

FOOD PROFITEERING IS CONDEMNED

CENTRE DEMOCRAT QUOTED IN MOVE TO BAN PRACTICE

Legislator Claims Price
Increases Are Form of
Racketeering

WHOLESALE AND JOBBER BLAMED

Asks Federal Department
to Evolve System to
Halt High Costs

A special dispatch to The Centre Democrat from Washington yesterday stated that a clipping from The Centre Democrat was cited to Secretary of Agriculture Wallace as evidence that profiteering is suffering from increased food prices, and the Secretary was told most of the increases, at least, were due to profiteering.

Senator James H. Doolittle, New York Democrat, cited the clipping. At the same time he demanded from the Agriculture Department a statement of methods evolved for checking profiteering in foods.

The item referred to appeared in the September 7 issue of this newspaper, in which it was reported that hundreds of citizens in large scale buying of sugar, flour, canned foods and other staples, had depleted the stocks of many local groceries, and that already the price of some items had begun to increase. Meat was reported to have jumped from one to two cents a pound, possibly because of the war scare.

First evidence that food prices were being forced up by profiteering methods, instead of being caused by consumer demand itself, came to Senator H. Doolittle in a telegram from the United Master Bakers of New York, citing sharp rises in the cost of such raw materials as flour, sugar, oil, and vegetable compounds, and jelly products, and charging "racketeering" as well as "profiteering" by those that control these raw materials.

Rockview Inmate Is Struck By Car

Edward Regan, inmate of Rockview penitentiary, suffered bruises and abrasions about the body Friday morning when he was struck by a car while walking to his work on the prison farm. Examination at the institution hospital revealed that none of the injuries was of a serious nature. According to State Motor Police at Pleasant Gap, who investigated the accident, Regan was walking along the back road from Bellefonte to State College, near the residence of Superintendent W. J. Landry, when he was hit by a machine being driven toward Bellefonte by G. E. Cori, of West College Avenue, State College.

SUFFERED SEVERED ARTERY WHEN HIT ON HEAD BY TOY

Charles, six-year-old son of Rev. and Mrs. C. Nevin Stamm, of North Spring street, underwent surgical treatment at the Centre County Hospital last Thursday, for an injury he received while at play.

The little boy and several companions were playing near the Stamm home when one of the boys threw a toy metal square which struck the youth on the forehead just above the right eye. A sharp corner of the square caused a deep laceration and severed an artery, causing profuse bleeding. He was taken to the hospital where he was put under an anesthetic while surgeons rejoined the artery and closed the wound. Aside from a day's illness resulting from the anesthetic the youth suffered no ill effects. His father is pastor of the Bellefonte Reformed church.

Rebersburg Man Raises Deer on Private Preserve as Hobby

John T. Spangler, of Rebersburg, occupies a large section among the hobby fans of Centre county, for he is probably the only person in the county who hobbies his time in raising deer as a private enterprise.

John, well known resident of North Valley, first became interested in deer some years ago, and since then he has gradually built a spacious refuge for them on a four-acre tract of land which he has surrounded with a nine-foot wire fence. In the tract are ample pastures, woods, a small stream, woodlands and all that deer could expect in their natural habitats.

Swengel Smith Scores Hole-in-One on Nittany Course

Swengel Smith, of Bellefonte, Centre county's Deserion, Probation and Parole officer, joined the ranks of immortal golfers Saturday afternoon when he scored a hole-in-one at the Nittany Country Club. It was the first feat of the kind performed at Nittany this year.

Smith, an ardent golfer, who even on his "off" days never runs out of enthusiasm for the game, was playing with 'Squire Rand Miller, of Millheim; Assemblyman Kenneth Haines, of Rebersburg; Ebon Bower, of Bellefonte; and William B. Wallis, of New York, at the time.

It was on the short 8th hole that

HALLOWE'EN FETE PLANNED

Elks Club to Sponsor Harvest Queen Contest, Mummers' Parade

Announcement was made yesterday that the social and community welfare committee of the Bellefonte Elks Club will sponsor a Harvest Queen contest and Halloween parade in Bellefonte, next month.

Rules governing the selection of a Harvest Queen for 1939, and other details of the contest will be announced next week. The mummer's parade will be held on Halloween, Tuesday, October 31.

Members of the committee in charge of arrangements are: John Galista, chairman; B. D. Tate, R. L. Heverly, Ward Showers, William Howard, William White, T. R. Fesch, Robert Morris, D. Paul Fortney and J. Harry Eberhart.

State Officers To Address Clubs

County Federation to Entertain Prominent Guests, September 27

The Centre county unit of the Pennsylvania Federation of Women Clubs will entertain Mrs. F. Earle Magee, of Oil City, president of the state federation, and Mrs. A. D. Gougler, of Middleburg, vice president of the organization, at a meeting of the North Central District to be held in the Bellefonte Methodist church, Spring street, on Wednesday morning, September 27, at 10 o'clock.

Mrs. Magee, a most able speaker, will discuss the work of the State Federation whose motto is: "Better Citizenship Through Better Living."

Lightning Kills Cows

Three cows in a herd owned by Fred Belsch, east of Howard, were killed about 8 o'clock Sunday morning when lightning struck in the midst of the herd. About 30 other cows were uninjured. The loss is covered by insurance, it is reported.

CLEAR DOCKET AS CRIMINAL COURT CLOSES

Guilty Pleas Dispose of 8
of 21 Cases on
Trial List

JURIES RETURN 2 GUILTY VERDICTS

Hecla Park Youth Acquitted of Arson Charge in Barn Burning

The regular September Criminal Court, in session here from Monday morning until Friday noon, with a recess Tuesday for the Primary election, hung up the following record in disposing of the 21 cases on the docket:

Pleas of guilty; 8; found not guilty; 4; not guilty but pay the costs; 3; found guilty; 2; not-prosecuted; 2, and cases continued, 2.

Sessions were held at night as well as during the day in order to clear the docket by Friday noon, when Judge Walker was required to supervise the official count of the Primary election returns.

Ray Dunkle, Hecla Park youth charged with setting fire to the barn of Nevin Yearick, between Jacksonville and Hubersburg on June 16, was acquitted of the charge by a jury which heard the case. Although police said they had obtained a confession from the youth, the jury, after a lengthy deliberation, found the evidence did not warrant a conviction. Dunkle entered a plea of guilty to a violation of the code.

College Student Takes Own Life

Freshman Hangs Self From Attic Rafter at Rooming House

James W. Mayers, aged 18, of Mt. Airy, Philadelphia, a freshman at Penn State, met death at his own hand when he was reported by Centre County Coroner Dr. W. R. Heaton, of Philipsburg, at the conclusion of an investigation late Monday.

The student's lifeless body was found at noon, Monday, hanging from a rafter in the attic-way of his rooming house at 157 Hartwick avenue, State College. Discovery was made by the youth's landlady. Mayers had used the plastic belt of his bathrobe to commit the act, for which no motive has been disclosed.

Bellefonte Boy Deals Out 'Magic'

Woodrow W. Corman Has Important Part in New York Fair

One of the most diversified jobs at the New York World's Fair is that handled by Woodrow W. Corman, of R. D. 2, Bellefonte, a graduate of Penn State in 1937. He divides his time among the tasks of introducing television to the public, demonstrating the latest electrical "magic" of the General Electric Research Laboratory, and carrying on a running commentary of the behind-the-scenes activity involved in handling a 10,000,000-volt lightning bolt.

The American public is seeing television for the first time at the New York Fair, and the Centre County boy is taking part in it.

Local Church Plans Anniversary Program

Preparations are under way for the observance of the 50th anniversary of the founding of the Bellefonte Evangelical church, on South Water street. The celebration is to be held during the week of October 23 to 29, with a full program of services and other activities.

In charge of the event is the pastor, Rev. H. Halber, Jacobs, who is being assisted by a committee of which Willis Grove is chairman. Further announcements regarding the anniversary will be published in the near future.

Democratic Nominees for Auditor



J. VICTOR BRUNGART

Into their candidacies for the office of Centre County auditor the two Democratic nominees bring a wealth of valuable experience. Mr. Hosterman, a business college graduate, was engaged in auditing work at the Pennsylvania State College for ten years. Mr. Brungart, former Centre County Commissioner, is thoroughly familiar with the County's bookkeeping system, and his shrewd judgment would be an invaluable asset to the board.

Gigantic Air Map of Centre County Completed by U. S. Government

Do you know that today in Bellefonte there are giant photographs of every square inch of Centre County's terrain, which with but little difficulty could be fitted together to make a map approximately 17 by 25 feet in size, and which would show every tree, fence, road, house, stream, railroad and every other feature of the county's landscape just as clearly as though you viewed the county from an airplane?

The map is even better than that, for you are able to look down on the county at any point and see objects with the same clarity as though you were suspended in the air just three miles above the ground. Amazing as these facts may seem to you camera addicts who think you've accomplished something when you fit three landscape photos together to make a continuous scene, the photos are a reality and the map which could be made from them is no pipe dream. For that's exactly what they were designed for.

Man Found Dead With Head Wound

Body of Lawrence Tate Discovered Near Lock Haven Brick Works

The body of Lawrence Tate, believed to have been dead more than a week, was found Tuesday morning in the abandoned site of the brick works kilns, corner of Vesper and Myrtle streets, Lock Haven.

An examination of the body revealed a bullet hole in the right temple above the ear. A .32-caliber rifle with stock removed and a barrel sawed off was found under the head. Dr. W. J. Shoemaker, coroner of Clinton county, declared it was suicide. In Tate's coat pocket

Annual C of C Meeting To Be Held October 6

The Bellefonte Chamber of Commerce will hold its annual meeting and dinner on Friday evening, October 6, at 6:30 o'clock at the Pennsylvania Hotel, according to plans announced this week by E. L. Plumb, president of the organization.

The committee in charge of the dinner has been fortunate in securing as the principal speaker for the evening Captain A. A. Nicholson, of New York City, personnel director of the Texas Company. Captain Nicholson is a widely known speaker and several years ago gave an interesting address before the Bellefonte Kiwanis Club. His subject will be: "Community Business."

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LOCAL TAILOR ENDS LIFE BY INHALING GAS

G. W. Heffelfinger Found
Dead in Local Club;
Funeral Friday

OFFICIALS FIND NO MOTIVE FOR ACT

Man Who Last Saw Victim Alive Discovers Tragedy

G. W. Heffelfinger, for the past six years proprietor of one of Bellefonte's best known tailoring establishments, was found dead in a second floor kitchen of the Bellefonte Elks home, East High street, about 5:30 o'clock Tuesday afternoon. His lifeless body was found in a sitting position over a bank of five gas burners, the valves of four of which had been opened.

Dr. W. R. Heaton, of Philipsburg, Centre county coroner, who conducted an investigation into the tragedy yesterday morning, declared that death had been caused by the victim's own act. No reason was assigned by Dr. Heaton for the suicide, although he reported that in January, and again in April, Mr. Heffelfinger had written notes in which a suicidal intent was expressed.

Chapters Observe Constitution Day

Joint Dinner Meeting Held at State College, Monday Evening

The Bellefonte Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution and the Juniata Chapter Sons of the American Revolution observed Constitution Day with a dinner at the Nittany Lion Inn at State College on Monday evening, September 18, at 6 o'clock.

Members of the Kishacoquillas Chapter of Lewistown, the Moshannon Chapter, Philipsburg, and the Gen. Thomas Mifflin Chapter of Millinburg, were present as guests. The large dining room was filled with about one hundred men and women and presented a beautiful scene. Rev. William C. Thompson, of Bellefonte, asked the Divine blessing and the dinner was served.

Official Count Nears Completion

The official count of the votes cast in Centre county at the Primary election last Tuesday began on Friday noon and was still under way last night.

Beizer Chosen Head of Local Legion Post

Captain Herbert M. Beizer was elected commander of the Brooks-Doll Post, American Legion, at a meeting held Monday night at the post's home on East Howard street, Bellefonte.

BOVERSOX PLEDGES AID TO DEMOCRATIC NOMINEES

Centre County Commissioner Alford Bowersox, of State College, who was a candidate for re-election at the primaries last week, takes this means of expressing his sincere thanks for the splendid vote given him.

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