

COUNTY AUDITORS' STATEMENT

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Table with columns for various categories like Furniture, bedding & linens, Fuel, light & water, etc., and their corresponding amounts.

We, the undersigned Auditors of Centre County, having examined the Accounts of the Commissioners, Sheriff, Treasurer and the Prothonotary of Centre County, do hereby certify that to the best of our knowledge and belief that the foregoing is a true and correct account of the receipts and expenditures of their respective accounts for the year 1938.

D. A. HOLTER, C. H. GRAMLEY, HARRY A. CORMAN, County Auditors.

Bellefonte, Pa., June 3, 1939.

Governor Signs Bill On Sit-Down Strikes

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ment of the new women's work law, which permitted two shifts a day in a plant from 8 a. m. until midnight. The Governor and other Republican leaders claimed it would attract new industry to the State. Democratic opponents and labor leaders contended it would permit men, drawing higher wages, to be replaced by women workers.

Another bill signed by Governor James makes it punishable by a \$100 fine or three months in jail to use the services of a girl or woman to mix alcoholic beverages in the cities of Philadelphia, Pittsburgh and Scranton. A woman can serve behind the bar, provided she holds the license in her own name or is the wife of the licensee. The new law says nothing about women drawing beer. It applies only to the maid who mixes drinks.

Another measure relating to women's employment was signed by James, limiting to forty-eight hours a week the time a female worker in a non-profit charitable or welfare institution may work. They were exempted from the women's forty-four-hour week law of 1937. The maximum daily hours was fixed at ten, and the week limited to six days.

Other Bills Signed Appropriating \$7,099,700 to the Department of Property and Supplies for rental of General State Authority buildings as they are completed, the sum to last two years. Permit railroads to fix the time for annual stockholders' meetings and election of directors, in their by-laws; permit railroads to borrow money to retire or refund obligations issued or guaranteed by them, and authorize railroads to convert such capital into common or preferred stock in the hands of holders of those obligations.

Make property of indigent persons acquired while receiving relief liable for that support, and exempt real or personal property from liability during the life time of the indigent, spouse or dependent children.

Orphan's Court Bill Permit registration commissions in third-class cities, boroughs, and townships to destroy inactive records after three years. Authorize "suitable" clerical assistance for orphan's court judges. Permit townships or municipalities to own sewers which they maintain. Permit acceptance of insurance advertising with copies of certificates from the Insurance Department, instead of original certificates. Approprate \$400,000 from the motor license fund to the Department of Commerce, for work formerly done by the State Publicity Commission in promoting tourist trade. Require Philadelphia to furnish free uniforms to police and fire departments and park guards. Permit State retirement and other similar funds to purchase bonds secured by Philadelphia gas plant rentals. Eliminate the requirement that public service companies notify registration commissions of customers address changes. Authorize the State to pay for lighting toll bridges taken over by the Commonwealth. Extend from 1940 to 1942 the date when traffic signal lights must be uniform. Repeat the act fixing the salary of the treasurer of Centre County. Approprate \$2,345,000 to the Department of Welfare for care of indigent insane in county institutions for the fiscal year 1939-41. Impose a \$200 fine or two-year jail term on any solicitor, not a member of a bar, who solicits a retainer, power of attorney or agreement authorizing an attorney to perform legal service, or solicits any person to institute a damage suit the fee for which depends on the recovery; exempting labor organizations, however, from advising members on matters arising from employment.

Police Raid Farm During Cock Fight (Continued from page one) although cock fighting is unlawful and was not known to exist, it had been going on at this Clearfield county farm for some time. Equipment of an improvised bar, set up in the shaded woodland behind the farm house and barn was also confiscated by liquor agents and the other officers located a kit of steel gaffs (used in cock fighting); a gaff saw, used to saw off the chicken's natural gaff and permit placing the steel gaff for fighting, and other equipment which made the police look back into records 50 years in order to find proper names.

Buy Registered Guernseys. Two registered Guernsey cows recently were sold by Percival P. Henshall to Paul Wasson, of Spring Mills. These animals are No. Plus Rose 39724 and Three Bolt Belle 425586, according to The American Guernsey Cattle Club, Petersburg N. H.

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They Endured Prison Horrors

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er, one at a time, before a military expert who tried to pry military information from them. Upon two different occasions Captain Taylor was stood against a wall by two different intelligence officers, with firing squads aiming at him, endeavoring to obtain military secrets. The only information they received each time was his name and his rank.

About the first of August the prisoners were again moved, this time to Villigen in the Black Forests in the State of Baden, three miles from Wurtzburg. This was originally a reprisal camp for Russians. When the Russians sent the German prisoners to Siberia, the Germans sent the Russian prisoners to Villigen.

At Villigen were 30 American doctors, 18 aviators and 10 merchant marines captured by the raider Mowe. The bill of fare at this camp consisted of burned acorn coffee for breakfast and dinner and soup for supper. Each officer was given one loaf of bread about one-half the size of an ordinary ten-cent loaf every two days. The soup was made of cabbage and some kind of weed, without any fats whatever.

The parcels sent by the Red Cross were usually robbed before they were handed to the prisoners. The prison camp at Villigen consisted of an enclosure 400 feet long, 200 feet wide, surrounded by two barbed-wire fences closely woven, set four feet apart and twelve feet high. The outer fence at all times was charged with an electric current.

In the enclosure were constructed four buildings, in several of which the prisoners were kept. The remainder of the buildings were occupied by the guards and officers in charge of the prison. The buildings were about three feet from the wire. All windows were screened with heavy wire.

The prison life was so unbearable that from August 2nd to the time of the signing of the Armistice, three attempts were made to escape. The 22nd of September, 1918, was the day set for the first attempt. All preparations had been made. Evidently the officers in charge of the prison had obtained some information concerning this proposed attempt, because on the 21st of September at the point where the escape was proposed to be effected, they extended the barbed-wire fence some distance above the height of the building.

This plan having failed, a new scheme was immediately gotten under way. This plan was briefly, as follows: It was proposed to short-circuit the light wires, throw out a ladder from an upper window across the two wire fences, and escape by this route.

Preparatory to this, screws were taken from everything available, even from the chairs and doors. Material was gathered for making the ladder which was accomplished by fastening strips ten inches in length upon two strips fourteen feet in length (two inches wide and five-eighths inch thick) which had been used for lining tennis courts.

In order that the ladder might be used, it was necessary to cut the heavy wire screen covering the windows. Pieces of wire 8 to 10 inches long were gathered up, fastened together, to throw across the electric light wire for the purpose of producing the short circuit.

October 20th was the day set for the escape. In the morning work was started to cut the screws with an old pair of nippers. It took all day to cut the wire, one man working, and two being on guard.

When night came the lights were put out in accordance with the plan. Captain Taylor was detailed to remove the wire screen from the window, and throw the ladder out and hook it to the outside wire. Lieutenants Tiny, Battle and Isaacs went out over the wire by means of the ladder under a hail of bullets. Battle and Isaacs were slightly wounded by the German guards. In order to save himself from being hit by bullets Captain Taylor, who was inside the window, was compelled to drop to the floor.

Lieutenant Willis and several others had provided themselves with hats and clothes similar to those worn by the guards, and in the darkness, carrying broomsticks, they ran to the gate, yelling in German that the Americans were escaping. The Rhine and bridge gates were opened in order that they (representing themselves as guards) might pursue them.

This part of the plan worked perfectly. Isaacs, Willis and another got away and were never recaptured. Lieutenants Battle, Tiny and Battle were captured near the Rhine and brought back and afterwards transferred to a prison camp near Berlin.

The third attempt to escape on the part of Captain Taylor was through a tunnel from the bath house. Work was begun upon the construction of this tunnel from a room in the bath house not visited by the Germans.

The dirt removed was disposed of by allowing as much as possible to float away with the water, and the remainder was put under the floor. The tunnel was to be extended ten feet outside the wire, and wide enough for several men to get out abreast, so that if any of the prisoners in making this escape were shot by the guards as they were emerging from the tunnel, the passage-way could not immediately be closed.

Work was discontinued on the tunnel when news of the Armistice was announced. The tunnel was then within eight feet of where the opening was to have been made for the escape.

Fortunately, only one of Centre county's soldiers was required to go through such an ordeal. The war having ended, Captain Taylor was released and in due time returned to Bellefonte, his home town. He has served one term as sheriff of Centre county. A "false alarm" can be a dangerous thing.

Legal Notices

STOCKHOLDERS MEETING The annual meeting of stockholders of the Centre Building and Loan Association for the election of Directors and officers and the transaction of other business as may come before them, will be held at their office Friday evening, June 9th at 7:30 o'clock. CHAS. F. COOK, Secy. x23

EXECUTOR'S NOTICE In the Matter of the Estate of Joseph K. Confer, late of Potter Township Centre County, deceased. Letters testamentary in the above estate having been granted to the undersigned, all persons indebted to the said estate are requested to make payment, and those having claims to present the same duly proven, without delay to JOHN GILLILLAND, W. Beaver Ave. State College, Pa. Executor. Scamper & Campbell, Atty. x26

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE In the Matter of the Estate of Breeze Benner, late of Centre Hall Borough, Centre County, Pa., deceased. Letters of administration on said estate having been granted to the undersigned, all persons indebted to the said estate are requested to make payment, and those having claims to present them without delay for settlement to GEORGE O. BENNER, Administrator, James C. Furst, Attorney. x25

EXECUTOR'S NOTICE In the Matter of the Estate of Maria A. Gilliland, late of State College Borough Centre County, deceased. Letters testamentary in the above estate having been granted to the undersigned, all persons indebted to the said estate are requested to make payment, and those having claims to present the same duly proven, without delay to JOHN GILLILLAND, W. Beaver Ave. State College, Pa. Executor. Scamper & Campbell, Atty. x26

EXECUTOR'S NOTICE In the Matter of the Estate of Charles A. Hachler, late of Madisonburg Centre County, Pa., deceased. Letters testamentary in the above estate having been granted to the undersigned, all persons indebted to the said estate are requested to make payment, and those having claims to present the same duly proven, without delay in care of G. C. RACHLAD at Madisonburg, at the home of Annie M. Keller on the following dates Friday June 14 or Wednesday June 29, 1939. GEORGE C. RACHLAD, Executor, 501 Reagan St., Sunbury, Pa. x25

EXECUTOR'S NOTICE In the Matter of the Estate of Samuel C. Bower, late of Howard Borough Centre County, Pa., deceased. Letters testamentary in the above estate having been granted to the undersigned, all persons indebted to the said estate are requested to make payment, and those having claims to present the same duly proven, without delay to CHARLES G. BOWER, 497 Oak Terrace W. Reading, Pa. MAUPH G. BOWER, Tunknoton, Pa. Executors. Johnston & Johnston, Atty. x24

AUDITOR'S NOTICE In the Matter of the Estate of George S. Womer, late of Philipsburg Borough, deceased. In the Orphan's Court of Centre County, Pa. Estate No. 13458. Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been appointed an Auditor to make distribution of the funds in the estate of George S. Womer and N. F. Womer, Executors of the estate of the above named George S. Womer, as shown by their first and final account, filed in the Orphan's Court of Centre County, Pa., to and among those legally entitled thereto under and by virtue of the terms and provisions contained in the last Will and Testament of the said George S. Womer. The undersigned Auditor will meet the parties in interest at his offices

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In the Mahoning Temple Building, North Allegheny Street, Bellefonte, Pennsylvania, on Wednesday June 21st, 1939, at 10:00 o'clock, A. M. for the purpose of his appointment, at which time and place all parties in interest may appear and be heard or be forever thereafter debarred from participating in said fund. W. HARRISON WALKER, Auditor for the Estate of George S. Womer, late of State College Borough, deceased. x24

AUDITOR'S NOTICE Estate of Emerson E. Weber, late of State College Borough, deceased. Notice is hereby given that the undersigned Auditor appointed by the Orphan's Court of Centre County, Pa. to pass upon exceptions filed and make distribution of the balance of such in possession of the Executor to and among those legally entitled thereto, in the Estate of Emerson E. Weber, late of State College Borough, deceased. P. H. JOHNSTON Auditor. x24

Deceased, has set Tuesday, June 20th, 1939 at 10:00 o'clock in the morning and the law offices of Johnston & Johnston, High Street, Bellefonte, Pa. as the time and place of hearing, at that time and place all persons must present and prove their claims before such auditor, or be debarred from coming in for a share of the assets of said Estate. P. H. JOHNSTON Auditor. x24

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Denies Reported Marriage A report in the Howard Items of The Centre Democrat last week to the effect that Miss Virginia Schenck and Lester Fickes, of Howard, were united in marriage by the Rev. Robert E. Fleck, of the Howard Methodist church, was denied yesterday by the pastor.

Townsend Club Meeting at Howard A meeting of the Townsend Club will be held at Howard on Thursday, June 15th. All members are urged to be present to receive their membership cards. Everybody welcome. Fred W. Fletcher, secretary. —The most news for \$1.50.

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