

**STATE HAS LED IN THE GUARDING OF THE MINORS**

While the child labor laws of the state of Pennsylvania have not yet reached a state of perfection and efforts may be made in the future to strengthen them, records show that the state has been one of the pioneers and enacted some of the earliest legislation for the prevention of the improper use of child labor.

The story of Pennsylvania's activity is told in a history of child labor legislation for the prevention of the improper use of child labor.

As far back as 1833 the subject of how far the employment of children under 14 years of age in the employment of manufacturing establishments of the state was detrimental to their health was discussed in the Pennsylvania legislature. In 1837 a select committee of the Senate was appointed to visit Philadelphia and Pittsburgh and investigate the matter of the employment of children in cotton mills and factories. The committee reported that about one-fifth of the employees in cotton mills were children under twelve years of age. The committee reported that "the labor of children under 12 years of age is not desirable or profitable", but no action was taken. The committee, while recommending 12 years as a minimum, for child labor, presented a bill prohibiting such labor by children under 10 years of age. But this bill did not pass.

It was not until 1848 that a child labor bill was passed by the Pennsylvania legislature, providing that no minor under 12 years of age should be admitted as a worker in any cotton, woolen, silk or flax mill. In the following year the minimum age was raised to 13 years, and while it continued in force as to cotton, woolen, silk, flax and bagging industries for nearly forty years, employment of the children in other industries was practically unregulated. This probably was because children were seldom employed except in the industries mentioned.

In 1887 a standard minimum age of 12 years for all working children was established by the legislature. While this reduced the minimum of thirteen years established in 1849 for children in certain industries it brought all of the children under the provisions of the child labor law. Two years later the factory inspection act was passed, adding mercantile establishments to the regular industries, but exempting all establishments employing less than ten persons. In 1893 the thirteen year minimum was again established and the list of industries included under the law's provisions was extended, while in 1897 the printing industry was added to the list, and the thirteen year minimum was retained.

Strong efforts were made in 1903 to establish a bill providing for a minimum working age of 14 years for all children, but it failed. Two years later an act was passed to prohibit em-

ployment of children under 14 years of age, with certain exceptions, but it was interpreted as applying to factories alone. In 1909 a detailed list of establishments which might not employ children under 14 years old, was specified in a legislative enactment.

But it was in 1915 that the present law was enacted. It has remained in effect longer than any previous law on the subject and has been generally satisfactory. The law prohibits the employment of minors under 14 years of age in any capacity, but authorizes males 12 years of age to sell newspapers and engage in some other occupation, leaving unregulated the employment of children in agricultural and domestic service.

The bureau of women and children holds that there has been a general raising of standards under the existing law, but that employers have gone beyond the law in establishing standards. It points out that while conditions are being improved by many they can only be applied generally through legislation and that child labor laws now in effect should be revised after a very thorough study by employers and authorities on school and labor problems.

**PREPARE TO MARK WILLIAM PENN DAY**

Preparations are under way for a general and constructive observance of Pennsylvania Day, which will be celebrated, this year, on Monday, March 4th.

The 1927 Legislature made this date a patriotic event in the history of the state by passing an Act designating March 4 of each year as Pennsylvania Day, to be celebrated with such exercises as will stress the granting of the Charter of Pennsylvania to William Penn by Charles II of England, and the achievement and progress of our Commonwealth since it was founded.

State Superintendent of Public Instruction Doctor John A. H. Keith, has sent a letter to every school superintendent in the state calling attention to the approach of the day. He also has had prepared a bulletin that contains suggestions for a Pennsylvania Day Program, and material on the resources, achievements and contributions of our state that can be used profitably in the different grades of our schools throughout the year. Dr. Keith said:

"Pennsylvanians can profit by a deeper knowledge of the life of William Penn, his character, his principles, and his devotion to what he conceived to be right. A greater appreciation of the colony he founded, of the ideals, and of the Commonwealth resulting from that humble but auspicious beginning should be developed.

"William Penn was a great man, honorable, tolerable, far sighted and constructive. Out of his holy experiment has grown a great Commonwealth—

rich in material and resources and conspicuous in its spiritual contributions and social advancements and great in its future possibilities.

"The observance of Pennsylvania day should be but one event in a continuous study of our founder and of our great Commonwealth. A sustained effort in this direction is certain to result in the general level of the lifting of citizenship, thus making us more worthy of our heritage and more devoted to the principles and ideas of William Penn."

**RECOVER EIGHTY-TWO CARS IN JANUARY**

Stolen automobiles, totalling eighty-two, valued at \$44,380, were recovered during January by the State Highway Patrol, State police and local officers, Benjamin G. Eynon, registrar of motor vehicles of the state department of highways, announced during the week.

Nine Pittsburgh owners and eight Philadelphians had missing vehicles restored to them, while Erie ran a close third with five stolen cars returned. Three Harrisburgers and three Wilkes-Barre residents recovered their cars while Easton, Bethlehem and York each received two vehicles stolen from these cities.

Police of other states recovered seven vehicles which had been stolen in Pennsylvania, while Pennsylvania police reciprocated by seizing eight out of state cars from thieves. The latter were for the following: Carolina, one; Connecticut, one; New York, four; Maryland, one; Ohio, two, New Jersey, one.

Thieves visited forty-six communities to harvest the crop of cars which police recovered during the month. Arrest of thirteen persons in connection with the thefts resulted and ten cars were found in possession of persons who were not their legal owners but were not the thieves themselves.

That Pennsylvania is recognized as a poor market for stolen cars and the industry is therefore not profitable, is evidenced by the January report as compared with a year ago, when 104 cars were recovered during the month with a money value of more than \$85,000. In that report the thieves abandoned any idea of making a profit on their loot, leaving the cars along highways, in back lots and other spots where discovery would be delayed.

Many of the recoveries in January and throughout the year, show the result of the Pennsylvania title records, which prevent sale or transfer of stolen vehicles.

**CARBON MONOXIDE PLUS CARELESSNESS IS DEATH**

**Weekly Health Talk.**  
"While science has miraculously improved home comforts and brought ease and conveniences heretofore unimagined, there still remains the human factor connected with their operation which frequently is faulty and sometimes fatal," says Dr. Theodore B. Appel, secretary of health.

"For example, an electric iron, no matter how excellent its mechanical make-up, is likely to cause a fire and may even burn down a house, if it is allowed to stand for several hours. And similarly the millions who are employing gas appliances must be made to realize that while manufacturers have taken every precaution to prevent the misuse of their products, in the last analysis ordinary care and sense must be associated with their use.

"That this fact has not been sufficiently grasped by many is unfortunately attested by the newspaper clippings that reach the department announcing death by asphyxiation and by carbon monoxide. And the significant fact in all these unnecessary fatalities lies not in any fundamental defect in the mechanism involved but because of an inexcusable carelessness on the part of the operator.

"Leaky gas pipes, worn out valves, and especially deteriorated hose connections have taken an entirely preventable toll of life in Pennsylvania during the recent months. It stands to reason that mechanical devices need over-hauling and a measure of periodic inspection; that lacking these, it is easily possible for serious and fatal accidents to occur.

"Moreover, the carbon monoxide hazard can also be entirely eliminated by the exercise of common sense. Gas heaters need sufficient air for proper combustion and a sealed tight room does not afford that opportunity. Incomplete combustion develops carbon monoxide. Carbon monoxide is traceable quantities causes headache and nausea. Where it is appreciably present it can, and does, kill.

"Carelessness is a deadly foe. Therefore, be reasonably on the alert against hazards at all times and under all conditions. This advice applies with particular force to many who avail themselves of scientific progress and then take all the rest for granted.

**BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT AT ST. FRANCIS COLLEGE**

Final plans have been completed for the third annual St. Francis Interscholastic Basketball Tournament, to be held in Doyle Hall, Loretto, on March 21, 22 and 23.

The tournament this year has been placed under the direction of the Varsity F Club, and judging from the number of applications received, the event promises to be the best tourney in history. To date, thirteen high schools have enrolled. Among these are Lilly, Sykes, Glen Campbell, Roaring Springs, Cresson, New Florence, Saxton, Coalport, Juniata, Mountindale, Nanty-Glo, Getstown and Haslings. Many other high schools of the district are expected to line up in the near future.

Present indications have it that Doyle hall will be called upon to accommodate the largest crowd that was ever seen within the portals. While the many attending the tournament last year is by no means considered small, still the gymnasium was never quite taxed to the limit. However, with the increase in the number of schools to be represented in the tourney this year the number of followers will be enlarged.

Beaverdale high school was pronoun-

**HAS INTERVIEWED 125,000 YOUNG WOMEN**



R. Helen Stevenson, Employment Supervisor in Philadelphia for the Bell Telephone Company of Pennsylvania, who during her eleven years in that capacity, has interviewed 125,000 young women applicants for positions. An applicant's best qualifications, in her opinion, are "earnestness, enthusiasm, intelligence, a pleasing manner and a sense of humor." The Bell Company is the largest employer of women in the state.

ced the winner of the 1927 event while Lilly high school was returned the victor of the 1928 tourney and have been awarded the first leg on the trophy that must be won three times by a team to have permanent possession.

Cups will be awarded to the winners and runners up, while the individual players on these teams will receive gold and silver medals. There will also be trophies for the team showing the best sportsmanship, and of the man proving to be of the most value to his team.

**Is Biblical Text.**  
On the famous Liberty bell, in Independence hall, Philadelphia, is the inscription: "Proclaim Liberty through out all the land unto all the inhabitants thereof." This is taken from Leviticus 25:10.

**LEGAL NOTICE.**

**Court Proclamation.**  
Whereas, the Honorable John E. Evans, President Judge of the Court of Common Pleas of the Forty-Seventh Judicial District, consisting of the County of Cambria, has issued his precept bearing date the 14th day of December to me directed for holding a COURT OF OYER AND TERMINER and GENERAL JAIL DELIVERY, AND QUARTER SESSIONS OF THE PEACE, in Ebensburg, for the County of Cambria, and to commence the first Monday of March next, being the fourth day of said month, in the year 1929, and to continue for one week.

Notice is hereby given to the Coroner, Justices of the Peace, Aldermen and the Constables of the County of Cambria, that they be then and there in their proper persons, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon of said day, with their records, acquisitions, examinations and other remembrances, to do those things which to their offices appertain to be done and to those who are bound in recognizances to prosecute against the prisoners that are or shall be in the Jail of Cambria County, that they be then and there to prosecute against them as shall be just.

Given under my hand at Ebensburg the 4th day of February in the year of Our Lord one thousand nine hundred and twenty-nine, and the one hundred and fifty-third year of the independence of the United States.  
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\* Beginning Friday, March 1st, and every day thereafter we will bake a slightly smaller loaf of Grandmother's Bread to retail at 5c a loaf. ON SALE THIS FRIDAY.

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