

—At last we've had a break. We will not have to pay the new tax of ten per cent that Congress has levied on yachts. The one we had built on Fishing creek wouldn't float so we made an abolition wharf of it and are exempt.

—Dr. Einstein and Mr. DeZitter have reduced lambda to zero. We haven't the remotest idea what lambda is, but Einie and Zitter say it is the "cosmological constant"—and that explanation helps only to the extent of making it as clear as a mud fence.

—If you haven't had your car inspected don't venture out in it today. Last mid-night was the legal limit allowed for having inspections made and if you haven't had it done don't take a chance. Highway patrolmen will hardly let you off, even if you should resort to saying you are only April fooling them.

—Gen. Butler says: "The paramount issue today is not whether Pennsylvanians shall drink but whether they shall eat." Smed might know what he is talking about, but our observation—and it has been a fairly broad one—leads us to believe that there are more Pennsylvanians in distress about where they can get a drink than a bite.

—Japan killed 6,080 civilians in China, wounded 2000 more and destroyed property to the value of \$350,000,000. Nippon insists it wasn't war. It was just a sort of Boston Tea Party. In 1898 we had an unpleasantness with Spain that cost us \$130,000,000. We killed 1480 Spaniards and never for once, since, have we thought of trying to make anybody believe that that rumpus was anything else than war.

—63,280 brook trout were planted in the streams of Pennsylvania during January and February. That is about one one-hundred-and-sixty-fifth of a trout for every man, woman and child in the State. It also means that we'll have to snitch six hundred and fifty-nine one hundred and sixty-fifths from somebody else, if we hope to have one fish a piece for our family during the season.

—Congressman Wood, of Indiana, has accused J. Edgar Hoover, chairman of the Democratic national committee, of slandering President Hoover. Representative Wood's charge might be regarded as something more serious than mere political bunk if he had raised his voice in protest when his Republican colleague, McFadden, of the Fifteenth Pennsylvania District, publicly charged the President with having sold out to Germany.

—Winter certainly was bearing down heavily on the lap of spring when this section awakened up last Monday morning. We don't know whether it was the "onion snow," "the robin snow," "the poor man's manure" or "the saplin' bender." Whatever it was there were sixteen inches of it and that was the heaviest snow fall we have had in years. In the big storm of April 27th, 1928, probably more snow fell, but as it continued over two days and much of it melted as it fell there was no time at which it reached a depth of more than twelve inches.

—In retiring from further active interest in the paper that he made to make him, Mr. Harter, former owner and editor of the Keystone Gazette, overstressed his and its position on the Prohibition question, so we think. It seems to us that he needlessly threw down a torch that the two estimable successors that he delegated to carry on his work are going to burn their fingers on lots of times if they intend to be as sincere as their salutatory would have us believe. After its last week's graceful inter-family amenities the Gazette is going to have a devil of a time squaring itself with those who think it committed itself to support Butler, the dry candidate for United States Senator, and those who think Jim Davis, the wet, and the Republican organization's candidate, ought to be renominated.

—Our attention has been called to the fact that we have been missing many of our old tricks and we hasten to tell the world that only fourteen days intervene until the king of outdoor sports will be in season again. Incidentally, last week we learned that cabins on Fishing creek are being robbed. Realizing that we had left the only good rod in the United States in our shack down there, forthwith, hastened to bring it to a safer haven. We laid it in its cradle on the running-board and sped home happy in the thought that whatever else might be carried away the thing we prized most was safe. Upon our arrival here we discovered that the rod had swung loose at the tip and had been trailing for miles, evidently, anchored by the carrier at the reel. Only two joints of it were left and they were battered almost beyond repair. And so we saved it from possible thieves only to regret that one of them didn't get it before we busted it all up.

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COUNTY SPORTSMEN HOLD BIG MEETING AT STATE COLLEGE

Definite Action on Forming County Association Postponed Until Meeting to be Held May 4th, in Bellefonte.

Over two hundred enthusiastic hunters and fishermen attended the dinner and meeting at the Nittany Lion Inn, State College, last Thursday evening, for the purpose of discussing the advisability of forming a county association. Most every section of the county was represented, some thirty or more being in attendance from Bellefonte.

Dean R. L. Watts presided and the chief speaker was Oliver M. Deibler, State Commissioner of Fisheries. Others who added their bit of oratory were John Ross, of Lock Haven, district game warden; Congressman J. Banks Kurtz, of Altoona; Representative J. Laird Holmes, Representative Stewart, of Clearfield county; Robert F. Hunter, Charles E. Dorworth and Thomas H. Harter.

No definite decision was reached in regard to the forming of a county association. This was probably because of the fact that members of the various local organizations throughout the county had a feeling that they would lose their identity, locally, if the county organization was made. However, a committee composed of members of the several sportsmen's associations was appointed to consider the matter and report at a meeting to be held in the court house, Bellefonte, on or about May 4th, when it is believed definite action of some kind will be taken.

The men, and several women, who attended the meeting got an eyeful of something they had not anticipated. While the dinner was in progress a waiter told game protector Thomas Mosier that he was wanted outside and he got up, left the table and disappeared. He did not show up again during the meeting.

When the gathering broke up about eleven o'clock the crowd was invited to go to the washroom in the basement of the hotel. There they found Mr. Mosier with four to five hundred dead trout piled up on a table. The trout ranged in size from 5 to 14 inches.

It then developed that when Mr. Mosier was called out of the dining room it was to investigate a report that hundreds of dead trout had been found along the banks of the stream flowing from the dam at Centre Furnace to connect with Slab Cabin run. He had gone there and gathered up the trout that he took back to the hotel for exhibition.

Just what killed the trout has not yet been determined. They were not dynamited but evidently died from poisonous matter of some kind that had drained into the stream, but an investigation that has been under way ever since has not resulted in uncovering any definite information, according to Mr. Mosier. No dead trout were found in the dam at Centre Furnace. But they were found from a point a short distance below the dam down to Slab Cabin run and along the banks of that run almost to the point where it empties into Spring creek. Mr. Mosier and deputies patrolled the streams on Friday and Saturday and he estimates that close to a thousand dead trout were found. None were found along the banks of Spring creek.

The game protectors are working on the theory that either an underground seepage of ammonia from the artificial ice plant at the College or poisonous acids from the sewage disposal plant have contaminated the water and resulted in the death of the trout, but so far this is only conjecture. The investigation will be continued, however, in the hope that the true cause can be uncovered and the source of the poison satisfactorily abated.

GRANGERS WILL MEET TOMORROW AT CENTRE HALL

Pomona Grange, No. 13, of Centre county will meet in Grange Arcadia, at Centre Hall, tomorrow, April 2nd. There will be a morning session at 9:45 and an afternoon session at 1:30.

The occasion will be a fraternal visitation by the Pomona Grange of Bedford county to present the traveling gavel to the Patrons of Centre and all members in the county are urged to be present.

Robert F. Hunter, J. H. Caum and John Sommerville motored to Shamokin, Wednesday last week, to consult with officials of the C. K. Eagle Silk Mills, Inc., regarding the future of the Bellefonte plant and were assured that whenever conditions warrant the putting in operation of another spindle it will be at the Bellefonte mill.

PINE GROVE MAN AND TYRONE GIRL INJURED WHEN AUTO OVERTURNS.

Harry Trostle, 27 years old, of Pine Grove Mills, and Miss Edith Davidson, 20-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Davidson, of Tyrone, are patients in the Centre County hospital, undergoing treatment for serious injuries sustained in an automobile accident on the State highway between Graysville and the Seven Stars about one o'clock last Thursday morning.

Trostle has a badly fractured left arm at the elbow, and cuts and bruises. Miss Davidson also has a fracture of the left arm, a head injury and cuts and bruises. Her condition was regarded as critical, at first, but the head injury has about cleared up.

Neither the man nor the woman can give any definite account of the accident. They left Tyrone about twelve o'clock at night for State College. They were driving along at an average speed when their car skidded and overturned. Both Trostle and the girl were pinned underneath the car. A young man living nearby discovered the two some time after the accident happened, and securing help, released them and rushed them to a doctor at Warriorsburg. He advised getting them to a hospital as quickly as possible and the Tyrone ambulance was requisitioned to bring them to the Centre County institution. Both have good chances for recovery.

STATE COLLEGE WOMAN HURT

Mrs. Mary Rimmey, of State College, suffered bruises and contusions in an auto accident, near Mill Hill, last Thursday afternoon, and was taken to the Lock Haven hospital for treatment.

Mrs. Rimmey, Mrs. Wilson Rogers and Mrs. Carl Hoenstein, all of State College, had been in Williamsport on a shopping trip. With them were Mrs. Rogers' daughter, Mary Elizabeth, Mrs. Hoenstein's sons, and Mrs. Rogers' sister, Mrs. Alice Yeager, a teacher in the Jersey Shore schools.

About half a mile this side of Mill Hill the steering apparatus on the car broke, throwing the machine against a boulder at the side of the road. Mrs. Rogers and Mrs. Hoenstein also suffered cuts and bruises but were not seriously hurt. None of the others were injured.

Last Thursday three young women from Philadelphia, driving a Whippet car, had a mishap near Rock Springs when their car skidded into the wire fence at the George Rossman place, knocking down several posts. None of the women were hurt and they were able to drive the car to a garage for repairs.

Motoring over Nittany mountain toward Centre Hall, Saturday evening, Arthur Corman and daughter, of Altoona, drove into a rock slide with sufficient force to overturn their car. They were not injured but the car was considerably damaged.

A collision occurred on the State highway, near the penitentiary, at noon on Tuesday, between a car driven by LeRoy Gleason, of Shamokin, and an autobus in charge of Paul Chamon, of Lewistown. Gleason had with him as a passenger L. J. Fletcher, of Peoria, Ill. All three men suffered injuries but not sufficient to send them to a hospital. Both the car and autobus were considerably damaged.

Two boys are in the Centre County hospital with broken legs sustained on Tuesday, by being hit by autos. William Solt, 9 years old, of Axe Mann, has a compound fracture of the left leg below the knee, and William Packer, 8 years old, of Fleming, also has a fracture of the left leg below the knee.

ESCAPED PRISONER THOUGHT TO BE IN CANADA

Sheriff John M. Boob has reason to believe that he has a line on Walter LeBar, who escaped from the Centre county jail on the night of March 15th. The trail, apparently leads direct to Canada and it is quite likely he has gone to the Dominion in the belief that he is safe there. If caught, however, he can be extradited for the crimes with which he stands charged.

Mrs. Margaret M. Kinsloe and Mary A. Freeman, of State College, have recently been elected to membership in Alpha Lambda Delta, honorary scholastic fraternity at the College. To be eligible for the honor students must have an average grade 2.5 or better. The highest grade possible is "3."

The Penn State base ball team will open the season on Beaver field on Saturday, April 9. St. Francis college will be their opponents.

ESCAPED PRISONER WOULDN'T PLEAD GUILTY. ASKED CHANGE OF VENUE.

First Time Such a Demand Has Been Made in History of Rockview Penitentiary.

Thomas Lewis, one of three prisoners who escaped from Rockview penitentiary on Sunday evening, August 31st, 1930, by ducking out of line while marching from the dining hall to the big cell block, evidently knows his Blackstone. In the eighteen months since he made his escape he had traveled far, as he was arrested in Sacramento, Cal., several weeks ago, and brought back to answer to the charge of escaping.

When brought before Judge Fleming, at a special session of court, Saturday morning, he refused to plead guilty and asked Judge Fleming if he would permit him to speak. Permission being given he protested that he didn't break out but just walked away, and preferred a request for a change of venue as he felt he could not have an unprejudiced trial in Centre county. When Lewis was brought to Bellefonte, on Friday, he told the parole officer that "they wouldn't keep him long in the Centre county jail." The court evidently had been informed of this fact as he informed Lewis that he would send him to the penitentiary in Pittsburgh until the next term of court, and if at that time he could present, through counsel, adequate reasons for a change of venue, it would be granted; otherwise he would be tried in the local court. Lewis was originally sentenced in Allegheny county to 10 to 20 years for highway robbery.

John Pie, alias John Pye, a negro who escaped on September 7th, 1926, and was brought back from Columbus, Ohio, on Friday, where he had just completed a term in the State penitentiary, pleaded guilty to escaping, and was given a six to twelve year term to compute from the expiration of his old term of equal length, of which he had served but one year when he escaped. He was originally sent up from Erie county for robbery.

W. G. Runkle presented a petition for the parole of Mrs. Flo Parks, sentenced two months ago to pay \$100 fine and costs and serve two months to a year in jail for violation of the liquor laws. The parole was granted on condition the fine and costs, a total of \$289.25, are paid.

Notice was also filed that applications have been made for parole hearings for Guy Coll and Roy Heenan.

Another parole requested was for Andrew Billy, who has been in the work house for fourteen months because of failure to pay a court order for \$30 a month for the support of his wife and child. The court order was reduced to \$15 a month for the support of the child and parole granted to become effective when arrangements have been made for the payment of the costs in the case.

MEER'S CEMETERY ASSO. TO BE REORGANIZED

It will be of interest to those having loved ones buried in Meek's cemetery, in Ferguson township, to know that some time during the summer a call will be issued for all interested to gather at the cemetery for the purpose of choosing officers and providing for its permanent endowment. All but one, J. Milo Campbell, of State College, of its trustees have died and it is imperative the vacancies be filled, as well as provision made for other contingencies that might arise.

It is the desire of those personally interested in the burying ground that all others meet with them to discuss plans for its future care. Accordingly Mr. Campbell will mail notices to those whose address he knows for an all day gathering at the cemetery some time in May, June or July.

Any who might have suggestions to make as to the date for such a gathering or anything else of benefit to the cemetery are advised to communicate with Mr. Campbell. His address is State College.

A big building and improvement campaign has been planned for Rockview penitentiary during the coming summer, and it is expected that work will be started just as soon as the weather settles. It will include another new cell block at the west end of the quadrangle, reforestation on the water shed, a new power plant, new railroad spur and considerable landscape work around the prison buildings.

E. J. Thompson Esq., of Philipsburg, has been elected president of the Clearfield-Centre counties baseball league for the coming season.

CENTRE COUNTY HOSPITAL TO FLOAT GOLD BONDS

Money to be Used to Pay Indebtedness and Build Nurses Home

The board of directors of the Centre County hospital makes official announcement, this week, of the flotation of an issue of \$70,000 in twenty year, sinking fund 6 per cent mortgage gold bonds dated April 1, 1932, and payable April 1, 1952. They will be free of State tax and the interest payable October 1st and April 1st. Principal and interest payable at the First National bank of State College, trustee. The bonds will be for sale at the following banks on and after April 1st:

First National Bank of Bellefonte, Bellefonte Trust company, and Farmers National bank, of Bellefonte; First National bank of State College, and People's National bank of State College; First National bank of Centre Hall; First National bank of Spring Mills; Farmer's National bank of Millheim; Rebersburg National bank of Rebersburg; First National bank of Howard; Community bank, of Port Matilda.

The purpose of issue: The \$70,000 bonds are to liquidate a \$30,000 mortgage against the hospital and to build a nurse's home at an approximate cost of \$40,000.00, on the property owned by the hospital.

As an investment: The issue of this \$70,000.00, 6 1/2% gold bonds has been approved by M. Ward Fleming, Judge of the court of common pleas, and has the endorsement, with the promise of a whole-hearted support, of virtually all the bankers of the county, except Philipsburg, which has a hospital of its own.

Property value: The real estate and equipment of the Centre County hospital is estimated at \$150,000.00, and the addition of the \$40,000.00 for the nurse's home will increase the value to \$190,000.00.

With the growth of the hospital, and to keep its high standard in taking care of the sick, and to have an efficient training school for student nurses, the management finds that it is absolutely necessary to have a nurse's home, separate and apart from the hospital.

ABSCONDING HOTEL CLERK RETURNS AND SURRENDERS

Fred Loveland, who for two years or more held the position of chief clerk at the Penn Belle hotel, and who departed very suddenly, on the evening of January 25th, for parts unknown and was joined the same evening by Peggy Dyke, a married woman, returned, last Thursday, and surrendered to chief of police Yougel, at State College, where he was wanted for embezzlement of \$960.70 from the Pennsylvania Greyhound B-g company, for which he was agent at the College. He was held in \$2500 bail for trial at court, his father, J. Blaine Loveland, of Mansfield, Pa., and J. C. Jodon, of Bellefonte, going on his bond.

Since the return of Loveland it develops that county authorities had trace of the fugitive pair almost from the time they left Bellefonte but never were able to overtake them, although on one occasion they came within three hours of it. It will be recalled that when the two left Loveland went in his own car and Mrs. Dyke in hers. Loveland's car was abandoned at Port Matilda and the pair continued their trip in the woman's car.

They went east then south as far as Tampa, Fla. Their money beginning to run low and no employment in sight they struck north. At Richmond, Va., they went to the post office to mail a letter and officers there recognized Mrs. Dyke and placed her under arrest. Loveland ran out of the office, jumped into the woman's car and got out of Richmond as soon as possible. He continued his way north and went to the home of his father, at Mansfield, who took him to State College and surrendered him to the authorities. The Dyke woman. It is understood, has been released by Richmond authorities and at last reports was stranded in that city.

The requisition of the Bellefonte chapter of the Red Cross for a stock of wheat offered for free distribution among the needy, has been honored and the wheat has been sent to a mill in Indiana for grinding into flour. The allotment will be between 500 and 600 barrels and the shipment should reach Bellefonte some time next week. Officials of State College and Philipsburg chapters, having failed to make a requisition, are anxious to secure a portion of the Bellefonte shipment, but as it will not be more than is needed in this locality it is hardly likely that a division will be made.

SPAULS FROM THE KEYSTONE

—The Lock Haven Trust company and the Clinton Trust company were merged on Tuesday with capital and surplus of \$1,000,000. Calvin R. Armstrong was president of the Lock Haven Trust and W. S. Harris of the Clinton. Deposits of the merged banks totaled \$3,000,000.

—Ninety-two per cent of the 27,111 arrests made by the State highway patrol in 1931 for various violations of the vehicle code resulted in convictions, according to the annual report of Captain Wil. C. Price, superintendent of that organization. The patrol is under the direct supervision of the Secretary of Revenue.

—Five hundred and sixty-six employees engaged in construction of the Pymatuning Reservoir have 2391 dependents, Lewis E. Staley, Secretary of Forests and Waters, said. There are 478 laborers with 112 dependents, 27 foremen and fillers with 70 dependents, 10 office workers with 70 dependents and 22 construction and tractor workers with 75 dependents.

—Walt Bridges was costing Bedford county more and more every day so they let him out of jail. Because he couldn't pay \$6.00 taxes, he'd been incarcerated since January 25 when the county commissioners ordered him released. He hurried back to his farm where work had been piling up as he stayed in jail, his board bill mounting at 65 cents a day till it totaled \$39.

—Thomas Fitzgerald, Towanda barber, who recently found \$10,200 his mother had hoarded in their home there is again at work in his shop. Fitzgerald said the money was making no change in his routine, adding that besides attending to his barber business he is also taking care of "farm duties." Later in the year, Fitzgerald said, he is going on an extended visit to Ireland. He plans to sail June 1.

—A plea of nolo contendere was entered before U. S. Judge Albert W. Johnson, at Scranton, Thursday by Harry Cohen, retail shoe dealer of Williamsport and Sunbury, to the charge that he concealed assets totaling \$60,000 in a bankruptcy case two years ago. Cohen had been convicted of the charge a year ago but was granted a new trial. Following his plea Judge Johnson suspended sentence, but ordered the defendant to pay costs not exceeding \$300.

—J. R. McClure, Lawrence county game protector, was acquitted of an extortion charge by direction of the court on Saturday. McClure arrested Ralph W. Boyd for hunting without a license. Boyd's father paid the \$20 fine and \$2 costs and took a receipt. The prosecution claimed McClure could not collect the fine and costs without a hearing. Judge Thomas W. Watson, in directing acquittal, said that such officers have authority to collect and give receipts.

—Arthur C. Dale, chairman of the Workmen's Compensation Board, on Tuesday announced that attorneys representing claimants in cases before the board will not be permitted to charge excessive fees. When the board learns an excessive fee has been charged, steps will not only be taken to effect a refund, but the offender will be debarred from further appearance before the board or its referees. In the past the board had ordered only repayment of fees deemed excessive, Dale said.

—Juvenile delinquents know now what Mayor McCloskey, of Johnstown, meant when he said recently: Boys under 16 will not be incarcerated in the city jail. He meant something worse than jail, two of them protested on Saturday. Juveniles went on the rampage recently with a series of store thefts. They were arrested but McCloskey refused to permit their incarceration. One of the young offenders, however, is busy cleaning his cellar of a store he robbed; another has to sweep out nights after at hard work with no pay. "I did not mean they would not be punished," the mayor explained.

—While playing in an abandoned house that had been vacant three years, John Collins and Charles Tomlin, 12 years old, of Girardville, found a sack of money that had been hidden in an old mattress, the property of Misses Bridget and Mary Barry, both deceased. The money was in various denominations and was said to amount to several hundred dollars. The youths turned the money over to the police, who in turn presented it to a cousin, John Cleary, of Big Mine Run, near Girardville. The paper money, which was of the old style, showed that it had been stored away in the mattress for a long time and no doubt forgotten by the women, who died in poverty.

—Fire practically destroyed the plant of the Elk Tanning company, at Curwensville, last Thursday night. The loss is estimated at \$100,000. Only a small grind ing shed and the boiler room of the company were left standing. Several large buildings filled with hides broke out at 8:30 p. m. in a shed 60 by 150 feet. The origin is unknown. It quickly spread and in a few moments adjoining storage sheds were aflame. Firemen from Curwensville and several companies from Clearfield responded to the call for assistance, but only the boiler room and grinding shed could be saved. The sheds were filled with green and finished hides. A crew of 80 men have been employed there five days a week. A building 50 by 70 feet practically filled with finished leather hides ready for shipment, was totally destroyed. It is uncertain as to whether the plant will be rebuilt.

—Two Lock Haven men were acquitted and two were found guilty on charges of conspiring to intimidate a government witness against them in a liquor case by a jury in federal court at Scranton, on Wednesday. The men adjudged not guilty were patrolman Martin Peters and William Devlin. Detective David L. Probst and patrolman Webb were found guilty. The jury, which returned its verdict shortly after 11 a. m. after deliberating since 5 o'clock Tuesday afternoon, recommended extreme mercy for the two men found guilty. Probst, Devlin, Peters and Webb were charged with conspiring to "frame" Frank Hedges, a Lock Haven barber, who gave testimony against them before a federal grand jury last May in a dry law case. Judge Albert L. Watson deferred the imposition of sentence on Probst and Webb when defense attorneys made known they would ask for a new trial.