

**CHANCES NARROWING FOR 1920 THRIFT STAMPS**

Only a few more days remain in which Government Savings Securities of the 1920 Series may be gotten, according to a special announcement made this week by Postmistress Long. On Dec. 31, the 1920 series of Savings Stamps and Registered Treasury Savings Certificates go off of the sales market and the next day, Jan.

1, the new Savings Stamps and Government Savings Securities of the 1921 series are put on sale. "Make yourself a present of the savings habit this Christmas," is the advice local postoffice officials are giving. They point out that gifts made in the form of Uncle Sam's Savings Securities never wear out, they always increase in value and that they, unlike most gifts, will be worth more next Christmas. For Christmas gifts and invest-

ments a complete stock of \$1,000 Registered Treasury Savings Certificates \$5 Savings Stamp and 25-cent Thrift Stamps, may be had from the local postoffice. Uncle Sam's December price marks are \$846 per \$1,000; \$84.60 per \$100, and \$5 Savings Stamps for \$4.23.

Both of the \$100 and \$1000 Registered Treasury Savings Certificates are inscribed with and registered in the owner's name. The \$5 Savings Stamps can be similarly registered without charge. Registration protects against burglary, fire, theft or loss in any way.

The 25-cent Thrift Stamp used this year will be unchanged next year. Those purchased this year can be exchanged in 1921 for the 1921 Series of Government Savings Securities.

**FARMERS USING FEWER HORSES THAN IN 1910**

The 1920 census shows that there were 77,335 less horses on Ohio farms in 1920 than in 1910. Ten years ago there were 888,027 horses on farms in the state while in 1920 there were 810,692 or a little over three horses to the farm. While the volume of the farm produce has considerably increased in Ohio during the past ten years, this increased output has been cared for with a decreasing number of horses.

"The advent of the automobile and light truck have eliminated the driving horse from many Ohio farms,"

according to Prof. J. I. Falconer of the Ohio State University. "On many farms the use of farm tractors has reduced the number of work horses required," says Dr. Falconer. "On one group of farms in northwestern Ohio, for instance, there was an average of five horses per farm in 1918, when these farms were doing all their field work with horses. By 1920 these farms had all secured tractors and the average number of work horses per farm had been reduced to 3.8. The high cost of feed during the past three years has caused many farmers to reduce their horse power to the minimum. A most striking change has been in the number of horses kept in Ohio villages and cities. In 1910 there were 188,041 horses in Ohio cities. By 1920 this number had decreased to 89,616."

**RURAL-CARRIER EXAM.**

The United States Civil Service Commission has announced an examination for Medina county, to be held at Medina and Wadsworth on Jan. 22, 1921, to fill the position of rural carrier at Chippewa Lake, Homerville and Medina, and vacancies that may later occur on rural routes from other post offices in the above-mentioned county. The salary of a rural carrier on a standard daily route of 24 miles is \$1,800 per annum, with an additional \$30 per mile per annum for each mile or major fraction thereof in excess of 24 miles.

**BODY OF WAR HERO RESTS IN HOME TOWN**

The body of Corporal Clair Caskey, who died in France from a gun shot wound in the forehead received in battle, arrived in Wadsworth, the old home town of the deceased, Tuesday morning, Dec. 21, having been brought under military escort from Hoboken, N. J.

The boat which brought the body of Corporal Caskey from France brot the bodies of 2800 young men who had lost their lives in the World War. Clair Caskey, son of Mr. and Mrs. Silas Caskey, was born June 2, 1896, at Sharon Center, Ohio, being the youngest of six sons. He removed from Sharon to Wadsworth with his parents and was employed at the match shop, leaving his position to enlist at the age of 21 in Co. G, 8th Regiment, O. N. G. An older brother, Harry Caskey, who was also a member of Co. G, was transferred to the Rainbow division. Clair left the United States with his company (now a part of the 146th Regiment) on June 15, 1918, for France, landing in that war-ridden country on June 23d.

He was made a corporal after reaching France and was justifiably proud of his promotion, writing home frequently of the fine squad of men with whom he worked. While serving with his company in the front lines on Nov. 10th Corporal Caskey received a gunshot wound in the head, the bullet penetrating the forehead and coming out at the back of the skull. He was taken to the British General hospital where on Dec. 14th, death occurred, his age being 22 years, 6 months and 12 days.

Nurses and Red Cross workers wrote from time to time, advising the sorrowing parents of their son's condition. Although for a time physicians held out hope that he might recover, there

was never any hope of complete recovery.

Corporal Caskey was buried with full military honors on Dec. 16, 1918, in the British military hospital at Etaples, France.

Funeral services were held Thursday afternoon from the residence of his parents, in charge of Dr. C. B. Etter of the Lutheran church. A full military service was held as a measure of respect to the memory of a departed comrade and hero. Old Glory floated at half mast from the flag staffs of the town. The remains were buried in Woodlawn cemetery.

**PHOSPHATED MANURE IS EFFECTIVE FERTILIZER**

Phosphating manure is one of the latest practices in maintaining a fertility program for the farm, according to soil specialists of the Ohio Experiment Station.

Scientists have known for some time that manure while in itself a valuable fertilizer, is not properly balanced to meet the needs of the plants, hence the practice has been evolved of mixing acid phosphate with manure 40 pounds or more to the ton.

Experimental work along this line has shown that phosphated manure has been 50 per cent. more effective than manure alone.

Manure treated with phosphate has been found valuable for topdressing meadows. Manure which is left exposed in open barnyards loses so much of its fertility compounds that when manure is to be handled in this way it is better to apply the phosphate to the land separately.

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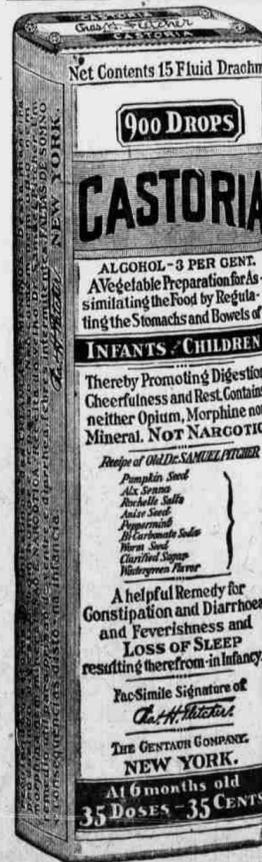
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