

Reviews Moves During Year For Farmer's Benefit

Testing 697,965 cattle for tuberculosis this protecting the public health and enabling farmers to hold their milk market, establishing grades for eggs making possible successful competition with the Pacific Coast, and conducting a State-wide check on unscrupulous milk dealers resulting in the payment of rebates amounting to thousands of dollars to farmers are listed by Secretary of Agriculture John A. McSparan among the outstanding accomplishments of the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture, during the past year.

Tuberculosis Eradication

The bovine tuberculosis eradication work continued at a rapid rate during 1931, the annual report indicated. With one exception, more cattle were tested than in any other year on record. The number of cattle under supervision stands at 1,161,704, or 83 per cent of all the cattle in the Commonwealth. Seventy-two townships were completely tested during the year bringing the total to 1193 in sixty-six counties. All the herds in forty-six out of the sixty-seven counties are now under supervision.

In the course of the year, the market for milk has been held for the farmers in untested areas in every possible case, Department officials have gone to boards of health in cities where bans on milk from untested cows were contemplated and secured the co-operation of the boards, providing the farmers had signed for the test. In this way, the market was saved for hundreds of farmers who co-operated with the State and Federal Governments. Opposition to the test has practically disappeared.

Egg Grading

"The Department asked the last regular session of the General Assembly for an egg grading law but the request was refused," Secretary MacSparan said in his review. "The department, in co-operation with poultrymen, then established voluntary egg grades for use in Pennsylvania. This action has met with favorable response and most encouraging results. The grades were immediately adopted by the officials of the egg auction at Doylestown and a licensed inspector was located at the assembling plant to grade all eggs before the auction.

"This development has proven helpful to hundreds of poultrymen in Bucks county in obtaining premium prices, and apparently the Philadelphia market has responded to the situation and the best grades of eggs in Pennsylvania are now selling from one cent below to several cents above the price received by Pacific Coast producers. Before the egg grading work was attempted here, the California eggs were selling from four to six cents a dozen above the price paid for the Pennsylvania-laid eggs.

European Corn Borer

"The European corn borer has threatened the corn growing industry of Pennsylvania for almost a decade. However, corn growers in co-operation with the State and Federal departments have accomplished an outstanding piece of work in effectively curbing the ravages of this insect. The

rate of infestation in the oldest and most densely infested area has been reduced from five to less than one per cent, during the past five years while in all other infested states the number has increased. Clean farming practices such as cutting corn stalks low and not allowing any corn refuse to remain over winter, have contributed much to this successful campaign against the corn borer. So far the insect has been kept out of the principal corn growing counties, and it is hopeful that the spread into these counties and its rate of increase there will be extremely slow because of the successful and practical means of control developed.

Unscrupulous Milk Dealers

"Rounding up unscrupulous dealers who are practicing a shortchanging scheme on milk producers has brought definite results during the past year. Fifteen of these dealers were caught under-reading the Babcock butterfat test and were not only heavily fined but were required to pay in rebates more than \$5000 to the farmers who had been cheated. While this type of business has proven very costly to farmers, it is only fair to emphasize the fact that the great majority of milk dealers are not in this class. They are doing an honest business and are co-operating not only with milk producers, but with State officials and local health authorities in the distribution of the best possible grade of milk circumstances will permit.

"Merging of bureaus and cutting out unnecessary duplication of activities have made it possible for the department to accomplish more work than during previous years with a reduction of \$50,000 in the annual budget. Many of the important activities have been placed on a self-supporting or a revenue producing basis, due to the collection of fees."

-OUTLET-

Theodore Frankenfield and daughter Evelyn of Wilkes-Barre recently visited Mr. and Mrs. John Sutton.

Many people of this place were saddened by learning of the death of Elisabeth Ryman of East Dallas. Rev. and Mrs. Levi Ecker of Canada who held meetings in Wilkes-Barre, recently spent a few days with Mr. and Mrs. John Sutton also called at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hoover.

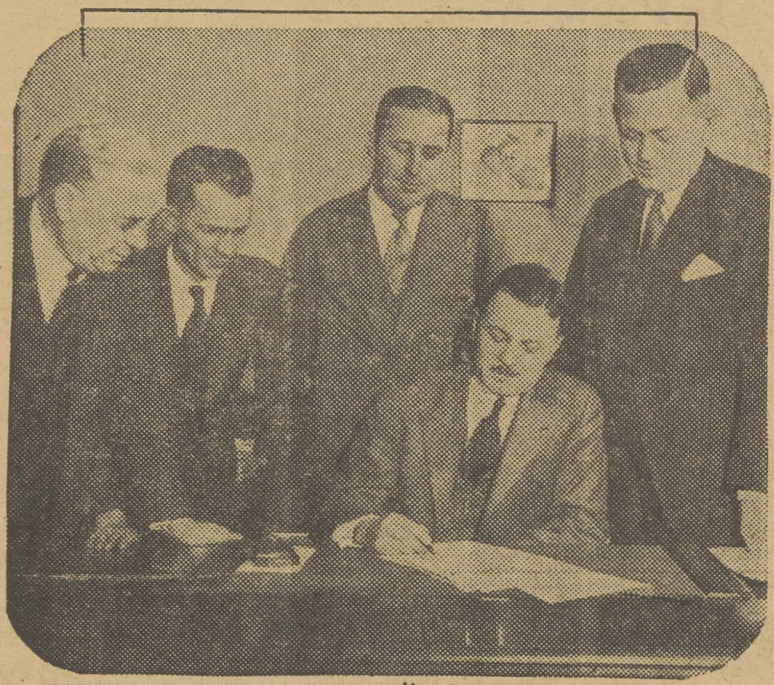
The Bible Class of the Outlet Church held the class with Mrs. Bruce Crispell on Sunday morning, Young Men's Class at the home of Mrs. Clara Ashburner.

Birthdays Party

A birthday party was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Elston at Dallas, Saturday evening, February 20th, in honor of Miss Vivian Kocher of Outlet.

The evening was spent by playing games and lunch was served at a late hour to the following: Miss Vineta Baer, Hildreth Kocher, Helen Spencer, Beatrice Kocher, Pearl Garnett, Jessie Kocher, Lena Kocher, Celestine Kocher, Thomas Traver, Glenn Spencer, Alfred Hadsall, Elwood Spencer, Harry Rogers, Preston Swan, Kenneth Swan, Homer Major, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Elston and hostess Miss Vivian Kocher.

Checks for Dividend Bear Cheer To Homes of Realty Bondholders



Seated, William G. Lodwick, president. Standing, left to right, Courtney R. Gleason, of advisory committee; F. W. Williamson, assistant treasurer of trust; Herbert W. Bartling, treasurer; and Porter Fox, vice-president.

A woman in New Hampshire got the first check signed for the first dividend in a real estate bond-saving program inaugurated in Chicago. It has aroused nationwide attention, even to being the principal subject of a White House conference with leading New York bankers. The next checks signed by William G. Lodwick, head of the George M. Forman Realty Trust, went to small investors in Maryland, Illinois, Iowa and Arizona. The last of thousands he signed in completing distribution of the trust's first earnings went to a man in Louisville, Ky.

Checks were signed for bondholders in every state and in ten foreign lands. Small investors who thought they had lost everything when twenty nine bond issues on big buildings in New York, Cleveland and Chicago defaulted as to interest and principal, now await ultimate return of all or practically all their investments, with interest in the meantime. Financial and realty authorities throughout the country are strong supporters of the merits and soundness of the Forman trust plan.



SELECTING EGGS FOR HATCHING

By J. H. Bodwell

When hatching eggs are selected for one particular thing which is especially wanted, the poultryman is apt to defeat his purpose by overlooking other equally important qualifications. It is a common practice to select large eggs because the farmer wants good-sized eggs to sell. It is true that egg size is inherited to a great extent, but many other factors must be considered before eggs are selected simply on size.

Take the dairy cow, for example. Holstein milk is generally lower in butter fat than Jersey milk. In other words, generally the breed of cows

which give the most milk has the least butter fat in the milk. Similarly, the larger the egg, the fewer eggs a hen will lay.

Thus, if the poultryman selects only for large size, year in and year out, he may soon have a good-looking flock of birds that lay large eggs, but the annual egg production may be very small. In general, a bird which lays large eggs will only lay a few eggs a week. Birds lay larger eggs in spring and summer than in the early fall or winter, due to the degree of maturity. The size of the eggs, then, varies according to the hen's age.

Hatching eggs should not be selected then for size alone, but combined with the characteristic of heavy production if at all possible.

-Kunkle-

William Shoemaker and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Long of Trucksville spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Henry Shoemaker.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Herriman entertained on Saturday evening Mr. and Mrs. John Frantz and Mr. and Mrs. Leonard O'Kane and on Sunday evening Mr. and Mrs. D. P. Honeywell and Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Whipp all of Dallas.

Mr. and Mrs. Jefferson Miers of Morristown New Jersey, spent the week end with the former's parents Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Miers.

Mrs. Owen Ide entertained at dinner on Friday of last week, Mrs. Cragg Herdman and Mrs. Ralph Hess.

John Isaacs was on the sick list a few days this week.

Mrs. W. S. Kunkle celebrated her birthday anniversary with a dinner party on Friday last. Covers were laid for Mrs. Henry Isaacs and Mrs. Charles Gilsleichter of Shayertown, Mr. and Mrs. Mark Kunkle and son Paul of Orange, Mr. and Mrs. Wheeler Kunkle and daughter Louise, Mrs. Alex Johnson of Dallas, Mrs. J. S. Kunkle, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Ashburner and son Bobbie, Phillip Kunkle, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Kunkle.

Seldon Whispell and little daughter Betty, who have been quite ill the past week, both being threatened with pneumonia, are recovering, Mrs. Ervin Whispell of Harvey's Fire Tower has been assisting in their care.

Mrs. Seldon Whispell visited her mother Mrs. David Traver, of Noxen, who is a patient at General hospital, on Sunday evening.

Palmer Udyke is recovering from an attack of tonsillitis.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Smith entertained at dinner on Monday, February 22 in honor of Mr. Smith's birthday anniversary. Their guests were Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Moss and John Williams of Loyalville, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kocher and Harry Shaver of Laketon, Mr. and Mrs. William Nulton and children, Laura Jean and Carl, Miss Gertrude Smith, Mrs. Olin Kunkle was a caller in the afternoon.

Sweet Valley

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Hontz entertained at Sunday dinner Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Hontz, Miss Susan Edwards, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Hontz, and the latter's sister, Miss Wilma Rhodda of Nanticoke; Howard Hontz of Dallas, and Carl Hontz of Philadelphia and A. M. Hontz of this place.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Bronson entertained at dinner on Monday, the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Richards of Wilkes-Barre.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Benz, of Gloucester, N. J., visited relatives over the week end. Mrs. Benz, was formerly Mrs. Emma Nafus.

D. O. Mullison and wife of Westmore recently called on the former's mother, Mrs. C. B. Durand.

The drama, "Sound Your Horn" given by the senior class of Lehman high school in the Church of Christ hall, was very ably rendered, and largely attended. Much credit is due the young people.

Birthdays Party

On Friday, February 19th, the Willing Workers of the Church of Christ met at the dining hall and pleasantly surprised the minister's wife, Mrs. E. J. Waterstripe, by giving her a birthday party on her fiftieth birthday anniversary.

At noon a bountiful dinner was served to the following:—Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Moyer, Herbert Moyer, Hilbert Moyer, Giles Moore, and Mrs. Edward Baer of Lehman, Mrs. J. C. Birth and Mrs. Lohman Hawk and son of Broadway, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Hontz, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Hontz, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Waterstripe, Mr. and Mrs. Corey Allen, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Bronson, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Shaw and daughter, Mrs. Charles Brown and son Clair, A. M. Hontz, Mrs. W. H. Thomas, Mrs. George Callender, Mrs. Joseph Bonham, Mrs. W. R. S. Shaw, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Holcomb, Mrs. Iona Farver, Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Davenport, of Sweet Valley, Mr. and Mrs. August Marth, Mrs. L. D. Williams and Mrs. A. N. Williams of Loyalville. The ladies spent the day by quilting and the men hauled and with engine and saw, prepared wood for the church.

W. A. Farver is filling his ice house with ice cut from the North Lake.

Rev. and Mrs. M. G. Williams and son of Benton called on Rev. E. J. Waterstripe and family on Friday afternoon of last week.

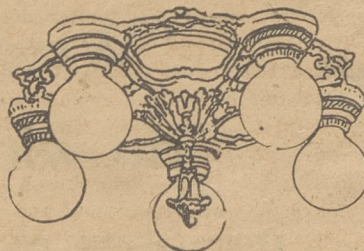
Carl Hontz a student dentist at the University of Philadelphia spent the week end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Hontz.

The Senior class of Laketon high school will give the drama, "An Unfortunate Calamity" in the Church of Christ hall on Saturday evening, March 5.

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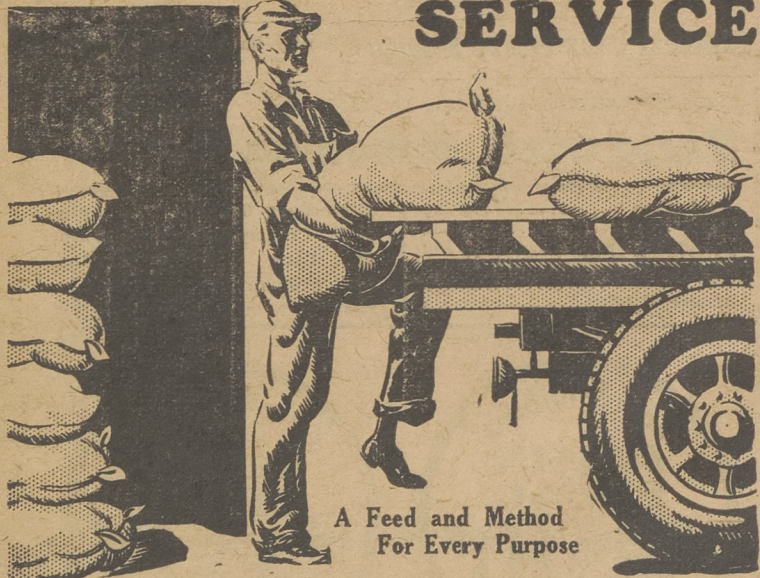
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