

Sweet Valley

Recent callers on the new baby, Wanda Darlene, at the Charles Long residence, included: Mr. and Mrs. McKinley Long, Rev. and Mrs. Ira Button, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Post and Henry; Mr. and Mrs. Dayton Long and Cindy; Mrs. Sheldon Pollock, Mrs. Roland Grabowski, Mrs. Nettie Post, Mrs. Lester Squier, Mrs. Fred Whitesell, and Carl Drapiewski.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Stainbrook spent three days in Altoona last week attending the Grand Masonic Council. The remainder of the week they spent in Pittsburgh and Houston. Donald Case, Pearl River, N. Y. spent the weekend with his parents Mr. and Mrs. Alva Case. Mr. and Mrs. Walter Chamberlain, Lehman, were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Dayton Long.

Mr. and Mrs. Steve Owens, Wilkes-Barre, are spending a few days with Mr. and Mrs. Russell Scott, Loyalville. Miss Bess Kline-tob was a Saturday night dinner guest. Mr. and Mrs. Richard Culver and family of Shavertown, and Mr. and Mrs. William Cryder, Berwick, called on Albert Holcomb on Sunday. Jay Long, student at Bloomsburg State Teachers College, accompanied by his classmate John Reitz, spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. McKinley Long.

Good Prospects For 1956 Crops

Hard Winter Aided General Outlook

In spite of cold weather during March and April, condition of winter wheat sown last fall on Pennsylvania farms is reported at 85 per cent of normal. This is only one point below a year earlier but three points under the 10-year 1945-54 average, according to Federal-State surveys. Keystone State farmers have reduced their wheat acreages for harvest this coming summer. The April 1 production estimate is for only 14.4 million bushels compared with 16.5 million harvested in 1955 and the average of 19.8 million bushels. Winter came to an end with more moisture in the ground than at its start. Pasture condition was reported at 84 per cent on April 1, one point higher than last year and one point above the 10-year average. Condition of rye on April 1 was 84 per cent, down three points from a year ago.

Fruit Prospects Good Preliminary reports from Pennsylvania fruit sections indicate that cold weather kept fruit trees dormant. Only slight signs of growth development appeared on April 1. A heavy set of fruit buds was reported at that date. Unless sudden cold snaps damage tender growth the season's prospects appeared highly favorable, the survey showed.

Heavy snowfalls and low temperatures during March failed to affect winter grains to any great extent, the Department said. Prospects were largely maintained or improved over much of the State as most fields were protected by dormancy or by snow cover preceding the coming of severe cold weather the latter part of March.

Some fields of wheat in the south central and southeastern sections which had greened before the March cold wave struck turned brown and growth was retarded. But rising temperatures and April showers are expected to overcome this situation, officials pointed out.

Much more serious, and of considerable concern to farmers on April 1 was the extent of undetermined freeze damage which may have occurred to late seedings last fall.

Cerebral Palsy Drive In May

Goal Of \$20,000 For Luzerne County

United Cerebral Palsy Association of Wyoming Valley will conduct its 1956 campaign May 1-31 for \$20,000 to provide vitally needed treatment, care and vocational education for all age groups of Luzerne County's Cerebral Palsied, Joseph P. Frail, president, has announced.

This sum was set by United Cerebral Palsy, he said, following a survey of the minimum needed to carry on UCP's present year-round services to local Cerebral Palsied children and adults.

"The infancy through adulthood" program of United Cerebral Palsy includes treatment and therapy of all age groups, special education, job placement, recreation, transportation, research, and guidance. Theme of the drive will be, "Help today and hope tomorrow," Frail stated.

Frail stressed that cerebral palsy is not limited to any age group. It is caused by damage to brain cells, and may happen to anyone, at any time, before, during, or after birth. United Cerebral Palsy was organized in Wyoming Valley several years ago to attack the problem, he said, on a community-wide, over-all basis.

Nationwide goal of United Cerebral Palsy, of which the local group is an affiliate, is \$10,000,000 Frail said. There are over 550,000 cerebral palsied in the United States. In addition, cerebral palsy strikes 10,000 new homes every year.

Frail explained that about 75 per cent of all money raised locally in the Campaign will be used by United Cerebral Palsy for local services in Luzerne County, while the remainder will help support national programs such as medical research and training of personnel.

Stanley C. Hope, of New York, President of Esso Standard Oil Co. is National Campaign Chairman for 1956. Movie Star, Bob Hope, continues to be National Life Chairman.

Cub Pack Committee Meets At Dolbears

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dolbear entertained members of the committee of Pack 200, Cub Scouts, Monday night when plans for the next meeting which will be held May 24 and for a picnic to be held at Camp Aachela, June 10 were outlined.

Present were Mrs. Arthur Shelley, Mrs. Sam McKenzie, Mrs. George Shaver, Henry Doran, Rev. William McClelland and the host and hostess.

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