

INK SLINGS.

The police department of Honolulu seems to be in need of a real Charley Chan.
The ground hog didn't see his shadow on Tuesday and, because of that, winter is supposed to be over.
How can it be over, however, when we haven't had any yet?

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BOROUGH COUNCIL MAKES REDUCTION IN SALARIES AND WAGES.

Police the Only Ones Who Escape the Official Pruning Knife. On recommendation of the Finance committee borough council, at a regular meeting on Monday evening, used the pruning knife with telling effect, cutting the wages of all salaried employees and common labor in the Street and water departments an average of ten per cent.

W. E. Hurley was re-elected superintendent of streets at a salary of \$1500 a year, a reduction of \$300, while the rate of pay fixed for common labor is 30 cents an hour. The rate heretofore had been 33-1/3, 36-1/9 and 37 cents.

Every member was present when council convened. There were no verbal nor written communications. The Street committee reported that the sewer on Linn street had been completed.

The Water committee reported some minor repairs and the collection of \$450 on water rents and \$44.93 on rent, etc. Mr. Cobb, for the committee, reported that he had received a letter from Paul R. Eby, a forester, of Chambersburg, who offered to come to Bellefonte and figure on the respacing of the blue spruce trees at the big spring if council is seriously considering having the work done, and he was authorized to communicate further with Mr. Eby and find out the probable cost.

The Finance committee reported a balance in the borough fund, which included checks in hand, of \$1842.70 and in the water fund \$1791.70. Notes totaling \$3000 were presented for renewal.

When Governor Pinchot vetoed the Scott resolution providing for a legislative inquiry in the cost of his administration he convicted himself of most of the charges that are being made as to his riot of spending public money to create new offices and to increase salaries of officials already so well paid that none of them had the least idea of quitting the State's service.

These are the times that show up the real and the fake captains of industry. When the country was riding high on the wave of inflation salaries out of all reason were paid heads of many industries. When anyone had the temerity to question such extravagance they were told that great minds were worth all they were getting, because they were producing the goods.

MILLHEIM WOMAN KILLED INSTANTLY BY SKIDDING CAR.

Mrs. Mary Ulrich, wife of Francis S. Ulrich, of Millheim, was instantly killed between 6.30 and 7.00 o'clock, on Tuesday morning, when she was crushed on the pavement of her own home by an automobile containing three State College students and two other young men when it skidded on the snow covered highway.

The five young men in the Ford coach were Anthony Bernotsky, of Shenandoah; Joe Bernotsky, of Mifflintown; George Bernotsky, of Ringtown; Matt Navitsky and Albert J. Lucas, of Shenandoah, the three latter being students at State.

The Ulrich family lives on east Main street, near the foot of the steep hill at the entrance to town, and Mrs. Ulrich was out sweeping the snow off of the front pavement. As the car containing the young men neared the Ulrich home it skidded, ran onto the pavement, knocked Mrs. Ulrich down and ran over her, causing instant death.

Mrs. Ulrich was about 52 years old and is survived by her husband and one daughter, Miss Edwina, at home. Mrs. Ulrich was a daughter of George and Elizabeth Reish and was born at Jacksonville. In addition to her husband and daughter she is survived by one sister and two brothers, Mrs. George Hettinger, of Centre Hall; John Reish, of Pottstown, and William, of Salona.

MILLBROOK BOY KILLED IN AUTOMOBILE ACCIDENT.

Donald C. Broskley, five-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Broskley, of Millbrook, College township, died at the Centre County hospital, at 9.30 o'clock last Thursday evening, of injuries sustained four hours previous when he was run down on the highway near his home by a car driven by Thomas Frank, of State College.

The child had been playing on the opposite side of the road from his home. Cars were passing both east and west and he finally made a dash for it, crossing before an oncoming car driven by Kirney Walker and running right in front of the car driven by Frank. An investigation showed the accident to have been unavoidable and no request was held. The funeral was held on Saturday, the remains being buried in the Branch cemetery.

JUDGE FLEMING REVERSED BY SUPERIOR COURT.

The Superior court, in an opinion handed down last Friday, reversed the court of Centre county in directing the filing in court of the list of signatures to a petition for the annexation of land adjacent to the borough of State College. The Superior court holds that the complainants against the petition are barred by the statutes of limitation which required such court action within thirty days after the annexation ordinance became effective, whereas there was a delay of four months.

John H. Dewiler is loath to abide by the decision of the Centre county and Superior courts as to the outcome of the case regarding the ownership of a narrow strip of land on the top of Nittany mountain, in which Musser Coldren came out the winner, and has started action to carry the case to the Supreme court.

County Treasurer Robert F. Hunter, and, as the borough never has a large amount of money on hand at any one time, a motion was passed reducing the amount of the bond from \$20,000 to \$10,000.

Borough bills totaling \$2276.26 and water bills for \$227.07 were approved for payment, after which council adjourned.

CHEVROLET GARAGE AT STATE COLLEGE DESTROYED BY FIRE.

Burned to the Ground, with all Its Contents, Early Sunday Morning.

The McClellan Chevrolet garage, on south Allen street, State College, owned and operated by W. Franklin McClellan, was entirely destroyed by fire, at an early hour on Sunday morning, entailing a loss in excess of \$30,000. The fire originated from an explosion of the furnace, about three o'clock Sunday morning, and so rapidly did the flames spread that the building was all ablaze by the time the firemen arrived and it was impossible to save anything.

All told there were twenty-seven cars in the garage, seven of them new ones which had just been received on Friday. There were ten service cars and the others second hand. Mr. McClellan had a \$6,000 stock of tools and accessories. He estimated his loss on cars and stock at close to \$15,000 and almost as much on the building. The major part of the loss is covered by insurance.

Two families lived in the apartments over the garage and they lost everything, having some difficulty escaping in their night clothes.

RADIO CONGRATULATIONS TO BELLEFONTE MAN ON 75TH ANNIVERSARY.

C. C. Shuey was seventy-five years old, on Monday, and in celebration of the event a family dinner was held at his home, on east Bishop street, on Sunday. The guests included the children, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Donachy and two children, of Kingston; Mrs. Lawrence D. Whiting, of Louisville, Ky., and Mrs. W. A. North and two children, of Bordentown, N. J. Mrs. Whiting's presence was a big surprise to her father, as he had no knowledge of her visit until he went home from church and found her in the house, Mr. Donachy having driven to Altoona on Sunday morning and brought her down from there. Then on Monday evening Mr. Shuey got another surprise. He was listening in on the radio during the broadcasting of the Louisville hour when he was astounded to hear coming in over the air this message: "Congratulations to a man in Bellefonte, Pennsylvania, on his 75th birthday." To say that Mr. Shuey was "flabbergasted" would be putting it mildly. Explanations then followed. Mr. Whiting, the son-in-law, is chemist for the Ballard & Ballard company, millers, and the message was sent by them during their period on the radio.

PATTON TOWNSHIP MAN WAS ROAD SUPERVISOR FOR A WEEK ONLY.

At the election, last November, J. Earl Taylor, running on both the Republican and Democratic tickets, was elected road supervisor in Patton township over Willis M. Johnstonbaugh, an independent. Along in December Taylor secured a job at State College and went there temporarily.

About two weeks ago Johnstonbaugh came to Bellefonte with a petition to the court asking for the appointment as supervisor, alleging that Taylor had moved out of the township. The petition contained the required number of signatures of residents in the township and Judge Fleming appointed him. Last Thursday, however, a number of taxpayers in the township came to Bellefonte and entered a protest against Johnstonbaugh's appointment. They averred that he had misrepresented the case, as Taylor has not moved from the township, does not intend to move, and intends to serve as supervisor. When these facts were presented to the court an order was promptly made rescinding Johnstonbaugh's appointment.

THREE BELLEFONTE BOYS CONFESS THREE ROBBERIES.

County detective Leo Boden went to Philadelphia, last week, and brought back to Bellefonte Donald and Frank Tierney, cousins, and Eugene Miller, who had served a two month's term in that city for unlawful possession of firearms. The boys were wanted here for alleged larceny and last Friday they confessed to having robbed the garages of G. E. Haupt, Mogg Miller and the Imperial Filling Station, in Bellefonte, and a garage at Howard, stealing cigars, cigarettes, tobacco and candy at each place. They were given a hearing before Squire S. Kline Woodring and committed to the Centre county jail in default of \$500 bail. On Saturday Miller was able to give bond and was released from jail.

PITTSBURGH DETECTIVES BELIEVE GEORGE SKIDMORE CHINESE ARMY OFFICER

Investigations pursued by Pittsburgh detectives lead them to believe that George Clark Skidmore, former Bellefonte Academy student and alleged murderer of Charles P. Hammond, a crippled gasoline station attendant, in Pittsburgh, on the night of September 20th, 1930, is now an officer in the Chinese army and in command of one of the armies arrayed against the Japanese. It will be recalled that Skidmore and a companion, William Dutton, escaped from Pittsburgh after the murder of Hammond, came to Bellefonte and went into hiding in a hunter's cabin in the wilds of the Allegheny mountains. Traced here by detectives Dutton was captured on the night of September 26th but Skidmore refused to surrender and was the object of a big and sensational man hunt on September 27th, when he shot state policeman J. G. Olmes and William E. Fox, airmail beacon tender at "The Rattlesnake," in the Allegheny mountains. He escaped through a cordon of State police and members of the National Guard, and not a trace of his going could be found. It is just possible he might have made his way to China and joined the army there, as he had been a member of the National Guard of Pennsylvania, and was an expert with a rifle.

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IMPORTANT MEETING AT COURT HOUSE TODAY.

Centre county dairymen, business men, bankers, and all interested in the dairy business are invited to attend a meeting in the court house, Bellefonte, on Saturday afternoon of this week, February 6th, at 1:30 o'clock.

The purpose of the meeting is to acquaint the people of the county with the present dairy situation. The meeting is being arranged by a committee of producers, Ward Krape, Zion; W. B. Kessinger, Jacksonville, and George Weigert, Bellefonte. Dr. F. P. Weaver, in charge of the agricultural economics department at State College, will be the principal speaker of the afternoon. The committee is trying to make arrangements for other speakers who will discuss milk marketing in relation to the New York milk shed. Dr. Weaver has prepared some interesting information on the agricultural situation in general, with special emphasis on the dairy industry. He has presented this talk at a number of large dairy meetings held in different parts of the New York milk shed, recently, and the committee feels that it is an opportunity for our Centre county dairymen, as well as other interests in the county, to hear his analysis of the situation.

SCHOLARSHIP OFFERED TO HIGH SCHOOL BOYS.

A valuable scholarship is open to Pennsylvania boys, including those in the Bellefonte high school, who are in the 9th grade or the first half of the 10th grade, (which will conform with the Freshman and Sophomore classes in the local high school.) It is one of four offered by the Culver Military Academy and is valued at \$6,000. It provides for uniforms, text books, tuition, board and room for three years. Examinations will be held on March 19th in twenty-five Pennsylvania towns, the nearest place to Bellefonte being Altoona. Stopped by a highwayman wearing a uniform similar to that of the state police, F. R. Cox, Montandon trucker, was robbed of between \$18 and \$30 in change on the Susquehanna trail below Chillisqueague at 6 o'clock Saturday morning while he was on his way to Sunbury market. While complying with the demand of the fellow in uniform to show his owner's license, he was suddenly commanded by another whom he had not previously seen, to "stick 'em up!" At the same time a gun was pressed against his left side, near his heart and the men proceeded to relieve him of his money.

SISTER INHERITS ESTATE OF DECEASED BROTHER.

The will of the late Harry D. Rumberger, who recently passed away in Scranton, was filed in the Register's office, Bellefonte, on Saturday. It is an exceptionally brief document and leaves everything to deceased's sister, Miss Laura Rumberger, of Unionville, who is also appointed executor. A statement filed with the will sets forth the amount of real estate owned by the testator as one vacant lot in Unionville borough, value \$25.00, and personal property to the value of \$500.

BOND WHITE GETS NICE STATE APPOINTMENT.

Announcement was made, last Thursday, of the selection of Bond White, of Bellefonte, as secretary of the workmen's compensation bureau, Harrisburg, as successor to J. C. Detweiler. While no salary was mentioned it is understood it is a \$5,000 a year position. Mr. White was Governor Pinchot's county chairman during both the primary and election campaign of 1930 and succeeded in carrying the county by a large majority for him. We congratulate him on his appointment.

SPAWLS FROM THE KEYSTONE.

New contracts valued at more than \$6,000,000 for state construction work will be in force in February.
Postal inspectors are attempting to trace \$12,500 stolen from a mail pouch on a Pennsylvania railroad train. The money was consigned to the federal reserve branch in Pittsburgh, by the First National bank of Export.
Shortly after he cashed a \$50 check his first full pay in several months-- Jack Coyne, Bitner, near Uniontown, lost the money. Coyne and his wife had cashed the check at a bank and were starting on a shopping tour when they discovered the money was gone. Several hours' search failed to locate it.
Attorney Harry Bowytz, of Pittsburgh, went into court 40 minutes late last Friday, and Judge M. A. Musmanno fined him \$25 for "stolen time." "You have stolen from the life of each person in this court room 40 minutes by delaying this trial," the court said; "those 40 minutes can never be recovered--40 minutes lost for all time." Bowytz paid the fine and the trial began.
A tract of approximately sixty acres of land has been offered the Central Pennsylvania Odd Fellows Orphanage by Mrs. J. J. Yoder, of Sunbury, directors and the Rebekah Board of the home were told by President Thomas E. Lark at the annual meeting at the home. The land is situated about two miles south of the home and according to superintendent Roy D. Beman is a good farming plot. The offer was accepted.
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A \$25,000 steam shovel is perched 70 feet in the air at the Sandy Run anthracite strippings while mining engineers are swapping ideas on how to get it to solid ground. The surface car is in and went down 70 feet except a pillar on which the steam shovel was operating. The crew detected the settling and escaped in time. The pillar of coal left untouched in the mines below the stripping sticks up like a needle rock and shows no signs of collapsing.
The caretaker of a cemetery, in Wyoming county, has been assessed damages of \$400 for the way he did his work. Mrs. Jennie Fuller and her two sons, of Athens, Pa., sued John Rice, caretaker of the Sunnyside cemetery for \$300, alleging Rice moved only a part of the remains of their husband and father from one grave to another. The portion moved, the skull and a few bones, they testified, he "dumped into a shallow hole against the good morals and peace of the community."
Tax liens totaling \$14,014.83 have been filed by the United States against members of the Meads family, Red Lion, York county. The liens in two cases are for taxes alleged to be due from 1925 to 1930, and in two others from 1927 to 1930. The defendants and liens are: Clayton O. Meads, \$71,871.75; Mrs. Clayton O. Meads, \$77,763.95; Charles C. Meads, \$15,717.91; Arthur M. Meads, \$15,661.22. The filing of the liens is said to be a preliminary to civil proceedings for collection of alleged tax claims after the taxpayer refused to accept the Treasury Department's offer of a compromise.
Patrolman John Haas, of Philadelphia, arrested his two young sons on Sunday for shooting his grandson. Aroused from sleep by a pistol shot he found Melvin Chittum, 4, screaming on the floor with a bullet wound in his shoulder and his two sons, Robert, 9, and James, 10, trembling nearby. After hurrying Melvin to a hospital he took his boys to the police station, saw them taken to the detention home and wrote out his report. Robert said the pistol, which they found in a bureau drawer, went off accidentally as they played with it. Melvin's wound was not serious.
Lieutenant Colonel M. Clay Stayer has been assigned by the war department to the post of assistant commandant of the army's medical field service school at Carlisle, Pa. He is a former resident of Altoona. Colonel Stayer is a son of the late Dr. A. S. Stayer, and during his residence in Altoona resided at Seventh avenue and Fifteenth street. He is a graduate of the Altoona High school. He has been in the United States army for a number of years, and will assume his new post July 15 upon completion of a course of instruction at the infantry school at Fort Benning, Ga.
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Entering the barn early Monday morning to feed the horses, David Hawn, foreman for James R. Wilson, farmer of Onida township, Huntingdon county, thought he saw a movement in a bunch of hay about to be pitched into the horses' rack. Carefully lifting the hay with his fork, he discovered two young girls sleeping on burlap on the floor. They had pulled the hay over them to keep warm. Hawn roused the girls and took them into the farmhouse for breakfast. They were nicely dressed, about 15 and 17 years old, and said they had been hiking about two weeks, looking for work.
Isaac Herman, 45, Sunbury, Pennsylvania Railroad flagman, was burned to death and two other railroaders injured when the caboose in which they were riding was crushed between two locomotives at Wilkes-Barre last Thursday. William Fromm, conductor, of Sunbury, received a probable fracture of the skull and Wright Ness, Northumberland, a brakeman suffered from shock. The caboose was caught between the locomotive pushing it through the yards and an engine running light. The wreckage caught fire and Herman was trapped in the flames. He died before he could be removed from the wreckage.