



USE DEATH CHAIR FOR 165 PERSONS IN TWELVE YEARS

Pardon Board Shows That One-Third of Men Sentenced Escaped Penally—Clemency on Increase.

One hundred and sixty-five men have been executed in Pennsylvania in the years from 1915 to 1926, inclusive, a report of the State Board of Pardons disclosed.

The board, in the 12 years, received 1097 applications for pardons and approved 1163, together with 7895 applications for paroles.

Of the 529 pardons recommended during the tenure of Governor Pinchot, the report pointed out that 261 were upon the recommendation of the trial judges and district attorneys.

Abandons Exams.

At a meeting of the teachers of the Bellefonte high school, Professor Arthur H. Sloop, superintendent of the Bellefonte public schools, announced that no mid-year examinations will be given to the students of the high school this year.

Banks Hold Annual Meetings.

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The Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture places the acreage value of the corn crop in 1926 at \$313,843, against \$408,125 in 1925.

Construction work on a new dormitory for girls at Bucknell University will be started within a few weeks.

Local High Seniors Give Program.

On Friday afternoon of last week the senior class entertained the other classes of the local high school for a forty-minute period.

Lewistown sold its new \$28,000 bond issue to a Philadelphia house at a margin of \$1.50 per \$100 par value.

Under a recent ruling of the State Health Department, physicians are ordered to report to local boards of health all forms of pneumonia.

Miss Jess M. Burns, who has been acting postmistress of the town since early in September, has been advised that she had been selected as postmistress of Selingsgrove for the next four years.

PLAN STATE-WIDE TRAFFIC SIGNALS

Committee Drafts a Uniform Code and Will Ask Legislature to Enact It.

The committee of mayors and traffic directors met in Harrisburg and decided that traffic signals be standardized to mean the same thing.

All turns, right or left hand, would have to be made on the green light, except at certain street intersections where peculiar traffic conditions exist.

No definite steps were taken toward the elimination of directing signs on private property along State highways.

Organization of the uniform traffic committee was perfected through efforts of the State Motor Federation.

Major Louis Franke, of Johnstown, is chairman. In addition to Mayor Franke those attending were: Burton Marsh, traffic engineer, Pittsburgh; W. B. Mills, superintendent of police, Philadelphia; Mayor George A. Hoover, Harrisburg; former Mayor Wm. T. Ramsey, Chester; Mayor Henry Renninger, Allentown; and representatives of the State Motor Federation, the State police and the State Highway Department.

First National Bank, Centre Hall

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Three Farms Sold.

The Matthew Goheen farm, east of Boalsburg, was recently sold to John Klingler, who is now a tenant on the Hois farm, at Shingletown.

Rev. Mitterling Writes from So. Dak.

Madison, South Dakota, Jan. 11, '27. Editor Reporter: Usually I am so busy that I fail to notice color of label, but when special attention to its meaning associated with numerical figures, I ask the question, how am I measuring up? To be right with your usual friendly disposition I enclose a P. O. order to shove ahead into more significant years.

Local Chevrolet Sales.

Through the Homan Company agency, Centre Hall, there was sold recently a Chevrolet sedan to Clayton Pressler, Millheim; one and one-half ton Chevrolet truck to Bradford and Company, and a similar truck to William McClenahan, Centre Hall.

Church at Snow Shoe Burned.

About 10 o'clock Sunday morning, fire destroyed the Presbyterian church at Snow Shoe, of which Rev. Howard E. Oakwood is pastor.

Preserving Game.

Mifflin county sportsmen are making an effort to both increase and preserve wild life.

Appreciates Vallant Work at Fire.

Walter R. Hosterman desires the Reporter to say for him that he has a deep sense of appreciation for the kindness of all who fought so valiantly for his interests at the fire which destroyed his place of business on Sunday night.

THE FISHER CABINET.

Dorworth, Centre County Newspaper Man, Made Secretary of Forests and Waters.

The Fisher cabinet is as follows: Secretary of the Commonwealth, Charles Johnson, Montgomery county, Salary, \$8000 a year.

Attorney General, Judge Thomas J. Baldrige, Hollidaysburg, Blair county, Salary, \$12,000.

Secretary of Highways, James Lyall Stuart, Pittsburgh, Salary, \$12,000.

Superintendent of Public Instruction, Dr. John A. H. Keith, Indiana, Indiana county, Salary, \$12,000.

Secretary of Health, Dr. Theodore B. Appel, Lancaster, Lancaster county, Salary, \$10,000.

Secretary of Agriculture, Dr. Charles G. Jordan Volant, Lawrence county, Salary, \$8000.

Insurance Commissioner, Colonel Matthew H. Taggart, Northumberland borough, Northumberland county, Salary, \$7500.

Secretary of Forests and Waters, Charles E. Dorworth, Bellefonte, Centre county, Salary, \$8000.

Secretary of Labor and Industry, Charles A. Waters, 4913 Green street, Philadelphia, Salary, \$10,000.

Secretary of Welfare, Mrs. E. S. H. McCauley, Beaver, Beaver county, Salary, \$10,000.

Secretary of Property and Supplies, Benson E. Taylor, Brockway, Jefferson county, Salary, \$8000.

Secretary of Banking, Peter G. Cameron (Reappointed), Wellboro, Tioga county, Salary, \$10,000.

Commissioner of Fisheries, Nathan R. Buller (Reappointed), Pleasant Mount, Wayne county, Salary, \$4500.

Adjutant General, Frank D. Beary (Reappointed), Allentown, Lehigh county, Salary, \$8000.

Charles E. Dorworth, Secretary of Forests and Waters, the Centre county representative in the cabinet, was born in Bellefonte in 1878, educated in the Bellefonte High school and the Bellefonte Academy, and since 1909 has been publisher of the Bellefonte Enterprise.

Mr. Dorworth has extensive business interests in Pennsylvania. He managed the Fisher campaign last fall. He has long been a personal friend of the Governor.

In the Sprout administration he was chairman of the Water Supply Commission of Pennsylvania, during which period Governor Pinchot, then Forestry Commissioner, and later, Major Robert Y. Stuart, were ex-officio members of the commission.

Mr. Dorworth was chairman of the Water Supply Commission that the Pyramiding Swamp Conservation project previously authorized by the Legislature, was definitely launched, and plans for the Clarion River and other large power developments were supervised and subsequently approved.

Mr. Dorworth married Mary Sullivan Crider and has two children.

HOSTERMAN GARAGE BURNED SUNDAY NIGHT

Loss Falls Heavily on Owner, Walter R. Hosterman—L. L. Smith Loses Two Cars in Storage.

The Hosterman Garage, owned by Walter R. Hosterman, took fire Sunday night about twelve o'clock, and before it was seen by nearby neighbors, flames from it were leaping high in the air, greatly threatening the I. O. O. F. building in which is located the Oriole store, the hall of the order and the Mitterling pool room.

It appeared a long wait, and yet it was but a short time, until the hand hose wagon and hose appeared and once in action the heavy stream showed immediate effects, and in less than five minutes the flames were so reduced that one felt that while great destruction in the interior of the garage was going on, adjoining property was reasonably safe.

The attachment of the second line of hose brought from the station section of the town guaranteed this there was a hard battle on for a considerable period, but at no time was there anything but confidence of being able to keep the flames confined to the original structure, and for this reason the proffered aid of the Bellefonte fire company was not necessary.

During the early stages of the fire, L. L. Smith, who formerly owned the garage and lives next to it, was battling to remove from the workshop two cars—a Dodge coupe and Dodge touring—stored there by him.

The door was partially opened, where the cars stood within arm's length, but he got no further. The door refused to budge and it was only after the cars with others were removed.

The loss sustained by Mr. Hosterman is estimated at between fifteen and twenty thousand dollars. He carried a reasonable amount of insurance. One of two policies he carried, the heavier one was renewed a day before the fire.

In addition to the equipment and stock, two new cars, one a Dodge sedan and the other a Nash car, were totally ruined. In storage were the two cars belonging to Mr. Smith, a sedan owned by the Misses Ecyrook of Tusseyville, a Studebaker by a Pittsburgh party in storage since the hunting season.

The origin of the fire has not been determined absolutely, but the probability is that it was caused by the electric wiring. The seat of the fire was at the point where the electric meter was located. The floor in that region was soot-covered on the opposite side of the building.

Mr. Hosterman came to Centre Hall, January 1st, 1925, and began business at that time. He leased the garage from L. L. Smith and last summer purchased it for \$6750.

Vilas Wiese, a young man going from his home in Brush Valley, to State College where he is employed, gave the fire alarm. He observed the flames shooting into the air while coming up the Brush Valley road. He had difficulty in arousing residents, but finally succeeded in awakening a few of them.

The telephone exchange operator, Miss Verna Rowe, was notified and she at once called a large number of patrons in all sections of town.

All Sunday Night Fires.

It is rather singular that all fires of any consequence occurring in Centre Hall during the past 25 years, happened on Sunday nights. Memory recalls the planing mill, the Odd Fellows building, the large stable on the Harper lot, the Shirk home (near town), and the Hosterman garage, last Sunday night.

FARMERS HAVE FRIEND IN PENN STATE HEAD

Declaring that he had always found his most sympathetic supporters, his soundest counsellors and truest friends among the farmers, Dr. Ralph D. Hetzel, new president of the Pennsylvania State College, in his first public address since assuming office, greatly impressed an audience of over 2000 Pennsylvania farmers at the opening meeting of the Farm Products Show in Harrisburg on Tuesday night of this week.

"This was my experience in the middle-west, in the far-west and in New England," said President Hetzel, "and I hope I may prove myself worthy of equal confidence in this State."

FOREST PLANTING IN THE PENN FOREST DISTRICT

First Planting by Individuals in This Region Done by the Late Leonard Rhone and C. R. Neff.

The first forest tree planting in the Penn Forest was done shortly after the first trained forester arrived to take up active duties in the management of the State Forest.

On September 1st, 1927, James E. McNeal, a graduate of Mont Alto State Forest School, established headquarters at Milroy. At the end of that year he recommended reforesting of abandoned farm fields owned by the Commonwealth. His recommendations were not carried out the following year (1928) probably for the reason that he was compelled to devote his entire time to combating forest fires during the planting seasons of that year.

For in 1928 he reported as follows: "Forest have occurred frequently in almost every portion of the forest, and the condition of the growth and soil plainly shows the destructive work which they have done. Together with close lumbering fires have thinned the growth to such a great degree as to cause streams to become very high and muddy after a small rain. The land is eroded and almost all the soil has been washed off many slopes. Unless an adequate system of protection against fires is established in the near future, it will not be long until reforesting will be a difficult matter."

During the spring of 1909 the first planting was made under the direction of Forester McNeal. The planting was done in Green's Valley on the Nittany Mountain, and the following two year seedlings, from the Mount Alto nursery were used:

Table with 2 columns: Tree Species, Quantity. Includes White Pine 3,500, Scotch Pine 1,200, European Larch 25, Balsam Fir 250.

Each species was planted by itself and the trees were spaced 4 feet apart. This planting was done at a total cost of \$5.25 per acre or at a cost of \$4.03 per thousand trees in the ground.

Most of these trees are growing to-day and there is not a thirfter plantation in the district. Other ambitious foresters soon appeared and the territory was divided. Forest planting then received an impetus. To date a total of 194 plantings have been made on the Penn State Forest, which covers a total of 1,213.6 acres. This required a total of 2,499,676 tree seedlings and cost \$4.79 per thousand trees in the ground.

In 1916 private individuals became interested in planting their waste lands because of an act of the legislature which provided that the State Forestry Department should provide tree seedlings to land owners at the cost of growing them. The honor for the first planting by private individuals in the Penn Forest District goes to the following Centre countyans: C. R. Neff, Leonard Rhone, and John Runkle.

These three individuals planted a total of 5,518 tree seedlings during the spring of 1916. These pioneers in forest set a splendid example, which 185 different private land owners of the Penn District have followed to date, planting a total of 555,799 forest tree seedlings.

Therefore, forest planting is not an experiment and there is no need to make any costly planting mistakes. The many successful plantings speak for themselves, and it is the District Forester's job to assist and advise in the work. The spring of 1927 will be the banner reforesting year. 20,000-000 tree seedlings will be planted by Pennsylvania's private land owners. Applications from forty citizens of the Penn District are already on file for a total of 300,000 tree seedlings. However, all the tree seedlings available have not yet been allotted. Have you ordered what you now need? If not, order now—THOS. C. HARBESON, District Forester, Milroy, Pa.

\$83.68 for Red Cross.

The total contributions for the local Red Cross was \$83.68—\$59.00 for adult members and \$14.68 for the public school children. This is an increase over last year of \$11.83.

House-Stover.

Miss Fleda B. Stover, of Houserville, and Roy A. House of Lemont, were married at the Evangelical parsonage in Centre Hall, on Wednesday afternoon of last week at 4:30, by Rev. W. E. Smith.

Purchased Furniture Store.

J. H. Bridge, who has resided in Milffburg for the past six years, has purchased the L. G. Reardon furniture store at Lock Haven and will remove to that place in the near future. Mr. Bridge's son-in-law, Russell Smith, will be associated with him in the business. They took possession of the store this week. Mr. Smith has been agent for a cash register concern in Williamsport.

5th and 6th Grades School Report.

Report for fourth month of school: Per cent of attendance, boys 98, girls 99. The following pupils made 100 per cent in monthly tests: Arithmetic—Lawrence Hartley; History—Muth Bailey; Spelling—Doris Moltz, Ruth Reiber, Paul Foust, Muth Bailey, Jack Children; Geography—Muth Bailey and Hugh Morrow. The following made between 95 and 100 per cent: Arithmetic—Betty Elbright, John Spyster, Hugh Morrow; Grammar—Muth Bailey, John Spyster, Woodrow Hosterman, Spelling—Margaret Rees, Hugh Morrow; Maxine Treasurer, Lawrence Hartley; Geography—John Spyster, Harold Dunkle, Jack Children, Lorraine Brunhart—Thos. L. Moore, teacher.

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS.

Mrs. H. O. Fieder, of Woodward, recently underwent an operation in the Clearfield hospital.

It is sometimes difficult to tell whether a man is rich because he is stingy, or stingy because he is rich. Elmer Noll shipped another bunch of Missouri rabbits to a distant customer. One of the rabbits weighed eleven pounds.

George L. Schell, of Vicksburg, a member of the present board of county commissioners in Union county, died last week from pneumonia. He was aged 55 years.

Saturday night mercury shrunk to four below. At noon on Saturday mercury was hovering around zero, making it the coldest day for the month to date.

Agnes Petro, ten years old, daughter of John Petro, of Bellefonte, swallowed a piece of a mouth organ which required an operation at the Lock Haven hospital for its removal.

It is estimated that more than one billion dollars will be spent in the several States for road construction in 1927. This expenditure will be on 55,000 miles of new highways.

James I. Petroff, the local Star car salesman, calls your attention to a new schedule of prices on Star cars. A substantial reduction is in effect on closed models. See his ad. in this issue.

Mrs. Catherine Horner, widow of the late William Horner, formerly of Coler, suffered a paralytic stroke at her home in Sitte College, last week, and remained in an unconscious state for several days. Her condition is considered critical.

Harry Clevenstine is improving the appearance of the front part of his place of business by installing french doors at the rear of the display windows. The new doors are trimmed in maple and present an attractive and well balanced background.

The interior of the residence of F. P. Blair, on Spring street, Bellefonte, was damaged to the extent of more than \$3000 by a fire early Thursday morning of last week. The fire is presumed to have originated from an open fireplace. The loss is covered by insurance.

For the first time in the history of the county federal court is being held in Lewisburg this week, the change from Sunbury having been made at the request of Judge Albert W. Johnson, whose home and office is located in Lewisburg.

Mr. and Mrs. John Stoner, who lately located at 727 Seventh Avenue, Juniata, were recently at the home of Mrs. Stoner's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Foust, at Potters Mills, for a short visit. Mr. Stoner is a brakeman on a freight train running between Juniata and Harrisburg.

From the State College Times: A. P. Wieland, of Ridge avenue, who suffered a severe nervous collapse, while on the road in western Pennsylvania in November, and who has since been under treatment at the Gelsinger hospital at Danville, returned home very considerably improved.

James Carner, of Hubersburg, recently returned to his car while it was parked in Bellefonte and discovered a man in the act of removing his spare tire. The man was a stranger. Mr. Carner ordered the fellow to replace it and he complied in a very confused manner and departed.