

# FARMERS COLUMN

Some Practical Suggestions Well Worth Knowing From the Department of Agriculture.

## FACTS FOR DAILY USE

### SOLVING THE MARKETING PROBLEM.

The question of finding suitable and ample markets for their crops has worked a hardship to the farmers of Pennsylvania for many years and in some communities still works against the efforts of the farmers to raise maximum crops. The Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture is now engaged in working out some method of assisting the farmers in isolated districts to market their farm products. The problem of the best means and method to develop markets for the products of the farms that are somewhat removed from the cities and the market centers is a big one, but plans that are now under way are expected to aid materially during the coming season.

With the source of sale for their products established many farmers will work for better quality and larger production in their farm crops and the aid that the Department of Agriculture can give in finding a market for these products will mean much more profit to the farmer for his labors.

The market problem is one which has the attention of the United States Government at the present time through the bill introduced in Congress by Senator Sheppard of Texas. This bill provides for the establishment of a National Chamber of Agriculture with units made up by township, county and State bodies. In this way the marketing work will be organized in communities and will have the assistance of the county, State and National associations to carry it forward.

The bill provides that an organization of twenty farmers a township can form a unit and when four township units have been organized a county chamber can be organized. When one-third of the counties of any State are organized a State Chamber of Agriculture can be formed and granted a charter by the National body. When twenty States have organized the National Chamber of Commerce will become a permanent body. From its inception the President of the United States has the authority to appoint the necessary officers and nine members, six of whom shall be practical farmers.

The work of the organization will consist of helping to market the products of the farm and provides that when any member or township unit desires to offer for sale or to purchase any agricultural product or commodity related to the farm, they communicate with the secretary of the local chamber who shall meet their demand or communicate it to the secretary of the county chamber, who in turn communicates with the State chamber and if the order cannot be filled there the matter goes to the National Chamber to provide a market for the products offered for sale or desired to be purchased.

This system will provide a nationwide market, if necessary, to dispose of the products offered by any one township or county unit and is thought to be a big step in solving the marketing problem. The bill is sponsored and backed by the Secretaries and Commissioners of Agriculture in a number of the most prominent agricultural states.

### FIVE CLASSES FOR STATE CORN SHOW.

Plans for the State Corn and Apple Show which will be held under the auspices of the Pennsylvania Board of Agriculture at Harrisburg next January are rapidly being worked out by Secretary of Agriculture, Charles E. Patton and reports indicate that a widespread interest is being taken and that many acres of corn are being planted with the view of exhibiting competing for the State prizes.

Secretary Patton has decided on some of the classes for which prizes will be offered. They are:

- Class for individuals.
- Class for winners of County Fair exhibits.
- Class for winners of Corn Clubs organized by Pennsylvania banks.
- Class for Corn organized by County Superintendents of Schools.
- Class for winners of Corn Clubs organized by Community Associations.

For the various classes the competition will consist of the showing of the best ten ears of corn and for the largest yield raised on an acre. They will be a grand sweepstakes prize which will determine the champion corn grower of the State relative to the yield of bushels to an acre and also the person turning out the best 10 ears of corn in the State.

Every indication points that the

Harrisburg show will be the most complete corn show ever held in Pennsylvania and it is expected to attract persons interested in corn and apple growing from all parts of the United States. From many sections of Pennsylvania word has been received of the organization of corn clubs and the managements of County Fairs have, in many instances, added special prize to their fair list to increase the interest in agricultural products.

### ALFALFA AND TIMOTHY MIXTURE.

"I am persuaded that many of the farmers who are trying alfalfa this year will find it profitable to sow a mixture of equal parts timothy and alfalfa seed," says J. T. Campbell, soil and farm crop expert of the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture.

"The timothy will form a protection to the alfalfa, which will do much to prevent its being frozen out. Splendid success has been obtained from sowing the above mixture at the rate of twelve quarts per acre on especially prepared ground about August 15. In preparing the land it is wise to

is wise to grow a crop of Sixty-day oats, or a crop of rye and as soon as the grain is removed the ground is plowed and thoroughly fitted by compacting the soil and making a fine seedbed on the top. No half-way preparation will succeed here. The work must be done right.

"We are using this alfalfa and timothy mixture in a short rotation. The timothy makes many fine roots near the surface while the alfalfa roots deeply which forms a deal combination for soil improvement. On the soils of northwestern Pennsylvania timothy is one of the most valuable plants if used wisely."

### NEARBY COUNTIES

The Johnstown school board has inserted an anti-marriage clause in the teachers' contracts of that city.

Edward Phelan, the 12-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. John Phelan of Uniontown, while playing on a float in the lake in the park of Frank M. Semars Jr., at that place recently, slipped into the water and was drowned. William Myers, a boy companion, made an unsuccessful attempt at rescue, then called men to aid, which came too late. At the time of the accident the boy's parents were attending the funeral of their niece, Miss Margaret Coyne's at Mount Braddock.

More than 10,000 acres of the state forest reserves in Centre County have been wiped out by fires which have burned uncontrolled for a week. Despite the efforts of hundreds of State College students led by the forestry school contingent and assisted by a fire warden and his four rangers the fires have swept across three mountain tops in the range of the Seven mountains. Unless threatening showers materialize, there is danger of the Bear Meadow tract, one of the largest reserves in the state, being destroyed. The students worked day and night for several days, snatching only a few hours of sleep.

Preparations for 1,200 students at the Pennsylvania State College summer session which opens June 26, have been announced by Dr. E. R. Smith, the director. There have been added to the curriculum many new courses never before offered, making a total of 166 different courses in charge of 70 instructors. The teaching force has been strengthened in all departments. The new courses will be given in agriculture, home economics, education, journalism, German, history, industrial education, music, industrial and fine arts, public speaking and Spanish. Most of the work will be in charge of the regular instructional staff of the college, although a number from other institutions have been engaged.

### NEW SIGNAL SYSTEM.

Keeping pace with other large eastern roads the Baltimore & Ohio will this season install a complete automatic signal system over its lines between Philadelphia and Pittsburgh. A connecting link of the great system is now under course of construction between Cumberland and Sand Patch on the Connellsville Division. This being the most dangerous stretch to be equipped by the great system will be the first installed.

Switches and signals along the road will be operated automatically. The old time lever in the telegraph towers along the road will be abandoned and in several places the position of leverman to operate the many switches will be abolished. The stretch between Cumberland and Sand Patch was surveyed and estimated several months ago and all necessary material ordered for the work. It is said that eventually the company will install the automatic system over all its lines.

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## BEATRICE WELLER



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The Beatrice Weller Company is one of the popular attractions to be on our Chautauqua program this summer. Miss Weller is one of the most clever and popular cartoonists on the platform. She draws her cartoons before her audience and accompanies this work with a running fusillade of comment. She gives a few serious facts about the subject of art along with her humorous work, so her program is not only interesting and entertaining, but instructive as well. Miss Weller has as members of her company Miss Martha Cook, soprano, and Miss Grace Wilson, accompanist. Miss Cook is regarded as one of the most popular singers in the northwest. In the lead-in hotels of St. Paul and Minneapolis she has won special favor in the last two winter seasons. She is the piano soloist in the Plymouth Congregational Church in Minneapolis, the wealthiest church in the city. The Minneapolis Federation of Women's Clubs recognized her ability to the extent of giving her a scholarship for a year's study in Chicago. She is a Scotch lassie and sings popular music as well as classical.

The American Sunday School of this place, has purchased a new organ.

Twenty-four members of the P. O. S. of A. Camp, No. 876, of Berksley attended the institution of Camp 882 of Meyersdale on May 10.

Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Neimiller left for Rockwood on Saturday to visit relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Boyer were the guests of Mrs. Boyer's parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Smith of near Boynton, recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Bittner and family were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Ackerman of near Glencoe a few days ago.

Chester Herring was a welcome caller at Edward Seller's Sunday. Miss Catherine Smith is spending the week with her sister, Mrs. Harry Boyer.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Berkley of

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If I have planted hope today in any hopeless heart,  
If someone's load has lighter grown because I did my part,  
If haply I have caused a laugh that chased some tears away,  
And if tonight my name be named where someone kneels to pray—I claim my day has been well spent. Not lived in vain, and am content.  
If cup, or crust, or covering has been dispensed by me,  
If I have helped the weak to stand, Or warmly clasped some angry hand Or if some lonely little child Has known my comradeship and smiled,  
Then, humble though I be, I know I have been helping God, and so serene, I claim my nightly rest. Just glad to know I have done my best.  
—St. Louis Globe Democrat.

### REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

The following deeds have been entered by Recorder John E. Custer during the past week:  
James Lambert to Resley Stevanus, Berlin, \$17,000.00.  
John Kurtz to Thomas E. Kooztz, Conemaugh township, \$800.00.  
Pearson Lohr heirs to David S. Lohr, Quemahoning township, \$8,333.00.  
Elizabeth Meyers to James Lambert, Stonycreek township, \$350.00.  
Catherine McCully estate to Frank Lichty, Brothersvalley township, \$2,000.00.  
Pearson Lohr heirs to James B. Lohr, Quemahoning township, \$1,250.00.  
Wilmore Coal Co. to Gracoma D. Angelo, Windber, \$350.00.  
Emma Freeze to Frank Freeze Boswell, \$400.  
Minnie E. Crisman to Clarence Shaver, Windber, \$125.00.  
William H. Kantner to John H. Beerits, Somerset Borough, \$10.00.  
Joseph B. Musser to Jacob A. Landis, Brothersvalley township, \$1,400.  
Ross A. Harkelrode to Andrew Koscic, Windber, \$2,100.  
Peter Wiric to Louise F. Penrod, Paint township, \$1,700.  
Frank C. Elden to J. C. Alsopp, Boswell, \$125.00.

### MACK AND MORAN TELL OF PENNANT TEAMS IN N. A. BASEBALL NUMBER.

Connie Mack and Pat Moran are the star contributors to the North American's twelfth annual baseball supplement which appears Sunday, May 21.

These famous managers, in specially prepared signed articles, discuss the building of championship baseball teams, a subject which they should know, since between them they have produced in the last fifteen seasons more pennant winners than any other city has had.

In that interval Philadelphia has had six championships in the American League and one in the National, as well as three world's titles. Father Penn, as the city of baseball supremacy, is the subject of the attractive first page in colors, the work of Artist Marris Pancoast.

James C. Isaminger, The North American's noted baseball humorist, presents an entertaining article in which he deals with the foibles and personality of the fan. Joe Cunningham, cartoonist and conductor of the Bubbles Puzzle Department illustrates Mr. Isaminger's articles.

George M. Graham, sports editor of The North American, draws a picture of what happens on the bench during the excitement of big league contests, all the heat of play, the grim humor, the lightning flash of the players' minds, all being brought vividly to the mind of the reader.

Ross E. Kauffman is there strong with a couple of pages of school and college baseball. There is the usual roster of local clubs, announcements by the minor leagues and illustrated forecasts of many teams thruout the state.

Something new in the way of a contest is presented in which \$100 in prizes is offered to fans who can identify the greatest number of former Philadelphia and Athletic players whose pictures are printed without their names. This test permits an interesting trial of memory and of baseball loyalty.

Previous editions of The North American's baseball edition have always been sold out.

It's easy for a pretty woman to interest a man—if she isn't his wife.

It's a poor mirror that will not enable a man to see his best friend.

Saving Her Voice.  
The Impresario—Certainly, madam, I can supply you with a second prima donna to sing your children to sleep. But you sing so perfectly yourself.  
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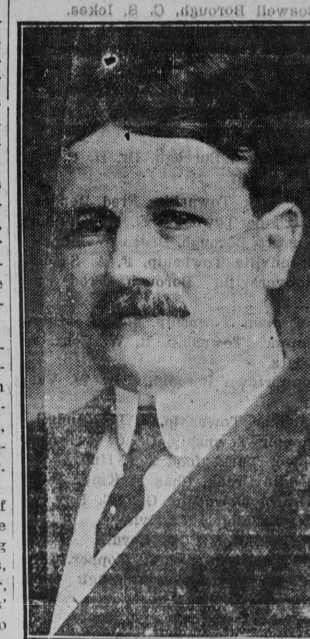
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