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FEDERAL OFFICERS RAID PHILIPSBURG BREWERY

Great Excitement Prevailed and Fearing Trouble State Police Details From Other Places Were Summoned

(From Phillipsburg Journal.)
There was a great deal of excitement in Phillipsburg on Wednesday, the 17th, when federal officers arrived in town and armed with a search warrant forced an entrance into the brewery building, on North Front street, where it was alleged alcoholic beverages were being manufactured. After entering the raiders are said to have been able to obtain enough evidence to cause the arrest of several of the employees.

For some time the brewery had been operating under a permit to manufacture legal wort and malt. It has been difficult to learn the true findings of the officers, who for the present are not giving out much information. One of the employees, after being accosted by the officers in the brewery, was handcuffed to their car on Front street, while the search was being continued. He was given an instrument by one of his friends, and was finally able to free himself, or else was freed by another. Rushing toward the crowd near the car, he tried to escape, but was soon recaptured by one of the State police.

An unusually large crowd gathered around the brewery and many cars were parked in that vicinity, tying up traffic on Front street. The federal officers, fearing a possible riot, summoned State police from Altoona, Huntingdon, Johnstown, and other towns in this vicinity. However, the crowd remained calm and this precaution was unnecessary, but it caused the rumor throughout this section that there was a riot in Phillipsburg.

Some time ago the local business men who once conducted the brewery sold their interests to parties in Wilkes Barre, and vicinity, and it is reported that there were no local men connected with its management. The wort, a legal substance of which a great quantity had been manufactured in the local brewery, is the liquid separated from the solid part of the grain mash at a certain stage before fermentation, become beer, ale or other drink with a "kick" in it. It is alleged that many clubs and organizations in this vicinity had been regularly purchasing wort for this purpose.

SHOWS VAST IMPROVEMENT IN ACCIDENT REDUCTION

West Penn System Drops 60 Accidents per Month in 1923 to 13 per month in 1929.

For the past seven years, the West Penn Electric company employees have been steadily reducing accident frequency throughout the system and this year have set a new record low in the number of accidents per month which tend to cause loss of work on the part of the employe and resulting loss of time on the part of the company.

In 1923, an average of sixty accidents per month caused much unfavorable comment and resulted in a campaign to reduce the number of accidents serious enough to cause loss of time and money. Up to and including the year 1929, the number was reduced to an average of only thirteen per month.

For the year to date, the entire West Penn System has had only 80 lost time accidents, or an average of ten per month, which compares very favorably with the past averages and low figures.

During the month of August 1930, subsidiary companies of the West Penn Electric Company, namely, West Penn Railways company employing 600 men, Wheeling Traction company employing 600 men, Allegheny Pittsburgh Coal company, 500 men, and Windsor Power House Coal company, 450 men, operated the entire thirty-one day period without the report of a single lost time employe accident. The total force of 2250 employes worked approximately 485,898 man hours in the generation and distribution of a dangerous commodity, the mining of bituminous coal and the operation of electric railways and automobile buses.

The Allegheny Pittsburgh Coal company accomplished the months of July and August without the report of a single accident serious in extent to cause loss of time. In addition, the West Penn Railways company, employing an average of 600 men, has had only four accidents causing loss of time during the seven months of the present year.

Such a noteworthy job of accident prevention can be compared with any public utilities company record in the entire country, it is believed, and the West Penn officials can point with pride at the record of their employes.

Twenty-mile speed limit signs have been erected at the approaches of Potters Mills and Pleasant Gap. Better drive carefully at these points.

Notice of Store Closing.

Niemann's Department Store, Millheim, will be closed at 6 P. M. Wednesday, Oct. 1st, and all day Thursday, Oct. 2nd, account of Jewish Holiday.

COURT HOLDS TAX COLLECTION LAW UNCONSTITUTIONAL

Centre County Judge Bans Sale of Seated Lands for Failure to Pay Levies.—Appeal May Be Taken.

Judge M. Ward Fleming, last week, handed down an opinion in which he declares the new tax collection law passed by the 1929 Legislature unconstitutional and makes permanent the injunction against County Treasurer Lyman L. Smith restraining him from selling seated lands of any kind for taxes.

The law, which provides that all taxes not collected by the first Monday in May of each year shall be turned over to the county commissioners, who certify them to the county treasurer, which official then is empowered to sell them the first Monday in August for taxes assessed, has proved one of the most obnoxious to farmers and property owners ever passed.

The Centre county treasurer advertised more than 500 farms and other property for sale on August 4, two days previous J. V. Bowers, of Phillipsburg, had obtained a rule restraining the treasurer from making the sales.

The case was argued before Judge Fleming, and in his opinion the act is defective in various sections because it does not grant the property owner his inalienable right of defense against illegal and wrongful assessments. Defense of this fact Judge Fleming contends the entire act is unconstitutional.

In Clearfield a similar action is pending before Judge A. R. Chase, and restraining actions also were brought in several other counties, but Judge Fleming is the first Judge in the State to hand down an opinion on the issue. County Commissioners have the right of appeal from a ruling on the constitutionality of the act, but so far the Centre county commissioners have not indicated whether they will appeal.

The ruling of Judge M. Ward Fleming, of the Courts of Centre county, that the new tax law is unconstitutional, and makes it non-operative so far as Centre county is concerned, has found a counterpart in an order handed down by Judge Chase, of the Clearfield county courts.

The tax law, as cited both by Judge Fleming and Judge Chase, violates Article 14, Paragraph 8 (B) of the Constitution of the United States, and Article 3, Section 3 of the Constitution of Pennsylvania.

The ruling of these jurists, in the event of any appeal, which is not likely would almost unquestionably be sustained by a higher court.

Delinquent taxpayers, who feared the loss of their properties as a result of this obnoxious or unpopular law, will now feel more comfortable.

75TH ANNIVERSARY YEAR STARTS AT PENN STATE

Seventy-fifth anniversary year opened Wednesday at the Pennsylvania State College with a capacity enrollment of over 4200 students welcomed at convocation by President Ralph D. Hetzel.

Three new academic buildings, a new power plant and many improvements in landscaping of the campus combined with the record enrollment to make the opening the most important in the history of the college since the first class started in 1855, four years after the institutional charter was granted in 1851. In less than three years twelve new buildings have been added to the college plant from funds provided by the State, alumni and friends, each a replacement of worn out or overcrowded structures.

In opening exercises in Recreation Hall President Hetzel described the worth of the new facilities and called upon students to live up to the increased educational service value they represent to the State of Pennsylvania and the nation. He declared the new freshman class the best prepared ever to enter Penn State. It was learned that almost 2500 Pennsylvania boys and girls sought admission to Penn State this year, but only 1235 four-year course students could be admitted, including 50 who started the forestry course at Mont Alto on Wednesday.

Formal observance of the 75th anniversary of Penn State's founding takes place October 23, 24 and 25, when Governor Fisher will head a program of special activities.

STATE COLLEGE RESUMES DAILY RADIO SCHEDULE

Daily broadcasting of weather reports, news and agricultural items by the Pennsylvania State College will be resumed this week over the college radio station WPSCL. The station goes on the air daily at noon except Saturdays and Sunday operating on 1230 kilocycles.

In addition to the daily programs, the college will also continue its popular Sunday broadcast of chapel services. Dr. Franklin Spencer Edmonds, of Philadelphia, being the speaker next Sunday. Chapel broadcasts start at 11 a. m.

Arrangements have also been made to broadcast all home football games, the game with Niagara opening the season this Saturday. The game is set for 2:25 p. m.

Food Sale.

The Ladies' Aid Society of the local M. E. church will hold a food sale at the T. L. Smith store, on Saturday, October 4, afternoon and evening. The patronage of the public is solicited.

ROAD NOTES.

The concreting on the Potters Mills-Tusseyville road is about completed, and is being brought to within a very short distance of the Red Mill road. Grading westward from that point is progressing in a satisfactory manner, the heavy part of the work being close to the finish. Where the new road crosses the lane leading from the public road to the W. R. Neff farm buildings, a twenty-foot fill is being made.

The Earlstown road, from Old Port to the intersection of the Tusseyville road, was treated to penetrating oil last week, and Monday morning a coat of heavy road oil and stone chips were applied.

The Seven Mountain section of Route 53, beginning at the concrete, to Potters Mills, is being oiled and chipped. The application of oil and stone on this road as well as on the Earlstown road is being applied one-half width at a time.

The section of the new road on Route 45, between Penn Hall and Millheim, rebuilt by the State, is completed. The oiling and chipping was done last week.

The contract work on the Millheim-Woodward section of Route 45, is moving along in good order. Grading is nearly completed. It is given out that the road will be open for traffic not later than October 15th.

The grading of sections of Route No. 53 at Millroy and Reedsville, is moving rather slowly. The work is heavy, lime stone rock having been encountered at both points. Two sections of concrete have already been poured—one from the end of the formerly built concrete road, north of Millroy to a bridge back of the Millroy hotel. Another section poured in from south of the deep cut made below Millroy to Cemetery Hill, north of Reedsville. This leaves one and a quarter miles yet to be poured. The concrete is twenty feet wide, one foot more in width than the road over Seven Mountains. The surface is smooth.

News Notes from Presbyterian Manse.

The Glee Club will meet next October 9th, regular place and time.

Mr. and Mrs. Elwood and Mr. and Mrs. Walker, of Mamont, Pa., worshipped at the local Presbyterian church on Sabbath and were also callers at the Manse after the services.

Rev. J. M. Kirkpatrick attended the Presbyterian Retreat held by the Huntingdon Presbytery at Huntingdon on Monday, Sept. 22nd. There were 108 ministers and elders present. The discussions were on subjects pertaining to Christian Education and Evangelism.

A Progressive Citizen.

C. P. Long is again showing his long progressive spirit, always in the interest of Spring Mills, his home town. During the past thirty days the building in which the first milk enterprise at Spring Mills was housed, was moved and rebuilt into a residence property and will be ready for occupancy by October 6th.

Mr. Long also recently purchased the two lots owned by J. A. Wagner, and on these foundations for residences have been completed and are ready for the frame structures. This will give the burg three additional residences, and residences are much in demand at Spring Mills.

Some years ago Mr. Long erected along Long avenue, which avenue extends from the mill to the P. R. R. station, twelve substantial brick and frame residences.

The writer asked Mr. Long if he anticipated any new enterprises coming to Spring Mills, to which he replied, yes, next spring, but did not reveal the nature or importance of them, but added, "We need more residences."

Linden Hall's Churches Sell for \$190.00.

Because the congregations had become so reduced in numbers that they were not able to give adequate financial support, the two Evangelical churches at Linden Hall were sold at public sale for a total of \$190.

The new church, known as the United Evangelical, built in 1892, was bought by James W. Swabb for \$110, who made the purchase for the community at large. The furniture in the church had already been disposed of to an Evangelical congregation, near Selmsgrove for installation in a new church they are building.

The old church, known as the Evangelical and which was built in 1853, was sold to Philip Mayes for \$70, with out the furniture. The pulpit in this church was purchased by James Swabb and will be used to refurbish the new church, which in the future will be kept up by the community at large as a place of worship.

Gas Well is Struck in Clearfield Co.

Much excitement prevails in the "Reams Bottom" section south of Luthersburg, where on the estate of Davison L. Ream, deceased, of DuBois, a large gas well was brought in last week by drillers for the T. W. Phillips company.

Efforts were being made to harness the well, of which no estimate has been made of the amount of flow. The noise of escaping gas whistling through the casing could be heard for several miles, and should the flow be plugged doubt is felt that the casing will be able to hold the flow. The strike was made a depth of 2,400 feet.

CENTRE COUNTY HOSPITAL NOTES.

Miss Anna Duracke, of Clarence, who had been undergoing medical treatment, was discharged on Monday. Alma, 11-year-old daughter of Edward Mitchell, of Union township, was admitted on Monday for surgical treatment and discharged the following day.

Russell J. Goodhart, of Centre Hall, became a surgical patient on Monday of last week and was discharged on Tuesday.

Mrs. Gerald Little of Bellefonte, was admitted on Monday and discharged on Tuesday after undergoing medical treatment.

Mary M. Margolf, of State College, was admitted on Monday for surgical treatment.

H. C. Williams, of Bellefonte, became a surgical patient on Monday.

Nora L. Fry, of Bellefonte, was admitted on Monday for surgical treatment and discharged on Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Rockey, of Bellefonte, are the happy parents of an infant son born in the hospital on last Tuesday.

Mrs. John Comiskey and infant son, of State College, were discharged on Tuesday.

Mrs. G. C. Graham and infant daughter, of State College, were discharged on Tuesday.

Andrew Jodon, of Spring township, who had been a surgical patient, was discharged on Tuesday.

Ellis Snyder, of Boggs township, who had been undergoing surgical treatment, was discharged on Wednesday.

James Morgan of Snow Shoe, was admitted on Wednesday as a medical patient.

Thomas, 1-year-old son of Thomas J. Kelleher, of Bellefonte, was admitted on Wednesday as a surgical patient.

Arthur J. Jones, of College township, was admitted on Wednesday as a surgical patient.

Anna H. 9-year-old daughter of Walter Gunsallus, of Bellefonte, was admitted on last Thursday for surgical treatment.

William, year and a half-old son of Harry W. Shuey, of Lemont, who had been undergoing surgical treatment, was discharged on Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Sabbatini, of Ferguson township are receiving congratulations on the birth of a daughter, born on Friday.

Mrs. Rebecca Benner, of Bellefonte, became a surgical patient on Friday.

Ella M. Fike, of Birmingham, a student nurse at the hospital, was admitted on Friday for surgical treatment.

Lloyd Lutz, of Philadelphia, was admitted on Friday for surgical treatment.

Mrs. Mattie Malone, of Minneapolis, Minn., was discharged on Saturday after undergoing medical treatment.

Mrs. Homer Ambrose and infant son, State College, was discharged on Saturday.

Daniel Snyder, of Bellefonte, was admitted on Saturday as a surgical patient.

Bernice Jodon, of Boggs township, was discharged on Saturday after having been a surgical patient.

There were a total of 33 patients in the hospital at the beginning of this week.

Gas Company Growing Rapidly.

The Central Pennsylvania Gas Company of Bellefonte and State College had a remarkable growth in less than two years of operation. It has reached a maximum daily consumption of more than 200,000 cu. ft. sold. This load was expected at the end of three years by the engineers who made the report. There are more than 1200 consumers on the company's lines and new ones are being added at the rate of 50 per month. Recently gas lines were extended to Centre Hall where new consumers are being connected as rapidly as possible, and it is the intention of the company to extend its lines to Milesburg in the spring of 1931.

New Chevrolet Cars Sold.

The following new Chevrolet cars were sold recently by the Homan Motor company:

John Reifmeyer, Linden Hall, coupe; Miss Mabel Crouse, Aaronsburg, sport coupe; Rev. C. E. Hazen, Lock Haven, coach; D. H. Roark, Spring Mills, coach; Roy S. Boob, Aaronsburg, sport coupe.

Eleven used cars were also sold by the firm during the past two weeks.

Autolists Must Prepare to Have Cars Meet Test.

Are brakes right, and lamps properly focused? Is the steering assembly in good condition? Will the windshield wiper wipe, is there a mirror, and is the license plate obscured or unobscured?

These are some of the questions which will be answered by authorized examination stations during Pennsylvania's annual motor vehicle inspection period, which began September 15 and will end October 31.

A number of examining stations which officiated in last year's examinations will not function in 1930. They were shown to employ mechanics of doubtful or mediocre ability. Commissioner Eynon is anxious that there be no buccaneering in the examinations, and asks any motorist who has been "gipped" to at once notify the Bureau of Motor Vehicles.

SOCCER SCHEDULE ARRANGED.

County High Schools Divided Into Two Divisions—Eastern and Western. Centre Hall a Unit in Four-Team Group in Western Division.

The Centre County Interscholastic soccer schedule was arranged at a meeting of the C. C. I. A. A. in the court house in Bellefonte, one evening last week.

Because of the number of teams entering the county league this year, it was desirable to divide the teams into two divisions, namely Eastern Division, which includes Spring Mills, Millheim, Rebersburg and Hubersburg; and the Western Division, which includes Centre Hall, Boalsburg, State College and Port Matilda.

The winners of the two groups will play for the county championship.

"Bill" Jeffrey, Varsity soccer coach at Penn State, has started plans for organizing a league of High schools of the central part of the State. Already several counties have shown their intention of coming along.

Mr. Jeffrey has obtained a large silver loving cup as an emblem of the Central Pennsylvania Interscholastic Soccer championship, to be given to the High school soccer team winning the championship.

The schedule for the Centre County League is as follows:

Eastern Division.

October 3—Rebersburg at Hubersburg; Spring Mills at Millheim.
October 10—Hubersburg at Millheim.
October 17—Hubersburg at Spring Mills.
October 23—Millheim at Rebersburg; Hubersburg at Spring Mills.
October 31—Rebersburg at Millheim; Spring Mills at Hubersburg.
November 4—Millheim at Spring Mills; Hubersburg at Rebersburg.
November 14—Spring Mills at Rebersburg; Millheim at Hubersburg.
November 21—Millheim at Rebersburg.

Western Division.

October 2—Boalsburg at Port Matilda; Centre Hall at State College.
October 10—State College at Boalsburg; Port Matilda at Centre Hall.
October 17—Boalsburg at Centre Hall; State College at Port Matilda.
October 31—Boalsburg at State College; Centre Hall at Port Matilda.
November 4—Centre Hall at Boalsburg.
November 7—Port Matilda at State College.
November 14—State College at Centre Hall; Port Matilda at Boalsburg.

STUDENTS FROM CENTRE AT L. H. S. TEACHERS' COLLEGE

Forty-three young people from Centre county are students in the State Teachers' College, Lock Haven. Their names and addresses are given below. It will be noted the south side of Centre county is well represented.

Elsie G. Andrews, Centre Hall.
Ruth S. Bechtel, Blanchard.
Mabel V. Bresler, Burnside Furnace.
Kenneth O. Brown, Bellefonte.
Hazel D. Bush, Fleming.
Elizabeth M. Crain, Phillipsburg.
Harold B. Cronister, Julian.
Huldah W. Davis, Lemont.
Florence F. Daye, Madisonburg.
Iva M. Dillon, Julian.
John L. Dillon, Julian.
John G. Duke, Clarence.
Eleanor M. Forshey, Phillipsburg.
Hugh C. Fry, Penna. Furnace.
Ernest L. Gilliland, Penna. Furnace.
Relda E. Haagen, Bellefonte.
V. Grace Harpster, Phillipsburg.
Armina C. Hettinger, State College.
Bertha E. Heverly, State College.
Lois E. Hughes, Phillipsburg.
John T. Kachik, Clarence.
Marvin J. Lee, Bellefonte.
Myles S. McClellan, Linden Hall.
Jane E. Mattern, Port Matilda.
Margaret C. Miller, Rebersburg.
Barbara S. Rhoads, Bellefonte.
Violet Rogers, Nitany.
C. Elizabeth Schectery, Rebersburg.
Josephine C. Schenk, Howard.
Eleanor L. Shultz, Port Matilda.
Barbara S. Sloop, Bellefonte.
Harry C. Stiver, Martha.
Kermit M. Stover, Coburn.
Julia M. Summers, Wingate.
Boward Tomlinson, State College.
Helen I. Tressler, Bellefonte.
Ruth E. Wentzel, Howard.
Eva J. Williams, Port Matilda.
Mabelle S. Winklesch, Aaronsburg.
Woodrow Wolfe, Livonia.

E. Anna Root Yeager, Monument.
Grace V. Ziegler, Mingoville.
Isadore M. Ziff, Phillipsburg.

Smell of Pottage Results in \$100 Fine.

John Wesley Welshans, of Loganton, R. D. was given a hearing before Alderman T. Mark Brungard, in Lock Haven, on a charge of killing a deer out of season, and was sentenced to pay \$100 and the costs. He gave bond for the payment.

The man was arrested by Deputy Game Protector David L. Cook after he had killed a deer which was destroying property on his farm, and had failed, as the law requires, to report the matter to authorities. The matter came to the notice of authorities and a search warrant was issued and served by Deputy Game Protector Probst and State Policeman Holchowst, who found venison on the premises.

And now it turns out that the Westinghouse company is not sending up a balloon carrying a light in the Pittsburgh district. It is suggested that the light probably comes from the beacon on the Grant building, or from the Bettis field beacon, near Pittsburgh. Now, what is it, anyway?

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS.

In alighting from a car, Mrs. Leroy Pyle of Millheim, made a misstep and dislocated an ankle.

Wilbur McClellan is back to Beckley College, Harrisburg, where he is taking a regular course.

Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Reigel motored to Lisbon, Ohio, on Friday, remaining for a few days with relatives.

John S. Dale is representing State College Kiwanis at the State convention of Kiwanis clubs at Erie, this week.

We are all wondering who will become the local Bobby Jones on the Grange Park golf course during the 1931 season.

The Homan Motor Company last week received a consignment of cars consisting of a sedan, coupe and sport roadster.

The Clover Club, a local social organization of ladies, together with invited guests, dined at Ye Old Tavern, Hubersburg, Thursday evening of last week.

Don't forget, Mr. Taxpayer, after the first of October, five per cent. will be added to your school tax. This is just a friendly reminder, lest you forget.

Among the eighteen school employes re-elected with allowances by the State Retirement Board was Miss Ella Levy, Bellefonte, with thirty-eight years of service to her credit.

The water supply for the borough has but slightly diminished during the past two weeks. It would be possible to get along with one-fourth the present flow of water, if necessary.

The Junior class of the Centre Hall High school was in attendance of nearly one hundred per cent. at a winter roast held at Brownie's Place, Seven Mountains, one evening during last week.

With 66 of the 67 counties of the State represented in the entire incoming freshman class at the Pennsylvania State College, the girls alone represent 50 counties. There are 188 girls among the 1200 students to be matriculated at the college this year.

Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Strohm, of Scranton, were guests last week of Mr. Strohm's mother, Mrs. Margaret Strohm, in town. Mr. and Mrs. Ammon Burkholder, of Stroudsburg, were also at the Strohm home for a few days beginning of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Catherman, the former's mother, Mrs. Daniel Catherman, Sr., Mrs. Curtin Catherman, all of Hartleton, and Logan Catherman, of Belleair, Long Island, were an attraction to visit friends and relatives in Centre Hall and Potter township on Tuesday. Mrs. Catherman is a sister of "Squire C. W. Slack.

J. G. Dauberman, the local butcher and dealer, is driving a new Ford truck, purchased through J. S. Booser, with a crate suitable for hauling veal calves. Shipping veal calves is a business long engaged in by him. He now covers a large section of the county in quest of calves suitable for home and city market.

A meeting of the Grange Fair association will be held in the hall of Progress Grange, Friday evening, when a report of the 1930 Encampment and Fair will be read. It is reported that there will be little or no cash balance on hand this year, due to heavy expenditures made by the association in improving their park.

The Reporter is informed that the State Highway Department officially notified the borough council to remove the traffic light on the diamond. This in conformity with the Department's policy of ordering removed all traffic lights not thought necessary for the public's safety. The necessity of a traffic light is based on the number of cars and pedestrians passing under and by it.

The Federal-State crop reporting service tells us just exactly how bad conditions are throughout the State as to corn and pastures. It tells us that on September 1st, pastures were only 27 per cent. normal, and corn 22 per cent. Locally we are beginning to hear an occasional farmer state that his corn crop is fair. The last farmer to say in our presence his corn was good, was Charles McClellan, east of town.

O. C. Skinner, president of the Lewistown Airways and Aircraft, Inc., and a keen enthusiast of flying and aviation in general, this week stepped into the airplane ownership field with the purchase of a four-passenger cabin plane costing approximately \$6,000. The plane, a Stinson-Detroiter finished in an attractive design of black and orange, making it highly visible from the ground and air, is equipped with a 210-horsepower Lycoming motor.

Miss Goldie Stover, valedictorian at the Centre Hall High school commencement exercises last May, was omitted from the list of entrants to the Freshman class at Penn State College furnished local papers by the College news bureau. The omission was due to the fact that the young lady had not made application for entrance until late, and the list as given out had been previously prepared. Owing to conditions other than being fully prepared for entrance, Miss Stover has concluded to wait another year before doing so.