

The Gene Tunneys have their first baby. It is a boy and since he has been born to fistic royalty The Long Count might be an appropriate name.

The fly in Governor Pinchot's unemployment relief ointment is the \$600,000.00 he wants to pay a hand picked commission to disperse it. More high salaried jobs for him to give, you know.

Announcement from Washington is to the effect that President Hoover and Dino Grandi, Italy's Foreign Minister, are in accord for pushing world recovery. That would have been encouraging news if it had only carried some information as to who is going to push Mr. Hoover.

Mrs. Pinchot resigned from the Pennsylvania Council of Republican Women because she thinks it is being "overloaded" with organization women. We don't know anything about that, but we'll bet a dollar to a doughnut that she wouldn't have resigned if she had found the Council "overloaded" with Pinchot organization women.

Prince Nicholas of Rumania has blackened the eye of his big brother Carol, the King. The pen might be mightier than the sword but it evidently isn't as potential as the fist. Sporadically, for a year, we have been using a pencil to drape crepe on the optic of the philandering Carol and young Nicholas steps up and does the job in an instant.

Yesterday was the day for general Thanksgiving. In face of the fact that the last of the few little investments we had been depending on to supplement the paltry compensation we get for writing this column has declared a moratorium as to its dividends, we went to our knees in prayers of Thanksgiving for blessings we have had and for the sustaining hope that behind the most lowering cloud there is always a silver lining.

Last week this column said that over half of the tax levied for poor purposes in Bellefonte was consumed in maintenance of the borough home. We were in error in that statement. Of the \$6,305.48 paid for poor relief last year the home took \$2,633.13. When making the statement we had no thought of the way the local poor funds are dispersed. We had in mind, only, the amount the borough might have available for temporary relief during the coming winter.

This million dollar road program to get the farmers out of the mud is an appealing thing, but we are not going to lead any cheering for it until someone shows us that many farmers would not be better off if the mud were so deep that they couldn't get away from their stock and their fields. To our way of thinking the big howl from the farmers comes from those who are between the upper and the nether millstone. And the upper stone is Henry Ford and the nether one is good roads.

With the death of Commissioner Joseph G. Armstrong, of Pittsburgh, the regular Republican organization in Allegheny county is facing a problem almost as inscrutable as an Einstein theory. The fact that Mayor Charles H. Kline is under indictment on charges of misdemeanor in office complicates the situation a lot. If he should be convicted he will be automatically removed from office. In such an event the loss of patronage of the Mayor's office would pile on that of the loss of the Commissioner's office to leave the regular organization with scarcely a leg to stand on.

The Governor's idea of raising relief for the unemployed by increasing tax on gasoline reminds us of the father who gave his boy a penny for going to bed early and then, after the unwitting lad had fallen asleep, tip-toed into his room and retrieved the coin. The poor devil who gets up at four in the morning and drives ten to twenty miles to work three days a week at thirty-five cents an hour on the Governor's life saving road projects is going to get awake some night and discover that when he pays the extra tax on the gasoline he is consuming he isn't getting even thirty-five cents an hour.

It is now ten minutes after nine Saturday night, November 21, only thirty-four days this side of Christmas. Every outside door in the house is standing wide open and the thermometer on the porch registers 68 degrees. It is very unusual weather. Maybe, an all considerate Providence is tempering the winds to the lambs who are shorn of jobs, dividends and most every other source of revenue with which to buy coal and things to eat. It takes a lot of faith and hope, in days like these, to keep old man despondency away from the door. Faith totters every time announcements of increased salaries and new offices created come out of Harrisburg. Hope closes its eye to the burden of additional taxes they will impose and is the saving grace against rebellion.

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ASSOCIATED CHARITIES OPEN HEADQUARTERS IN PETRIKIN HALL.

Preparations Being Made to Give Aid to all Those Who May be in Need During the Winter.

In preparation for extending aid to all who may need it during the coming winter the Associated Charities of Bellefonte began major operations on Monday.

A central reporting station will be established in the W. C. T. U. room, in Petrikin hall, which will be open every day, except Sunday, from 1.15 to 2.30 o'clock. All reports of distress or requests for aid should be made at this station. All cases will be promptly turned over to an investigator who will immediately visit the home to determine just what is needed and to eliminate duplication and possible fraud. If the case is an emergency one immediate aid will be given; if not, the investigator will make a report to the executive committee, which will meet once a week. If the case meets with the approval of the committee an order will be drawn on a local merchant to deliver the necessary goods to the needy family.

The central reporting station will also be used as an employment agency and anybody who has any work he wishes done, odd jobs or anything, are urged to report same to this station, either in person or by telephone, No. 3-W. Those in search of work are also requested to keep in touch with the employment station.

A clothing receiving and disbursing centre will be located in the corner room in the Penn Belle hotel building, formerly occupied by the American Railways express office. This room will be open from 1.30 to 4.00 o'clock p. m. on Tuesdays and Fridays to receive clothing from those who have any to contribute and distribute same according to the directions of the investigators.

There are approximately sixty families in Bellefonte who will require assistance during the winter, and the co-operation of everyone will be needed if all are to be cared for. It is estimated that the very least \$3000 will be needed to carry on during the winter. This amount is arrived at by assuming that ten dollars a month will be spent on each one of the sixty families for a period of five months. If that amount is not forthcoming in voluntary subscriptions a special drive will be necessary. All cash contributions should be sent to Mrs. W. Harrison Walker, Treasurer.

The officers and personnel of the Associated Charities for the coming winter are as follows:

- President—Jesse H. Caum. Secretary—Miss Helene Williams. Treasurer—Mrs. W. Harrison Walker. Central Reporting Station—Mrs. R. M. Beach. Clothing Distribution—Mrs. M. H. Brouse and Mrs. W. J. Emerick. Financial—Hard P. Harris. General Investigation—John S. Somerville. School Investigator—Miss Daise Keichline. Investigators—Miss Louise Carpeneto, Miss Jean Noll, Mrs. Frank Crawford, Mrs. Samuel Shallcross, Miss Daise Keichline, Mrs. Roy Wilkinson, Dr. Richard Noll, Mrs. James Craig. Executive Committee—Mrs. W. J. Emerick, Mrs. W. Harrison Walker, Miss Louise Carpeneto, Mrs. R. M. Beach, H. P. Harris, Miss Helene Williams, Dr. Richard P. Noll, Mrs. M. H. Brouse, Mrs. Roy Wilkinson, Miss Daise Keichline, Mrs. S. M. Shallcross, George Hazel, J. H. Caum and John S. Somerville.

STATE PAROLE OFFICE WILL SOON BE OPENED IN BELLEFONTE.

The State Department of Welfare has leased the room in the south end of the basement, under the postoffice, from the White Bros., and as soon as it can be put in shape will equip it as a parole office. Heretofore all applications for the parole of prisoners from the Rockview penitentiary have been heard in Harrisburg, but this has evidently been deemed too inconvenient. When the office is opened here all such applications will be heard and considered here. It is also possible that applications for parole from the Huntingdon reformatory might be heard here.

The new highway from Port Matilda to Philipsburg was opened to traffic last week. It is completed except as to the shoulders and some ditching. The distance from Bellefonte to Philipsburg by the Port Matilda route is approximately 34 miles and can be made handily in fifty minutes.

COUNTY SUPERVISORS AND AUDITORS MET HERE ON TUESDAY.

The Centre County Association of Road Supervisors and Township Auditors met in the court house here, on Tuesday, for their annual convention.

There were 73 supervisors and 40 auditors present when president H. M. Hosterman called the meeting to order at 10 o'clock. The first speaker was F. Glenn Rogers, county superintendent of schools. He spoke on the co-relation of good roads to school attendance, stressing the ease and dispatch by which good roads make possible in the transport of children to and from schools in the rural districts where in some instances they have to travel long distances because of the establishment of central high schools, vocational schools and consolidated schools.

F. W. Curtis, assistant engineer of State highways, spoke at length on the primary purpose and future development of the 20,000 mile road program. W. J. Carrol, division engineer of the Highway Dept., spoke briefly on the tie-up between township and State controlled roads.

The last speaker on the program was County Commissioner, Newton I. Wilson who made a very comprehensive report of what the Commissioners have done, during the past year in aiding townships and caring for county roads.

Following the addresses the regular business of the Association was transacted as follows:

S. M. Hess, of Harris township, and Dorsey Cronister, of Huston, made their reports as delegates to the last State convention.

The resolutions committee, composed of A. V. Heffernan, of Rush township, S. M. Hess and Dorsey Cronister, made its report.

The nominating committee presented the following selections for officers for the next year:

President, H. M. Hosterman, Harris Twp. Vice president, John Condo, Marion Twp. Secretary and treasurer, Frank A. Carson, Potter Twp. Delegates to State convention, Nevin Meyer, of Harris Twp., Dorsey Cronister, of Huston. Alternate, P. D. Swabb, of Gregg. Nominating committee, F. H. Yocum, Walker Twp., Homer Decker, Spring Twp.

The selection of officers was ratified and the meeting adjourned.

EXPENSE ACCOUNTS BEING FILED BY CANDIDATES.

Candidates, both successful and unsuccessful, are a little slow at filing their election expense accounts. The first man to file was Dr. W. R. Heaton, who spent \$82.00 to be re-elected Coroner of Centre county.

J. Victor Brungart, elected County Commissioner on the Democratic ticket, spent \$117.34.

The account of Robert C. Thompson, treasurer of the Republican county committee, shows receipts aggregating \$1903.00 and expenditures of \$1676.30, which would indicate a balance on hand of \$226.70. The largest contributor to the campaign fund was Harry F. Jones, \$300. Two other candidates contributed \$250 each. Harry V. Keeler's contribution was \$140. Other contributions ranged from \$100 down to \$5.00. The biggest expenditure was to members of the county committee, a little over \$1000.

Harry F. Jones spent exactly \$700 in his unsuccessful campaign to be elected County Treasurer while it cost D. A. McDowell just \$295.86 to secure the office of Recorder.

M. H. Hall spent \$650.00 in making the run for Recorder against McDowell and lost out at the election.

TWO LOCAL MEN FIGURE IN PHLA. ACCIDENT.

Joseph Frabutt and Sid Bernstein, both well known residents of this place, were in an automobile collision, in the suburbs of Philadelphia, Monday night, that might have proven far more serious than it did.

The two gentlemen had left here for the city, on Monday afternoon, in Frabutt's sports-roadster. They had reached the outskirts of Philadelphia when a newspaper truck sped out of a side street and struck their car with such force as to turn it over three times. Frabutt suffered painful scalp wounds that required several stitches to close up. Mr. Bernstein was uninjured except for a bruised chest.

The car was completely demolished, so they had to return home by train Wednesday morning.

COUNTY DEER SLAYERS WILL BE OUT IN FORCE EARLY NEXT TUESDAY.

More Hunter's Licenses Granted This Year Than Ever Before in Centre County.

With approximately 6700 hunter's licenses granted to date, and the probability that the number will exceed 7000 by the opening of the deer hunting season, next Tuesday, it is quite evident that an open season for both bucks and doe is the lure that will send into Centre county mountains the greatest army of hunters this year that ever went out on the trail of deer. And to the large number of resident hunters must be added the hundreds who always invade the county from other sections of the State.

The open season for both bucks and doe, and the eagerness of every hunter to get his deer, will probably result in smaller hunting parties this year, inasmuch as the limit for hunting parties remains the same, six deer. In past years camps contained anywhere from a dozen to twenty hunters and they were satisfied to bag six bucks. But with does legal game a hunting party of eight or ten ought to have no trouble in killing six.

According to all reports there is an abundance of deer in the mountains, both in the Alleghenies and the Seven mountains, and every crowd of hunters will likely go out to their favorite camping place. The number of day hunters will probably be larger this year than formerly, every man anxious to kill his own.

As the kill will undoubtedly be much larger than ever before the Watchman would appreciate it if hunters and game wardens will telephone the kill to this office on the opening day of the season.

SPOT-LIGHT HUNTER SENT TO COUNTY JAIL FOR TOTAL OF 504 DAYS.

Stuart Ellenberger, of Halfmoon township, was arrested last week by game protector Thomas G. Mosier on the charge of attempting to kill deer at night by the use of artificial light. According to the information in the case the offense was committed on or about October 3rd. Ellenberger was given a hearing before Squire J. L. Tressel, and being adjudged guilty, was sentenced to pay a fine of \$500 and costs of \$4.00. Having no money with which to settle he was sent to jail for 504 days.

This was the first violation of the game law to take place in Centre county, during the present hunting season, according to Mr. Mosier, who avers that the public generally are showing more respect for the provisions of the game laws.

SOUTH PHILPSBURG MEN COMMITTED TO JAIL FOR CAR ROBBERY.

August and Hillary Viard, Herbert Maney and E. M. Mencer, all residents of South Philipsburg, were brought to the Centre county jail, last Friday, on the charge of robbing a refrigerator car. The car, standing on the siding at the Swift & Co. plant, was broken into and robbed of a quantity of meat and bread on Sunday night, November 15th. Railroad police went to work on the case and their investigations led to the arrest of the four men named above. They were given a hearing before justice of the peace Thomas Byron, on Friday afternoon, and held without bail for trial at court, being brought to jail the same day.

The Viards were also charged with possession of intoxicating liquors and on this charge were held in \$1000 bail. Some of the Viards are old offenders, having been in the Centre county courts on a number of former occasions.

At the hearing August Viard stoutly maintained that he was not implicated either in the robbery or the liquor charge. When his room was searched by chief of police Nathan R. Lamoreaux \$305.00 were found in an iron trunk. There were ten in three rolls. There were ten dollar bills in one roll, eighty one dollar bills and a five in another roll and ninety one dollar bills and six fives in a third roll. The money was brought along to Bellefonte and turned over to Sheriff Dunlap who placed it in his safe. Just where Viard got the money is a mystery to Philipsburg officers who claim he has been securing aid from the Red Cross, of that place.

All the news worth reading will be found in the Watchman to-day.

VOTING MACHINES MORE COSTLY THAN BALLOTS.

Up in Luzerne county it cost forty thousand dollars more for the primary and general elections this year with the voting machines than it has cost heretofore with the old-time ballots and ballot boxes; and that doesn't take into account the enormous investment for the machines with the resultant interest charge, depreciation, etc.

But it isn't necessary to go to Luzerne county for an example of the cost of voting machines, as we have one right here in Centre county. As is generally known Richard J. Beamish, Secretary of the Commonwealth, forced the County Commissioners to purchase five machines for the borough of Philipsburg. They were used at the election on November 3rd, and the Commissioners have kept a careful account of the expense of same. If the bills are all in, and the Commissioners are not sure as to that, the cost of the general election in the three wards of Philipsburg was \$375.85, as against \$274.42 for the primary election under the ballot method, and this is not counting anything for the storage of the machines, interest on investment, cost of depreciation, etc. One instance alone of the increase in cost can be cited, and that the printing of the tags with the names of the candidates which was \$72.00, while the ballots would have cost just \$36.00.

Thus it will be seen that the increase in cost for the three voting precincts of Philipsburg was \$101.43, or \$33.81 a precinct; or to figure further \$20.28 a machine. In Centre county there are 65 voting precincts and at the above rate of increase in expense it would mean that every primary and every election in Centre county would cost the taxpayers approximately \$2200 more with voting machines than with ballot boxes, which would be \$4400 a year. And this without any interest charges on the investment.

In the meantime the Commissioners have not yet been billed for the Philipsburg machines, so that the exact cost is still unknown.

COWS AND HOGS PERISH IN LARGE BARN FIRE.

Eight head of cattle, several dogs and a number of chickens were burned to death in a fire which completely destroyed the large barn on the farm of H. Willis Wyland, between Vail and Bald Eagle, about six o'clock Monday morning.

Mr. Wyland is a native and former resident of Bellefonte. The fire was discovered by his wife and both she and her husband rushed to the barn and were able to save two horses and about half their stock of hogs before they were forced back by the spreading flames. In addition to the stock all the season's crops of hay, corn, barley, buckwheat, and oats, also all of the farm machinery and equipment which had been stored for the winter were burned.

A silo and milk house just recently constructed were also destroyed by the flames. Mr. Wyland carried some insurance but not sufficient to cover the entire loss, which is estimated at \$8,000.

The fire is believed to have been started by tramps using the barn overnight as a sleeping place. The barn was close to the highway and afforded protection for those seeking a place to sleep. Whether any tramps were in the barn at the time is not known.

The Citizens Fire company of Tyrone was called to the fire and was able to save the dwelling and a number of outbuildings.

DEPRESSION DOESN'T AFFECT GASOLINE SALES.

Ninety-nine out of every one hundred people are crying "hard times," but the depression that has been with us for two years doesn't seem to interfere with the operation of motor cars, judging from the sale of gasoline. Under the gasoline tax law one-half a cent a gallon is returned by the State to the counties from which the tax was received. In 1928, which was one of the big boom years, Centre county received from the State as its percentage of tax \$23,816.98. In 1929 the tax received amounted to \$21,165.97. In 1930, the first year of the depression, the tax jumped to \$31,891.12, and for 1931 it was \$30,463.88.

A small per cent. of the tax received is paid by the commissioners to townships for road improvement. In 1928 the amount paid out for this purpose was \$223.50; 1929, \$2347.80; 1930, \$358.26, and 1931, \$1347.96.

SPAWLS FROM THE KEYSTONE.

United States Judge Albert W. Johnson last Friday issued an order padlocking the bar-room of the Custer hotel, 396 Jay street, Lock Haven, for one year. The court order also specified that the owner of the building must post bond of \$1000 to insure against further violations of the law.

More than \$1000 worth of merchandise was stolen from the J. C. Penney store at Mount Carmel by thieves who broke through a heavy iron door. Police said they believed the robbery was the work of a gang which in the past two weeks obtained \$2500 worth of goods at two other local stores.

Secretary of the Commonwealth Richard J. Beamish last week notified the Cambria county commissioners that if they do not advertise for bids for voting machines by December 15 he will advertise for bids and award a contract at the expense of the county. The entire county has voted for the adoption of voting machines.

Awakened at 2:30 o'clock Sunday morning by the incessant gobble, gobble of turkeys, and the backfire of automobiles, W. O. Thompson, discovered that 50 or more turkeys were stolen from his farm, near High Rock, York county. The turkeys were valued at \$400. Several automobiles were used and Thompson was unable to get the license numbers.

Officially inspected Wednesday of last week state engineers and health authorities from Harrisburg, the imposing \$350,000 children's addition to the State sanatorium at Cresson, enlarging hospital bed accommodations to 850, will be put into service. Immediately upon formal notification of the State's approval and the taking over of the place by the health department.

J. M. Cunningham, Indiana, Pa., and S. V. Thompson, Pittsburgh, seek a total of \$30,000 damages in two suits filed at Washington, Pa., against August Valen-tour, of McDonald, for alleged false arrests. The two men claim Valen-tour filed informations in charges of forgery against them. Both were acquitted of the charges, according to the suit. Each seeks \$15,000 damages.

A detainer for L. M. Irwin, 50, former cashier of the defunct Lincoln National bank of Avella, who is held by county authorities, charged with appropriating Cross Creek township road funds to his own use, was filed at Washington, Pa., last Friday, by federal authorities. The federal grand jury has indicted Irwin for misapplication of the funds of the bank. He will stand trial February 1.

John H. Ritter, secretary of the York county Agricultural Society, in preparing his report of the annual fair in October shows that the total attendance was 212,000 and that the total paid admissions numbered 96,722. The receipts from admissions and concessions were \$79,792.65. The total receipts to date are \$115,522.92, including loans. The total amount of expenses, including paid loans, was \$81,636.22.

Peter Rupnicki, Village Green, will be released from the Delaware county prison, on petition of his counsel, but one of the stipulations made by Judge MacDade is that "board and lodging" for the four weeks he has been imprisoned be added to the costs. The prisoner must pay \$3.00 weekly for his stay in the county institution. Rupnicki was committed for an altercation with a neighbor after he had been placed under bond to keep the peace.

While on his first hunting trip for big game, and less than an hour after he entered the mountain region near Williamsport, William Hykes, 17-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Hykes, of Roundtown, near York, Pa., killed a bear weighing more than 100 pounds. The bear is said to have been three years old. Young Hykes left York early Tuesday morning for a day's hunting and killed the bear at 10 o'clock, just a half hour after he arrived in the woods.

A jury which for nearly four days listened to a damage suit before Judge D. W. Henderson, Uniontown, sitting at Meigs, has awarded Henry M. Miller, Phoenixville, \$882, and his wife, Mrs. Mary W. Miller, \$2900 additional. The automobile of the defendant, Benjamin J. Lewis, Broomall, occupied by Joseph Wozniak and Miss Mary McDermott, who was being taught to drive, was in collision with the Miller car on May 1, 1930, at Sprout and Lawrence roads, Broomall. Mrs. Miller, it was testified, received permanent injuries to her back.

P. C. MacKenzie, superintendent of livestock at the Pennsylvania State College, will judge three breeds of sheep at the international livestock exposition, which opens Saturday, November 23, in Chicago. MacKenzie has been selected by the management of the show to award the prizes in the Dorset, Hampshire, and Southdown breeding sheep classes. The Penn State livestock man has judged for many years at the international and at leading State and regional fairs and expositions. The college has sent 17 sheep and 30 swine for exhibition at the show.

A wooden flagpole snapped near the base and fell into a crowd at a junior high school football game in Harrisburg, on Saturday, killing John L. Backenstos, 15, and slightly injuring another boy and a girl. The Backenstos boy's skull was crushed. A crowd of youngsters was milling around the base of the pole when it gave way. An assistant city park superintendent said boys tugging at a rope attached to a rusty pulley caused the pole to fall. The game was played in a park used in the summer for New York-Pennsylvania League baseball games.

A bandit who chose the wrong pocket when he held up a druggist in Philadelphia, early Sunday lost \$600. The druggist, however, was only comparatively fortunate, for there was \$500 in the pocket which the bandit picked. Nathan Gold, 38, proprietor of Denny's Pharmacy, 30th and Fletcher streets, drew \$1100 from the bank Saturday. When he was going home he divided the money into two rolls, one for each trousers pocket. "Put 'em up and keep quiet," suggested a young man who came in as Gold was going out. The bandit took one look at the thick wad of bills he had fished from Gold's right-hand pocket and fled without going through the pocket that contained the \$600 roll.