



LOOKS LIKE ANOTHER RUSH FOR LICENSES

And Some Folks Because of Tardiness in Applying Are Going to Get Left.

Although the Department of Highways through its Bureau of Motor Vehicle has been issuing 1925 license tags since September 15, only 177,591 passenger car owners had applied for tags up to and including November 10, Registrar B. F. Eynon announced a few days ago. This number is 40,900 less than during the same period in 1924.

The legislature in 1925 amended the motor vehicle law, permitting the use of license tags for the succeeding year on Dec. 15. "This means Pennsylvania motorists have no excuse for failure to have the 1925 license tags on Jan. 1, 1926," says Eynon.

"There will be no extension of time for the use of 1925 tags." The Bureau of Motor Vehicles has mailed all renewal cards. If owners have not received their cards they should advise the Bureau at Harrisburg, giving their certificate of title number of their 1925 license tag number, the make of car and manufacturer's number and the present address of the owner.

Up to Jan. 1, 1925, the Bureau had issued 743,544 license tags for the year 1925. On this basis it should issue 855,634 registrations for the year 1926 before Jan. 1. This means that between Nov. 10 and Dec. 31, 679,943 sets of tags must be issued, or 16,563 tags daily.

Heavy Fire Loss.

Knowledge that the tenderest spot on a bull's anatomy is its nose saved Alvin Hummel from death when his barn and seven cows were burned on Thanksgiving night, near Middleburg.

Hummel had rescued seven horses and 15 other cattle when he tried to get out the prize bull. The animal swayed from partial suffocation as he groped in the stall, and finally fell, pinning Hummel fast. With all his strength, Hummel pinched the animal's nose; it lurched to one side, and he was able to escape from the burning building. The bull died.

Rescuing the horses was a difficult task, but Hummel succeeded in saving them by throwing blankets and grain sacks over the heads of the frightened animals, which persisted in trying to run into the hottest part of the flames. His barn and all of his crops are a total loss and the damage is estimated at \$11,000, with partial insurance.

Hits Roadside Courts.

The American Automobile Association has announced that it would support a program placing all main highways of the country under State road patrols and abolishing the fee system of arrests in order to "rid motordom of its worst infestation, the speed trap and the roadside court."

Thomas P. Henry, president of the association, said a survey, conducted through its 750 associated clubs, has "proved conclusively there is virtually no enforcement by justice of the peace courts, and that a system of arrests based on the division of fees is honey-combed with corruption."

Amen!

Only Trust Company in Whole Snyder County, Opens.

On Saturday Snyder county's new banking institution, the Snyder County Trust company, opened its doors for business, the bank and building being open for inspection on that date.

This bank has over four hundred stockholders and is the only trust company in Snyder county. The board of directors is composed of well-known business and professional men of the county.

The Public Schools.

William Penn in his "Frame of Government" 1862 provided "that all children within this province of the age of twelve years shall be taught some useful trade or skill, to the end that none may be idle, but the poor may work to live, and the rich if they become poor may not want."

The Constitution of Pennsylvania 1789 prescribes in Article X, Section 1, that "The General Assembly shall provide for the maintenance and support of a thorough and efficient system of public schools, wherein all the children of this Commonwealth above the age of six years may be educated, and shall appropriate at least one million dollars each year for that purpose."

The "Free School Law" passed by the General Assembly in 1834 and championed by Thaddeus Stevens in 1835 finally made possible free public education for every boy and girl in Pennsylvania.

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BANK CASHIER NOT LIABLE FOR NOTE.

Under Court's Decision Judgment Against Former Cashier S. G. Walker Is Wiped Out.

S. G. Walker, former cashier of the Spring Mills First National Bank was relieved from paying a judgment in the sum of \$5,500, given by Mr. Walker to indemnify the bank against a loss which it was presumed would have to be paid to Moore, Leonard & Lynch, a bond selling firm, on account of the swindling scheme of C. E. McFeaters, now residing in Rockview pen. Judge Arthur C. Dale, in his opinion in the case, among other things stated the note carried with it a contract specifically stating that it (the note) was to indemnify a particular firm—Moore, Leonard & Lynch—and hence recovery for loss through the McFeater's swindle was made by the Fidelity Title and Trust Company through a suit against the bank, Moore, Leonard & Lynch nor the Spring Mills bank could collect on the indemnifying note and contract.

The contract was too specific, and could not be made to cover a larger scope than that specified. In this connection a portion of the lengthy opinion of the court is printed:

"As a purely equitable principle S. G. Walker ought not to be held responsible for the loss of these Liberty Bonds although he himself stated that he delivered the same to McFeaters through negligence. S. G. Walker is an honest farmer and in delivering the bonds he did so basing his action upon the fair, suave and clever misrepresentations made to him by C. E. McFeaters. He profited in no wise in the transaction. He did not even know that he was negligent when he made delivery of the bonds. Honest, sincere, trustworthy and conscientious to a fault, S. G. Walker believed he was performing a transaction which transpired as a matter of course in the general conduct of the business of the little country bank. At the time he entered into the contract neither he nor the bank knew any other party to the entire transaction save Moore, Leonard & Lynch, and knowing them alone as being parties to whom the First National Bank of Spring Mills would be liable, if any liability they had, they entered into a clear, definite contract to do a certain thing and none other. The factor of controlling importance in this case is the question as to what was the condition upon which the agreement was entered into. In this case it was the plaintiff bank which was to receive the proceeds of the judgment note and the defendant from whose properties, both real and personal, this judgment was to be paid in the event that Moore, Leonard & Lynch brought suit to recover the judgment. It was not only the question as to whether or not a suit was brought but the agreement clearly states that the matter of loss to Moore, Leonard & Lynch must be involved before the judgment entered of record should be collected from this defendant. In view of these facts we cannot see how the plaintiff bank has any rights to indemnification by S. G. Walker when Moore, Leonard & Lynch had not had any action against the bank nor has the bank, under all the facts involved in this controversy, paid anything to Moore, Leonard & Lynch by reason of the loss of the Liberty Bonds. The bank, itself, took this judgment subject to all the conditions under which it was given, as fully expressed in the collateral contract agreement. It is against the policy of the law to travel far afield in the construction and interpretation of contracts and include collateral circumstances affecting remote parties in the interpretation of the stipulations and covenants extant between two parties to a contract, such as we have in this case. The facts are admitted, agreed upon by the parties to the suit and the entire case resolves itself into a question for the court. Even though there may be no analogous case of record in Pennsylvania the principles applicable, in our opinion, point directly to the merit of the defendant's contention and all the more so by reason of the intimate relationship which existed between the bank as a business organization and its cashier as its agent and a cog in the machinery maintained for its operation."

Senior Class to Give Play.

The senior class of the Centre Hall High school will present the play, "Forest Acres," in Grange Acadia, Friday evening, December 18th. More complete announcement later.

Anyone wishing to get tickets for "Forest Acres," December 18, may procure them from any member of the High school.

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BUT FEW DEER KILLED FIRST DAY.

Former Prolific Field Not Yielding Its Former Crop— Hunters Daily Comb Mountains and Ravines—Seven Illegal Deer at State House Tuesday Night.

Deer killing in the Seven Mountains has been on the blink since the opening of the season. Last year, it may be said for several years, a number of camps killed from three to five bucks on the first day, and might easily have had their quota of six had they not held back, or perhaps returned early in the day, so that their sport might be extended over a longer period. The reports to hand at this time indicate that but one camp has more than two deer, and only one that has two. Decker Valley seems to be the best field, and all told on the first day of the season eleven bucks were slaughtered. Five of these were killed by what is now known as the "Old" Decker hunting party, but John D. Decker is the "old" Decker in the bunch, and he is not yet eighty-five. The Deckers referred to are the descendants of the Deckers who first settled in Decker Valley, all of whom have been hunters of note.

The camps in Forest Ranger McKinley's district are more numerous than last year. The State Forestry Department granted a number of new camp permits and various private parties have leased grounds for the erection of temporary camps. Three new camps are close by the State road in Centre county—two at Forest Bible's improvement, one a pretty permanent hunting lodge and the other a combination of tents. The third is located in the woods south of the State House, close to the road but not easily observed. The Stone Creek region is also thoroughly infested with camps, some of them but of recent construction. In the Krise farm section, now owned by the Stone-Rock hunting club, also has new neighbors.

At the State House, on Tuesday night Forest Ranger William F. McKinley had gathered seven deer illegally killed during that day. Most of these were yearling bucks, and the remainder does. Mr. McKinley and his helpers were busy until midnight gathering in the carcasses disclaimed by hunters who were not as careful in selecting their game as the game laws would have them be. This slaughtering of illegal deer will no doubt continue to a greater or lesser extent throughout the open season. It would appear that after the open season for deer in Mifflin county expires, the supposed surplus of deer will have been disposed of. Unlike last year, the quota of licenses to be issued for the killing of does in the open season to follow the regular buck killing period have all been lifted. Mifflin county hunters last season shrank from lifting a license to kill does, but they seem since to have had a change of heart.

Camps Where Deer Are Hanging

Deckers	5
Lamar Gun Club, on Brown land	2
Brown party, at Kraders	1
Williams party, on State land	1
Party at Dippery place, near Colyer	1
Genzel party, from Shamokin	1
Charles B. Neff party, on Neff land	1
Johnstown party, stopping at Pottery Mills hotel, in White Oak	1
Fiat	1
Copper Smith party, of Roaring Springs, near McKinley's	1
Grandview party, of Ferre Hill	1
Lancaster county	1

Reported First Buck Killed.

The first buck killed in this section was reported Tuesday morning by Aaron O. Detwiler, of Colyer. Morris Bryan, a member of the Detwiler crew, shot the deer two hours after the chase began, in the woods on the Detwiler farm.

Frank Coble, of Linden Hall, while hunting alone on Nittany Mountain, opposite Linden Hall, was successful in killing a buck. The deer had been seen in that quarter for some time.

All or nearly all the many hunting camps in the Seven Mountains were occupied on Sunday, and Monday and Tuesday the full quotas arrived. A number of new camps were established since last year. Some of these are permanent structures and others are tents and various improvised shelters. The rest camp at Locust bridge, south of Pottery Mills, is accommodating one hunting party. Many of the camps have improved by enlargement and other conveniences of various kinds have been added.

Bird hunters are being accused of having grossly violated the game laws. To them is charged the killing of a large number of deer, both bucks and does. The carcasses of some were carried off; others were left to be the prey of vultures or wild animals. One large carcass was headless. This

it is presumed, was a buck with a rack worth mounting. The only evidence that bird hunters were the lawless characters is the fact that the killing was done with shot.

If it is true that the deer in the Seven Mountain district are diseased, it appears that measures should be taken by the State Game Commission to halt the slaughter. The disease said to attack the animals has a tendency to make them sluggish, which in itself will kill the real sport in hunting.

The Selmsgrove party, on the D. Lingle place, displayed a Snowshoe rabbit, the only one found in that section.

SEVEN MOUNTAIN DEER SAID TO BE DISEASED.

Game Protectors State Deer Slaughtered in That Region Will Be Unfit for Food.

Game protectors of Mifflin county declared that a disease, diagnosed as hemorrhagic septicaemia, common to cattle, is widespread among deer of the Seven Mountains and threatens their destruction, if not checked. Fourteen dead bucks and does, lying along streams of the Big Kettle game preserve, have been observed by Jesse Hassinger, keeper, within the past month, he said. Carcasses have been found since November, 1924, he declared.

Hypodermic injection of vaccine is the only known remedy of the disease, and this is impossible in wild animals. It was said by the Bureau of Animal Industry. It is feared hundreds may die this winter when the deer herd together. The malady makes the animals sluggish and game protectors say when the influx of hunters breaks this week scores of diseased animals will be easy victims of guns, although their meat will be useless.

So far the disease has not spread to other parts of the State.

Dr. S. D. Hendon, veterinarian who examined the intestines and blood of one of the deer, said the disease is a blood disease commonly known as blackleg. It is contagious and spreads rapidly among the animals when they congregate together. A hunter may spot one a victim by its slow, sluggish movements. The epidemic coming at the start of the open season for big game has made the Game Commission and its employees sit up and take notice.

Near Tragedy.

Russell Hartman, the thirteen-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Hartman, of Bellefonte, received gunshot wounds Monday afternoon while playing with a number of companions in the wooded ground south of Bellefonte.

Hartman had climbed a pine tree, and while partially concealed in the tree was mistaken by Clarence Owens, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Owens, for a raccoon. Owens shot at the tree and Hartman was wounded, although not seriously.

Institute for Pastors and S.S. Workers

On Thursday, December 17th, an institute for pastors, S. S. superintendents, and teachers of young people's classes will be held in Milesburg M. E. church, from 4:30 to 8:30 in the evening. The institute will be led by the Rev. E. A. Bonsall, the State Supt. of Young People's Work of the S. S. association.

Kick of Horse Fatal to Nittany Valley Farmer.

Louie E. Biddle, aged seventy-three years, a resident of Beech Creek township, was kicked by his horse Wednesday noon of last week while he was feeding the animal. The kick broke Mr. Biddle's jaw, and caused other injuries, from the effects of which he died Friday morning at his home.

Mr. Biddle was born in Bellefonte, and went to Nittany Valley when he was fifty-two years of age. He had been a farmer all his life.

He is survived by his widow and five sons and daughters: G. O., of Jersey Shore; A. G., of Cleveland; Mrs. Roy Jones, of Milesburg; Mrs. Milford Gunballus, of Beech Creek, and Paul, at home; also by three brothers and two sisters: the Rev. Fletcher W. Biddle, the well-known Methodist preacher and evangelist of Duncannon; Edgar, of Tyrone; Hiram, of Osceola Mills; Mrs. May Corter, of Homestead, and Mrs. Laura Thompson, of Brooklyn, N. Y.

The funeral services were held at his late residence Monday afternoon at 1 o'clock in charge of Rev. A. A. Price, of the Methodist church of Howard. Interment was made in the St. Paul's cemetery at Nittany.

McSPARRAN GRANTED DIVORCE.

Said Wife Became Discontented When Trips in Interest of Grange and Democratic Party Ceased.

John A. McSparran, former head of the Pennsylvania State Grange and Democratic candidate against Gifford Pinchot at the last gubernatorial election, was granted a divorce from Sarah Holland McSparran, of Mills, Mass., on the grounds of desertion. Mrs. McSparran did not file an answer to the suit and the decree is absolute.

The couple were married in June, 1922. Mr. McSparran in his statement said his wife became discontented when his various trips throughout the state in the interest of the grange and the Democratic party ceased.

According to depositions in the case Mrs. McSparran lived a quiet life on Mr. McSparran's farm at Furness, Lancaster county. "Up home," Mrs. McSparran told the driver of the wagon which took her to the station when she left the McSparran homestead in April, 1923, according to the deposition, "it is so different on Sunday. They would make up an automobile party and go away and have a good time. Here John thinks of nothing but going to church all of the time. I could not even play ball with the children on Sunday."

Pomona Grange Elect Officers.

The annual meeting of the Pomona Grange of Centre county was held in Grange Acadia, approximately fifty members being present to nominate and elect officers for the coming two years, with the following result:

Master, Gross Spook, Spring Mills.

Overseer, Clement Dale, Pleasant Gap.

Lecturer, Ford Stump, State College.

Chaplain, W. D. Brungard, Rebersburg.

Steward, J. C. Musser, Centre Hall.

Assistant Steward, Cloyd Brooks, Centre Hall.

Treasurer, Jacob Sharer, Centre Hall.

Secretary, Norman C. Dale, State College.

Gate Keeper, Raymond Blaf, Rebersburg.

Pomona, Mrs. Grace Keller, Pleasant Gap.

Ceres, Mrs. A. C. Groves, Bellefonte.

Flora, Mrs. W. S. White, Bellefonte.

Ladies' Ass't Steward, Mary Zerby, Spring Mills.

Writes Letter to Reporter at 88 Years.

Liston, Ransom County, N. Dakota, November 29, 1925.

Smith & Bailey, Editors:

I thought this a grand and glorious good time to write and tell you of our nice weather. I am now going on 88 years of age and never saw nicer weather. The birds are singing, and the bees have come out of their hives. People here are threshing and husking corn.

Pennsylvania is my dear native state. I was born near Centre Hall, August 7, 1838. I have seen some tough times in the last 77 years of my life, living among the Indians and the Negroes. Sixteen years ago I was among the Indians all winter, but I did not eat skunk with them. Believe me, Mr. Editor, I have seen times as bitter as gall, in times of the Civil War. I was in Missouri, Kentucky and Tennessee. I will close for the present.

WILLIAM ZERBY.

CIVIL TRIAL LIST.

For December Term Court, as Issued by Prothonotary Roy Wilkinson.

The following list of civil cases have been issued for publication by Prothonotary Roy Wilkinson. They are on the December court docket, which convenes on Monday, December 14.

John C. Marks vs. Penn Mutual Fire Insurance Co., of Chester county.

The Presidents and Managers of the Bald Eagle, Nittany and Brush Valley Turnpike Road Company vs. Centre county.

The Millheim Turnpike Road Company vs. Centre county.

Clarence J. Speicher & Lloyd B. Shoop, trading and doing business under the firm name of Official Football Schedule Printing Agency vs. Hugh B. Wagner.

H. H. Fye vs. David Chambers.

Toner A. Hugg vs. Toner A. Hugg, individually and as Administrator of the Estate of Emeline Hugg, late of the borough of Milesburg, Centre Co., Pa., deceased, and Mrs. Annie Withcrite, of Tyrone, and Mrs. Jennie Davidson, Mrs. Walter Smith and Harris Hugg.

Robert Myers Walker, by his friend, Robert Myers vs. Charles N. Decker.

Robert Myers vs. Charles N. Decker.

James E. Foster vs. Pure Coal Co., a Corporation.

Elmer Jackson vs. Paul Baroutsis.

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TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS.

Prof. L. O. Packer, an instructor in the Pittsburgh public schools, was at his home here over the Thanksgiving vacation period.

Contractor W. S. Williams, who makes coon hunting his special sport, recently captured two coons, one of which was of enormous size.

Miss Gertrude Rubie, a student in a Williamsport commercial college, spent the Thanksgiving vacation period with the Bartholomew family in Centre Hall.

Prof. J. P. Wetzel and H. E. Stong, instructors in the Centre Hall High school, spent the Thanksgiving vacation period at their homes, the former at McClure and the latter at Altoona.

At public sale James B. Craig, of Bellefonte, purchased the Julia V. Bond property on Curtin street, formerly the property of Emily U. Valentine. The consideration was reported to be \$5,550.

Charles Bradford is here on a hunting expedition, being one of the second generation of Bradfords for whom the camp is named. Mr. Bradford is a contract plasterer and holds forth in the Allegheny section of the Pittsburgh district.

Centre Hall banks will open Saturday afternoons, starting next Saturday, and be closed Saturday evenings.

Rev. Mortimer, of Williamsport, will speak in the Evangelical church, Centre Hall, Sunday evening, December 6th, at 7:30 o'clock.

White Station Agent W. Frank Bradford and chief assistant D. Milton Bradford are hunting in the Seven Mountains with the Bradford hunting party, extra agent W. E. Allen and extra clerk R. R. Barges have charge of the Pennsylvania railroad station at this place.

Mrs. D. J. Meyer has closed her home here and like last fall went to Tyrone to be with her son, John D. Meyer. They are living in one of the apartments in the First National Bank building. Mr. and Mrs. J. W. McCormick, of Columbia, South Carolina, were with Mr. Meyer's mother during her last few days stay in town.

Hog cholera is prevalent to a more or less extent in Harris, College and Benner townships. Some farmers have suffered to a considerable extent through loss of hogs by the disease. For a number of years hog cholera has been breaking out almost every fall in the sections mentioned, while other localities in the county are free from it.

Merchant C. F. Emery is one of the few in Centre Hall who fattened a pen of hogs. Last week two were killed, the dressed weight of one being 350 pounds and the other 225 pounds. Mr. Emery is a successful hog grower and keeps a strict account of every pound of feed that is fed, and on balancing accounts has always found that the pork cost him less than the market price at killing time.

Messrs. H. A. Kauffman, Howard T. Struble, Joel S. Royer and W. W. Rupert, all of Zion and vicinity, were in Centre Hall on business on Friday. Mr. Kauffman continues his interest in Penna Valley, although it is twenty-seven years since he left the farm now owned by Dr. S. C. Runkle, east of Old Fort. After farming for twenty years in Nittany Valley following his removal from this section, Mr. Kauffman retired from active farm life, and for the past seven years has been taking things comparatively easy.

E. Zimmerli, the contractor of State College, and his daughter, Miss Katharine Zimmerli, took their Thanksgiving dinner at the John H. Horner home, near Boalsburg.

Mr. and Mrs. William Ashley, the latter better known as Miss Carrie Mitterling, drove from their home in Baltimore, Md., to the home of the latter's mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Mitterling, in Centre Hall, arriving here Thanksgiving day, but not without a close call to a serious accident this side of Lewistown. They were driving a Buick roadster, and just as the car took the second bridge out of Lewistown, it skidded and crashed through the side of the bridge, hanging at a dangerous angle. Mrs. Ashley was thrown against the windshield, injuring her head. So severely was the car wedged that it required two and one-half hours to bring it out of its perilous position. Timbers had to be cut away to dislodge it. The car was damaged to such an extent that it was impossible to use it. Mr. Ashley procuring another car to continue his journey to Centre Hall, on Friday the trip home was begun, their own car being obtained upon arriving at Lewistown.