

Susquehanna Drops After Sudden Rise Alarms Observers

Heavy Rains Wash Record Thanksgiving Snow Away

CREST NEAR 14 FEET

Warm rains which washed last week's record-breaking snow into the tributaries of the Susquehanna River sent that stream on a rampage this week and threatened for a while to test Wyoming Valley's new flood levees.

U. S. Army Engineers, who watched the river level rise eight feet in three days, said, however, that the freshet had caused no damage and had not afforded a serious test of the huge dikes, which were well above the high-water mark. Some damage may have been done where currents tore at fresh soil, they said, but it would be replaced easily.

Any cause for alarm vanished when John Mirmak, river observer at Wilkes-Barre, announced on Wednesday night that the river had apparently reached its crest just short of 14 feet. He expected a steady recession unless heavy rains fall within the next few days.

His record of the river's rise follows:

	7 a. m.	4 p. m.
Sunday	5.36 ft.	6.53 ft.
Monday	7.65 ft.	8.99 ft.
Tuesday	12.14 ft.	13.81 ft.
Wednesday	13.74 ft.	13.86 ft.
Thursday	13.75 ft.	

When Abram's Creek, which cuts through the flats between Forty Port and Wyoming, backed up on Wednesday, Wyoming Avenue was covered by one and one-half feet of water and cars were permitted to pass at their own risk.

A bridge below the airport blocked the flow of the creek and caused it to overflow its banks. Some of the lower parts of Wyoming Valley Airport were flooded but not enough to stop planes from using the port, according to George Eckman, manager. By Wednesday the water had receded.

Utility Proposes Peace Conference

Wants To Meet Council To Discuss Water Situation

A proposal that Dallas Borough councilmen confer with officials of Dallas Water Co. in an effort to solve the local water problem without legal action was received by council from the utility on Wednesday night.

Council has instituted action through the Public Utility Commission against the water company, charging that its service is inadequate. Robert Craig of Harrisburg, general manager of the company, acknowledged Secretary William Niemeyer's letter reporting council's step. He suggested that a conference might bring a satisfactory adjustment and save legal expense.

An amusing, and perhaps significant incident, arose when Clyde Lapp proposed half-seriously that Councilman Peter Clark be drafted as a candidate for County Commissioner next year, a suggestion which evoked a good bit of good-natured joshing and embarrassed Mr. Clark, who is also Sixth District G. O. P. chairman.

Former Tax Collector Dies At Luzerne Home

The funeral of Henry Nothoff, former tax collector of Luzerne Borough and well known in West Side mining circles, will be held tomorrow (Saturday) morning at 8:30 from his home, 759 Bennett street, Luzerne, with a high mass of requiem at Sacred Heart Church at 9 and interment in St. Mary's Cemetery, Hanover Township. Mr. Nothoff died Tuesday night of complications at his home. The body was removed to the funeral parlors of Charles Betz, Bennett street, Luzerne, after death.

Surviving are his wife, Margaret, the following children, John of Harvey's Lake, Charles and Marion at home, Mrs. Joseph R. Harris and Mrs. J. R. Birkbeck, both of Luzerne, Mrs. J. J. Nash of Salem, Mass., Fred Nothoff of New York and Henry of Buffalo, and a sister, Mrs. W. Arthur Lewis of Trucksville, and 11 grandchildren.

Prof. W. A. Kuhn Dies At Wellsville Home

Prof. Wesley A. Kuhn, a teacher in the business school at Wyoming Seminary from 1883 to 1927, died on Monday, November 21, at his home at Wellsville. Since the death of his wife last March, Professor Kuhn had been living at the family homestead in Wellsville, near York.

Roosevelt Invited To Help In Ending Newspaper Strike

Citizens Committee Also Invites James To Intercede

STILL DEADLOCKED

An appeal to President Roosevelt and Governor-elect James to aid in ending Wilkes-Barre's two-month-old newspaper strike was made this week by a citizens' committee headed by Ben L. Jenkins and including many of the large business firms of Wyoming Valley.

The committee asked President Roosevelt to instruct the National Labor Relations Board to hold an election of Wilkes-Barre newspaper employees to settle the knotty "jurisdiction" problem which was responsible for the calling off of negotiations between publishers and striking American Newspaper Guildsmen in October. The balloting would determine whether the guild, a C. I. O. affiliate, or whether the A. F. of L.'s Federation of Office Workers should bargain for employees of the three daily newspapers, non-mechanical groups who are not employees in the editorial rooms.

Another message was sent to Governor-elect James, asking his intercession. A possibility of some response to the committee's appeal was seen in the arrival of Samuel G. Zack, counsel for the National Labor Relations Board, at Wilkes-Barre, on Wednesday.

The Sunday Independent management, which signed a contract with the Guild a week ago, will not be able to publish this Sunday because the International Typographical Union, which is negotiating for itself with all four publishers, has refused to deal separately with The Independent.

Lehman Coach Gets Wilkes-Barre Post

Malcolm McCulloch Named Physical Ed. Teacher By City Board

Malcolm McCulloch, faculty member of Lehman Township High School, resigned his post this week and took over his duties as physical education instructor in Wilkes-Barre public schools.

He was appointed to the \$1,400 position at a meeting of the Wilkes-Barre school board Monday by a vote of 6 to 3, and his resignation was accepted by the Lehman Township directors the same night.

A graduate of Stroudsburg State Teachers' College in 1936, Mr. McCulloch has taught at Lehman High for the past two years and coached two successful football teams. He plays professional basketball with the Pittston team of the NYP Basketball League, and is a brother of Charles McCulloch, assistant superintendent of buildings for the Wilkes-Barre school district.

Widow Of Minister Dies At Age Of 68

The funeral of Mrs. Lulu S. Price, 68, Lake Township native and widow of Rev. John W. Price, Methodist minister, was held Monday afternoon from the Frederick Funeral Home, Forty Port, in charge of Rev. George M. Bell, district superintendent. Mrs. Price died at General Hospital, Jamestown, N. Y., last Friday evening.

Known and loved throughout the Harvey's Lake section, Mrs. Price was born in Lake Township, daughter of the late Joseph L. and Sarah A. Hawley Gordon, and first met Rev. Mr. Price when he became pastor of the Maple Grove charge.

She is survived locally by a sister, Lorena G. Swartz of Harvey's Lake, one brother, Olin H. Gordon of Pike's Creek, and several nieces and nephews in this region, a son, Earl W. Price of Kingston, and 4 grandchildren.

Freedom Ended For Real - life Jean Val Jean

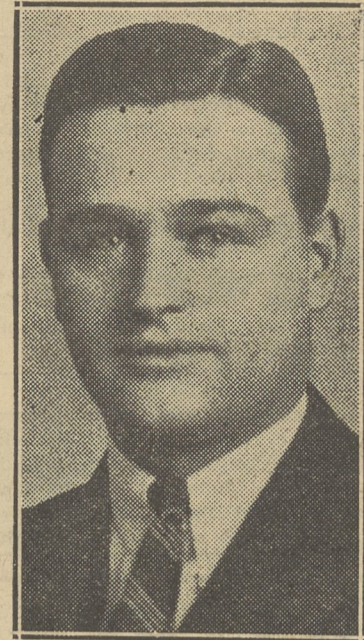
Man Who Flew From County Prison 17 Years Ago Brought Back

The classic tale of Jean Val Jean, the tragic figure in Victor Hugo's novel about a man who tried in vain to bury his past, had a real-life counterpart in Luzerne County this week.

After 17 years of freedom, Frank Rezwillis, who escaped from Luzerne County Prison in 1921, has been brought back from New York to pay for a crime which had been forgotten by everyone but himself and the district attorney's office.

Rezwillis was one of five men who fled the prison on a cold January day. The break, according to Detective Richard Powell, was planned for two

HE LED REPUBLICANS



Prominent Republicans from this section will assemble at Irem Temple Country Club next Tuesday night for a testimonial dinner in honor of Peter D. Clark (above), who became chairman of the Sixth G. O. P. District last Spring and led his party's forces here to a decisive victory in the General Election.

Milk Price Raised One Cent A Quart

State Commission Instructs Dairymen To Increase Selling Price

The price on milk to consumers in this section has been increased one cent a quart by order of the Milk Control Commission of Pennsylvania. Dairymen have received orders to charge for milk on the following schedule:

	Qts.	Pts.
Regular Milk	.12	.07
Guernsey Milk	.14	.08
Chocolate Milk	.14	.08
Buttermilk	.10	.06

The new prices represent an increase of one cent on pints and quarts except on chocolate milk, on which the price has been jumped two cents.

A. S. Culbert's Brother Succumbs In Scranton

Robert J. Culbert, 64, a brother of A. S. Culbert of Dallas, died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. A. A. Bouton, 933 Penn Avenue, Scranton, last Saturday. A native of White Haven, Mr. Culbert had resided in Scranton for forty years. Two daughters, three grandchildren, two sisters and three brothers survive. The funeral was held on Tuesday.

Lehman PTA To Meet Next Monday Night

The regular meeting of Lehman Township Parent-Teacher Association will be held Monday night at 8 in the high school. In addition to the business session and the musical program, there will be a program of entertainment, which will include a play, "Thanksgiving Anyway", which the Sophomore Class gave at Assembly before the Thanksgiving vacation. Miss Beatrice Miers, supervisor of nurses at General Hospital and a graduate of Lehman schools, will speak.

Local Man's Mother Buried At Tamaqua

Mrs. C. B. Shindel, 71, of Allentown, mother of Vincent A. Shindel of Lake Street, was buried at Tamaqua Wednesday afternoon. She died Sunday of complications following a brief illness at a private hospital in Northampton. She is well known in this section, having visited here a number of times, and is survived by two other sons, Frank D. of Allentown and George F. Shindel of Lansford. Mr. and Mrs. Shindel traveled to Lansford Wednesday for the funeral.

murderers who were in the prison. Powell received a tip on the anticipated escape and blocked the attempt but later five other prisoners, among them Rezwillis, slipped away during an exercise period and escaped through a window whose bars had been sawed in the right wing.

Two of the men were captured on the same night. The third gave himself up. The fourth was captured a few months after the break. Rezwillis, alone, made his escape good and remained on the files of the district attorney's office as an "unclosed case."

He had gone to New York, resolved, he says, to lead a normal life. He married and had a child, who is three years old now. His neighbors respected him and even his wife, according to her story, knew nothing of his crim-

Building Program For Local Schools Snagged At Capital

Judge James Seeks 'Inventory' Before Outlining Program

Confers With GOP Leaders At Plymouth And In Philadelphia

HAS A BUSY WEEK

Shutting back and forth between Plymouth and Philadelphia, Governor-elect Arthur H. James was busy this week preparing to assume charge of the billion-dollar business which is Pennsylvania.

Matters which had accumulated during his 25-day vacation in Texas left him time for only a week-end re-union with his daughter, Dorothy, and son, Arthur, in the little white home on Church Street, Plymouth. Early in the week he left for Philadelphia to confer with party leaders and to make an "inventory" of the State government.

By mid-week he had disposed of the most pressing questions and returned to Plymouth to confer with local Republican chieftains. After a series of meetings here on Wednesday, he returned to Philadelphia yesterday for conferences with some of the G. O. P. leaders from southeastern Pennsylvania.

It was a busy week but the long vacation had restored all of Judge James' vim and he was obviously eager to tackle the immense problems confronting him. With all his meetings, he found time to study the "inventory" of the State's situation.

"Unless we have this inventory," he said, "we will not have sufficient information to determine what our policies will be. Until we conclude this inventory we will not announce our plans and purposes."

"I want to know the financial setup of Pennsylvania—its assets, anticipated income and what the liabilities will be at the close of the biennium. The next Administration will be bothered with many problems the present Administration didn't have to contend with when it started in 1935."

Former Resident Dies At Scranton

John Mainwaring, 77, former Dallas resident and ex-Register of Wills of Luzerne County, was buried in Lehman Cemetery Tuesday morning following services at the Honeywell-Davis Funeral Home, Bennett Street, Luzerne, conducted by Rev. H. L. Renzville of Luzerne M. E. Church. Mr. Mainwaring died Sunday morning at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Herbert Shaver of Vine Street, Scranton, following a prolonged illness.

Ziba S. Huey

Ziba Smith Huey, 74, Kingston, died December 1 and was buried in Beaumont Cemetery Sunday after services in Beaumont Church in charge of Rev. Roland Crompton of West Pittston.

The son of Mary Ann Van Horn and Christopher Huey, he was born at Evans Falls and was well known here. He went to Kingston 30 years ago, making his home there. He was an uncle of George M. Huey, Kingston grocer.

Surviving are the widow, Helen Moyer Huey; three children, Milton C. Huey, Dallas; Mrs. Irwin Berlev, Kingston; Mrs. Walter Freeman, Luzerne; a sister, Mrs. John Cook of Vernon and 21 grandchildren.

Pallbearers were four grandsons and two nephews of Mr. Huey. Flower carriers were six grand-daughters.

Rezwillis Says He Lived New Life In Brooklyn Since Escape

inal past. She calls him "a wonderful husband and a good provider." For 17 years he lived his new life, until his past caught up with him.

Last week County Detective Powell and Milet Butts, with C. A. Connelly, arrested Rezwillis in his Brooklyn, N. Y. home and brought him back to Wilkes-Barre. Taken before Judge William A. Valentine, he entered a plea of guilty to the charge of jail-breaking and was remanded to await sentence.

In the meantime, detectives are checking carefully on Rezwillis' record in New York.

BEAUMONT AND JACKSON BUILDINGS AMONG PROJECTS TO BE CALLED OFF

Abandonment Of State's Thompson Plan Will Waste \$1,000,000 Spent For Architect's Service In 704 School Districts In Pennsylvania

STATE AUTHORITY UNABLE TO RAISE ITS SHARE

Although advices from Harrisburg indicated that \$3,000,000 worth of contemplated school construction in Luzerne County under the Thompson Plan will have to be abandoned for lack of funds, hopes were held here this week that the program may be revived by the new State Administration next year.

The abandonment of the plan, which was to have been financed by WPA grants and the General State Authority, with no expense to the districts effected, would kill \$150,000,000 worth of proposed buildings in the State and waste the estimated \$1,000,000 which 704 school districts have spent for architectural drawings.

Two local districts, Beaumont, where a new \$100,000 consolidation high school was to have been built, and Jackson Township, which was to get a modern, consolidated elementary building costing about \$50,000, would be effected by abandonment of the plan by the present Administration. Both districts had been promised new buildings under the Thompson Plan, their only expense to be for the architect's services.

Fairmount, Ross and Union Townships also were to have received new buildings under the Thompson Plan.

Lehman Not Effected

Lehman School district, which received authority from voters to float a \$50,000 bond issue to put beside a \$45,000 WPA appropriation for construction of a \$100,000 high school, is not effected by the death of the Thompson Plan and is preparing to award contracts and begin construction soon.

Col. A. S. Janeway, executive director of the State Authority, which was to raise 55 per cent of the cost of the program to give needy districts modern buildings and equipment, said flatly that the program was "dead" and that the appropriations totaling \$3,000,000, passed by the recent special session of the Legislature, would lapse into the State Treasury unless the incoming Republican Administration resurrects the construction agenda.

PWA Holds No Hope
Maj. G. Douglas Andrews, regional PWA director, charged that the State Authority had not co-operated properly. "I don't see how it would be humanly possible for many of these projects to go through now," Major Andrews said. "The State Authority has never shown us that it has the ability to finance its 55 per cent share of the cost. Practically all of our money has been allocated. There is very, very little left for this spending program."

A. P. Copé, Luzerne County superintendent of schools, expressed deep regret this week at the threat to the proposed \$3,000,000 worth of construction in this county. "This plan is too good to die now," he said. From reliable sources, The Post learned that all hope for revival of the Thompson Plan has not been abandoned and a strong effort will be made after January 17 to secure the co-operation of the new Republican Administration in resurrecting the measure. The Federal Government is vitally interested in the need for improvements in smaller school districts and may look with favor upon a new effort to finance an ambitious construction program in 1939.

Mrs. S. M. Evans Dies At West Pittston Home
Many friends will be shocked at the death of Mrs. S. M. Evans of Luzerne Avenue, West Pittston, who died on Monday at the Pittston Hospital of peritonitis following an illness of seven weeks.

Mrs. Evans is survived by her husband, a prominent druggist of West Pittston, a sister, Mrs. W. S. Dickle of Kingston and a brother, Walter Morgan of Kingston. Among the nieces and nephews who survive Mrs. Evans are Mrs. John Yaple, Dallas; Mrs. Kenneth Shaver, Robeling, N. J.; Mrs. Stewart Walsh, Syracuse, and Kenneth Dickle of Kingston. Mrs. Evans was well known in this section, having been a prominent figure in the Eastern Star and West Pittston Women's Club. The funeral took place on Thursday with private services at the home and at the West Pittston M. E. Church.

LAKE WOMEN'S CLUB
The Lake Township Women's Club will meet in the Kearney Building, Harvey's Lake, December 21 at 7:30.

CAGE CHALLENGE
The Wilkes-Barre Ramblers challenge any third or fourth-class team. If accepted please write to L. McHale, 30 Campbell Street, Luzerne, Pa. 923 call C. Barone, 3-9119, and ask for any Rambler.