

INK SLINGS.

BY GEORGE R. MEER.

—“Horatius” Culbertson seems to be in trouble defending the bridge against the Etruscan army of Sidney Lenz.

—If anybody has an extra fifty they don't know what to do with there are still sixty-three Centre county ballot boxes to waste it on.

—From the way the hunters are slaying the does Pennsylvania woods are not going to have many primrose paths for the buck that are left to phlinder over.

—If and when Helen Kane and Ruth Etting get to heaven we do hope St. Peter cuts their vocal organs before he lets them in. What such voices would do to the angelic chorus would be awful.

—President Hoover's message to Congress suggests an exceedingly involved program of legislation for that body. Under present conditions immediate relief should have been the paramount thought and congressional attention should have been centered only on such beneficial legislation as could be made operative at once. Wasting time on problems that may ultimately solve themselves is sheer folly.

—Hollywood is in for a dismal Christmas. Warner—First National has asked all of its stars to take a twenty to thirty per cent salary cut and the other big producers are following suit. Think of Bebe Daniels, Joe Brown, Dorothy Mackaill, Winnie Lightner and other pampered pets of the silver screen trying to keep the wolf from the door with a measly two hundred thousand a year. Our heart bleeds for anyone in such destitute circumstances. We are going to ask Wesley to share his annual Christmas remembrance with the poor dears, if and when he gets it.

—We congratulate those members of the council of Bellefonte who balked at passing an ordinance that would give Harrisburg practical control of streets in our town that might be eligible to State-Aid in their upkeep. Boroughs and townships have already gone too far in vesting rights in Harrisburg. We think we express the feeling of most of Bellefonte's taxpayers when we say that the town had better sacrifice what aid it might get from the State than sacrifice any right it has to control of its streets. Bellefonters should run Bellefonte, not ever-changing political employees in Harrisburg.

—Governor Pinchot's special session of the Legislature has turned turtle on him. All his plans have been knocked into a cocked hat and the Members and Senators have started a program of their own on the way to enactment. There will be no \$120,000,000 fund for the Governor to dally with. \$27,000,000, specifically allocated, will probably be the extent of the emergency funds to be dispensed this winter. There will probably be no extra tax on cigarettes and if one cent is added to the gasoline tax it will go back to the counties of origin in direct proportion to the amount collected therein.

—With earnings of the railroads of the country only half as much as they were last year no one can foresee what is to become of the great carriers unless they can either reduce wages or increase rates. Retrenchments so drastic as to impair the value of their physical properties have already been made and they continue going deeper in the red. While a reduction in wages would probably precipitate a strike this might be the very time to have a general tie up. A catastrophe such as that might bring unionized labor to an understanding of the plight of thousands and thousands of old people whose only income is from their investment of life's savings in the securities of railroad companies. Is it right that they should be denied any return for the money they have provided to make employment for others?

—Representative Spangler, of York county, has the right idea. He is of the opinion that much might be saved by reducing salaries and getting rid of useless employees at Harrisburg. If the Governor would start acting on the Spangler suggestion the public would have far more faith in him than it does. Increases in salaries have been the rule in Harrisburg since Mr. Pinchot fooled the Legislature into vesting all its former control over such matters in his hands. There are numbers of men on the State's payroll who are being paid twice as much as they could earn by following the professions they left to feed it the public crib. Nearly every big industry in the State has made drastic cuts in the salaries of its department heads, nearly all of whom are highly trained specialists in their line, yet the Governor impudently increases the salaries of political enchemen.

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TWO HUNTERS KILLED
IN CENTRE COUNTY
FRIDAY AND SATURDAY.

One by Hunting Companion the Other by Shot Intended for a Deer.

A man and a boy are dead and buried as Centre county's dread toll of the deer hunting season so far and four days yet remain before the shooting comes to an end.

The man who lost his life was Thurman O. Witherite, of Clarence. He was one of a hunting party located at the Pine Plantation camp near Snow Shoe. He was out on the trail with Lee Confer, of Bellefonte, and Jacob Confer, of Williamsport, sons of Jerry Confer, of Bellefonte. The three men were traveling through the woods, Indian file, with Witherite in the lead. The hammer of Lee Confer's gun caught on the underbrush and the weapon was discharged. The bullet went through the trouser leg of his brother, Jacob Confer, just searing the skin, and hit Witherite in the left leg below the knee, severing an artery.

The accident happened about 9.30 o'clock and the Confer brothers rendered first aid as well as they could and took Witherite to a doctor as soon as possible but he had already lost a large quantity of blood. He was brought to the Centre county hospital at 12.30 o'clock and died about 6.30. Coroner W. R. Heaton made an investigation of the shooting and decided that it was purely accidental so that an inquest was deemed unnecessary.

Witherite was born in Boggs township and was forty years of age. He was employed at the brick plant at Clarence. He is survived by his wife and four children; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Witherite, of Clarence; one sister, Mrs. Roy Mechtly, of Juniata, and two brothers, Norman and Merlin, both of Clarence. The funeral was held on Monday, burial being made at Snow Shoe.

The other fatal accident was the shooting of Henry Linn Stover, 16 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Stover, of near Lyontown. It took place in Greensvalley about 1.30 o'clock on Saturday afternoon. Young Stover, with his brother, Woodrow Stover, James Ritter, of Pleasant Gap, and Paul Zimmerman, of Bellefonte, were out for the day only. They had eaten their lunch at the Twin Maple hunting camp and were just starting out for an afternoon trek through the woods.

Stover was walking between Ritter and Zimmerman and as he was in the act of stepping over an old log, laying on the ground a short distance from the camp, there sounded a report of a gun and Stover dropped to the ground. His companions thought at first he had stumbled and fallen down but when they undertook to help him up they discovered that he was dead. He had been shot in the right side of the back of the head, the ball passing through and coming out of his forehead. His remains were taken to the Wetzler undertaking establishment, in Milesburg, where Coroner Heaton held an inquest on Sunday. With no definite information at hand the jury could do nothing else than return a verdict that the cause of death was a gunshot wound, the gun having been fired by an unknown party.

The shooting, however, was cleared up, on Monday, through an investigation made by county detective Leo Boden and game protector Thomas A. Mosier. The bullet that killed Stover was fired from a gun in the hands of Gerald Little, who was hunting in a hollow some fifty or sixty yards distant. Biddle claims that he shot at a deer and did not know that there was any one hunting in that vicinity. As the shooting was purely accidental no action will be taken against Little.

Stover was a son of Bernard and Lulu Johnson Stover and was born in Buffalo Run valley on April 22nd, 1915, hence was 16 years, 7 months and 13 days old. He is survived by his parents and the following brothers and sisters: Gerald Stover, of Bellefonte; R. D. Mrs. Edgar Grove, of Shiloh; Woodrow, Fred, Ethel, Bernard Jr. and Lois, all at home.

Stover was a member of the Weaver Methodist church, the organizer and secretary of the young people's class in the Sunday school. Funeral services were held in the church at 9.30 o'clock on Wednesday morning by Rev. M. C. Piper and Rev. Metzger, burial being made in the Meyer's cemetery.

—Read the Watchman and get all the news worth reading.

COUNTY MUST PAY
PREMIUMS ON BONDS
FOR COUNTY OFFICERS.

Under an act of the Legislature passed in 1929 counties in Pennsylvania are liable for the premiums on the bonds of all county officers. Prior to the passage of that act the officers themselves were obliged to pay the premiums on their own bonds. In fact here in Centre county the premiums have all been paid by the office holders up to the present time, but as it looks now the county will be asked to stand the expense for the new officers, as neighboring counties are reported as falling in line with the new act.

The total cost to Centre county will be \$542.50 a year, as the bonds must be renewed yearly. A different rate prevails on the bonds of the various officers.

The Sheriff is required to give two bonds of \$15,000 each on which the rate is \$5.00 per thousand, making the premium \$150.00.

The County Treasurer must also give two bonds, one in favor of the county for \$30,000 and one in favor of the State for \$15,000. The premium on these bonds is \$5.00 per thousand on the first \$25,000 and \$4.00 per thousand on \$20,000, or a total premium of \$205.00.

The Prothonotary gives two bonds, one for \$10,000 and one for \$3,000, on which the premium is \$4.00 per thousand, or \$42.00.

The Register gives three bonds, one for \$24,000, one for \$7,500 and one for \$3,000. The rate on his bonds is \$3.00 a thousand, making the total premium \$103.50.

The Recorder gives only one bond, and that \$5,000, on which the rate is \$3.00, and the premium \$15.00.

Each County Commissioner must file a bond of \$2,000 and the premiums on the three of them amount to \$18.00, while the commissioner's clerk is bonded at \$3,000 on which the premium is \$9.00.

AMATEURS TO COMPETE
IN DRAMATIC CONTEST
AT CENTRE HALL.

Centre county people interested in home talent plays should attend the rural dramatic contest to be held in the hall of Progress Grange, Centre Hall, next Monday evening at eight o'clock. It will be an elimination contest to decide the group which will go to Harrisburg, in January, to take part in the State-wide contest. Three groups are entered. They will be allowed forty-five minutes each and will be heard in the following order:

First, Rebekah lodge, of Pine Grove Mills.
Second, Penn State Grange, of State College.
Third, Halfmoon Grange, of Stormstown.

Competent judges will decide the winner of the contest, which will represent the county at Harrisburg. Victor Grange, of Boalsburg, was the winner last year and was successful in taking second place in their division at the State contest.

In order to defray the expense of preparing the plays and to help pay the trip of the winning team to Harrisburg an admission fee of 25 cents will be charged for adults and 15 cents for children. The money will be divided between the three groups. The public is cordially invited to attend the contest.

COLEVILLE MERCHANT
BAGS 14 POINT BUCK.

Harry E. Garbrick, the Coleville merchant, brought down one of the daddy bucks of them all while hunting on Rock run, in the Alleghenies, last week. It was the first deer he had ever shot, had fourteen points and dressed 225 lbs. And just to prove that Harry didn't get buck fever when he spied the monster he the deadly accuracy of his shot. He hit it just behind the ear and it fell dead on the spot, without a twitch.

In the party were Cliff Don, and Lester Davis, Harry and Walter Emenhiser, James Kelley, Sam Coble and Paul Justice. All of the party were from Coleville and when they came in to town last Saturday they had two other bucks that the average hunting crew wouldn't sneeze at either, for one was a ten pointer and the other was a four.

They said they could have had all the does they wanted, but they scorned shooting the lady deer.

—Attached to their papers today all subscribers on the Watchman's Bellefonte list, who are not paid in advance, will find bills for the amount due. We would appreciate remittance, either in full or in part, for these accounts.

PLANNING TO MAKE
A TOWN BEAUTIFUL.

Albert W. Grove, Landscape Architect, Makes Interesting Suggestions to Beautify Bellefonte Through Aid to Unemployed.

The purpose of that which is to follow is to aid in making Bellefonte and its environs more progressive; to make it more useful in serving the surrounding community; to stimulate and develop the town's industries and business; to aid the unemployed; and last but not least to make Bellefonte more attractive and all those who are fortunate enough to have been born and raised here will have a warm place in their hearts for the town and community and will aid it wherever they can.

Following is a list of major projects which will be taken one at a time and described in some detail when they are in season, if there seems to be any chance of getting them executed:

1. Development of a "Big Spring Trail," which will make an interesting walk from the "Big Spring" down to the point where it's waters flow from the town.
2. Development of a "Memory Lane" which will be a trail taking in all three cemeteries of the town.
3. Development of a "Town Trail" which will follow some of the business and residential streets to lead people by all our public buildings, to homes and places of historic interest and to sites from which the beauty of the town and country can be shown to advantage.

4. Convalescent garden for the Centre County hospital.

5. Removal of all trees beyond repair in Borough in view of properly replanting and respacing with new trees.

6. Evergreen plantation along east end of Union cemetery.

7. Permeate more beauty by establishing evergreen boundary lines on the already beautiful Catholic cemetery.

8. Development of new scheme of arrangement about the county court house which would call for a new site for the misplaced but beautiful War Memorial which now acts as a screen rather than a frame for our most ideally located county building.

9. Elaboration on and development of the following suggestions made by Arthur W. Cowell, landscape architect of State College, Pa., in his paper to the Bellefonte Woman's Club some years ago.

a. Improvement of the south gateway.
b. Improvement of the east Bishop St. gateway.
c. Improvement of the north gateway.
10. Removal of approximately 150 billboards, posters, etc., within and just outside the town in anticipation of community advertising.
11. Institute a "house cleaning week" for the purpose of ridding the town of many of the simple eyesores such as ash heaps, small buildings which have outlived their usefulness, etc.

The author wants the public to express its feelings and attitude toward these projects and will welcome criticism or suggestions which may be sent to or expressed at any of the offices of newspapers publishing these articles or to the author himself.

It is our hope that some of the various organizations of the town will come forward and carry out some of these proposals.

ALBERT W. GROVE,
Landscape Architect.

BELLEFONTE SCHOOL
BOARD REORGANIZES.

The Bellefonte school board met and re-organized, on Monday evening, in accordance with the school code which requires that it be done the first Monday in December. Dr. M. J. Locke being confined to his home with an attack of rheumatism the four members present were Charles F. Cook, George Hazel, Miss Mary Miles Blanchard and Mrs. Helen Crissman Broderick. Dr. Locke was re-elected president and Miss Blanchard vice president. Under a provision of the school code both the secretary and the treasurer of the old board, Mrs. M. H. Brouse and Charles F. Cook, respectively, will continue to serve. They were both elected in July, 1927, for six years, so that their terms will not expire until July, 1933. This provision was inserted in the code for the special purpose of keeping experienced people in the two important offices until new members become thoroughly conversant with the duties and obligations of school directors.

PHILIPSBURG HAD A
REAL HOLD-UP THRILL.
BANDITS CAPTURED.

Philipsburg had a real hold-up thrill, about 7 o'clock on Monday evening, when three masked bandits invaded the offices of the Citizens' Building and Loan Association, forced Frank Dunkle, president of the Association, who was alone in the office at the time, to lie on his face on the floor, while they trussed him hand and foot, then turned their attention to ransacking the safe. While thus engaged Miss Katherine Hall, stenographer, entered the room, and she was forced to sit in a chair where they also bound her hands and feet.

Before they completed their job of rifling the safe Paul Mayhue ascended the steps to the Association's office but the lookout man at the door told him to come back later, as "the boss was busy." Mayhue waited outside the building and saw the three men leave it, jump into a high-powered car and roar away in the direction of Clearfield.

Just as the bandits left the building Mrs. George Boyle and daughter, of Osceola Mills, entered. They were bound for the Association's office and on reaching there took in the situation at a glance. Dunkle and Miss Hall were quickly released and Mayhue told of the direction taken by the bandits and was able to furnish a fair description of the men.

Word was at once telephoned to the State police barracks, at Clearfield, and Corporal Foley and several troopers made a quick run to Woodland where they held up all cars and finally got the one containing the three bandits. In the rear of the car the police found a flour sack containing the \$150 stolen from the safe in the Association's office. In the car were three revolvers, plenty of ammunition and a rubber hose filled with lead shot.

The men gave their names as J. W. Wooster, 42 years old, of No. 1 Chestnut street, Oil City; T. M. Anderson, 33, and W. Y. Williams, 34, both of R. D. No. 15, Franklin, Pa. They all refused to make a statement. They were brought to the Centre county jail on Tuesday. The capture of the men took place in less than forty minutes after the hold-up.

STATE COLLEGE BURGESS
GIVES LOAD OF LAMBS
TO FEED UNEMPLOYED.

Burgess Eugene H. Lederer, of State College, last week sent a truck load of lambs from his farm at Manor Hill to Altoona as a donation to the relief committee of that city for the unemployed. The lambs were transported in a truck donated by the Shoemaker Bros., and will undoubtedly make good eating, as they weighed an average of 110 pounds each. In making the donation the burgess stated that he wished to give relief where it was most needed, and he felt that State College is not faced with the unemployment situation that exists in Altoona.

EXAMINATION FOR
BOALSBURG POSTMASTER
WILL BE HELD SOON.

The Civil Service Commission has announced that an examination will be held at State College in the near future for the purpose of filling the vacancy in the fourth-class postoffice at Boalsburg. The compensation of the office during the past year was \$885. Applicants must reside within the territory served by the office and must be not less than 21 nor more than 65 years old. All applications must be properly executed and on file with the Commission in Washington prior to the hour of closing business on December 18th.

SUDDEN DEATH OF
CHARLES A. SNYDER.

Charles A. Snyder, district attorney of Schuylkill county and known throughout the entire State, was found dead in his office on Monday evening. He had spent the day in Harrisburg motoring to his home in Pottsville, that afternoon. A heart attack was the cause of death. He was 69 years old and had held a public office of some kind continuously for twenty-eight years. In 1903 he was elected a member of the State Legislature and since then had served as State Senator, Auditor General and State Treasurer. He had also been a candidate for Governor. When not holding a State office he filled a berth of some kind in his home county.

SPAULS FROM THE KEYSTONE.

—As John A. Evans of South Connellsville sat on the ground eating his lunch during a hunting trip near Seaton's Lake, last Saturday, a large doe leaped over him and struck his gun, breaking it.

—Webster G. Drew, ousted city treasurer, of Smethport, has denied charges of embezzling \$122,336 of city funds. Drew is free on \$50,000 bond. He attacked the legality of the ouster action and claimed he is still treasurer.

—A church dinner was called off in Green Ridge, near Mount Carmel, last Thursday, because somebody stole the chairs, tables and china. The supper was to have been conducted in the Union church by the young people's society.

—The high tension wires completing the system from the new Safe Harbor power plant to Baltimore have been completed and the \$30,000,000 hydro-electric development on the Susquehanna river will be a going concern in a few weeks. —Operation of a passenger train around a curve at a speed in excess of instructions was responsible for a wreck November 7, near Johnstown, in which two persons were killed and fourteen injured, the Public Service Commission's Bureau of Accidents reported on Saturday.

—Some chemical in the waste from an oil well in Leetonia has caused the death of numerous deer, according to officials of the State Game Commission. The deer have died near the well after having licked the waste, it is reported. Lungs of several deer, and samples of waste from the well, are being analyzed. Meanwhile, the Game Commission has ordered the well fenced off.

—It cost \$1.67 per pupil to supply free school text books in public schools throughout the State last year, according to records submitted to the State Department of Public Instruction. The cost has been declining since 1927, when each pupil's supply of books cost, on the average, \$1.71; but in 1927 they cost only \$1.19, it was shown. Total cost of supplying free text books last year was \$3,189,977.

—An 18-inch power saw, run by a gasoline engine, broke in half during its operation at Reading, on Saturday, one half severing the foot of Frank O'Gratias, 26, and the other half hurtling through the air to land a block away. Half of the blade dropped into a small pile of bricks in the rear yard of the nearby Meslinsky home, barely a moment after Mrs. Leon Meslinsky had passed the spot.

—Plans for two more road labor camps, making a total of six, were announced yesterday by Governor Pinchot. The new camps will be located at Curwensville, Clearfield county, and in Jefferson county at a site to be selected. Each camp will provide accommodations for seventy men who will be employed on State highways. The Curwensville camp will be located at the Irvin Park, and construction work has already started.

—Official boards of Trinity Methodist and St. Paul's Methodist churches at Danville, have voted to merge, effective with the next annual conference, and will submit the question to the congregations December 13 for a vote. Rev. F. L. Henninger and Rev. J. M. Brennan, the pastors, favor the merger. The combined membership is about 800. The plan contemplates using St. Paul's for worship and Trinity for a recreation center.

—An organization in Lancaster county almost 60 years ago for protection against horse thieves is nearing its end. A petition to dissolve the Pequea association of Lancaster county, established for "the detection of thieves and recovery of stolen property," has been presented to the court. A hearing has been fixed for January 9. According to the petition, the association has no debts or liabilities, no assets and had paid all taxes due the Commonwealth.

—Persons who while working contract anthrax, a disease sometimes found among persons who handle hides, hair and like animal products, may claim compensation whether the anthrax is internal or external, the Workmen's Compensation Board has ruled. The ruling was on an appeal from a referee's decision by F. P. Woll and Company, Philadelphia. Dr. Z. Chelminski, vice-consul of Poland, was claimant in behalf of Teodorja Smaczko.

—At Pittsburgh on Wednesday, of last week, Federal Judge R. M. Gibson meted out a sentence to Charles Bruce Gardner Jr., whose defalcations resulted in the closing of the Peoples National Bank, of Osceola Mills, on Monday, February 2, 1931. He pleaded guilty to the charge of misapplying between \$90,000 and \$100,000 of the bank's funds and using the money in speculation. Judge Gibson ordered him to serve three years in the penitentiary at Atlanta, Ga., but owing to the fact that there has been an outbreak of meningitis at that place he might be transferred to Leavenworth, Kan.

—A one man private fire company, operated as a business proposition, will commence work in the rural sections surrounding Shickshinny early in 1932. Ray F. Smith, garage mechanic and former Berwick fire chief, disclosed the plan today with information that an order has been placed for a triple combination pumper for his individual use. Residents of the rural districts who want their properties protected will pay an annual fee. Smith will be available at all hours of the day and night to respond to alarms. He figures on enough volunteers responding to rural fires to help man the apparatus.

—L. M. Irwin, formerly cashier of the closed Lincoln National bank of Avella, Washington county, pleaded guilty in criminal court at Washington, on Monday, to charges of embezzlement and fraudulent conversion, made by the Cross Creek township supervisors, the alleged thefts amounting to \$25,500. The indictment contains 10 separate transactions involving 37 counts. Sentence was imposed at the request of District Attorney Warren S. Burchinal, who told Judge Howard W. Hughes, Irwin was wanted for trial in the United States Court on charges of violating the national banking laws. As the embezzlement from the township is tied in with the closing of the bank, the defense entered no objection to the transfer of Irwin to the Federal Court for trial within two weeks.