



Father Asks Damages For Injured Son

Local Couple Appeal A Decision Of Liquor Board.

LOCAL WOMAN CHANGES NAME

Court House, Jan. 16—One-hundred and twenty-nine cases were disposed of at the January term of Criminal court by District Attorney C. A. Whitehouse and his staff...

When it was taken into consideration that the term continued for only six days, the total of cases disposed of becomes exceptionally large.

For injuries received which necessitated William Sticker, aged 12, of 123 Schuykill avenue, Tamaqua, being a patient in Coaldale State Hospital for eight months, \$25,000 damages are being asked by the boy's father, Raymond Sticker.

The action is brought against the Henry Laundry of Hazleton and it is alleged by the plaintiffs that the operator of the company truck, which ran down the lad while he was coasting on January 23, 1946, was negligent.

The boy was sledding on Snake Hill near his home when struck by the truck. It is claimed that as the result of injuries received one leg has been shortened and that the boy has been permanently crippled.

Property Transfer Howard Dodson, by treasurer and commissioner, to Charles Levine and wife, premises in Rush Township for \$419.43.

Liquor Appeal John J. and Helen Elchisak, 309 West Centre street, Mahanoy City, have filed in the office of clerk of courts, Bruce S. Clayton an appeal from the decision of the State Liquor Control Board refusing to grant them a liquor license.

Legal Battle Continues Over \$92,000 Man Found Philadelphia, Jan. 16 (U.P.)—The legal battle over a \$92,000 windfall found in the cellar of a south Philadelphia home last spring moved into Common Pleas court today with more than 40 claimants presenting their arguments.

Principals contending for the treasure are Benjamin Lieberman, who found the money in his cellar last March 10 and claimed it under the "finders keepers" rule and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, which seeks to escheat the entire amount.

The federal government also was represented at the argument—just in case there are income tax payments due on the money. The origin of the treasure cache is a mystery. Lieberman denied at the time he found the money that he knew how it got in his cellar.

Latest Records "I'm Looking Over A Four Leaf Clover" by Art Mooney; "I'm My Own Grandpa" by Guy Lombardo. MUSIC MART j16-11

Baron's New merchandise club starts Saturday, Jan. 17th. We cordially invite you to join. j13-4t

THE WEATHER

Cloudy and somewhat warmer with a few snow flurries today. Winds shifting to strong northwest this afternoon followed by snow flurries and turning colder tonight.

High: 25 above, 1:30 P. M. Friday. Low: 3 above, 6:00 P. M. Thursday. Wind velocity: High, SW 14 MPH. 1:30 A. M. Friday; Low, S 8 MPH. 7:30 A. M. Friday.

YOUTH WINS \$102,700 SETTLEMENT



PARALYZED FROM THE WAIST DOWN as the result of injuries received in a railroad accident, Gerald Froehrich, 18, Waltham, Minn., smiles as his lawyer, E. Bruneau, shows him the \$102,700 settlement awarded him by a Chicago court.

GOP Senators Advocate That Productive Loans Be Made European Nations

Washington, Jan. 16.—(U.P.)—Sen. Arthur H. Vandenberg, R., Mich., said today "half the criticism" of the Marshall plan could be eliminated if the U. S. demanded and received power to inspect the books of borrowing countries.

The chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations committee agreed with John J. McCloy, president of the International Bank that loans made to the 16 western European nations under the recovery program should be "productive loans... not fuzzy loans" which might never be repaid.

McCloy, administration witness before Vandenberg's committee, revealed that the world bank soon would issue a statement showing that for the first time it was in the black.

He told the committee that his organization insisted on powers to inspect the books of borrowing countries and to make certain that bank funds were not diverted to non-productive uses. He disclosed that a \$500,000,000 loan request from France was being pending evidence that France was taking strong steps to balance its currency.

"That single protective device," Vandenberg interjected, "if put into the European recovery program would do more to satisfy U. S. public opinion than anything else I know."

Matthew Strohlner Dies In Philadelphia Philadelphia, Jan. 16 (U.P.)—Matthew Strohlner, who was known to many town residents, succumbed suddenly to a heart attack last evening at the home of his father-in-law, H. M. Stoffel, of the Stoffel and Tillotson contracting firm, Philadelphia according to a phoned message received by town friends.

The departed was well-known locally, having been in charge of the construction of the new Guinan Department Store.

A veteran of World War II, Mr. Strohlner joined Mahanoy City Post 74, American Legion, while a resident of town.

He had just completed building a new home in the city, into which he planned to move next week.

Surviving are his wife and young son.

Latest Albums "Good News," "Unfinished Dance" and "Song of Love." MUSIC MART j16-1t

Calls On Women's Clubs To Fight Streams Pollution

Philadelphia, Jan. 16 (U.P.)—Stream pollution is one of the chief domestic problems in the United States and a nation-wide coordinated program must be undertaken to curb its danger to health and security, Gov. James H. Duff of Pennsylvania said today.

"Polluted streams from which supplies of domestic water are drawn is almost the No. 1 hazard to health in the nation," the Governor told a "Clean Waters for America" conference sponsored by the Interstate Commission on the Delaware River Basin (incodel) and the General Federation of Women's Clubs.

Fire Broke Out In St. Paul's Church This Afternoon

Blaze, Which At Times Threatened To Assume Serious Proportions, Was Discovered At 12:35 In The Furnace Room Of The Church Basement. Shenandoah Companies Assist The Local Firemen In Fighting The Fire. A Dense, Acrid Smoke Made Fire-fighting Difficult.

Fire, discovered at 12:35 o'clock this afternoon back of the furnace in the basement of St. Paul's Reformed church, Main and Pine streets, spread rapidly and at this writing was giving the Mahanoy City Fire Department what apparently will be a few hours battle.

The blaze was discovered by Dr. F. R. Wagner, one of the church officials, who hastily summoned Martin Heiler, of the garage on the same corner. Heiler secured a fire extinguisher and endeavored to quench the flames which then were confined to a corner of the furnace room.

The dense smoke which began to pour from the windows of the church and under the eaves hampered the firemen and before streams began playing on the blaze the fire had spread over the floor of the church auditorium.

Fire Marshal Jacob Long early decided to seek out-of-town assistance and a call for help was telephoned to the Shenandoah Fire Department the chief of which dispatched two companies, the Phoenix and Polish-American to the scene both arriving at about 1:15 o'clock with needed hose and other equipment.

Overcome by Smoke Julius Stavinsky, of the Polish-American company, of Shenandoah, was overcome by smoke and was removed to the Locust Mountain Hospital.

Blaze Was Confined Although the fire raged from 12:35 it was not until 1:30 o'clock that the first flames were observed shooting through under the slate roof of the church which was built only last Spring at heavy cost.

John Twardzik of Shenandoah, friends of the groom, was best man. Elmer and William Nalevanko, brothers of the bride, ushered families followed the ceremony at the Deitrich cafe, Scranton.

For her daughter's wedding Mrs. Nalevanko wore a dress of Bishop's purple with pink accessories and orchid corsage. The bridegroom's mother, Mrs. Lazarewicz wore an aqua dress trimmed with sequins, matching accessories and orchid corsage.

While damage to the church interior by the flames was considerable, the bulk of the damage probably will result from the tons of water poured into the building from many fire hose streams.

Meeting Was Tonight The annual congregational meeting of St. Paul's was scheduled to be held this evening and it was (Continued on Page Eight)

Youth Confesses Murder Of City Taxicab Driver

Philadelphia, Jan. 16 (U.P.)—The holdup-slaying of a taxicab driver was marked solved by Philadelphia police today with the alleged confession of a 22-year-old youth.

James Smith was booked last night as the suspected slayer of John J. Haines, 29, shot and killed in his taxi early yesterday in the waterfront district.

Music Mart New \$25.00 record and merchandise club now forming. j16-1t

DIMES POSTER BOY OPENS '48 DRIVE



MARCH OF DIMES POSTER BOY, Terry Tullos, 3, of Laurel, Miss., drops a dime in a bottle to officially launch the opening of 1948's \$30,000,000 polio fund drive in Washington. With Terry, who wears braces on both legs, is President Truman's daughter, Margaret.

German Dock And Rail Workers Go On Strike Today

By M. S. HANDLER (United Press Staff Correspondent) Berlin, Jan. 16 (U.P.)—Reports from German steel, dock and rail workers began a 24-hour strike in the Ruhr this morning but that the threatened 4,000,000-man general strike apparently had fizzled out.

The strikers walked out at Duisburg and Muehlheim as some 24,800 other strikers returned to work at Oberhausen.

German union officials said that skeleton crews would stay on the job and dock workers agreed to unload any food barges. Both strikes, described as a protest against poor food conditions are scheduled to end at 6 A. M. Saturday.

German union leaders failed to press their demands for more food as the only alternative to a general strike in daylong meetings with British Brigadier J. A. Barraclough, acting regional commissioner of the Ruhr.

However, 10,000 steelworkers announced they would stage a 24-hour hunger protest strike.

The Germans demand that more food be brought into the Ruhr in trade for Ruhr coal was refused flatly by Barraclough. He said the present German ration of 1,550 calories could be met by present imports and stocks on farms.

The Germans were told it was their responsibility to see that food on farms was channeled into legitimate markets so it would reach the general population.

Hans Schlang-Schöingens, Bizonal food chief, took the first step to force hoarded food into the open by announcing that all fats and meat in the two zones would be distributed in the Ruhr only for the next week.

Heinrich Luebbe, minister of food in the Ruhr, predicted that industrial workers from the cities would make mass raids to seize secret food caches held by farmers in the country.

JIMMY'S BIRTHDAY

Jimmy Curley, of 326 West Mahanoy street, received the felicitations and best wishes of his many friends on the occasion of his birthday, observed on Wednesday.

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High Winds Are Driving A New Cold Wave Eastward

(By United Press) Winds up to 60 miles an hour drove a new cold wave across the frozen cities and fields of the midwest today, carrying death and misery to the northern portion of the nation.

Beindji, Minn., was the coldest city early today with the temperature 23 degrees below zero. It was 22 below at Alexandria and at International Falls, Minn., where hundreds of families were without oil for their stoves and furnaces.

Snyder Is Against GOP Tax Cut Bill

Secretary Of Treasury Contends Bill Result In Big Deficit.

A PRESIDENTIAL VETO IS HINTED

(By United Press) Washington, Jan. 16 (U.P.)—Secretary of Treasury John W. Snyder today practically committed President Truman to veto action on the GOP income tax reduction bill shaping up in the House.

He told the tax-writing house ways and means committee that the bill proposed by Chairman Harold Knutson, R., Minn., would saddle the Treasury with a \$2,100,000,000 deficit. He said it was "unbelievable" that congress would do that in times like these. So he plugged for the President's \$40-for-everybody tax cut plan which would not reduce overall revenues.

Knutson and other Republicans on the committee didn't like Snyder's remarks. In the first place, his deficit estimate did not take into account Republican plans to cut the President's \$40,000,000,000 budget by \$3,000,000,000 to \$5,000,000,000.

In the second place, it looked to Knutson as though Mr. Truman's \$40 plan was "hatched in Hollywood."

That, Snyder retorted, "is a ridiculous statement. Congress won't pass the President's plan and it probably will pass a somewhat moderated version of Knutson's bill. Knutson estimates his bill would cut taxes \$5,600,000,000. The President said his plan would cut \$3,200,000,000 from the bill of small tax-payers. But he would make up that sum by hiking the excess profit tax on corporations.

"The same considerations which impelled the President to veto (two previous tax reduction bills) are controlling today."

But Republicans contend they will be able to override any third veto.

Only the Senate was in session today. The House will meet again Monday. Meanwhile, it was learned that Senate speculation investigators will call on Sen. Elmer Thomas, D., Okla., within a week to explain his commodity market dealings. He used to be chairman of the Senate agricultural committee.

Other developments: Complaint—President Truman said the senate armed services committee did a "diservice" to the nation's air policy at a critical time when it refused to permit Major Gen. Laurence S. Kuter to serve as Civil Aeronautics Board chairman and keep his air force status and pay. Mr. Truman had asked special legislation to this end so he could put Kuter in the job formerly held by James M. Landis. The Senate committee turned him down on the ground that it did not want to set a precedent for putting more military men in civilian jobs, especially at bigger pay than civilians would get. The President would like the committee to re-examine the matter.

Communist—The American Legion unqualifiedly endorsed a bill to bar the Communist party from any election ballot in this country. The disabled American Veterans approved the bill's principle but wanted to be sure the average citizen's civil rights would not be jeopardized.

One Killed, 5 Injured In Collision On Bridge

Philadelphia, Jan. 16 (U.P.)—A multiple collision on the Delaware river bridge killed one man and injured five other persons today.

The crash, involving two automobiles, two Public Service Co. of New Jersey buses and a station wagon, occurred when a car driven by Edwin W. Wirtz, 42, Camden, N. J., went out of control.

It veered to the left at the moment a station wagon owned by Mrs. Caroline Littlefield, 58, mother of dancer Catherine Littlefield, was passing a bus.

The auto and the station wagon collided and the latter was thrown against the bus. The auto swung into another car and then careened into a second bus.

Wirtz was killed. His companion, Harry E. Pierson, 40, Audubon, N. J., and Suzanne Clark, 35, Gloucester, a passenger on the bus from National Park, N. J., were injured seriously. Three occupants of station wagon, including Mrs. Littlefield, were hurt.

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WORKING TIME

P. & R. C. & I. Co.: All work tomorrow except 2nd level North Dig at Potts Colliery. Morea and New Boston Breakers Corp.: Morea and New Boston idle. Locust Coal Co.: Work. Hammond Coal Co.: Hammond and Kohnor idle. Pecca Coal Co.: Park. Alpea Coal Co.: Idle. St. Nicholas Briquet Plant: Work 2 shifts. St. Nicholas Coal Co.: Idle. Lykens Coal Co.: Idle. Gilberton Coal Co.: Work two shifts. Packer No. 5 works.