

GOV. ARTHUR JAMES WILL ABOLISH 1000 STATE JOBS

State Institutions May Take 1 Per Cent Slash; Seeks to Balance Budget Exclusive of Relief

Governor Arthur H. James estimated yesterday that his drive for economy in government would produce an outright saving of \$1,750,000 in the next four months.

The Governor said this saving would be accomplished largely through abolition of approximately 1000 State jobs and corresponding curtailment of administrative expenses.

The announcement was made at a press conference after Cabinet members had reported how many jobs they believed could be eliminated in their departments without impairing efficiency.

James said he had been informed by the department heads that a total of 927 employees were on the way out or had already been dismissed.

Through a companion move to conserve department funds already appropriated but for which he believes there is no immediate need, the Governor said he hoped to balance the budget, exclusive of the relief deficit, at the end of the biennium, May 31.

A deficit of between \$400,000 and \$500,000, of which \$34,000,000 can be attributed to the State's mounting relief burden, is foreseen by fiscal experts.

Cuts for Institutions The Governor said he felt confident his Administration could make up the difference between \$45,000,000 and \$34,000,000 by actual savings and conservation of funds now on hand.

As part of the economy movement, the Governor said he would ask State educational institutions to make a 1 per cent reduction in their appropriations, either through salary cuts or other economies.

"One item," he said, "may be the \$5,000,000 allocated by the 1937 Legislature for flood control. We do not intend to spend that for the next five months at least, and it may be used to make up some of the deficiency appropriations."

Few Jobs to Be Revived Asked if the economy movement was to continue through the next biennium, the Governor answered firmly, "Yes."

He said many of the jobs now being done away with will not be revived, while others will not be considered "abolished" until it has been demonstrated that they are not indispensable.

Secretary of Highways I. Lamont Hughes reported the greatest personnel reduction. He told the Governor he could save approximately \$633,240 through the elimination of 323 workers. Fifty other positions can be eliminated temporarily, he said.

Other Department Promises "These positions are abolished," he declared. Other economies promised by department heads: Agriculture, between 50 and 75; Forests and Waters, 68 already dropped and more reductions promised.

Health, 81 listed as definite and 25 others being considered; Insurance, from 37 to 55; Justice, 10; Labor and Industry, 190; Military Affairs, 16; Property and Supplies, 22; Welfare, 7; Public Assistance, 41.

Others Consider Cuts The Governor said reorganization economies also were being considered.

YEAAGERS WOMEN'S SUEDE SHOES ALL STYLES Nothing Over \$1.39 BELLEFONTE, PA.

Old Tombstone Reported Missing

Marker of First Man to Die in Clearfield County Believed to Be Here

Centre and Clearfield counties have on their hands a strange case of a missing tombstone.

The stone, erected on the grave of Tobias Auxe, found on the farm of Nestor Mignot, in Covington township, Clearfield County, in 1896, bears an inscription in French, which translated reads: "1771, September 1 to 3, Friend, Goodybe. In the life eternal we hope to meet again. Revoir."

On the reverse side of the stone is the inscription: "In memory of Tobias Auxe, 35, R. J."

The unexplained absence of the stone is recounted in last week's issue of the Clearfield Times by W. J. McGovern, Clearfield historian, who recently completed exhaustive research on the first deaths in Clearfield County. Mr. Brown reports that Auxe was unquestionably the first man to die in Clearfield County.

Aux's tombstone, Mr. McGovern says, was in his possession for some years, but disappeared and is believed to be in Centre County. Before its disappearance it was on display many times and in many towns, and was viewed by many thousands of people before it suddenly disappeared.

The missing marker is of sandstone, apparently taken from the bed of a small creek in the vicinity of Auxe's last resting place. McGovern's comments upon Auxe's life follow:

"This man, Tobias Auxe, was a native of France who had been exiled along with others for political or other reasons, by the government of France, to New France, some years before his death. At this time and for some time previous, England had been striving to drive the French out of Canada called by France, 'New France'."

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RUINS OF FIRE AT CLARENCE



The Logan Fire Company, of Bellefonte, had just arrived on the scene when this view of the disastrous fire at Clarence last Tuesday afternoon was taken. In the foreground stood the large building owned by Frank Jurich and which housed his general store. On the second floor were three apartments.

Lamb Club Wins Honors At Show

Competing 4-H Members Receive Awards For Best Exhibits

Competing in the Farm Show last week in Harrisburg, Centre County 4-H Lamb Club members successfully competed with lamb club members from a number of other counties in the State.

Linn Miller, of Centre Hall, was awarded the Hampshire Champion award on his pen of three fat lambs. Other winners in the Hampshire class were: third, Helen Homan, State College; fifth, Dan Stearns, Lemons; seventh, David Noll, Centre Hall. There were fifteen pens exhibited in the Hampshire class.

Out of a group of twenty-two Shropshire lambs, William Heas, of Boalsburg, exhibited the fifth prize pen, and Dean Rao, of Centre Hall, the seventh prize pen.

The Grand Champion of the show was shown by Donald Tait, of Lehigh County, and Reserve Champion of Jeanette Brownlee, of Washington County.

While in attendance at the Farm Show, Centre County boys and girls were under the supervision of the following parents and club leaders: Clarence Miller and Harry Franz, of Centre Hall, and Mrs. Frank Homan, of State College.

4-H club lambs and baby beavers were sold at auction on Friday afternoon. The six pens of lambs from Centre County averaged 13.08 per pound, which in addition to the prize money, provided a fair return to the club members for their lamb feeding project.

According to County Agent R. C. Blaney, this is the fourteenth year that Centre County 4-H club members have exhibited lambs at the Farm Show. During this time Centre County lamb club members have won the Grand Champion award five times, the Reserve Champion seven times, and have had twenty-one breed champions. Centre County lamb club members are proud of this record and are looking forward to another successful year.

Recent Weddings

Barr-Eckert. On Saturday evening at eight o'clock in the paragon of the Columbia Avenue Methodist Episcopal church, Tyrone, Miss Marjorie Louise Eckert, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Eckert, Tyrone, became the bride of Robert Hoffman Barr, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd S. Barr, of Gatesburg, Centre county. The ceremony was performed by the bride's pastor, Rev. Edgar A. Henry. The couple were accompanied by Miss Shaw, Tyrone, and Boyd Hutchins, Tyrone as maid of honor and best man, respectively. The ceremony was witnessed by members of the immediate families. The bridegroom is a graduate of Tyrone High school, being prominently identified in football, basketball, and attended Mercersburg Academy. The bride is also a graduate of Tyrone High school and had been employed as secretary to the principal of the high school. The couple will reside at Gatesburg where the bridegroom is engaged in agricultural work.

Peel-Cohen. Miss Josephine Cohen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Cohen, of North Spring Street, Bellefonte, became the bride of Samuel Peel, proprietor of the Smart Shop, Bellefonte, at a ceremony performed in Altoona Sunday morning by Rabbi Henry Goldberger in the presence of members of the immediate families. For the ceremony the bride wore a traveling dress of gold and brown with brown accessories. Her shoulder corsage was of brown striped orchids and gardenias. Following the ceremony a wedding dinner was served at the Penn Alto Hotel, Altoona, after which the newlyweds left for a two weeks' wedding trip to Florida. They will reside in Lock Haven upon their return. Mrs. Peel attended the Bellefonte High School and was graduated from the Western High School in Baltimore, Md. Later she received a diploma from Strayers Business College in that city. Mr. Peel, a son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Peel, of Punksutawney, is a graduate of the Punksutawney High School and of the DuBois Business College. About a year and a half ago he opened the Smart Shop in Bellefonte which he conducts in conjunction with a similar store in Lock Haven.

Pedestrian Struck on Highway. Julia Banas, 47, of Morann, suffered a dislocated shoulder when struck by a car driven by William Pihelen, Houtzdale, as she was walking along the highway three miles south of Houtzdale Saturday afternoon. She was picked up by the driver and taken to the hospital for treatment. According to reports the woman stumbled into the side of car.

Cod Liver Oil. If a spoon is first wet with milk, the odor of cod liver oil will not cling to it.

Andrews Would Merge Counties

Program Calls For Larger Judicial Districts; Would Abolish Coroner's Job

A resolution providing for creation of more than a dozen special "economy" committees to review costs of State and local governments and recommend reductions was presented in the House Monday night by Representative H. G. Andrews, Cambria County Democrat.

Placing in concrete form an estimate that costs of State and local government could be cut at least \$5,000,000 Andrews proposed that the Legislature consider consolidation of counties, merger of judicial districts, abolition of the offices of county coroner and county detective.

He proposed also that the Legislature look into the possibilities of combining all State inspection services into one central inspection bureau and finance it through license fees imposed upon buildings subject to inspection.

Duties of Committees Andrews sought legislative authority for creation of these special committees to:

- 1. Report on services duplicated by State and local governments and recommend which unit should take over the function if it should be continued;
2. Study inspection services performed by the State and determine if all such services should be centralized in a bureau of inspection;
3. Determine if all premises subject to inspection should be licensed on a graduated scale for a total minimum of \$12,000,000 annually;
4. Determine what legislation if any since 1929 has increased the expenses of township, school districts, counties and cities and to recommend whether such increased cost was justified. One committee would be created for each unit;
5. Study possibilities of reducing the number of Common Pleas judges by consolidations of judicial districts and reducing the number of judges in "overstaffed" districts;
6. Determine if economies could be effected by consolidating the functions of various county offices or by applying the principle of the commission form of government to counties;
7. Report on the advantages and disadvantages incident to the creation of larger county units by consolidating counties;
8. Report on the advantages and disadvantages of abolishing the office of county coroner;
9. Report on the advantages and disadvantages of abolishing the offices of county detective in all counties except Philadelphia, Allegheny and Lackawanna;
10. Study possibilities of dispensing with the services of 750 local registrars of vital statistics;
11. Study highway maintenance costs in comparable areas;
12. Determine if local government costs could be reduced by giving cities authority to frame their own charters;
13. Study and report upon the suggestion that all bureaus and departments be subject to audit not only as to their accounts but also as to performance.

Another special committee would be created to receive, classify and report upon "suggestions designed to promote economy and efficiency." Each member of the House would be requested to submit at least five suggestions.

In the preamble of his resolution, Andrews said that all political parties have "persistently asserted not only their willingness but their determination" to curtail the costs of government.

SELL FIRST LIGHT PLANT FOR \$2100 Thomas A. Edison's first municipal electric light plant—installed to serve Sunbury nearly fifty years ago, has been sold to Franklin Institute, Philadelphia, for \$2100.

There were no other bids for the apparatus—the first of its kind. Proceeds of the auction went to the estate of P. B. Shaw, Williamsport, Pa., businessman, who financed the "Wizard of Menlo Park" in the venture.

The plant has been on display in the Institute since 1933. When Edison, yielding to the persuasion of Shaw, arrived in Sunbury to put his "flameless light" to its official test, he was openly scoffed as an eccentric.

Undismayed, the inventor wired the rooms of the old City Hotel and installed generators and an engine. The switch was thrown but nothing happened.

With characteristic persistence, Edison tried again and found the trouble. The switch was thrown again and this time light flooded the room.

To Talk on "Pennsylvania" The scenic and historic advantages of Pennsylvania will be stressed in an address of Orson N. Ritzman, Executive Secretary of the State Publicity Commission, at the annual banquet of the Pennsylvania Society of New Jersey. The dinner meeting will be held at the Newark Athletic Club, Newark, N. J., on Saturday evening, February 4. In addition to Mr. Ritzman's address, the Commission's 23-minute program of motion pictures, in color and with sound, will be shown.

MARKET QUOTATIONS Wheat 72 Oats 25 Buckwheat 50 Rye 50 Barley 50 Corn 60 Provisions, groceries, etc. as corrected weekly by Herr & Eberly. Eggs, per dozen .30 Lard, per pound .08 Marriage Licenses Avis Lee Preston Hill, Martha E. Casher, Snow Shoe

ELECTIONS BUREAU ISSUES 1939 POLITICAL CALENDAR

Events of Current Year Start With Circulation of Nomination Petitions; Primaries To Be Held September 12

The State Elections Bureau has prepared the following calendar for 1939.

September 12—Primary election. November 7—Municipal election.

Nomination Petitions June 24—First day to obtain signatures on nomination petitions. July 5—Last day for secretary of the commonwealth to transmit to each county board of elections a list of organizations which are political parties within the state.

July 24—Last day to file nominating petitions. July 29—Last day to withdraw nominating petitions. July 29—Last day to file objections to nominating petitions.

August 14—Last day to register for the primary election. August 14—Last day on which removal notices must be received by county boards of elections before the primary.

August 23—Last day to file nomination papers. August 28—Last day to object to nomination papers. August 28—Last day to change party enrollment or non-partisan enrollment—before the primary. (In Philadelphia, August 14.)

Primary Returns September 15—Return boards meet at noon to compute and canvass the votes cast in the primary election. September 18—First day for registering after the primary election. October 2—Last day to file petitions to contest the nomination of any primary candidates. October 7—Last day to register before the municipal election. October 9—Last day for removal notices to be received by county board of elections before the municipal election.

General Election Results November 10—Return board meets at noon to compute and canvass the votes cast at the municipal election. November 27—Last day to file petitions to contest the election of any candidates. December 7—Last day for candidates as treasurers of political committees to file expense accounts for the municipal election. December 8—First day to register after municipal election. December 27—Last day to petition the court of quarter sessions for an audit of an expense account for municipal election.

Win Weekly Cash Prizes Are you alert? You can win one of the 100 cash prizes awarded each week in a series of easy, fascinating contests. Look for this profitable feature in the Comic Weekly section of the Baltimore Sunday American. All progressive newscasters and the Baltimore American.

It seems that people will go on throwing kerosene on fires, knowing that kerosene will explode.

WEIS PURE STORES FOOD. Food Shopping Problems! Are most economically solved by patronizing your neighborhood Weis Pure Food Store. Shop today for Quality, Economy and Service. TOMATO JUICE 19c, FIG BARS 17c, BULK RICE 5c, TOMATO PASTE 5c, Red Ripe Tomatoes 23c, Weis Best Pastry Flour 27c, Bon Ton Substitute, Vanilla 25c, ECONOMY EGGS 47c, RINSO 19c, LUX TOILET SOAP 23c, Lifebuoy Soap 17c, LUX For All Fine Laundering 23c, ARGO STARCH 15c, TOMATOES 21c, CELERY 25c, LETTUCE 15c, CABBAGE 10c, SPINACH 15c, ORANGES 19c, Grapefruit ea 5c, Grapefruit 3 for 10c, QUALITY MEATS! CHUCK ROAST - 1 lb 21c, PORK LOIN ROAST - 1 lb 19c, VEAL RUMP ROAST 1 lb 23c, LEGS OF LAMB - 1 lb 29c

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