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articles from December 1930**

compiled by David Fraser

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1930/12/01

"Big Farm Show Comes This Week in State Armory With Many Special Features" in *Daily Local News* (December 1, 1930), 1. [Notes by David Fraser, 2006]

Chester & Delaware County farm products 850\$ prize ... Agriculture show set to run on High Street expected to be good despite the drought and unusual weather prevailing the past season.

1930/12/01

"Bandit and Cops Slain in Fighting" in *Daily Local News* (December 1, 1930), 1. [Notes by David Fraser, 2006]

Oliver Harding from Chicago pulled in front of police station, shooting 4 cops. One died and two were critically wounded ... 1 hit in hand then he got in car in the back seat and unloaded gun into Harding's back killing him. ... Ordeal was over GAMBLING

1930/12/01

"Burglars Hide in Basement" in *Daily Local News* (December 1, 1930), 1.
[Notes by David Fraser, 2006]

Burglars hid in storeroom of UNITED CIGAR STORES on MARKET ST. Owned by Ralph J. Hoopes and his father Joseph Hoopes ... Manager Thomas Armstrong said they stole approximately 100\$ cash and took tobacco, cigarettes, and other goods over 200\$ from the storeroom ... place had been burglarized before in the same manner ... believed to be an "inside job"

1930/12/01

"Former Store Manager Arrested" in *Daily Local News* (December 1, 1930), 1.
[Notes by David Fraser, 2006]

H.T. Heiser manager of West Chester's Montgomery Ward Company Store arrested for embezzlement of \$478.14 on Dec 26, 1929 and keeping false accounts in Company books

1930/12/01

"Congress Plans to Aid Jobless" in *Daily Local News* (December 1, 1930), 1.
[Notes by David Fraser, 2006]

Public welfare comes first, .non-partisan plan is ready opening of congress Dec 1st ... Pres. Hoover & Sen. Robinson of Arkansas agreed on non-partisan program seeking to life the economic depression ... Sen. Robinson dem. Leader will sponsor legislation to provide relief for drought farmers ... Expand public buildings construction ... Fed road aid and improvement of waterways in non-partisan program.

1930/12/01

"County Farm Show Soon" in *Daily Local News* (December 1, 1930), 2.
Chester county has 2 kinds of farms ... those owned by "dirt farmers" who take pride in living close to the soil and making it blossom and produce them a living, and those in the hands of wealthy owners who can afford to accept losses because their acres are kept largely for comfort and pleasure.

1930/12/01

"Unemployed Register with C. Of C." in *Daily Local News* (December 1, 1930), 2. [Notes by David Fraser, 2006]

For past 2 days unemployed men have registered with Chamber of Commerce at the office in the National Bank Building. Several men have gotten placement ... 160 have made applications for jobs ... H.S. Plummer already has employed several of the men.

1930/12/01

"Creditors Meet Entekin" in *Daily Local News* (December 1, 1930), 2. [Notes by David Fraser, 2006]

Horace S. Entekin local contractor filed bankruptcy to US District court in Phila ... met with creditors Sat to come to a settlement ... 18000 is the creditors claim

1930/12/01

"Lewis and Ogborn" in *Daily Local News* (December 1, 1930), 3. [Notes by David Fraser, 2006]

Cash retailers meats Groceries provisions ... Salmon can IOc LOCATIONS:
29 E Gay ... 42 S HIGH ... 300 W BARNARD ... 119 LACEY

1930/12/02

"Burgess and Home Citizens Hold Parley" in *Daily Local News* (December 2, 1930), 1. [Notes by David Fraser, 2006]

Citizens Committee on unemployment is formed to conduct a community survey ... 14 men represent important public utilites educational and welfare agencies met with Burgess George J. Brinton at Chester County Trust Company to conduct research of unemployment with Clinton E. Moffett Executive Secretary of the Association.

1930/12/02

"Voices of the People" in *Daily Local News* (December 2, 1930), 4. [Notes by David Fraser, 2006]

The executive committee of West Chester Civic Association expresses publicly its appreciation of West Chester Dining rooms offer to contribute 10% of cash receipts toward unemployment relief fund for providing meals and clothes for people of distress

1930/12/02

"Improvements" in *Daily Local News* (December 2, 1930), 5. [Notes by David Fraser, 2006]

Negotiations being made by a large oil company to establish a filling station in West Chester Trans. Pending with a owner of a long frontage on E Gay Street

1930/12/03

"Flames Start in Hay Mow" in *Daily Local News* (December 3, 1930), 1. Mrs. Bowman gives alarm-fire cause 15,000-20,000 of damage at farm of E. Dean Station at Tanguy 5mi East of West Chester

1930/12/03

"Heiser Jailed after Long Trip" in *Daily Local News* (December 3, 1930), 1. [Notes by David Fraser, 2006]

H.T. Heiser former manager of chain store is in Chester County prison today charges of embezzlement. PAGE 3

1930/12/03

"Here and There" in *Daily Local News* (December 3, 1930), 1. [Notes by David Fraser, 2006]

Mr. & Mrs. Edward Seiboldt Sr. attended the CHURCH DINNER at Lionville on Thursday.

1930/12/04

"Hundreds Go to Observe Opening Night" in *Daily Local News* (December 4, 1930), 1. [Notes by David Fraser, 2006]

Chief Burgess George J. Brinton opened the Chester-Delaware County farm products show at 7:30 last night ... it reflects the credit and glory of the town and county.

1930/12/04

"Coatesville Officers Make Liquor Raid" in *Daily Local News* (December 4, 1930), 1. [Notes by David Fraser, 2006]

Quantity of illegal goods found in Home of widow on Adison street ... raided the home of Mrs. Anthony Ciserik ... Gallon of Whiskey and many bottles of home brew.

1930/12/04

"Fire Sweeps Old Land Mark at Ship Road" in *Daily Local News* (December 4, 1930), 1. [Notes by David Fraser, 2006]

The old Dr. R. V. Carvey Mansion, now the Chester Valley Inn, burnt down loss of approximately \$50,000. Mrs. Rosemary Brownfield was the owner.

1930/12/04

"More Trouble for Former Paoli Banker" in *Daily Local News* (December 4, 1930), 1. [Notes by David Fraser, 2006]

Frank W. Coffinan former Paoli bank and Trust Company up who was recently arrested and held on embezzlement charge named defendant in a damage suit instituted yesterday at the Prothonotary's office here.

1930/12/04

"Council at Work" in *Daily Local News* (December 4, 1930), 5. [Notes by David Fraser, 2006]

Borough council met in regular session Monday evening. Bills paid that month \$2962.97 Chairman of Finance committee was authorized to borrow sufficient funds to meet current bills.

1930/12/04

"Coroner Has Had a Busy Year" in *Daily Local News* (December 4, 1930), 6. [Notes by David Fraser, 2006]

152 deaths brought attention for investigation by the new Coroner of Chester County. Herbert C. Ford can look back on term that eclipsed in activity that of

any previous incumbent of this particular office ... had more than usual quota of accidental deaths.

1930/12/05

"Stabbed by Knife in Kitchen Accident" in *Daily Local News* (December 5, 1930), 1. [Notes by David Fraser, 2006]

A colored woman, 29 year old Edith Dickerson, was admitted to the West Chester Homeopathic Hospital. She ran into a knife on her kitchen table and was stabbed in abdomen.

1930/12/05

"Toil at Dumb Fire" in *Daily Local News* (December 5, 1930), 1. [Notes by David Fraser, 2006]

Members of Fame Fire Co. serve 3 hours fighting blaze at Market and Brandywine streets that has been giving trouble for many months.

1930/12/06

"Venison Makes Savory Odor in Homes" in *Daily Local News* (December 6, 1930), 1. [Notes by David Fraser, 2006]

More deer than ever before were known in Chester County are being displayed today or will be seen here during the coming week. Many homes are happy for food during these struggling times.

1930/12/06

"Woman Drowns Two Children" in *Daily Local News* (December 6, 1930), 1. [Notes by David Fraser, 2006]

Ida Twaddell of Chester held for retail investigation. When her husband came home, she told him to come upstairs, where he found two kids dead on floor, drowned in the bathtub.

1930/12/06

"Embezzlement Case Will Go to Court" in *Daily Local News* (December 6, 1930), 1. [Notes by David Fraser, 2006]

H. T. Heiser waived his hearing yesterday on embezzlement growing out of alleged speculation using money from the Montgomery Ward Company where he was the manager. The 27 year- old westerner was charged with embezzlement of \$478.14.

1930/12/08

"State Funds in County Banks" in *Daily Local News* (December 8, 1930), 2. [Notes by David Fraser, 2006]

This article contains a directory of deposits into Chester County banks with the amounts linked to each bank.

1930/12/08

"Railroad Travel Heavier" in *Daily Local News* (December 8, 1930), 2. [Notes by David Fraser, 2006]

The Pennsylvania Railroad announced special reduced rates for weekend travel in the hope of getting many more people to visit Philadelphia, Lancaster and other destinations.

1930/12/08

"Voice of the People" in *Daily Local News* (December 8, 1930), 4. [Notes by David Fraser, 2006]

The editor of the *Daily Local News* wrote about Henry George's essay, "The causes of the Industrial Depression," thanks for printing it footnotes and all.

1930/12/08

"Farm Show Was a Record Exhibition" in *Daily Local News* (December 8, 1930), 4. [Notes by David Fraser, 2006]

More than 10,000 people visited the twin county display of farm produce, including 3,500 in the final night. [DF: This is a long article about success with different types of produce.]

1930/12/09

"Installs New System for Cleaning" in *Daily Local News* (December 9, 1930), 1. [Notes by David Fraser, 2006]

Paper Company believes it is first mill to take work to aid in alleviating population of Brandywine Creek. They intend to install a system apparatus to improve the quality of the stream.

1930/12/09

"Potatoes Ran Out" in *Daily Local News* (December 9, 1930), 7. [Notes by David Fraser, 2006]

Farmers and other people contributed many bushels of potatoes during the early months of the fall to the Coatesville Welfare Association, but they had run out.

1930/12/09

"Barker Pleased with Farm Show" in *Daily Local News* (December 9, 1930), 7. [Notes by David Fraser, 2006]

Herbert C. Barker, the Superintendent of the Chester- Delaware Farm Products show association, expressed great satisfaction with this year's farm show.

1930/12/09

"Paroles Granted" in *Daily Local News* (December 9, 1930), 8. [Notes by David Fraser, 2006]

James Austin, a Negro of West Chester, pleaded guilty to stealing chickens on April 3, 1930 and was sentenced to pay \$50 and serve 6-12 months in jail.

1930/12/10

"Make Him Rob Safe of 150\$ Cash" in *Daily Local News* (December 10, 1930), 1. [Notes by David Fraser, 2006]

Hold up robbery on High Street at the drug store of Henry V. DeHaven at High and Dean Streets. The robber robbed Leroy Brooks as he was getting in his car with a revolver.

1930/12/10

"Aid for Deaconess Home" in *Daily Local News* (December 10, 1930), 5. [Notes by David Fraser, 2006]

The Women's Home Missionary Society of the Methodist Church met Monday evening at the home of Mrs. James Barton on E. Chestnut St. Members took Christmas packages to her home.

1930/12/10

"Oxford Rejoices in New Lights" in *Daily Local News* (December 10, 1930), 6. [Notes by David Fraser, 2006]

The installation of an ornamental lighting system is complete and the men have been laid off since the drop pipe line was completed. In all, three hundred men who were hired in laying pipe line were laid off Friday.

1930/12/11

"300 Workers Pledge and Early Day" in *Daily Local News* (December 11, 1930), 1. [Notes by David Fraser, 2006]

In one day, thirty men influenced 270 others to appeal to do work on Route 1 from Philadelphia to Maryland.

1930/12/11

"Must Pay for Lights" in *Daily Local News* (December 11, 1930), 2. [Notes by David Fraser, 2006]

West Chester Borough Council received a letter from an E. Gay St. property owner asking to be exonerated from paying her share of installing the new street lights. She claimed that she could not afford to pay.

1930/12/11

"What They Say" in *Daily Local News* (December 11, 1930), 2. [Notes by David Fraser, 2006]

R. Jones Patrick asks "Just why is the government hold-up the payment of the unemployment fund until next July?"

1930/12/11

"Fight for County Jobs in Prospect" in *Daily Local News* (December 11, 1930), 6. [Notes by David Fraser, 2006]

State Senator William H. Clark claimed that he was heading the fight for jobs.

1930/12/12

"Pierre S. Dupont Gives \$500 for Relief of Unemployed in West Chester" in *Daily Local News* (December 12, 1930), 1. [Notes by David Fraser, 2006]

Pierre S. DuPont, a Longwood philanthropist, made a contribution of \$500 to aid West Chester's unemployed, West Chester Social Service Society and the Salvation Army.

1930/12/13

"Price of Milk Drops One Cent per Quart to Meet Conditions" in *Daily Local News* (December 13, 1930), 1. [Notes by David Fraser, 2006]

Robert C. Brinton, the treasurer of Inter State Milk Producers Association and a resident of West Goshen, announced today that the price of milk will drop one cent from thirteen to twelve cents.

1930/12/13

"Held after Quarrel with Wife" in *Daily Local News* (December 13, 1930), 1. [Notes by David Fraser, 2006]

William E. Rudolph, a 21 year old negro of 211 E. Market St., was arrested after shooting at his wife Veria Rudolph following an argument on S. Matlack St. They argued about her running around with another man. He shot at her feet and threatened her life.

1930/12/13

"Committee to Aid County Unemployed" in *Daily Local News* (December 13, 1930), 1. [Notes by David Fraser, 2006]

Agencies in county must report their calls. This was the most definite step yet taken for the survey of unemployment in West Chester and Chester County and for administration of relief.

1930/12/15

"More Men Work on City Jobs in Coatesville" in *Daily Local News* (December 15, 1930), 1. [Notes by David Fraser, 2006]

In an effort to further relieve the unemployment situation in Coatesville, city engineer George Rommel placed 16 more men to work on city jobs today.

1930/12/16

"Thieves at Berwyn Carry Off Gems" in *Daily Local News* (December 16, 1930), 1. [Notes by David Fraser, 2006]

Two thieves robbed the home of William H. Doyle, Jr. on Cassat road. They are thought to have hidden in the house and escaped. Jewelry worth 600\$ were stolen

1930/12/17

"Member of Town Council Presents Idea" in *Daily Local News* (December 17, 1930), 1. [Notes by David Fraser, 2006]

At a meeting of the Bernard F. Schlegel Post No. 134 American Legion, Captain Walter Kerwin gave detailed plans for a new sewage disposal plant which West Chester plans to have in place.

1930/12/18

"Students Hear of John Brown" in *Daily Local News* (December 18, 1930), 4. [Notes by David Fraser, 2006]

Dr. Charles Heathcote, head of the department of Social Studies at State Teachers College, has been giving a number of lectures on historical topics.

He said that John Brown gets pushed to forefront because of the economic situation.

1930/12/19

"Leaders Expect Much Sharp Competition" in *Daily Local News* (December 19, 1930), 1. [Notes by David Fraser, 2006]

Someone [business leaders?] offered prizes to aid making West Chester the brightest town in the district. Monetary prizes will be awarded to those with the best decorated Christmas tree in West Chester in hopes of brightening up West Chester for this holiday season

1930/12/20

"Committee Reports on County Jobless" in *Daily Local News* (December 20, 1930), 1. [Notes by David Fraser, 2006]

The sweeping survey of economic and social conditions in various parts of the county is practically complete. The local organization that cooperates with State Unemployment Committee reports that Chester County is well favored.

1930/12/22

"West Chester Man Asks \$2500 in Damages" in *Daily Local News* (December 22, 1930), 1. [Notes by David Fraser, 2006]

Dilwyn Huey of 312 W. Miner St has brought a suit to recover \$2500 damages as a result of an automotive accident on West Chester Pike last June. At the time, Mr. Huey was on his way to Philadelphia with some friends.

1930/12/23

"West Chester's Largest Day in Post Office" in *Daily Local News* (December 23, 1930), 1. [Notes by David Fraser, 2006]

Today West Chester's post office handled a record amount of mail. The volume handled gives evidence of revival of business here. The post office received much more money in window receipts. All doors will be closed on Thursday and service will be suspended except for special deliveries.

1930/12/24

"Reasons for County to Be Joyous" in *Daily Local News* (December 24, 1930), 1. [Notes by David Fraser, 2006]

The editors tried to list reasons for people to be happy at Christmas. Young people take a leading part in teaching the elderly. Household fun and school jollity have right of way during this most precious season {trying to enlighten the people during economic hardship with seasons cheer}.

1930/12/25

"Christmas Night Fire Takes Barn at Harmony Hill with Loss at \$10000" in *Daily Local News* (December 25, 1930), 1. [Notes by David Fraser, 2006]

Motors block fireman's way in rescue work. Flames that started in a hay mow burned through the roof as aid arrives. Two horses and a cow perished in flames, and the loss was estimated at \$10,000.

1930/12/31

"Bill of Sale to Robert F. Brinton" (December 31, 1930), in CCHS clippings file, "West Chester Business Houses, Hoffman & Baldwin." [Notes by Jim Jones]

The owners of the Hoffman & Baldwin Lumber Company were Vernon L. Hoffman and George D. Baldwin. They were located at the corner of Franklin and Union Streets (300 E-Union),
