fought in winter, says a writer in Farm Progress. So far the only method discovered for combating them is by winter spraying.

Late winter is the time for "annual housecleaning" in the orchards. The list of enemies that can be checked or entirely wiped out by winter or dormant spraying is rather long and includes the San Jose scale, anthracnose, aphids, woolly aphids, codling moth, brown mite, red spider and powdery mildew.

When you spray, spray thoroughly. Winter spraying is no exception to the rule, and the spray material should be put on with force enough to reach all the lurking enemies. Thorough spraying brings up the question of proper equipment. All the bark must be wetted. At least 100 pounds of pressure is necessary, and in some cases I have found 150 to 200 pounds of pressure giving the best results. It must be driven into the bark cracks and crevices.

The man who is just beginning to take up the question of winter spray-

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By HOLLAND.

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The editor's advice and suggestions are always yours for the asking. You are entitled to ask him any questions you please, and he will not feel offended if you decide not to follow his suggestions.

Father and His Daughters.

The habits of a lifetime which began a generation or more ago, the habit of being a source of maintenance and the need of keeping in hand the means of maintenance, the habit of power and of keeping hold of the source of power, may make a man less than fair perhaps in dividing his acquisitions with his wife, but when it comes to the daughters whom he quits to leave in the world when he quits it he is all for securing to them as far as he can a full share of all that is worth having. Hardly can sex selfishness squeeze in between him and his girls. As between them and all males, he is for them. He wants them to lose no good thing that may lawfully be coming to them. He wants no man to bully them, no man to impose upon their generosity, no man to bring them to want, to sorrow or a hungry heart.—Edward S. Martin in Atlantic.

A Maker of Cripples.

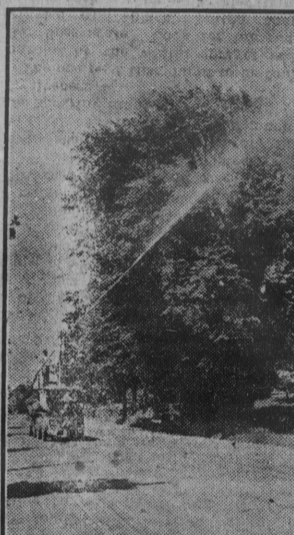
Dr. Charlton Wallace once investigated with great care 400 cases of hip joint disease—tuberculosis of the hip. He found that this number 70 per cent came of tuberculous families or had lived in houses where there had been known cases of active tuberculosis within a year. In both cases the explanation was the same—exposure to infection. When the tubercle germ cannot murder a victim it does its best to cripple him. The only safeguard is to make sure personally that your house does not harbor this great of human enemies.—Chicago Journal.

Inappreciative Man.

"You say you occasionally smoke one of your wife's birthday cigars?" "Yes; I dug 'em up the other day, and they are a great help in my present situation." "What is that?" "I am trying to quit smoking for good."—Albany Knickerbocker Press.

Courtesy at the Pawnshop.

"You go first, Frau Meier. I can wait." "Thanks. I'd have you know I'm in no more hurry for my money than you."—Pflögende Blatter.



SPRAYING TREES FROM THE ROADWAY.

ing ought to be able to distinguish the different kinds of enemies found on the trees in winter. He ought to buy a good "pocket lens, costing about 75 cents, and carefully study all the parasites, scale and fungi he can find.

In battling with mildew, mites, spiders and moths all infected trees should be pruned and the dead and decaying parts removed. All wounds should be cleaned out and the scaling bark ought to be scraped away from the trunks. Let this work precede the spraying with lime-sulphur. All rubbish should be burned at once. This will expose all the hibernating pests so the spray will reach them easily. Every part of the tree ought to be bathed in the film of spray even to the thickest twig. The best time for applying sprays to the pests mentioned is a short time before the buds show signs of swelling.

Bordenix 64-50 is the spray used most in late winter spraying, when the lime-sulphur is deemed inadequate. It is very effective in dealing with anthracnose and incipient cases of peach leaf curl. To be really effective the spray should be put on at a dry time, as a fall of rain will wash off much of the spraying material and lessen its effectiveness.

The one pest that ought to be fought hardest by the winter sprayer is the San Jose scale. Look for the round, grayish and black, button shaped bodies with a pimple-like elevation in the center. This elevation is about the size of a pin head and is often surrounded by a red ring. Lime-sulphur solution properly applied will kill the San Jose scale at any date between the falling of the leaves and the leafing out in spring.

There are three rules that I think every man should apply in going about spraying, whether he is doing the work in winter or in summer. They are:

When you spray, be sure you are doing it at the right time.

If you don't know the reason why you are spraying, don't spray at all.

The only way to know the reasons for spraying is to study up on every insect or fungus that is causing you trouble now or may trouble you in the near future.

Men no longer argue about the value of spraying. That has been settled for all time. The scabious, sound and smooth skinned fruit of the sprayed orchard has settled that question. All that remains for us to know is the when and the how.

Barnyard Manure.

Barnyard manure is indispensable as a fertilizer on thin and sandy land that is to be farmed. It supplies humus as well as nitrogen, and the effect of the humus is often more desirable than the increase of plant food, though both are surely needed if the land be thin.

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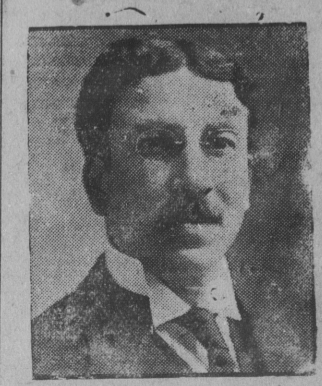
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