

Seen and Heard

By Will Wimble

Well, folks, here it is only the fourth Friday of 1931 and we haven't got a resolution left to break. We made up a swell set on New Year's Day, but they are all gone now. And the writing of the column was one of them, but due to public demand and the increase in salary that was given us by boss "Ris," which brings us into Ex-President Coolidge's class at the price of two dollars a word, we could not help but break this one resolution. Next year we think we will think up about forty more, so that we can go along without breaking them for at least a month.

We tried this going to bed early and it's a lot of hokey. No more for us. No, sir. We'll stay out until we are sleepy and then go to bed.

Well, let's see what the first thing is we can dig up for you. Oh, yes, did you hear about Charlie Ayers having some trouble with his water pump? Well, I guess you know that in the Prohibition debate at the Lutheran church some time ago, Charles passed the remark that all plumbers moved from Shavertown to Dallas, so being unable to get a plumber in a hurry, Charlie went to work and took the pump apart and then put it back again and had four parts of it left out and the pump worked perfect, and the remaining parts we hear Charlie is going to use on his "Chevy" and try and get that a-moving.

Morgan Rowlands, the older, is showing the boys that he is just as good a basketball player as he is an honor student. Dallas thought a cyclone hit the town when Morgy started to drop them through the draperies. Oh, well, such popularity must be deserved. Keep it up Morgy, old boy, we are rooting for you and the rest of the boys to come through a winner this year.

Wonder where they put all the old Christmas trees? Bet somebody makes some dough on them somewhere.

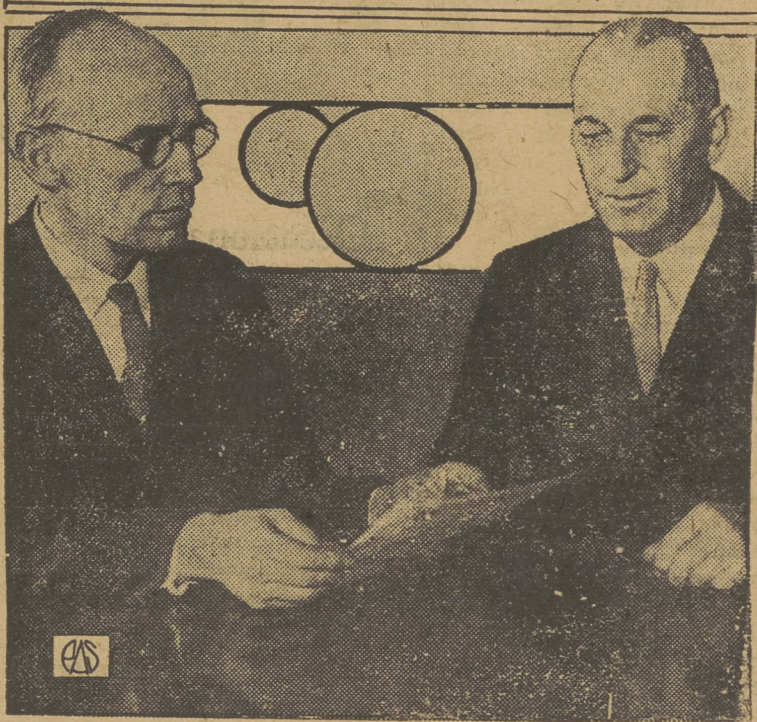
Kiwanis Club elected new officers at their meeting. That club does not get the publicity it deserves, but we understand that they sure do have a good time at their meetings. Come on, "Parson" Henry, let us in on some of the big things you boys are planning for this section. "Doc" Jeter has been named chairman of the welfare drive in this section, and "Doc" says he would like to see a feather in everybody's hat this year. That a-boy, "Doc," but we think sledding is going to be pretty tough out this way.

Willard Garey, president of the Shavertown Fire Company, tells us that the fire ladders down that way are planning a number of social functions to help raise funds for the boys. Hope they are a success, Willard. The boys sure did pick a good man when they

\$200.00 PAID FOR ONE COPPER CENT

J. D. Martin, of Richmond, Va., is the proud possessor of a check for \$200.00 paid him for an old copper cent. The Numismatic Company, Dept. 1-29, North Worth, Texas, who purchased this penny from Mr. Martin, says there are numerous old coins, bills and stamps in circulation for which they will gladly pay big cash premiums. So that you will know the value of old coins and stamps and what to watch for in your change, the Numismatic Company will send for only 4c to any reader of this paper who writes them, a large illustrated coin folder describing some of these wanted articles and the big profits to be made. Better write them today for this large folder so you can post yourself and know just what to look for. Remember that Mr. Martin's knowing the value of his penny meant a difference of \$199.99 to him. Without knowing its value that penny might still be in circulation, passing through the hands of thousands until someone like Martin, who knows old coins, finds its value. It pays to be on the lookout for the illustrated nothing to lose,

Editor Gets \$1,000 a Year for Life



I. H. Sefton, editor of the Colfax, Cal., Record, wrote the essay, which won first prize in a recent contest, for which the chief reward is an annuity of \$1,000 a year as long as he lives. Walter P. Chrysler, motor magnate, donor of the prize, (right) is handing Editor Sefton the certificate on which he can cash in every twelve months.

-Mooretown-

Ione Bartleson, Correspondent

Mrs. Perry Hess was admitted to the Nanticoke State hospital for treatment.

The Ladies' Aid served dinner to the men who sawed wood for the church Saturday.

Donald and Philip Perrin spent Sunday afternoon with Leo Bartleson.

Mrs. Daniel Smith is ill at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Ray Wandell.

The drama, "Paying the Fiddler," was largely attended and enjoyed by all.

A number of men from this place are working at Mt. Springs.

Rosabell Gould fell and sprained her arm one day last week.

Mrs. N. G. Roberts is nursing an attack of rheumatism.

Mr. and Mrs. Meyers entertained one of their grandsons over the week-end.

Ferris Roberts is visiting his parents.

Silas Blaine and family attended the funeral of his sister, Mrs. Rose Brandon, at Methel, Saturday.

picked you for president. How is the derby?

And speaking of social events, don't forget that big card party and dance scheduled for the Orondo Ballroom at Wilkes-Barre on January 29. It is being sponsored by the congregation of St. Therese's church for the benefit of the building fund. Tickets are "one buck." Come on, dig down and make it one of the biggest social affairs of the year.

Just as soon as the basketball season ends "Jiggs" Van Campen has promised us that he will write a story of himself, how he came to be a newsboy after being president of the fire company.

We wish to extend our sympathy to the following who lost their loved ones through death during the past week: Mrs. John Flannery and family of Centre street, Shavertown, who lost her mother on January 12th.

Mrs. Martin Reibel and daughters in the loss of their son and brother.

Mrs. Robert Knarr and family, of Fernbrook, who lost her husband, and to William and Clair, their father.

Hale Garey, Willard and James Garey, who lost their wife and mother. The family of Mrs. James Patton, who lost a kind and loving mother.

The family of Frank W. Moore, who lost a loving husband and father.

Looks as though it is near the end of the paper again. (Better send us down some, Mr. Boss.) Don't know whether you like this or not, but we've been so busy breaking New Year's resolutions that we didn't have time to think of this column until George Shaver told us that he was going to quit getting the paper if there were no "Willy Wimble" in it. BYE.

-Pikes Creek-

Mrs. Pearl Lewis, Correspondent

Mrs. Andrew Steltz has been called to the bedside of her aunt, Mrs. Finch, of Dallas, who suffered a stroke of apoplexy.

Russell Naugle has accepted a position at Luzerne, driving truck.

Mrs. R. E. Shaw, June Shaw, Rose Shaw, Tom Shaw and Helen Wojeski, of Kingston, spent Sunday afternoon and evening with L. N. Lewis and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Burton Steltz were Wilkes-Barre callers on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. William Cragle spent Sunday at the home of the former's father, James Cragle, of Lake Silkworth.

Mr. and Mrs. M. McHugh and daughter, Elsie, and Mrs. Dora Wesley, of Mooretown, called on L. N. Lewis and Simeon Lewis, Sunday.

Simeon Lewis, aged 96 years, is in very poor health.

Mrs. Ida Lynn and Mrs. Pearl Lewis called on Mrs. Hattie Barnes on Thursday.

Mrs. George Crane, who has been ill since the death of her husband a few weeks ago, is on the mend.

Dances held at "Tip's Place" are being well attended. Dances are held every Saturday evening.

Osborne Lewis spent Sunday with Mrs. Dorrance McKeel.

Mrs. Blanche Lozier, of Chase, spent a few days with her mother, Mrs. George Crane.

Mrs. Lillian Murphy is on the sick list.

Mrs. Laura Wesley, who suffered with tonsillitis, is able to be out again. Mrs. Lucy Bronson and daughter, of Nanticoke, spent Saturday afternoon with Mrs. Pearl Lewis.

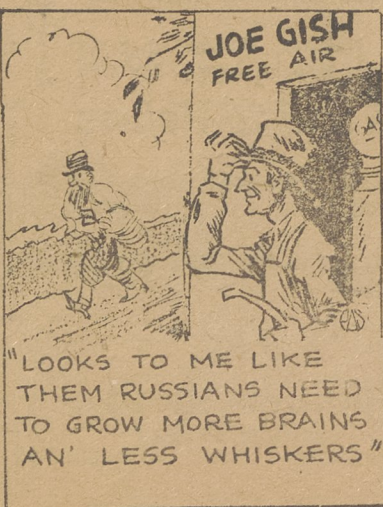
Mr. and Mrs. William Cragle and "Bud" McKeel called on Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Naugle at Meeker Sunday night.

Helen Lewis, who has been confined to her home for two weeks with sore throat, was able to start school again this week.

Mrs. W. H. Shupp visited her parents at West Nanticoke a few days last week.

Mrs. Pearl Lewis spent a few days with her grandmother, Mrs. Sarah Shupp.

Warden Updyke and family called on Elmer Wolfe's on Sunday.



Greatest Trans-continental Road

The Old Spanish Trail, From St. Augustine, Florida, to San Diego, California, is Nearly Finished

By Caleb Johnson

By the end of 1931 it will be possible for a motorist to start from Maine and drive to San Antonio, Texas, without ever getting off a hard road. Within another two or three years the motorist can continue his journey to California, over hard roads all the way.

With all of our progress in road building, there is today not a single route across the Continent which does not involve driving over hundreds of miles of roads which nobody could classify as good and which most motorists, accustomed to the paved highways of both coasts and the Great Lakes region, would classify as positively bad. But with the completion of the Old Spanish Trail we shall have a highway connecting the Atlantic and the Pacific Oceans, a highway paved or hard surfaced throughout its entire length, and a trans-Continental highway, moreover, which will be passable at all seasons of the year, since it is located throughout its length far to the south of the snow-belt, which makes the more northerly passage impossible in winter.

It is no wonder that the United States Government is aiding liberally in the construction of this road which will give the speediest possible route for the movement of motorized military forces from one coast to the other.

From Maine to Florida the Atlantic Coastal Highway is now substantially completed, either concrete, tar-macadam or hard sand-clay surface all the way. And when it gets to historic old St. Augustine, Florida, it strikes the beginning of the Old Spanish Trail, connecting St. Augustine on the East with San Diego on the West.

The idea of a cross-continent highway which would follow the trade and military trails blazed by the early Spanish settlers on the Gulf and in the Southwest was first given light at a gathering at Mobile, Ala., in 1915. Nobody knows who selected the picturesque and descriptive name, nor just how the movement started. The first idea was to connect New Orleans with Miami. But the West heard about it and eagerly joined in the movement, set up a promotion headquarters in Antonio, and projected the original plan two miles farther than its original enthusiasts had dreamed of going.

And now it is nearing completion. Starting from St. Augustine, where the Spaniards have left their indelible record in the narrow streets and picturesque old fort and other buildings of this oldest of American municipalities, the Old Spanish Trail runs through Jacksonville, Tallahassee, Pensacola, Mobile, Bay Saint Louis, New Orleans, Lake Charles, Beaumont, Houston, San Antonio, Fort Stockton, El Paso, Las Cruces, Douglas, Tucson, Phoenix and so to California and San Diego. It crosses eight states, three great bays and the greatest of North American rivers. It crosses the Great Divide at its lowest point, Bisbee, Arizona, at an altitude of 6,030 feet above sea-level and descends into the Imperial Valley through El Centro, California, 31 feet below sea-level. Yet there are no grades which cannot be driven in high gear.

Two-thirds of the drainage water of the United States crosses the Old Spanish Trail, yet only two ferries are necessary; one across the Mississippi River at New Orleans, the other over Berwick Bay at Morgan City, Louisiana. All of the other watercourses which the Trail crosses have been bridged.

The Old Spanish Trail follows the line of the chain of missions and presidios which the King of Spain ordered in 1772 to be constructed from the Gulf of Mexico to the Gulf of California. San Antonio was the meeting place of all the trails connecting the Spanish settlements with each other. And in San Antonio, a few weeks ago, the King of Spain, through the Spanish Ambassador to the United States, presented a royal decoration to Herral Ayers, the managing director of the Old Spanish Trail Association, in recognition of his services in preserving and perpetuating the old Spanish tradition.

Major Gene Tunney



One of the first acts of Connecticut's new governor was to appoint Gene Tunney a Major in the Marine Corps branch of the state's naval militia, and designate him as personal aide to the governor. Gene was a U. S. Marine before he became world's champion heavyweight boxer.

Of the first 579 miles of the Trail, from St. Augustine to Bay St. Louis, all but a few miles have been paved, and that part, in Mississippi, is hard sand and gravel. Thence across Louisiana to the Texas line, 362 miles, concrete pavement is being laid the entire distance, though it will be the end of next year before this is completed. The unpaved sections are good gravel roads.

From the Texas-Louisiana line to San Antonio, 329 miles, the Trail is 99 per cent paved. Thence, 583 miles to El Paso, the gravel road is good, but dusty and paving is being carried on rapidly, eventually to cover the entire stretch. From El Paso westward across New Mexico and Arizona to the California line is 712 miles, of which about half is paved, the rest gravel roadways over the desert and through the Rocky Mountains. By the end of this year it is expected that the last stretch of the 178 miles across California to the Pacific will have been paved.

This great highway, 2,741 miles long, is the largest single piece of road building which has ever been undertaken since the days when the Caesars connected all of the outlying provinces of Europe with Imperial Rome by roads, some of which have lasted to this day and are still main thoroughfares of commerce. When it is finished it will have cost upward of \$110,000,000, provided by the states, counties and municipalities and by the United States Government.

As every other great road does, the Old Spanish Trail is opening up new areas to settlements, to industry and to development. Until it was cut through from Jacksonville west, five years ago, few tourists to Florida ever saw the lovely rolling country of West Florida, the hills and rivers and coastline vistas that lie between Tallahassee and the beautiful city of Pensacola. The opening of the Trail has brought new life to Pensacola, which with its magnificent harbor and new rail connections northward is rapidly recapturing its ancient importance as a seaport. And so, all along its route, the growing tide of motor tourists following the Old Spanish Trail is discovering and spreading the news to the rest of the world that in this South and Southwest there are opportunities and beauties which few had ever realized existed.

The BEST Gray Hair Remedy is Home Made

To half pint of water add one ounce bay rum, a small box of Barbo Compound and one-fourth ounce of glycerine. Any druggist can put this up or you can mix it at home at very little cost. Apply to the hair twice a week until the desired shade is obtained. It will gradually darken streaked, faded or gray hair and make it soft and glossy. Barbo will not color the scalp, is not sticky or greasy and does not rub off.

The Weekly Farm Calendar

Timely Reminders From the Pennsylvania State College of Agriculture

Order Garden Seeds—The best strains of vegetable seed are the first to be sold by seedmen. Early orders get the best seed. Good seed must be clean, viable, disease-free, and true to name. Such seed cannot be produced cheap.

Grows Christmas Trees—One Keystone farmer set a quarter of an acre to Christmas trees in 1924. When he started to harvest last fall he had \$1,250 worth of trees on this small area. Norway spruce was the kind planted.

Grow Emergency Hays—Farmers needing emergency hays this year can cut wheat, rye, oats, sweet clover, soybeans, Suda grass, or millets. Your county agent will tell you how to handle these crops for hay.

Keep Diseases Down—When plants "run out" blame it on some virus disease. You control such diseases by rouging and by planting susceptible crops far enough away from host plants carrying the diseases.

Pig Crop is Less—Pennsylvania's fall pig crop is 7.6 per cent less than that of the fall of 1929, surveys reveal. For the United States, however, the decrease is only one per cent.

Quality Chicks Best—Quality chicks from flocks of high average egg production develop into the most profitable birds. Records show that high producing birds lay eggs at a lower cost per dozen and make a higher net profit than low producers.

Make Landscape Plans—Grape arbor can be used to good advantage in making the farm home grounds attractive. Try to give some thought to the location of these.

Take Care of Tractor—One hour out of every ten that the tractor is used should be devoted to keeping the machine in good condition.

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Mrs. May Besteder, Correspondent

Mrs. Mamie Gay, Mrs. Jessie Winters, Mrs. Lulu Van Scoy, Miss Ethel Bell and Francis Besteder are on jury duty at the county seat this week.

Wilma, little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Thomas, has been very ill, but is better at this writing. She is under the care of Dr. Boston.

There was a meeting of the official board of the M. E. church held at the parsonage Monday evening.

The boys of this place are getting up a basketball team. Anyone interested in joining, please let it be known. The Baptist people are placing a new floor in the church.

Rev. H. S. Munyon attended the inauguration of Governor Pinchot on Tuesday.

SILK SALE

10,000 dress-length remnants of finest silk to be cleared by mail, regardless. Every desired yardage and color. All 39 inches wide. Let us send you a piece of genuine \$6 Crepe Paris (very heavy flat crepe) on approval for your inspection. If you then wish to keep it mail us your check at only \$1.90 a yard. (Original price \$6 a yd.). Or choose printed Crepe Paris. Every wanted combination of colors. We will gladly send you a piece to look at. What colors and yardage, please? If you keep it you can mail us check at \$1.25 a yd. (Final reduction. Originally \$6 a yd.)

All \$2 silks, \$2 satins and \$2 printed crepes are 90c a yd. in this sale. Every color. Do not ask for or buy from samples. See the whole piece you are getting before deciding. We want to be your New York reference so tell us all you wish to about yourself and describe the piece you want to see on approval. Write NOW. Send no money. To advertise our silk thread we send you a spool to match free. CRANE'S Silks, 545 Fifth Ave., N. Y. City.