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THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE gladly joins the people of Lancaster county in marking the twentieth anniversary of Mr. F. S. Bucher's services as County Agent. Mr. Bucher has shown in these twenty years the highest devotion to the rural interests of the county. The confidence and support the people of Lancaster county have given him is appreciated by the Department and all who are associated in the co-operative extension work; and we wish for Mr. Bucher and Lancaster county, through the years to come, even greater accomplishment in agricultural improvement.

ARTHUR M. HYDE,
Secretary, Department of Agriculture,
Washington, D. C.
February 11, 1933.

IN the fulness of time, men and ideas are conceived, born, develop, flourish and pass on—for good or ill.

Some are destined for a narrow sphere, and move on and off the stage of life with little to applaud or condemn.

Some move to the tempo of a vast under-current of revolution in the making—and are shaped into heroic mold.

Some push forward into uncharted paths under the spur of a resistless urge to pioneering.

Some stay within the manor,—and give to their people, in the language and habits of their own understanding, a new approach to the more abundant life.

Of such as the latter, we gather to-day to pay honor and inscribe our affection to one who is “not without honor” throughout the length and breadth of the “empire of a county” to which he has given the love of a serviceable life:

FLOYD STEINMETZ BUCHER

County Agent

of the

Agricultural Extension Service

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—and with deepest sincerity let us append
still another line to this living epitaph of
our modest leader:

*And We Trust for Many Years
to Come*

Truly, as can seldom be said so completely in honor to a native son, FLOYD STEINMETZ BUCHER was to the manor born.

And to the manor, and all of its vast farming interests, he has given a life (though yet young) crowded with study, and striving, and sacrifice.

To-day marks the beginning of his third decade as County Agent and the Twen-

tieth Anniversary of the founding of The Lancaster County Farm Bureau.

Men and ideas!—the fulness of time!—the fruition of purpose! “First the blade, then the ear, then the full corn within the ear!”

LIFE has never been static—except in retrospect. The early years of the Twentieth century, however, seem to have been signal lights of change!

Started then an era so intensive as to shake the bulwarks even of civilization's oldest industry since men dwelt in caves! The pragmatic urge of labor at last had brought agriculture to the realization that, as “the noblest of them all,” it must organize if it would ever command its proper place in the sun of accomplishment and recognition!

Whether for eventual good or ill, we are now still too close to the canvas to say—

but increased efficiency and production on the farm became the challenge of the new day.

Thus came the County Agent in a thousand great domains over the United States—a circuit rider with the evangel of crop salvation—a country doctor riding against the night winds of doubt and discouragement!

In the South—the cotton boll weevil!

In the North—the hoof and mouth disease!

In the West—the corn borer!

In the wheat fields, smut and moth; in the orchards, scab and insect; in the tobacco, rust and wildfire!

Almost as if civilization had brought its bag of evils to the very gates of the farm, and broadcast them like a scourge upon the soil!

It came, not swiftly, like a malediction—but year by year was borne in upon the consciousness of the tiller that, by himself

alone, it was an unequal yoke to turn the furrows of such handicaps.

And of the Lancaster county farmer, most proficient and most industrious of any in the nation, let it be said that he was not the last to realize that "new occasions teach new duties," and that his peerless husbandry would continue peerless only as he adjusted himself to overcome modern obstacles with modern methods and the application of scientific discoveries to the problem of field and orchard.

There are probably some in meeting assembled to-day who dissented or scoffed at the pioneer work of the Farm Bureau twenty years ago!

There were many, in the very nature of the case, who looked askance at the very suggestion of applying "book learning" to the tilling of the soil!

At its best, in fact, only a fraction of our farmers have ever come into actual

contact with the County Agent, or the work of the Farm Bureau, or the Agricultural Extension Service (using its latter title), but the practical application of modern methods as promulgated by the County Agent is seen on almost every farm, from the alfalfa field to the silo; from the stable to the pen; from the orchard to the hen-house.

WHEN FLOYD S. BUCHER came from his ancestral home at Reamstown to make the county his home in 1913, ensilage feeding and the silo in Lancaster county were more of a curiosity than a demonstrable success!

To-day we find the silo and the system of ensilage feeding not the exception, but the rule, among progressive cattle-feeders.

We no longer depend on mere judgment to determine soil acidity.

We should no sooner expect heavy, even if under present conditions unprofitable,

yields from orchard or potato field without spraying than to expect a stand of alfalfa without inoculation.

We have learned much in reclaiming "lost" portions of our farms through the laying of proper drainage systems.

We have experimented profitably in top-dressing our grass fields; we have learned something about smut in oats; we have progressed tremendously in our understanding of fertilizers.

At one time "Lancaster County Sure Crop" corn was little more than an attractive name; to-day it is known over much of the northern United States, and has made money for our best corn-breeders.

Through corn and wheat variety tests we have substituted facts for opinions; our boys and girls through competitive contests in grain and livestock are being held to the farm by the encouragement of a new sense of values.

The mere mention of wheat is like sounding the synonym of depression, even though we have a lesser dependence on wheat than many farming counties—yet we have learned how to hold our wheat by treating it!

We found that fumigating our farms with formaldehyde for the foot-and-mouth disease operated harmfully on our tobacco—so we learned to substitute bichloride.

Our fundamental operation of steer-feeding has most certainly advanced in productivity and profit in normal times—with its guarantee of continued fertility.

Among the keenest dairymen the cow-testing association has been an indispensable adjunct to profitable production; and in poultry husbandry the “star boarder” has been detected and eliminated.

What with all the economic discouragements in tobacco-growing, the fact will not down that in the distribution of pure-bred

seed; in the cleaning of seed; in the study of fertilizers; even in the handling of the crop in the barns—we have put our house in order for the better days coming!

When the government called upon Lancaster county to increase its wheat acreage three per cent. or more in war days—we “went over the top,” even though the price didn’t!

Our dairy industry has been more and more brought under better organization; tuberculin testing, while costly at the outset, is inevitably bearing results. In fact, even despite glaring price inequities, it still is probably our best “money crop!”

PROBABLY as great an encouragement as anything we know of is the modern trend in Farm-Accounting!

We are getting well advanced in a dependable knowledge of how a crop pays or fails to pay—and whether it should be continued or abandoned.

Once again the critic may interject that it's all foolishness to bother with cost-accounting, when anyone knows that nothing pays right now!

He should remember, however, that Lancaster county will not always be in the economic doldrums—but that we MUST be in the forefront with accurate knowledge to guide us when the times turn!

These are outstanding among the material benefits—but there is something still more important!

The last twenty years have brought our families—our wives, our boys, our girls; our home life, our social life—to a finer focus of pleasurable living.

Community consciousness has been made an actuality. The pride of honest effort has been stimulated. The farm mother and her daughter have been encouraged to constructive neighborhood activity. They are demonstrating anew their supremacy

in the domestic arts. Potential wives are being reared with all the attributes of good management to become real help-meets for the youth who in digging deep into the demands of modern-day farming will become a dependable husband.

THERE is no all-inclusive credit to anyone for the foregoing and many more citations that might be made.

But if anyone in Lancaster county stands out pre-eminently in the vast progress of the past twenty years as having played a major rôle in the elevation of agriculture, we shall agree without a dissenting voice that his name is

FLOYD STEINMETZ BUCHER

Ten years ago it was our good fortune to be working side by side with him in the multitude of concerns that claimed the interest of the Farm Bureau. As time went by, our paths parted, but our interest continued—and has to this day.

The decade that followed has given us probably a riper perspective of the scene, yet only to intensify earlier impressions.

You do well to commemorate this ministry of farm service that began in 1913—and to celebrate the beginning of a third decade!

Such a record is uncommon! Mr. Bucher remains, and has remained, as the County Agent not because his value could properly be evaluated and recompensed—but primarily because of his love for the Garden Spot!

Were it not for his native modesty; his reticence to admit the things we claim for him; his dogged persistence in minimizing personal values; his guilelessness among men—we might esteem his long-continued service as a passion!

It bears repetition: Our County Agent was truly to the manor born. Few men save those reared in the phlegmatic do-

main of the Pennsylvania-German could have sensed the true line of action when embarking on a duty—or a project—so nebulous in its conception, and yet, in a proper sense, so presumptuous in its implication.

Agent Bucher in 1913 established an office of helpfulness—let us remember—among the *best* class of farmers in the United States; if anything, an all-sufficient class. It was not to the “hill-billies” of the backward States he came!

And most important of all—and the most difficult of all—he came amongst his own people, conscious (he must have been) of the Scriptural passage that “a prophet is not without honor save in his own country!”

We submit on this delightful occasion that, for once, the Scriptures in this particular respect must “grant” an exception!

Whether it was an instance of his innate courage to battle under difficulty like this; whether he foresaw a prime opportunity to advance the interests of his home-folk; or whether he loved the native hearth beyond all the allurements of the outside world—only Floyd Bucher can answer.

We do know that he had been previously widely-traveled and located, from the black bottoms of Missouri to the rice lands of Louisiana.

We do know that he must be constantly in action to be in good spirits.

Fortunate, then, that Lancaster County should be the object of his endeavors and the beneficiary of his prudent counsel and ever-widening experience!

No words such as these—no chapter that can be written—will presume to be more than sketchy of the subject; for the subject lends himself not to the finesse of

detail. The biographer here must depend on broad outlines; the delicate shadings possible through intimacy must be furnished by each according to his experience and attachment.

Let it suffice to say that if all to whom he has rendered a service; if all to whom he has spoken the word of encouragement; if all who have benefited by his sage advice and counsel—if all these were each to brush in a deft line upon this incomplete canvas, we would have a composite picture more nearly worthy.

So to you, then :

FLOYD STEINMETZ BUCHER

we pay in such form as we believe you will accept and cherish our humble sentiments as a simple token of our regard for the Ministry of Service you have performed in behalf of the Farmers and the Farming Industry of Lancaster County during the past twenty years.

Your constant devotion to duty; your self-sacrificing attention to the interests of our people; your sound understanding of our needs and capacities, and your ever-expanding knowledge of the ideal combination of theory and practicality, have done more for the benefit of the Agriculture of Lancaster County during the past two decades than any single factor in a century.

Perhaps it is a selfish wish—but we know you will understand what further words could not make clearer—we are going to wish that

*The Years From
1913 to 1933
Have Been Only a Prelude
To the Decades That
Are to Come*

and as an earnest of our desires we are to-day electing you to Life Membership in the Garden Spot County of Loving Hearts.

T. WARREN METZGER

The Voice of Remembrance from Penn State

My dear Mr. Bucher:

Please accept my hearty congratulations on your completion of twenty years of service as County Agent in Lancaster county. That is a record of which you and Lancaster county and the College can all be proud. That you have won and retained the respect and high regard of your county during all these years, many of them trying ones for agriculture, speaks for itself.

Scripture says that a prophet is not without honor save in his own country, but you have outdone Scripture and have achieved honor close at home. Your tenure in one county has covered practically the entire life of the agricultural extension movement and it is loyal, intelligent, continuous service such as you have given that has won for agricultural extension the firm position which it occupies today.

I am happy to add my congratulations to those of your host of friends and to wish you many years of continued success.

R. D. HETZEL

President, The Pennsylvania State College

My dear Mr. Bucher :

One of the most difficult commandments in a book which many of the good people of Lancaster county set much store by is, "Be not weary in well-doing." A lot of men can do good things for a little while, and some can do ordinary and commonplace things for a long while, but the men are few who can do great and good things steadily over a long period of years. You are one of them and you have proved it in Lancaster county. It always made me stronger for Penn State when I thought of your work down there, and I know you have kept up the same high quality. The continuance of the marvelous prosperity of the county all these years is due in no small degree to your intelligent and earnest efforts. I congratulate you most heartily on the completion of twenty years' service and wish you twenty more with the same ample reward of joy and good-will.

I recently helped to celebrate the one hundredth birthday of a country doctor in Vermont. When you celebrate your century, let me know, and, if I can then spare the time, I will be in the party.

Faithfully yours,

JOHN M. THOMAS

*Ex-President, The Pennsylvania State
College*

Montpelier, Vt.

Please accept my sincere congratulations on the completion of twenty years' service as County Agricultural Agent of Lancaster County. As the adviser of 10,000 farmers in one of the leading agricultural counties of the United States, you have had a tremendous influence in the development of a sound, substantial agriculture.

C. W. WARBURTON

*Director of Extension Work, Washington,
D. C.*

Twenty years of faithful service as County Agent, helping to build the Agriculture of Lancaster county, covering the period which represents the peak of his physical powers, is "Dutch" Bucher's contribution to his native Garden Spot.

While there may be others, we know of no County Agent in any State who has labored continuously for twenty years in one county. Certainly there is no one who has been more faithful, who has expended more energy in the task, or who has worked more devotedly for the interests and welfare of the farmers whom he serves.

We congratulate him on his completion of twenty years of service.

M. S. McDOWELL

*Director of Agricultural Extension,
The Pennsylvania State College*

Dear "Dutch":

It is a distinct pleasure to add my small part to this testimonial in recognition of your splendid achievement. I congratulate you most heartily on the completion of twenty years of service as a County Agent. The fact that it was twenty years of continuous service in the same county among the same people makes this record just that much more outstanding. You are the first County Agent in Pennsylvania to attain this distinction and one of the very few in the entire United States.

Lancaster county is, indeed, to be congratulated as having been the recipient of the benefits of your twenty years' work. Let us hope that you may long continue in the same capacity. The sincere esteem in which you are held by your constituents is well merited.

My former association with the Extension Service enables me to appreciate the problems of the County Agent. You started as a pioneer in one of the original counties in which County Agent work was undertaken. Lancaster county with its more than 10,000 farmers, its diversified and highly specialized farming system, and its naturally conservative people, presented to you more than the usual difficulties. You have proven yourself equal to the occasion. Your skillful handling of many difficult situations has

won the admiration of your constituents and associates.

I deeply appreciate our association and friendship over all of these years and rejoice in the fact that I had some part in the establishment of the County Agent Service out of which you have carved for yourself an enviable career.

E. K. HIBSHMAN

*Executive Secretary, The Penn State
Alumni Association*

Twenty-five years ago Floyd Bucher was a member of the first class in horticulture which I presumed to instruct at The Pennsylvania State College. Vividly do I recall his scholarly achievements and his splendid performance in the mental gymnastics of the classroom which foretold success in his chosen work.

Since 1913 he has been County Agent in Lancaster county, and it would be impossible to estimate the value of his splendid service during this long period. His helpful counseling is the result of careful analysis of every problem which has been brought to his attention in connection with his position as Extension representative of the College.

It is, indeed, a privilege to count Floyd Bucher as a friend. He possesses to a remarkable degree those fine personal qualities which we appreciate so highly in our associates.

He relates fascinating fish stories! But, why shouldn't he? Is anyone really entitled to membership in the great and honorable angling fraternity who cannot embellish a little when relating actual experiences and observations in the gentle art?

R. L. WATTS

*Dean of School of Agriculture,
The Pennsylvania State College*

When an automobile tour of Lancaster county was to be held we always rested assured that "Dutch" had arranged every detail. When a group of County Agents or an Extension Director from another State wanted to see how Extension work was carried on in the "Garden Spot," there was never any hesitation in turning them over to "Dutch." When advice on policies to be followed was needed, the "Dutchman's" judgment was dependable. When "Dutch" was late for a conference at the College, we knew that his weekly reports were not in and half a day later "Dutch" showed up with all reports up to date under his arm. The success of Agricultural Extension work in Pennsylvania is due in no small measure to the men of "Dutch's" calibre out in the counties whose integrity, industriousness, cool judgment and sympathetic understanding of the problems and viewpoints within the county developed a service

to the farmers of the county which could never have been made possible without such men.

“Dutch,” these have been twenty years of exceedingly pleasant relations, and I hope they may continue for years.

FREDDIE WEAVER

*Department of Agricultural Economics,
The Pennsylvania State College*

The Executive Board of Penn State Alumni Association in session to-day congratulates Floyd S. Bucher (Class of 1910) upon his completion of twenty years' continuous service as County Agent in Lancaster county.

Sincerely,

JAMES E. WATSON, *President*

E. K. HIBSHMAN, *Executive Secretary*

Feb. 11, 1933

My dear Mr. Bucher:

You are about to complete twenty years of continue service as the County Farm Adviser for the largest and wealthiest agricultural county in Pennsylvania (Lancaster county). You are the first County Agent in Pennsylvania to have twenty years of continue service in the same county, and I want to congratulate you upon this distinguished service covering so long a period of time, and I hope that you may continue to be of such unusual help to such an im-

portant county as Lancaster for many years to come.

Twenty-four years ago last September, when I came to Penn State as head of the Department of Agronomy, in which you were then specializing, you were at the beginning of your Junior year. You attended several of my classes and I well remember your fidelity, good sense, hard work and the splendid record that you made. I recall that, upon graduation two years later, you were one of the fourteen out of a class of 232 receiving first honors for your splendid work. Naturally, I have watched your work as a County Agent and I have found that you ran true to form, as have most other high-grade students in agriculture who have gone out to do their share in the world's work.

Your record shows that you were a member of the Alpha Zeta and Phi Kappa Phi, both honorary student fraternities at Penn State. I congratulate you on your long service and high standard of achievement as a County Farm Adviser for Lancaster county.

FRANK D. GARDNER

*Professor of Agronomy, The Pennsylvania
State College*

Twenty years of service! No, I do not like to say it that way!

This thought has been applied too frequently to the dead, to old men who have retired, to certain clubs, stations, etc.

Twenty years of leadership! No, it is not as easy as that over-worked idea!

Twenty years of living! Twenty of the best years of a young man's life living the truth!

Twenty years fighting in the great war in agriculture between science and tradition!

Twenty years of directing the agricultural thought, at least, of a certain constituency!

Twenty years of sowing the seed that will bear a hundredfold more fruit in the next generation than in this!

Twenty years of imparting the truth to a farming population who may accept or reject it of their own volition!

Twenty years of creating a desire to know in some who are indifferent about learning!

"Dutch" Bucher owes no apology to anyone for carrying the message of truth to those who receive it. Neither does anyone of his great constituency need be ashamed to acknowledge receiving the truth from him. The truth has no fears of investigation.

The twenty years immediately following mark the expected best years of Mr. Bucher's life.

E. L. NIXON

*Department of Botany, The Pennsylvania
State College*

Floyd S. Bucher was one of the first men to do County Agent work in Pennsylvania.

His hard work, good judgment and thorough understanding of the agriculture of Lancaster county have made him an outstanding man in his field to-day.

“Dutch,” as he is known, is a real fellow and exceedingly popular among his associates.

BILL CONNELL

*Agricultural Extension Department,
The Pennsylvania State College*

Dear “Dutch”:

Remember how our farmer yell used to ring out in the College halls—

Horse, cow, sheep, hog, hen,
Penn State farmers 1910.

Our little group of about a dozen corn-fed boys were telling the world that they were right off the sod and proud of it.

Then later our County Agent song told of the spirit of the men in that work—

Hallelujah, keep more live stock,
Hallelujah, more manure,
Hallelujah, balanced rations,
All farms must pay more.

I believe the yell and the song typified the spirit of the farm boys who early took scientific training in farming. That spirit and knowledge

have made you a successful pioneer in agriculture. Not new farms, but new methods and knowledge pioneered on old farms.

So much are you of the soil, so great your liking for the farm, that you have been having a great adventure as well as success. Twenty years of fascinating pioneering whereby you have helped make Lancaster county farms more productive to-day than was the virgin soil three hundred years ago.

Keep on with your adventure, "Dutch," and be happy in the thought of the many friends who rejoice in your success and who have a warm spot in their heart for the "Dutchman."

One of those friends,

"MUCKLE" McKEE

Camp Hill, Pa.

P. S.—I did not think I ought to say anything about how you twisted the cow's tail to make her go up the stairs in Old Main one dark night of mystery.—M. Mc.

Greetings from the State Department of Agriculture

Please extend to County Agent Bucher my greetings and good wishes on the completion of his twentieth year of service to the people of Lancaster county. It must be a satisfaction for him to look back over those twenty years and note the fine friendships he has established and the different lines of service he has handled. We wish him many years of continued service.

JOHN A. McSPARRAN

Secretary of Agriculture, Harrisburg, Pa.

Twenty years is a fair span of years to know an individual, yet how quickly the time seems to pass, especially if the association be intimate and fostered by a common interest! It has been my good fortune to have known the "critter" involved in this testimonial for such a period; have traveled with him through "Swampy's" chem and "Ichabod's" cellar; on the "go devil" and through fields where tall corn grows; along mountain brook where rocks are sleek and the trout equally so; on the briny deep where the fishing was good, and again not so good; on mountain top when the trail was hot—and often cold! Yet, whether amid the stench of the lab,

or "hot air" of the cellar, the skid of the cycle or tall corn yeller, whether "suckers" were long or short of chin, and hunting was good or just plain thin, he was always the same—Floyd Steinmetz Googenslaugher, the "Dutchman," hard-fisted, rugged, straight-shooter (except with a gun)—just a "good scout!" So here's to your good health and prosperity, "Dutch," and may there remain for you many more years of good works, to the lasting gain of the "Garden Spot" and your host of friends! Sincerely,

R. H. BELL, "Mother"

Department of Agriculture, Harrisburg, Pa.

From Noted Editors

I have known "Dutch" Bucher all of the twenty years he has been at work in Lancaster county. I have seen him on the job and I know his work is good. I have been with him on several fishing expeditions—he's a great "meat" fisherman, especially expert with narrow-mouth suckers. But ten or more years ago the most wonderful thing about him in the fishing and hunting camp was his capacity to reduce the surplus of food. If this country had consumers of his capacity, both for solids and liquids, there wouldn't be any surpluses for Congress to worry about. And if our so-called agricultural leaders had more of Dutch's old-fashioned common sense, and more of his disposition to speak only with knowledge, our farmers would be much better off. I congratulate Lancaster county, not only on producing "Dutch" Bucher, but on having been able to keep him, for I know that he has had opportunities to serve elsewhere.

Salute him for me! Wish him, for me, every good thing—including matrimony and three sets of twins. If there is to be a real celebration of this event down there I'm a candidate for an invitation.

E. S. BAYARD

Editor-in-Chief "Ohio Farmer," "Pennsylvania Farmer" and "Michigan Farmer"

My dear Dutch:

I join with your many friends in extending to you my heartiest congratulations and compliments on completing twenty years of service as a County Agent in Lancaster county.

All of us, both within and without the Extension Service organization, have looked upon you during these twenty years as one of the blazers of the trail in Extension work. We have gauged the success or failure in many phases of this work in other parts according to the standards which you have set.

We always admired the resistance that you have successfully offered to the wiles of women and to the luxuries of the four-wheel motor car.

Again, let me extend my congratulations and best wishes for the successful carrying on of the fine work which you are now doing.

Sincerely yours,

MILES HORST

Field Editor "Pennsylvania Farmer"

Felicitations by the Home Folks

WITH an appreciation of your ideals and commonsense views on farming and present farm problems, I congratulate you on your twenty years of service to our people! May you serve them many more years and may we have many more pleasant and useful contacts!

ABNER H. RISSER, Bainbridge, Pa.

President Extension Association 1932-1933

Some of the most pleasant memories of my life are the associations I have had with you as an officer and director of the Extension organization. Your advice and help have always been very valuable to me with my problems on the farm. It is amazing to see the great improvement you have brought about among the farmers in our county during the past twenty years. My only regret is you do not have a few direct heirs with your ability to help us keep Lancaster county on the map. May the next twenty years be even more successful than the past!

HARRISON S. NOLT, Columbia, Pa., R. 1

President Extension Association 1923-1931

A score of years of associated labor,
A time of confidential fellowship,
A heartfelt confidence and consciousness,
A pleasant and reminiscent period.

J. C. BRUBAKER, Lititz, Pa.

President Extension Association 1918-1922

Floyd S. Bucher is a man of conservative ideas, modest in his tastes, possesses a firmness of conviction, a genial disposition and is a hale fellow well met. He has qualities which enable him to approach the cautious fellow with his extensive fund of agricultural knowledge. With these possessions, "Dutch" has been able to reach the fulfillment of his splendid achievement.

NORMAN C. MAULE, Quarryville, Pa.

President Extension Association 1916-1917

(Note: The first President of the Extension Association was the late J. Aldus Herr, of Lampeter, who served from 1913 to 1916.)

Many of the honors received and most of the successes attained in our diversified farming operations are either directly or indirectly due to your and Mr. Sloat's unbiased recommendations and advice. I recall many pleasant visits to our home on "that motorcycle," both on business and for sport, even to the gassing of those notorious woodchucks and the *missing* of the

cotton tails and ringnecks chased out from under the pines. Deutscher, Komm weider.

C. B. SNYDER, Ephrata, R. 1, Pa.

Director of Extension Association

The Agricultural Extension Service as represented by you for the past twenty years has been exceedingly helpful, and your assistance in solving the various farm problems has been of untold value!

FRED A. ACHEY, M.D., Lancaster, Pa.

Director of Extension Association

Your versatility and rare gift of adaptability have made your twenty years of service in Lancaster county a constant and growing success. Congratulations! Remember the night we almost went through Yale?

DAVID M. LANDIS, Lancaster, Pa., R. 7

Director and Secretary of Extension Association

After twenty years of acquaintance, the latch string is still out, but it isn't pulled enough.

JANE NOLT, Columbia, Pa., R. 1

Director of Extension Association

I heartily congratulate you upon your twentieth anniversary as County Farm Agent!

Under your continued service the interests and problems of the farmers of the county will be helped.

ANNA L. KELLER, Elizabethtown, Pa.
Director of Extension Association

As co-worker in Extension work, knowing some of your complex problems, we congratulate you on keeping your genial disposition and the ability to give us your hearty co-operation.

ANNE FORBES, *Home Economics, Agricultural Extension Service, Lancaster, Pa.*

During the past twelve years, as a co-worker in Extension activities in this county, your advice and willing co-operation have kept the ship riding on an even keel over the ups and downs.

HARRY S. SLOAT, *Assistant County Agent
Agricultural Extension Service, Lancaster, Pa.*

Congratulations to "Dutch" Bucher for your twenty years' record as County Agent of Lancaster county. My close association with you during the past four and one-half years has been a pleasure and a privilege. I have gained valuable experience in many lines of agricultural work, due to our mutual co-operation. From my observation I can state that any individuals or groups who run counter to your gospel of

advanced methods in agriculture sooner or later reverse their action for the good of the service. Twenty years is a long time on any man's job; but you look good enough for at least twenty years more!

GEO. C. BLACK, *Manager Lancaster
County Farm Bureau, Lancaster, Pa.*

Would you believe that I can remember the time that Dutch Bucher as County Agent had such a small proposition and so much ambition that time hung heavy over him? Each morning he would ride from the northern end of the county on his motorcycle (not the one he has now; I think he has worn out about eleven since that time); he would go in his office, mess over some papers, bulletins, etc., then rear back in his chair for a minute, say aw goshhang, it, pick up his goggles and go to his motor that wasn't very far away (you could park anywhere those days, even in front of a fire plug). Someone said the other day, "whenever a man sits on a sheepskin it's a sign he's getting older." Well, the seat was all leather then. Dutch would look at the leather seat, look at the shoe, as we called it that time (now it's a side car), then he'd say: "Well, I must do something!" jump on the leather seat, kick the pedal, as he does today, only oftener, till the engine would sputter and away he'd go.

The roads were so rough and rutty at that time that fortunately, counting the ups and downs, he could get as much exercise in fifteen minutes as he now gets in an hour. So after covering any one or two townships he was again back in his office for business, and he always was somewhere. But what these twenty years have wrought! And what can we expect of the next twenty? Can we ever expect in that time among other things to look for a Mrs. Bucher?

H. H. SNAVELY, Willow Street, Pa., R. 1

Twenty years of service in leadership and achievement is something to be proud of.

OTTO OLSON, Ephrata

The most gratifying feature of the tribute being paid Floyd S. Bucher by the farmers of Lancaster county is that it is spontaneous and it is sincere; that it comes from a grateful people in honest appreciation of a man whose industry and integrity have made him their counsellor, co-worker and friend. They honor themselves in extending to Mr. Bucher this richly-deserved acclaim.

JOHN H. CARTER, *Managing Editor,*
Lancaster New Era

With utmost respect for your ideals and dreams, many of which I know have come

through! However, here's hoping the one about
glutz-kopf will never come true!

A. SHOBER ZERBE

Certainly no more tireless servant of the farmer and all his interests is to be found anywhere in all Lancaster county. Early and late he is seen, his motorcycle purring steadily, answering the calls for service from all sections of the county. "Old Doc Agriculture"—a fitting title to grant as the reward for twenty years of unselfish devotion to others; "Dutch" Bucher to all who know him—friendly, approachable, helpful—this indefatigable servant of the public occupies an enviable place in the regard of his clients the county over. Those who know him best appreciate him most. May this token of the confidence and regard in which he is held be some slight recompense for his own unlimited spending of himself in our behalf.

G. I. DIETRICK, *Supervising Principal,*
West Lampeter Township High School

Twenty Years of Results

You are a little thing with a big meaning.
You help everybody.
You unlock doors, hearts; dispel prejudice.
You inspire respect and admiration; everybody
loves you.

You bore nobody. You violate no law.
You cost nothing. Many have praised you; none
has condemned you.
You are pleasing to those of high and low degree.
You are useful every moment of the day.
You are the County Agent, "Dutch Bucher."

WAYNE B. RENTSCHLER, Lampeter, Pa.

A certain young man, at a certain school, on a certain date, graduated with the thought that he was leaving school. With thousands of others he has since learned that he was on that occasion only entering another school. We who are following the Agricultural course in this school appreciate the tutorship of these Extension men and are very fortunate to have one as capable and amiable as F. S. Bucher at the head of this work.

H. F. HOUSER, Lancaster, Pa., R. 4

It makes us feel proud of our county to see what you two men have done for it and want to thank you from the bottom of our hearts for it.

JACOB D. BARD AND SON, Denver, R. 2, Pa.

Wish to return thanks for your service given thus far.

M. M. BOLLINGER, Reinholds, Pa.

I want to express my appreciation to the Extension Service for the service and information received by them.

EVAN E. DINGER, Reinholds, Pa., R. 1

Your past service was always appreciated. With results obtained, the future is bound for success.

MARK WEALAND, Lititz, Pa., R. 5

I appreciate the indirect services I received from you through the Extension Service.

L. G. EBERLY, Clay, Pa.

Thanks to the Extension Service for helping me to keep more accurate records on my poultry.

SAMUEL WIEST, Ephrata, Pa., R. 1

In appreciation of helping to lead a cow from stock judging room at State College 1910 (Snowball).

ELMER B. BUCHER, Ephrata, R. 1, Pa.

In behalf of myself and my fellow farmers, your services are certainly beneficial, and I appreciate your presence in time of need.

JACOB M. HURST, Ephrata, Pa., R. 1

In behalf of our family, we appreciate the trips arranged and information you have given

us in times of need, and we wish to express our appreciation.

MR. AND MRS. HIRAM B. BOLLINGER,
Lititz, Pa., R. 1

In appreciation of the indirect services I received through your office.

J. H. HEHNLY, Hopeland, Pa.

Bring Bill Connell for another sheep-clipping demonstration. Come again, "Dutch."

NORMAN D. BOMBERGER, Lititz, R. 2, Pa.

Congratulations on your 20th Anniversary.

WALTER W. RUTTER

Congratulations on this your twentieth anniversary in the Extension Service.

H. HERMAN HOSTETTER, Lebanon, Pa.

In August, 1932, a number of us went on a tour. After traveling night and day we stopped at St. Louis, Mo. Mr. Bucher, not being quite satisfied with the sight by airplane, took another flight and for a short visit on his farm did light.

JOHN E. COCHRAN, Ephrata, Pa., R. 1

This is to "Bucher" the Farm Agent man
Who rides his cycle wherever he can

To give advice to the farmers who have problems
to solve,
He tells when to spray the potatoes, the apples
and pears
And when to gather the wheat, and to sift the
tares.
He has given twenty years of service to this
county of ours
Amid snow and sleet and thundershowers.
His hobby is tobacco, and he certainly does
"Chew"
Till his cheeks look pale and his eyes look blue.
And many a time I have seen him "load"
A pile big enough to sink a row boat.
Now if you need advice, that's in the farm line,
Just phone for "Dutch Bucher" and he'll be
there on time.

A. R. COOVER, Denver, Pa., R. 1

Here's to the farmer's faithful friend,
Over all the county his trail doth wend;
When not on the run, as is mostly the case,
In the office he greets you with ruddy face,
Ready to lend a helping hand,
To all the tillers of the land.

One day as "Dutch" was riding around
He happened to spy some good tater ground.
I wonder, says he, who the owner might be;
And was surprised very much to find it was me.

He says! Old boy, do you know what you've
got;

Why it's the very best dirt in this Garden Spot,
To grow good potatoes of quality and size
Even if the weather is humid or dry.

So now it was "Dutch" who gave me the claim,
To make Old Man Spud the pride of my farm.

Anon. T. DONALD PATTERSON, Gap, Pa.

A tribute to our Farm Agent, Floyd S.
Bucher: Courage enough to do right, regardless
of censure or ridicule; honor enough to do to
others as he would have them to do him.

MR. AND MRS. HARVEY F. GOOD,
Lancaster, Pa., R. 8

You appreciate Mr. Bucher the better if you
know about Farm Agents in other counties. But
to understand why scores of farmers swear by
(not at) Mr. Bucher, confiding in him as they
do in their preacher and doctor, you have to do
this: Borrow a chew of tobacco from him, climb
in the sidecar of his devil-wagon and spend the
day tearing up and down the Garden Spot.
Then you realize that "Dutch" Bucher is a real
"dirt farmer" Agent. He is of that rare type
who is always "giving," never "asking."

MILLER M. RESSLER,
8-10 West King St., Lancaster, Pa.

Whether it's sunshine, or rain, snow or sleet,
Give "Dutch" a ring, for he can't be beat.
To tell you what ails your corn and your oats,
And also what's the matter with the little shoats.
So if in trouble, "Johnny Corntassel," I say,
Consult "Dutch" Bucher before another day.

S. M. BOSCHNOGEL, Lancaster, Pa., R. 4

I attribute much of my success in raising hogs
to the advice of Mr. Bucher. He has been
invaluable to me in the care and feeding of my
dairy herd. When I need help in my plans to
plant and fertilize, he always seems eager to help
me.

AARON S. GLICK, Lancaster, Pa., R. 4

Among many experiences, can you picture in
your mind the time you took me home on your
motorcycle from Lancaster, after our trip on the
Potato Tour at State College?

WENGER RANCK, Lancaster, Pa., R. 4

Congratulations on your twenty years of faith-
ful and fruitful service! Glad to be numbered
with your numerous farmer friends and always
feel that a conversation with you has been most
pleasant and profitable.

MAURICE G. & M. CLIFT ROHRER,
Paradise, Pa., R. 1

Remember me as the man who installed the tile drain as per your instructions, promptly! The tile was laid in the field adjoining the Strasburg coal yards in November, 1924.

CHARLES HERSH, Ronks, Pa., R. 2

Your advice I very much appreciate, Mr. Bucher, and in laying out a drain in my field.

I. R. BARGE, Ronks, Pa., R. 2

An appreciation of his services!

EARL D. RANCK, Paradise, Pa.

Your advice and counsel to me in past years have been most valuable.

IRA J. BOOK, Strasburg, Pa.

We remember and do appreciate the help that Mr. Bucher gave us in the development and distribution of Golden Queen seed corn.

CLARENCE AND EZRA H. MELLINGER,
Ronks, Pa., R. 1

That tile drain in our field that you helped me lay several years ago is still working.

DANIEL B. BOOK, Lancaster, Pa., R. 4

Our trip to Tioga county to buy cows is well remembered by me and I hope you haven't forgotten.

EDWARD LANDIS, Lancaster, Pa., R. 4

I deeply appreciate the valuable advice and service you have given me, and the community. Hoping we may have the pleasure of having you with us for many more years.

IRA E. ROHRER, Lititz, Pa., R. 5

A friend in need is a friend indeed! Such a friend I have found in "Dutch" Bucher.

J. HARRY HERSHEY, Lititz, Pa., R. 2

I consider your work with me in treating my grain for control of grain moth a very valuable service, and appreciate the fact that this happened for me in the early stages of grain moth control work. I still use the method.

J. W. BRENEMAN, Lancaster, Pa., R. 4

"Dutch" Bucher, Lancaster County Farm Agent, in my opinion has, without a blare of trumpets, done as much as any man for the advancement of Lancaster county as any citizen or official in it. He has, to a large extent, been the means to the end to maintain for Lancaster county its marvelous reputation as a farm centre. He will go down in the history of the county as one who served others with little thought of himself.

AUSTIN E. MCCOLLOUGH,
8-10 West King St., Lancaster, Pa.,
Managing Editor Intelligencer-Journal

Do you remember when you showed me how to trim apple trees? The tree you trimmed gave the nicest fruit in the orchard the next year.

CHRISTIAN M. BECKER, Lancaster, Pa., R. 1

You didn't come to see me so often, but I know the kind of work you are doing. You're a good potato picker! Saw you at Ziegler Hess's. Continued success!

SAMUEL M. HARNISH, Lancaster, Pa., R. 7

Bucher is the farmer's most valued friend! There is no road in Lancaster county that does not know his motorcycle. His help to me has been varied and valuable. May Lancaster county learn to assist and appreciate him even more as he continues in his work.

N. R. GETZ, Lancaster, Pa., R. 1

We surely appreciate the service of the past years which you have rendered. Always open for suggestions for the benefit of us all.

WARREN W. FARMER, Lancaster, Pa., R. 8

Hearty congratulations and best wishes to Floyd S. Bucher on the twenty years of inestimable service he has rendered to the agricultural interests of Lancaster county. I am glad to join his many friends in this testimonial.

ARTHUR P. MYLIN, Lancaster, Pa.,
County Supt. of Schools

I (among hundreds of others) am very happy to extend to you my sincere thanks in gratitude for your very willing services rendered in our problems on the farm and wish you God's richest blessings for a prosperous and happy future.

MRS. A. L. LEFEVER,
901 E. Orange Street,
Lancaster, Pa.

I always consider it an honor as well as a privilege to have you, "Dutch," to be a friend of mine. When I think of the time you and I "murdered the thistles" and of the many other favors you so willingly bestowed in the past twenty years, I'm convinced your name should go down in the history of Lancaster county in the same degree as Lincoln and Washington have in this great country of ours.

A. L. LEFEVER,
901 E. Orange Street,
Lancaster, Pa.

To say I appreciate the priceless service rendered to me in my farm problems for the last ten years by our much-esteemed and capable County Agent, Mr. Bucher, and his assistant, Mr. Sloat, is saying it very mildly. I am hoping they will be able to continue this notable work for the Garden Spot for a long time to come.

J. EARL MARTIN, Mt. Joy, Pa.

Words cannot express my sincere appreciation for your valuable information in past years. Trusting you will continue the same cheerful service in the future.

JOHN K. WOLGEMUTH, Mt. Joy, Pa.

I feel that our County Agent, Mr. Bucher, and his assistant, Mr. Sloat, have been quite a help to me in the poultry business.

RICHARD H. BRADLEY, Peach Bottom, Pa.

The services of Mr. Bucher and Mr. Sloat have been very helpful and satisfactory in any problems that I have taken up with them.

JOSEPH P. KIRK, Peach Bottom, Pa.

I appreciate very much the helpful and instructive assistance that Mr. Bucher and his assistants have so freely given me in my ten years at the farm.

D. L. GALLAGHER, Peach Bottom, Pa.

“Dutch” has been a wonderful help to me on numerous occasions. Mr. Sloat also has been helpful to me in farm accounting, etc. We need both of these men in our community.

ROSS C. ULRICH, Peach Bottom, Pa.

I do appreciate what you men have done and

are trying to do for the people of Lancaster county, and hope the work may continue.

H. S. GATCHELL, Peach Bottom, Pa.

Your visits to our orchards have been greatly appreciated. But who canned all the sour cherries for you? Best wishes.

J. CARLTON SCHULDT, Elizabethtown, Pa.

To Floyd Steinmetz Bucher: The many contacts during your twenty years of Agricultural Extension work are deeply imbedded. Yes, the question of growing alfalfa in a fixed rotation, we believe, was solved with your advice. My best wishes.

SAMUEL HEILMAN IMBODEN,
Supt. Masonic Homes Farms,
Elizabethtown, Pa.

I am very glad, indeed, to congratulate you as our County Agent for the last twenty years. Thanking you for the service rendered me.

SOL G. HOFFMAN, Elizabethtown, Pa.

Twenty years in Lancaster county,
Helping the farmers raise their bounty;
Many more years, much "Filthy lucre,"
Is my hearty wish for good "Dutch" Bucher.

GEORGE SCHUCKMAN,
Masonic Homes Dairy,
Elizabethtown, Pa.

Congratulations, Mr. Bucher, on your one score years as County Agent!

E. L. LONG, Elizabethtown, Pa.

Now that you have fully graduated from roughing up other students' rooms at State College, I desire to congratulate you on your long continued service to the farmers of Lancaster county!

JOHN A. RUNK, Huntingdon, Pa.

Congratulations on your twenty years of service to the Garden Spot county! Your work has benefited many and is appreciated by all.

JACOB H. ZERPHEY, Elizabethtown, Pa.

I wish Mr. Bucher would stop in some time so I could get acquainted with him.

JAMES SEIVERLING, Lititz, Pa., R. 5

It has been a pleasure to me to have known and enjoyed fellowship with you and Mr. Sloat during your work in the Garden Spot. Your helpful knowledge and advice have been greatly appreciated and have proved helpful to me.—III—
John 2.

ELMER R. SNYDER, Fairview Orchards,
Florin, Pa.

Keep up the good work, "Dutch!"

ISAAC L. LEAMAN, Lititz, Pa., R. 5

You are lucky to have an orchard close by that produces the kind of fruit for your check-ups—that must be eaten by daylight!

HARRY STUBER, Ephrata, Pa., R. 1

Appreciating the timely suggestions and the service received from you.

IVAN G. MARTIN, Ephrata, Pa., R. 1

Thanks for the motorcycle ride the time you took me home from Ephrata after the Fruit Growers' Tour August 22, 1928.

DANIEL A. BRUBAKER, Ephrata, Pa., R. 2

I enjoyed the fishing party in your company, only I got more than blue behind the gills. When are we going again?

PHARES L. BRUBAKER, Ephrata, Pa., R. 1

Next time you come to visit me, keep your gloves in your pocket if you don't want the monkey to take them up the apple tree. Ha! Ha!

ALVIN H. FRABLE, Stevens, Pa., R. 2

Words fail to express our appreciation for the great services rendered us through the Extension Service.

MR. AND MRS. HENRY W. BORRY,
Stevens, Pa., R. 2

Let us go and see a fine dairy barn!

EVAN H. HEHNLY, Stevens, Pa.

The spray service letters received through
your office are very helpful to me.

S. E. FORRY, Ephrata, Pa.

Yours for another baby beef club!

CHAS. C. SHIRK, Lititz, Pa., R. 5

The best "Yellow Dog" in Lancaster county.

LESTER R. McVEY, Ephrata, Pa.

Hail to the fisherman and sportsman, too,

Who advises us farmers what to do!

Mr. Bucher, so loyal, faithful and true

Full of suggestions for me and for you.

And old Mr. Mule granted us his best wish

The time we went to Deal's Island to fish.

SIMON R. SNYDER, Ephrata, Pa., R. 1

It has not only been a pleasure, but a real
privilege, to be associated with Mr. F. S. Bucher
for the past twenty years. The halo of his
friendship and environment spread an influence
for better things at all times. His energy and
fidelity are factors in any life that spell for bet-
ter, higher and nobler deeds. To emulate him

in his work for the welfare of others should be a desirable goal for all.

JACOB EICHELBERGER, Ephrata, Pa.

I cherish the memories of the years we worked together; be assured that your unselfish labors are still an inspiration to me.

W. W. GIBBEL, Brunnerville, Pa.

When you mix your spray solutions, get the proportion correct!

LEVI G. WENGER, Ephrata, Pa., R. 1

You have tested my soil for acidity.

H. S. ROYER, Ephrata, Pa., R. 1

Mr. Smith, your orchard is in good condition!

GEORGE K. SMITH, Akron, Pa.

“Dutch” is a good sport and he knows his stuff. Always welcome here. We had lots of tobacco together. His favorite dish is chicken corn soup. If you don’t believe it, try him on it.

WALTER L. LEPOLE, Akron, Pa.

You can rely on his judgment when it comes to the final test.

H. S. MELLINGER, Akron, Pa.

This community knows F. S. Bucher and his work. We recognize him as an outstanding factor and leader in agricultural and other activities. The service he has rendered to this community is indicative of that given to the entire county. We congratulate Mr. Bucher on the completion of twenty years' successful service.

THE EPHRATA NATIONAL BANK

Ephrata, Pa.

The more you know of Mr. F. S. Bucher, the better you will appreciate him in business or socially. He is a jolly good fellow.

SAMUEL P. WOLFSKILL, Reamstown, Pa.

Yours for a trimming!

DAVID J. ZARTMAN, Ephrata, Pa., R. 2

Do not ask me to unload fertilizer when "cash at car!"

JOS. M. HERTZOG, Ephrata, Pa., R. 2

I have received many benefits through your interesting write-ups in the papers.

STEPHEN ZIMMERMAN, Ephrata, Pa., R. 2

I can still hear that Chester White gilt squeal when it released itself from its perilous position in the motorcycle, where it was guarded by a multitude of people!

A. G. MUSSER, Denver, Pa., R. 1

I heard a lot of good and some not so good
from you already!

S. B. SNYDER, Stevens, Pa.

We never tramped on each other's toes,
But he is known as Bucher wherever he goes,
A friend, a smile, and advice to all.

JACOB M. BOLLINGER, Lititz, Pa., R. 1

Hope you may have many more years of suc-
cessful farming!

AMOS HEISEY, Denver, Pa.

I especially thank you for the visit you gave
me last fall and for the advice and the encour-
agement given. The Lord has promised that
there shall always be a seed time and harvest.
Thanking you for services rendered.

MORRIS W. MOHLER, Stevens, Pa., R. 2

Thanks for information and advice given dur-
ing personal visits and writings.

HARRY B. KURTZ, Stevens, Pa., R. 2

Thanks for your past services, and wish you
many years more.

SAMUEL HAUCK, Stevens, Pa., R. 2

Congratulations for your twenty years of ser-
vice!

DANIEL Z. HAGY, Stevens, Pa., R. 2

“Dutch,” we feel to thank you for the helpful advice you have given us.

M. G. BUCKWALTER, Stevens, Pa., R. 2

Mr. Bucher, I wish you good health and many more successful years.

JACOB H. HEHNLY, Stevens, Pa.

Mr. Bucher, the Farm Bureau man, I know him well, too well; and I know he has celery to sell, but celery I would not buy from him, I'd be afraid it smells of gin!

CHAS. H. REDDIG, Stevens, Pa., R. 1.

I think you would make a better Game Warden than a Farm Agent. Especially when you go for bull frogs!

H. B. OBERHOLTZER, Stevens, Pa.

Though our contacts have not been many, I know well your character. Anywhere in this neighborhood, when your name is mentioned, it is always with respect and admiration. Cordially yours,

SAMUEL KLUGHERZ, Stevens, Pa., R. 1.

I appreciate the helpful advice and service received from you and your department.

ELAM KLINE, Stevens, Pa.

Happy Days, Floyd, and a tribute to your friendship and helpfulness from the day I carried coal for you in East Denver School, until now! My hope is that the next twenty years will be just as pleasant to you and me!

PARKE H. LUTZ, Denver, Pa.

Mr. Bucher, as a County Agent you are excellent, but as a judge of dogs you might improve!

CHARLES FRY, Reamstown, Pa.

Hello, Dutch!

RAYMOND HANER, Reamstown, Pa.

The potato crop what I had last year, they were an awful sight; but I think with a Farm Bureau Agent so near, they should turn out alright.

JOHN D. STEFFY, Stevens, Pa., R. 1

T. B. in cattle flies, when Mr. Bucher arrives.

J. R. STEWART, Stevens, Pa.

Hello, Bucher!

MONROE MOHLER, Ephrata, Pa., R. 3

"Dutch," the energy you put forth in winning pinochle and hassenpfeffer games has always impressed me, and I am sure that it is

energy similarly applied to solving the farmers' problems that has made you an outstanding County Farm Agent.

RALPH R. ROOT, Reamstown, Pa.

For sound and helpful advice, ask F. S. Bucher.

IRVIN GRAYBILL, Stevens, Pa., R. 1

We have always appreciated the good advice you have given us and wish you many more years of service.

LIZZIE AND MARY OVERHOLSER, Stevens, Pa.

Do you remember the time you were here picking wine berries? Ha! Ha! Come again!

ROBERT COPP, Stevens, Pa., R. 2

Yours, with pleasant memories of our fishing trips and dinner at Black Horse Hotel!

ADDISON HAGY, Schoeneck, Pa.

Congratulations to you and your Department for your services!

IRAM CROUSE, Stevens, Pa., R. 2

We appreciate the advice given during your personal visits. Call again.

ISAAC GEHMAN, Ephrata, Pa., R. 2

Mr. Bucher, I appreciate very much the helpful advice and suggestions received from you and your Department. Where I failed in farm operations, your Department is not to blame. Congratulations! Come again.

JOHN L. MYER, Stevens, Pa., R. 2

Mr. Bucher is always willing to give advice if he is asked for it. He was a help to our boys in school work and the Beef Club.

GEORGE L. LORAH, Stevens, Pa., R. 1

Mr. Bucher's years of service have been appreciated by me. He has always been willing to help with suggestions whenever I have consulted him. I also appreciate his writings in the daily newspapers. They have often been helpful. Trust he may be able to serve us many more years.

ENOS H. HESS, Lancaster, Pa., R. 3

Judas Priest! Say, Bucher, when are you and Walters coming down to pick out my next year's seed corn? I have everything ready as usual. Congratulations!

J. H. BRINTON, Gap, Pa.

I wish you would help me to feed my stock so as to give more milk and have more profit!

Ans.—I will gladly give you the cheapest feed for your cows, but, oh, those dogs! That is a question for yourself.

MOSES LAPP, Gap, Pa., R. 1

I heartily endorse Mr. Bucher's service. Of outstanding benefit was the laying out of a drainage system about eighteen years ago, and giving satisfactory results all these years.

M. G. ESBENSHADE, Lancaster, Pa., R. 5

"Dutch" Bucher has done many useful helps to me and the farmers of Lancaster county, and is highly praised by all.

JOHN W. ESBENSHADE, Lancaster, Pa., R. 5.

He has answered many of my questions and has helped me in many ways.

JACOB H. ESBENSHADE, Lancaster, Pa., R. 5

You have helped me to grow potatoes, "Dutch."

ALBERT S. EBERSOLE, Bainbridge, Pa.

Mr. Bucher is a live wire, giving many helpful hints on all branches of farming. You may just get to his office and be sure you won't find him in. Thanks for this chance.

LEVI Z. MILLER, Bainbridge, Pa.

I thank Mr. Bucher very much for the co-operation he gave to Conoy township toward the T. B. test.

WALLACE C. BROUCHT, Elizabethtown, Pa.

Do you remember the time you and Miles Horst watched the little aphids grow on my alfalfa?

ELMER F. HOOVER, Elizabethtown, Pa.

When the lightning struck the potatoes, "Dutch!"

M. R. EBERSOLE, Bainbridge, Pa.

Easy and pleasant 'tis to quote,
The brave, bold words another wrote.
But he who is always willing to lead
Has proved his courage by his deed.

E. H. VOGEL, Lancaster, Pa., R. 3

I, knowing Mr. Bucher for these twenty years of Extension Service, see him as an untiring servant of Agriculture. Money saved by recommendations of spray materials; saving crops from destruction; advice concerning seeds of different kinds. Men such as Mr. Bucher and Mr. Sloat are indispensable.

PAUL H. HOSTETTER, Lancaster, Pa., R. 3

Mr. Bucher has benefited me by his issue of spray letters, herd improvement association, and demonstrations; Mr. Sloat by cost accounting work, poultry and vegetables. Both give timely reminders in the farm columns of the newspapers.

E. R. ROYER, Lancaster, Pa., R. 3

Although I have not had many personal contacts with our farm Agent, Mr. Bucher, I must say I have received much valuable information from the timely articles published by him in our daily papers from time to time.

CHARLES B. LANDIS, Lancaster, Pa., R. 3

Here's wishing you twenty years more of service with the farmers of Lancaster county! Many thanks for the service you have rendered us.

LANDIS D. BRACKBILL, Gap, Pa., Box 64

Congratulations on your twenty years of efficient service to the Agriculture of Lancaster county! I take this opportunity to thank you for your advice and assistance.

H. RINE HERSHEY, Kinzer, Pa., R. 1

We greatly appreciate the services County

Agent Bucher has given this community for twenty years.

THE FARMERS NATIONAL BANK AND TRUST
COMPANY, New Holland, Pa.

Permit me in this way to thank you for your efforts toward dairy herd improvement and farming in general.

GALEN B. HOSTETTER, Gap, Pa., R. 1

Congratulations on the first twenty years, "Dutch"; only eighty more for the hundred!

BENJ. G. BUSHONG, Columbia, Pa.

In behalf of the Fruit Growers' Association of Lancaster county, we congratulate you on your twenty years of service to us! We have grown from a handful to the largest Fruit Growers' Association in the State. You have trained us to grow the best fruit in the country, which is attested by the winnings at the State Farm Show.

LANCASTER COUNTY FRUIT GROWERS' ASSOCIATION

J. CARLTON SCHULDT, *Pres.*

SIMON R. SNYDER, *Secretary*

My token of appreciation, "Dutch," for contacts in various ways since May, 1914. Sincerely,

AMMON H. BUCHER, Manheim, Pa.

We would enjoy your visit sometime! We appreciate your services and we hope in the next twenty years you will stop to see us.

C. B. RISSER, Manheim, Pa.

My token to our friend, Mr. Bucher, is an appreciation for his kind, helpful, unbiased attitude toward all people. We remember him as a typical unselfish Lancaster county citizen.

ELAM W. STAUFFER, Manheim, Pa., R. 2

To our friend, Mr. Sloat, we greatly appreciate your efforts in helping solve many of the farmers' problems.

JOHN S. EBY, Manheim, Pa., R. 3

To our friend, Mr. Bucher, I wish to express my appreciation for organizing and strengthening the 4 H Clubs of Lancaster county.

A. B. EARHART, Manheim, Pa.

"Hoyah, Dutch!"

HARRY ROHRER, Manheim, Pa.

Your services led our farmers to do the right thing in the right way; they were led to see that farming is a science and must be done scientifically to be successful. You know your business; that's why you are successful!

C. EMERSON ROHRER, Manheim, Pa.

I appreciate your service rendered in regards
to my corn very much.

C. N. STRICKLER, Mt. Joy, Pa.

I appreciate the service you have given me
during the past years.

C. A. RICEDORF, Elizabethtown, Pa.

Grateful is the noise of noble deeds, to noble
hearts!

JACOB R. GARBER, Elizabethtown, Pa.

In grateful recognition of twenty years of
honest effort and devotion to duty for the Lan-
caster county farmers.

J. C. GARBER, Elizabethtown, Pa., R. 1

I remember the first trip I made to see you at
your first office on West King street. To tell
how much I appreciate all you have done for me
since that first visit would fill a book.

ISAIAH M. SCHOCK, Washingtonboro, Pa., R. 1

In appreciation of your advice and encourage-
ment for raising better crops and livestock.

CLAYTON H. HERR, Mt. Joy, Pa., R. 2

Here comes "Dutch" with a cheery smile,
Giving services that are worth while,

Neither slander nor praise hinder
His effort of service to render.

J. ZEIGLER HESS, Lancaster, Pa., R. 7

While working with Mr. Bucher during the year of 1927, I shall never forget him at one of our meetings. Teaching the boys and the girls of the club how to train the Baby Beefs, Mr. Bucher threw the Baby Beef five times; then we had some time to get him up!

FRANCIS S. WEIDMAN, Manheim, Pa., R. 5

Do you remember the time I left seven acres of corn stalks go to weeds? The next year he was disappointed; we had no weeds in our corn.

ABRAM W. WOLGEMUTH, Manheim, Pa., R. 5

In grateful remembrance of the worthy service rendered in raising the standard of agriculture in this great county, and valuable assistance given so kindly to me, I set this mark of appreciation for you, and hope for continued success.

GEORGE G. SAUDER, East Earl, Pa.

Appreciating your services to the agricultural projects undertaken in Lancaster county during the past, especially cow-testing work. May you be able to ride your motorcycle for many more years!

LUKE W. MARTIN, Goodville, Pa.

Congratulations, Mr. Bucher, on your twenty years of service here in our county!

GUY W. MARTIN, Goodville, Pa.

It is with pleasure and satisfaction that I receive prompt and efficient service from you!

ISRAEL W. BRENDLE, East Earl, Pa., R. 1

The agricultural interests of Lancaster county have surely been improved by your untiring efforts. We trust that we may continue to have your advice for a long time.

JOSEPH M. GOOD, East Earl, Pa., R. 1

Thanking you for your help and services during the past years, and wishing you success for the future!

CHESTER H. WEAVER, New Holland, Pa., R. 3

Accept my thanks for service you have given me in the past and for urging me to join the cow-testing association.

M. V. BRUBAKER, New Holland, Pa.

Appreciating your willing helpfulness in past farm projects and farm problems! I most heartily congratulate you on your progress in farm activities.

H. K. MARTIN, Goodville, Pa.

Keep up the good work, "Old Boy!" Work and we will work with you, even unto "Wachapreague."

CHARLIE E. COWAN, New Holland, Pa.

Thanks, Mr. Bucher, for your services and interest shown in our farm problems.

DAVID H. WEAVER, New Holland, Pa., R. 3

I appreciate sincerely your earnestness and willingness in giving practical aid to anyone in need of your services.

D. W. GEIST, Blue Ball, Pa.

Congratulations, "Dutch!" Twenty years of Co-operative Extension work under your direction has done more for agriculture in Lancaster county than any other single thing I can think of! Your constructive activities have assisted the Lancaster county farmer through this period of readjustment better than most agricultural communities. Congratulations again!

HARRIS N. HOSTETTER, Buffalo, New York

I wish to congratulate you, "Dutch," for the untiring efforts and whole-souled co-operation you have given to benefit the farmer and Agriculture in Lancaster county through the Extension Service Department of Agriculture.

WILL F. PAES, Refton, Pa.

Compliments to F. S. Bucher, "My Agricultural Architect."

MARTIN A. MOORE, Lititz, Pa.

"Twenty years of faithful service!"

J. ED. BROWN, Quarryville, Pa., R. 2

Mr. Bucher wears well. Popularity after many years of public service is a good indication of real worth.

FRANK N. BAER, Salunga, Pa.

Congratulations, Bucher, on your twenty years of willing, tireless, efficient service toward the betterment of agriculture in Lancaster county.

A. H. HOFFMAN, INC., Landisville, Pa.

Congratulations, "Dutch," on your twentieth anniversary—"A servant worthy of his hire."

NORMAN N. BAER, Salunga, Pa.

Congratulations, "Dutch!" More power to you!

RALPH M. KAUFFMAN, Lancaster, Pa., R. 2

"Well! If the old CROW can stand it, I can."

J. C. SHELLENBERGER, Columbia, Pa., R. 2

"Dutch" has surely given freely, not only of

his allotted time, but much of his own time, in all kinds of weather, rain or snow or dust! And how he can raise a dust! Don't pass the "Buck," "Dutch."

ABNER G. MUSSER, Buck, Pa.

You are surely a great credit to the name "Dutch!" Congratulations on your twenty years; and here's hoping we can have you another twenty years!

MR. AND MRS. WM. P. BUCHER, Quarryville, Pa.

I surely appreciated the services you have given in the past, and hope you will be County Agent many years to come.

HOWARD D. WAGNER, Quarryville, Pa.

In sincere appreciation of your timely help in the past, and hoping for many years in future of your friendship and advice, I am your friend.

J. LEWIS BECK, Holtwood, Pa., R. 1

In appreciation of the work you have done in this community. As I look back, I can see improvement in fruit, corn, potatoes, pasture, poultry and dairying. Hoping you may have many more years of service.

C. Y. STAUFFER, Quarryville, Pa.

Dear "Dutch:" We hope you will still be County Agent when we get to farming! We hope not many years from now. We're traveling the right direction. Hope you are, too.

IRVIN WAGNER AND LOREN H. BUCHER,
Quarryville, Pa.

Mr. Bucher (but I would rather use the old familiar name "Dutch") surely was a great help in my fifteen years on the farm. So much for "Dutch!"

JOHN A. FOX, Columbia, Pa.

Bucher, we congratulate you on your twentieth anniversary of service to the farmers of Lancaster county. You were always in demand, and never in the office when wanted, which proves your worth!

H. E. LONG, Landisville, Pa.

Mr. Bucher's program for the eradication of thistles is commendable. I hope he succeeds in having every farmer in the county following it.

J. WARREN LONG, Manheim, Pa., R. 2

I often think of things to say
That do pertain to work
That you have done, since you began,
Just twenty years ago.

But I'll suggest in lighter vein,
You do just like my brother;
So don't forget and do it yet,
Take to yourself another!

J. CLARENCE REIST, Mt. Joy, Pa.

My sincerest congratulations to my good friend and playmate, Floyd S. Bucher. May you continue your valuable efforts in keeping our county well up among the leaders of our Nation, for many years more.

Bow! Wow! Wow!

E. A. SEAMAN,
Custodian of the Bone.

Heartiest congratulations to the "Best Boss" I ever had!

BARBARA MUSSER, Lancaster, Pa.

"Dutch" Bucher with his assistants have done their bit to make rural Lancaster a better place to live in.

LEHMAN SHELLENBERGER, Columbia, Pa., R. 2

I will always remember with the greatest of pleasure the time (February, 1924) when Mr. Bucher came to my home and informed me that the Farm Bureau had accepted my application

for my present position. My sincerest wishes for a happy and prosperous future!

MARGARET BEILMAN KIRCHNER, Lancaster, Pa.

Mr. Bucher's work among the young folks of the farms and his efforts to interest and encourage them in the feeding of livestock will bear fruit of real worth in the years to come.

LANCASTER LIVE STOCK EXCHANGE,
H. R. Seitz, Secretary,

Farmers need enlightenment on many subjects. Mr. Bucher by means of the motorcycle has been able to get over our large county, and has done valuable service to agriculture.

H. E. MOORE, Lancaster, Pa., R. 3

March, 1929, I had a strip of about six acres on my farm that was cornstalk ground. I decided to put that land in permanent pasture, and consulted with Floyd S. Bucher. He promptly advised me a combination of grass seed that I purchased of the Hoffman Seed Company at Landisville, Pa. Mr. Bucher also gave me the instructions as to preparing the ground, and I now have a wonderfully good setting of permanent pasture on that particular piece of land. I shall never forget how willing Mr. Bucher was to help me select that grass seed; and

by other experiences I know he has proven his ability in agricultural lines in Lancaster county.

WALTER M. DUNLAP, Lancaster, Pa.

Congratulations on this, your twentieth anniversary. We appreciate your many helpful suggestions.

H. ELVIN HERR, Lancaster, Pa., R. 7.

Congratulations on your twentieth anniversary, and wishing you many more successful years as our local County Agent!

D. MARK HUBER, Willow Street, Pa., R. 1.

Do you remember the week we spent in Michigan buying cows?

J. LLOYD HARNISH, Lancaster, Pa., R. 7.

Do you remember when we went to look at my alfalfa and you got me in your motorcycle! I wished I was out of it before we got out of the lane.

JAMES M. HARNISH, West Willow, Pa., R. 1

“It will be summer again—
Winter won't stay!
There will be roses again,
Some day!

There will be laughter and joy,
After the sorrow,
If you don't like to-day,
You'll like to-morrow."

N. E. GARBER, Mt. Joy, Pa.

Here's to you and your motorcycle, almost inseparable! No kidding, "Dutch," you and your motorcycle chugged that milk kit around on time. Best wishes!

D. C. WITMER, Mt. Joy, Pa., R. 1

I would rather refer to my grateful remembrance of Floyd S. Bucher for the many courtesies extended me, as well as for great helpfulness to me during the time I was interested in the agricultural side of a State institution and for continued interest in the farming activities of a Committee of which I am at present a member.

DR. FRANK G. HARTMAN,
219 Lancaster Ave., Lancaster, Pa.

In this good old Garden Spot, just about twenty years ago,
They decided it would help a lot, if they could get a man who would know
How to improve the stock and make corn and taters grow!
And now they find they have been helped so much
By our good old friend whom we call "Dutch."

B. F. SNAVELY, Lancaster, Pa.

Congratulations, "Dutch!" "Reamstown
against the world!"

Wm. D. BRYSON, Reamstown, Pa.

Congratulations, "Dutch!" "You raise the
tobacco, I'll chew it!"

WASH. SHARLEY, Reamstown, Pa.

The next time "Dutch" puts his feet under the
table for a "new deal," just ask him what he
thinks of "Bill's" dealing!

WILLIAM R. STROHL, Ephrata, Pa.

If you were half a man, you would have that
Reamstown blonde here to-day and introduce her
as Mrs. Bucher! Soon time you get on the job!

CHAS. W. STAUFFER, Rep.

"Rural New Yorker."

"Dutch Bucher:" Not aggressive, not pas-
sive, not irritable, not insulting, not annoying,
nor explosive—just plying his course of duty as
though it was natural to do so. If you agree
with him, it is O. K. with him; if you don't, it's
the same. If you ask his advice, he'll give you
his experience without emphasis to himself. If
you criticize him, the results are the same as
water on a duck's back, and the next time you
meet him you'll get the same "Hello, Sam," so

natural to him! In fact, I think "Dutch" has made a comprehensive study of everything but the female sex; therefore, he rides a motorcycle so that his assistants may have a comfortable, closed car to travel in and he doesn't have to pick up the feminine hitch-hikers! More speed, "Dutch," and twenty more years of it, and I'll meet you later at Unicorn!

SAMUEL L. SHEAFFER, Quarryville, Pa., R. 4

When I am busy working I never become alarmed of things to do me harm, for I have a County Agent who is always close at hand in any time of need.

He started working with us, yes, twenty years ago. His work has been very helpful to all us farmers here; he knows our troubles very well. He's working so long, God knows he's right!

Let's keep him on for twenty more years!
That's Bucher!

EPHRAIM G. BARD, Columbia, Pa., R. 1

We highly appreciate your services and tireless efforts in co-operation with the producers of Lancaster county's table milk.

LANCASTER COUNTY GUERNSEY BREEDERS'
ASSOCIATION, WILLIS S. NOLT, *Secretary*.

Congratulations on your twenty years of service!

WAYNE GROFF, Bareville, Pa.

CLARENCE WINGENROTH, Ephrata, Pa.

G. B. O. FELTY, Millersville, Pa.

Am pleased to commend the work of Mr. Bucher. While I am not a farmer, I have interests to which he has often given cheerful and practical advice and co-operation. May his good work continue!

ANDREW H. HERSHEY, Lancaster, Pa.

*Chairman Executive Committee Masonic
Homes, Elizabethtown, Pa.*

Sticktoitiveness is a quality not lacking in Mr. Bucher!

J. W. ROOT, Manheim, Pa., R. 1

The weather may be ugly or nice,
We appreciate Bucher's advice,
Scattering cheer and good will,
Fighting bugs without fear!
Here's hoping he will be with us forever,
We can't get along without him, never!

LUTHER E. COX, Quarryville, Pa., R. 1

When you go after that bear again, and want a hunting partner, ask me! Hope by the next

anniversary you will be accompanied by Mrs. Bucher!

A. L. KAUFFMAN, Ronks, Pa.

In appreciation of all the services you have rendered to the fruit growers and farmers in Lancaster county.

C. P. WENGER, Ephrata, Pa.

Congratulations:

C. H. HERR, Lancaster, Pa., R. 2.
JACOB L. LINDEMAN, Washington Boro, Pa., R. 1.
JOHN LINDEMAN, Washington Boro, Pa., R. 1.
RALPH BRENEMAN, Washington Boro, Pa., R. 1.
EARL NOLL, Rohrerstown, Pa.
I. LEONARD SPRECHER, 221 E. Main Street, Ephrata, Pa.
MARVIN E. BUSHONG, Quarryville, Pa., R. 4.
LEVI H. BRUBAKER, Lancaster, Pa., R. 8.
JOHN L. RUTT, Elizabethtown, Pa.
C. B. SNAVELY, Lititz, Pa.
A. M. ULRICH, Brickerville, Pa.
DR. H. A. LONG, Lititz, Pa.
AARON HARNISH, Lancaster, Pa., R. 4.
ELIAS BUCKWALTER, Lancaster, Pa., R. 4.
HARRY ZOOK, Lancaster, Pa., R. 4.
FURRY FRY, Lancaster, Pa., R. 4.
CHRIST C. HUBER, Lancaster, Pa., R. 4.
B. ELLIS WEAVER, Lancaster, Pa., R. 4.
H. M. DOCHTERMAN, Lancaster, Pa., R. 4.
EMLIN MYLIN, Willow Street, Pa., R. 1.
HARRY M. KEENER, Lancaster, Pa., R. 4.
C. M. BRUBAKER and family.
D. H. BRECKBILL.
HARRY B. HERR.

JACOB H. ROHRER.
FRANK R. HOUSER, Lancaster, Pa., R. 4.
JACOB R. HOUSER, Lampeter, Pa.
HORACE LANTZ, Strasburg, Pa.
ELVIN HESS, Strasburg, Pa.
ALVIN SHEARER, Mt. Joy, Pa.
MILTON S. SNYDER, Manheim, Pa.
A friend.
HARRY C. SWARR, Lancaster, Pa., R. 8.
JOHN S. HABECKER, Lancaster, Pa., R. 1.
ROSCOE SCHWEITZER, Ephrata, Pa.

Twenty Years as County Agent

A résumé of Mr. Bucher's Service in the
Agricultural Extension Department of
The Pennsylvania State College

Prepared by
EDDIE ROHRBECK

Twenty years as County Agricultural Agent in Lancaster county places Floyd S. Bucher in a class by himself as far as Pennsylvania is concerned. In fact, there are few Agents in the whole country who have the distinction of serving one county for a score of years, and most of these are in the Southern States, where demonstration work started several years before the Smith-Lever Act of 1914, which established our present system of co-operative extension work.

Floyd Steinmetz Bucher was born at Reamstown February 16, 1887, the son of William H. and Alice Steinmetz Bucher. He is the descendant of an old family of grist millers.

"Dutch," as he is known to all of his friends, was reared on a farm. In 1904 he was graduated from the Ephrata High School. He taught country school for one year. In 1910 Bucher was graduated from the Pennsylvania State Col-

lege in the course of agronomy. In college he was a member of Alpha Zeta, which selects its members from the upper two-fifths of their classes in the School of Agriculture, and of Phi Kappa Phi, national honorary scholastic fraternity, which elects only the leaders in scholarship.

Following graduation, Bucher was an assistant in soils at Penn State. He then served two years, 1910 to 1912, on the soil survey staff of the United States Bureau of Soils. This work took him into Missouri and Georgia, and Erie and Washington counties, Pennsylvania. In 1912-13, Bucher was an instructor in soils at the college.

“Dutch” received appointment as County Agent March 10, 1913. He was assigned to his native county, a policy not usually followed in extension work. His selection for the work in Lancaster county was a happy one, because Bucher was familiar with the growing of tobacco and the feeding of cattle, two of the leading products of the county. He also knew the people, understood them, and could talk their language, all valuable qualifications. He brought to the work also diplomacy and consideration. As a pioneer in this new form of educational work, Bucher was fearless without being bold. He was careful in his approach, but zealous in the performance of his duties.

“Dutch” soon adopted modern transportation and as he scurried around the county on his motorcycle earned for himself the name of the “Flying Dutchman.” Immensely popular with his fellow County Agents in the State, he has served as president of the Pennsylvania County Agents’ Association.

In his first year’s work “Dutch” visited 650 farms and reached 1400 persons in this way. He held 35 meetings, attended by 1250 farmers, and talked at six other meetings, attended by 200 persons. He contributed 24 articles to the newspapers, sent 500 letters of information to farmers, influenced three students to attend the School of Agriculture and two to attend the short course, and conducted two tours attended by 575 persons.

At the first meeting of the Extension organization it was decided to have one man from each township serve on the executive committee of the Farm Bureau, as the Extension Association was then called. The value of silage for cattle feeding was emphasized, and 14 silos were built. The need of ventilation in barns was pointed out. Rotations conducive to permanent fertility and more profitable labor incomes were recognized as a need. High-grade seeds, testing seeds, weed eradication, and adaptation of varieties of crops to soils were aims in this early program. Im-

proved livestock was advocated and cow-testing associations seen as a help in eliminating unprofitable stock and practices. Demonstration plots showing the value of fertilizers in top-dressing hay and pasture lands, the use of green manuring crops, and the protection of animal manures to conserve their fertilizing value were advocated by Bucher.

Increases in all the activities of the County Agent are recorded for the second year of the work. There were 1200 farm visits, 3000 calls were made at the office, and the telephone was used 4000 times. Fifty-four meetings were attended by 2200 persons. Newspaper articles numbered 150, circulars and bulletins distributed 12,000, and letters written 12,000. Seventy-five farmers conducted demonstrations, and 250 persons attended 12 meetings held at these demonstrations.

In 1915 Bucher assisted 300 farmers with the selection of seed corn in the fall. Selected seed corn was planted on 4500 acres and tested seed corn on 2200 acres. That year 1075 tons of home-mixed fertilizers and 20,000 tons of lime or limestone were used.

Twenty-five demonstrations on legume inoculation were attended by 125 persons in 1916. Grain insect control was popular, with 150,000 bushels treated. Selection of seed corn con-

tinued to be a popular piece of work. That year 19,400 fruit trees were cared for as suggested by the County Agent. Pure-bred tobacco seed was distributed to 500 farms and 5000 acres were planted with such seed. Three hundred silos were constructed in the county. Farm analysis records totaled 150.

Highlights of the 1917 record show 12 steer-feeding demonstrations attended by 800 farmers, 210,000 bushels of wheat treated, 400 acres planted with seed potatoes treated for disease, tests for soil acidity made on 19 farms, 1000 acres of clover and other legumes plowed under for green manuring, and 10,000 enrolled in local Extension schools.

In 1918 the seed corn situation engaged Bucher's attention the first four months of the year. Germination tests were made on 600 farms. About 15,000 bushels of seed corn were sold outside the county as a result of the tests. Work on the improvement of corn varieties was continued for the fourth year. Interest in steer feeding increased and feeding records were obtained on 100 farms. The county more than met its quota in the demand for more wheat production. War needs prompted the production of more wool and 600 sheep were imported and distributed in the county. This year 10 tractors participated in a tractor-plowing dem-

onstration attended by 850 persons. Eight orchards were visited by 225 farmers on a fruit growers' tour. Twenty-five farm account books were kept. Bucher traveled 17,000 miles that year in the performance of his duties.

During the next few years interest increased in poultry-culling. In 1920 there were 26 of these demonstrations attended by 984 men and women. Interest in cow-testing associations also increased. One association was organized in 1919 and two in 1920. A carload of pure-bred Holsteins was brought in by 10 farmers in the latter year. A Berkshire breeders' association was organized in 1920 and 25 bred gilts and sows were bought and distributed to improve herds. Five potato spray demonstrations were run in 1920, with an increase of $37\frac{1}{2}$ bushels an acre in favor of spraying. Interest in disease-free seed potatoes developed this year, so that 1160 bushels were brought in from Michigan and distributed as fast as they could be unloaded from the car. Corn variety improvement work continued with Lancaster Sure Crop, Lancaster Leaming and Landis White Cap meeting the test of superior yield and adaptability. Forty-one farm account books were placed and three farmers found changes in management netted them several thousand dollars increase in returns. Five farmers' days and farm product

shows attracted an attendance of 20,000 people.

Twelve community centers were established for the Extension program in 1921. This year 1880 bushels of Michigan Russet disease-free seed potatoes were distributed. Increases on 14 farms averaged 75.4 bushels an acre. One hundred new growers of Lancaster Sure Crop corn were added. Spraying of tobacco plant beds to control wildfire was started. Twelve demonstrations in the growing of "Pennsylvania 44" wheat showed this variety 6.3 bushels an acre better than all the other wheat grown. Treating of wheat for storage insects was demonstrated on 75 farms, and as a result 350,000 bushels of grain were treated. Ninety of the 136 men who started farm account books completed the work. One hundred samples of soil were tested for lime requirement. Thirty-one boys and girls were enrolled in a pig-feeding club. Ten more poultry culling demonstrations were conducted, attended by 307 farmers. Thirty-six pure-bred dairy cattle were imported. This was the sixth year of keeping records on the steer-feeding operations of about 50 farmers. This year 7000 pounds of wool were pooled, netting the farmers at least \$500 over local prices.

In 1922 importations of 8,000 bushels of seed potatoes of known merit were made. Spraying

demonstrations showed increases of 82 bushels an acre for seven applications. Michigan Russets, in seed source tests, showed increases of 53 and 59 bushels an acre. Fertilizer demonstrations also proved their value in work with potatoes. Standardizing of type for the three leading corn varieties was undertaken. Corn variety demonstrations were continued. About 4,000 bushels of "Pennsylvania 44" wheat were sold from farms of the county for seed. About 700,000 bushels of grain were treated for control of storage insects. Fourteen poultry-culling demonstrations attracted 350 poultrymen. Poultry accounts were kept on 20 farms. Five pig clubs were organized. Ninety-seven of the 153 farmers who started farm accounts completed their records under the supervision of H. S. Sloat. In sanitation work, nine septic tanks were installed.

Activities in 1923 were conducted under the name of the Lancaster County Agricultural Extension Association and with the aid of an Assistant County Agent, S. R. Zug. Ten community farmers' shows had 9,600 entries of farm products and an attendance of 28,000 persons. There were six feeding and one breeding 4-H pig clubs, enrolling 52 members. This year 1628 farm visits were made. Work was continued with success in corn variety, corn root

rot control, seed corn grading, tobacco seed distribution, wheat seed distribution, treatment of stored grain, wheat grading, distribution of disease-free seed potatoes, seed source trials, spraying and dusting, fertilization, cow testing, importation of pure-bred dairy cattle, hog pasture, poultry culling, and farm management demonstrations. There were 14 caponizing demonstrations attended by 306 poultrymen. Thirteen septic tanks were installed.

In 1924 Bucher and Zug visited 2025 farms and had 3042 office calls. They conducted 161 meetings, attended by 4554 farmers, and had nine farmers' days, attended by 24,000 persons. Soils were tested for lime requirement on 219 farms. Sweet corn selection was carried on in four communities. Treatment of seed wheat for smut control was demonstrated on 18 farms. Four hundred farmers received 11,000 bushels of disease-free seed potatoes. Ten farmers demonstrated early seeding of alfalfa. Control of orchard diseases and insects was increased. Six home garden demonstrations were undertaken. Beautifying the home grounds was demonstrated for the first time, with 75 farm women attending the meeting. Forestry work was started, and 14,500 trees planted on demonstration areas. There was increased interest in swine improvement and one farmer qualified for the Ton

Litter Club. Two cow-testing associations operated, to the benefit of 37 members. Dairy sanitation work was undertaken. Chick-rearing interested farmers at four meetings and enrolled boys and girls in seven clubs. There were 448 farmers keeping records on all or part of their operations. In addition, practically all the lines of work conducted in previous years were continued.

Bucher and Zug made 1764 farm visits in 1925 and had 2265 office calls and 2887 telephone calls. They conducted 215 meetings attended by 8575 persons, and the farmers' days and shows attracted 29,500 people. Thirteen communities were served. Soil tests for lime requirement were made for 148 farms. Sweet corn and field corn improvement work was continued, as was the control of corn root rot. Tobacco seed was distributed to 229 farms and wildfire control was demonstrated on six farms. Tobacco fertilization and variety demonstrations were continued. The distribution of good potato seed, variety demonstrations and spraying improved the potato production. A fruit tree spray service was initiated for 127 growers. Fourteen farmers planted 8,000 disease-free raspberry plants. Eleven home garden demonstrations were conducted. Three fruit growers and five vegetable producers were assisted in

building home storages. Two farmers qualified for the Ton Litter Club, 32 farmers went on a county swine growers' tour, and 35 farmers participated in the State swine growers' tour. Horse improvement work was started. Feeder cattle work was increased; 37 farmers fed 554 head in demonstrations. A fat cattle show drew 158 entries, and was attended by 2000 persons. Three adult poultry record clubs enrolled 33 farmers. Dairy improvement work continued. There were 176 men keeping farm accounts. Again, the activities embraced the many projects conducted in other years.

In these later years, from 1926 to 1932, the program of Agricultural Extension work in Lancaster county has continued to meet the needs of the farming population. Baby beef club work has come into use as a means of teaching the juniors the best practices in feeding. There have been extensive advances in poultry, dairy, fruit, and vegetable gardening. During this time H. S. Sloat has served as Assistant County Agent.

One has only to read the annual reports of Bucher and Sloat to be impressed at the prodigious amount of work accomplished. Here also will be seen the thread of interest in fundamental farm practices running through the twenty years from 1913 to 1933. Soil improve-

ment, corn selection, tobacco seed distribution, grading, and treatment, wildfire control, wheat variety and smut control demonstrations, use of disease-free potato seed, spraying, fertilizing, and seed source demonstrations, legume demonstrations, weed eradication, fruit tree pruning and spraying, vegetable garden demonstrations, improvement in livestock, dairy, and poultry enterprises, farm management—these are only a few of the projects carried year after year.

Space permits only the mention of a few outstanding facts and figures for these later years fresh in the memories of all who have co-operated in the Lancaster county program. In 1927 there were 87 members enrolled in a 4-H baby beef club, 20,000 disease-free raspberry, blackberry and blueberry plants were imported and distributed to 47 farms, and 19 growers qualified for the 400-Bushel Potato Club. In 1928 there were 23 carloads of disease-free potato seed shipped into the county and 7,000 bushels of seed one year removed from its source were approved, 180 growers benefiting. Twenty-six growers qualified for the 400-Bushel Club. Weed eradication was stressed this year and five spraying demonstrations were conducted. The Lititz Garden Club continued its program, which gained nation-wide publicity. Thirty-one carloads of dairy cattle were imported.

In 1929 a 4-H corn club of 140 members was organized, 13 growers co-operated in an attempt to grow tobacco plants free from wildfire disease and more intensive efforts were directed toward the control of this disease. A check on the weed eradication efforts of the preceding year showed a very successful result; 135 fruit growers used the orchard spray service; the Lititz Garden Club continued its fine work; 36 carloads of dairy cattle were imported and distributed; 29 poultrymen completed their work in the adult record clubs, and 101 farm account books were completed for the year.

For 1930 a corn club of 135 members was organized, 14 winter barley demonstrations were conducted, a junior tobacco club was organized, a fruit thinning demonstration staged, poultry work increased with 11 meetings devoted to starting chicks and a grow-healthy-pullet program, and 91 farm account books were completed.

The 1931 record shows among a hundred other good results the following facts and figures: Seven corn clubs of 152 members were started, 13 community corn shows were held, 14 farms demonstrated that winter barley averaged 58 bushels an acre to 37 bushels of wheat on the same farms, assistance in marketing was given, three 4-H heifer clubs enrolled 40 members, and

three 4-H baby beef clubs enrolled 37 members, five farmers qualified for the Ton Litter Club, 82 farm account books were completed, and as a result of field demonstrations 228 farmers used 30 tons of sodium chlorate in weed eradication.

During the past year, in determining the program of work due consideration was given to the farming picture depicted in the generous amount of farm management studies conducted in the county each year. Among the features of the work were the increase in acreage of winter barley, between 8,000 and 9,000 acres now being planted; Lancaster county red clover seed proved far superior in stand and yield over nineteen other seed sources; soybeans and sudan grass were demonstrated as emergency hay and pasture crops respectively; spraying yielded an increase of 112.7 bushels of potatoes over dusting; tobacco seed was distributed to 210 growers; nine demonstrations on wildfire control were conducted; nine local shows and one county tobacco show were held; 178 fruit growers received the spray service; a strawberry variety demonstration was run; extensive work was conducted in all activities of poultry husbandry; baby beef club work was continued, as were all the fundamental projects carried throughout the twenty years.

High-lights

from the

Minute Books

“A public meeting of farmers and business men was held at the Chamber of Commerce rooms to-day for the purpose of organizing a local branch of The National Farm Bureau in Lancaster County.”—Extract from Minutes January 27, 1913.

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“The objects of this organization are to develop the agricultural resources and to foster the best commercial, social and material interests of the county.”—Extract from Constitution.

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“Mr. A. E. Lane, chairman on nominations, offered the following report: President, J. Aldus Herr, Lancaster R. 4; Vice-president, Willis R. Knox, Intercourse; Secretary, M. G. Brubaker, Lititz R. 3; Treasurer, S. R. Slaymaker, city. Elected by acclamation.”—Extract from Minutes January 27, 1913.

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“Executive Committee Nominations: D. H. Denlinger, Gap; Dr. I. H. Mayer, Willow Street; Norman C. Maule, Quarryville; Amos Shenk, Rcwenna; Grabill B. Long, city. Elected by acclamation.”—Extract from Minutes January 27, 1913.

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“In regard to the employment of an agent, Mr. E. K. Hibshman said he had several men in view, and thought one particularly eligible, as he is a native of

this county, can speak English and German, is a graduate of State College and had two years' experience in soil survey in Missouri."—Extract from Minutes Feb. 17, 1913.

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"Mr. E. K. Hibshman announced the Agent for the Bureau is Mr. Floyd S. Bucher, of Reamstown, who has had practical experience in farm work from his boyhood . . . and is at present assistant in the Agricultural Extension Department of State College."—Extract from Minutes March 3, 1913.

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"The Zook room on West King street, rooms in the Bair & Witmer building on North Queen street and rooms alongside the Guaranty Trust building were visited. Result: Location secured in the Zook room, 6 West King street. Price, \$160 per year."—Extract from Minutes March 3, 1913.

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"The Yeates School has invited the Bureau to use their buildings and grounds whenever needed. Invitation accepted with thanks."—Extract from Minutes March 3, 1913.

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"Mr. Floyd S. Bucher, the Agricultural Agent for the Bureau, was introduced to the meeting, who gave a general outline of what he expected to do."—Extract from Minutes March 10, 1913.

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"The following dates were announced for local meetings of the Bureau: Lititz, March 15; Paradise, March 22; Lampeter, March 26; Rohrerstown, April 10."—Extract from Minutes March 10, 1913.

“Mr. Bucher further said he is not getting around fast enough, as his means of conveyance was not satisfactory. He was advised to use the trolleys to best advantage and hire a livery team to remote places and report later to the Executive Committee how the plan works.”—Extract from Minutes April 7, 1913.

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“Mr. Bucher reported he had visited about 63 farms, attended six public meetings, and further stated that there is a destructive worm among corn in the vicinity of White Horse.”—Extract from Minutes May 5, 1913.

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“Mr. Bucher reported he had purchased a saddle horse for use in his work.”—Extract from Minutes May 5, 1913.

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“Mr. Bucher further stated the nature of his work at the present time in getting farmers interested in cover crops and sent out inoculation for 250 acres. Grain moth was reported as prevalent in some sections.”—Extract from Minutes Sept. 8, 1913.

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“The advisability of purchasing an automobile for Mr. Bucher’s use was also considered, and upon motion was deferred to some later time.”—Extract from Minutes Sept. 8, 1913.

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“It was decided to hold the annual meeting of the Farm Bureau for the purpose of electing officers on Monday, March 16, 1914.”—Extract from Minutes January 19, 1914.

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“Mr. Bucher’s report stated in part he had visited 600 farms; reached 1200 persons; visited 180 by re-

quest; calls at office, 184; addressed 41 meetings and organized two Boys' Corn Clubs; wrote 28 articles on agriculture for newspapers; received 1200 letters; wrote to farmers, 600."—Extract from Minutes of Annual Meeting March 16, 1914.

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"Moved, seconded and passed that Agent Bucher employ a stenographer."—Extract from Minutes March 16, 1914.

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"Mr. Bucher stated that he purchased a motorcycle which he is using in connection with his work."—Extract from Minutes June 15, 1914.

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"The advisability of holding meetings at various places in the county on Steer-Feeding was considered."—Extract from Minutes August 10, 1914.

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"Mr. Bucher reported on Foot and Mouth disease, stating thus far there were 116 herds infested."—Extract from Minutes Nov. 9, 1914.

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"Mr. Bucher reported the Chamber of Commerce had invited the Farm Bureau to move into their rooms, with the Farm Bureau to take out a membership, fee twenty-five dollars."—Extract from Minutes February 7, 1916.

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"Mr. Bucher reported having worked hard to form a Cow-testing Association and was still short five members."—Extract from Minutes March 19, 1917.

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"The value of erecting silos was emphasized during

1916 on account of the high cost of feed stuffs.”—Extract from Minutes of Annual Meeting March 19, 1917.

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“Charles F. Hess spoke on ‘Corn Variety Tests,’ and evolved from his discussion that the ‘Lancaster County Sure Crop’ has forged to the front as a result.”—Extract from Minutes of Annual Meeting March 19, 1917.

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“On account of conditions brought about by the War, it was decided that the Farm Products Show would not be held this year.”—Extract from Minutes Nov. 5, 1917.

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“Farm Account Books were placed with forty-five members.”—Extract from Minutes August 26, 1918.

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“To meet war conditions and requirements of the Food Administration, the Board agreed to start a campaign at once to raise wheat acreage 3% over the previous year; rye, 6%, and a 10% increase of brood sows, to meet the heavy demand for pork for our Army and the Allies.”—Extract from Minutes August 26, 1918.

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“Discussion arose as to the commercial phase of Farm Bureau work. It was thought that, as the Bureau work goes on, this part would assume more importance.”—Extract from Minutes Nov. 11, 1918.

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“The Farm Bureau came to the rescue, in the supply of seed corn, for the northern part of the Corn Belt, due to heavy moisture content when the corn was put in the crib in the fall of 1917.”—Extract from Minutes February 17, 1919.

“Of the several systems of feeding in vogue—viz., silage, roughage and concentrates mixed, the Bureau tests proved quite definitely that the most economical method of feeding cattle is by the use of a silo.”—Extract from Minutes February 17, 1919.

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“Mr. E. K. Hibshman, discussing differences between the original and present working plans of the Bureau, said the work must now be done by concerted action of all the farmers in conjunction with the Executive Committee.”—Extract from Minutes February 17, 1919.

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“H. H. Snavely proposed an organization of the farmers of Lancaster county, so as to put themselves into a helpful and working condition, to have a medium of expression on matters locally, and further.”—Extract from Minutes April 5, 1920.

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“A chairman for each of the county’s forty-one townships was appointed for the Membership or Organization drive of the Bureau.”—From the Minutes April 5, 1920.

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“Chairman J. C. Brubaker outlined the objects of the organization drive, and the character of the American Farm Bureau Federation was discussed.”—From the Minutes April 17, 1920.

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“Mr. E. K. Hibshman strongly advocated the publishing of a paper by the Bureau as a medium of expression and publicity.”—Extract from Minutes April 17, 1920.

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“Mr. Hibshman recommended an Assistant County

Agent, to give his whole time to Cost Accounting on at least a hundred farms.'—Extract from Minutes April 17, 1920.

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“Mr. T. Warren Metzger was proposed and elected as Publicity Director of the Bureau. On June 2, 1930, he reported preliminarily to the campaign for membership.”

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“It was decided the magazine was not to be published on a subscription basis, but to be given with the membership. Estimates on printing were ordered, and instructions given to proceed with listing advertising.”—Extract from Minutes June 2, 1920.

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“It was decided that the magazine of the Bureau be named ‘The Garden Spot News.’ ”—Extract from Minutes July 7, 1920.

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“Decided that the membership drive be made the following Monday and Tuesday.”—Extract from Minutes July 23, 1920.

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“The County Agent was born of necessity and his value has never been measured in dollars and cents; the half has never been told.”—Extract from President Brubaker’s address February 16, 1921.

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“Mrs. M. A. Moore suggested there should be a County Farm Woman for the women of Lancaster county.”—Extract from Minutes Feb. 16, 1921.

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“President Brubaker reported State College had decided that Farm Extension work be the name given to

Farm Bureaus of the old type, while the new type of organization take the name of Farm Bureau.”—Extract from Minutes of June 25, 1921.

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“Resolutions of sympathy were adopted at a special meeting of the Executive Committee upon the death of J. Aldus Herr.”—Extract from Minutes September 26, 1921.

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“It was decided to ask the County Commissioners to appropriate \$3,500 for Bureau work during the coming year.”—Extract from Minutes January 5, 1922.

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“The Bureau was authorized to co-operate with the Quarryville people in organizing for the co-operative packing of tobacco according to the Mt. Joy Plan.”—Extract from Minutes January 5, 1922.

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“The office was instructed to prepare a questionnaire to be sent to other States and counties for the purpose of learning how they operate their commodity divisions.”—Extract from Minutes May 4, 1922.

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“Mr. Metzger reported that cards returned to date showed a desire for 392 tons of fertilizer from members. It was decided that a Commodity department of the Farm Bureau be established.”—Extract from Minutes August 2, 1922.

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“Winter Round Tables were discussed and at Mr. Bucher’s suggestion date of their renewal fixed at December 9.”—Extract from Minutes November 16, 1922.

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