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Governor's Shots at Township Road Supervisors Being Fired Back at Him

Governor Gifford Pinchot's recent shots of "extravagance and inefficiency" at local officials and township supervisors are still echoing round Pennsylvania.

Paul T. Martin, associate editor of Pennsylvania Road Builder, says local officials in every section of the State are pointing to their voluntary reductions in salaries and slashed budgets and tax levies, and asking the State departments when they are going to carry out similar economies.

Some of the shots of the governor are beginning to rebound. In a recent newspaper article, one of his weekly series, the chief executive chose the annual reports of four townships out of 1,512 in the State and cited them as "horrible examples." One of the alleged "examples," Grove township, in Cameron county, is now coming back at the governor's statements with the other side of the picture. The comparison is interesting.

"Our road tax is one mill, and has been for the past three years," say the Grove township supervisors. Alvin Smith, George Dexter and Charles W. Silker, of Sunamahoning. "Had we collected all the road tax that was assessed, it would have amounted to but \$104.41.

"There was on bank deposit, Jan. 1, 1932, \$1,686.50; and the general demand to use part of this money for road repairs with the intention of giving work to our local unemployed, was granted. Stone and slag, with cinders for top finish was used in general.

"Two long approaches to a dangerous rail crossing were commendably improved. This necessitated fills to a depth of six feet in some places. 1200 feet of this road is macadam and was repaired with Ugitte and lime stone.

2,000,000 IN PENNSYLVANIA NOW GETTING RELIEF

Officials Believe It Will Require at Least \$120,000,000 to Care for Those in Need During the Year—Many Trades and Professions Represented in County Relief Boards.

Representing many diverse trades and professions, the members of the county relief boards are feeding nearly 2,000,000 persons daily, reports to the State emergency relief board show.

The largest representation of any group on the county boards consist of 38 men and women affiliated with various social service organizations, while doctors, with only one physician serving on a county board, have the smallest representation.

Trustees of mother's assistance funds with 46 members have the second largest representation of the classifications, with educators and school officials next with 23 persons.

A majority of the 176 members of the county boards have had experience with social service or educational work and are believed to have the proper qualifications to direct the relief machinery in their counties.

Among other classifications of the members are 12 judges; seven present or former members of the general assembly; 5 district attorneys; 21 former or present county commissioners; 14 city officials; 2 nurses; 8 publishers and newspapermen; 4 ministers; 5 lawyers; 7 businessmen; 2 farmers; 3 officers of labor organizations and 2 officials of women's clubs.

From a survey of the various trades and professions included in the list, officials said it can be seen that the boards have been selected principally from those who have had previous social service and welfare experience.

At the present time one-sixth of all the people of Pennsylvania, or almost as many people as live in Philadelphia, are on the State relief list.

Figuring the existing cost of feeding a family per month at \$16.16 and allowing \$3.85 for fuel and clothing, a total of about \$25 per family per month, officials of the State believe it will require at least \$12,000,000 for 1933 to care for those in need.

RUSSELL RUDY TROUBLE SOME PRISONER IN AKRON, OHIO

Accused of inciting a disturbance upon his return to jail after the burial of his brother in Potter's field, Russell Rudy, 23, of White Deer, Union county, is in the "no privilege range" in the summit county prison, Akron, Ohio.

Jailer Ed Lynch asserted that Rudy had incited his range mates to throw food on the walls and floors at the supper hour on Friday.

Shortly before that, he and a brother, Melvin, handcuffed to officers, stood on a hill overlooking the Potter's field, and heard a brief funeral sermon for another brother, Paul, 20, who was slain in a hold-up attempt Sunday previous.

Russell Rudy is awaiting trial March 3 on charges of assault with intent to rob Melvin Rudy is held on suspicion of robbery.

The Pittsburgh Post-Gazette printed a "fat" issue on Monday, but the contents, chiefly, were of a distressing nature, for about thirty pages were devoted to listing the names of delinquent taxables in that city, together with the amount owed by each, including their school taxes. How many thousands of names there were, we know not—but the number was staggering.

The remainder of our road is cinder, not dirt as the governor intimated.

"The actual expense in road repairs amounted to \$856, instead of \$1,108.16 as published by the governor.

"We received two letters over the signature of the governor, urging us to borrow money for the very purpose to which we had already used part of what we had in reserve, and he 'slammed' us for doing it."

The governor's version is considerably different. It follows:

"Grove township, Cameron county, has seven-tenths of one mile of road. The auditors' report for 1932 shows that the supervisors spent \$294.10 for repairs to earth roads, \$25.20 for new culverts, \$334.60 for wages to roadmasters, \$121.60 to supervisors for attending monthly meetings, and \$85.90 for repairs to a truck. Altogether they spent \$1,108.16—and they have only seven-tenths of a mile of road to spend it on!"

The article, in question, published February 8, has called down the wrath of local officials. A statement made by J. Garfield Bagshaw, president, Penn. Ass'n of Township Supervisors, declares the governor's articles are only an attempt to discredit local government and put bars in the way of legislative passage of the Williamson Municipal Tax Relief bill, Senate bill No. 100.

The Williamson bill, sponsored by the State Chamber of Commerce, farmers' organizations, local officials' organizations and practically all the larger organized taxpayers' groups, would allocate \$30,000,000 from the motor license fund to all cities, boroughs and townships on a mileage basis to relieve real estate of the burden of taxes for road and street work.

This same group of women prepared a luncheon and served it to the entire group at a cost of 14¢ a person. The menu for the luncheon consisted of:

Cheese Souffle
Lettuce Salad
Baking Powder Muffins
Fruit Jello
Tea

Less elaborate yet similar meals were served in Hubersburg to fourteen women at a cost of 12½¢ and 14¢ per person respectively.

This type of work is studied and carried on in various food groups in the county under the direction of Miss Smith. This project consists of studying the different types of meals to be served in a home and the actual planning, preparing and serving of them.

In connection with these meals the cost is studied so that it can be kept as low as possible and yet be a well-balanced meal. The tendency is to eliminate vegetables, the vital part of the meal, in order to cut down on cost, which should not be done. Miss Smith stresses the fact that there should be two servings of vegetables every day besides potatoes.

Several new bills with regard to education have been introduced in the State Legislature within the past week. Among them are:

House Bill No. 956.—Strikes out of the Edmonds Act the salary schedule for teachers in third and fourth-class school districts and provides for a minimum salary of not less than \$60 per month for elementary teachers and not more than \$130 per month for high school teachers, with no annual increments.

House Bill No. 1009.—Reduces the salaries of county superintendents ten per cent for the first year of their term beginning in 1934.

House Bill No. 1015.—Fixes four mills as the maximum tax levy for school purposes in all school districts.

Senate Bill No. 431.—This bill would permit school boards to reduce salaries without limit for the next two years to a point within the ability of the boards to pay. It suspends the Edmonds schedule and the provisions of the law concerning the continuing contract would also be suspended. It applies to teachers, principals, supervisors and superintendents. It requires, however, that the State pay to the local district school subsidies on the same basis as for the present year regardless of salary reductions.

On Saturday, March 4, a new President is to be inaugurated, an event that means much to every citizen of our great country, and regardless of politics, the people will unitedly give him hearty and complete support, believing that arrived and reunited confidence is the need of the hour and only a united stand back of the new administration can marshal that confidence.

Joining with a nation-wide movement aimed to create a demand that will mean orders that will start idle factories and increase the business in those now running, Altoona stores are featuring Inauguration Day, Saturday, March 4, as "Roosevelt Day," offering special opportunities for people to start their shopping for spring, stating that the tempting values in new merchandise and smart fashions will make it profitable for people to provide for their own, their families' and their homes' accumulated needs, on Saturday.

Those who visit Altoona in response to the invitation extended by the Booster merchants will also have the opportunity of inspecting the beautiful new postoffice building that has just been dedicated.

The Ladies' Literary Club, Millheim, was entertained by Mrs. William J. McMillen, a member, on Tuesday evening. It was party night for the club and consequently the husband or best friend of the respective members was included in the festivities. This is a once-a-year occurrence and is looked forward to by eligible males with a pleasure not disappointing in realization.

DEATH OF MINISTER RESULTS IN REDISTRICTING CHURCHES

The death of Dr. Moore Sandborn, former pastor of the Muncy Presbyterian church, necessitates the redistricting of Presbyterian churches in that district. The plan voted on favorably will leave Rev. Joseph A. Howard in charge of the Montgomery church, which will also serve the Muncy church, but will drop the Montoursville congregation. The Montgomery congregation some time ago absorbed a weak Reformed congregation.

Rev. Hugh Moody, pastor-in-charge of the Northumberland Presbytery, with residence at Selingsgrove, will locate in Montoursville and become stated supply there.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.

Harry Myrl Showers	Zion
Nell L. Gehret	Bellefonte
Richard Alterio	Pleasant Gap
Charlotte DeArmitt	Bellefonte
Wade LeRoy Robinson	Mt. Eagle
Blanche Hippie	Snow Shoe
Clair Cowher	Coleman Sliding
Alice G. Robinson	Mt. Eagle
Donald R. Harris	Phillipsburg
Amelia E. Lansberry	Phillipsburg
Ira K. Pibull	Pine Glenn
Minnie E. Andrews	Tyrene

SOLONS BAITING LEGISLATIVE HOOKS TO HARASS POOR FISH

Pennsylvania's Assemblymen are baiting a line full of legislative hooks for the poor fish.

Six of ten bills "pertaining to fish introduced in the Legislature this year would greatly increase the hazards of piscatorial existence.

Suckers, which start life under the bad enough handicap of a name that literally invites advantage takers, are the hapless objects of two of the measures presented by Representative Geo. N. Wade, Cumberland.

One bill would permit suckers, along with catfish, carp and eels, to be captured by the use of gigs or spears, a practice which recently came under sharp legislative criticism.

The other would make legal the catching of these same four types of fish in deep nets, six feet square, between March 1 and April 30.

Four other measures would probably have the effect of literally filling the streams with lines and hooks by putting an additional army of anglers on the banks.

Representative Darlington Hoopes, Berks county Socialist, wants the State to take down the bars on Sunday fishing, a sport frowned upon by strict laws since the Commonwealth was founded.

His bill would permit Sunday fishing, but would restrict the angler to the use of one rod and two hooks and would confine his fishing to the hours between noon and sunset.

John J. Downey, Schuylkill, would make life more dangerous for the marine species by exempting honorably discharged soldiers, sailors and marines from paying fishing license fees, which now cost \$350 a year.

All fishermen 16 years of age and over have to pay this fee, which Representative Denis L. Westrick, Cameron, thinks is too high. He has introduced two bills, one cutting the fee to 75 cents, and a second, as a sort of afterthought reducing it to \$1.

"Scaling down the fishing fee scale" Westrick calls it.

Mrs. A. J. Burrell, of near Millheim, was treated at the Geisinger hospital for loss of speech in a successful manner.

"DEPRESSION" MENUS.

Centre County Ladies Learning to Prepare Appetizing Luncheons and Dinners at from 12½ to 16 Cents a Person.

Planning and serving low cost meals has been demonstrated by a group of fifteen ladies in the Unionville community, who are carrying a project in Meal Planning and Table Service under the direction of Miss Eleanor J. Smith, Home Economics Extension worker for Centre county.

On Tuesday of last week the ladies met at the home of Mrs. L. O. MacElwain when they planned and served a dinner to the entire group at a total cost of 16¢ per person. The menu consisted of:

Tomato Bouillon
Baked Slice of Ham
Candied Sweet Pot. Buttered Carrots
Stuffed Celery Salad
Hot Rolls
Apple Pie a la mode
Butter
Coffee
Cream

The ladies kept a record of absolutely everything used in preparing the meal and based their figures on retail prices entirely.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER, FRIDAY, MARCH 3RD

"World Day of Prayer" will be observed with appropriate services in the Evangelical church, Friday evening, under the direction of the Missionary societies of the various denominations of the community. Mrs. H. H. Mark will be the acting chairman and will have charge of the program. The day, as the title indicates, will be universally observed. The program, which will be uniform at all services, will be participated in by local persons previously designated. All, however, will have opportunities to enter into the spiritual features.

A general invitation is extended to all to attend.

HUNTINGDON MONITOR EDITOR PREACHES TO THE MORIBID

The Huntingdon Monitor preaches a good sermon to those having a morbid curiosity when it says: "If the churches and Sunday schools of Huntingdon county were crowded with the same people that filled the Court House this week, listening to the proceedings of criminal court, there probably would be many better homes, and parents have more money to provide for the wants of their children—also, their taxes would likely be less and many of these people would be stepping along in the better walks of life."

APPROVE PURCHASE OF TELEPHONE COMPANIES

The Public Service Commission on Friday approved the purchase by the United Telephone Company, Harrisburg, of eleven smaller companies serving Central Pennsylvania communities. The sales are:

Milroy & Reedsville Telephone Company, Liverpool; Clair Telephone Company, Sprout; Allensville Telephone Company, Bellefonte; Morrison's Cove Telephone Company, Waterside; Nitany Telephone Company, Bellefonte; Perry County Telephone and Telegraph Company, Duncannon; Woodcock Telephone Company, Everett; and the Bald Eagle Telephone Company, Howard.

DR. AND MRS. SMILEY SUFFER LEG FRACTURES

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Smiley, of Lewistown, are hospital patients suffering from fractured legs, injuries sustained when a coupe in which they were riding and a Harrisburg ice cream truck collided near New Bloomfield, on Friday. Smiley had the left and Mrs. Smiley the right leg fractured. The truck was driven by George H. Schmauck, of Steelton, whose injuries were slight.

DEMOCRATS STOPPED JUNKET TO F. D. R. INAUGURATION

The action of the Democratic members of the House of Representatives in going on record against the appropriation of \$2,500 of State funds to defray the expense of a proposed legislative junket to the Roosevelt inauguration, has had a most salutary effect. It was the first time any one could recall that a huge group of legislators turned their backs on a "party" at the State's expense.

In taking such action the Democrats exhibited a display of decisiveness that has been lacking among the members of the Republican majority in the Legislature. The Republicans have failed to reach an agreement on most of the big problems which must be solved by the current session, and inability to formulate a program has been responsible for the lack of progress in the legislative session.

Fun for All the Family.

Sixteen (16) pages of comics in color—comic cut-outs—lucky buck play money—and big American Weekly Magazine with next Sunday's New York American.

Chicken Corn-Soup Supper.

The Ladies' Auxiliary of the local Presbyterian church will serve a chicken corn-soup supper, Thursday, March 3, from 5 to 8 P.M., in the church.

Dodds horse sale next Tuesday.

CUPLE OBSERVE 40 YEARS OF HAPPILY MARRIED LIFE

Tuesday evening, 21st ult., at their home in Georges Valley, Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Rearick were given a surprise by their ten children and their families, it being their fortieth wedding anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. Rearick have resided at their present location, known as the Rearick homestead, for the past thirty years, having removed from Farmers Mills.

The happy couple were presented with several useful gifts. Refreshments were served and at a late hour all departed for their respective homes, wishing Mr. and Mrs. Rearick many more years of health and happiness.

The following were present: Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Rearick, Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Rearick and family; James Royer and Mrs. Royer, of near Centre Hall; Mr. and Mrs. Toner Spotts, of Unionville; Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Ritter, of Milroy; Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Rearick, of Rockville; Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Raymond, Spring Mills; Miss Gladys Burrell, of Millheim; Ellis Rearick, Spring Mills; John Fortney, Tusseyville; Elwood Smith, Williamsport; and the Misses Sara, Luella and Florence Rearick.

WEST S. C. REFORMED CHURCH PROPERTY WORTH MILLION

MAY DIVIDE E. SYNOD

Nearly a million dollars are invested in the 63 church buildings belonging to as many congregations of the West Susquehanna Classis of the Reformed Church, which has jurisdiction over the Reformed congregations in Union, Snyder, and Centre counties, with one congregation each in Lewistown, Lock Haven, and Williamsport. To be exact, the figure is \$880,500. Every change in the Classis owns a parsonage, the total value of which is \$128,500. The debt on the real estate of all the congregations totals \$145,805, all of which except \$1305 represents the debt of five congregations which recently erected new church buildings or enlarged in extensive repairs. The amount spent for current expenses by the 63 congregations last year was \$62,596, and the sum of \$13,785 was given to general benevolence.

These figures were presented by the Statistical Clerk, Rev. H. H. Rupp, of Lewistown, to the Classis at its 77th annual meeting held in State College.

A committee to investigate the feasibility of carving a Central Pa. Synod out of the Eastern Synod, consisting of Rev. H. H. Rupp and Prof. John H. Eisenhauer, both of Lewistown, and Rev. E. G. Kline, Selingsgrove, was appointed. The same men comprise the executive committee for 1933, with Rev. E. G. Kline as chairman, Rev. I. S. Ditzler, of West Milton, was again appointed supply-pastor of the Matzeppa congregation and the Meeslah congregation at Alviria. Rev. Louis M. King, of Freeburg, was appointed supply pastor of Grub's congregation in Snyder county. This congregation contains only six members. It is the sense of the Classis that these six persons should either connect themselves with neighboring congregations in the Freeburg charge, or with the Lutheran congregation which worships in the same building, and the congregation then disbanded. To bring this about, the whole matter was referred to the Committee on Reconstruction, which consists of Rev. H. H. Rupp, chairman, Rev. I. S. Ditzler, West Milton, Dr. H. F. Bitner, Lewistown.

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS

Ralph E. Dinges made a business trip to Baltimore, Md., beginning of the week.

Mrs. David Rearick, of Spring Mills and Mrs. Paul Rearick, of Rebersburg, visited among friends in Sugar Valley Monday and Tuesday of last week.

Fremont S. Hile, of Pleasant Gap, was appointed by Governor Pinchot as Justice of the Peace in Spring township, succeeding the late James H. Oliver.

The family of John H. Lee wish to express thanks to friends and neighbors who so kindly assisted during the illness and at time of the death of Orvis W. Lee.

Hon. Curtis C. Leshner, president judge of Union county, is recovering nicely from an appendicitis operation performed in the Williamsport hospital, two weeks ago.

Out of a total of 332,890 acres of State game lands owned by the State, 13,299 ac. located in Centre county. These lands are located in thirty-four of the sixty-seven counties in the State.

Alfred Auman, son of James Auman, of Aaronsburg, is suffering from an infected hand following an operation in which a finger was removed. It is feared the entire hand may be lost to the young man.

With the view of utilizing the waste lumber which developed in the course of the manufacture of Commercial Automobile bodies, the Miffilnburg Body company has decided to manufacture a line of furniture.

Mrs. Leah Christie left Millheim recently for Leetsdale, in the western part of the State, having received a hurried call for her presence in the home of her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Smetizer, in that town.

Emerson Albright, retired implement manufacturer, of Millheim, died at the age of 71 years. Under the firm name of Albright and Sons the well-known Albright cultivator, used extensively in this section thirty years ago, was manufactured.

Since moving onto the farm immediately west of Centre Hall, two years ago, Ralph Luse, has experienced hard luck with his horse stock. In that short time five or six horses fit for service found their way to the Blackhawk rendering plant. Among the lot was a team purchased at one of the horse sales here.

More than the usual number of robbers refused to go South last fall and have been living during the comparatively mild winter in thickets close to town. A flock of between 25 and 30 of the birds were seen during the beginning of last month and at later dates. They appeared plump and fat, and not a bit distressed.

Ray Decker is back to his home, near Colyer, after having been at the home of his mother, near Berwick, for several weeks recuperating after an illness, a drag from a severe attack of typhoid fever some years ago. He was brought home by Squire W. M. Grove and Mrs. Grove, who visited among friends here before returning home.

Among the Pennsylvania candidates for the March 7th entrance examination for the appointment to the U. S. military academy at West Point are three from this, the 23rd, Congressional district, namely, Wm. G. Hipps, Lumber City; Maxwell V. Warren, Kane, first alternate, and Roy Wilkin-son, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Wilkin-son, Bellefonte, second alternate.

Wesley Smith and Paul Vonnada, the former of Aaronsburg and the latter of Fiedler, both employed in road work for the Kessler Contracting Co., made narrow escapes of their lives. Smith was sitting in the truck cab when a power shovel became unmanageable and clipped the cab from the truck, injuring him to some extent. Vonnada was in the act of dumping a large truck at the edge of an embankment when the earth gave way. He managed to escape injury. The former accident happened at Excelsior and the latter at Treverton.

Wednesday evening of last week Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Riege entertained the members of the Men's Bible class of the Lutheran church at their home. The class was well represented, and the evening was most delightfully spent. The hosts had arranged a program, two numbers of which were talks by Prof. R. S. Jamison, on Washington, and another on finance by H. L. Ebricht, cashier of the local National bank, and a reading by V. A. Auman. Later refreshments were served by the hosts, assisted by their son, Sidney Riege, and wife.

St. John's Episcopal church, Lancaster, inaugurated a marked policy when it eliminated all collections in order not to embarrass the unemployed and poverty stricken. The attendance at this church at its morning and evening services, on Sunday, was much increased—the percentage of increase having been 24.5 for the morning and 46.1 for the evening. Church members are following the tactics of fraternal organizations to a too large extent when they arbitrarily set a stated sum to be paid by each member annually. Church membership ought not to be based on "cash received."

RICHIE LU NOW BUYS PARAMOUNT PICTURES

In addition to buying the best pictures produced by Fox, Warner Brothers and R. K. O. companies, the Richielieu theatre has resumed business relations with Paramount Pictures Corporation, after a lapse of two years, and has signed up the current season's biggest hits for the local screen. Among the best shows coming to Bellefonte are "The Sign of the Cross," "The Bitter Tea of General Yen," and many others.

BELLEFONTE BORO COUNCIL SLASHES SALARIES BY \$1445

The Bellefonte borough council reduced salaries of employees by \$1445 for the year 1933. The reductions made are noted below:

Street Department—W. E. Hurley, from \$1520 a year to \$1320.

Water Department—J. D. Seibert, \$1520 to \$1380; Frank J. Meter, \$1170 to \$950; Mrs. C. E. Robb, \$540 to \$520.

Fire and Police—Harry Dukeman, \$125 to \$115 per month; Thomas Howley, \$10 to \$8, and George Glenn, \$15 to \$10 a week.

Finance Department—W. T. Kelley, secretary, \$25 to \$20 a month; George Carpeneto, borough treasurer, \$25 to \$20 a month.

Sanitary Department—Dr. S. M. Nisley, health officer, \$60 to \$50 a month.

George Glenn, a special policeman, resigned his position. Ralph Eyer, of Bellefonte, was appointed as a salary of \$10.00 per week.

HOWARD WATER WORKS O. K'D.

The Pennsylvania State Department of Health approved waterworks system at Howard, consisting of a tributary of Lock Run as a source of supply, a small intake reservoir, and distribution system.

PAYS HEAVY FINE FOR SHOOTING ROBIN

Shooting one robin near Franklin cost a man who said he is Frank Luska, of Cleveland, \$58. He pleaded guilty to killing the bird as it was feeding at one of the grain pits placed for protected birds in the woods near there. The costs were \$40 for not having a non-resident hunter's license, \$10 for shooting the robin, \$5 tax fare and \$3 for the magistrate's costs.

P. S. C. RULES ON EXTRA CHARGE FOR "FRENCH" PHONES

The Public Service Commission has settled the long dispute over extra charges for "French" or hand-type telephones.

The commission's ruling, issued a few days ago in complaints against the Bell Telephone Company of Pennsylvania, divides subscribers into three classes:

Those who for two years have been paying the extra charge of 25 cents a month are freed immediately from the extra assessment. The charge formerly was 50 cents a month.

Those whose two-year period of use expires before February 15, 1935, will see the charge vanish from their bills whenever that two-year period is passed.

No subscriber may be assessed with the charge after February 15, 1935. This creates the third class—those who order the hand sets between now and February 15, 1935.

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