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Enacting buylaws will prove just about as futile a way to revive business as passing resolutions condemning the practice of using lip sticks and smoking cigarettes.

The counterfeit one-thousand dollar bills that are said to be in circulation are not worrying us. If we were to "lamp" a bill of such denomination we'd go crazy and then we'd never know it was "phony."

After all, the idea of the governments' guaranteeing bank deposits might not be so bad. If it were done for a few years it might bring a lot of money out of hoies in the ground, from under the kitchen carpets and safety deposit vaults.

The Governor is going to call another extra session of the Legislature, after all. This time, however, he is starting about it as if he had found out that the regularly elected representatives of the people of Pennsylvania are not merely his "yes men."

The McMullen gentleman, who has proven such a stormy petrel in Millheim politics for several years, has been given a State job. Not a very hot one, so far as emolument goes, but probably all the Republicans think Mr. McMullen's services to them are worth.

The oftener we go fishing the more convinced we become of the fact that the State's Fish Commission needs more hatcheries if Governor Pinchot is to be saved from becoming the honor member of Lowell Thomas' "Tall Story Club," for having said that "Pennsylvania is the fishermen's paradise."

Balancing the budget would be a child's job in the U. S. A. or any of her component States if the President and the Governors and every one who has a job under them were to prove that they have earned their salaries and made the departments in which they have been employed self-supporting.

Judge Samuel Seabury might cause Mayor Jimmy Walker, of New York City, some uncomfortable moments but he'll never knock the colorful tin-god of Gotham off his pedestal. Jimmy, like the Prince of Wales, is one of those rare fellows whom everybody seems to love and for what particular reason nobody seems to know.

And this is June, the month of roses, the sweet girl graduate and the blushing brides. We'll have the roses and the sweet girl graduate, but not the blushing brides. They don't do that anymore. They grab "the boy friend," tie him in the matrimonial knot and then go into court for an order confiscating nine-tenths of his earning possibilities and proceed on their "hard boiled" way.

The motto "States Rights and Federal Union" that has been under the mast head of the Watchman ever since it was established, has frequently been commented on by persons who know nothing of what the Democratic party was founded on. True, the party had drifted far from its original mooring, but evidence is accumulating on every side to assure us that it is finding its way back and gaining in popular respect with each inch of the way.

Henry Ford says that "hoarded labor is as harmful to the nation as hoarded cash," and that, we say, is the greatest truism that has ever come from the mouth of "Lizzie's" papa. There are enough deserted farms in Centre county right now to produce food for every unemployed person in the county for the coming winter and "hoarded labor" is the one thing that is keeping them from doing so. Is it "hoarded labor," or is it only "hiding labor" in its habitual obsession of expecting the government to provide.

In the first four months of this year foreign trade of the United States fell off nearly seven hundred million dollars as compared with the same period in 1931. If that rate continues throughout 1932 the loss will total more than the most optimistic of those who think business can be revived by artificial stimulation have suggested that the government inject into it. The fallacy of raising our tariff walls higher ought certainly to be apparent to anyone in face of this tremendous shrinkage in our foreign business. With no money to buy our goods foreign countries simply have to do without them, because our tariff restrictions on their own products makes it prohibitive for them to pay for ours in kind.

Speaking to the graduating class of Oglethorpe University, at Atlanta, Ga., on Sunday night, Governor Roosevelt said: "In the future we are going to think less about the producers and more about the consumer." The present state of affairs is due largely to neglect of constructive thought looking to stabilization of the purchasing power of the consumer, but we fear Mr. Roosevelt's very pertinent remark will not please the southern cotton growers or the western farmers. They are so much concerned about the condition of the producers right now that they are blind to the relief that might come to them if people had enough money to buy all the cotton fabrics and grain fabrications they would like to have.

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BELLEFONTE HIGH GRADUATES SIXTY-ONE IN CLASS OF 1932

List of Prizes Awarded at Commencement Exercises in Richelieu Theatre Last Evening.

Sixty-one young men and women, the same number as last year, were graduated at the Bellefonte High school commencement exercises last night, held in the Richelieu. The exercises began with the baccalaureate services in the Presbyterian church on Sunday evening. Rev. Stuart F. Gast was the preacher and the church was crowded to the doors. The sermon touched a popular chord was evidenced from the fact that members of the class commented specially on its appropriateness for the occasion.

The Junior declamatory contest for the Col. W. F. Reynolds prizes was held in the High school auditorium on Tuesday evening. There were ten contestants, Betty Woemer, Roy Wilkinson, Gladys Sampsel, James Bair, Margaret Mills, Norman Kirk, Mary Hartle, Philip Mabius, Helen Myers and Calvin Purnell. The judges, James R. Hughes, Mrs. Robert M. Beach and Rev. A. Ward Campbell, awarded the boy's prize to Roy Wilkinson with honorable mention for Calvin Purnell, and the girl's prize to Gladys Sampsel with honorable mention for Margaret Mills.

The commencement exercises, in the Richelieu last evening, were also largely attended, friends of the members of the graduating class predominating. The commencement speaker was C. William Duncan, of Philadelphia. Dr. M. J. Locke, president of the Bellefonte school board presented the diplomas and awarded the long list of prizes as follows:

Col. W. F. Reynolds general excellence prize, \$10.—Martha Brugger; honorable mention, Pearce Rumberger. Miss Myra Humes general excellence prize (commercial course), \$10.—Betty Campbell; honorable mention, Pearl Rote.

Civic Club prize, \$10.—Martha Brugger; honorable mention, Pearce Rumberger. Mrs. M. E. Brouse senior biographical essay prize, \$10.—Martha Brugger; honorable mention, Elizabeth Herr.

Walter C. Cohen senior manual training prize, \$10.—Lee Alexander; honorable mention, Charles Sellers and Kenneth Lucas.

Walter C. Cohen orchestra prizes—Gold pin to each member of the orchestra. Col. W. Fred Reynolds Junior declamatory prizes, \$7.50 each.—Roy Wilkinson and Gladys Sampsel; honorable mention, Calvin Purnell and Margaret Mills.

George R. Meek general courtesy prize, \$5.00.—Allen Weaver; honorable mention, Eleanor Johnson. George R. Meek bookkeeping prize, \$5.00.—Lucille Ulrich; honorable mention, Kathryn Coble.

Dr. John M. Keichline Freshman hygiene prize, \$5.00.—Madeline Carpeneto; honorable mention, Mabel Musser. Mrs. John S. Walker household art prizes, \$5.00 and \$2.50.—Eleanor Wion and Mabel Musser.

Charles F. Cook mechanical drawing prize, \$5.00.—Ben Grytoko; honorable mention, Howard Armagast. D. A. R. American history prize, \$5.00.—Divided between Roy Wilkinson and Betty Woemer.

A. C. Mingle world history prize, \$5.00.—Divided between Francis Alexander and Virginia McClellan. A. C. Mingle Civics prize, \$5.00.—Divided between Eleanor Wion and James Musser.

Miss Myra Humes Sophomore Latin prize, \$5.00.—Jane Beatty; honorable mention, Josephine Cohen. Mrs. M. E. Brouse girls' general science prize, \$5.00.—Lorraine Crawford; honorable mention, Eleanor Wion.

W. C. T. U. temperance essay prizes, \$5.00 each.—Phillip Cronemiller and Beulah Schultz; honorable mention, Edwin Taylor and Eleanor Wion. W. Harrison Walker boy's biology prize, \$5.00.—Carl Rossmann; honorable mention, Howard Armagast.

William J. Emerick girls' biology prize, \$5.00.—Lucille Ulrich; honorable mention, Jane Beatty. C. G. Decker Senior science prize, \$5.00.—Dale Zimmerman; honorable mention, Pearce Rumberger.

The list of graduates was published complete in last week's Watchman. General excellence honors in the grades were announced as follows: BISHOP STREET BUILDING Grade 1.—Emily Smeltzer. Grade 2.—Richard From, Junior Kerchner. Grade 3.—Mary Grace Hartstock, Jean Clevenstine. Grade 4.—Betty Auman, Jean Fanning. Grade 5.—Jean Caum. Grade 6.—Irma Schlow. Grade 7.—Carolyn Caldwell, Mary Gehret. Grade 8.—Betty Ann Hartwick.

ALLEGHENY STREET BUILDING Grade 1.—Harry Zerby, Ann Tanner. Grade 2.—Virginia Clark, Eleanor Forsburg, Blanche Locke. Grade 3.—Richard Valentine, James Thompson. Grade 4.—Richard Walker, George Purnell. Grade 5.—Helen Olsen. Grade 6.—Lorraine Yates, Frank Broderrick. Grade 7.—Jean Monsell, Janet Woemer. Grade 8.—Ruth Brewer.

LACK OF FUNDS CANCELS MOTHERS' ASSISTANCE IN CLEARFIELD COUNTY

Clearfield County Commissioners have notified the Mothers' Assistance board of that county that effective May 31st there will be no more county funds available to meet the State appropriation to carry on the work of furnishing aid to dependent mothers and children. Slow tax collections with the resultant low condition of the county finances render such action imperative, according to Commissioners.

Clearfield county has been receiving \$40,000 of the State appropriation for two years' work, which must be matched by a like amount from the county. This money was used to furnish aid to 160 mothers and 508 children. With the aid cancelled the mothers and children will have to be taken care of by their home communities.

The amount of money expended by Centre county during 1931, by the Mothers' Assistance board, was \$10,668.68, half of which, or \$5,334.34, was appropriated by the county to meet a like appropriation by the State. This amount was sufficient to furnish aid to 37 mothers and about 100 children under the age of 16 years. When the act creating the mothers' assistance was passed by the Legislature it provided for a maximum payment of \$20 a month to a mother with one child to support and \$10 a month for each additional child, but the fund appropriated has never in any one year been large enough to meet the maximum payment. In fact, it is estimated that it never at any time exceeded about 39 per cent.

In Centre county the board uses its discretion in making allotments, so that there is no stated sum paid out to each and every one. If the mother owns her own home, has no rent to pay and partial means of support she is not given as much per child as the mother who has absolutely nothing. It is in this way that the board has been able to extend aid to as many as it has been giving. While tax collections in Centre county are also slow there has so far been no thought of discontinuing the mothers' assistance.

PENNSYLVANIA PASTORS HONORED AT CONFERENCE

The Central Pennsylvania conference of the Methodist Episcopal church won considerable recognition at the General Conference of the church held at Atlantic City, and which closed on Thursday of last week. Six ministers were appointed by the board of Bishops to important commissions and boards to serve during the ensuing four years. They were as follows:

Rev. Dr. A. L. Miller, superintendent of the Williamsport district, a member of the general board of foreign missions; Rev. A. S. Williams, Bible and character building instructor are given and recreation is provided. It is hoped that this year's session will exceed even that of last year.

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LOCK HAVEN NOT HIT BY GENERAL DEPRESSION

According to James C. Brinton traffic engineer of the Greyhound Transit company, Lock Haven is "one of the most fortunate towns in the country; it's industries are depression proof." Testifying before the Public Service Commission, last week, Mr. Brinton stated that "95 per cent of Lock Haven's working population is employed steadily. But just thirteen miles away lies Jersey Shore, with a population of 5000, and only about 100 persons with steady employment."

Read the Watchman and get all the news worth reading.

PHILPSBURG MAN DIES OF INJURIES SUSTAINED IN AUTO ACCIDENT

Turned Out to Avoid Hitting Cow, Car Upset, Skull Fractured and Death the Result.

Harry Irvin Shay, an automobile salesman, of Philipsburg, died in the State hospital at that place, last Tuesday evening, as the result of a fractured skull sustained in an auto accident the same afternoon when he attempted to avoid hitting a cow which ran across the road in front of his machine. Shay went to work on Monday morning as a salesman for the Hayes Bros. garage in Philipsburg. Early Tuesday afternoon he started out on a trip to sell a Chrysler touring car, taking with him his wife and fifteen months old baby. On the highway between Morrisdale and Philipsburg a cow was pasturing at the roadside. As he neared the animal it made a dash to cross the road. In order to avoid hitting it he turned out. The car upset and Shay sustained a crushed skull. Mrs. Shay and the baby escaped without injury.

The unfortunate man was a son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Shay and was born at Howard on August 17th, 1880, making his age 51 years 9 months and 7 days. He had been employed as an automobile salesman for a number of years, having worked in Pittsburgh, Altoona, Morrisdale and Houtzdale prior to locating in Philipsburg last September.

He married Miss Dorothy Jane Stockport, of Morrisdale, who survives with four children, Virginia, Mildred E., Peggy and Eileen. He also leaves his mother, living at Howard, and the following brothers and sisters: Lionel Shay, of Howard; Arthur, of Williamsport; Edward, of Lock Haven; Mrs. Edward Bathurst, of Howard; Mrs. George Beightol, of Mill Hill, and Mrs. Emma Frantz, of Watstown.

Funeral services were held at his late home, in Philipsburg, at 2:30 o'clock on Friday afternoon, by Rev. J. W. Morris, burial being made in the Emigh cemetery, at Morrisdale.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL TO OPEN NEXT MONDAY

The daily vacation Bible school will open in the High school building Monday morning, June 6th. Sessions will be held each school day morning from nine to eleven-thirty o'clock. The school will continue for a period of three weeks and will close with a public exhibition of the work done on Friday morning, June 24th.

The school, which is held under the auspices of the various churches of Bellefonte, had its most successful season last year when over three hundred and fifty children were enrolled. No charges are made for attendance and all children of the community from five years of age up to high school age are welcomed. Bible and character building instruction are given and recreation is provided. It is hoped that this year's session will exceed even that of last year.

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ANOTHER PRISONER WALKS AWAY FROM PEN.

Joseph Papallo, an Italian inmate sent up from Cameron county for 10 to 20 years for second degree murder, and who was an inmate of the psychopathic ward, escaped from Rockview penitentiary at 7:30 o'clock on Wednesday morning. With a number of other prisoners he was being taken from the ward to the new power house, where they were employed, when Papallo dropped out of line without being seen by the guard and made a safe getaway.

KILL THE CATERPILLARS AND OTHER DESTRUCTIVE INSECTS AND WORMS

A well known resident of Bellefonte asked us to insert a notice this week requesting all property owners, not in Bellefonte alone but throughout the county, to burn or destroy the caterpillar nests that are so numerous this spring in gardens and orchards.

It is known as the tented caterpillar and is one of the most voracious of pests. If not destroyed they will strip a tree of its foliage in a few days. Wild cherry trees are the first choice of the caterpillar as a source of food supply, and because such trees are of little or no value to the land owner he does not take the trouble to kill the pests.

Next to the cherry tree the caterpillar prefers the apple tree and many orchards in Centre county have suffered from its voracious appetite. As stated above caterpillar nests are more abundant this year than usual and now is the time to rid your trees of them. It is not a difficult task and will mean dollars in the pockets of every orchardist.

Tent caterpillars feed only at night when there is no danger of them falling prey to insectivorous birds. With the first streak of dawn they crawl back into their tent to remain until darkness falls again. The easiest way to destroy them on wild cherry or other trees of no special value is to tie a newspaper to a long pole. Set it on fire and burn the nest. A few seconds to each nest will suffice.

On apple and other valuable fruit trees other methods of destruction must be used. One of the best is to cut a forked stick. Insert the fork into the centre of the tent, twist it around several times and the entire nest and all its contents can be pulled down. Then burn or crush the caterpillars and the eggs in the nest. The nests should be destroyed now before the eggs have time to hatch.

Cutworms are another pest that are proving very destructive this year, one Bellefonte gardener unearthing and killing one hundred and forty of them along one row of cabbage plants. And the darn potato bugs are also said to be more numerous than fleas on a dog.

THREE AUTO ACCIDENTS DURING THE PAST WEEK

Last Saturday afternoon a collision occurred on the Nittany mountain highway between a car driven by Lewis Fibberbaum, of Oil City, and one operated by Carl Wharton, of Mount Union. Fortunately no one was injured but both cars were damaged. Fibberbaum assumed responsibility for the accident.

On Sunday afternoon another collision occurred on the same highway, a short distance above Pleasant Gap, between a car driven by Mrs. F. R. Barnes of Pleasant Gap, and one operated by Andrew F. Heineman, of Pittston. The latter's sister, Miss Marian Heineman, was cut and bruised about the head and face, but the others escaped injury. Mr. Heineman accepted the blame for the accident.

Down on the Marsh Creek road, a short distance north of Blanchard, a car operated by Raymond Fisher was crowded off the road by another motorist and ran into a bridge abutment. Miss Eleanor Courter, a passenger in the Fisher car, suffered a dislocation of the lower jaw, several loosened teeth and lacerations on one side of her body. Fisher was cut and bruised and suffered from shock.

Looking over the list of prize winners in the Bellefonte High school we have been impressed with the fact that the big money went to out-of-town students; one young woman, Miss Martha Brugger, of Fleming, not only winning first honors but pulling down \$30 in prizes out of a total of \$142.50 awarded. We are not questioning the fairness of the awards. They undoubtedly were deserved, and it should impress the boys and girls of Bellefonte with the fact that a little closer application to their studies and less running to the movies and riding around in Dad's automobile might result to their advantage when they come to graduate.

The 63rd annual convention of the Centre county Sabbath School Association will be held in the Lutheran church, at Millheim, Monday and Tuesday, June 13th and 14th. The opening session will be held at 2 o'clock Monday afternoon and the closing session Tuesday evening. All school workers in the county are urged to attend and take part in the proceedings. Dr. Homer W. Tope and other members of the State Sabbath School organization will be present.

SPAWLS FROM THE KEYSTONE

His head blown away by a dynamite explosion, the body of Frank Litawa, 45, unemployed miner, was found in a shanty in the rear of his home near Shenandoah, on Monday. Deputy coroner Joseph Popatis reported Litawa had committed suicide. He is survived by his widow and seven children.

Spring seeding and transplanting activities recently have been completed in the four State Forest tree nurseries operated by the Pennsylvania Department of Forests and Waters at Mont Alto, Franklin county; Clearfield county; Potters Mills, Centre county, and Greenwood, Huntingdon county.

Ralph Payne, of Allegheny county, was off to market last week, to buy chickens with the \$168 he had in his pockets. While driving on the Steubenville pike west of Crafton, three men rose from under the coverings in the rear of his truck, pointed revolvers at him, and got the \$168 and a watch.

A honeymoon in which the bride was left at home while her husband took an automobile trip with his mother was described in divorce proceedings in Pittsburgh, last Thursday. "And it was my car," wept Mrs. Hope Young Strodes, testifying against her husband, James L. Strodes, of Beaver. Strodes was a State College student when they were married in September, 1929. The decree was granted.

Richard Riley, Neil Riley and Joseph Slovotki, of Sugar Notch, convicted in Luzerne county of violating the election laws, were sentenced by Judge W. S. McLean on Monday to each pay a fine of \$250, the costs and to serve six months in the county jail. They were then paroled from the prison sentence in the custody of their counsel until June 7 and in the meantime to pay the fine and costs.

The Bechtel Milk plant, near Sunbury, in Northumberland county, was entered and robbed early Tuesday morning, the thieves taking about \$15 in cash and a number of cartons of brick ice cream. Entrance was gained by cutting part of the screening from a side window of the plant. Examination disclosed that a thorough search of the entire plant had been made for valuables. Borough police were notified and are investigating.

Thomas Crossley, of Montour county, father of eight children, was sentenced to two to four years in the eastern penitentiary after confessing to entering and robbing the home of Dr. H. R. Eckroth. Although confessing that a Crossley said he made no use of the household articles he stole and which were recovered in his home. A son, Thomas Jr., is held in jail pending trial on assisting in the robbery at the Eckroth home.

Charges that she is a "common scold" kept Catherine Cairns, 40 years old, behind bars at the Abington police station, this week, under \$500 bail, pending action of the Montgomery county grand jury. Browder Benningfield swore out the warrant for her arrest and a police hearing testified that the defendant "had destroyed the peace of his neighborhood for six years, and that verbal attacks from her had made life miserable for the residents." His testimony was corroborated by seven other residents of the neighborhood.

The plight of an aged couple whose son forced them to live in a chicken coop while he converted his home into a speakeasy was revealed by their daughter and police last Friday. The couple, Mr. and Mrs. James Rowan, both near 75, were found asleep, cramped up in their dingy quarters on straw pallets, when troopers raided the son's dwelling. In the house, a three-room cottage, two miles from Langhorne, the raiders found a drunker revel in progress, they said, with the living quarters transformed into a makeshift barroom. James Kile, 35, the son, was arrested as proprietor.

Five prisoners escaped from the Northumberland county jail on Tuesday night by walking from their cell doors which a trusty unlocked and digging their way through the floor to the outer grounds. Donald Bastes, 25, of Treverton, was captured a short time later. The others, still at large, are Charles Stone, 27, of Sunbury awaiting trial for robbery; Coleman Tyson, 25, of Sunbury, the trusty, serving a term for larceny; Charles O'Neil, Mt. Carmel, serving sentence for larceny and breaking and entering and Thomas Murphy, 31, of Shamokin, awaiting trial for hold-up and robbery.

Heavy mattresses saved the lives of Thomas Nichols, a coal miner, and his wife and three children at Avella, on Tuesday, when a bomb exploded with such force that the bed posts were thrust through the ceiling of the bedroom. All five were bruised and shocked. Nichols estimated damages to his home at \$1500. Nichols, employed at the P. and W. mine of the Pittsburgh Terminal Coal Corp., was one of the 150 who signed a petition asking Governor Pinchot for State police protection at Avella during the mine strike. He had been threatened several times recently, Washington county authorities said they learned.

Recovery in Pennsylvania of seventy-seven stolen motor vehicles was reported to the title section of the Department of Revenue in April. These vehicles were recovered either by the State highway patrol, local police, garage owners or other agencies. Their total estimated value was \$34,950. Fifty-seven of the recovered vehicles had been abandoned by thieves. Ten were out-of-State cars that had been stolen and were found in Pennsylvania. Nine were found in the possession of persons not the rightful owners, but not the thieves. Since the first of the year, 359 motor vehicles with an estimated value of \$168,597 were reported as having been recovered in Pennsylvania.

Two of the men who on March 6th dynamited Lycoming creek at Winslow Flats, about a mile above Ralston, have been apprehended by game protector W. B. McClarin and deputy Ira H. High, and are now in Lycoming county jail, after pleading guilty to the offense charged. Robert Bastain, of Ralston, was arrested on April 18, pleaded guilty but refused to give information against any of the other members of the party who dynamited the stream, killing all the fish in that locality. Through other sources the game officials secured evidence against three other men, one of whom, George Gearhart, of Holsopple, Somerset county, was arrested May 23 at Blossburg. Tioga county. Gearhart told the officers that since the dynamiting of the stream he had been in seventeen different States, at one time being as far south as Texas.