

Watch Shipments Of Fireworks

State Police Determined To Maintain Firecracker-less Fourth

Pennsylvania motor police, determined to preserve the record inaugurated by the State's first firecrackerless Fourth of July last year, have already started on the trail of incoming shipments of fireworks.

The 1939 Legislators banned uncontrolled pyrotechnical displays, and prohibited the sale, display or use of any type of fireworks except "lady-fingers" and cap pistols.

The result last Independence Day, says Col. C. M. Wilhelm, deputy commissioner of the state police, was: "No deaths. No eyes lost."

In 1938, despite a mounting trend toward safety, there were 16 deaths and 43 eyes blinded.

Even the number of injuries reported to the National Safety Bureau, was cut to 85. In 1938, Pennsylvania reported 1,702 injuries, and in 1937 the number was 991.

Enthusiastic over those results, Colonel Wilhelm said that shipments into Pennsylvania, mostly by rail and express, are being checked closely to see that they are going to authorized persons. Under the law, permits are granted to wholesalers, who in turn may sell to professional or qualified displayers, for municipal and group exhibitions.

Colonel Wilhelm said some persons apparently unaware of the State's new law, are ordering fireworks, and they will be stopped.

"We don't want to arrest an innocent bystander," Wilhelm remarked.

As for traffic conditions over the Thursday-to-Sunday week-end, Col. Lynn G. Adams, commissioner, has directed squadron commanders to cancel all leaves, to have every possible traffic man available on the road at the spots where experience has shown accidents occur most frequently.

Adams and William J. Hamilton, secretary of revenue and head of the Licensing and Safety Divisions, appealed to drivers themselves to cooperate in preserving their own lives by driving safely—in the "American way."

Release Parity Figures For '39

County Farmers Got An Additional \$10,246.86 in Crop Payments

Hard on the heels of an announcement concerning 1939 AAA conservation payments, the Department of Agriculture told Centre County farmers the AAA's price parity plan meant an additional \$10,246.86 to them in 1939.

This was on top of the 1939 conservation payment, estimated as \$44,711.06.

Usually the department doesn't have this county payment information available until twelve months or more after the end of the year in which the payments are made. But 1940 is an election year.

The parity or price adjustment payments, made to cotton, corn, wheat and rice growers, supplement conservation payments, and are supposed to provide farmers with incomes commensurate, relative to purchasing power, with those received in the period from 1910 to 1914.

Total available for carrying out the 1939 payment program was \$223,000,000, almost all of which has been expended. Pennsylvania received \$824,222.75.

The figures include national and local administrative expenses of the program.

Breeze's Bees Breezed Back

Smoke and gasoline helped not at all when Police Chief Charley Breeze, of Council Grove, Kansas, tried to discourage a swarm of bees from entering the wall of his house through a hole over the front porch. Finally he bored holes in the other side of the building. The bees emerged all right but flew around the house and re-entered through the original hole. The Breeze family cat stretched out on the front porch to watch the fun. A bee dived-bombed him and the cat howled up the nearest tree, plunged from its top to the barn roof and took off from there for Western Kansas. A neighbor stopped to help Breeze and departed at high speed. The postman doesn't even ring once. He is leaving the Breeze mail next door.

Good Deed Cost Man \$31

A good deed cost Louis T. Petta, of Reading, exactly \$31. Petta, according to State Motor Police, was on his way to Hershey from Reading when he picked up a hitchhiker near Lebanon. As the two neared Hershey the rider drew a small automatic and at gun-point removed the \$31 and fled.

Two Aged Blanchard Men Suffer In Falls

J. B. Miller, who lives midway between Beech Creek and Blanchard, fell at the side of the road near the Thomas Cook home recently. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wagner, who were walking along discovered him and summoned Mr. Cook.

Together they moved him to his home near the Cook residence. Mr. Miller, who is 87 years of age, hurt his arm which he cannot use when he fell. He is now able to be up, but is not fully recovered.

Alfred Miller, of Marsh Creek, who is in his 80's, fell on the floor at his home, fracturing his hip. He was removed to the Lock Haven Hospital. His wife, who has been in bed for weeks with a heart condition and dropsy, is in a critical condition.

CHURCHES

Bush Hollow Pilgrim Holiness

J. A. Byrd, pastor, Thursday night cottage prayer meeting at home of Mother Spotts, Sunday school, 9:30, Andrew Irvin, Supt. Children's Day service Sunday night at 7:30. Wednesday night preaching July 3, by pastor.

Methodist, Bellefonte

H. Willis Hartsock, pastor, Church school at 9:30 a. m., with World Service offering. C. C. Shuey, Supt. The Holy Communion will be administered at 10:40 a. m. and at 7:30 p. m. Evening subject, "What Mean Ye by this Service?" Prayer meeting and Bible study Wednesday evening at 7:30.

Coleville Pilgrim Holiness

J. A. Byrd, pastor, Friday night prayer meeting at home of Ed Strohm, Buffalo Run, Sunday school rally and Promotion day, 9:30 a. m. Gospel Trumpeters, Marie and Fred Bectolet, of Reading, will have charge of the rally service and also the evening service. Music, singing, preaching and chaise drawing. Y. P. service at 7 p. m. in charge of Gospel Trumpeters. Evangelistic service in charge of Gospel Trumpeters.

Habitation And a Name

The townspeople of Elwood, Ind., still don't know whether to call him Wendell or Lewis Willkie—or Wilkie. The G. O. P. presidential aspirant was graduated from Indiana University as Lewis Wendell making it Wilkie, and shifted things Wilkie. Later he added another L. around so it came out Wendell L. Wilkie. When she married him as his wife, Edith, changed her name from Wilk to Wilkie.

Pole Fractures Hip

George Whiting, 83, of Troy, R. D. 2, was watching some men set a telephone pole, when the pole swung around and struck him, knocking him down and fracturing his hip. He is a patient at the Robert Packard Hospital in Sayre.

Wanted in Three States

Detainers from three states were lodged at Sunbury against Thomas Sterling, 34, arrested at Verona on automobile theft charges. Sterling also is wanted in Pittsburgh, Lock Haven and Howard, and in Williamson and Parkersburg, W. Va., and Portsmouth, O., on charges of issuing worthless checks, police said.

Pays 600 Nickels

Thirty dollars worth of nickels were taken to the office of Dr. J. F. Fear, at Berwick, by Loren Force, to pay for the arrival of Loren Force, Jr., one of Berwick's newest residents. Force had been accumulating the nickels for six months.

Try Defenses In Canal Zone

Sow Mines and Move Railroad Guns in War Game Maneuver

Both entrances to the Panama Canal have been sown with "live" mines and the heavy railroad guns which guard the waterway have been moved from the Pacific to the Atlantic side, Brig.-Gen. Jacob Devers said yesterday, but he emphasized that there was no cause for alarm.

General Devers, who is chief of staff of the Panama Canal Department, said in response to queries regarding the mining of the canal approaches and the gun movements that they were nothing else but "war games."

He admitted, however, that "live mines" had been laid in certain areas off Balboa and Cristobal, and when asked if they would be taken up after completion of the "games," he replied: "They may be taken up and they may not."

Trying Real Thing

General Devers said the operations were "purely maneuvers."

He added that Major-Gen. Daniel Van Voorhis, commander of the department, believes that the men should "get out and try to do these things" instead of merely reading about them.

He said General Van Voorhis' idea is to have the air corps alert one day, the infantry the next, and so on.

The 23,255-ton Italian liner Conte Biancamano moved through the Panama Canal from the Pacific to the Atlantic side today, apparently in preparation for an attempted transatlantic dash through the British blockade.

Guard Aboard Liner

The giant luxury vessel, loaded with 2000 tons of copper bars from South American west coast ports, left here for Cristobal at 6 a. m. after being fully provisioned and fueled.

A heavy guard of soldiers and sailors was aboard when the Conte Biancamano entered the canal and Army planes were observed above the ship as it moved into the narrows of Gaillard Cut.

The liner arrived at Balboa on June 6, after being tied up two days, during which the newspaper Panama American, published in adjacent Panama City, warned editorially that it might be a "Trojan horse." It was moved to an anchorage two miles off the canal entrance, where it remained until yesterday morning.

Any Significance?

Lizzie, the oldest elephant in the United States, was found dead Monday in her cage at the Philadelphia Zoo—as the Republican Convention opened in nearby Convention Hall. Pat Cronin, the keeper, found the body of the big pachyderm on his rounds early in the day. An autopsy showed she died from old age. She was 42 years old and believed to be the largest Indian elephant in captivity, standing 8 feet, 6 inches and weighing 5 tons. She was brought here from the Berlin Zoo in 1902. There are two other elephants in the Philadelphia zoo. One is Burma, a baby, and the other is Josephine, 17, who has been named official G. O. P. convention mascot.

What has become of the old-fashioned editor who thought everybody who disagreed with him was a so-and-so?

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