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This is revealed by extensive credit
information which the Department
of Agriculture has obtained from all parts of the country. The decline has been most marked in the Southern and Mountain States. In Okla-homa the average rate on short-term bank loans declined as much as 2.6 per cent in Alabama and 1 per cent in Wyoming. Nevertheless, interest rates on short-term agricultural loans are still relatively high in some

Rates are estim relatively high in some sections, says the department.

Rates are especially high in regions where the demand for capital exceeds the supply and where the risk on loans is exceptionally great. Where savings are deficient and it is necessary to bring capital in from outside sources higher charges must be made to cover the additional costs of the financing. Rates are accordingly higher generally in the West than in the East. Additional charges also are higher in regions where the supply of loanable funds is relatively low. These additional charges are of various kinds. They charges are of various kinds. They include commissions, minimum balance requirements, and the collection of interest in advance. Such additional charges are sometimes resorted to as a means of evading usury laws. In fact, it has been shown that usury laws cannot be enforced because of the ease with which their ntent can be evaded by extra charges that do not show in nominal in-

erest rates.
Yet there is a tendency for extra costs, as well as interest rates proper, to fall. Thus only 3.3 per cent of the banks in the country made u e of minimum balance requirements in 1923, as compared with 6 ROYCROFT BOOKS are exquisite and lovely to read. They also add to the grace and dignity of one's library. And certainly there is no more acceptable nor deeply appreciated gift. for short-term agricultural loans.
An immense amount of money has

been advanced to farmers by banks in the form of short-term loans.

According to the best estimates, total personal and collateral bank

Guess you heard that Roy Sheetz loans outstanding on December 31, Joans outstanding on December 31, hired a seamstress to repair furni 1920, amounted to about \$3,870, ture and it's a man at that. is considered probable that outstanding short-time bank loans still amount to around \$3,000,000,000. In the early part of 1924, however, the personal and collateral loans banks to farmers amounted to only banks to farmers amounted to only about 9 per cent of their total loans and discounts, compared with 13 per cent in 1921. Approximately two-thirds of the short-time bank toans to farmers are made on personal security without collateral. loans to farmers are made on personal security without collateral.

ng the past season, according to a report just made public by the Bu-eau of Plant Industry, Pennsylvan-a Department of Agriculture. This lest was found for the first time report just made public by the Bu-reau of Plant Industry, Pennsylvanthis year in the Pittsburgh district ern section as peaches are grown. At end of the 1924 season the insect was known to be present only in Adams, Berks, Bucks, Chester, Cumberland, Dauphin, Delaware, Lancaster, Lebanon, Montgomery, Northumberland, Perry, Philadelphia, Schuylkill and York Counties. The first serious outbreak in Pennsylvania was in 1923. Previous to that

ia was in 1923. Previous to that date no commercial loss was report-The seriousness of the pest is due and fruit. First the larvae feed in the young shoots of the peach trees, killing them back and causing them to take on a bushy growth. Second, the larvae feed in the further than the larvae feed in the further than the larvae feed in the further than the second. to take on a bushy growth. Second, the larvae feed in the fruit of the peach, quince and apple, causing a wormy product which is never evi-

dent from the exterior.

The insect is being closely studied by the specialists in the State Department of Agriculture who maintain laboratories at Chambersburg, Harrisburg and Hummelstown. The most promising recent development in a control for the pest is the discovery of a small wasplike parasite which feeds upon the larvae of the Moth. In New Jersey this parasite was responsible for a 95 per cent reduction in the third and most destructive generation of the pest. Recent observations have revealed the presence of this parasite in scattered calities in the southeastern section

of Pennsylvania.

Bulletin No. 405 has been prepared by the State Department of Agriculture to give orchardists information on the Oriental Fruit Moth. It can be secured free by writing to the Department at Harrisburg.

POTATO KING GROWS
OVER 500 BUSHELS

Jacob S. Wile, champion potato grower of Pennsylvania in 1923, has again demonstrated his ability as a "spud" raiser by producing 517 bushels on a measured acre of his 17½ acre potato field in Montgomery county. To gate this is

his 17½ acre potato field in Montgomery county. To date, this is the highest yield office. It reported, according to Professor L. Nixon, Pennsylvania State College extension plant pathologist who originated the 400-Bushel Club idea.

Wile raised his big crop this year on ground which was alfalfa sod planted to late potatoes in 1924 and followed by rye which was plowed down the past spring for potatoes. Seven tons of manure and 1,000 pounds of complete fertilizer per acre were applied. The tilizer per acre were applied. The potatoes were weeded 7 times, cultivated 4 times and sprayed 12 times. Michigan Russets was the

variety grown.
Two years ago Wile led the mem
bers of the 400-Bushel Club by producing 532.4 bushels on a measured acre, thus becoming president of this honorary group of potato grow-

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Times sure have changed. I remember when father's clothes were cut down the son could wear 'em bu now mothers wear their daughters' dresses without any al-

A certain farmer's vines were loaded with grapes this year and he woudn't give any away—didn't eat any—ne wouldn't sell any and his wife didn't make jelly! Neighbors are wondering what he did with them.

A man who resides on West Donegal street went to the post-office and asked one of the clerks Mr. Calvin Kramer, if there was "What name, please?" The man replied: "W¹ it's on the letter; can't you read."

While rathering the news books are always a per cent in 1920. Only 34 per cent Florin yesterday I met a lady who of the banks in 1923 were collecting was certainly in a fix. She said was certainly in a fix. She she had so much trouble with

Now I've learned why Eve gave Adam an apple. Clyde Fenster-

Guess you heard that Roy Sheetz

Of course that one may he little deep so I'll explain it. The man's duties are making draw-

A lady, on Marietta street tells

SERIOUS PEACH INSECT SPREADS RAPIDLY WESTWARD

The Oriental Fruit Moth, a serious insect pest of the peach and quince, spread rapidly westward during the past season, according to a serious insect post of the peach and quince, spread rapidly westward during the past season, according to a serious insect post of the peach and quince, spread rapidly westward during the past season, according to a serious insect post of the peach and quince, spread rapidly westward during the past season, according to a serious insect post of the peach and quince, spread rapidly westward during the peach and quince, spread rapidly westward during the past season, according to a serious insect post of the peach and quince, spread rapidly westward during the past season.

when it was not known to be further west than Cumberland and Franklin Counties last year. It is not reported in the extreme northwestern corner of the State but it has spread as far north in the east-part section as nearly as a construction of the state of the stat them said: "Let me have all the checks, please."

A certain man at Landisville aid to his wife the other morning: "I feel as though I am going to have appendicitis." She said: "Well. you'll just have to wait as I need a new gown"

A young woman goes upstairs at seven forty-five to dress for the evening. She is nineteen years old and weighs 102 pounds. State the wait of the young man downstairs

"I'd walk a mile for a Camel," said the Arab as his Ford ran our of gas on the desert.

Here's a conversation that was overheard on West Main strey Sunday morning. One woman said "My husband went to the Lutheran church this morning." Neigh-bor lady's reply: "My husband's Sunday paper didn't come either."

A young lady here said that men frequently speak to her from cars as the pass and she asked in if I thought it be polite to recognize them. I told her that depends entirely on the kind of a car they drive

Another young ladv said she was out autoing last night with a fellow and that they had to stor because he lost his bearings. I said: "That fellow wasn't half bad at that as most men run ou of gas.

Saw a new one on the back of a Ford today. It read: "DON'T RUSH THIS CAN."

Several boys were playing ball on East Donegal street. Finally one of them rang a door bell and the lady answered. The boy said "Lady, can we have our ball?" She said: "Certainly. Where is it, in the back vard?" The boy replied: "No, in the front room."

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All right. It's a long time acomin' and when that new building in the park does come you can rest assured it will be a dandy. We've got a fellow in Mt. Joy who owns a Ford with some speed. Some chap asked him how he gets all the smoke out of his flivver and he said, "She has Cadillac glands." Rochester, Saint Marys and Swoyers-

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wreaths of evergreens. "There is always considerable ceremony observed in lighting them on Christmas Eve." He states, "It is thought lucky to snuff one and certain augurs are drawn from the manner and direction of their burning." Thus the candles in the Christ-

mas Seal are shown reflecting their rays through the double-barred cross. the emblem of the world fight against tuberculosis, bringing health to the world.

Governor Gets Seals From Each County

The 18th annual Christmas Seal sale was opened November 23d in Pennsylvania by Governor Pinchot purchasing Christmas Seals from children representing each county The regular sale begins November

The 67 children, who came from the Edison Junior High School in Harrisburg, marched to the capitol accompanied by the Edison band of 45 pieces. They were greeted in the reception room by the Governor. Each child sold the Governor Seals according to the numerical number

of the county they represented. The flag bearers were Kathryn Gorman and Betty Pendergast. They carried the U. S. flag and the emblem

The counties numbered in alphabetical order and the names of the

of Pennsylvania. pupils representing each one follow 1 Adams—Evelyn Cory 2 Allegheny—Gladys Bock 3 Armstrong—Eleanor Lowder Beaver—Anna May Kunkle Bedford—Myrl Binger 5 Berks—Ruth Hibsman Biair—Dorothea Tebbs Bradford—Nellie Chenoweth Bucks—Geraldine Speece Butler—Jeane Speakman 11 Cambria—Mary Sunday
12 Cameron—Rosemary Bhear
13 Carbon—Evelyn Green
14 Centre—Margaret Weaver
15 Chester—Harriet Yentch
16 Clarion—Margaret Looker
17 Clearfield—Ruth Harris
18 Clinton—Mary Gourley
19 Columbia—Frances Kershner
20 Crawford—Beatrice Engle
21 Cumberland—Louise Moller
22 Dauphin—Kathryn Moller
23 Delaware—Hilda Hartman
24 Elk—Louise Moyer
25 Erie—Alfreda Wengert
26 Fayette—Adeline Chickini
27 Forest—Evelyn Walton Cambria—Mary Sunday Cameron—Rosemary Bl Forest-Evelyn Walton 28 Franklin—Helen Strayer 29 Fulton—Mildred Hunter

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29 Greene—Rosalie Dare
31 Huntingdon—Marguerite Abbott
32 Indiana—Louise Seigleman
33 Jefferson—Elizabeth Hoerner
34 Juniata—Margaret Nesbit
35 Lackawanna—Frances Holtzman
36 Lancaster—Janet Earisman
37 Lawrence—Azalea Corpman
38 Lebanon—Marie Rank
39 Lehigh—Florence Kuhn
40 Luzerne—Anna Williams
41 Lycoming—Minnie Pannel
42 McKean—Ruth Feiser
43 Mercer—Ruth Fink
44 Mifflin—Gertrude Pollock
45 Monroe—Betty Estricher
46 Montgomery—Ethel Davis
47 Montour—Martha iehr
48 Northampton—Dorian Cooper
49 Northumberland—Betty Shade
50 Perry—Lois Murphy
51 Philadelphia—Hilda Mease
52 Pike—Evelyn Crosby
53 Potter—Loretta Aston
54 Schuylkili—Irene Colestock
55 Sinder—Ethel Halfpenny
56 Somierset—Mary Waiters
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58 Susquehanna—Dale Belmey
59 Tioga—Donald Gourley
60 Union—Joseph Gotwals
61 Venango—Charles Farnham
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#### Heavy Death Toll

Tuberculosis, a preventable disease, took the lives of 7,493 Pennsylvanians in 1924. Out of every 100. The other day an autoist went thru here and said: "How did this town happen to get Noah's Ark?"

Validation, 81 persons were killed by this plague. Every day in Pennsylvania twenty persons succumb to the White Plague. cumb to the White Plague. Should these deaths for one year occur in one community the inhabitant of any one of the following towns would be entirely wiped out: Danville, Indiana, Juniata, Kane, Kittanning, Knoxville, Palmerton,

> A half-million people live on the desert land of the Sahara.

Soviet Russia Now Plans **Wool Production** 



The visit to the United States, at turing purposes. Another this time, of Michael S. Pereferko- from that country has bee vitsh, manager of the live-stock de- textile mills in Pennsylvinsh, ernment, Prof. Michel F. Ivanoff of a Moscow agricultural university, and N. N. Klebnik, official interpreter, carries with it all the signifi-cance of a step to progressive and modern methods in the new Russia.
According to these three representatives of the Soviet government,
Russia now has about 80,000,000
sheep and hundreds of millions of

head of other live stock.
Rambouillet rams have been purchased by them, not to increase the number of sheep, but to improve quality. It is expected that a better best buying season, he arrived in grade of wool will be produced by country too late to get all he wisl crossing of breeds. In this connec tion, sheep shearing machinery was bought to supplant the old-tilk hand blades. This in itself is expected to increase the wool crop about 7%, not because the machine shears closer to ve farming and daily than hand blades, but because it removes the wool evenly and in an unbroken blanket, leaving no ridges

Russia is anxious to enlarge its textile business with a view to pro-ducing its own wool for manufac-source

Massachusetts.
Admittedly, there is great
Russia for farming implem
the Russian farmer now h tically all the land he war unable to develop all of his because of lack of farm ma chinery such as milking ma

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