

—Burt Shotton's Phillies have gotten away to a start that indicates that the National league might well begin advertising a basement apartment for rent.

—We predict that the stock market will soon stop going down. Not that we have any inside tips. Merely because it has such a short distance to go and is falling so fast.

—Pity the poor President. The Woman's National Committee for Law Enforcement has just notified him that he can't run as a dry on a wet platform and Mr. Hoover was just getting ready to try that very thing.

—This Mr. Ivar Kruger, the Swedish match king, seems to be a person to whose memory the much vaunted financiers of the world should doff their hats. Incidentally, they were the cheese for the Swedish Mickey Mouse.

—Governor Pinchot had to have more clerks in his office because as he says: "Five times as many speeches are required of me as of Governor Fisher." If he would stop inciting his wife and his political lickspittles to run for office he could reduce the demand for his speeches about five hundred per cent.

—George M. Graham, president of Rockne Motor's Corporation told the Senate finance committee, on Monday, that the automobile industry "is sicker right now than it has ever been since its start." He probably told the truth, but the industry he represents is like the young people of our country, they came into existence in the golden era and are having their first taste of hard times. Necessarily it is an awful dose.

—E. G. Richardson, president of the Anti-Saloon League of America, says to the Methodists of Pennsylvania: "In the Senatorship campaign we have a clear cut issue. Gen. Butler is dry, without apology or equivocation." In his opening speech of the campaign the General made no apology for being dry, but if he didn't equivocate he oscillated a little. Else he wouldn't have thrown out that smoke screen about the paramount issue being eats, rather than drinks.

—Senator Huey Long, Louisiana's recent contribution to the upper house of Congress, is upsetting the traditions of that august body. Huey was scarcely warm in his seat until he started doing things that just aren't done by new Senators. He is what might be called precocious, but probably the Senate needs an inconspicuous shatterer of its archaic idols. And from the gusto with which its members are going after Huey's pot-liker it would seem that they needed a change of diet also.

—On Monday we met Merv. Betz on the street and he was "all het up" over his prospects of election as State committeeman for Centre county. A few days before we happened to be in the County Commissioners office when quite a few Democrats of Marion township came in to change their political enrollment so they could vote for Merv. in the Republican primaries next Tuesday. Off hand we'd assume that in Marion establishing credit at Merv's store is based on one's alacrity in political fence jumping.

—Since we know a lot of the column's readers are curious—with a purely friendly interest—as to what we did on the fifteenth, we enter for the record our admission that we didn't catch a trout. We went to camp suffering with both the "pipp" and "the big jitters." It was so cold that we were afraid to venture out of the cabin, so we spent the time asking passing fishermen what their luck was and the answers we got assured us that we could be as well off as they by fishing in the dish-pan. Our good companions kept the fire roaring, cooked the meals, and washed the dishes, so ours was a very happy lot. Incidentally, we haven't been on any stream yet, but the itch is on us something awful.

—In this paragraph we resort to the use of the first personal pronoun so far as to say: I am a candidate for alternate delegate-at-large to the convention of my party in Chicago, in June. In the language of the late James G. Blaine it would be "a work of supererogation" for me to tell the readers of this column that I am a Democrat. For thirty-eight years I have been exhorting Republicans to the seat of penitence with more or less success—mostly less. In all that time I have never asked my party for a favor for myself. I didn't ask it for the second-fiddle honor that it has now conferred on me. Since I have no opposition the possibilities are that I will be elected. If it should be so I hope that the one individual in my home town who refused to sign the petition that put my name on the ticket votes against me. I did more for him when he ran for the most important office he ever sought than he was able to do for himself. I am asking nobody to vote for me. All I want to be sure of is that all ingrates know that I don't care a damn what they do.

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FIRST CHECKS FOR THE UNEMPLOYED RECEIVED BY CENTRE COUNTY.

Allotment to be Made to Districts by County Commissioners at Earliest Possible Date.

Centre county has received its first allotments from the ten million dollar Talbot fund appropriated at the special session of the Legislature. The first check, \$3,599.94, was received on Saturday by the County Commissioners and promptly turned over to the County Treasurer.

It was to cover relief for the month of December. Another check for \$7,199.83 was received on Tuesday for the months of January and February, and it, also, was turned over to the County Treasurer.

The big question confronting the Commissioners now is the proper allotment of the money on the basis of unemployed during the three months the money is designed to cover. The Commissioners have reports from the boards of auditors in every district in the county but eight. These reports were made two or three months ago and it is assumed they are fairly correct. However, the Commissioners, at their meeting on Monday, did not definitely decide whether they would use the auditors' returns or have another survey made. They have in mind selecting some responsible man in each district to make a thorough survey and submit a report, but such service would have to be gratuitous as no part of the money is available for administration.

The money will be divided among the various districts on the basis of the unemployed during the months the money received is supposed to cover. As an example: If Bellefonte had 100 unemployed men during the month of December and Centre Hall had 10, Bellefonte would be entitled to ten times the amount of money apportioned to Centre Hall.

The money will be paid to the various boards of overseers of the poor who, in turn, will use it as the law directs. The money cannot be used for any other purpose than that for which it was designed, the unemployed. It cannot be used to pay obligations of the poor department or for the support of the habitually poor. And no actual cash can be turned over to the unemployed. According to the act of the Legislature the money must be spent by the overseers for "shelter, fuel, food and clothing," and for no other purpose.

As stated last week Centre county's total allotment of the fund is \$26,069. The amount received, \$10,799.77, is to cover the months of December, January and February, leaving \$15,269.23 for March, April and May.

LOCAL GARDEN CLUB HELD FIRST MEETING LAST WEDNESDAY

The Bellefonte Garden Club held its initial meeting for 1932 at the home of Mrs. Harry C. Yeager, on north Spring street, on Wednesday afternoon of last week. Thirty-three members and one visitor were present.

Mrs. Gregg Curtin, president of the club, outlined the work in view for the coming summer season and suggested the advisability of appointing committees to look after the various phases of the work.

Plans were completed for a joint meeting with the Woman's club in the Presbyterian chapel this (Friday) evening, at which time the speaker will be Miss Anna Bright, of Philadelphia, who will exhibit colored slides to illustrate her talk on English gardens.

Announcement was made that the club has in view the organization of a number of junior clubs and the furnishing of garden plots and free seeds for planting. A plot of land considered is that belonging to the Bellefonte school board, the location of the old steam heat and gas plant at the corner of Spring and Lamb streets. The school board intends putting down a pavement on both Spring and Lamb streets and as soon as that is done the ground will be turned over to the club for beautification and garden purposes.

New members taken into the club included Mrs. Eben Bower, Miss May Crider, Mrs. S. Claude Herr, Mrs. Newell Long, Mrs. George A. Miller, Mrs. Paul McGarvey and Mrs. Cecil Walker.

Mrs. George A. Beezer gave a brief talk on the care of growing delphiniums, and the secretary, Miss A. Blanche Underwood, gave a brief resume of what the club accomplished last year, the first of its existence. Mrs. Curtin told of the books on gardening available to members of the club and Mrs. Yeager, the hostess, exhibited a display of gardening tools.

ESCAPED PRISONER DRAWS 18 TO 36 YEARS ADDITIONAL SENTENCE

How would you like to have a 36 to 54 years penitentiary sentence staring you in the face after you had served almost 23 years behind barred doors? That is the situation confronting Henry Lehna, an escaped Rockview prisoner sentenced by Judge Fleming on Saturday. When he was 29 years old Lehna was convicted in the Crawford county court of keeping a young girl chained to a tree where he kept her for immoral purposes. As that was prior to the passage of the Ludlow act he was sentenced to the penitentiary for 55 years. When the Ludlow act was passed his sentence was automatically reduced to 36 years. In due course of time he was transferred from the western penitentiary, at Pittsburgh, to Rockview and, on December 29th, 1925, after serving 18 years, he escaped from Rockview and made his way to Lorain, Ohio. In 1927 he was arrested there for breaking, entering and larceny and was sent to the Ohio State penitentiary for five years. After serving four years and eight months he was released, last week, and was brought back to Centre county to answer to the charge of escaping from Rockview. He pleaded guilty and was sentenced to serve a term of 18 to 36 years. As he still has 18 years of his old term to serve he has 36 to 54 years in the penitentiary. As he is now 54 years old this probably means that he is in for life.

Harry McCullough, who in February, 1931, was given two to four years in the Allegheny county work house for breaking, entering and larceny, was granted a parole on condition he arranges to pay the costs amounting to \$38.00.

William Winton, of Bellefonte, arrested for failure to pay his wife \$16 a month towards the support of herself and two children, was required to give bond in the sum of \$300 within ten days for faithfully carrying out the arrangement. Further disposition of the case was held over until the expiration of the time limit.

Harry Ruhl, who has been serving time in the Allegheny county work house for failure to make good on a court order for the support of his child, was granted a parole on condition he arrange to pay the costs and faithfully comply with the order of the court.

BRIEF MEETING OF BOROUGH COUNCIL

The regular meeting of borough council, Monday evening, was unusually brief and devoid of any sensational features.

The Street committee reported a general clean-up of streets, opening of a roadway from west Lamb street up onto Halfmoon hill and receipt of \$13.58 for old iron sold from the demolished Lamb street bridge.

The Water committee reported various repairs and the collection of \$800 on water taxes and \$101.20 on rents, etc. Meter bills for the first quarter of 1932 amounted to \$1984.57.

The Finance committee reported a balance in the borough fund of \$11,052.78 and \$379.28 in the water fund. One note of \$1000 was renewed, one for \$500 ordered paid and new notes totaling \$3,700 authorized.

Reporting for the Sanitary committee Mr. Beaver stated that a decided nuisance exists in the hollow between Curtin and Beaver streets where a sanitary sewer drain from the Schad houses has been connected with a surface water sewer and drains out on top of the ground some distance west of Allegheny street. The deposit was likely the cause of so many mosquitoes infesting that section of town last summer. The matter was referred to the Sanitary committee to see that the nuisance is abated.

The Special committee reported the arrival of a consignment of big trout which were placed in Spring creek, last week, and suggested that the trout ought to be fed until they become acclimated. The question of feeding was left in the hands of the committee.

Mr. Jodon called attention to the fact that the floor in the Phoenix mill property is in very bad condition and looks as if tractors with lugs on wheels had been run over it without the protection of plank runways. Referred to the Water committee for investigation.

Borough bills amounting to \$607 and water bills for \$707 were approved for payment, after which council adjourned.

—West Point will be Penn State's baseball opponents, on Beaver field, tomorrow afternoon.

NATURE SAVED THE TROUT ON THE OPENING DAY OF THE FISHING SEASON

Mother nature was kind to the trout on the opening day of the fishing season, last Friday. Not only had she flushed the streams almost full with water but she sent the mercury tumbling below the freezing point and the result was that many enthusiastic fishermen lacked the hardihood to go out for the first day's sport; while those who did go got few trout.

Logan's branch had probably more fishermen per mile than any other stream in the county. They were probably attracted there in the belief that because the Bellefonte fish hatchery is located along the stream more trout would be found there. John J. Bower Esq., with his two sons, John and Jimmie, and Jack Yeager composed a party who fished the Branch. Between them they got 19, hardly a good catch for one man.

Patsy Bathurst went up Spring creek and the best he could do was land 5, and that was poor fishing for him.

Frank T. Kern caught the biggest trout of the day, a 22-inch brown specimen landed on Bald Eagle creek, near Curtin.

Joe Baney got three which measured 16, 17 and 18 inches.

Among other catches reported were John Hines, three; "Merry" Connerby one, 16 inches long; Edward and George Brown, five each; Russel Shuey, 15; Willis Shuey, 20; John Shuey, 15; Robert Valentine, 4; Robert Evey, 15; Morton Smith, 14; Fred Herman, 4; Edward Nelson, 9; Cameron Heverly, 8; Dr. J. J. Kilpatrick, 7; James Fetters, 4, and others only one and two.

Chief of police Dukeman, who has a reputation of being an expert at catching almost anything, got only one. But he was on a par with eighty per cent of the other fishermen. In fact many of them came off the stream without any.

Ben Grytcho, the young son of the Manager of the Penn Belle, went up Logan's Branch, Monday evening, and landed a 22-inch brown trout.

Down on Fishing creek the anglers did not fare any better. One and two was the average catch there, and it was not because the stream was over-crowded, as fewer fishermen were there than on opening days in former years.

Some fishermen incline to the belief that the trout are not in the streams, but it is more likely that the real cause of the poor luck was weather conditions. Be the reason what it may, however, they'll all be at it again as soon as they get a chance.

TELEPHONE COMPANY TO ERECT NEW BUILDING AT STATE COLLEGE

Plans are being prepared for a Telephone central office building to be erected at 224 south Allen street, State College, by the Bell Telephone Company of Penna. The building which is being designed by John T. Windrim, a prominent Philadelphia architect, will have a frontage of approximately thirty-five feet and a depth of sixty feet, and will be one story high. Tentative plans call for the Georgian style of architecture.

It is scheduled for completion early in 1933 so that it will be possible to install the central office equipment for service the following summer.

It is proposed to discontinue the present central office and replace it with a new dial unit so that all local calls may be completed by district dialing. Operators will, of course, continue to be needed to handle toll calls, information and other special classes of service.

The new building will be of an attractive design, in keeping with the surroundings, and will be capable of expansion to care for the future growth of telephone service in that community. Engineering studies have indicated that the dial type of service will be best adapted to the needs of State College and with the new office there will be adequate provisions for handling the inquiries in its telephone requirements in the most effective and satisfactory manner, according to telephone engineering.

COLLINS TO BE EXECUTED WEEK BEGINNING MAY 15.

Last week the Watchman predicted an early date for the electrocution of Fred Collins, the negro who, on January 13th, assaulted and murdered Miss Elizabeth Hickok, in her parents' home at Rockview penitentiary. The forecast was correct as, on Monday, Governor Pinchot set the date for the week beginning May 15th; which, as has been the custom at the penitentiary, will be on Monday morning May 16th.

CLOSING SPRING CREEK THROUGH BELLEFONTE TO SAVE THE TROUT

Several weeks ago a movement was started by a number of residents of Bellefonte interested in the protection of the big trout in Spring creek to have the closed portion of the stream extended from its present limits—the railroad trestle to the silk mill footbridge—to a point where it would afford a larger range for the trout.

There were some who advocated closing the stream within the borough limits while others suggested from the breast of the phoenix dam to the end of the tail race leading out from the Gamble mill. Naturally opposition developed against both limits, and protests were sent in to Fish Commissioner O. M. Deibler, at Harrisburg, with the result that nothing has been done so far and the closed zone stands as it has been for the past several years.

Opponents to any further closing of the stream contend that it would work a hardship on the elderly fishermen whose choice spot for fishing is in the creek, near the old pump house. Others contend that the silk mill bridge is far enough down stream to afford ample range for the trout.

Ordinarily trout do not range far afield unless driven to do so by abnormal causes, such as a disturbance in or unusually low water in their natural habitat. And yet we know for a fact that the big trout in Spring creek do go down stream to unknown distances. We have not only seen them do it, but we have seen days when they were quite scarce in the creek opposite this office and overnight they would return and large schools could be seen in their favorite pools below the falls.

Every man, woman and child in Bellefonte knows what an attraction the big trout are to strangers visiting the town. It is one of the very unusual scenes for which Bellefonte is noted from coast to coast. We have been personally informed by auto tourists that they have driven two hundred miles out of their projected course just to see the big trout in Spring creek, and it seems to us that every resident of the town should be willing to forego any personal desire in regard to fishing in a favorite spot in order to throw ample protection around such a wonderful natural curiosity as the big trout are.

There was a time when Bellefonte was widely celebrated as the "Home of Governors" but that has become ancient history, or rather submerged under the reputation the town has achieved through its natural trout aquarium. Because of this fact wouldn't it be well worthwhile to give every protection possible to the fish that are making Bellefonte famous?

BIG KIWANIS REVUE IN THE STATE THEATRE THURSDAY, APRIL 28.

The second annual Kiwanis revue given under the auspices of the Tyrona, Philipsburg and Bellefonte clubs, will be held in the State theatre, Bellefonte, Thursday, April 28. The pick of the minstrel and vaudeville talent in the three towns will appear in the cast. These entertainments are given for the benefit of the underprivileged child work in Centre and Blair counties. Last year fifty crippled children were cured and twenty given dental treatment through the activities of the Kiwanis clubs.

It is a worthy work that should appeal to every man and woman. The price of admission will be \$1.00, and tickets can be procured from members of the Kiwanis club, at Montgomery and Co's and at the box office of the theatre on the night of the show. The show will also be staged in Philipsburg and Tyrona.

GREGG TOWNSHIP FARM HOUSE BURNED TO GROUND

The big farm house of Benjamin Ripka, a short distance west of Spring Mills, was burned to the ground, Sunday afternoon, with a good portion of its contents, causing a loss estimated at \$3000, on which there was no insurance. The fire originated from a spark from a flue fire. When the fire was discovered an appeal for assistance was sent to Bellefonte but the request was countermanded when it was realized that there was no adequate supply of water at hand.

Later another appeal was made when sparks from the burning building set fire to the property of Grover Walker, nearby. The Logans went over and by the use of chemicals succeeded in saving the Walker buildings.

SPAWLS FROM THE KEYSTONE

—With a bullet hole in the right temple, the dead body of Leonard T. McElroy, 50, manufacturer, was found in a cottage near Corry. A pistol nearby indicated suicide.

—Using a heavy hammer to crack the safe in the office of the Hilbush Lumber company, at Weight Scales, a short distance west of Shamokin, robbers on Saturday night stole approximately \$100 in cash and a number of valuable papers.

—Algernon Blair, of Montgomery, Ala., submitted the low bids for both types of construction of a new federal building at Lewisburg, Pa., offering to build it of limestone and granite for \$168,530 and of sandstone and granite for \$176,520. There were 18 bids.

—Racing forms and \$400 in cash were seized and 210 men arrested in a raid on the Fourth Ward Athletic club in the heart of the business district of Chester, on Monday night. Each prisoner was fined \$8.50 and costs by Magistrate David Ulrich, in Swarthmore.

—Mr. and Mrs. John E. DuBois have completed the legal transfer of 775 acres of land within and near the borough limits of DuBois for location of industrial sites, a flying field and other purposes. The land includes what has been known as the Beaver Meadows in the Third ward of that borough.

—John Jeiries, of Castanea, an employee at the Kistler tannery, Lock Haven, fell into an alkali vat on Tuesday morning but was rescued immediately by fellow workers. He was rushed to the Lock Haven hospital where the liquid he swallowed was pumped out with a stomach pump. His condition is not regarded as serious.

—Members of the Scranton poor board have decided that in the future no requests for relief be considered unless the applicants have disposed of their automobiles. Two directors, M. J. McHugh and Thomas F. Wells, reported to the board instances in which applicants for aid had continued to drive their autos. In one case a woman was asking for \$20 more a month from the district. It was shown that in spite of this and a back store bill of \$200, the woman's family had not sold its auto.

—A bequest of \$5,000 will ultimately go to the Lewisburg Presbyterian church, at Lewisburg, under the will of John Halfpenny, which was admitted to probate in Philadelphia on Friday. Halfpenny, who died March 24 leaving a personal estate listed at "less than \$35,000," and realty of \$8,500, directed that his sister, Kate F. Halfpenny, should be permitted to occupy his house in Lewisburg, his estate to pay all running expenses, including "refilling porch boxes with flowers annually, painting the house with white paint annually and installing flowers in the rear yard."

—In the midst of gloomy reports of factories closing down and thousands of workers unemployed, at least one bright spot has appeared on the horizon of the State Department of Labor and Industry. Shoe manufacturers reported considerable increase in employment and payroll totals, many factories working nine and nine and one-half hours a day, five and one-half days a week. One manufacturer in the State who tried to submit an employment report for February to the bureau of statistics of the department wrote, "We have been very busy, in fact too busy to do anything but make shoes."

—Henry C. Hill, warden of the Illinois penitentiary at Joliet, has been appointed warden of the Northwest Federal Penitentiary, at Lewisburg. The Department of Justice in announcing the appointment said the first unit of the new penitentiary will be completed early in the summer and prisoners sent there from the northeast section of the country. Hill has been warden of the Illinois penitentiary since 1929. He will receive a salary of \$6500 in his new post. Hill was born at Hamilton, Ill., in 1877. He commanded Battery A, 1st Illinois Artillery, in the Spanish American War, and was major of infantry in the World War.

—A woman inmate of the Erie jail seized a pistol from a policeman and fired six shots before she was overpowered on Saturday. The bullets lodged in the ceiling. The prisoner, Helen Pifer, 24, took the pistol from the holster of patrolman John Vogel. Five other women, including four held as runaways from Oil City homes, were endangered by the shots. The Pifer woman was arrested for throwing bricks through the window of a garage. She fought police when they arrested her and threw water on other inmates of the jail after she was locked up. Vogel was attempting to quiet her when she obtained his pistol.

—Gannett, Seelye and Fleming, Engineers, Inc., of Harrisburg and New York, announced, on Tuesday, that construction would immediately begin under their contract to build a 250,000,000 gallon dam on Still creek, a tributary of the Schuylkill, near Tamaqua. They also announce employment of a large number of engineers, construction men and laborers, most of whom will be drawn from communities surrounding the project. The dam is to have a breast fifty feet in height. A five mile line of thirty-six inch diameter cast iron pipe will be built in connection with the project. Several hundred thousands of dollars are to be spent on the project by the Lehigh Coal and Navigation company through a subsidiary, the Panther Valley Water company. The water will be supplied to the communities and industries in the vicinity of Tamaqua and the Panther Creek valley.

—While fifteen directors and officers of the Ligonier National bank met in the director's room a package of bonds valued at \$50,000 was stolen from the vault of the institution, not twenty feet away. G. C. Frank, president of the bank, said that the theft was discovered by a clerk. Secrecy was maintained in the matter while a State bank examiner and representatives of the Melbank Corporation of which the institution is a member, investigated. State police were not notified of the theft, Captain Carlson, of the Greensburg barracks, said. The doors of the bank had been left open, Frank disclosed, so that directors and officers could enter for the meeting. The vault door, also was unlocked to permit directors to study books and other records. The room where the directors met is quite close to the vault. The only theory discussed was that the thief entered the bank while the directors were in session, procured the bonds unnoticed, and escaped.