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PICTORIAL LIFE OF HERBERT HOOVER

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1. Herbert Hoover entered Stanford University in 1891. Engineering was his goal.



2. Baseball was his favorite college sport, and he proved an expert at the strategy of the game.



3. His first field work as an engineer apprentice was in the Ozark Mountains, during college vacation.



4. While working his way through college he met Lou Henry, now Mrs. Hoover. She promised to wait.

CONTROLLER'S OFFICE.

Ebensburg, Pa., September 11, 1928.
SEALED BIDS.—Up until 11 o'clock A. M., Monday, October 8, 1928, sealed bids will be received at the office of the County Controller for supplying and delivering bituminous coal for the Cambria County Court House, Jail and Juvenile Home, the contract to continue in force for a period of six months from date of the contract.

Coal must show the following analysis: Not less than 68 per cent carbon; not more than 22 per cent volatile matter; not more than 1.75 per cent sul-

phur; not more than 9 per cent ash. An analysis from a qualified chemist must accompany each bid.

The County Commissioners reserve the right to reject any or all bids. Envelopes containing bids should be plainly marked, "BIDS FOR COAL."

HENRY L. CANNON,
County Controller.

INSPECT INSTALLATIONS

The bureau of fire protection of the Pennsylvania State Police, during the past month approved 469 installations of distribution of inflammable liquids.

The largest number was installed in Berks county, with Montgomery county following.

PREPARE TREE BULLETIN

A new bulletin on the beech, birch and maple forest type in Pennsylvania will soon be ready for distribution by the Pennsylvania Department of Forests and Waters. The authors of this bulletin are State Forester Joseph S. Illick, and Forester Leroy Frontz. It enters into a very thorough discussion of this valuable forest type in Pennsylvania and is profusely illustrated.

HIGHWAY WORK AT RECORD TOTAL

Stuart Expects to Have Six Hundred and Fifty Miles Under Contract by January 1.

The Pennsylvania Department of Highways has advertised for bids during the present year for 546 miles of road construction projects, including 27.37 miles of grading and drainage. Secretary James Lyall Stuart said this week in his monthly report to Governor John S. Fisher. This exceeds by 192 miles the mileage advertised in 1927 for the same period of time, and exceeds by 133 miles the mileage advertised for the entire year of 1927. Secretary Stuart estimates that 100 additional miles will be advertised during the balance of this year after the Sept. 14th letting, which will make a grand total for the year 1928 of about 650 miles.

The mileage of pavement laid by contract during the present season was 219.55 at the last compilation reports. The total grading and drainage projects completed by contract this year were twenty-five miles.

The department of highways had 215 active contracts on August 31st, thirty-eight of which were contracted during the month of August. During the same month ninety-five miles of paving were placed by contract. The total mileage of road and bridge construction contracts awarded in August amounted to 76.86 miles, with a contract value amounting to \$3,216,682.67.

To insure the use of the best possible material in highway construction and maintenance operations the materials laboratory of the department during August tested and analyzed 7385 samples of cement, tar asphalt, brick, stone, sand, paint, steel, wire rope, culvert pipe, preservative oil, waterproofing compounds, water, partition tile and miscellaneous materials.

During the same month the laboratory workers made 1839 inspections at bituminous refineries, stone quarries, cement mills, sand plants, steel mills, paint factories, pipe plants and on construction projects.

The materials laboratory is also making an investigation and study which includes the distribution of load imposed on pavement surface by pneumatic, cushion and solid tires; the effect of time of mix on the strength of concrete and the development of a "Pavement Surface Tester" to detect irregularities in road surface.

The Department forces surfaced with a flexible type of construction during the present calendar year, up to and including the week of August 18th, 21.82 miles and resurfaced 81.57 miles, principally flexible type construction. The total mileage of surface treatment applied by department forces this year was 1581 miles.

During the month 973,606 gallons of bituminous material were applied to 394.61 miles of highway.

Secretary Stuart also reported that the entire state highway system has been marked with Pennsylvania Traffic Mile Numbers and United States Highway markers. Approximately 75,000 signs were placed on Aug. 6 and 7.

SIXTEEN HUNDRED EMPLOYEES AID NO AGE LIMIT PLAN

There is no longer an age limit in some of the establishments in Pennsylvania, the bureau of employment, Pennsylvania Department of Labor and Industry, announced during the week. Managers of these plants have advised Walter J. Lloyd, director of the bureau, that persons seeking employment will not be discriminated against on account of age if they can produce the necessary qualifications for employment. The bureau will issue to each of the establishments a certificate stating that they have filed with the department the necessary work to anywhere vacancies exist without regard to age.

Employment conditions throughout Pennsylvania are improving gradually, reports to the bureau indicate. The principal demand for workers is confined principally to skilled workers, including machinists, furnace brick layers and drop forge workers. This class of artisans is much in demand and large numbers of such have been directed to profitable employment in the past week. Unemployment continues to exist in the unskilled ranks, including clerical and stenographic work.

OBTAINS SCHOOL SPECIMENS.

State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Dr. John A. H. Keith, has completed arrangements with the Philadelphia Commercial Museum whereby cabinets of geographical specimens will be placed in offices of county superintendents for circulation among the schools under their respective jurisdictions. Each cabinet contains 9 drawers of specimens and forty photographs as follows:

- Drawer 1—Corn, fifteen specimens.
- Drawer 2—Rice, nine specimens.
- Drawer 3—Beverages, 15 specimens.
- Drawer 4—Sugar, 14 specimens.
- Drawer 5—Cotton, 15 specimens.
- Drawer 6—Flax, 12 specimens.
- Drawer 7—Wool, 10 specimens.
- Drawer 8—Silk, 16 specimens.
- Drawer 9—Carbon, 19 specimens.

The specimens are intended to be of special help to teachers in geography instruction in that they will give the children correct ideas regarding certain foodstuffs and clothing materials. The state superintendent believes that instruction can be improved if teachers are certain that children have ideas corresponding to the words they use. The cabinets, he believes, provide an avenue for this certainty.

With a personnel of 311, the Pennsylvania State Police made 431 regular patrols, 2650 special investigations, covering 172,828 miles, resulting in 635 arrests and recovery of stolen property to the value of \$17,434,000, compilation of the August reports this week revealed.

W. B. H. Williams has purchased the Reliable Store in the Miners' Hall Building and is now open for business.

Hoover in College



A PORTRAIT from the family album taken when the Republican presidential candidate was a student at Leland Stanford University in 1894.

URGE PLANTING OF HICKORY IN STATE

Restocking of Pennsylvania's Forests Would Be An Asset Worth While.

Restocking of the woodlands of this state with hickory trees is being urged and encouraged by the Department of Forests and Waters. The hickories, officials said, are among the most valuable and distinctive American trees. All but one of the seventeen known species belong to North America, and six of these occur in the forests of Pennsylvania. They are most common in the southern, southeastern and western parts of the state.

Hickory is a tree that deserves to be favored in the farm woodlots in southern Pennsylvania, it was said, and should be introduced in mixture with other forest trees, scattered singly or in small groups, in young forests, or in openings in older stands where there is little or no shade.

Young seedlings tolerate shade but after the stands become older they require opening up. The trees grow slowly at first but then grow well and in the twentieth year should average 20 feet in height. It is preferable to plant the nuts, since the trees are difficult to transplant. The tap root is very large, often becoming a foot long in the first year. Fertile, fresh soil should be selected. Nuts are planted an inch or two below the surface of the ground. Most of the nuts, if planted in the fall, should germinate the following spring.

Hickory is one of the hardest, heaviest and strongest of our woods, and although the total number cut is not large compared with pine and oak, has special qualities for which no substitute has been found. The phrase, "as tough as hickory" has been handed down from early American settlers who were quick to learn the peculiar merits of the wood for agricultural purposes and fuel. It stands at the top of the list as a fuel wood. A cord of hickory wood possesses a great fuel value and is the equivalent of a ton of coal. It was valued by the Indians for firewood and for bows, because of its elasticity.

The name, "hickory" is derived from the Indian name of a liquor obtained from pounding the kernels. The Indians pressed the nuts with stones, and put them, shells and all, mingled with water, into mortars where they were pounded with wooden pestles. The resulting liquor was called powchicocora.

RATTLESNAKES AT \$100 PER EACH, PROVIDED, HOWEVER!

Snake hunters, locally, will be interested in an announcement from State College, that Prof. George R. Greene is making a special study of rattlesnake poisoning and chemical antidotes. Prof. Greene is head of the nature study department at the college and has conducted classes in the field in the summer months. At this time the flesh of rattlesnakes was eaten as a novelty. He desires to purchase live specimens of the rattlesnakes, eight-inch long or over, requiring that the snakes be shipped to the college in a wired box, with a screen for air, as a sealed box may not be used. One dollar for each snake received alive and in good condition is offered. All fangs must be retained.

INFANTILE PARALYSIS LESS.

"Further increase of infantile paralysis is unlikely this year," said Dr. J. Campbell Moore, chief of the bureau of communicable diseases, State health department, Wednesday. Forty-three cases have been reported to the bureau during August and up to the middle of September. It is at this period of the year that infantile paralysis has its greatest incidence. During this year the month of August showed 41 reported cases, and for the same time in 1927 seventy cases occurred. Only two cases have thus far been reported in September.

TWO DAY ROAD LETTING.

The state highway department is arranging for a two day letting next month. Bids will be asked on October 23 and 24 for the improvement of about 60 miles of road.

WOULD PUT STOP TO HITCH HIKING

Pennsylvania Motor Federation Head Decries It As Unnecessary Evil.

War to the finish is to be declared on the hitch hiker, the Pennsylvania Motor Federation declared Monday. "This form of highway panhandling has become so dangerous and so annoying in Pennsylvania that steps must be taken to end it for good and all," said S. Edward Gable, president of the Federation, "and to accomplish that end the State Legislature at the coming session will be asked to pass a law making ride soliciting on the public highways punishable by a fine or a jail sentence."

Mr. Gable pointed out that a law of this kind has been quite effective in Minnesota, where it has been in operation for some time; that New Jersey has recently enacted a similar measure, and that a number of other states are considering like action. He suggested the following provision which, he said, enacted into law, would solve the hitch hiker problem in Pennsylvania:

No person shall stand in the traveled portion of a public highway for the purpose of soliciting, or while soliciting a ride from the driver of any vehicle other than a common carrier. The penalty for violation of this Act is \$50 fine or five days in jail, or both, at the discretion of the court.

"Though troublesome throughout the year, hitch hiking is particularly prevalent at this season," said Mr. Gable. "Many college youths and numerous non-descripts in the guise of collegians dot the main highways, begging for lifts. For a few students this means of getting to and from college is a real aid financially, but for the rank and file it is more of a fad and, taken up by the bandit and others criminally minded, it becomes a real menace. The

autoist who picks up a stranger along the road is taking a long chance, never knowing whether the person he is taking into his car is intent on robbery or some other crime. Hundreds of crimes, including a number of murders, have been committed in this way with unwary motorists as victims."

In addition, the motor head said, the motorist makes himself liable under the law for the safety of whoever he picks up. In case of accident and injury the person in the car, whether invited as a guest, or hitch hiker, can hold the autoist responsible for injuries and can "sue."

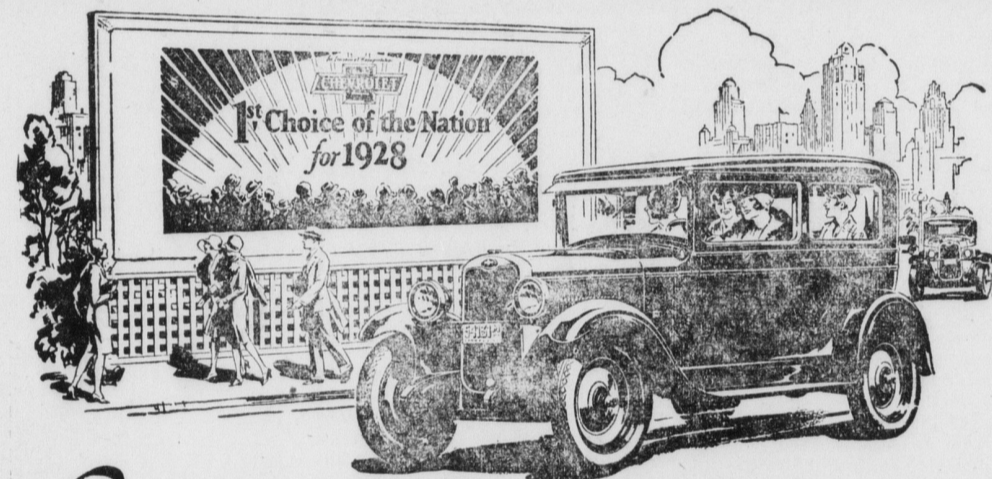
one instance—collect damages from the "Trains, trolleys and buses are provided for the public not using motor cars, and except in remote instances, there is no excuse for existence of the hitch hiker, thumb jerk, or whatever other name he is called," said Mr. Gable. "Law prohibits panhandling on public streets and there is no reason why it should not put a ban on this other form of panhandling on the highway."

"The hitch hiker, whether he be college youth, school child, or professional beggar, must go. Motorists can accomplish this by finally refusing to heed the solicitations of the roadside traveler, but the most prompt and the most effective method is through the passage of a law, making the practice a misdemeanor. This step should, and likely will, be taken up by the Legislature, at the next session."

IMPROVE CONDITIONS.

A survey just concluded by the school division of the bureau of child health among schools of the fourth class districts shows that an improvement exists in the sanitary facilities and the surroundings of schools of this class, according to a report submitted to the Secretary of Health, Theo. B. Appel, at Harrisburg, this week.

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