

Pennsylvania Leads Nation In Cigar Production

(Prepared for the Centre Democrat by the State Planning Board of the Department of Commerce.)

The first American cigars ever offered for sale were manufactured by the "Pennsylvania Dutch" in 1785 in York County, which is still one of Pennsylvania's two leading counties in cigar production, the other being Philadelphia.

Back in 1800, when gaily painted Conestoga wagons, with blue sides, red wheels and white tops moved patriotically along the Lancaster highway to the West, four Pennsylvania "First" were involved in that procession of teamsters. One was the highway itself, the first paved turnpike in America. The second, the Conestoga wagons, a Pennsylvania invention, which provided transportation for the great western movement of American population. The third was the very un-English habit of the drivers of those wagons in keeping to the right instead of to the left. This practice has governed all American transportation to this day. It was made necessary by the position of a side seat or lazy board on the left of the wagon between the wheels where the teamster sat with his right hand convenient to the brake. The fourth were the long "stogies" which so many of those teamsters smoked to solace their boredom on the long journey from Philadelphia to Harrisburg and Pittsburgh. The "stogies", named from the Conestoga wagon which took them out of Pittsburgh, are still favored west of the Alleghenies and are still manufactured in Pennsylvania, the greatest cigar state in America.

According to the latest report of the U. S. Commissioner of Internal Revenue, Pennsylvania manufacturers made more than two and one-third billion cigars in 1949, and at least two and a half billion in the fiscal year ending June 30, 1950. The State Planning Board of the Department of Commerce points out that the 1949 production of

Pay Increase For Teachers

Committee Votes Boost Approval

A House committee has approved an estimated \$46,000,000 pay increase for public school teachers in Pennsylvania, posing a new financial headache for the General Assembly.

The bill, if passed, would help to give most of the state's 60,000 public school teachers a \$400 salary boost effective Sept. 1.

It also provides for sharply increased minimum and maximum salary levels which would be reached by jumps of \$200 a year, beginning in 1952.

The action of the House Education Committee sent the measure before the House for its consideration. It would cost the state in local school subsidies some \$26,000,000 more than the \$20,000,000 earmarked by Gov. John S. Pine for increased education expenditures, in excess of the mandated school subsidies of \$250,000,000 in the next two years.

This means the General Assembly would have to find additional revenue if it approves the pay boost.

Altoona's TV Station Ready To Begin First Operations

Final touches have been added to the \$250,000 proposed television transmitter of the Gable Broadcasting Co. atop the Wopononock Mountain near Altoona.

All equipment has been placed and a painter finished a huge sign Wednesday for the front of the video transmission studio and tower.

The only important hitch standing in the way of operating the station is the lack of a FCC license.

The Gable company has submitted application for television at WFMG-TV, but the authorization to go on the air has not yet been received.

In FCC hearings last year, Altoona was allocated a channel in the very high frequency, the kind of band used in present television transmission. In March of this year the FCC rescinded its allocation and changed the Altoona channels to 19 and 25 on the ultra high frequency band, an entirely different video transmission than used by Johnstown, Pittsburgh and all the other stations operating on the 12 channels now in use.

If Altoona receives a very high frequency channel (such as now is used by WJAC-TV Johnstown) and if Gable is granted the license, WFBG-TV will be able to go on the air and be received by present video set owners without any change to receiving sets.

If FCC sticks to its ruling for ultra high frequency bands for Altoona, a converter will have to be used for nearly all the local sets now in use. Prices for these converters may range as low as \$25, some manufacturers indicated.

The FCC meeting, scheduled for June 11, when it was hoped the Altoona television situation would be made clear, has now been postponed until July 1.

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Coal Operators Protest Dam Proposed For Clearfield County

Seeks Office



John (Jerry) Galaida
Jersey City Medical Center
Dear Friends,

I had no idea when I came down here to visit my brother that I would end up in the hospital and have to use this means to announce my Republican candidacy for Recorder of Deeds. The doctor says, if I take it easy and follow his advice I'll be out of here in a week or so; then I'm going to do my best to get around Centre County and see and talk to you in person.

I'd also like to take this means to say grateful thanks to all of you who signed my petition for office. It was wonderful to see all your names and receive your wishes of good health.

In closing I'd like to say, if you deem me worthy of the Recorder's Office I will do everything in my power to perform the duties of the office in your best interest.

Sincerely,
JOHN (JERRY) GALAIDA

Awards Made To Howard High School Students

Awards were presented seniors and other students of Howard high school at the commencement program in the auditorium on Friday night. Twenty-nine were graduated.

Awards were made as follows: Class Honors: English, Nina Shiffer; Science, Anna Kathryn Hoy; Bookkeeping, Joanne Shay; Short-hand, Nina Shiffer.

Athletic Awards: Football, Dale Phillips; basketball, Baxter Weber; basketball, Margaret Wolf; baseball, Donald Hinton.

Woodman of the World American History medal: Junior class, Connie Wallace; eighth grade, Wynn Plett.

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Claim Hydroelectric Power Is a Menace

A public meeting to protest inclusion of the Keating hydroelectric power dam in the flood control program recommended by the Army engineers for the Susquehanna West Branch was held Tuesday night in the Clearfield County Court House.

G. Albert Stewart, executive secretary of the Central Pennsylvania Open Pit Mining Association was chairman of the meeting.

After raising several questions as to the effect of the proposed \$192 million dam on the economy of the Clearfield county area, Mr. Stewart said "this meeting is not an anti-flood control meeting. It is to oppose the construction and operation of a hydro-electric power plant right here in the heart of one of the greatest coal producing sections of Pennsylvania."

Howard, in Centre County, also developed opposition to a similar dam proposal. At a public meeting held here this past week, sponsored by the Board of Trade, protests were also lodged against the construction of a dam on the Bald Eagle Creek at nearby Blanchard. Howard residents declared the dam would inundate a large section of the community.

The Keating and Blanchard dams are part of a 5-year system recommended in March 1950 to alleviate flood danger in the West Branch basin of the Susquehanna River. Other dams would be at Cursensville, on Kettle Creek, and on the First Fork of the Sinnemahoning.

A hearing on the program has been scheduled by the U. S. Board of Engineers for Rivers and Harbors at Gravelly Point, Va., at 2 p. m. June 4.

Mr. Stewart in his statement brought up several important questions which he asked Clearfield county and Moshannon Valley residents to think over relative to the Keating dam proposal. Among them were:

What will happen to the tipples and loading ramps on the New York Central River Line when this railroad is relocated, as will be necessary?

What about the hundreds of thousands of tons of coal which will be displaced annually by this water power?

What about coal plant payroll that will be permanently lost to the business and professional interests of the Clearfield-Philipsburg to Karthaus areas?

Friday To Be Circus Day At State College

Friday is the day! Stars and oddities, specialty performers and elephants!

All will mingle on the circus grounds in State College early Friday morning as the huge King Brothers Circus, literally with scores of internationally known stars and features, arrives in performance for afternoon and night performances at the circus grounds at Highway 322 and Country Club Road.

And as an extra special feature show day, "The Parade of the Elephants" will be presented downtown at noon in State College, as a reminder of circus day thrills for youngsters of all ages. The big show will come to State College from Clearfield where it exhibits Thursday.

Here is a concentration of all that is outstanding in the land of sawdust and spangles—three great herds of performing elephants, wrinkled fellows, and wiser and niftier than ever, many strange beasts from far off jungles, including the tallest giraffe in captivity; 80 hand-some horses and ponies, and countless other attractions, in addition to a big double sided show with a congress of human oddities from all parts of the world, a spokesman said.

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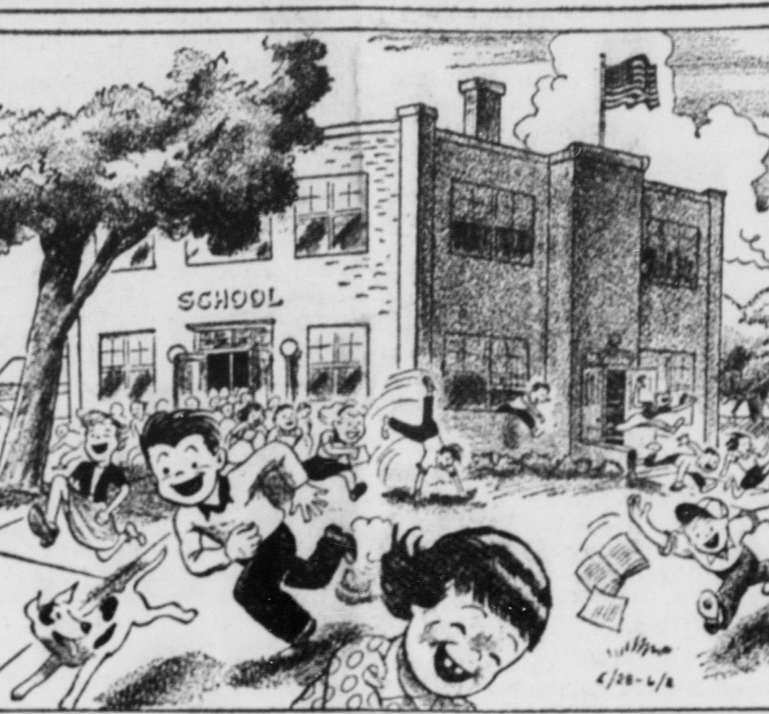
Bodies Of 2 Countians Returned From Korea

The bodies of two former Centre Countians were among the 420 bodies of Americans scheduled to arrive in San Francisco from Korea last Thursday.

They are Pfc. George D. Heichel and Pfc. Homer A. Heichel, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter A. Heichel, of Surveyor, Clearfield County, formerly of Pine Grove Mills.

The bodies of the men who lost their lives in the Korea fighting are aboard the Bartlesville Victory the Defense Department announced.

June Is Busting Out All Over



Termites Throw Philipsburg Vicinity in Total Blackout

Termites—the little insects that feast on wood—recently plunged the entire Philipsburg and Clearfield districts into a powerless, and practically helpless condition when they honeycombed a crossarm on a utility pole, causing the crossarm to drop off and ground the 3-phase

Radio-Phones Installed In Highway Cars

After several years of experimentation with high frequency radio-telephone communications, the Pennsylvania Department of Highways has installed a statewide network, it was announced.

The equipment will be used only for emergency communications during snow, ice storms, floods and other disaster. Principal use, on the basis of experience during the experimental stage, will be probably for the transfer of snow plow equipment to points of greatest need.

The central station has been installed atop the Dauphin Mountain adjacent to the State Police transmitter. At present 350 receivers and transmitters are tied into the net. Sixty-seven of them are land stations while the remainder are mobile, two-way receivers and transmitters. Authority has been secured from the FCC to expand to 650 stations, if and when the need arises.

The network is under the immediate direction of N. A. Staples, formerly of Bellefonte, chief engineer in charge of maintenance, with headquarters in Harrisburg.

Fixed stations have been established in the offices of each of the 66 county maintenance superintendents; Cameron and Elk are operated as a single unit under the Department of Highway organization. By a system of relays it will be possible for any of these stations to reach any other in the State.

Mobile units have been installed in the equipment operated by each county superintendent, assistant county superintendents, and garage foreman. In addition, mobile transmitters and receivers have been installed in the automobiles of the District engineer, maintenance engineer, and district mechanic in each of the 11 districts into which the State is divided.

Thus the men throughout the State who are charged with the maintenance of highways are able to summon quickly their forces and equipment to critical areas in event of need. They also will be able to summon help from the adjoining counties, their District headquarters, or Central headquarters in event of major disaster.

Cpl. Bob Alters Wins Infantryman's Badge

Cpl. Robert Alters, 22, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry F. Alters, 308 East Beaver Street, Bellefonte, recently was awarded the Combat Infantryman Badge for exemplary performance of duty in ground combat against the enemy. He is with the 7th Infantry Regiment of the 7th Division in Korea, commanded by Col. William W. "Buffalo Bill" Quinn.

His regiment participated in two amphibious landings and spearheaded the UN advance to the Manchurian Border. The "Buffaloes" recently secured the eastern end of the Hwachon Reservoir in North Korea during "Operation Rugged".

Alters attended Bellefonte High School before entering the Army four years ago, spent the past eight months in Korea, and wears the Japanese Occupation Ribbon and the Korean Campaign Ribbon with three battle stars.

His twin brother, Richard, is with the Army; his brother, Franklin, is with the Navy, and Max is a member of the National Guard on duty at Port Campbell, Kentucky.

Engagement Of Howard Girl Told

Mrs. Thelma Hironimus, of Howard, announces the engagement of her daughter, Theodora Hironimus, to John Williams, of Blanchard, son of Mr. Charles Williams, of Blanchard.

They Do

People differ. Some object to fan dancers, and others to fans.—Washington Post.

Two Killed When Blast Ruins Paper Mill At Roaring Spring

Vat of Cooking Pulp in Explosion

Two Roaring Spring men were killed and six injured in an explosion which ripped through the Roaring Spring paper mill at 9:50 p. m. Thursday, throwing two Blair County communities into darkness as power lines were ripped out by the force of the explosion.

Dr. Daniel M. Replegie, coroner, said two men were killed instantly when one was thrown through the roof and landed on an areaway and the other was blown through the building to a catwalk 60 feet above and across the building from where the explosion occurred.

J. B. Porter, vice president of the D. M. Hare Paper Co. said a cooker exploded and that the cause could not be determined.

"One building was demolished and damage could not be estimated to the other buildings from the resultant explosion as the eight cookers ripped through the building."

Mr. Porter said that the plant was valued at several million dollars, but that there was no way of determining the extent of the damage.

Police and firemen set up roadblocks, and cars bared from the area were lined up for miles in all directions leading from Roaring Springs with persons enroute toward the scene.

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Parking Meter Vote Is Urged

Legislator Proposes Public Decide Use

The question of maintaining parking meters in a community would be put up to the voters under a bill introduced in the State House of Representatives this week.

The measure, sponsored by Rep. H. M. J. Maxwell (D-Westmoreland) would permit the question to be placed before the voters by petition.

If a majority of voters voted against parking meters, communities already having them would be required to take them out.

The question could be placed on the municipal ballot by a petition signed by at least 10 per cent of the registered voters.

Baby Clinic Open

The Well Baby Clinic, sponsored by the Bellefonte Mothers Club, will operate from 9:30 to 11:30 a. m. Thursday, it was announced this week. The clinic was closed Wednesday because of Memorial Day.

Dr. J. G. Weixel, of Bellefonte, recently appointed clinician, will attend.

1950 Was Top Year For Gas Consumption

American consumers burned up more gasoline in 1950 than in any other year in the nation's history, the American Petroleum Institute reports.

They used a record 40,613,400,000 gallons—up 8.26 per cent from the year.

Record consumption of gasoline coincided with a 10.7 per cent increase in auto registrations. There were 40,313,715 passenger cars on the road last year, plus 8,604,448 trucks and 223,652 buses.

California retained its place as the No. 1 gasoline consuming state, with Texas second and New York third. August was the peak month for gas consumption.

Hearings Set On New Natural Gas Line

In a legal notice on another page of this newspaper, the Manufacturers Light and Heat Company of Pittsburgh give public notice of hearings to be conducted in Harrisburg June 12 and 13.

The firm says the line will be built from Gallagher township, Clinton county through these counties: Centre, Clearfield, Indiana, Westmoreland, Allegheny, and Washington. Branch lines will be built to serve the main line.

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Engaged To Wed



Virginia Decker
Mr. and Mrs. John W. Decker of Spring Mills, have announced the engagement of their daughter, Virginia, to James R. Pickett, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Rodney Pickett Sr., of Carlisle.

Miss Decker is a graduate of Gregg Township High School and is a senior at Gettysburg College. She is a member of Phi Mu social society and has been elected to Phi Beta Kappa, honorary fraternity.

Mr. Pickett, a graduate of Carlisle High School and a veteran of two years' service with the Navy, is a junior at Gettysburg College. He is a member of Sigma Chi fraternity.

No date has been set for the wedding.

Month-Long Hunt Ended For Driver Accosting Girls

A month-long hunt for the driver of a red truck, who reportedly has been accosting women on the streets of Philipsburg between 11 p. m. and midnight, was ended last week with the arrest of a man from a neighboring Clearfield county town.

The arrest was made after a resident obtained the license number of the truck last Wednesday night.

At least four instances of a driver in a red truck soliciting girls for rides has been reported to police. Lack of proper identification, however, prevented the police from solving the case.

Wednesday night the driver of a red truck approached a woman at Fourth and Pine streets and followed her in his vehicle south on Third

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PASSING PASTORS:

Members of three congregations in Milesburg will get new pastors this summer. The Rev. T. Stacy Caspers of Hollidaysburg will come to the Presbyterian church, the Rev. Joseph R. Raycott will succeed the Rev. Robert Vowler at the Methodist church. A successor has not been named for the Rev. John A. Fassett at the Baptist church. Mr. Fassett will go to Emporium.

CINEMA DEPARTMENT:

We made it to the movies the other night for the first time in 18 months and saw several Academy Award actors, too. After carefully evaluation of the movie, we feel like the small boy in the Sat. Eve Post cartoon who said: "I liked the part best where we ate the popcorn."

COMMENCEMENT CUSTOM:

Several years ago, Bellefonte High School streamlined its commencement program by devising a class night and making awards to students at that time, considerably shortening the commencement night activities. This year senior girls will wear white gowns, and the boys wear black. Previously gray was used for both sexes. At best commencement caps and gowns are bulky, outdated items. Now what we would like to see, just out of curiosity, would be a sample of a modern commencement costume. Some features it might have would be a special, long pocket to hold the diploma, and a feather instead of a tassel on the girls' mortarboards. The whole thing would be of a wrinkle free material and could be compressed into a compact bundle the size of a plastic raincoat.

AUTO DISPLAY:

If other folks, like this writer, racked their brains to imagine the reason for the terraced arrangement at the site of the new Keckler garage on Benner Pike, here is the answer: Used cars will be on display there with the second row some four feet higher than the first. Elmer Keckler explains that in used cars, just like any other merchandise, an attractive display has been a proven factor in increased sales.

LOST CORNERSTONE:

What might develop into one of Bellefonte's major mysteries is the location of the cornerstone of the parochial school building. This building will be razed in about two months to make room for the auditorium of the new school. Rev. Gilbert Fremont has not yet located the stone. Since the building was erected in 1831, the contents of the stone should be of major interest.

Scouts To Camp At Green's Valley

Troop 20 of Centre Hall will be host to Boy Scouts of the Munes District as a camporee to be held at "Never Fails Spring" in Green's Valley, Friday and Saturday.

The camporee will open at 4 p. m. Friday and break at 3 p. m. Saturday. Each patrol will prepare a stunt for the Friday night campfire. Two hours Saturday morning will be devoted to camp skills, with each patrol participating in at least six events.

Bitten By Dog

Andrew Koleno, 6 son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Koleno, of Clarence was bitten on the elbow by a dog, Thursday. He was treated at the Centre County Hospital.

KNOW YOUR HEIRLOOMS

By TOM ORMSBEE

Regency Design as Followed in America

The ingredients of the English furniture style known as Regency came from such foreign sources as the French Directoire fashion, ideas borrowed from the household furnishings of ancient Greece and Rome as uncovered by the Pompeian excavations and, later, from the decorative furniture details of Egypt and China. Skillful blending of these elements resulted in a very pleasing furniture which was in high vogue for the first twenty years of the 19th Century and was so-called because its heyday fell in the decade 1810 to 1820 when the prince of Wales, later George IV, was Regent.

With American cabinetmakers it was a style within the late Sheraton and American Empire years. Probably the craftsmen who did most to develop and adapt it to American taste was the New York cabinet maker and designer, Duncan Phyfe. His family had emigrated from Scotland to Albany, New York, in 1783. There Duncan learned to be a cabinetmaker and doubtless remembering that several of his countrymen had found the route to fortune was the high road from Scotland to London, followed their example by taking a similar one to New York. He arrived in that city about 1790, worked in the current styles of Hepplewhite and Sheraton with such telling effect that within a very few years he was New York's leading furniture craftsman.

The Regency style reached the United States about 1805. Here the genius of Phyfe for blending its diverse elements was so marked that today his name is synonymous with it. A pedestal table with brass paw feet is not Directoire, American Empire or even Regency, but Phyfe. The curved lines of a graceful sofa with delicate reeding and cornucopia legs are Phyfe, whether made in his shops or by one of his gifted contemporaries. The lyre detail used on some of his chairs and sofas is likewise a distinct Phyfe touch.

After this pleasing fashion passed in favor of the heavy, much venerated American Empire, Phyfe naturally had to bow to public taste and for about fifteen years did his best with a poor style, then retired in 1846 at the age of 78, having accumulated about a half million dollars.

He lived quietly for eight years more in his home across the street from his former shops but was not little. He had his own small shop in his back garden where he spent several hours a day, once more making the kind of furniture he

Made after his retirement in 1846 as a gift for his daughter, Duncan Phyfe shows his preference for the style practically synonymous with his name but uses the rosewood of the contemporary early Victorian period.

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