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173,000 BUSHELS OF CERTIFIED SEED POTATOES ARE GROWN

Harrisburg.—The purpose of seed potato certification is to make available to the potato growers of the state the best obtainable seed at reasonable prices. Potato growers, realizing more than ever that under highly competitive production conditions the seed they plant may be the limiting factor in the production of a profitable crop. Pennsylvania growers produced over 173,000 bushels of certified seed potatoes last year. The varieties certified were Russet, White Rural, Nittany, Katahdin, Bliss Triumph, Pennigan, and Irish Cobbler. This state ranked eleventh in total production, among the 26 states that are rendering this service, second in the production of Russets, third in White Rurals and seventh in the Cobbler type which includes Nittany.

Seed growers report good sales this spring, especially for the Nittany and Katahdin varieties. Russets are rapidly moving out but there is still some stock available.

Seed stocks come through storage in excellent condition and are graded out with very little loss. The potatoes are clean, bright, showing very few blemishes and range from small to medium in size. Small sizes seed ranging from one and one-half inches to one and seven-eighths inches are in great demand compared to the supply available. These small sized potatoes are planted whole and generally sell on the same price level as the No. 1 grade which range from one and seven-eighths inches to 10 ounces in size. Potato growers found that the small sized potatoes are more economical to plant since there is no outlay for cutting and the same quantity of small sized potatoes will plant a larger area than the larger cut potatoes.

When buying seed potatoes always insist on having the certification tags attached to the containers. If the tags attached to the sacks and the potatoes show defects beyond the tolerance for certification, adjustment can easily be made through the certification agency and the producer of the seed. Even though a certain lot of seed potatoes may have been inspected and passed all the field requirements for certification, such stock is not regarded as certified unless it bears the certification tag.

In Pennsylvania a blue tag is placed on the No. 1 certified seed and a red tag on the small sized seed. Most other states that ship seed use the same tag colors.

LAYMEN'S GROUP PLANNING RETREATS AT SAINT FRANCIS

Initial meeting of the advisory committee of the Laymen's Retreat League of the Altoona diocese was held on Sunday evening at St. Francis College, Loretto.

Members of the committee present were: George Wolfe, Leonard Burns, Edward Riley and Frank Wise, all of Altoona; John Moran, Henry Sullivan, Patrick Farrell, Wilbur Wright, John Chiodo, Samuel DiFrancesco, J. P. McCann, H. G. Andrews, John F. Skamnia, Andrew Urban, Jacob Sardo, Edward McNally, John Stammelley, Leonard Gallucci and Andrew Dolinsky of Johnstown; Randolph Myers and Tom Swone of Ebensburg; Edward Bishop, of Cresson; Charles Welsh, Somerset; Bernard Murray, Windber, and Foster Tierney, Hollidaysburg.

The committee met to formulate the plans for this year's retreat—an event held annually under the auspices of Most Rev. Bishop Richard T. Guilfoyle of the Altoona diocese.

A capacity crowd is expected this year. Two retreats will be held instead of one as in former years. This action was prompted by the fact that many had to be turned away at last year's retreat because of the lack of accommodations.

The first retreat will begin on Friday night, July 7th and end on Monday morning, July 10th. The second will begin the following Friday evening, July 14th, and end Monday, July 17th. The committee also will sponsor a young boys' retreat this year. Further details will be worked out at the next meeting of the committee.

The league selected Rev. Father Xavier Crowley, T. O. R., to conduct this year's retreats. President George Wolfe of the advisory committee, announced that the next regular meeting of the advisory committee would be held on Sunday evening, May 21st. In order to give the men an opportunity to attend the impressive candle procession, which is held every Sunday evening during the month of May, the time of the meeting was changed from 8 p. m. to 7 p. m.

Officers of the retreat league are: President, George Wolfe, Altoona; vice president, John Moran, Johnstown and secretary-treasurer, Rev. Father John P. J. Sullivan, T. O. R.

PINE TWP. NOTES

HEILWOOD, MENTCLE, ALVERDA, AND VICINITY, FROM PEN OF MISS MONA FRYE.

A musical revival was held at the Indiana high school auditorium on the 5th of May. Sponsored by Mr. Williams the Music Supervisor of Indiana Co. schools, Mr. Paul Campbell of Heilwood represented Pine Township. The program consisted of two parts: first, a mixed chorus of approximately 135 voices. The latter part of the program was devoted to orchestral music with members from the entire county.

The people of Pine Township who took part in the activities were Elda Steppay, Elmer Vozer, Josephine Sura, Helen Falcone, Vera Cramer, Nick Terko, Raymond Joiner, Francis Johns, and Robert Vozer. Mr. Campbell had been working with the entire festival for the last three months with rehearsals the last three weeks. He appeared as conductor in "Serenade Mexican."

Mr. and Mrs. Chester Williams and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. John Richards and daughter, Elizabeth, all of Clearfield, were visitors at the Ellie Thomas home on Sunday.

The Heilwood baseball team defeated the Cardiff team on May 3rd, 6 to 5, on the local field, where they played the first game of the season.

Max and Elmer Wilson, Ledo Corsina, and James Trinkley, all of Mentcle, were on a fishing trip up the Clarion river recently and report a fine catch.

Visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Straw on Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Albert Smith of Barnesboro, R. D., and Mr. and Mrs. Howard Straw of Pine Flats.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Saltgiver and son, James, of Glen Campbell, were recent visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Wilson Mrs. Saltgiver is the former Geraldine Wilson of Mentcle.

Early on Tuesday morning Mr. and Mrs. Carl Frye of Mentcle motored to Pittsburgh on a combined business and pleasure trip.

Mr. Jack Wilson was compelled to leave the CIO convention late Tuesday of last week due to sudden illness.

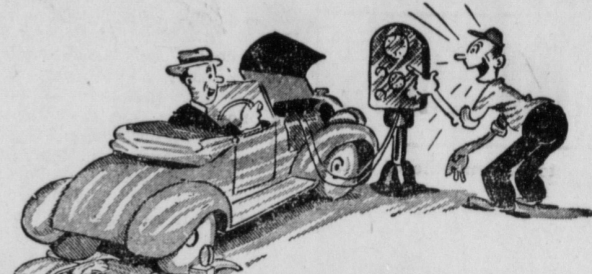
The Mentcle baseball club members are busily getting their team in shape for the 1939 season.

Week end visitors at the Landi residence in Mentcle were Mr. and Mrs. John Sojack and family of Johnstown. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Tomasko, of Cassandra were visitors at the Lucas home on Sunday.

Mr. Frank Furgelli is leaving Mentcle to see the New York World's Fair. Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Shevock and daughter, Jean, of Mentcle, spent the week end in Seanor visiting friends.

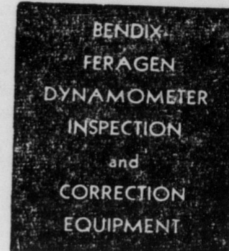
Lawrence and John Wilson were recent business callers in Carrolltown.

Sunday visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Patsy Celenza were Mr. and Mrs. John Saini, Sr., and daughter, Mary, of Commodore; Mr. and Mrs. James Prato and son, Junior, of Indiana; Mr. Joseph Saini, Jr., and Miss Rosella Maumu, of Commodore, Mr. Hugo Saini of Commodore and Miss Carolyn New of Blairsville; Mr. Guido Saini, of Commodore and Miss Phyllis Bell of Starford.



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Enzo and Albert Contrucci of Pittsburgh spent the week end at their parents' home in Alverda.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Wetzel and children, Rosemary, Barbara, John and Billy, were Sunday visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Frye in Mentcle.

Mr. and Mrs. Max Wilson and daughter, Maxine of Mentcle, and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Rager of Cherry Tree spent Sunday afternoon at the Game Reserve in Mechanisburg.

Mr. and Mrs. Andy Wachin of Hillsdale were social callers at the Patrick Henry home in Alverda on Sunday.

Miss Elaine Trimble of Johnstown, visited her home in Mentcle on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. James Trinkley and family and Jack Trinkley spent Sunday in Johnstown visiting relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Kowalski of Mentcle, attended the funeral of Joseph Tekarski at Windber on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Gibson of Grismore, attended the Swing-Out at the Indiana State Teachers' College on the 6th of May, held at the Athletic Field. The Swing-Out was dedicated entirely to the senior class. Miss Anne O'Hara was crowned Queen of May.

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