

DANVILLE, PA.

Jan. 19--Yesterday we finally finished shelling corn. Things were starting to break on the combine toward the last but we managed to get done. We stored about 3000 bushels in a bin to feed feeder pigs. The corn first had to be dried before it can be stored for any length of time. We had about 375 acres of corn when we started filling the silo. Three silo's were filled plus the dry corn which is being stored. Still a great percentage of it was on the ground. Resolutions were made to start earlier next year.

Recently visited in Florida. Leroy Hartzler, a young man who is serving his I-W service here at Danville, lives in Georgia, with friends in Florida.

We made stops in Harrisonburg, Va., Hephzibah, Ga. then finally to Pensacola, Florida. Leroy's sister lives in Va. so that is where we spent the first night. We then drove on to Hephzibah in the morning arriving at 4:00 p.m. in Augusta, Ga. We spent the weekend there. We left Pa. on Thursday afternoon. Visited a few dairies in that locality. The way of dairying is completely different from Pa. It consists of a parlor, a holding area, feed bunks and a few immense silos. There are no strancheon barns, it seems they are obsolete.

Went to Hephzibah Mennonite church in the morning and spent the afternoon visiting with other friends who had come for dinner.

Monday morning we headed for Peneacola, arriving at about 4:30 p.m. that afternoon. Was at summer temperature there.

We had traveled approximately 1400 miles from Danville to Pensacola with about 24 hours of monotonous driving. All was very beautiful to see hoping to see more of the world sometime in the future. Why? It's good exercise.

W. L. R.

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March 20--We had a very nice spring day today. Some farmers had the itch to get out to the field again.

Here at Danville they are having a trial for a 17 yr. old boy who shot a 20 year-old girl in a woods. She was found naked with her clothes neatly piled near by. She had 3 bullet wounds. This happened last November and hardly anything has really been found out. There are too many witnesses in the court that say the boy could not have been there at the time of the murder.

Was putting an auger on the tail gate of our big truck to unload fertilizer this year since we're hauling all bulk. The dump raises and the fertilizer moves to the back and out the auger into the planter drill or anything.

We have approximately 600 acres of corn to plant this year with 200 more in grain and a little hay. A no-till corn planter was bought to speed up the planting.

There are so many modern conveniences one has to wonder whats coming next. They even make electric back scratchers. What a lazy dog that can't scratch his own fleas.

Wm. Renno

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Apr. 8--On April 1st farmers were plowing and enjoying the warm spring weather. Now, 8 days later, the are moaning because the weather is unfit for field work.

We have about 20 acres plowed, or rather chiseled. My boss bought a chisel plow called a soil saver. Nine chisels with a row of disks in the front. It cuts as wide as 9½ 16-inch bottoms. It doesn't really turn the soil, it just tears it loose, although it does have teeth on it that make the soil turn to some extent. One can cut up to about 20 inches deep if the proper power is supplied.

We try to be the early bird because we farm about 870 acres and must move right on.

More newcomers in our area lately that bought farms. Seth Lapps from the Lancaster area and Elvin D. Ulrichs from Potter Co. Before the Mennonites came to the Danville area not much farming was done, but now it is completely different. The majority of the farms that were for sale are now inhabited by Mennonites.

Farming is one type of business where money isn't made--just circulated--unless you have a good amount of capital to start with.

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