

THREATENED LIFE OF WIT-NESS AGAINST BOOTLEGGER

Andrew J. Hill, former Lewistown Policeman, Escapes Officers on Warrant Issued from Centre County Court.

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Threatened with death by a group of Centre county bootleggers unless he left the county and stayed away after he was called before court to testify against them, Andrew J. Hill, former Lewistown policeman, escaped the custody of local police Wednesday evening through a bathroom window in one of the Kessinger apartments at East Market Street, and then got away in the darkness while Harry J. Limes, constable, waited in another room for him to dress.

Constable Limes had a warrant for the arrest of Hill on a charge of contempt of court from the Centre county court, issued when Hill left the court at Bellefonte without waiting to continue his testimony when called in a case against Centre county bootleggers. Hill had accompanied the officers on the raid and accordingly was the subject of their hatred.

The warrant was sent here by Leo Boden, Centre county detective. It was issued to have Hill returned to Centre county to testify again.

Constable Limes went to the apartment where Hill has been living with his sister and it was there that he found him in bed. Agreeing to go with Constable Limes he asked permission to go to a bathroom. Acting on suspicion a few minutes later, Constable Limes went to the bathroom and found Hill had made his escape through a window. Although a watch was kept for him on all roads in and out of Lewistown until an early hour Thursday morning, no trace of him could be found.

According to local officers Hill came to Lewistown a short time ago and got a job as a roofer. He left Centre county in the midst of the trial evidently thinking that his testimony was finished. Henchmen of several bootleggers tossed a brick into his room around which was wrapped a piece of paper threatening his life unless he left town.

Hill served as night patrolman in Lewistown a number of years ago and has an application filed now with the Lewistown Borough for a job as patrolman.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

C. R. Godcharles, P. R. R. agent at Coburn, will occupy the new house built in Millheim by Lloyd Bartees.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Odenkirk and family have returned from a motor trip to Philadelphia, West Chester and other cities in the eastern part of the State.

Rev. and Mrs. J. M. Kirkpatrick, Mrs. Cora Pepon and Mrs. H. L. Pepon attended sessions of a missionary convention of the Presbyterian church in State College.

Mrs. S. P. Greenhoe and Mrs. H. L. Ehrlich were delegates to the Lutheran missionary convention of the Susquehanna Synod held in Lewistown Wednesday and Thursday of last week.

While E. R. B. Auman, one of the public school teachers in Rebersburg, attended teachers' institute, Mrs. Auman spent the time with her sisters, Mrs. John A. Heckman and Miss Martha Boal, here.

Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Huyett left last Thursday morning for Wyncann, New Jersey, the home of their daughters, Mrs. W. A. Magee and Mrs. Harold O. Alexander, with whom they will spend several weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Kerlin, on Tuesday morning, left for their winter home in St. Petersburg, Florida. The couple have been spending the last three or four winters in that city and are delighted to return each fall.

D. A. Boover and H. W. Dinees are the only orchard owners about here to have apples this year. Their orchards are located near the foot of Nittany Mountain, and received considerable attention since blossoming time.

Mrs. J. M. Coldron, Mrs. D. C. Mitterling and the latter's daughter, Miss Miriam, on Friday made an auto tour that proved enjoyable in the extreme. The drive was through the Brush Valley Narrows and then to Millifinburg, across the ridge to Middleburg and Troxville. Near the latter place the virgin pine forest owned by the State, was visited, and then the run was continued on to Lewistown, a shopping center, and home.

Picking apples in the Gibney orchard, near Bellefonte, is completed. The crop was fine in quality and came up to the estimated figure of 6000 bushels. Pickers this year picked 150 to 160 bushels in a day. A car was loaded for the storage house with apples packed in baskets, in forty-five minutes, at an expenditure of ninety-five cents. Apples at the orchard, when not packed are selling at \$2.00 to \$2.25, for perfect fruit.

Mrs. Hugh M. Ralston and two small sons, of Millifinburg, had been visiting among relatives here during the past week. On last Thursday, the eldest son, Gerald, aged eight years, met with an accident while on the Bartsger farm, tenanted by Clarence Blazier, brother-in-law of Mrs. Ralston. The youngster was following the wagon onto which the newly husked corn was being thrown, when in some manner he fell under the wheels, the wagon passing over his body. While no bones were broken, his body was badly bruised.

Churches Hold Services for Benefit of Foreign Missions.

The churches of the Huntingdon Presbytery on last Sunday held services for the benefit of Foreign Missions. The plan used was an exchange of pulpits by the ministers. In some cases where missionaries could be procured, the pulpits were filled by a missionary.

The group of churches of which Centre Hall is a part was served by Mrs. McKendrick. Our churches were much pleased with the message and the song which was sung by little Florine McKendrick. Rev. McKendrick served in the Port Matilda and Unionville churches on the same Sabbath. The McKendricks were for a number of years on the Foreign field and could give their account first hand.

Rev. J. M. Kirkpatrick occupied the pulpits of Rev. Ledder of the Burnham and Milroy churches.

The Bellefonte and State College Missionary Districts joined in holding a conference at State College. The district superintendents, Miss Mary Linn of Bellefonte, and Mrs. Marie Kirkpatrick, of Centre Hall, with the Presbyterian superintendent Mrs. Mary Newlin, planned a very instructive program. Mrs. Crockett of State College, had charge of devotions. Four different phases of missionary work were brought very forcibly to the minds of the hearers by Mrs. Samuel Barber of the Tyrone church; Mrs. Boor of the First Church, Altoona; Mrs. Torrence, of Altoona; and Mrs. Ewing, of the Lewistown church.

Mrs. Holben, of State College, and Mrs. Harry Potter, of Centre Hall, each rendered a beautiful solo.

Mrs. Kirkpatrick and Miss Linn had charge of the afternoon meeting and Dr. Samuel Martin, of the State College church, served as chairman of the supper conference and the evening session. About one hundred people were present at the supper conference. Dr. Detweiler of the Avalon church of Pittsburgh, who is a returned missionary, was the speaker at the supper conference and also the lecturer at the evening session.

Dr. Detweiler did not make his approach to his hearers through sob stories, but brought to the minds of his audience some of the principal factors of the mission problem. He masterfully discussed:

The need in the foreign lands; The opportunity of the Church, and the power in the hands of the constituents of the Church.

The Centre Hall society was represented by the following persons: Mrs. Emma Emerick, Mrs. Cora Pepon, Mrs. Harry Pepon, Mrs. MacMorran, Miss Grace Smith, Mrs. L. R. Lingle, Miss Martha Boal, Mrs. Harry Potter, Mrs. G. O. Benner, Mrs. James Goodhart, Mrs. Kirkpatrick.

Supervisors' and Auditors' Convention.

The annual convention of the Centre county supervisors and auditors will be held in the court house Wednesday of next week, beginning at 9:30 a. m. Addresses at the first session will be made by C. J. Patton, representative from Harrisburg; S. W. Jackson, division engineer, Clearfield, and P. W. Curtis, assistant township engineer.

At the afternoon session Robert F. Hunter and Judge M. Ward Fleming will speak. The election of officers will also take place at the afternoon session.

Eastern Star Meets at Hecla.

A meeting of the chapters of Eastern Star in District No. 10B, met at Hecla Park club house, Friday afternoon and evening. The district is composed of the following chapters: Centre Hall, Lock Haven, Renovo, Jersey Shore, Williamsport, Clearfield, State College, Philipsburg and Bellefonte. All of the chapters were represented, Centre Hall having had a representation of nineteen. The program was concluded with a banquet at night.

Penn State Home Coming.

Hundreds of Pennsylvania State College alumni and former students will gather at State College this week-end for the tenth annual Alumni Homecoming celebration. Activities begin Friday afternoon and close late Saturday night with the annual alumni dinner and smoker in the armory. Saturday is Homecoming Day. A feature will be a game of foot ball by the Lions and the Leopards.

Penn Odd Fellows Install.

Installation of officers ended the 100th annual encampment of the State Encampment of Odd Fellows in Reading. Officers installed are: Grand Patriarch, Robert Mullen, Pittsburgh, succeeding Louis C. Schaufa, of Erie; High Priest, Robert L. Peters, Shippenburg; Senior Warden, Harry C. Stephens, Philadelphia; Junior Warden, Albert E. Montgomery, Scranton; scribes, George H. Banes, Philadelphia; Marshall, H. E. Robinson, Pittsburgh; outside sentinel, Henry S. Volght, Pittsburgh; inside sentinel, William Cull, Philadelphia.

Pickpockets at "Bean Soup."

The fact that a number of pocketbooks were found under a brush pile near McClure is said to be evidence that pickpockets worked during the Bean Soup and Homecoming held there recently. The pocketbooks had been filled with money. Those identified by cards, etc., belonged to J. H. Zookman, Beavertown; Wm. A. Musser, Freeburg; Charles W. Knepp, D. D. Strader, Millifinburg; John S. Goss, McClure, R. 1; John A. Hackenberg, Beavertown; J. Carl Fultz, Milroy; E. J. Treaster, Milroy, and David Stimley, Lewistown, R. D.

Young, Capable and Aggressive!



PHILIP H. JOHNSTON.

CANDIDATE FOR DISTRICT ATTORNEY OF CENTRE COUNTY

When Centre county voters march to the polls on November 5th to elect a district attorney they will have an opportunity to vote for one of the finest young men ever to seek a public office in this county.

We refer to Philip H. Johnston, Centre county's youngest, yet very capable lawyer, who is the Democratic candidate for the office. Mr. Johnston, a life-long resident of Bellefonte, and a young man of sterling qualities, has never before been in politics nevertheless has all the qualifications for executing with precision and fidelity the administration of the district attorney's office.

His life has been that of cleanliness and ambition, fired with an energy and enthusiasm developed as an athlete while in High school and college.

Philip H. Johnston, a son of Attorney and Mrs. J. K. Johnston, was born

in Bellefonte borough. He received his preliminary education in the public schools of Bellefonte and was graduated from the Bellefonte High school in 1920. The following year he enrolled at Dickinson College, Carlisle, Pa., where he pursued a pre-legal course and was graduated with a degree of Ph. B. in 1924. His legal training and professional education were continued at the Dickinson School of Law at Carlisle, from which he was graduated in 1927, with the degree of LL. B. In 1927 Dickinson College conferred on him the degree of A. M.

Since graduation he has studied law under his father, J. K. Johnston, Esq., until his admission to the Bar of Centre county on February 21, 1928, from which time he has been engaged in practice of law, as partner in the firm of Johnston & Johnston, Attorneys-at-Law.

S. S. District Convention.

The eleventh and twelfth districts of the Centre County Sabbath School Association will hold a convention in Salem Reformed church, east of Penn Hall, this (Thursday) afternoon and evening. H. C. Criddle, superintendent of State Adult Department, will speak at both sessions. Other speakers are Rev. G. A. Fred Griesing, Rev. J. R. Schechterly, Rev. J. M. Kirkpatrick, and Rev. Louis V. Lesher.

A luncheon will be served in the church at a nominal price by the Ladies' Aid Society of the Salem Reformed church.

Child Drowns.

Delard Ardel Dinees, aged one year, six months and 20 days, was accidentally drowned Monday at noon. He was a son of Russell and Stella (Weaver) Dinees, who live near Pine Creek Mills, where the drowning occurred. Bette and Catharine are surviving sisters of the deceased child.

Funeral services were held this (Thursday) forenoon in the Coburn Reformed church, Rev. G. Fred Griesing officiating.

Halloween Social.

A Halloween social will be held by Progress Grange, Wednesday evening, October 30th. The presence of all members and their families is requested.

Dale-Hoy.

Hugh C. Dale, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles M. Dale, of College township, and Miss Mary Hoy, of Ferguson township, were united in marriage at Ridgway, a week ago. The bride is a popular school teacher, and the groom is one of the rising farmers in his district.

Wholesale Gas Depot Here.

While it is denied that it is a certainty, it is safe to say that a wholesale gas depot will be established at the Centre Hall railroad station. A section of a track east of the cattle yards, leading to the stone quarry, has been raised for this purpose. The parties interested in the project and the name of the gas proposed to be distributed are being withheld for the present.

P. O. S. of A. Patriotic Spectacle.

The Patriotic Order Sons of America will conduct a huge and stupendous Patriotic Pageant and spectacle at Reading, Wilkes-Barre, Williamsport, Altoona, Harrisburg, Pottsville, and Philadelphia, between now and November 4th, in an effort to raise funds for the Patriotic Temple at 1317-19 North Broad Street, Philadelphia, and for the establishment of a State Camp Home and Orphanage Fund.

Philip H. Johnston is a young man, of course, but he is also a young man of ability. Age is no special qualification necessary for the office of district attorney. During the past fifty years the attorneys elected to this office in Centre county, with but a few exceptions, have been young men, and there was never a protest against the practice. So now we have Mr. Johnston fitted to the position in both age and ability.

Mrs. Paul Grove, of Spring Mills, was a brief caller here on Saturday.

WARNING TO HUNTERS.

State Game Commission Issues Timely Advice to Army of Nimrods.

On November 1st an army of from 500,000 to 700,000 hunters will take to the fields and woodlands in quest of the rabbit, squirrel, quail, pheasant and turkey. But how many of these will come back safe and sound? Each hunter can come back safe and sound depending upon the degree of care each one uses in the woods. But then, too, they can come back injured or dead. To avoid such a return, hunters should not hunt in groups and they should not carry loaded guns in their automobiles. It is merely a case of flitting with death to pull a loaded gun through a fence after you. If you climb a fence remove the shells or "break" your gun. And above all, be sure you know what you are shooting at. It is so easy to mistake the movement of a hunter in the brush for a squirrel or turkey for instance, and as a result you might have always to remember a fellow hunter, either crippled for life or even killed. No one wants the blood of a fellow sportsman on his hands. And the penalty for shooting at, wounding or killing a person in mistake for any wild creature is from \$100 to \$1,000 fine, imprisonment for from one to five years, and revocation of your license for from one to ten years. An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure.

But despite these and other warnings there seems always to be too many accidents occur each year. During 1928, when probably more "new" hunters were afield than ever before, especially during the doe season, the number of hunting accidents was smaller than during 1927. During 1927 66 fatal and 279 non-fatal accidents occurred; during 1928, 45 fatal and 238 non-fatal accidents were recorded. It is believed that the hunters of the State are at last waking up to the necessity for using care while handling firearms, and when one stops to think that only a total of 283 accidents occurred during a season in which about 700,000 hunters were afield, the number is almost insignificant—almost. It is certainly a small percentage, but even so, it can be lowered considerably.

Since the issuance of the first hunter's license in 1913 to the present day, almost 8,000,000 sportsmen have roamed the fields and mountains of this State. But out of this vast army of hunters, during the past 16 years only 664 persons have actually been killed and 2,247 wounded. This number seems comparatively small when one stops to think of the numerous accidents occurring annually by automobiles, or in the great industrial factories. But even so it can be reduced materially if hunters are ever careful.

Heavy Fines for Jacklighters.

On September 29th, Ira Hoffman, of Millford, this State, paid a fine of \$500 and costs to Game Protector John H. Lohman, also of Millford, for using an artificial light to kill deer at night. This violation is commonly known as "jack lighting" and efforts are now being made by officers of the Game Commission in deer country to round up these violators. At the same time Hoffman was apprehended, Coe Becker, of Port Jervis, N. J., also paid a fine to Mr. Lohman, of \$100 for assisting in concealing a deer that was killed during the close season.

Bovine Tuberculosis Test.

Five State men are at present testing cattle in Centre county to ascertain the number to react to the tuberculin test. Every animal in the county will be tested, and should the reactors be one-half of one per cent, or one animal in two hundred, or less, the county will be defined as a "modified area," and no tests will need be made for three years.

The five veterinarians are located in various sections of the county, and are given assistance in performing the work by local persons, same as when previous tests were made.

Approve Plans for New State Military Post at Bellefonte.

Officers of Troop L, 102nd Cavalry, of Bellefonte, were formally notified that the State Armory Board had approved plans for the new military post to be located on the Harry Lutz farm, just east of Bellefonte. The announcement also contained the information that the State Armory Board would arrange immediately for the transfer of the present armory to the Bellefonte School Board. It is expected that actual construction of the military post will get under way sometime next month.

Members of Troop L finished building their 200-yard rifle range and pistol range on land leased on the Harry A. Corman farm, just east of the proposed military post. The range contains six disappearing targets and is very well constructed.

HALLOWEEN NOTICE.

Notice is given that pranks customary here for some years at Halloween time will no longer be tolerated. Special attention is called to the removal of machinery, etc., from alleys and lots and stacking on the diamond; smearing windows with any substance; disturbing automobiles in any manner; and the destruction of any kind of property. Parents are warned to caution their children on the subject so that no unpleasantness follows the approaching Halloween season.

J. H. SPANGLER, Burgess. Centre Hall, Oct. 21, 1929.

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS.

A Goodyear baby blimp came down on the Bellefonte air field on Saturday. It was on its way back to Akron, Ohio.

Catharine and Lillian Bender, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bender, for a few days last week were guests of relatives in Millifinburg.

Mrs. J. H. Boon and Mrs. George Robertson, of Hartford, Conn., are here with their father, B. D. Brislin, having arrived by auto last week.

Lafayette and Penn State are scheduled to play football on the Penn State field on Saturday. The Leopards and Lions ought to play interestingly.

It might be well for all not to take the Halloween notice of the town burgess as a huge joke. There appears to be some backing to the notice, so this warning.

A conference of Women's Clubs of Centre county will be held at Pleasant Gap, Saturday, November 2, beginning at 10 A. M. The announcement says box lunch; no politics.

Rev. J. H. Keller, of China Grove, North Carolina, was in Centre Hall for a few days last week, visiting his brothers and sister. This week Rev. Keller is attending the sessions of his Synod—the Potomac—at York.

Mrs. F. V. Goodhart, Mrs. H. W. Potter, and their father, W. E. McWilliams, were among the more than twenty persons who attended a birthday celebration for Mrs. Ella Gardner at her home at Rock Springs on last Thursday.

Mrs. John D. Wagner, of Georges Valley, is in very delicate health. She is being cared for by her brother, Philip A. Auman. Her son, J. A. Wagner, of Spring Mills, of course, also gives aid in making life for his aged mother as comfortable as possible.

Miss Alice Reardon, daughter of the Rev. J. M. Reardon, pastor of the Lutheran church at Millifinburg, has been elected by the Millifin school board as assistant principal of the Millifin High school, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Davis C. Smith.

Victor Haney was advanced to the assistant principalship of the East Penns Valley High school at Millheim. The move became necessary owing to the fact that O. R. Wagner would be frequently absent when performing his duties as supervising principal.

On October 14th, Mr. and Mrs. O. F. Funk, on their trip to California by auto, had reached Flagstaff, Arizona, and a card from them received at this office says: "We are having a delightful trip. The weather is beautiful and the roads very good." By this time the Funks have undoubtedly reached their destination—Los Angeles.

Erection of the steel framework for the reconstruction of "Old Main" at the Pennsylvania State College was started last week. The pouring of concrete foundations was begun a week earlier on the west end of the site on which the old building stood for seventy years. The steel framework is expected to be completed before severe winter weather comes.

James, nine year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Weaver, south of town, sustained a broken leg on Wednesday of last week. The lad was riding on a wagon onto which husked corn was being thrown by his father and others and for some unaccountable reason fell from it, a wheel of the wagon passing over the left leg between the knee and ankle. Dr. Morrow was called and reduced the fracture.

John Vonada, who lives on the farm purchased from his father, A. F. Vonada, in Georges Valley, will move onto the Robert Finkle farm new owned by Mrs. Russell Condo, next spring. The change is made with a view of having more acres to cultivate. Mr. Vonada is giving attention to dairying and is a successful producer of milk. The elder Mr. Vonada, will, of course, accompany the son to the Finkle farm.

Daniel S. Daup, assistant cashier of the local First National Bank, is back from his vacation which was spent in the eastern part of the State and in New Jersey. In company with Mrs. Daup, their son, William, Mrs. M. E. Strohm, and Mrs. Earl Frazier and son Kenneth, Mr. Daup drove to Scranton, visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Strohm; then to Stroudsburg where Mr. and Mrs. Ammon R. Burkholder were visited; then to Trenton, the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Person, and Atlantic City, which furnished a day of real pleasure. The party was gone for the greater part of a week, returning home Thursday evening.

About fifty members of the Association of Surgeons of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company and their wives attended the annual meeting of the association held at Virginia Beach, Virginia. Dr. Hugh Morrow, member of the association, and Mrs. Morrow went from here by train to Philadelphia, from where a special train carried them to Cape Charles, and from there to Norfolk passage was by a chartered boat. The last step was covered by busses to the convention hotel, the Cavalier. Among the noted surgeons who addressed the convention were John B. Deaver and Henry Jump Philadelphia, and William E. Lower, Cleveland, Ohio. The last day of the convention period was spent in taking a trip to Yorktown and other Virginia historical places, the transportation etc., having been provided by the P. R. R. Company.