

Burt Shotton's "Phillies" seem to have lost their bearings. Just when we fans believed they were at last headed north they got all mixed up in their compass reading and started back south.

The Governor says Pennsylvania "is a fisher's paradise." Maybe it is, in the Governor's estimation, but the most of the desolate fishers we meet on the streams give us the impression that the sage of Milford got mixed in his places.

Now that this John Hughes Curtis has admitted that he was indulging in "big talk" when he made Col. Lindbergh believe that he was hand-in-glove with the kidnapers of his baby a suspicion has arisen as to whether "Jafis" actually tossed that fifty-grand into a cemetery.

The cold comfort the Centre county Court gave the middle aged woman whose youthful spouse deserted her leads us to wonder whether "His Honor" would be just as discouraging in the case of "an old man's darling" as he was in that of the "woman who took a boy to raise."

A recount of the ballots in the First legislative District of Washington county reveals that D. Glenn Moore was defeated for renomination by Assemblyman. Mr. Moore came into limelight at Harrisburg as Pinchot's floor leader. And his glib has been denounced, undoubtedly, because of that very fact.

The Centre county grand jury's suggestion that the pigeons be removed from the portico of the court house was easier to make than to carry out. In the recipe for making a rabbit pottle we are told to "first, catch the rabbit." The members of the grand inquest failed to clarify their suggestion by adding the most necessary step to be taken if the pigeons are to be removed.

It is admitted that there was a "rake-off" of \$189,000.00 in the sale of voting machines to Allegheny county, but who got it will likely remain as much of a mystery as were those as to who stole the votes that would have made the late Eddie Beidleman a Republican nominee for Governor and who chiseled John Hemphill out of the place Gifford Pinchot now holds.

Those who are worried through fear that we Democrats will squabble ourselves out of the best chance we have had in years to elect a President should ease their minds on that matter. The best chance any outstanding Republican ever had to get his party's nomination has presented itself this year, yet not one of them had temerity to go after it. The Republicans will nominate Hoover only because there isn't a man of presidential size in their party who would accept it, if offered on a gold platter.

At a reception recently given by the Alexandria, Va. Chamber of Commerce, Mrs. Pinchot, wife of our Governor, kicked off her slippers to rest her feet. The incident has become quite a newspaper sensation. We see nothing in it except a rare opportunity to commend Cornelia for something. She, at least, had seen to it that there were no holes in the toes of her stockings. Most women have so little concern about the unexposed parts of their raiment that an old fashion boot-jack wouldn't have pried the slippers off many of the others at that reception.

The class of 1932 of the Bellefonte High school merits the admiration that those who realize what it has done must feel for it. Instead of following the usual custom of publishing a year book out of all proportion in cost and pretentiousness to the resources or needs of students in our public schools they have made their own. It is a neatly typewritten publication, filled with clever student pater and the fact that it shows initiative in calling a halt to needless waste is a matter that the boys and girls of the class can be eternally proud of. It is the most hopeful sign we have seen the youth of this community post since the days when school children were satisfied with what their parents could really afford to provide for them.

According to the Altoona Tribune's wet and dry poll Tyronc is seventy-one per cent for modification. Memories of the days when we foregathered with the finest bunch of fellows our sister town ever had are awakened by that revelation. Most of them are gone now. They lived when "a hot bird and a cold bottle" made for friendship and community contacts that were constructive. Then Tyronc would not have voted seventy-one per cent wet, because most of it thought our pals were leading the town straight to hell. If the Tribune's poll is an accurate reflex of the present temper of Tyronc it is evident that they have come to the conclusion that had as Dick and Kelly and the three Johns, and Horace and Clay and Reub, and the three Bills, and Pat, and the others of the gang, might have been, nothing they did contributed to the plight their town is in now.

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MANY PLEAS OF GUILTY MADE, LAST THURSDAY, BEFORE JUDGE FLEMING

Forty-eight Year Old Woman Loses Support Action Against Husband, 21 Years Old.

Last Thursday was cleaning up day in the Centre county court prior to the regular session which convened on Monday morning.

The first man up when court convened, was George Reed, of Bellefonte, who plead guilty to a surety of the peace charge. He was sentenced to pay the costs and give bond in the sum of \$500 to keep the peace.

Bert Parks, of Bellefonte, was before the court on a charge of violating the vehicle code, but after hearing a statement of the case he was discharged.

R. F. Stamm, of Lewisburg, plead guilty to issuing checks without sufficient money in bank to meet them, the checks having been passed in Millheim. He was sentenced to pay the costs, a fine of \$2.50 and placed on probation for three months.

George Poorman, of Philipsburg, plead guilty to the charge of adultery and was sentenced to pay the costs, a dollar fine and six to twelve months imprisonment in the Allegheny county workhouse.

H. L. Davis, of State College, entered a plea of guilty to the charge of false pretense and was sentenced to pay the costs, make restitution and placd on probation for three months.

Ralph Reaser, who plead guilty to the larceny of an automobile, was remanded to jail for further consideration of his case.

Rody Biggett entered a plea of guilty to a violation of the liquor laws, at State College, and was sentenced to pay the costs and placed on probation for one year.

Clayton H. Krebs, of State College, was before the court on the charge of possession and carrying concealed deadly weapons. He plead guilty to the second count in the indictment and was sentenced to pay the costs, a dollar fine and serve a term of one day to one year in the county jail.

Dewey Haird, Luther Weller, Cloyd Smith and Harvey Shemery were before the court on an appeal from a decision of a justice of the peace who found them guilty of a violation of the game laws. The four men, residents of Northumberland county, had been charged with illegally killing a deer during the hunting season last fall. Their appeal was allowed and the case dismissed.

The sensational case of the day was that of Mrs. Bessie V. Laird against her husband, S. R. Laird, for desertion and non-support. The plaintiff gave her age as 48 years and Mr. Laird stated he is only 21. The woman was formerly Miss Bessie V. Richards and has lived in Bellefonte six years or longer. Mr. Laird is from Altoona and testified that before coming to Bellefonte he had worked for the Shaffer Stores company and had received \$35 a month. He had been laid off owing to the depression and came to Bellefonte on the hunt of a job. He met the Richards woman and a week later, or on February 29th, they were married by Rev. A. Ward Campbell. They lived together a month and three days and then the young bridegroom left and returned to Altoona. His wife had a warrant issued for his arrest on the charge of desertion and non-support and Laird was arrested in Altoona and brought back to answer to the charge. After hearing the evidence in the case the court refused to make an order for support, stating that any woman of the age of the plaintiff who would marry a man as young as the defendant had to take her chances of being supported. Laird, however, was remanded to jail until the court decided what to do in the matter of the costs.

J. J. Jones, of Philipsburg, plead guilty to a violation of the vehicle code and was sentenced to pay the costs, \$5.50 restitution and placed on probation.

Carl Auman, charged with a violation of the liquor laws, was sentenced to pay the costs and placed on probation for one year.

In the case of J. A. Garrison, of State College, a petition for an appeal from a summary conviction before a justice of the peace was granted.

Alvia Fetters plead guilty to making threats and aggravated assault and battery and was sentenced to pay the costs and give bond in the sum of \$500 to keep the peace.

On Saturday Z. M. Nerhood, of State College, plead nolle contendere to the charge of fraudulent con-

TWO 15-YEAR OLD BOYS ROBBED "BIG TROUT" INN, CAUGHT LAST THURSDAY

Two fifteen year old boys, James Alterio and William Goodla, robbed the "Big Trout" Inn, owned and conducted by Mr. and Mrs. William McAlarney, on south Water street, Tuesday night of last week. They were arrested last Thursday, out near Pleasant Gap, and at a juvenile hearing, on Monday, were committed to Glen Mills by Judge Fleming.

The boys recently escaped from a reform institution at Buffalo, N. Y., and hitchhiked to Centre county. The Alterio boy's father is said to be living at Lock Haven and his mother at Pleasant Gap. Goodla's father is supposed to be in California and his mother in Johnstown. The boys reached Centre county about two weeks ago and made their way to Pleasant Gap. Having no place to stay they appropriated an old telephone booth along the railroad south of the fish hatchery. With no money and no work they started in on a career of burglary in order to subsist. How much stealing they had done was not revealed.

They were arrested in their box-like home last Thursday. In the small building were four blankets which they had stolen from automobiles, and which they used as bedding. That they had robbed many hen's nests was evident from the quantity of egg shells scattered about the place. In fact there were so many of them that it looked as if the boys had been living on little else than eggs.

On Saturday night, May 7th, they robbed the gas station of Ed Witmer, at Axe Mann, where they got about eleven dollars in cash and cigarettes, cigars, candy, etc., to the amount of approximately twenty-five dollars. Last Tuesday night they robbed the "Big Trout" Inn.

Suspicion pointed to the two boys as the robbers because of the fact that on both Monday and Tuesday they had been seen in the vicinity of the Inn and apparently looking it over very carefully. In fact their actions had been so suspicious that Mr. McAlarney kept an eye on them and noticed that they always came in the Lewisburg railroad and when they left town walked out along the railroad. It was because of this fact that McAlarney and chief of police Harry Dukeman found them on Thursday. They simply traveled the railroad until they reached their shack near Pleasant Gap. McAlarney recovered about one-third of the stuff stolen from him, and also brought back the four stolen blankets, which he has in his possession and which will be given back to the rightful owners when they can be located.

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IN COURT THIS WEEK  
When the regular session of May court convened, on Monday morning, Glenn Poorman plead guilty to a charge preferred by a young woman, and was given the usual sentence imposed in such cases.

Paul M. Shawley entered a plea of guilty to the charge of larceny and was placed on probation for two years on condition he pay the costs.

Homer L. Illian stood trial on two counts of violation of the liquor laws by selling to students at State College. He was convicted and on each count was sentenced to pay the costs, pay \$1000 for the use of Centre county and imprisonment in the Allegheny county workhouse for 1 1/2 to 3 year, the sentences to run consecutively. A detainer was also issued against Illian and when his sentence expires he will be brought back to Centre county and tried on the charge of perjury.

Rafel Paschal, an escaped convict from Rockview penitentiary who refused to plead guilty two weeks ago, was placed on trial, convicted and sentenced to pay the costs and serve not less than 4 years and 9 months nor more than 9 years and 8 months in the western penitentiary following the expiration of his original sentence in Somerset county.

The case of Lena Spingols, of Philipsburg, charged with arson for starting the fire which destroyed her home about two months ago, occupied the attention of the court all of Tuesday, and at a short night session. After the Commonwealth had produced all it's evidence attorneys for the defendant asked the court to direct the jury to return a verdict of not guilty for lack of evidence, and the jury was so directed and the defendant discharged.

FRED COLLINS, NEGRO, DIES IN DEATH CHAIR FOR HORRIBLE MURDER

Electrocuted at Rockview Monday Morning, Four Months After Killing Miss Elizabeth Hickok.

Exit Fred Collins, negro moron. He went the route of the electric chair, at Rockview, almost in sight of the house where, on that beautiful morning of January 13th he stole like a thief in the night into the home of the man who had proven his greatest benefactor and, in his absence, criminally assaulted the only daughter and, in an effort to conceal his fiendish crime, murdered her in cold blood by cutting her throat with a butcher knife.

The crime was so heinous in it's nature that the perpetrator never had a chance for life or freedom. Bundled back to Pittsburgh the day the crime was committed he was kept in solitary confinement there until brought to Bellefonte for trial on the morning of February 25. His trial was merely a perfunctory legal formality. There was no question as to his guilt. He had confessed the horrible crime. The only thing at issue was the question of insanity. An alienist pronounced him sane. A jury of his peers convicted him and recommended death in the electric chair as the only punishment commensurate with the crime. Judge Fleming pronounced sentence immediately after the jury rendered it's verdict and Collins was taken back to Pittsburgh the same night.

Three weeks ago Governor Pinchot fixed the week beginning May 15th, as the time for his electrocution. He was brought in from Pittsburgh, Saturday evening, reaching Rockview about 7:30 o'clock. In the death house, on Sunday, he displayed no fear over his approaching doom. He had as a visitor a cousin from Shippensburg, who spent a few minutes with him in the death house.

Monday morning he walked to the chair with firm footsteps. One of the witnesses said that "he was scared white." Another said "if he was afraid of the end he didn't show it." Prison officials stated he went to his death "without faltering." So his bearing depended upon the way the different witnesses saw it.

Collins made no statement of any kind. He had no last message for his brother and sister, or for his other relatives. He was taken to the chair at 7:02 o'clock. It was just a minute later when executioner Robert Elliott threw the switch that sent 2200 volts of electricity coursing through his body. The smoke curled upwards from his ankle and one of the witnesses averred that he could hear the flesh sizzling, but this was probably a figment of his imagination. He was pronounced dead at 7:08.

The body was not claimed and was buried in the penitentiary cemetery. And thus ended the career of Fred Collins, negro.

His was the first electrocution legally accredited to Centre county, but which should be morally chargeable to the county from which he was committed to the penitentiary. Collins paid for his crime with his life, but his death can never wipe out the ignominy of his double offense to society. One lesson to be drawn from his act is that it does not pay to pamper criminals. They are sent to institutions for punishment because they have broken the laws of the Commonwealth, and punishment should be their portion.

BALD EAGLE VALLEY ROAD HAS BEEN ATTACHED TO THE MIDDLE DIVISION

In an effort to further cut down expenditures a new alignment of the Pennsylvania railroad has been made. The Elmira division has been made a part of the Williamsport division.

The Bald Eagle Valley branch, the Snow Shoe branch, and the Bellefonte branch, the two miles of track connecting Bellefonte with the Bald Eagle, at Milesburg, which two years ago were made a part of the Williamsport division, have been detached from there and made a part of the Middle division, effective Monday of this week. Comparative few employees in this section will be affected by the change.

Early risers, Wednesday morning, found their thermometers registering a trifle below the freezing point, though no frost was reported. Christ Beezer, who lives at Rooksburg, told us that it was 30 degrees at his home when he got up.

PHILIPSBURG MAN KILLS SELF IN PREFERENCE TO STANDING COURT TRIAL

George Harris, of Horn's Heights, Philipsburg, committed suicide by shooting himself with a shotgun, about 11:30 o'clock on Tuesday morning, in preference to standing trial in court on the charge of receiving stolen goods.

About a month ago the Goldthorpe grocery store, in Philipsburg, was robbed of a quantity of goods. George Jr., and Carl Harris were arrested for the robbery and most of the goods were found hidden at the Harris home. When arrested the two boys implicated their father as an accessory before the fact by declaring that he had sent them to rob the store. Two weeks ago they appeared in court and plead guilty to larceny and at the same time declared that they had lied about their father and that he had nothing to do with the robbery. The elder Harris, however, was held under bail on the charge of receiving stolen goods. His case was called for trial, last Monday afternoon, but had not proceeded far when court adjourned. He asked permission to go home for the night and the court permitted him to do so.

But when court convened, on Tuesday morning, he failed to appear. State police at Philipsburg were notified and requested to place him under arrest and produce him in court. They went to his home but he saw them in time to escape and make his way to a strip of woods near the house. They followed and as they came in sight of him he fired the fatal shot which pierced his left side. He died almost instantly.

Harris, who was 45 years old, leaves his wife and nine children, ranging in ages from one to nineteen years. He also leaves his mother, one brother and seven sisters. The two oldest boys, Carl and George Jr., who were sentenced to the Huntingdon reformatory two weeks ago but who have not yet been taken to that institution, will be permitted to attend the funeral of their father in custody of an officer.

GRAND JURY RECOMMENDS REMOVAL OF THE PIGEONS FROM COURT HOUSE PORCH

In it's report, last Thursday, the grand jury for the May term of court, recommended the removal of the pigeons from their roosting and nesting places under the eaves of the court house porch, but did not have a word to say about the removal of the cars from their parking place on the concrete plaza adjoining the court house, although one county official, at least, called their attention to the latter. In their report they said:

We have examined and passed upon 26 bills of indictment, 22 of which were found true bills and four not true. We have examined the public buildings and recommend that a cement walk be laid in the jail yard and a new cement walk along the interior of the jail wall should be replastered. Window screens should be put in the windows in the cellar of the jail. The floors in the sheriff's residence and the office should be refinished. The outside jail yard doors should be repaired. The women's quarters should be improved and a better ventilating system installed in the entire jail.

The pigeons should be removed from the court house porch; a mirror should be placed in the women's rest room and the plaster on the wall in the hall of the court house should be repaired.

WEST PENN POWER CO WILL REDUCE RATES EFFECTIVE JUNE 15.

The West Penn Power company will put into effect a new schedule of rates on June 15th which will reduce the cost of electric service to both the domestic and commercial consumers. In fact the rates will be enough lower to make quite an item to the consumer in a year's time, whether it be for domestic or commercial purposes. This reduction on the part of the West Penn Power company will doubtless be more appreciated by the consumers when they realize that it will come as a voluntary action and not through coercion of any kind.

E. J. Thompson, of Philipsburg, has been appointed an auditor to adjust any and all damages that may accrue to either State College borough or College township through the annexation of Lytle's Addition to State College.

SPAWLS FROM THE KEYSTONE

James Bugel, 35, arrested in Janesville Sunday night charged with being head of a chicken-stealing gang, committed suicide by hanging himself in the Ramey jail sometime during the night. He strangled himself with a short piece of rope.

Pennsylvania's State forests earned more than \$40,700 for the State Treasury during the last year, according to a report by the Department of Forests and Waters. The largest single item of revenue came from renting camp sites, which brought in \$25,000.

Miss Edith R. Schlimm, of Glenside, former note clerk in the closed Glenside Bank and Trust company, on Friday was committed to the State Industrial Home at Muncy for an "indeterminate time" on a charge of fraudulent conversion of the bank's funds.

Going into the Franklin Hardware and Plumbing company store during the noon hour Saturday and asking for a gallon of turpentine, a man described as of medium build, with dark hair and dark suit, took \$81 in currency from the cash register and walked out. The clerk had to go to the basement for the turpentine.

Chester Winslow, aged 50 years, of Beech Creek, a member of the section gang of the New York Central railroad, attempted to cross the street on Friday in front of a moving automobile and, evidently misjudging the distance was struck and knocked down, sustaining cuts, bruises, lacerations and contusions of the head, face, nose and body but no bones were broken.

George Savinsky, 51, of near Hazelton, a coal miner out of work for more than a year, on Monday blew himself to pieces with a charge of dynamite in the yard at his home a short distance from a stone cross which he had chipped out the past two weeks. He apparently had fastened the charge about his waist. His wife, his sole survivor, was in bed at the time. The blast was heard for blocks away.

Three alleged counterfeiters were recently arrested at Hershey. On the person of one Frank Marcine, of Flushing, N. Y., 97 counterfeit 10-dollar bills were found, police charge. B. W. Powell and Walter Powell, brothers, claimed they did not know Marcine, while the latter said he slept on a bench on Riverside drive and when he awoke the counterfeit money was there in front of him. The trio is in jail at Harrisburg, as the Federal authorities demand \$50,000 bail.

Francis Kuneman, 24, of Tunnel Hill, is held in the Blair county jail on charges of shooting and wounding a watchman at the Summit-Blair Gap Water Co. reservoir near Duncanville. He was captured in the mountains after State police and highway patrolmen combined in a search. Kuneman refused to make any statement. Officials said he shot James Feigh, 43, of Cresson, in the back and fired two shots at C. J. Gallagher, of Williamsport, assistant watchman, but missed. Feigh is in the hospital.

Miss Genevieve Rausch, Larue McMullen and David McMullen, all of Mt. Union, convicted of robbing Joseph Christ of \$1900 in a roadside near that town, were sentenced on Monday by Judge Thomas F. Bailey to serve one and one-half to three years in the western penitentiary. Christ had drawn the money from a Mt. Union bank and was preparing to leave for his former home in Bulgaria when he visited the roadside, drank considerable liquor, offered to kiss the lady manager and left minus his cash.

Zion Reformed church, of Allentown, will receive almost \$1500 by the will, admitted to probate Saturday, of Mina Smith, a resident of Philadelphia, who died May 3 in Washington. The testatrix, who left real estate valued at \$50,000, directed it be sold by her executors. After bequeathing \$1000 to Mrs. Jennie Hawk, a niece, she directed one twentieth of the remainder be paid to the church and the balance held in trust for the benefit of Mrs. Agnes Allen, Williamsport. After Mrs. Allen's death, the principal will revert to Mrs. Hawk.

A highway robber was knocked down and injured fatally by a Clearfield county motorist he sought to hold up Saturday night. The robber, unidentified, died on Sunday. He attempted to stop the automobile driven by Ivan Breth, of Mahaffey, but Breth speeded up the machine and bowled over the man. A short time before the bandit robbed the gasoline station opened by Mrs. Clara Bradbury, near McGee's Mills, and four patrons of 294. Breth was driving towards McGee's Mills when the man stepped into the road and flourished a revolver.

Struck by an automobile near the Nealmont bridge, below Tyrone, on Saturday morning, William Knode, 55, of Birmingham, was picked up by the motorist, hauled 110 miles to a point near Clarion and then abandoned behind a tree on the side of the road. Knode was found by a passing motorist and taken to Brookville hospital. His condition was described as fair on Sunday night, although he has internal injuries. Knode said that the car that struck him was driven by a negro and that there were two white men in the rumble seat. After hitting him, they got out, examined him, loaded him into the car and then headed for Clarion.

Two nephews will contest the will of Mrs. Rebecca E. Edge, of Harrisburg, which left practically her entire estate of \$50,000 to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Mrs. Edge was the widow of Thomas J. Edge, first secretary of agriculture of the Commonwealth. The nephews, J. Lynn Johnson, of Kingston, and L. B. Johnson, of Forty-Fort, filed objections on Monday with the register of wills. James G. Miles, deputy register, said that Mrs. Edge's bequest to the Commonwealth is the first in his 13 year's experience. She died April 17, Mrs. Edge bequeathed B. H. Perry, a mail carrier, "who served me so many years" \$300. She also left \$500 for the upkeep of a cemetery lot for herself and Mr. Edge. Contents of her "curio room" are to go to the Harrisburg public library and the residue of the estate, jewels and personal property goes to the Commonwealth.