

COMMUNITY LETTERS

News Correspondents

Davis Hill

Mrs. John Billings, Reporter
 Jan. 8.—Mr. and Mrs. Charles Cornell visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Monroe Wednesday evening.
 Mr. and Mrs. Carl Monroe and Janet Jee called on their son and brother, Mr. and Mrs. Terry Monroe, Thursday.
 John Billings and Donald and Edward visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Billings Monday.
 Mrs. Carl Monroe and William attended the Swimming Meet between Wayland and Andover Friday night.
 Mr. and Mrs. Carl Monroe and Janet Lee visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Cornell at Bingham Center, Sunday.
 Paul Winchell's address is: Paul R. Winchell CT3 2377527 Box 50 C N C, PAC FLT C O FPO San Francisco, Calif. Paul writes that he has earned a new rate of Petty Officer, Third Class.
 Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Billings and girls were visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ora Wilson in Canisteo, Saturday.
 Mrs. Gertrude Halsey was in Hornell, Friday.
 Colds and Grippe are quite prevalent on the Hill.

Independence

Mrs. Floyd Clarke, Reporter
 Jan. 8.—The Seventh Day Baptist Church will hold their Annual Meeting Sunday afternoon, January 13th at the Parish House.
 The Ladies Aid Society will hold their Annual Meeting at the home of Mrs. Floyd Clarke Monday, January 14th at 1:30 p. m.
 The Independence Cemetery Association will hold their Annual Meeting Wednesday afternoon, January 16th.
 Mr. and Mrs. Harold Rifenberg were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. William Hofner in Bolivar.
 Erwin Weaver of Bath was a guest of Mr. and Mrs. Mylin Lefever Tuesday.
 Maynard Gestler of Canada spent Thursday with Mr. and Mrs. Mylin Lefever.
 Pvt. Robert Clarke returned to Fort Knox, Ky., Thursday. Pvt. Clark was home for the holidays.
 Mr. and Mrs. Edward Aldrich and Miss Bertha Barney of Wellsville were New Year's guests of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Barney, Sr.
 Mr. and Mrs. Decatur Clarke spent Saturday P M., with Mr. and Mrs. Harold Hornberg in Angelica.
 Mr. and Mrs. Mylin Lefever were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Christman in West Union Sunday and were calling on friends in the community.
 Stephen Clarke attended an A.S.C. meeting in Belmont Monday.
 Mrs. Alice Clarke, Emma Lefever and Carrol attended the Sewing Circle in West Union Tuesday.
 Mylin Lefever was in Wileyville, Pa., Monday helping Louise Slack move.
 Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Leon and family of Little Genesee spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Harold Barney, Sr.

Americans spend less than five per cent of their disposable income for meat. For this each American receives on the average 87 pounds of beef, 63.5 pounds of pork, 5.9 pounds of veal, and 4.7 pounds of lamb.

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Details Of '63 Feed Grain Program Announced

The 1963 voluntary feed grain program will generally follow program provisions for 1961 and 1962 crops by giving feed grain producers an opportunity to participate in the program by reducing acreages and to receive payments, Stephen Clarke, Chairman, Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Allegany County Committee, has announced. As in 1962, the program will apply to corn, grain sorghum and barley.

By participating, farmers will receive diversion payments for shifting acreage from production to a conservation use and in addition they will receive price-support payments on the normal production of the 1963 feed grain acreage. They will also be eligible to obtain price-support loans and purchase agreements for the actual 1963 feed grain production. Rates for diversion payments are somewhat smaller than in previous years, but this decrease will be more than offset for most farmers by the price-support payment.

A major change from previous programs, Mr. Clarke emphasized, is that to be eligible for any payments or price support on any of the three feed grains included in the program, the farmer must divert the total acreage for which he signs up.

The Chairman explained that farmers may take part in the program by reducing the total of their 1963 feed grain acreage (corn, grain sorghum, and barley) by at least 20 percent. The maximum diversion is the higher of 40 percent of the base acreage or 25 acres, provided this is not more than the base acreage. The acreage of the three crops (1959-60 average acreage, as adjusted) will be combined into one total feed grain base for each farm, and the farmer may choose to divert one or more of the feed grains, with the diversion payment being made at the per-acre rate applicable to the particular grain or grains diverted.

Farmers who have planted their 1963 barley crop this fall will be able to take part in the 1963 program by reducing their total feed grain acreage by at least 20 percent.

Price support to participating farmers will be available partly through loans and purchase agree-

ments and partly through the price-support payment. Loans and purchase agreements will reflect a national average price of \$1.02 per bushel on corn, \$1.62 per cwt. on grain sorghum, and 79 cents per bushel on barley. In addition, price-support payments will be made on the normal production of the 1963 feed grain acreage at the rate of 18 cents per bushel on corn, 29 cents per cwt. (16 cents per bushel) on grain sorghums, and 14 cents per bushel on barley.

Oats and rye are not included in the 1963 feed grain program, thus no payment is provided and no reduction in acreage is required for price-support eligibility. As in 1962, the national average supports for these two crops for 1963 will be 62 cents per bushel for oats and \$1.02 per bushel for rye.

Participating farmers will be able to put all of their 1963-crop corn, grain sorghum, and barley under price-support loans and purchase agreements. This is a change from earlier programs, which limited support to the normal production of the 1962 crop.

Under the 1963 program, acres taken out of feed grains may be planted to guar, sesame, safflower, sunflower, and castor beans, but at a lower diversion rate—with no payment on acres planted to safflower. Maltine barley in 1963 will be treated like all other barley.

Farmers may receive part of their acreage diversion payment at the time they sign up to participate in the program. The sign-up period for the 1963 feed grain program will be announced later Chairman Clarke said.

Seedling Trees Available

The State Conservation Department urges New York landowners planning to plant trees next spring to order soon while supplies of all popular species are still available.

Charles F. Baar, Superintendent of Forest Management and Nurseries, said Department nurseries in Saratoga, Lowville and Oak Orchard have nearly 16-million seedlings on hand and persons ordering now will receive their choice of species.

Under New York State law, the Conservation Department may sell seedling trees to private landowners for ten dollars per thousand. Sold in lots of 1,000 the trees must be for reforestation and cannot be planted for ornamental

or landscaping purposes. Species available are white, Scotch, red and Austrian pine, Norway and white spruce, Japanese larch, balsam and douglas fir, and black locust. Orders for Japanese black pine, which is resistant to salt pray and sold exclusively to Long Island planters, have exhausted this year's supplies.

According to Mr. Baar, much of the State's more than four million acres of idle land can be put to useful and profitable work through reforestation.

"Many of the seedlings planted this spring will produce saleable Christmas trees in the near future", he said. "As the plantation matures, additional profits can be realized through timber production."

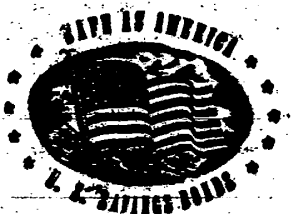
"Although less tangible, additional rewards make reforestation plantings a major contribution to conservation and the public interest. Forest cover prevents erosion, protects watersheds, provides suitable cover for wildlife and contributes to the overall

beauty of the Empire State", Mr. Baar pointed out.

In 1963, the Conservation Department expects to provide landowners with nearly 30-million trees under its reforestation program.

Additional information, order blanks and up-to-date reports on species and number of seedlings available can be obtained from District Directors for Lands and Forests throughout the State. (Listed Below) Charles B. Kresge 5 East Steuben St. Bath, N. Y.

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