

The California primary resulted in an overwhelming victory for John Garner, of Texas, and started the President makers to predicting that Ritchie, of Maryland, will be the nominee.

Senator Huey Long, of Louisiana, thinks he is the only Democrat in the upper house of Congress. And he is the only one who comes up to his own ideas of what dampphools Democratic Senators ought to be.

Science has at last succeeded in splitting an atom; at least announcement to that effect has been made. The atom, you know, is the smallest thing that is, so that if one has been split something smaller than there never was has been found.

On the evening of April fifth former Judge Arthur C. Dale, who was chairman of the Butler campaign committee, made a State-wide broadcast which he opened with the following admonition to the Republican voters of Pennsylvania: "You must make a momentous decision at the primary election on April 26." We suppose Arthur has heard how momentous it was.

The Senate is going to investigate Governor Pinchot. That two per cent assessment on State employees seems to have begotten doubt as to whether Gifford has any real claim to being virtuous as Caesar's wife. The first time he was our Governor he dedicated himself to cleaning up the mess at Harrisburg. This time all his energies seem to be devoted to leaving a messier one for his successor to clean up.

Mr. Vare licked Mackey and Max Golder in the recent primaries in Philadelphia. He paid a terrible price for that demonstration of the completeness of his present political dominance of that city. If he didn't dig his own grave on April 26 we're a poorer prophet than we were when, in 1929, we advised readers of this column to get out of the market and put their money in banks at three per cent, against the day when they then had for the same money.

There will be no extra session of the Pennsylvania General Assembly. Things are in a bad way in the State. It is confronted with a deficit and there is no apparent source of additional revenue. Only automobile licenses and automobiles remain as objects to be soaked. Inasmuch as John Hemphill would have been Governor of Pennsylvania today had not Allegheny county stolen thousands of votes from him and no gudgeons believed Pinchot could grant fifty cent licenses for automobile drivers, there is nothing else for Giff. to do but pass the buck. The regular session, in 1933, will have to save the State from its childish notions that there still are Pied Pipers of Hamlin and Santa Claus.

We are sincerely grateful to the Democrats of Centre county for the vote they gave us in the recent primary. While we ran nearly three hundred behind the candidates for State and County nominations we headed all aspirants for Delegate to the National Convention of our party. The vote, itself, is gratifying, but not merely so much as was a telephone call, last Wednesday morning, from a dear woman friend who wanted to tell us that she "made the biggest mark" on her ballot opposite our name. And we are rather proud of the fact that in the township in a neighboring county, in which our fishing camp is located, we received a vote next highest to that of her native son who was on the ticket also.

We have come to the conclusion that a trout stream in Pennsylvania is no place for the fellow who seeks solitude. If there was as much activity in the marts of business as there is along any of the water courses of this section Congress could adjourn and go home and all the corporations could resume dividend payments. So many little mountain streams dried up last year, with the result that the trout in them perished, that all the fellows accustomed to fishing there are turning to the larger waters. Then the great army of unemployed seems to be mobilizing on the banks of the creeks; mobilizing in such numbers that sections of the streams we have sallied forth in the past, now look like "circus day in town."

A REAL SERMON

On the High street bridge, last Sunday morning, a clean cut looking young fellow, apparently of foreign extraction, was talking to two younger looking friends. To one of them he said: "Both of your brothers are drunkards, your brothers-in-law are drunkards. That's enough to show you what a fool you are for heading the same way." We have heard lots of temperance sermons, but we've never heard one that said as much in as few words as that one did.

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T. E. JODON NOTIFIED NOT TO REBUILD BARN ON OLD FOUNDATION

Highway Department Protests Because of Preemption Claim for Widening State Road.

The State Highway Department has entered a protest against T. E. Jodon rebuilding his barn on the site of the one destroyed by fire a few weeks ago.

The protest was filed because of the preemption claim entered on record in the County Commissioner's office for additional land for widening the State highway.

It will be recalled that the State Legislature passed an act in 1925 authorizing the Secretary of Highways to designate the width of any road in the State, to have surveys of the same made and entered of record in every county, and empowering the State to take the necessary land whenever traffic was sufficient to demand the widening of the road.

According to the survey filed in Centre county the width of the road at the Jodon farm was placed at 66 feet, which would take in at least half the foundation of the barn.

But the difficulty there is that Mr. Jodon has no other place suitable to locate his barn and he is going to go ahead and rebuild it on the old location, notwithstanding the protest filed by the Highway Department, and run the risk of the land not being needed during his lifetime.

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TWO HOUSES BURNED AT PORT MATILDA

Two houses were burned to the ground at Port Matilda, last Thursday morning. One was a two story unoccupied house belonging to Dennis Reese and the other a bungalow, owned by William Robinson and occupied by John Walk and family. The fire started in the Reese house and communicated to the Robinson house nearby. Lack of water facilities hampered the firemen in their efforts to combat the flames. So rapidly did the flames spread that members of the Walk family escaped through a window, clad only in their night clothes. All their household effects were burned, and they had no insurance.

BELL TEL. CO. CO-OPERATES TO STOP FOREST FIRES

The Pennsylvania Department of Forests and Waters announces an arrangement whereby any person seeing a forest fire anywhere in the State, which he has reason to believe has not previously been reported to a forest fire warden, may report it to a warden simply by calling a telephone operator, stating that he desires to report a forest fire.

Each exchange operator has listed upon her exchange board the name and telephone number of a forest fire warden. As soon as a forest fire call is delivered to the operator, it will be possible for the person desiring to report the fire to communicate with forest officials. The fire warden should be told as nearly as possible the exact location of the fire, its approximate size, and if possible, the direction of the wind at the time of the report.

The primary purpose of this cooperative agreement between the Department and the various telephone companies is to get fire fighters on the fires which have not previously been reported, or on fires that are just starting. Persons are asked not to call the telephone companies concerning fires which have reached large size and which obviously are already known of.

Among the advance payments of the semi-annual payment of the State appropriation to public schools, made last week, was \$4700 to Spring township, Centre county.

A WOMAN'S AUXILIARY VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS ORGANIZED MONDAY EVE.

A woman's auxiliary to the Jackson-Crisman-Saylor post Veterans of the Foreign Wars was organized in Bellefonte, Monday evening, at a meeting held in the assembly room of the Logan Fire company. Thirty-eight women enrolled as members.

State officers present included the department president, Mrs. Ida May Stanford, of Pittsburgh; the department secretary and treasurer, Mrs. Genevieve Shaft and Mrs. Myrtle Bayard, both of Pittsburgh; Mrs. Lillian Painter, of Lewisburg, and Mrs. Whyllie, of Williamsport. The degree team of Sunbury put on the work of instituting the new organization and installing the officers, as follows:

President, Mrs. George B. Thompson; Senior vice president, Mrs. George W. Sunday; junior vice president, Mrs. Barbara Kline; treasurer, Mrs. Charles Williamson; secretary, Mrs. Harry E. Dunlap; chaplain, Miss Blanche McGarvey; conductor, Mrs. J. D. Leitzell; guard, Mrs. Grace Barnhart; historian, Mrs. Ray Eckman; musician, Mrs. Magdaline Lyon; charge of the colors, Miss Mary Saylor; color bearers, Mrs. Leo Boden, Mrs. Helen Davis, Mrs. Florence DeLall and Mrs. Alice Woomer; trustees, Mrs. Frank Shillings, Mrs. Harry Alters and Miss Nora Stover.

The next meeting of the Auxiliary will be held at the home of Mrs. George B. Thompson, in the Bush Arcade, on May 12th.

MOTHER'S DAY PROGRAM AT STATE COLLEGE

Parents of students attending the Pennsylvania State College are coming to the college from every part of the State today for the annual celebration of Mother's Day. Although Mother's Day itself will be observed Saturday, the entertainment and programs start tonight with a glee club concert and continue tomorrow and through Sunday afternoon when the Penn State symphonic band will give a concert on the front campus. Other student events to be held Saturday include the crowning of the May Queen by women students, a tea for mothers, and a play by the Penn State Players. Seven athletic events are scheduled.

The major academic event will be the scholarship day exercises which will be held Saturday morning. It is understood that many of the parents who are driving to the college for the day are planning to arrive in time to witness the presentation of fellowships, scholarships, honor medals and other scholastic awards. The speaker for the occasion will be Dr. Edwin C. Broome, superintendent of schools in Philadelphia.

FREE FLOUR RECEIVED AT STATE COLLEGE

The State College chapter of the American Red Cross has received a car load of government flour for free distribution among those in need. Mayor Eugene H. Lederer, burgess of State College, supervised the unloading of the flour and allotment of same to the various overseers of the poor in the territory under control of the State College chapter, which extends from the Bald Eagle range to Woodward. The overseers who have the flour for distribution in the various districts are as follows: Ferguson township, Mr. Peters; College, Jesse Klinger; Harris, N. B. Martz; Potter, James Runkle and E. C. Wagner; Centre Hall borough, John Heckman; Penn township, L. P. Bower; Gregg, Mr. Lingle; Patton, George F. Stevenson; Halfmoon, J. M. Rider; Haines, J. O. Auman and John Hosterman; Millheim, J. L. Winegardner; State College, W. E. Smith and J. H. Holmes.

The Pennsylvania Greyhound Transit company has filed an application with the Public Service Commission for permission to abandon its bus route between Williamsport and the New York State line, near Bullis. Lack of patronage is given as the reason. In fact it is another case of "dog eat dog." A few years ago the bus line came along and took a large per cent of the passenger traffic from the railroads. Now there are so many privately owned cars that the bus lines are having a hard time keeping out of the red.

A marriage license was issued at Cumberland, Md., last week, to Frederick Edwin Olsen and Bernice Lovina Scoll, both of Bellefonte.

TEN CONTRACTORS WANT THE JOB OF REPAIRING BELLEVILLE RESERVOIR

Ten contractors, six in Bellefonte and four away from here, are anxious to do the job of repairing the Belleville reservoir. The bids were opened last night, after the Watchman went to press, and it is possible the contract might have been awarded, provided the successful bidder was able to file the required bonds. At the regular meeting of borough council, on Monday evening, borough solicitor N. B. Spangler advised council, by letter, that under the law the contractor should be required to file two bonds, one for the faithful carrying out of the contract and one to indemnify all persons who perform labor or furnish materials.

A communication was received from James R. Hughes in which he asked exoneration of all water taxes against the Academy to date, a total of \$496.26, owing to the depression. Referred to the Water committee.

The Street committee reported that the tarvia mixture suggested as a covering for the brick pavement on High street between the Watchman office and the Penn Belle hotel and extending from the High street bridge to the bridge over the race would cost \$7.71 a ton. A ton of the material will cover approximately nine square yards. The matter was referred back to the committee to ascertain as near as possible the number of square yards in the block and the total cost of the job.

The Street committee reported some minor repairs to streets, cleaning and patching, and laying 308 feet of six inch sewer pipe from the McCoy residence to Water street.

The Water committee reported various repairs and the collection of \$1114.95 on water taxes and \$13.05 for rent. The committee reported that the meter at the High school building shows a consumption of 2,011,172 gallons of water in 92 days, which at five cents a gallon would amount to \$100.50.

The Finance committee reported a balance in the borough fund of \$614.92 and \$435.18 in the water fund. Borough notes for \$3,500 and a water department note for \$14,500 were presented for renewal. The committee also reported that the Centre County hospital requested payment of a note of \$5000 on Tuesday and that the borough treasurer had made arrangements to borrow the money and pay the note. A new note for \$1000 was also authorized to meet current bills.

The Fire and Police committee presented the request of Daniel Gordon for a light on Halfmoon hill. Referred to the committee for investigation.

The Sanitary committee presented the report of health officer and milk inspector S. M. Niesley.

The Town Improvement committee presented the request of Harry Sager for a permit to erect a garage on the rear of his lot on Halfmoon Terrace, and on recommendation of the committee the same was granted.

The Special committee reported that some time last fall the telephone company erected a new pole in front of the Thomas Fleming property, on Reynolds avenue, which was to take the place of two poles then standing there, but up to the present time they have not removed the two old poles or even transferred the wires. The matter was referred to the Street committee.

The secretary reported that the annual meeting of the Association of Boroughs will be held at Conneaut Lake in June.

On recommendation of M. M. Cobb, H. B. Shattuck was re-elected borough engineer for one year from January 1st, 1932.

Boro bills totaling \$1360.71 and water bills for \$312.70 were approved for payment, after which council adjourned to meet in special session Thursday evening to open bids for repairing the reservoir.

BOALSBURG HAS SCOURGE OF SCARLET FEVER

Within two days, last week, twenty-one cases of scarlet fever developed in Boalsburg and the schools were closed forthwith and school buildings thoroughly fumigated. Fortunately none of the cases have proven fatal, or even very serious.

It will be recalled that during the winter there were quite a number of cases in that town but prompt measures of quarantine and fumigation overcame the disease before it became epidemic. Just why so many cases should develop at one time, as there did last week, is rather baffling to health authorities.

NATIVE CENTRE COUNTIAN VICTIM OF AUTO ACCIDENT NEAR LOCK HAVEN

William C. Rider, a native of Centre county but for a number of years a resident of Avis, died at the Lock Haven hospital, last Saturday morning, as the result of injuries sustained in an auto accident that morning. He started to walk from Avis to Lock Haven to purchase flowers to put on the grave of his wife. Near the McElhattan bridge he was overtaken by J. A. Willits who offered him a ride in his car. They had not proceeded far when the right front door of the car came open and Mr. Willits reached across to pull it shut. As he did so he lost control of his car and ran into a tree.

Both men were taken to the Lock Haven hospital where Rider died within an hour as the result of shock and loss of blood. Willits was not seriously injured.

Rider was 80 years old and was born in Ferguson township, Centre county. Before moving to Avis he had lived at Warriorsmark. He had been employed as a janitor at the Avis bank for a number of years. He had no children but is survived by two sisters and two brothers, Mrs. Charles Henderson, of State College; Mrs. Jennie Shull, of New Castle; J. A. Collins Rider, of Tyrone, and Frank Rider, of Altoona.

Funeral services were held at his late home, at Avis, on Tuesday morning, after which the remains were taken to Warriorsmark for burial.

FOUR RECEIVE INJURIES IN AUTO COLLISION

Between four and five o'clock last Friday afternoon, as W. L. Gunsallus was returning to Bellefonte from his work as stableman at Rockview penitentiary he undertook to pass a truck, coming toward Bellefonte, on the curve south of Prossertown and collided headon with a car driven by John Shuey, of Lemont.

Gunsallus sustained a bad fracture of the left knee, the cap bone being splintered. Mr. Shuey received several cuts and abrasions on his arm. With him in the car were Mrs. Shuey, who received cuts and abrasions on the right leg and the fracture of a small bone of her left hand, and Mrs. Elliott Armstrong, of State College, who also sustained several cuts and abrasions. All were taken to the Centre County hospital for treatment.

INQUIRIES BEING MADE FOR GLASS CASSET STOCK

During the past few weeks the Altoona Chamber of Commerce has received a number of inquiries relative to the stock of the Glass Casket corporation, a concern in which a number of Centre countians were financially interested.

The company was organized some ten or twelve years ago for the purpose of manufacturing glass caskets for burial purposes. Several sample caskets were made for stock selling purposes but none were ever put on the market. The company finally went into the hands of a receiver and was sold at a foreclosure sale, the plant and all tangible property being bought in for the benefit of the bondholders.

The sale wiped out the value of the stock and why inquiries are now being made for it is a perplexing question. It is quite probable, however, that any holder of the stock will be only too glad to dispose of it to anyone who wants same.

STEVE HAMAS TO ENTER MOVIELAND AT HOLLYWOOD

Steve Hamas, the one-time idol of all athletes at State College, is scheduled to enter movieland at Hollywood. Just now he is booked for a return fight with Tommy Loughran, at Convention hall, Philadelphia, on May 11th, and if he is able to keep his face from being too badly disfigured in the set-to he will leave shortly after for California, where he has been engaged to take the leading part in a proposed picture where an athlete does his stuff.

At a brief session of court, on Saturday, William Winton, who failed to file a bond to insure compliance with a court order for the support of his wife and two children, was sent to the Allegheny county workhouse, and Oliver Quick, of Moshannon, was given ten days in which to file a bond to comply with an amicable agreement to continue to contribute to the support of his wife and child.

SPAWLS FROM THE KEYSTONE

Checks to the amount of \$250 and merchandise valued at more than \$50 was stolen from David S. Burket general store, Curryville, Blair county, last Sunday night or early Monday morning.

Pennsylvania State forests provided 9,000 cords of fuel wood for needy families during the past winter, according to the State Department of Forests and Waters. The department issued 1,160 permits for wood cutting in the State forest areas.

A Westmoreland county farmer apparently intends to come down to earth. He inserted an advertisement in a Zionsburg newspaper, last week, offering to "swap" an airplane "in splendid condition with full complement of propeller, wings and tail" for a set of farm machinery.

The Starford Lumber company, of Starford, was low bidder for the general contract for construction of a dormitory at the State tuberculosis sanatorium at Crescon, with a bid of \$11,150, the State Department of Property and Supplies announced last Friday. R. E. Wolfe, of Harrisburg, with a bid of \$2248, was low bidder for the heating contract.

Federal dry agents, directed by J. O. Loose, deputy prohibition administrator for the Middle Pennsylvania district, raided the Castanea brewery, Lock Haven, last Thursday. James Jordan was arrested as the alleged owner of the plant. Large quantities of beer and wort were confiscated by the raiders and the engineer of the brewery also was arrested.

Following in the footsteps of his father and grandfather, attorney and editor Benjamin C. Jones of Tyrone, will head the Blair Republican county committee. He will be named to the post held in former years by Claude Jones, his father; Col. David M. Jones, his grandfather, and Major C. S. W. Jones, a granduncle. Benjamin Jones is editor of the Tyrone Herald.

Grover R. Haggerty, of Uniontown, and his brother, Philip, of Vanderbilt, Pa., lost their fight to have their father, Finley Haggerty, 72, adjudged weak-minded because he exchanged \$29,000 in securities for a \$5,200 farm. The elder Haggerty testified in court the securities had depreciated in value and that the 102-acre farm included a six-room house, barn, coal and a gas lease.

An attempt to poison his entire family was frustrated, police said, when they answered a call to the home of Harry V. Turner at Williamsport, on Monday. The police reported they found that poison tablets had been placed in each cup of coffee and glass of milk, sprinkled in the sugar and gravy and over the meat, by Turner. A bottle of the tablets was taken from him when searched. He is being held pending further investigation.

Training school for guards at the new Lewisburg federal penitentiary will be conducted in New York city, starting May 1, instead of at Lewisburg, as previously announced, it was learned following the visit of Mr. Stutzman, superintendent of the school and Lieutenant Hanson, his assistant, to Lewisburg. The guards will undergo rigid training in New York from May 1 to July 1 and then will be removed to Lewisburg where the school will be continued.

The Danville Iron and Steel company plant of the Kennedy-Van Swan Manufacturing company, has received an order for a large rimmy gyratory crusher, to be used in the cleaning plant of the Philadelphia and Reading Coal and Iron company's new breaker at St. Nicholas. The crusher will weigh over a quarter of a million pounds, and will take a feed of material two feet thick, four feet wide, and six feet long and crush this down to a very small size at the rate of 5,000 tons in 10 hours.

Trucks of the Centre County Lime and Stone company, of Salona, have been busy for several days hauling limestone from the quarries at Salona to State Highway route No. 364, from Beech Creek to Monument and Orviston, preparatory to applying a coat of limestone and oil to the surface of that route, constructed last summer. A roller was in action last week, on the highway, rolling down sections that had to be resurfaced by the patching crews on account of settling and breaking through of the surface where roadbed was graded last year.

While firemen were battling a fire at the home of W. G. Marshall, in East New Castle, on Saturday, they were astonished to see fireman James E. Thomas, of the city department, roll out the front door. He had been fighting the blaze on the roof when the part where he was standing collapsed and he fell through to the top of the stairway and he fell through to the front door and he continued down the stairway and as it led to the front door at the bottom, he continued on through before his fall was stopped. Despite the unusual experience, he was not injured.

Everything was set last Wednesday for the funeral of Ivan Tiffany, 25, a farmer of Elk Lake, near Montrose, but the "corpse" walked in on the mourners and they walked out as the funeral was called off. The Sunday previous a barn in which Tiffany was repairing his automobile caught fire and was destroyed. When Tiffany failed to appear, his family believed he perished in the flames. Neighbors dug into the ruins and fished out what they believed were Tiffany's bones. The bones were placed in a casket and the funeral services were about to begin when Tiffany returned home.

An invitation is extended by the Pennsylvania department of Labor and Industry to its friends, to attend the annual state-wide safety conference to be held at the Penn-Harris hotel, Harrisburg, May 12 and 13. A program of entertainment including several addresses, a luncheon on May 12 and a banquet on the evening of May 13th at 6 o'clock has been arranged. The safety plaque contributed by the Pennsylvania Manufacturers' association will be awarded and a playlet entitled "Cloud and Sunshine," will be given as additional features of the program. Requests for reservations should be sent to the director of industrial standards of the department.