

Law Steps In on Violations Of Current Rent Regulations

Written Leases Must Be Signed for Rent Boosts

Landlords who collect increases in rents up to 15 per cent without entering into a valid, written lease are violating the Housing and Rent Act of 1947. They are subject to the law's penalties for charging more than the maximum legal rent. So states Leo H. Akers, director of the Altoona and Johnstown rental area.

Mr. Akers called attention today to the lease increase provisions of the federal rent law because reports have been reaching his office that some landlords have boosted rents without executing a written lease.

"The law provides rents may be increased up to, but not more than 15 per cent if landlords and tenants voluntarily enter into a lease in good faith," the rent director continued. "Such leases will be effective only if they are in writing and signed by both the landlord and the tenant on or before Dec. 31, 1947. The lease cannot expire before Dec. 31, 1948, and a copy of it must be filed with the rent director at 124 Main Street, Johnstown, within 15 days after the date of signing."

Under specific provisions of the law the lease must be written, Mr. Akers emphasized. An oral agreement is not valid.

The tenant who agrees voluntarily to an increase up to 15 per cent, is given the specific right by the lease to live in the same quarters without a further rise in his rent at least until after the end of next year. Without this written lease, the tenant who has agreed orally to a rent increase might find himself faced with a further rise after the rent control law expires on Feb. 29, 1948, he added.

Mr. Akers said that where such violations come to his attention, the rent office is prepared to go to court to seek injunctions against landlords to prohibit them from making such overcharges and calling upon them to restore the amounts charged in excess of the local rent.

The law also provides that tenants may sue landlords for three times the amount of the overcharge or \$50 whichever is the greater.

Several types of situations in which landlords are violating the lease provisions of the law were cited by Mr. Akers as follows:

1. Some landlords apparently feel that it is not necessary to sign a lease if the tenant is willing to pay the landlord the additional per cent.

2. Other landlords have refused leases to tenants who have

Teachers Select John M. Urban

Paul Keeney Assumes Co. PSEA Presidency

John M. Urban, principal of Beaverdale High School, was elected as first vice president of the Cambria Co. branch of the P. S. E. A. at opening sessions of the 78th Annual Cambria Co. Teachers' Educational Conference held at Ebensburg Thursday, Friday and Saturday of last week.

St. Francis Classes Choose Officials

In the election held by the senior class at St. Francis College at Loretto, Vincent Steimer of Pittsburgh was chosen president, Paul Maloskey of Ambridge, vice president, and Jayre Kimlin of Cresson, secretary-treasurer. James Brandt of Pittsburgh and Bernard Felix of Ebensburg were selected to serve on the student council as senior representatives along with Leo Vicini of Colver, Jerome Klenner of Johnstown, Paul Maloskey of Ambridge and Bob Beator of Carrolltown.

Hastings Church Scene of Nuptials

Miss Mary Jane Pierce, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Pierce of Hastings R. D., became the bride of Alexander J. Guenther, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Guenther of Hastings, at a pretty ceremony performed in St. Bernard's Catholic Church at Hastings Oct. 4 at 9 a. m. Rev. Father Herald Moore, O.S.B., assistant pastor, performed the ceremony. The attendants were Mr. and Mrs. Clair Van Scoyoc of Blandburg.

One-Way Mirrors On Market Soon

The Pittsburgh Plate Glass Co. this week announced it soon will put on the market one-way mirrors. These were used during the war to observe subversive suspects.

For several years there has been a demand for these special mirrors which permit persons to see without being seen, the company states.

The mirrors have the appearance of any ordinary mirror on one side while the other side provides the clear vision of plain window glass.

Interest has been shown by physicians, hospitals, schools, private clubs and drugstores.

Accidents Kill 13 In Co. Last Month

Mine Fatalities Said Due to Negligence

The records of Coroner Paul J. Willis show that 13 persons were killed in Cambria Co. during the month of September as the result of accidents. A total of 35 deaths were investigated by the office and seven inquests conducted.

Two coroner's juries returned verdicts of negligence, both cases resulting from runaway motors in county coal mines.

September's total brings to 481 the number of deaths investigated by the coroner and his deputies so far this year. A total of 23 inquests were conducted during the month.

Cases investigated during September show causes as follows: Natural, 39; mine accidents, 3; carbon monoxide, 1; falls in homes, 1; suicides, 3; traffic accidents, 2; county highway accidents, 2; railroad accidents, 2; electrocution, 1, and accidental shooting, 1.

The average cloud weighs 300,000 pounds. Sounds as if it includes the silver lining.

Your Health . . .

From the Medical Society of the State and Cambria County Medical Society

Chickenpox is a mild communicable disease prevalent in children and occurs most commonly in the fall, winter and spring. There is a slight fever and rash. The rash is most annoying, causing itching.

In small infants and children it is sometimes necessary to restrain the hands from scratching and digging at the vesicles. These vesicles dry up, forming scabs which fall off.

Infection of the skin and scars may occur as a result of scratching.

The disease is highly communicable and most persons who are susceptible contract it when exposed.

Chickenpox, also known as varicella, is found throughout the world and often becomes epidemic in large cities.

Spread of the disease is by direct contact or through articles freshly soiled by nose and mouth secretions and skin.

The incubation period—that period between contact and the first symptoms—is from 10 to 21 days.

A difficulty in diagnosing the chickenpox is in distinguishing it from smallpox, although the incubation period in smallpox is shorter.

The initial symptoms of chickenpox are fatigue, headache, and moderate fever for one or two days before the development of the rash.

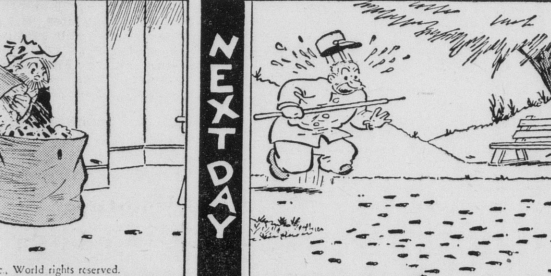
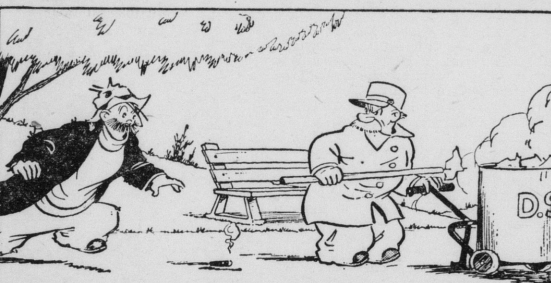
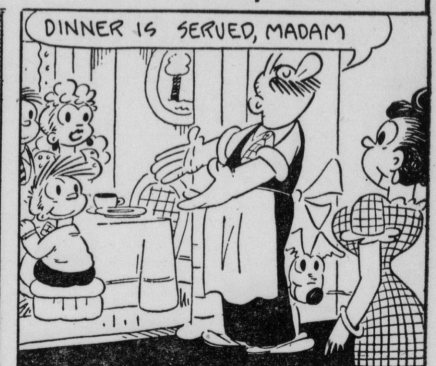
In the mildest cases no more than 20 or 30 pocks may appear, but in severe cases hardly any skin is left free from rash.

Immunization has not been widely adopted as chickenpox is a comparatively mild disease.

ZINC IS OLD METAL

Zinc was known to Europe for 600 years before a method of extracting the metal from the ore was discovered.

THE FLOP FAMILY



Charter No. 7181 Reserve District No. 3

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF SPANGLER, IN THE STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA, at the close of business on October 6, 1947, published in response to call made by Comptroller of the Currency, under Section 5211, U. S. Revised Statutes:

ASSETS	
Cash, balances with other banks, including reserve balance, and cash items in process of collection	\$ 406,224.07
United States government obligations, direct and guaranteed	1,124,500.00
Obligations of States and political subdivisions	9,500.00
Other bonds, notes and debentures	160,682.50
Corporate stocks (including \$3,750.00 stock of Federal Reserve Bank)	3,750.00
Loans and discounts (including \$33.39 overdrafts)	180,694.22
Bank premises owned (furniture and fixtures \$1.00)	19,001.00
Total Assets	\$1,904,821.79
LIABILITIES	
Demand deposits of individuals, partnerships and corporations	\$ 737,908.35
Time deposits of individuals, partnerships and corporations	799,522.92
Deposits of United States Government (including postal savings)	14,989.66
Deposits of States and political subdivisions	189,733.09
Other deposits (certified and cashier's checks, etc.)	4,664.46
Total Liabilities	\$1,766,819.48
CAPITAL ACCOUNTS	
Capital Stock:	
Common stock, total par \$50,000.00	\$ 50,000.00
Surplus	75,000.00
Undivided profits	13,302.31
Total Capital Accounts	\$ 138,302.31
Total Liabilities and Capital Accounts	\$1,904,821.79

MEMORANDUM

Assets pledged or assigned to secure liabilities and for other purposes: \$180,000.00

State of Pennsylvania, County of Cambria, ss: I, T. F. Dougherty, cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

(Seal) Sworn to and subscribed before me this 8th day of October, 1947.

Correct—Attest: Frank McCombie, F. J. Lehman, J. G. Nicholson, Directors.

REPORT OF AN AFFILIATE OF A NATIONAL BANK, published in accordance with Section 5211, U. S. Revised Statutes:

Report as of October 6, 1947, of SPANGLER REALTY COMPANY, Spangler, Pennsylvania, which is affiliated with the First National Bank of Spangler, Spangler, Pennsylvania, Charter No. 7181, Federal Reserve District No. 3.

Kind of Business: Owning and Leasing Real Estate.

Manner in which above-named organization is affiliated with national bank, and degree of control: Stockholders at present are identical with those of the First National Bank of Spangler, Spangler, Pa. No degree of control.

Financial relations with bank: Stock of affiliated bank owned (par value), None. Loans to affiliated bank, None.

Borrowings from affiliated bank: \$7,500.00

Stock of affiliate registered in name of bank or known to be owned by bank directly or indirectly: None

Other obligations to, or known to be held by, affiliated bank: None

Other information necessary to disclose fully relations with bank: None

I, T. F. Dougherty, Secretary and Treasurer of Spangler Realty Company, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 8th day of October, 1947.

(Seal) ZOLA K. RODKEY, Notary Public

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THIS HAS BEEN A SWELL AFTER-NOON, ELMER

I'LL SAY

WE MUST DO THIS AGAIN I'VE GOT NOTHING ELSE TO DO

MARGIE COME IN HOW FOR DINNER

YES, MAMA GEE IS IT THAT LATE?—I'VE GOT TO BE GOING

GEE WHIZ!—AND MOM TOLD ME TO COME HOME RIGHT AFTER SCHOOL—GET AT IT—OR ELSE!

I GUESS THERE WILL BE NO USE TRYING TO GET OUT OF THIS—I MIGHT AS WELL BE PREPARED

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