

MIDDLETOWN IS MADE "DRY" BY FEDERAL ORDER

Drastic Step Taken to Prevent "Bootlegging" Near Soldier Camp

Initial steps for putting the boot-logger and speakeasy keeper out of business were taken by the federal authorities last Saturday when United States District Attorney R. L. Burnett, of Scranton, directed United States Marshal James S. Magee to go to Middletown and close up the wholesale and retail liquor shops there.

Increasing numbers of soldiers at the aviation supply station who are securing booze in this city and environs has led the military and federal authorities to take the step. Similar conditions at Marsh Run, where large depots under the Quartermaster's Department are practically completed, accelerated the government's decision to suspend operation of the liquor shops.

The government has already established "dry" zones about its plants throughout the country and the prohibitory encircling of Middletown has long been expected.

By some, the action taken at Middletown suggests that Harrisburg may soon become dry if the bootlegging continues, as this city lies within the five-mile radius about Marsh Run and the prohibition "booze" ruling affecting localities situated near government plants.

FIRE SWEEPS JUNK YARDS; LOSS IS \$10,000

Middletown Has Spectacular Blaze When Rags and Paper Burn

Middletown, Sept. 15.—Starting last evening in piles of inflammable materials at the junk yards of the Middletown Iron, Metal and Coal Company, in Brown street, fire completely destroyed the yards, buildings and a large supply of coal which had just reached the place a few days ago. The loss will reach \$10,000 and is partly covered by insurance.

The origin of the blaze is unknown. Pedestrians who were on the streets saw the flames and smoke and sent in an alarm. The thorough fire companies by efficient work kept the fire confined to the junk yards although at times sparks were carried by the wind to other parts of the town. No other fires started from this cause however.

Thousands of dollars worth of rags, paper and junk held by the company have been totally destroyed or damaged by the water. Several carloads of coal which were about to be shipped recently could not be saved. Two mules were taken from the stables.

Shapiro Brothers and Brenner are said to have the largest investment in the company. One of the Shapiro brothers at the time when the fire was at its height attempted to enter the office of the Middletown Iron, Metal and Coal Company, but a number of soldiers prevented him from entering.

FARM IS URGED FOR HUNTINGDON

State Charities Board Would Have an Establishment Along Francies Lines

Recommendation that a farming operation be conducted in connection with Huntingdon Reformatory was made by the State Board of Public Charities and the necessary additional legislation is being prepared.

The farm project is declared to be feasible because of state ownership of land and other officers of the board and it would help build up young men and provide valuable training in farming, at the same time removing prisoners at the reformatory who are explicitly stated that there is no reflection being made upon the conduct of the institution at present.

The example of the farming work done at the Western Penitentiary and the beneficial results is pointed to as an argument in favor of the reformatory farm.

Compensation Dates.—The State Compensation Board has announced its Pittsburgh hearings for October 1, 2 and 3 and that hearings de novo will be held on September 25 in Philadelphia. Chairman Henry A. Mackey and in Huntingdon by Commissioner James W. Leach. Hearings on petitions for commutation and review will be held by Commissioner Leach at Johnstown on September 30.

Inspectors to Meet.—Inspectors of weights and measures from all of the cities and counties of Pennsylvania will gather here on September 25 for a three-day convention. Suggestions for changes in laws and experience in enforcing them the last year will be discussed.

Old Guard Nearly Gone.—Transfer of eight officers of the old National Guard reserve in orders issued by the Adjutant General's office leaves only a sergeant remaining of the old National Guard of Pennsylvania, all of whose officers and men except the administrative departments went into the Federal service last year. The officers transferred are Adjutant General F. D. Beary, Colonel F. G. Sweeney and W. J. Elliott, Lieutenant Colonel H. A. Arnold, Majors J. Warner Hutchins and A. G. Lutherford and Captains George C. Jack and John D. Meyer.

Upper End Rates Up.—The Perry County Telephone and Telegraph Company and the Pfutz's Valley Telephone Company, operating in Upper Dauphin, Perry and Juniata counties to-day filed with the Public Service Commission notices of increase of rates from \$15 to \$18 and some new classifications.

Logue Withdraws.—J. Washington Logue, of Philadelphia, Democratic nominee for lieutenant governor, filed notice of his withdrawal as Democratic candidate for Congress in the Sixth district. The Democratic executive committee will fill the vacancy at the meeting in Philadelphia September 24.

Big Complaints In.—The Public Service Commission was to-day asked to enjoin the Metropolitan Edison Company, Reading, from enforcing new rates alleged to be in violation of long term contracts by Carpenter Steel, Bethlehem Steel, Reading Steel Casting, Parish Manufacturing and A. Wilhelm Companies, and Dives, Stacey and Stewart, Reading Lebanon Valley Iron and Steel, Lebanon Steel Company Foundry and Luria Iron Companies, Lebanon, and the B. and G. Brooks Iron and Bardsboro Foundry and Machine Companies, Birdsboro.

The Warner Sugar Refining Company, New York, attacked the rates of the Conduersport and Port Alleghany railroad for logging trains.

G. Henry Schmunk, Marks, complained that the South Penn Oil Company, was about to discontinue gas service in some sections.

Reviewed His Army.—Major W. G. Murdock, the state's chief draft officer, went to Camp Colt to-day to review his army. He will arrange for transfer of inducted men to draft boards as clerks.

Middletown Case.—The Public Service Commission will to-morrow hear the argument in the Middletown water cases, which involve water service over the lower end of Dauphin county.

Return.—Governor Brumbaugh, who was expected here to-day, will probably not return from his vacation in Maine until late in the week.

Bausch Moved.—Lieutenant Colonel L. V. Rausch, former superintendent of the State Arsenal, who has been in charge of construction at Camp Hancock and Wadsworth has been ordered to Camp Shelby.

To Act on Bids.—Highway Commissioner O'Neil will probably act on a number of additional bids for highway contracts this week. Some of them which were opened recently were referred to Washington for action.

U-Boat Shells Troopship 80 Miles Off New York

New York, Sept. 15.—A British ship, engaged in the transport service, was shelled by a U-boat within eighty miles of the entrance to New York harbor. The German fired five shots, but his aim was poor and the steamship, aided by a heavy fog, escaped.

There were many passengers on the ship, among them Canadian officers, returning home on sick leave. The first shot fired by the raider landed within a few yards of the ship, but the others went wide of the mark.

JITNEY DRIVER CHARGED WITH RECKLESS DRIVING

Charged with reckless driving, H. W. Shoffstall, a jitney driver, 1317 Second street, was arrested Saturday night by Motorcycle Officer Fetrow. Other charges made against Shoffstall include driving without tail light and having his license tag covered so that it could not be read. He put up a \$10 forfeit for his appearance this morning in police court.

THIRTEENTH WARD TO UNFURL SERVICE FLAG

A street parade and flag-raising will be held to-night by residents of the Thirteenth Ward, when a service flag with more than 100 stars, will be unfurled in honor of the boys from that community now in the Army or Navy in service. Weather conditions permit, the parade will form and move promptly at 8 o'clock this evening.

BLACKBIRDS TO GET NEW SEASON

Sentiment in Favor of Change of the Shooting Period Is Gaining Now

Officials of the State Game Commission have been receiving thoughts from people in regard to the blackbird season and the new plan of issuing pamphlets containing the names of violators of the game code. Two issues of the latter publication have been made and as the offenses include both game and fish law violations covering the spring season some residents of Pennsylvania come in for jobs. The state commission is committed to the policy and the August list is now in the hands of the printer and will be issued in spite of suggestions to forget it and much advice on the subject.

In regard to the blackbirds, there is much discussion of a plan for advancing the season. The birds are legal game after September 1, but the sentiment expressed at the Wild Life League meeting at Conneaut Lake in favor of an early August date is finding much support in eastern counties. In the northern part of the state August 1 is favored, but about here the feeling is as in the southern tier, from August 10 to 15. The birds become a nuisance in oats fields and orchards late in August in the farming sections, and while this year they have remained in great flocks into the second week of September there have been other years when they were migrating in immense numbers by September 5. The blackbird has been extensively shot this year, but the hunting will make comparatively little impression upon the flocks, which have been greater than known in years.

Dr. Joseph Kalbfus, the State Game Commission secretary, is out with a warning against the killing of warblers and other small insect-eating birds. They have been the prey of boys and many have been shot. "Let them take to sparrows or help thin out the starling," remarked the veteran sportsman. "Just now we want to keep every insect-eating bird we have."

Reports coming here tell of an abundance of wild grapes and other food in the southern and mountain counties and of wild turkeys being very numerous. Many quail have turned up in unexpected places.

413,000 Barrels Gasoline Saved on Two Sundays

Washington, Sept. 15.—The saving of gasoline effected by the first two of the voluntary motorless Sundays asked for by the fuel administration aggregates at least 413,000 barrels, according to a statement by the administration.

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EARLY ACTION IS ASKED ON CASES

Supreme Court Will Be Urged to Move Things Along in Traction Appeals

The Superior Court of Pennsylvania has been petitioned by a number of up-state boroughs and municipalities, principally in Allegheny and Erie counties, to advance for argument cases involving the raising of passenger railway fares, recently heard and passed upon by the Public Service Commission.

The commission also joined in the petitions to have the matter heard as speedily as possible. The particular cases before the court are as follows:

The borough of Wilkesburg vs. Pittsburgh Railways Company; township of Harbor Creek et al vs. Buffalo and Lake Erie Traction Company; borough of Wilkesburg vs. Penn and Franklin Streets Railway Company; same appellant vs. Consolidated Traction Company; borough of Edgewood vs. Wilkesburg and East Pittsburgh Street Railway Company; borough of Wilkesburg vs. the same; city of McKeesport vs. Pittsburgh Railway Company; city of McKeesport vs. same; borough of North Braddock vs. same.

In the petitions, it is explained that the appeals taken by the respective boroughs and municipalities involve ordinances prescribing maximum fares, "as conditions of consent of the local authorities to the construction of street passenger railways, all agreeably to Article XVII, Section 9, of the Constitution of Pennsylvania.

HELD ON SERIOUS CHARGE

Harry J. Robinson, colored, of Winchester, Va., who was arrested by Harry C. White, of the White Detective Agency, on the charge of enticing Bessie Lofton, aged 16, from her home, in Winchester, and living with her at 1105 North Seventh street, as husband and wife, is in the Dauphin county jail awaiting the arrival of authorities from Winchester, who will take him back to Virginia to answer a charge of violating the Mann Act. A girl was taken to her home Saturday night.

GETTING READY FOR NEW CALLS

Local Draft Boards Urged to Prepare Their Men For Coming Movements to Camps

Local draft boards throughout Pennsylvania are being urged by the State Draft Headquarters to complete the examination of both white and colored men remaining in Class 1 so that the four pending calls can be filled with dispatch. The quotas for the colored men called to go next week to Camp Upton will be issued in a few days and those for the October movement of 9,000 white men to Camp Lee and 2,457 to Camp Humphreys will be finished in a few days and be sent direct to the boards. It is believed that some boards will have difficulty in filling their quotas and others will be called upon to provide the men.

In a few days it is expected that orders for the issuance of the questionnaires will be received from Washington. Meanwhile local boards are being urged to make all of their preparations for prompt mailing of the papers and for the classification of the registrants of September 12.

Thomas J. Dolan and Oliver W. Perrin, the two newly-appointed additional members of Philadelphia appeal board will assure their duties at once.

The only movements this week will be men going to Lehigh University and other educational institutions for special courses.

CHILD HIT BY AUTO

Suffering from injuries and bruises about the head, sustained last Saturday afternoon when he was struck by an automobile while playing in Cumberland street, Frederick Woodward, four years old, son of Frederick H. Woodward, 1630 Wallace street, lies in a serious condition in the Harrisburg Hospital.

AUTOISTS STAY HOME ON "GASLESS" SUNDAY

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Enola Church Members Hike to Summerdale

Enola, Pa., Sept. 15.—Twenty-five members from the Evangelical Church, of South Enola, indulged in a moonlight hike to Summerdale on Friday night, stopping at the home of Mrs. William J. Snyder, where a war conserving luncheon was served, consisting of hot biscuit, hot chocolate and fruit.

The evening was spent in singing, piano playing and chatting. The party was chaperoned by Mr. and Mrs. William F. McIntire, South Enola, returning home two hours later. Those present were:

The Rev. H. M. Buck, Dr. and Mrs. Rudy, Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Minnich, Miss Ethel Minnich, Mrs. Ida Bowers and son, Robert, Ruth Stofor, Esther Neidig, Viola Reed, Frieda Reed, Gertrude Reed, Mary Ostott, Sarah Myers, Mrs. M. Moorhead, Ruth Moorhead, Esther Lydie, Sarah Lydie, Gertrude Delbler, Clarence Bainbridge, Esther Bainbridge, Charles Bainbridge, Mr. and Mrs. William J. Snyder, Mr. and Mrs. William F. McIntire, and children, William, Louis and Beulah.

HOLD LAWN PARTY

Elizabethville, Pa., Sept. 15.—A lawn party was held at the home of H. H. Weaver on Friday evening. The lawn was beautifully decorated with Japanese lanterns. Those present were: Misses Daisy and Mabelle Weaver, Dorothy and Esther Margerum, Emma Stroup, Florence Whitman, Elms Moyer, Amy Swab, Ottilie Hartman, Grace Forney Marlin, and Eldred Swab, John Fauber, Ralph Whitman, Morgan Botts, Evan Delbler, Marlin Ender.

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