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FRIDAY, JULY 9, 1929

That is a nice sidewalk the city forces have laid out by the property that was sold at public auction on Wednesday, but to us this looks very much like a case of using public money to promote private gain.

The macadam roads that have been built in Chester County cost the county at least \$3,000 a mile. A few weeks ago we called attention to the fact that these good roads and costly roads are being allowed to go to pieces for lack of a little care and attention, and it seems that the Grand Jurors who had to come into town over the roads see the situation just as we do. The county authorities should lose no time in having these valuable roads looked after, for in this matter it can truly be said that "A stitch in time saves nine."

We are glad the Grand Jurors to the attention of the public highways. The reports that come in from all sides would indicate that our roads are in worse shape today than they have been in years. Of course, the Grand Jurors are largely responsible for this condition of affairs, but it is not to be denied that after all the trouble is largely due to the present system of working roads. We think it is the duty of our Legislature to take up the matter and devise a better system. We don't know just exactly what a better system would be, but our judgment is that our present system is a property tax should be laid, and the roads divided up in sections and worked up in that manner. It is a better manner in which the roads now are worked, but we think a better system is needed. A slight effort is made to comply with the law and what the matter is being done, all it being done by the chairman. We hope our Legislature will think about this matter and devise some law to fix the situation.

**Court Proceedings**

The first true bill brought in by the grand jury was against Zeke Anderson for assault and battery, with intent to kill. The case was presented by Mr. W. H. Newbold. The jury returned verdict, not guilty.

Charles Melvato, was convicted upon two counts, assault and battery, with intent to kill and assault of high and aggravated nature, and was given three years on chain gang on each count.

John Howe plead guilty, charged with assault and battery of high and aggravated nature, and was given three months on public works or pay fine.

The next case was Edgar Chalk, white, and Joe Sand, colored, charged with violating game laws. This case was brought against the defendants by Mr. J. G. L. White, county game warden and representative of the Audubon Society. Mr. J. L. Glenn represented the defendants. Mr. A. E. Grason in behalf of the Audubon Society conducted the prosecution. The jury returned verdict not guilty.

Harry Simpson, charged with burglary and larceny. It will be remembered that he stole a number of chickens from Mr. M. P. White, and was arrested by Deputy J. E. Simpson. He admitted his guilt and was sentenced to five years in the reformatory.

An appeal was brought up in the case of Eliza Sanders and Judge McKeown granted a new trial in Magistrate Wilks' court.

The case of James Stevenson, charged with murder of his wife was postponed until Friday.

Case of Monroe Mills, charged with entering the house of Mr. John Woodie was deferred until fall term by the chief witness for the state being unable to appear.

After having been engaged for the last two days in more or less desultory fashion upon equity business the court held general sessions on Wednesday morning for the trial of James Stevenson, the negro accused of murdering his wife, Agnes Stevenson. In the prospect, seeing that the trial after some delay a jury was drawn and the court got down to the consideration of the case. Mr. W. H. Newbold represents Stevenson, and Senator Henry is looking after the prosecution.

The crime with which Stevenson is charged was committed at the residence of the accused a few miles from Libertyburg on the day mentioned. William Gaston the woman's father, had stopped by the house on the morning of a quarrel between Stevenson and the latter, and the shooting occurred, the woman being killed outright, and the man being shot several times with a shot gun and revolver. His wounds being very serious. For days and days it seemed that he would die, but he finally recovered. Stevenson died directly after he committed the crime, although he lingered around in the neighborhood until

fatal when he made his way to the railroad and escaped. Sheriff Colvin promptly rushed deputies to the scene of the murder, but they were unable to capture the fugitive. The sheriff then flooded the county with circulars and postal cards, giving a good description of Stevenson, also a picture of him, and a few days later the chief of police of Columbia, S. C., wrote here that he had a negro in custody who answered the description and whom he thought was the right man. Sheriff Colvin promptly sent on photographs and a further description, only to learn by return mail that the prisoner, who it was subsequently proved to be Stevenson, had been released. The Columbia authorities, however, gave some information that proved valuable later in running Stevenson down, his capture being effected in Alabama a few days later. Deputy Sheriff Dew went after him, and he was landed in jail until trial this term of court.

**Report of Grand Jury.**

The following report was presented by the grand jury:

To His Honor, Judge R. W. Meringo, presiding judge at the summer term of court of general sessions for Chester county:

We beg leave to report that we have passed upon all bills of indictment submitted us by the solicitor and have reported the same to the court.

The committee from the grand jury viewed the chain gang. We found the chain gang laid out by the York road and have not begun macadamizing, but are engaged at present in working out the crop at the county farm, which we think is the proper procedure, as the land is in bad condition on account of the excessive rains and needed work. This will be completed this week and work will begin on the roads. We found the chain gang has thirty convicts, three of whom are sick, due to an epidemic of typhoid fever. We found the gang this year, but which is now dying out. There are no hand time mules, in good condition, one good wagon, four old wagons and four hoes, besides the road working machinery.

We recommend that the necessary electric light fixtures and apparatus be installed on the lower floor of the county jail.

We recommend that some kind of galvanized railing perforate be placed in the county treasurer's office so as to protect the same from fire.

We also suggest that the window latches be made more secure.

In our last report we recommended that a jailor be employed to look after the court house offices and grounds. We suggest that this be done at once. The grounds around the court house are not properly kept up and we think a janitor service is regularly needed. We recommend that the court house grounds be cleaned up by hiring purposes.

We further recommend that we have taken up the matter of the S. A. L. crossing on the Pickney road, which was before the grand jury several times. We think a lawyer has been notified that the matter should be done at once, either by putting in a steel girder or remedied in some other manner satisfactory to the county board of commissioners.

We recommend that the county legislative delegation take the necessary steps to secure an appropriation for the purpose of employing a clerk to audit the books of the county of office.

We also think some legislation proposed of considerable money for the capture of county convicts whereby said convicts shall be made to do extra work of self-dependence.

We further recommend that each peddler be required to take out license according to law. It has been reported that patent medicine concerns are operating throughout the county without license, and we call upon the magistrates and citizens in each town ship to see that all such have proper license. We present to the court the Majestic Co. and their agent, U. H. Rogers, for selling medicine without license during the year 1929. Witnesses, Mary Gardner, Fester Gardner, Lennie Moses, Ina Roseborough and we also present the same company and their agent, Jas. B. Dixon, for the same offense. Witnesses, F. B. Good and Ira Cole.

There have been numerous complaints brought before us as to the condition of the county roads. This has had condition of the roads seems to prevail over all sections of the county. We recommend that the supervisor of all roads owners to have road maps and put into good condition during the month of August. We also recommend that macadam roads be laid out throughout the county on callities roads that cost thousands of dollars are going to ruin for the lack of slight repairs.

We have brought to our attention that automobiles are being recklessly driven by certain parties in the city of Chester and do doubt elsewhere, and we call upon the proper authorities to see that the speed limit is observed.

We have been informed that certain parties in the vicinity of the mill have been in the habit of making mills have on Sunday. We suggest that the proper authorities look into the matter.

We wish to thank His Honor and the other court officials for their uniform courtesy to us. All of which we respectfully submit to the court.

W. L. Ferguson,  
Foreman.

**COUNCIL MET ON TUESDAY EVENING**

Several Petitions Presented—Ozone Proposition Rejected—Other Business

Tuesday afternoon the regular monthly council meeting was called by Mayor Samuels, with all the members present.

Minutes of previous meeting were read and approved.

Reports of City Treasurer and Chief of Police were read. The report of the City Treasurer showed a balance of \$2,100.00. He reported 12 arrests, 11 sent to chain gang, and 1 dismissed and total collections \$217.50.

The treasurer's report follows:

Cash on hand June 1, '29	929.40
RECEIPTS:	
Public Works—Water	498.43
Gas	112.00
Supplies	264.40
Board of Health	1,364.23
Property Tax	2.51
Street Tax	170.00
Due Tax	21.00
Licenses	156.50
Fines	217.40
Rents	17.69
Cemetery	4.50
Southwestern Power Co.	10,000.00
Trans to Com. Bank	4,300.00
Bills Payable	14,500.00
	2,000.00
	\$18,363.53

DISBURSEMENTS

Public Works: Help	371.51
Fuel	145.58
Supplies	127.91
Extension	69.75
Street Dept. Help	301.96
Supplies	81.00
Police Dept.	472.05
Board of Health	259.05
Salaries	102.22
Board of Health	12.25
Rentals	154.16
Public Works	1,871.99
Cemetery	1,000.00
Public Bldgs.	12,000.00
Bonded	2,734.51
Cash in Banks June 30, '29	16,510.50
Cash on hand June 30, '29	2,283.22
Cash on hand June 30, '29	265.72
	19,063.53

A letter from S. E. Welch, Adm. and Chief of Staff of U. C. V., expressing thanks and appreciation for the courteous attention during the reunion was read.

Standard Oil Co. presented a petition signed by citizens, for the right of a water main to run through their tanks near the Southern depot. Mr. Hardin said that should be granted the rates of insurance of buildings in vicinity would be doctored.

Mr. Moffat and Mr. White were asked to grant petition for this reason. It is known that the Farmer's Association of Chester County lies near these tanks.

Mr. White moved that petition be denied and this motion was carried.

Mr. Moffat presented a petition for the building back ordinance to be amended, so as to require persons who engage a hack, after ordering it whether used or not, should pay.

Mayor Samuels and Mr. White thought this would be a good thing that the ordinance should give protection to hackmen, as well as safety to the public.

City Attorney McClure was instructed to draw up an amendment and present at next meeting.

Mr. Moffat thought that public hackmen should be stopped from driving so rapidly and noisily by churches, when services were going on.

Mayor Samuels said that he would summon hackmen before him and explain the matter.

Mr. J. G. L. White presented a petition requesting permission to build towers through the Sandy River bridge. The matter was referred to the city engineer to investigate.

Mr. White, for Judge Starbuck, asked permission to erect a brick warehouse, in rear of Wilks & Co's store. Permission was granted.

Mr. Brice thought that the city needed a stable and some pens for horses. The matter was referred to the city engineer to investigate.

Mr. White suggested that the matter be referred to the Street Committee, which was done.

U. H. Ward, wanted permission to attach a sign to the restaurant, just above the place where his store was burned. Permission granted.

Petition for an ordinance, to promote the health of Chester; no barber shop shall be allowed within the city limits, unless the same is provided with a receptacle for all waste which must be connected with sewerage. This being first reading petition was laid on table, subject to be read at next meeting.

City engineer Hamilton and communications from Laxton and Tucker in regard to the Ozone process of filtration. This concern proposed to install the plant, with filters and ozone process, for \$21,800, which is about \$700 more than the city anticipated paying.

The principal objection was cost of operation and interference of organic matter in water, which takes too much ozone from bacteria.

A sample of raw water, provided by the plant, was sent from Sandy River had been sent to Mr. Parker, bacteriologist, for analysis. Mr. Parker's report showed a good quality of water, slightly impure, suspended particles but chief objection, which however can be readily removed by mechanical filtration.

After hearing report of Mr. Hamilton it was moved and carried that proposition of Laxton and Tucker be rejected. Plans for water plant, designed by the city engineer, which is estimated to cost about \$18,000 were submitted and explained. Upon motion



of Mr. Hardin it was decided to advertise for bids for installation of this plant.

Mr. White thought that one policeman was not sufficient for night duty. And it was suggested, it be so arranged that two men be on night duty and the clock system of registering as curfew hours be installed.

The recent sale of \$21,800 worth of bonds to The Exchange Bank was ratified, and the loan of \$3000 was endorsed.

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**Little Girl Life Saver.**

Atlantic City, N. J., July.—Norma Conover, the 11 year old daughter of John F. Conover, of this city, saved the life of 12 year old Ellen Fallon of Philadelphia this afternoon after the latter had tumbled into the deep water of Gardiner's Basin, near the foot.

Although smaller than the elderly girl, whose screams drew her attention, the Conover girl jumped off the dock and managed to support the other until the arrival of James and Frank Allen, operators, who pulled the two children into a boat.

The Fallon child screamed when she fell into the water twenty feet deep, but there were no man near. The Conover girl, who has been taught to swim by her father, ran to the edge and jumped in. The struggle of the drowning Fallon child carried both under, but the little girl refused to let go of her charge and kept their heads above water until they were picked up.

There were three at the little table in the cafe, a lady and two men.

Suddenly the electric lights went out, and the lady, quickly and gracefully, drew back.

An instant later there was a flash and a compound kiss. As the electric lights went up each man was seen smiling complacently.

"I thought I heard a kiss," said the lady, "but nobody kissed me."

"Then nobody undid my shirt," said each other, and flushed, and looked painfully sheepish—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

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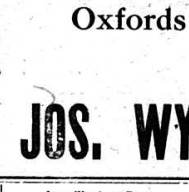
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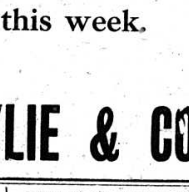
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Richmond, Va.—Declaring that she should never love him again unless they went together, Mordicia Harrey Taylor, a barber living at 1211 North Twenty second street, this afternoon shot and killed his wife before two of their smallest children, and then rushed into an adjoining room and turned the same revolver on himself, inflicting a wound in the left breast which may prove fatal.

The murder and attempted suicide was the result of a quarrel which started over the shipping of one of the children by Taylor. Mrs. Taylor left him Saturday going to the home of her sister. Returning sometime today the quarrel was renewed and Mrs. Taylor threatened to leave a third time.

"Well if you are going to leave me again we might as well go together," replied the angry husband and his wife before two of their smallest children, and then rushed into an adjoining room and turned the same revolver on himself, inflicting a wound in the left breast which may prove fatal.

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St. Louis, July 5.—Senator Tillman, Governor Huley and other notables participated in today's celebration in St. Louis. Thousands of members of the Modern Woodmen of America, now in national convention here, also celebrated in St. Louis. Festivities started over the celebration of the day throughout the Mississippi Valley and the Southwest. One of the largest regattas ever held on the Mississippi was commenced today at Burlington, Ia.

**The First Bale of New Cotton**

New York, July.—The first bale of cotton raised in the United States this season was sold at auction in New York City today with the first bale. It brought 33 cents a pound.

Leigh W. Peasall, the buyer, will ship the cotton to Ellison & Co. of Liverpool, Saturday on the steamer "Cronos." The bale was grown in Hidalgo county, Texas, and was shipped to Houston, where it was sold at auction 33 cents a pound and then consigned here.

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N. A. CLARK,  
Administrator.  
Bulllocks Creek, S. C., June 18, 1929.

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