

SPAWLS FROM THE KEYSTONE.

Every week save one for twenty-four years George Murray, 69 years old, of Philadelphia, peeked into a cigar box where he kept \$1000 savings. The week he forgot to peek a mouse chewed up the money and that's why, he told police, he took up selling lottery tickets.

Only one-half as many claims for bounty were presented during December, 1931, as during the corresponding month of 1930. During December, 1931, \$765 claims were received entailing an expenditure of \$11,085. These claims included thirty-one wild cats, 1003 gray foxes, 5563 weasels and five goshawks.

Four and a half years after his automobile was driven at Franklin Dent, former chief of police at Bloomsburg, causing Dent's death, Raymond Bloom, of Sunbury, was sentenced on Monday to one to four years in the county jail, fined \$200 and costs of \$400. Bloom was charged with felonious assault with intent to kill.

J. Franklin Shields, Philadelphia, was re-elected president of the board of trustees of Pennsylvania State College at a meeting in Harrisburg, on Tuesday. Other officers were also re-elected. E. B. Brown, whose term as member of the executive committee, expired, was named to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of W. L. Mellon.

One hundred and forty-five widows in Northumberland county are now receiving aid from the State and county funds which have been provided for the assistance of widows and their children. The increase in the appropriation which was made by the State Legislature last June has made it possible to extend aid to sixty additional families.

A box of 50 sticks of dynamite discovered by four boys was removed from the tracks of the Pittsburgh & West Virginia railroad in Overbrook, Allegheny county, just in time to avert probable disaster last Friday night. The youths quickly summoned police who removed the dynamite shortly before a coal train from the Pittsburgh Terminal Coal company mines in the Castle Shannon-Coverdale area passed over the rails.

Francis H. Hoy, secretary of the State Board of Pardons, will relinquish that post on February 1 to become warden of the Dauphin county jail. It was made known last week. Hoy has been in the employ of the State eighteen years. As warden he will succeed William W. Caldwell, who held that position since 1920. The prison board also elected Hoy's wife as matron of the jail. The warden post pays \$3600 annually, while the matron's salary is \$1200.

Dr. Clyde King, Secretary of Revenue in Pennsylvania, on Monday told a conference of mercantile appraisers and officials that if the chain stores start to escape payment of the mercantile taxes, while the small corner grocery owner is forced to pay in full, the only logical answer is a chain-store tax. He explained the U. S. Supreme court has upheld taxes on chain stores as legal, though he admitted he has not been won over entirely to the chain-store tax idea.

C. A. Bardolph, president of the closed Franklin Savings and Trust company, of Pittsburgh, was arrested last Friday on a charge of embezzling \$250,000 of the bank's funds. Information against Bardolph was made by George F. Taylor, Jr., deputy State Secretary of Banking. Bardolph was arrested outside the quarters of the State Banking Department, after the banker had appeared as the only witness at a hearing before Taylor into the affairs of the bank. The charge is a general one under the common law and concerns Bardolph's transactions as head of the bank over a period of three years.

Dr. Claude A. Buss, 28 years old, son of Mr. and Mrs. Claude Buss Sr., of Sunbury, has been promoted to Consul General for the United States at Nanking, the Nationalist capital of China. The young man was formerly an assistant. He is believed to be the youngest American ever to have held this office, according to his parents. The young diplomat had a number of good things before his fellow students got started at the same job. The first was to graduate from the Sunbury High school, class of 1919. In June, when his fifteenth birthday anniversary did not come until the following November.

Notice has been published by Melvin L. Peterson, receiver, that the huge plant of the American Plate Glass Corporation, located at Durant City, three miles from Kane, will be sold at public auction Saturday, February 13, which sale may or may not write fire to one of the main industries of Kane for a large number of years. The factory went out of operation in April, 1930, throwing more than 500 men out of employment. Since that time a number of plans have received consideration to get the plant back into operation but none of them carried to a successful issue. The brick buildings comprising it cover several acres and the sale will include the complete plant and equipment.

M. Hanin, proprietor of the Hanin dress goods shop, in Pottsville, has been held under \$2500 bail on charges of arson and attempt to defraud an insurance company. His arrest followed an investigation by fire chief Smith and State policeman Joseph Mumma into the fire which Saturday damaged two business establishments in the central part of the city and wrought damage estimated by Smith at from \$12,000 to \$20,000. Smith and Mumma, testifying before Alderman John P. Faull, said they found a container of inflammable liquid in one of the departments of the badly damaged Hanin store. They also said they found inflammable materials scattered about the floor of the establishment.

Suit to recover damages for 16 fractures, including a fractured skull and a broken neck, received in a railroad crossing crash, November 12 was instituted in the Lycoming county courts on Tuesday, by Harry W. Wenner, of Williamsport. His companion, John King, who received a fractured skull and a fractured jaw in the same crash, also filed suit for \$10,000 damages. Wenner named no specific amount of damages, pending a statement of claim. The recovery of both men was considered remarkable by local physicians. Wenner was believed hopelessly injured, but made a rapid recovery and was able to leave the hospital within six weeks. He is 50. King, 54, was not expected to survive a severe fracture and innumerable minor injuries.

WILL OF IRA HARPSTER LEAVES ALL HIS PROPERTY TO MANY RELATIVES.

The will of Ira G. Harpster, of Gatesburg, who died last Thursday night, was probated on Tuesday, and disposes of an estate estimated at \$7500 personal property and \$4500 real estate.

The will, after making provision for the payment of all debts and funeral expenses leaves \$200 in trust to the Gatesburg Cemetery Association, the income to be used for the perpetual care of the Harpster lot.

To his nephew, Robert Harpster, he leaves the homestead farm of 190 acres.

To his niece, Alva Johnson, the old Harpster homestead in Gatesburg, a plot of one acre, with house, barn and outbuildings.

To his niece, Emeline Rossman, a 101 acre tract of woodland, with the exception of eight acres heretofore sold to George E. Rider.

To his niece, Alva Johnson, \$1000. To his brother, Samuel Harpster, \$10.00.

To his nephews, Ira C. and Isaac G. Harpster, \$500 each.

To his niece, Maggie Buck, \$400. To his nephews, John, Frank and Samuel Homan, \$200 each.

To his nieces, Alice Meyers and Maggie Corl, \$100 each.

To his niece, Mary Grubb, \$300. To his nephews, Charles, Samuel and George Harshberger, \$50 each.

To his niece, Cora Kersteter, \$100. To his grand-nephew, Earl Johnson, \$100.

To his grand-nieces, Edith Rider and Viola Johnson, and his grand-nephew, Samuel Musser, \$100 each.

To his nieces, Alva Johnson, Maggie Buck, Mary Grubb and Emeline Johnson he leaves, share and share alike, all his furniture, silver and table ware, etc.

All the residue of his estate is left, share and share alike, to Alva Johnson, Ira C. Harpster, Isaac G. Harpster, Maggie Corl, Alice Meyers, Maggie Corl, Mary Grubb and Emeline Rossman.

The will was dated November 10th, 1931, and Robert M. Harpster and Isaac G. Harpster were named executors.

FERGUSON TOWNSHIP MAN LEAVES MUCH TO CHARITY.

By his will, filed for probate last Saturday, the late Henry McWilliams, of Ferguson township, bequeathed \$7,500 of an estimated ten thousand dollar estate to charity. His bequests included, after providing for the payment of any debts he may have had and his funeral expenses, \$500 to the Pine Grove Mills cemetery association, \$1000 to the Centre County hospital, the principal to be invested and the income to be used to help meet running expenses or for any other purpose the board of managers may see fit to apply it; \$2000 to the Bethel Reformed church, of Pine Grove Mills, and \$1000 each to St. Paul's Lutheran, the Presbyterian and Methodist churches of Pine Grove Mills and the Methodist church, at Fairbrook.

To his sister, Mrs. Alice Buchwalter, of Lancaster, he left eight shares of stock of the First National bank of State College. All the residue of his estate is to be divided equally into six parts, and to be paid as follows: One part each to John E. McWilliams, Samuel P. McWilliams, the heirs of Mrs. Margaret Hess, Mrs. Alice Buchwalter, Mrs. Annie Dreibeis and Mrs. Viola Bowersox. John E. McWilliams was appointed executor of the will.

POMONA GRANGE TO MEET AT PLEASANT GAP JAN. 30

The Centre county Pomona Grange will meet at Pleasant Gap on Saturday, January 30th, in the new hall of Logan Grange, erected at a cost of about \$10,000. There will be three sessions. The morning session will convene at 10 o'clock and will be devoted entirely to business pertaining to Grange work. At 12 o'clock a luncheon will be served by the ladies of Pomona Grange.

Reconvening at 1:30 o'clock the business of the meeting will be resumed and will continue until 2:30 when there will be a public installation of officers, to be followed by a lecture hour.

Supper, at 30 cents a plate, will be served by the ladies of Logan Grange from 5 to 6:30 o'clock.

The evening session will convene at 7:30 o'clock when dedicatory exercises for the new hall will be held to be followed by a lecture hour. Prominent speakers will be present at all the sessions and visiting Grangers will take part in the day's program.

BELLEFONTE HAS MORE UNEMPLOYED THAN IT IS GIVEN CREDIT FOR.

Four Per Cent of Total Population Have No Regular Work.

Carefully compiled statistics at the headquarters of the Associated Charities, in Petrikin hall, show that four per cent of Bellefonte's total population have no regular work, and the total number of dependents on those unemployed is given as 560 people. In Altoona the unemployed population is given as three per cent, so that Bellefonte has really been harder hit by the depression than some of the large cities.

During the past few weeks the Associated Charities have been able to place 152 men with the State Highway Department for work on the Jacksonville road which is helping out a lot. While these men will not get full time they will average about six days a month, which will mean approximately \$20 in wages—a godsend to those who have been out of work and no other job in view.

There are now registered at the unemployment bureau 170 Bellefonte men who are out of work, and as some who have no work have not registered it is safe to conclude that the total is about 200. If it had not been for the co-operation of the heads of Bellefonte industries in reducing the number of days each employee was allotted a month so as to give more of them work, Bellefonte's plight would have been much worse. The amount of welfare work done by the laborers at the various industries by working short time in order to help out a greater number has been roughly estimated as equivalent to a monthly charity drive of five thousand dollars, or \$25,000 for the winter months.

So far the relief work has been conducted on voluntary contributions, which have amounted to about \$1200. If conditions should become worse, and the State road work cease, it is pretty certain that more money will have to be obtained in some way to carry on the work.

Bellefonte is very fortunate, indeed, not in escaping the effects of the depression, but in having men at the head of it's industries who are public spirited and thoughtful enough to co-operate and work with the people of the town for the best interests of the community.

BELLEFONTE FIRM IS MAKING 'MISTOLATERS'

The Ideal Manufacturing company, (which to be exact is F. W. West and John E. Dubbs), organized over a year ago to manufacture "Bull Dog" tape machines, is now turning out "Mistolaters," an invention of their own designed to keep vegetables and green groceries fresh for an indefinite time. It is a table 60x30 inches in size, with a shallow tank top in which the vegetables are kept fresh by a continuous spray of water.

Already they have put out sixty or more of the mistolaters and the demand is increasing right along. Two salesmen are on the road selling the product and as it looks now the firm will soon have to move into larger quarters in order to have sufficient room to manufacture the tables in sufficient quantity to meet the demand.

DEATH OF ANNA RHOADS TO REMAIN A MYSTERY.

The death of Miss Anna Louise Rhoads, of Bellefonte, as the result of a gunshot wound while in the apartment of an aged admirer in Rochester, N. Y., on the night of October 21st, last, will always remain a mystery, as the man, Charles Angel, died on Monday, of the gunshot wound in the head he received the same night. The story of the tragedy was told in full in the Watchman at the time. Angel was so badly wounded that he never was able to tell whether he fired the shots that killed the girl or who did it, and now that he is dead the matter will be definitely closed.

COUNTY FARM YOUTHS AMONG THE WINNERS.

The State Department of Public Instruction has announced the names of the winners in the State vocational agricultural project contest for 1931, and on the list are the following Centre county boys:

Russel Mark, of Gregg township, first in senior truck and second in senior corn.

Dean Igen, of Gregg township, second in senior sheep.

John Zubler, Gregg township, second in senior dairy records.

NEW APPLICANT FOR STREET COMMISSIONER BIDS LOW FOR JOB.

At a regular meeting of borough council, on Monday evening, an application was received from Frank Nelson, of east Lamb street, for the appointment as street commissioner. He offered to do the work and all the borough's blacksmithing for \$100 a month. The application was referred to the Street committee.

The standing committees for the ensuing two years were announced by president Walker, as follows, the first named being the chairman:

Street—Badger, Emerick, Ardery. Water—Cobb, Beaver, Nighthart. Finance—Emerick, Cobb, Badger. Fire and Police—Beaver, Jodon, Doll. Market—Doll, Beaver, Jodon. Sanitary—Nighthart, Ardery, Doll. Town Improvement—Jodon, Beaver, Nighthart. Special—Ardery, Cobb, Badger, Emerick, Nighthart.

An application from John J. Bower for re-appointment as fire marshal was referred to the Fire and Police committee.

The Street committee reported some minor repairs and that the laying of the new sewer, on Linn street, will be completed in a few days.

The Water committee reported various repairs and the collection of \$1500 on water taxes and \$46.20 for rent of garage space. Also that the meter bills for the third quarter amounted to \$2123.67.

Mr. Cobb called attention to a bill for \$107.20 from the Dravo-Doyle Co. for bearings for the pump at the Gamble mill station which, he suggested, should be paid by the manufacturers of the pump, and he was instructed to communicate with the company.

The Finance committee reported a balance in the borough fund of \$1,845.12 and \$443.68 in the water fund. A note for \$800 was presented for renewal. The committee also recommended the approval of the bonds of overseers of the poor Alexander Morrison and Edward Kilinger.

Mr. Emerick reported progress in the matter of effecting a settlement with the American Surety company for the uncollected taxes on the Auman duplicates, the net amount, after allowing all exonerations, being between \$5,000 and \$6,000.

The Fire and Police committee reported applications from Harry Dukeman, as chief of police, and Thomas Howley, policeman, and they were left in the hands of the committee for consideration and recommendation at the next meeting of council.

Mr. Beaver presented a proposition of members of the Logan Fire company stating that if council will buy the paint the company will paint the interior of some of the rooms in the company's building. The matter was referred to the committee with power.

Mr. Ardery, of the Special committee, reported that George R. Meek was in receipt of a letter from O. M. Deibler, State Fish Commissioner, in which he stated that he will send one hundred big trout to put in Spring creek in the near future, which will replace any fish that have died. Mr. Beaver called attention to the fact that at times he has seen coloring matter in the creek but does not know where it comes from.

Borough bills amounting to \$1710 and water bills for \$243.61 were approved for payment, after which council adjourned.

LOCAL H.Y. DEFEATS MILLHEIM COURT TEAM

On Tuesday evening Jan. 8, the Bellefonte H-Y basket ball team defeated the Millheim High alumni in a fast game, by the score of 41 to 13.

The game was played on the east Penns Valley High floor and although the score does not indicate it the contest was very exciting.

Haupt, Caldwell, Dry, McCafferty, Wilkinson, Alters, Morris, Williams, Auman and Hartman played for Bellefonte.

The Millheim players were Decker, Hazel, Eisenhuth, Springer, Beahm, Evans and Mark.

SCARLET FEVER CLOSES THE BOALSBURG SCHOOLS.

A scourge of scarlet fever has resulted in the closing of the public schools, at Boalsburg, according to report. There are eighteen cases, all told, but fortunately so far none of them have proven fatal. There is also considerable whooping cough in the town. By closing the schools, temporarily, and resorting to a strict quarantine health authorities hope to combat any further spread of the disease.

—We will do your job work right

FORGED CHECK PASSERS RELEASED ON PROBATION BY PAYING COSTS, ETC.

For Violating Volstead Law Phillipsburg Woman Must Pay \$500 Fine and Spend Two Years in Work House.

At a special session of court, last Saturday morning, Lester and Russel Hinds, who live in the Barrens back of State College, were given a hearing on the charge of passing forged checks in Bellefonte on November 21st and November 30th. The young men plead guilty to an indictment charging them with passing several of the checks in possession of the district attorney but denied that they had passed all of them. As it was their first offense they were sentenced to pay the costs, make restitution of the money received on the checks and placed on probation for two years.

Mrs. Jennie Phillips, alias Jennie Casanta, entered a plea of guilty to possession, sale and manufacturing intoxicating liquor. She is the woman who was chased out of Clearfield county by Judge Chase for her persistent violation of the Volstead law, after which she located in Phillipsburg and engaged in the same kind of business. After hearing the presentment against her Judge Fleming asked the defendant if it wasn't a fact that as soon as she got located in Phillipsburg she sent cards to her old patrons in Clearfield county, informing them where she could be found, thus advertising her nefarious business. She was then sentenced to pay the costs, \$500 fine and imprisonment in the Allegheny county work house for two years.

Mrs. Phillips, who is the mother of seven children, six of them under 16 years of age, broke down and sobbed so loud after sentence was pronounced that she had to be removed from the court room.

Robert E. Parker and Mathias Parker, who live in the Barrens back of State College, plead guilty to possession and sale of intoxicating liquor in State College on January 4th and were each sentenced to pay the costs, \$100 fine and serve three months in the county jail.

Samuel W. Solt was called before the court on a non-support and cruelty charge preferred by his wife Mrs. Nellie Solt, who claimed that her husband not only failed to contribute to her support but frequently slapped her, and she did not want to live with him any longer.

The court asked Sam if drinking wasn't the cause of all his troubles and he admitted it was. He also admitted that he gets \$60 a month pension as a Spanish-American war veteran. His case was referred to the probation and parole officer for investigation as to what portion of the pension money ought to go to the wife for her support and when he makes a recommendation a court order will be made for the sum specified. Before discharging Sam the court asked him if it wasn't a fact that he had been arrested and taken to jail without being given a hearing before a justice of the peace and he said it was; that he didn't know what the charge against him was until he was brought into the court. The court then announced that the entire proceeding was illegal and notified the clerk of court not to allow the justice of the peace any costs in the case.

The last case called was that against Jeff Tierney for alleged illegal possession, but he denied that he was guilty and refused to plead, so was returned to jail.

NEW SUPERINTENDENT FOR HUNTINGDON REFORMATORY.

At the regular monthly meeting of the board of trustees of the Huntingdon Reformatory, held at the institution last week, John B. Cranor, of Pontiac, Ill., was elected superintendent, subject to the approval of Governor Pinchot, to fill the vacancy created by the death of James W. Herron last July. A. B. Sutherland, deputy superintendent, who has been acting superintendent the past six months, will be continued as deputy. Mr. Cranor will not take charge until March 1st.

The new superintendent is 52 years old and for several years past has been superintendent of the Illinois State reformatory. More than thirty men were applicants for the position. The list included a number from other States, keepers of State prisons, several of the present official staff at the reformatory, educators, lawyers, doctors and other professional men.

In the re-organization of the board of trustees for the current year Miss Mary Miles Blanchard, of Bellefonte, was chosen president, and C. V. Hackman, of Mount Union, vice president.

INK SLINGS.

BY GEORGE R. MEER.

—Why call it depression when de-bunking is what it really is?

—If you want to take a ride over the Pinchot "bridle paths" you'd better do it now. We fear they will all be muddy sloughs by spring.

—So far as a State-wide organization of Democracy in Pennsylvania is concerned we believe it would be as extinct as the dodo, if it were not for the unselfish interest of Sedgwick Kistler, our national committeeman, and John Collins, our state chairman.

—Japan is going right on with her projects in China, the protests of the other powers of the earth to the contrary notwithstanding. The League of Nations stands aloof because it assumes that there can be no war until there is a declaration of war. Japan has made no formal declaration, but goes on killing Chinks, just the same.

—General Charles G. Dawes is to be head of the two billion dollar Finance Reconstruction Corporation. He says "it is not a talking job." Let us hope that he sticks to that conception of the work that has been cut out for him. The long delay in effecting reconstruction has been largely in consequence of the fact that everybody wants to talk and nobody wants to do anything.

—As Congress shows signs of growing wetter and wetter the Dry army is rallying its forces with a new vigor. Both sides have their ideas, but as neither respects the right of the other to have any the fight is likely to last as long, at least, as the opposing forces can muster the mazzima to pay their agitators. And that, by the way, has more to do with the middle than liquor, beer or light wines.

—Sixteen Bishops of the church of England have joined in a "Round Robin" praying for cancellation of all reparations and inter-governmental war debts. An extended moratorium is better than cancellation, for things are at such a white heat in continental Europe that if those countries should suddenly find themselves rid of the penalties of their last great folly they would be at each other's throats in no time.

—Within the week another friend we'll miss has gone to join the ever increasing band of others whose memories we cherish. We have reached the age when high mortality rate is to be expected among those with whom we formed the early and enduring friendships that mellow with advancing years. Most of them are on the other side of the river now. Only a few are left—and the niche that Harry Rumberger, in life, filled in our need for true friends is empty, but it is garlanded with memories that can never die.

—John F. Short, veteran editor of the Clearfield Republican, has been endorsed by the Democratic State Committee as a delegate at large from Pennsylvania to the Democratic National convention. As the shades of men who once made the Democratic newspapers of Pennsylvania a militant factor in its government fit through our memory, almost, we might say that Mr. Short is "The Last of the Mohicans." Certainly his fearless and devoted service to his party merits the honor that the State Committee's endorsement suggests should be conferred on him.

—The Secretary of the Commonwealth, Richard J. Beamish, is determined that the Commissioners of Philadelphia county will do exactly what he forced the Commissioners of Centre county to do. That is, buy voting machines whether they want to or not. Inability to pay for them is Philadelphia's plea for deferring the purchase. The finances of that city are in a desperate condition, if reports are to be credited. How they became that way can be explained only by rotten machine government. Mr. Beamish has the authority of the law behind his insistence, but it would seem that a city in which a Judge of the Courts had to go down in his own jeans to pay jurors serving under him is in no position to meet extraordinary obligations at this time.

—Last Friday the sage of Bellefonte's largest banking institution quoted Roger Babson far enough to say: "The Worst is Definitely Over." Notwithstanding our high respect for the opinion of both of the gentlemen in affairs of finance we cling to our "I'm from Missouri" position until Monday evening, when coming down Bald Eagle Valley we met "the old 4:44." It is the passenger train west over the valley that once boasted a baggage, an express car and never less than three passenger coaches. Within the last two years we have seen that stately old train shrivel until it slunk along as if ashamed of its single baggage car and combination coach, with one or two passengers in it. On Monday evening it had two coaches. Each one of them was more than half full of passengers. We pondered at the reassuring sight and came to the conclusion that maybe Babson and McCurdy were right, when they said: "The worst is definitely over."