

INK SLINGS. BY GEORGE R. MEER.

Hirin' and firin' bids fair to be the greatest achievement of the present Pinchot administration.

The Watchman has no favorite for President, but it will go so far as to say that Governor Ritchie, of Maryland, would make a mighty handsome looking one.

William Wrigley, the chewing gum magnate died in Phoenix, Arizona, on Tuesday. It might well be said of him that he kept more jaws wagging than any other man in the world, if that be claim to fame.

Dr. Joseph J. Klein, associate professor of taxation at the College of the City of New York, is of the opinion that "boot-leggers" should be axed. That's a novel idea. But how can the government tax a business that it has outlawed?

A Democratic Congress passed an appropriation of five hundred million dollars for the President's Reconstruction Finance Corporation in just three minutes. It's Republican predecessor would have taken three years to do that job.

When it is considered that sixty per cent of all taxes paid in the world are to maintain the engines of war it would seem that total disarmament would relieve humanity from a greater burden of taxation than any other conceivable retrenchment.

Bishop Cannon, the hypocritical relate of the Methodist church south, is credited with having said that alcohol "is all right if you take it as a sauce or a tonic." A "tonic," we should say, is exactly what ninety-nine percent of those who use it take it for.

Undersecretary of the Treasury Mills thinks that if fear were outed it would do much to pave the way to recovery. Perhaps it would, but how it is going to be routed when every other person in the country might be classed as the burnt child who "dreads the fire."

We will not feel easy until Japan and China get their ruckus over Manchuria settled. It looks to us as though Japan is strutting round with a chip on her shoulder and not a big power dares to knock it off for fear of starting the world on the greatest war it has ever known.

Snyder county is in such a muddle that criminal court can't be held here. Two lawyers are each claiming to be the legal District Attorney and until it can be decided which one is the lawful prosecuting officer he wheels of justice have stopped rinding. The newly elected Judge Fisher is evidently not as versatile as the managers of "Tom" shows used to be. They always made the public believe they were bigger and better if they advertised two Little Ivas and two Uncle Toms.

Wild geese are flying north, erring are off the coast of New Jersey, dandelion, violets and pansies are being picked every day somewhere in Pennsylvania and those who went to Florida to escape our winter's rigors might well have stayed at home. Sun spots, hanging gulf stream or what have you, might be the cause of having made January as pleasant as May will probably be, but we are not going to believe spring is here until George Bush drags out that brown straw hat.

Mr. Bliss, the weather man at Philadelphia, denies that the mildness of this winter indicates any radical change in climatic conditions. He says the "highs" and "lows" of atmospheric pressure control the weather and that the "high" wanders at times, causing marked changes in temperature in the areas over which it wanders. Doubtless Mr. Bliss knows exactly what he is talking about, but if you should ask us we'd say that his "high" is used and staggering around like a drunken sailor.

The conspicuous weak spot in the defense of those who wish to prevent modification of the Volstead law is their determined stand against consenting to a vote on it. If, as they say, the country doesn't want change it would be most convincing proof of their assurance of such nation wide feeling on the matter they were to welcome a chance to show that the country does feel as they contend. Their present attitude of opposition to any opportunity for a referendum certainly gives rise to suspicion that they fear a slow down.

Much is expected from the recently created Federal Reconstruction Finance Corporation. It is being hailed as the crowning achievement of the Hoover administration. A view of what Mr. Hoover's administration has accomplished thus far any achievement, however small, light well be a crowning one. However, the Federal Reconstruction Finance Corporation is not the creation of Mr. Hoover's brain. It is nothing more than an adaptation of the War Finance Corporation Act, passed under the Wilson administration, and attempts to appropriate anticipated benefits to glorify Mr. Hoover as political plagiarist.

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COUNTY EXHIBITORS WON BIG PRIZE MONEY AT STATE FARM SHOW.

Pine Grove Mills Girl Won First Honors for a Special Entertainment of Six Minutes.

Centre county exhibitors at the State farm products show, in Harrisburg last week, "brought home the bacon" in the shape of \$675.00 in cash and enough colored ribbons to festoon a large hall, as well as honorable mentions galore. And in addition a Pine Grove Mills girl won first honors for a six minute special entertainment. The show drew an attendance of 278,000 people during the week and Centre county furnished a goodly representation.

County winners, as far as it was possible to assemble them, were furnished the Watchman by county agent R. C. Blaney, and are as follows:

In the horse department the Pennsylvania State College won first on an aged percheron stallion and first on a two year old Percheron stallion, also winning grand champion with the aged Percheron stallion, "Sir Laet."

The swine department, in the Poland China class, second on junior yearling sow, 6th and 8th on junior sow won by Hartle Brothers, Bellefonte. 8th place junior sow pig won by Peters Brothers, Stormstown. 5th in the senior sow pig and 4th on junior sow pig won by the Pennsylvania State College.

In the Berkshire class, 5th place junior yearling sow, 3rd and 7th on junior sow pig won by the Pennsylvania State College. The Chester White class, 4th place on junior yearling sow, 1st and 3rd on junior sow pig and reserved grand champion won by the Pennsylvania State College.

Duroc Jersey class, second place senior sow pig, 3rd junior sow pig won by the Pennsylvania State College.

In the dairy department, Holstein class, bull calf, four months and under one year, 8 entries, 4th place won by Peters Brothers, Stormstown; bull three years old or over, 8 entries, 5th place won by Peters Brothers, Stormstown; heifer 4 months and under one year, 31 entries, 3rd and 5th place won by Peters Brothers, Stormstown; heifer 18 months and under 2 years, 24 entries, 3rd and 6th place won by Peters Brothers, Stormstown; cow three years and under 4, 10 entries, 5th place, Peters Brothers, Stormstown; exhibitors herd (5 animals), 4 entries, 3rd place, Peters Brothers, Stormstown; breeders young herd (5 animals), 6 entries, 3rd place, Peters Brothers, Stormstown; produce of dam (2 animals), 19 entries, 3rd place, Peters Brothers, Stormstown.

The egg show; 1st place in class of 5 dozen white eggs, Kerlin Grandview poultry farm, Centre Hall. 3rd and 4th place in class of one dozen white eggs, Roy Detrow, Centre Hall. 4th place in farmers class of one dozen white eggs, Thomas Delaney, Centre Hall. 4th and 5th in farmers five dozen white eggs class, Thomas Delaney, Centre Hall.

Centre county, 4H lamb club exhibits, Hampshire class, 2nd place, Charles Harter, Nittany.

Shropshire Class—2nd place, Minnie Tate, State College; 3rd place, Eugene Lederer Jr., State College; 8th place, Richard Luse, Centre Hall; 10th place, William Hipple, Pine Glen.

Southdown Class—7th place, Margaret Ross, Centre Hall; 8th, Carl Burkholder, Centre Hall; 9th, Richard Ross, Centre Hall; 10th, Albert Homan, State College; 11th, Lee Homan, State College.

The Centre County club consisted of 10 pens in the three breeds mentioned. The lambs were sold at auction on Friday for an average of 8 3/4 cts. per pound.

In the small grains department, 5th place on a sample of wheat, H. A. Hoy, Bellefonte.

Rebekah Lodge, of Pine Grove Mills, presented the one act play "Mothers Old Home" in competition with six groups in the Central district. They were awarded 4th place in the district.

Miss Elizabeth Goheen, Pine Grove Mills, won first honors in a special entertainment presentation, which was not to exceed six minutes, and to be presented between acts of the one act play groups.

Centre County was represented in the horseshoe pitching contest by L. P. Fielder, Aaronsburg, and Wert Pohn, Boalsburg, who substituted for Howard Stere, of Unionville. The contest was won by the defending champion of last year, Mr. Straw, of Clearfield county.

Centre county boys and girls en-

rolled in vocational agriculture, who sent exhibits to the show, were awarded many prizes. Some will receive cash rewards while others will receive the customary placetags. However, the honor of winning in such a large show against such keen competition will repay any who might not have received some cash award.

The county was represented by thirty-five vocational boys and girls. Gregg township boys competed in the State demonstration contest with a very fine exhibit on soil testing.

Harris township boys' and girls' teams competed in this contest, also, the boys demonstrating the judging of livestock and the girls a demonstration on the uses of apples as human food. Susan Wagner, of the Harris township school, won honorable mention in the demonstration contest.

The Gregg township vocational school again carried away the county honors in the State project contest. At the meeting, last Tuesday morning, the following boys from Spring Mills received the project awards:

Senior Contest—Samuel Wise, 9th on bees; Russell Mark, 1st on truck and 2nd on corn; John Zubler, 4th on corn and 2nd on dairy records; Dean Ilgen, 2nd on sheep; Ellis Rearick, 8th on winter grain and 10th on dairy.

Junior Contest—Gerald Johnson, 5th on gardening; Richard Feltenberger, 4th on potatoes; Ellsworth Stover, 2nd on swine; J. Adam Condo, 4th on swine; Jean Rishel, 1st on dairy.

Harris township vocational school also had two winners in the project contest, William Ross, 6th on dairy, and Lynn Mothersbaugh, 7th on sheep.

The Keystone chapter of the Future Farmers of America, an organization of boys enrolled in vocational agriculture in Pennsylvania, of which William Campbell, a former student at the Gregg township vocational school is the retiring president, again honored several of the boys from Spring Mills. Those receiving the Keystone degree being Ellis Rearick, Russell Mark, John Zubler, J. E. Zerby.

In the egg show six exhibits were entered from the classes of the county vocational supervisor, W. S. Jeffries. Four of these won places, as follows: Jean Krape, of the Hublersburg school, 2nd; Mahlon Bailey, Rebersburg, 7th; Mildred Hinds, Hublersburg, 8th; Morris Way, Port Matilda, 9th. By winning the above places Centre county was awarded 2nd place in the county class.

In potatoes, John Miller, of Hublersburg, won 1st in his class; Walter Cummings, of Rebersburg, 5th, and Ocean Yearick, of Hublersburg, 6th.

In small grains Gerald Zimmerman, of Spring township, won 1st in oats, and Ellis Rearick, of Gregg township, 4th place. Gerald Zimmerman also won 2nd place in wheat.

All of these exhibits were selected either by the pupils themselves or under the direction of their teacher of agriculture from their own projects.

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OPEN CLUB ROOMS.

Members of the Jackson-Crisman-Saylor post, No. 1600, Veterans of the Foreign Wars, have opened club rooms on the third floor of the Watchman office building, the first time since the organization of the post that they have had permanent quarters. The officers of the post, who were installed on January 16th by a delegation from Lewistown post, are as follows:

Commander, Ray W. Eckman; senior vice commander, Richard S. Taylor; quartermaster, Herbert S. Miller; adjutant, Charles C. Williamson; trustees George W. Sunday Harrison G. Kline and Joseph Bertram. The post meets the second and last Fridays of each month and all overseas veterans are cordially invited to visit the club rooms at any time.

The fire companies were called out shortly before ten o'clock Sunday night, by small fires on the roofs of the Adam Grafmyer and Harry Sager homes, on Halfmoon hill. The fires were caused by sparks from a flue fire at the Grafmyer home. They were extinguished before much damage was done.

The second half of the Senior basketball league of the Bellefonte Y was inaugurated on Wednesday evening and that of the Sunday school league will start tomorrow evening. All the games in these leagues are free to the public.

CARBON MONOXIDE GAS PROVES FATAL TO A PHILIPSBURG MAN.

Man Had Apparently Been Dead Several Hours When Body Was Found.

James H. Miller, well known resident of South Philipsburg, and father-in-law of Leo Boden, county detective, was a victim of carbon monoxide gas, in the garage at his home last Friday morning. He was employed as a truck driver by the Lauderbach-Griest company. He went to his garage shortly before seven o'clock, last Friday morning, and when he failed to report for work an investigation was made between eight and nine o'clock and his lifeless body was found lying on the floor of his garage. Tools scattered about on the floor showed that he had been at work on his car and a temperature test of the solution in the radiator showed that the motor had been in operation long enough to raise the temperature of the solution.

Miller, who was 63 years old and a native of Lackawanna county, came to Centre county securing the position of conductor on the Pittsburgh and Susquehanna railroad (locally known as the "Alleypopper") where he remained for twenty-seven years, then took a similar position on the New York Central. He was with that company only a short time when he quit railroad work and became a truck driver for the Lauderbach-Griest company. He was a member of the I. O. O. F. and the Railroad Conductor's association.

In 1902 he married Miss Jennie Roberts, of Houtzdale, who survives with two children, Mrs. Leo Boden, of Milesburg, and Clifford, at home. He also leaves his mother and four brothers. Funeral services were held at his late home at 2 o'clock on Monday afternoon, by Rev. G. S. Womer, burial being made at Brisbin, Clearfield county.

PENN BELLE HOTEL CLERK AMONG THE MISSING.

Fred Loveland, who the past two years has been chief clerk at the Penn Belle hotel, left Bellefonte unexpectedly late on Monday afternoon and up to the time the Watchman went to press no trace of his whereabouts had been discovered. The young man left the hotel about four o'clock in the afternoon and going to his home, on east Curtin street, packed a bag with clothing, telling his wife he was going away to a Greeter's convention. He drove away in his car and that was the last seen of him.

Loveland also conducted the Sweet Shop, on Beaver St., State College, which was in charge of a Bellefonte woman who had formerly been a waitress at the Penn-Belle. The Shop had the college agency for the Lake-to-Seas bus lines.

The woman referred to is also missing, and it is alleged that several hundred dollars belonging to the Bus company is gone. Naturally all kinds of rumors are abroad and authorities are endeavoring to trace Loveland through the license tags on his car.

Loveland's father, Blaine Loveland, came here from Mansfield, Pa., on Monday, and on Tuesday took his son's wife and two children to the home of her relatives in Mill Hall where she will remain for the time being.

The young man's accounts at the Penn-Belle were all straight and he was very much liked in the hotel, both by his employers and the traveling public.

Those who know most about him think he was just so hopelessly involved in debt that he could see no way out and, under strain of pressing bills, became so discouraged that he ran away from it all.

It is reported that Loveland's car was found abandoned at Port Matilda. That has given rise to the theory that the woman in the case left the Shop in State College, drove to Port in her own car, and picked him up there.

Congressman J. Mitchell Chase is authority for the statement that the Treasury Department in Washington has the papers all prepared and that in the near future condemnation proceedings will be instituted to take over the Krader, Hibler and Montgomery properties, on Allegheny street, as the site for Bellefonte's new federal building. Only one of the buildings, the Montgomery property, has been vacated up to this time, and so far as can be learned, the tenants of the other properties have not yet received a notice to vacate.

ESCAPED PRISONER GETS SALTY SENTENCE

At a session of court, last Saturday morning, Fred Williams, who escaped the morning of June 27th, 1931, and was captured at Charlotte, N. C., last week, was given an eight to sixteen year sentence in the western penitentiary in addition to serving out his original sentence. Williams was convicted in Erie county of breaking and entering, larceny and receiving stolen goods and was sent up for eight to sixteen years. On the morning of June 27th, 1931, he and another prisoner by the name of Reed were routed out between five and six o'clock for kitchen duty. On their way from the cell block to the dining hall they turned from the beaten path, dodged through a gap in the wire stockade where repairs were being made and made their escape. It was not until last week that Williams was located in Charlotte, N. C., arrested and brought back here for sentence.

M. L. McKenzie, of Lancaster, was brought before the court on a charge of false pretense preferred by F. A. Keller, of State College. McKenzie, representing the Appleton Novelty company, of Cedar Rapids, Mich., made a trip to State College selling candy vending machines. He made a number of sales and collected in advance \$1475. When the machines failed to arrive an investigation was made and it was found that McKenzie had cashed the checks and converted the money to his own use. His arrest followed shortly after the first of the year. When called for sentence after pleading guilty to a charge of false pretense, John J. Bower, acting district attorney, told the court that McKenzie had made arrangements with the firm he represented for the delivery of all the machines within ninety days, and if that is done Mr. Keller would not press the prosecution, and he suggested placing the man on probation upon payment of costs in order that he might have an opportunity to make good on the delivery of the machines. Ivan Walker, Esq., represented McKenzie and also asked that he be given a chance. The court placed him on probation, as requested, but gave him to understand that he must make good or he will be brought back for sentence.

The annual meeting and dinner of the Centre-Clearfield Crippled Children's Society was held at the Philipsburg hospital on Wednesday evening, January 20th, 1932. The meeting was conducted by its president, the Honorable Harry B. Scott, assisted by the secretary and treasurer, Miss Anna Laumen. The principal guests of the evening were, Miss Jane Marshall, executive-secretary of the Pennsylvania Society for Crippled Children, Harrisburg, Pa., and Miss Sara M. Murray, supervisor of the orthopaedic unit Department of Welfare, Harrisburg, Pa.

About fifty-five interested persons from Centre, Clearfield and Elk counties sat down to the dinner. The meeting was probably the most interesting and spirited held in a number of years. Great progress in the work of aiding the crippled child was made during the year as is shown by the report of the secretary. The funds of the society are low and are, frankly, inadequate to finance the proper care of the large number of crippled children which they have handled and will handle during 1932. However, with the financial assistance of all who are interested in the problem of the crippled child, it is believed that the budget for 1932 will be met.

During 1931 ten full day and ten half day clinics were conducted at the hospital as compared to nine full day and nine half day clinics in 1930.

A total of 643 examinations of crippled children were made at these clinics; a gain of 12% over 1930. 87 new cases were found during the year and brought to the clinics. A total of 52 operations were performed as compared to 33 operations in 1930. 56 casts were applied as compared to 59 in 1930. At the end of 1931 there were 198 active cases in the file of the society.

During 1931 the motoring public of Pennsylvania paid into the State Treasury for automobile and drivers' licenses the stupendous sum of \$31,402,253, and of this amount Centre county is credited with \$183,306. The county is 44th in the list of counties in the amount spent for licenses, there being 23 counties from which the money received was less than Centre County's total.

SPAWNS FROM THE KEYSTONE.

A baseball bat that slipped from the hands of a batter killed 10-year-old Clarence Springer, at Warren, on Saturday. He was watching older boys play. The boy was struck in the stomach and died enroute to a hospital. The coroner exonerated the batter.

A third operation to remove a peanut from his lung was performed, on Saturday, on 6-year-old Robert Moore, of Sharon. He sucked the peanut down his windpipe January 12. A small particle not obtained in the two previous operations was removed and physicians believe he will recover.

Dr. Edward Bleakney speaking from his pulpit in the Mt. Lebanon Baptist church at Pittsburgh, on Sunday, denounced police for being "too quick with their guns." He said no law—ecclesiastical or political—can justly punish a man for stealing food when he or his children are hungry.

Ervin A. Heindel, stock and bond salesman, formerly of West York, but lately a resident in Gettysburg, is being sought to answer for embezzlements and bad checks totaling over \$25,000. It is alleged that Heindel was entrusted with certain stocks and bonds to be sold or exchanged. He is said to have disposed of the securities and appropriated the money to his own use.

The Bureau of Motor Vehicles reports that 155,724 unclaimed and undelivered operators' renewal applications have been returned by the post office authorities. This represents seventy-nine bags of unclaimed mail. Of the number, 85,406 were unknown to the post office; 52,945 applicants had moved, but forwarding addresses were not known; 5,365 had moved from the State and 2,108 had died.

In order to be prepared to receive any county, State or Federal relief that may be granted to the Panther Creek Valley Relief Association, the association has started making a survey of each town in the valley to learn the exact number of unemployed and what may be required in the nature of relief if the present depression runs into the summer of 1932. At present the association is furnishing aid to several thousand persons.

Three youthful bandits obtained \$483 in a holdup of a druggist in the center of the business section of Pittsburgh late Saturday night. They drank soft drinks at the soda fountain until other customers left, and then drew pistols on the employees, forcing the assistant manager to open the safe. Once it was opened they herded the four employees into the basement and locked the door. The manager of the store was killed in a holdup several months ago.

A note saying someone had put a "spell" on him was found in the pocket of Orval Stiller, 45, Briar Creek township, Columbia county, who shot and killed himself with a shotgun at the foot of Knob Mountain last Friday. Fishermen on their way to a stream found the body. Stiller had taken his daughter to work in a silk mill in Berwick earlier in the day. Mrs. Stiller said she believed the "spell" was wordy because of lack of work. The widow and six children survive.

The Public Service Commission has approved the acquisition by the borough of Tyrone of the property, rights and franchises of the Tyrone Gas and Water company at a hearing in Harrisburg Thursday, the 21st. Purchase price is \$400,000 covered by an issue of \$400,000 in municipal bonds. The purchase includes 5,000 acres of watersheds, two reservoirs, 22 miles of mains the system installed in the borough, and the good will of 2,200 consumers. The gross income of the company is \$48,000 annually.

The New York Central passenger station at Jersey Shore, was robbed some time last Thursday night. When James Morrow, the agent went to work on Friday morning he found all four doors had been broken open and the candy and weighing machines rifled. As only \$2.50 was in the safe, it had been left unlocked. This money was taken and investigation revealed the thief had disturbed nothing except the cash and the amounts in the various machines. The property damage amounted to much more than the amount obtained.

Justice speeded up in Williamsport, last week, when William G. Stiffer received a two-to-four-year sentence in the eastern penitentiary on a charge of arson, less than three days after causing a \$35,000 blaze. Stiffer was arrested within 20 hours after a large storage building was destroyed Tuesday night by investigators from the State fire marshal's office. He signed a confession stating the fire resulted when gasoline he was stealing from an automobile in the building exploded. He pleaded guilty to charges of larceny and arson in common pleas court on Friday morning and was sentenced.

Sale of the historic site of Fort Augusta, Northumberland county, which is one of the last remaining reminders of the days of Indian warfare, by Mrs. Ella G. Rosstter, Albuquerque, N. M., to the State of Pennsylvania, was formally concluded in the office of C. M. Clement, at Sunbury, on Saturday. The purchase includes the old mansion erected for Colonel Hunter, the first commandant of the fort, and the old powder magazine. Plans by the Northumberland Historical Society will now go rapidly forward for ceremonies to mark the dedication of the fort. Recently the Legislature appropriated \$15,000 for the purchase of the old fort which was erected in the year 1756.

Re-opening of the Sunbury Safety Tire company was assured at a meeting of the stockholders in the court house, at Sunbury, when \$8000 was subscribed by eighty-one persons. About \$4000 is still needed, it was pointed out, but this sum is expected to be raised without any difficulty. With that amount of money all of the urgent debts of the company could be paid off and the plant would be ready for operation. Although the re-opening depends entirely upon the decision reached by Federal Judge A. W. Johnson, it was pointed out that if he finds the stockholders are anxious to retain their holdings and is confident the present liabilities can be met, he will dissolve the receivership now in charge of the plant and return it to the board of directors.