

Eckert Brothers Digging Into Peat Moss Business

Two local men, brothers, one a farmer, the other a contractor, are in the throes of bringing a new business to the Back Mountain . . . peat moss.

When Paul Eckert, Shavertown contractor, purchased 14 acres of the old Weiss Farm on Machell Avenue, Dallas, it was his intention to build several homes on the newly acquired property. That plan has been shelved for the present.

His brother, Bill, manager of Nesbitt Farms, and for 30 years interested generally in gardening and particularly in peat moss, had an idea there was peat moss in the bog that covers most of the property and decided to find out about it.

After Bill dug around with a shovel and found the peat moss, he and Paul decided to find out how much of it there was and how good their find was.

A New York testing laboratory took samples and reported this was the best commercial, high fertility, peat moss they have ever tested. Additional tests are now being made by Pennsylvania State University.

As to the amount of peat moss available Bill says, "We will probably never get it all out." A pipe thrust down into the peat moss in the center of the bog recorded at least a 32-ft. deep deposit. The bottom hasn't been reached.

Last week the A.R. Ferraro Company brought in a big dragline on a 50-ft. boom with a yard and a

half bucket to start digging operations. They are taking out an amount of peat moss sufficient to meet the needs of the Eckerts' estimated spring demand. The piles of mucky peat moss will be allowed to drain off during the winter months and then, in the Spring, the moss will be shredded and baled ready for consumer use.

As an incentive to the new business, Howard Stull of Stull Brothers, has ordered the first load to be delivered in the spring.

Paul and Bill will build an office on the property this winter to begin the development of their new enterprise. It is their intention to sell directly from the digging grounds with the gardener, homeowner and nurseryman as their main targets and a concentration on local markets.

An interesting follow-up of the peat moss digging is that, as the moss comes out, the big holes are filled with water. The Eckerts say this will eventually produce quite a good sized body of water that will serve a dual purpose. It will be a nice lake for the area and will serve homeowners with a good source of water for fire prevention.

Just another example of the possibilities that exist in everyone's hometown and how two brothers with Yankee ingenuity are making the most of it. Another step forward in the growth of the Back Mountain that isn't so far back of the mountain after all.

Large Deposit of Peat Moss Now Being Tapped



Trimbles Attend School Sessions

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Trimble attended the two-day sessions of the Middle States Association of Secondary Schools and Colleges at Chalfonte-Haddon Hall, Atlantic City over the Thanksgiving weekend.

During the sessions Principal Trimble heard his own Westmoreland High School announced as one of twenty-three new schools approved for admission out of twenty-five that had applied.

Other nearby schoolmen attending were: Dr. Ralph Decker, and Dean James Adams, Wyoming Seminary; Lambert Broad, Mining & Mechanical Institute and George Ralston, Wilkes College.



Shown above are Paul and William Eckert, local brothers who are launching a peat moss business. Deposits are located on the old Weiss farm. They are shown holding a clod of the peat moss that tests out with an extremely high mineral fertility. This is one of the first pictures of the peat moss bog discovered in the area. Shown here is the big dragline that is used for digging out the moss. Paul and Bill Eckert, co-developers of the project are shown looking over the diggings.

Bishop Warnecke To Be At Prince Of Peace

The Rt. Rev. Frederick J. Warnecke, Bishop of the Diocese of Bethlehem, will make his annual visitation to the Prince of Peace Episcopal Church on Sunday at the 11 o'clock service. He will also visit the Church School classes at 9:30 a.m.

A class of fifteen has been receiving confirmation instruction and will be presented to the Bishop at the morning service to receive the ancient rite of Confirmation. Although he has visited the Parish twice previously as Bishop Coadjutor of the Diocese of Bethlehem, this will be the first visit that Bishop Warnecke has made to the Prince of Peace since becoming Diocesan last February when the Rt. Rev. Frank W. Sterrett, D.D., LL.D. retired.

The Couple's Club will have a reception and coffee hour for the Bishop immediately following the 11 o'clock service.

One who is anosmic lacks a sense of smell.

Dymond Is Leaving Korea For Benning

Army Sgt. Albert L. Dymond, son of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Dymond, Route 2, Dallas, Pa., is a member of the 3rd Infantry Division, which is leaving Korea for the U. S.

The "Rock of the Marne" division is scheduled to be assigned to Fort Benning, Ga.

Sergeant Dymond, an assistant platoon sergeant with the 15th Infantry Regiment's Company B, entered the Army in January 1953 and arrived in Korea in July 1953. He is a graduate of Dallas Township High School.

Mt. Vale Council 224 Election And Party

Daughters of America, Mt. Vale Lodge No. 224, will combine election of officers with a Christmas party December 10 at 7:30 p.m. in the IOOF Hall. Members are asked to bring \$1.00. Christmas presents for exchange.

Guests At Luncheon

Advisory Board of Dallas Branch of Miners National Bank were guests of David Schooley at luncheon in the Pennsylvania Room at the Boston Store Wednesday following their semi-monthly meeting.

Council Meets Tuesday

Monthly meeting of Dallas Borough Council will be held Tuesday night in the Borough Building.

Home Topics

Timely reminders from the Pennsylvania State University College of Agriculture.

Provide Diets—More farm families have adequate diets than do rural nonfarm families, according to a survey in the north central part of the country. So reports Helen L. Denning, Penn State extension nutritionist.

Save Toddler—Keep your toddler from danger's door. Store detergents, poisons, cleaning fluids and barbiturates where he cannot find them, Marguerite L. Duvall, Penn State extension family life specialist suggests.

Treat Stains—Permanent stains on rugs can usually be avoided if the spot is treated at once. Soak up liquids with a clean, absorbent cloth. A dull knife or spatula is good for picking up anything semi-solid, Sanna Black, Penn State extension home management specialist, states.

Pep Up Pot Roast—A seasoning that lends itself well to pot roast is curry powder. About 45 minutes before the meat is done, mix 1 tablespoon sugar with one-half cup water. Stir into liquids around roast. You'll like the pep it gives the meat, believes Marjorie J. Wormeck, Penn State extension nutritionist.

Ground Machine—For safety's sake your washing machine should be "grounded." A wire attached with a clamp to the leg of the machine and clamped to a cold water pipe will do the job. Be sure the paint is scraped off where the clamp touches the metal of the washer, says Doris L. Conklin, Penn State extension home management specialist.

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WHITESELL'S STORE

Has Lots To Offer Mr. & Mrs. Homeowner

All the boys went hunting this week but we managed to keep open. Now they're back and all our Christmas items are displayed for you to see.

There's a neat, little item here for the man in the house. It's called Evan's Measure Chest. It contains one 50 ft. tape measure, one 12 ft. white-face tape measure and they're in a transparent utility box that will make Dad a swell fishing tackle box. It has a \$7.17 Retail Value but, come out and see it, we'll let you have it for \$5.69.

Many women like practical gifts at Christmas time so may we suggest one of those attractive Telechron Kitchen Clocks. No use putting prices in here 'cause they come in all different styles at different prices. Come out and make your choice.

Dad, do you really want to thrill the kids this Christmas? Nothing would make them happier than an Official Basketball Bankboard and Basket. We have all the official information to show you how to build one or we'll do it for you. And we're not sure but we think we're the only ones who handle the official 18" circumference, 5/8" ring and net. And you'll be surprised at how inexpensive it is.

Got an electric train? Then you really ought to have a good sized Christmas Tree Platform to run it on. We've got a dandy here we'll sell you for \$5.95.

In case you didn't realize we had them we'll mention here our Eveready Flashlights from \$1.19 up, Nu-Tone Door Chimes \$4.95 up, Xmas Tree Light Sets and many other timely items.

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Big Game Hunters Need Not Get Lost

If more persons who hunt bear or deer in the rugged sections of the State would take a few simple precautions there would be fewer cases of lost hunters.

Wildlife authorities recommend: 1. Tell your family the area you will hunt, how long you will stay and where; 2. Learn to use a compass, and carry one; 3. Get a map of the territory you plan to hunt. Study it to learn locations of roads, streams, and other landmarks; 4. Fill your cigarette lighter with fluid, or carry a waterproof container of matches; 5. If lost, have belief in your map and compass. Follow a course in one direction; 6. If lost don't allow yourself to become panicky. Build a fire for warmth, then rest and conserve your energy; 7. If hunting from a car, know where you left it so that you are not still "lost" after being rescued.

These precautions and common sense could have saved discomfort, worry, or even serious results for many a big game hunter in the past.

Wildlife Pets and Wounded Big Game Many persons persist in considering small wildlife too cute to be harmful, or they approach wounded big game animals incautiously despite warnings by those in best position to know the habits and tricks of wildlife.

Not long ago, a pet raccoon chewed the hand of a three-week-old southeastern Pennsylvania child so severely amputation of the fingers was necessary.

The 1954 bear and deer seasons will prove exceptional if there are no authentic stories of hunters mauled by wounded bears, or injured by the antlers or hoofs of frantic deer not so dead as they appeared to the excited hunters who put them down.

The Life of a Game Protector The Pennsylvania Game Protector is a carefully selected, well-trained public official whose duty it is to administer the game law and Game Commission regulations and policies. He is sincerely interested in the use or misuse of soil, water and all the things that grow on the land, knowing their importance in relation to wildlife populations and the economic welfare of our people.

Colorful as the game protector's calling may appear to be, like any other job it comes under the heading of work. There are enjoyments in the occupation, but with them goes plenty of labor in all weather and at all hours, often under un-

pleasant or dangerous circumstances. This officer must prosecute violations of the law without fear or favor. He needs have the attributes of policeman, woodsman, salesman, farmer, lumberman, educator, public speaker, scientist, and patriot.

At this time of year many hunters meet the game protector in the role of law enforcement officer, usually considered his principal year-around duty. Actually, illegal operations in the wildlife field may call for his police authority any time, but during most of the year he is engaged in such a variety of operations it would take a fair-sized book to describe them all. Some of his other major duties are:

the many phases of land management on Game Commission holdings or wildlife work on private lands through agreement; engaging in conservation programs with cooperating farmers on Farm-Game Projects; investigating crop damage by wildlife; assisting sportsmen's organizations and farmers in rearing pheasants; presenting educational programs before schools, sportsmen, service clubs, youth groups and over the air; fighting forest fires searching for lost persons; feeding game in winter; cooperating with the press and air stations who inform the public on wildlife matters; assisting in research projects and game surveys; aiding in Fish Commission programs; liberating game; teaching and practicing predator control; investigating the facts behind human casualties caused by hunters' guns; and others.

Many a person will remember a wildlife officer for his on-the-spot efficiency in emergency. Often, his knowledge of first-aid or his quick action was the deciding factor between life and death in the case of a gunshot wound, a venomous snake bite, a near drowning, a flood evacuation, or some other unhappy circumstance requiring help in the open.

So, a game protector's life is made up of an assortment of duties, some of which are pleasant and some distasteful or rigorous. These duties obligate the officer to call 24 hours a day. Not such a glamorous life after all, but one from which the game protector receives satisfaction and a measure of pride through serving in a field affecting the lives and pleasures of people today and in years to come.

When a lefthanded man weds a southpaw woman, it usually turns out to be a happy marriage.

PRE-CHRISTMAS SALE

We're running our sale before Christmas instead of the usual after-Christmas sale. Here's your chance to get real Sale Bargains in time for Christmas.

MEN'S ALL WOOL Muffler Set Gloves, Scarf to match Gray, Maroon and Navy 2.97	EXTRA SPECIAL Giant, fluffy, 19-in. tall, it barks, has a chain leash. POODLE DOG Colors 1.99 Reg. 3.95 value. With Purchase of \$10.00 or more	Children's, Sheep-lined Bedroom, Red or Blue Slippers Sizes 7 to 8 XMAS SALE PRICED AT 1.97
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Men's 4-buckle, first quality Hood Rubber Company ARTICS Sizes 6 to 13 Christmas Sale Priced 3.99	Genuine Leather, Black or Red COWBOY BOOTS Sizes 5 to 8 2.99 Sizes 8½ to 9 3.49	
Boys and Girls Nylon S-T-R-E-T-C-H SOCKS One size fits 6 to 8½ 2 for Christmas Sale Priced 1.00	3-pc. Boys & Girls SNOW SUITS Reg. Value up to \$24.95 If Perfect Sizes 2 to 10 Xmas Sale Priced 8.39	

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