

FARM CALENDAR

Timely Topics from State College School of Agriculture.

Labor Shortage Threatens.

Loss of a million farm workers in the next twelve months is in prospect if present trends continue, say agricultural economists of the Pennsylvania State College.

Pack Eggs Carefully.

Egg cases, either new or used, are scarce right now and with billions of eggs needed at drying plants, supply depots, and markets everywhere, it is more important than ever to pack eggs carefully before they leave the farm.

Timber Is Demanded.

Wood has become a critical material since war began, say extension foresters of the Pennsylvania State College. Requirements are estimated at 39 billion board feet for the current year, as compared with an average annual production of about 25 billion feet for the 1936-40 period.

Conserve Rubber Parts.

Careful handling and proper management is demanded in conserving the rubber on milking machines, explain dairy specialists of the Pennsylvania State College. They say that the rubber parts should not be bent, cracked, hammered or pulled.

To Report Achievements.

The week of November 7 to 14 will be observed as 4-H Club Achievement Week. Reports of work done during

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the year will be given throughout the nation.

Use Good Tools.

An hour or two spent in filing and fitting the cross-cut saw will save many hours and much aggravation later on when working in the woods, say Penn State Foresters.

PAY HIKE GRANTED TO LIQUOR CLERKS

Governor Arthur H. James has announced a salary increase policy establishing a new general base pay of \$1,176 for commonwealth employees and a minimum salary of \$1,350 for state liquor store clerks.

In effect, the raises represented a partial capitulation of the commonwealth on demands of the liquor store clerks for a 20 per cent increase in their former \$1,200 minimum pay base, the new base equalling a 15 per cent increase.

The new order also raised other clerk classifications comparably; thus second year clerks get \$1,440 instead of \$1,260, and those in their third and fourth years of service get \$1,512 and \$1,584 respectively, instead of \$1,320 and \$1,380.

The order modified an announcement of pay increases issued by Gov. James in which he said all employees in the executive department making less than \$3,000 a year would receive raises of 15 per cent on the salaries designated for their positions as of January 1, 1941.

BIGGEST TAX BILL IN ALL OUR HISTORY WILL HIT ALL OF US AND HIT US HARD

The biggest tax bill in American history will likely be ready this week for rich and poor alike after more than six months of congressional adding and subtracting, snarling and pleading.

More than \$1,000,000 a day in increased excise levies will begin flowing into the Treasury immediately after the President signs the measure, although the fruits of steeply increasing individual income and of corporation taxes will not be garnered until next year.

Cigar and cigarette taxes are due to go up. The tax on whiskey and other distilled spirits will rise from \$4 a gallon to \$6. The tax on railroad, on plane and bus tickets, now five per cent, is scheduled to double. The federal charge against telephone calls will rise to 20 per cent of the total price.

Estimates of yields from the new tax bill range from about \$6,800,000,000 a year up to \$7,900,000,000—the first figure by the treasury, the latter by Senator George of the Senate Finance Committee. It is expected to increase federal revenues to somewhere between \$24,000,000,000 and \$26,000,000,000.

ARMY LOWERS AGE FOR COMMISSIONS

The eligible age for applying for an officer's commission in the United States Army has been lowered from 21 to 18, according to announcement made last week at the Johnstown Army Recruiting Station.

Lowering of the age limits for commissions, it was pointed out, is in keeping with the Army's demand for more speed and alertness. Young men 18 and 19 years of age, Army officers state, are best qualified to handle the modern high-speed implements of war.

As an added inducement for youths in this age group to enlist, the Army also offers them their choice of any of the following arms or services in which they desire to serve: Infantry (including tank destroyer units), cavalry, coast artillery, quartermaster, chemical warfare, engineer, signal corps, air force, armored force, ordnance, medical corps, and corps of military police.

Young men 18 and 19 years of age who wish to apply for enlistment are urged to volunteer at the Army Recruiting Station, Postoffice Building, in Johnstown and Altoona, Pa.

—Buy war bonds and stamps.

SEVENTY-FIVE MILLIONS IN TAX CUT MEANS THIRTY DOLLARS IN EACH FAMILY

By Alexander Biddle, President Pennsylvania Economy League.

What would a \$75,000,000 cut in State taxes mean to Pennsylvanians? Split up among the 10,000,000 people in the Commonwealth, that is \$7.50 per person. Assuming that the average family has four members, it amounts to \$30 per family. These calculations are based upon the Pennsylvania Economy League's forecast of a possible tax cut of this amount, if the voters and legislators so determine.

When this huge tax cut is reduced to terms of the family, it does not mean that each family of four will have available \$30 with which to buy war bonds, because so much of the individual tax bill is paid through indirect taxation. But it does mean that each family has a stake of \$30 in the prospective tax reduction that both political parties agree will be made if it amounts to \$75,000,000.

Each \$30 will buy 1500 rounds of .45-caliber cartridges, or 6 steel helmets, or 20 first aid kits, or 30 trenchment shovels. All of the \$30 put together—\$75,000,000—would buy the biggest battleship afloat, or 300 4-engine bombers, or 500 pursuit planes or 1340 medium tanks. It will provide the pay for 62,500 soldiers for two years.

Some groups or agencies may believe that they have claims that deserve special consideration. There will be shifts in individual appropriations. But the \$346,000,000 appropriated for current expenditures in the present biennium should not be exceeded in 1943-45. Every effort should be made to reduce it. At this time the claim to put every possible cent into financing the war comes first. \$75,000,000 more will help.

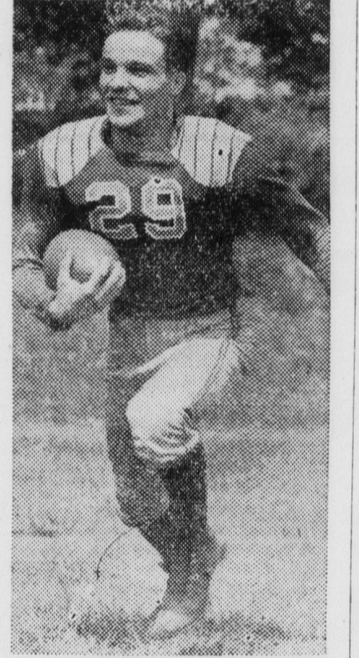
ARMY IS PREPARED TO ACQUIRE BUTLER HOSPITAL

Harrisburg.—Only bondholders' approval is needed for the Army to lease the Butler tuberculosis sanatorium. The war department plans to spend more than \$2,000,000 in transforming the unused \$200,000 state institution into an army hospital.

The announcement added that construction would be supervised by the Pittsburgh district U. S. Army Engineers. While the general state authority said the lease had not been signed Secretary Thomas D. Frye said he felt "confident the lease will go through."

"Bondholders still have to give their approval, although everybody feels it is a mere technicality," Frye added. The Authority built the 550-bed sanatorium in 1939 but it was never placed in operation. Frye said the army planned to increase the bed capacity to 1,500.

'STUFF' WITH BEARCATS



ANDREW CHESHINI - BACK Showing outstanding speed and maneuverability in the backfield, Andrew Cheshini, former graduate of Carrolltown High School, is now playing alternate right halfback for the Bearcats of St. Vincent's College. A freshman, Mr. Cheshini's football career looms very promising, and much is expected of him in the remaining games of the season. The Bearcats boast of an undefeated and untied season to date.



WASHINGTON, D. C.

WICKARD FEARS FOOD CRISIS

Secretary of Agriculture Wickard has made it very clear in private conferences that he takes vigorous exception to Donald Nelson's recent statement: "We are going to have enough to eat throughout this war and we probably will not have to put any very drastic limitations on our range of choice in that regard."

On the contrary, Wickard says that we are going to be more and more up against it for food—unless we give the farmer more machinery and more labor. Briefly here are the reasons why: 1. An army uses twice as much food as civilians, (a) because a lot is lost at sea, (b) a lot is lost in the field of battle, and (c) soldiers eat more than civilians.

2. We have to feed our allies more and more. 3. We will also have to feed the occupied regions when they are set free. But meanwhile, farmers actually are killing good dairy cows for beef because they cannot get labor or machinery to keep up their dairy herds. In the Chicago milk shed alone, 1,700 dairy farmers have sold their herds and gone out of business.

In one specific case, a dairy farmer lost the use of his litter-carrier when the tub went bad. The carrier, complete with trolley and hoist, had cost him \$250. A new tub to replace the rusted one would cost only \$10. But he couldn't buy a new tub. And he couldn't find additional hands to do the work of the machine.

So he sold his cattle and closed the dairy. Foreseeing this machinery shortage, Secretary Wickard asked WPB to permit manufacture of agricultural machinery up to 38 per cent of normal. The request was made July 22. He did not get a reply until this week.

Principal log-jammer is WPB's civilian supply committee, headed by Joseph L. Wiener, which has to act on a great variety of civilian problems and does not pretend to be expert in agriculture.

Its lack of expertness was indicated by two questions asked by members of this committee, in discussing farm problems:

"If there is a labor shortage on the farms, why can't farmers work overtime, just as factory workers do?"

"What is the difference between a wheel type tractor and a crawler type?"

So the United States may fail as the larder of democracy if a farmer can't have a new plow point or some other item—and the necessary farm labor.

On the important question of photographs, the navy has completely reversed itself, with the result that the stay-at-home public is seeing daily action shots of the war.

Until recently, there was a ban on taking pictures of "confidential" scenes. But on September 1, the navy issued General Order 179, which stated that "commanding officers are directed to obtain photographs at times of emergency, disaster, and combat action."

Picture taking in the navy used to be confined to "nuts and bolts photography"—routine shots of materials to observe their action under stress. But now the navy is taking pictures of some of the most dramatic and colorful incidents in the history of warfare, with some 1,400 photographers.

If you saw the picture of the Jap carrier sinking in the Coral sea, or the Jap heavy cruiser sinking at Midway, or the U. S. sailors leaping overboard from the carrier Lexington, you have seen the work of navy cameramen.

Some were appointed to do nothing else but take pictures of the battle, but some did their camera shooting only after laying aside a machine gun. The famous picture of the sinking Jap carrier in the Coral sea was taken by a machine gunner from the rear nest of a navy plane.

Primary purpose of the picture taking is not to inform the public, but to inform the navy. The pictures are used to check on operations, to instruct learners, and, most important, to study the enemy's position. Today, tomorrow and every day, navy planes are flying over New Guinea and the Solomons, taking pictures of whatever lies below. The developed shots may disclose that the Japs have moved into a new area, and that the little black spot, seen under a microscope, is an oil tank just installed.

CAPITAL CHAFF

One U. S. general, returning from London, reported that the waiting policy of the British in Africa reminded him of the Union generals in the War Between the States who dallied in Washington, wondering what Lee would do next.

Among the closest friends in the senate are Barkley of Kentucky, Democratic floor leader, and McNary of Oregon, Republican floor leader. They disagree on nearly everything except this: That they are both swell guys.

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