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Notes on Daily Local News articles from February 1933

compiled by Jon Sauerwald

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1933/02/01

"Temporary Relief Plan is Designed to Aid Unemployed" in *Daily Local News*, vol. LXI, no. 62 (February 1, 1933), 1. [Notes by Jon Sauerwald, 2006]

People will receive money to sell tickets for the Warner Brothers theatre. Each person will get \$.25 on the dollar and a \$5 dollar bonus will be given to 10 people who sell the most tickets.

1933/02/01

"College Student Councils on Job" in *Daily Local News*, vol. LXI, no. 62 (February 1, 1933), 2. [Notes by Jon Sauerwald, 2006]

Study hours are enacted in all dorms at West Chester University from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. During this time, no noises are allowed. Also, parking is prohibited near Wayne Hall, in order to improve the external appearance.

1933/02/02

"How to Begin Life at Twenty-one" in *Daily Local News*, vol. LXI, no. 63 (February 2, 1933), 2. [Notes by Jon Sauerwald, 2006]

Major Bates, part of the Salvation Army, gave a speech about how the youth can live in a disordered world.

1933/02/04

"St. Agnes' Church is Named in Will on Probate Here" in *Daily Local News*, vol. LXI, no. 65 (February 4, 1933), 1. [Notes by Jon Sauerwald, 2006]

A majority of the estate of Annie Mackey was given to St. Agnes in her will.

1933/02/04

"Civic Association Committees Named" in *Daily Local News*, vol. LXI, no. 65 (February 4, 1933), 1. [Notes by Jon Sauerwald, 2006]

The West Chester Civic Association will promote welfare and recreational activities for the community.

1933/02/04

"List of Church Services in West Chester." in *Daily Local News*, vol. LXI, no. 65 (February 4, 1933), 6. [Notes by Jon Sauerwald, 2006]

Has a list of extra services that the church is holding that month.

1933/02/06

"Strange Women Picks up Purses" in *Daily Local News*, vol. LXI, no. 66 (February 6, 1933), 1. [Notes by Jon Sauerwald, 2006]

An attractive woman robbed purses from women in several downtown stores. She used deceptive means to gain access to the stores and steal the purses.

1933/02/06

"Dazed Man Found along Roadside" in *Daily Local News*, vol. LXI, no. 66 (February 6, 1933), 1. [Notes by Jon Sauerwald, 2006]

A man was found near Goshen Baptist in the morning. He did not know how he got there, but he knew where he lived. There were minor injuries to his face. He spent the night at the police station and went home in the morning.

1933/02/06

"Two Church Bake" in *Daily Local News*, vol. LXI, no. 66 (February 6, 1933), 8. [Notes by Jon Sauerwald, 2006]

Grove Methodist Episcopal and Holy Trinity held 2 "bakes" on Market Street. This "assisted many housewives with weekend provisioning problems and added numerous attractions to Sunday dinner tables."

1933/02/06

"High School on Accredited List" in *Daily Local News*, vol. LXI, no. 66 (February 6, 1933), 8. [Notes by Jon Sauerwald, 2006]

The Commission of Secondary Schools of the Middle States Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools added West Chester University to the list. This means that the school can give "approval for accrediting to college."

1933/02/07

"Relief for the Past Month Amounted to Over \$30,000" in *Daily Local News*, vol. LXI, no. 67 (February 7, 1933), 1. [Notes by Jon Sauerwald, 2006]

Relief for the depression went up \$5,499.30 since December. These funds came from the 1st and 2nd Talbot State Acts.

1933/02/07

"Two Who Robbed "Gas" Stations due for Hearing" in *Daily Local News*, vol. LXI, no. 67 (February 7, 1933), 1. [Notes by Jon Sauerwald, 2006]

Theodore Griffith, age 21, and Harry Davis, 20, await trial for robbing the Sun Oil Company on East Gay Street.

1933/02/07

"Wellington A. Faddis (Obituary)" in *Daily Local News*, vol. LXI, no. 67 (February 7, 1933), 2. [Notes by Jon Sauerwald, 2006]

Wellington A. Faddis died in his home on 138 East Nields Street after a lingering illness.

1933/02/07

"High School Honor Roll" in *Daily Local News*, vol. LXI, no. 67 (February 7, 1933), 5. [Notes by Jon Sauerwald, 2006]

Thirty students at West Chester High School made the honor roll.

1933/02/07

"West Chester Families May Borrow Without Co-Signers" in *Daily Local News*, vol. LXI, no. 67 (February 7, 1933), 8. [Notes by Jon Sauerwald, 2006]

Household Loan Plans are now available to families in West Chester through Chester offices of the Household Finance Corporation. A loan requires two signatures (husband & wife) and will allow families to get \$300 or less "to help tide over family emergencies."

1933/02/08

"Church to Dispense with Collections" in *Daily Local News*, vol. LXI, no. 68 (February 8, 1933), 1. [Notes by Jon Sauerwald, 2006]

From the orders of Rev. Fred G. Bangs, the Baptist Church is switching from collections during the service to a gift box that will be located in the lobby of the church. This is so people who do not have the means to donate do not have to feel embarrassed.

1933/02/08

"Grove Youth Missing" in *Daily Local News*, vol. LXI, no. 68 (February 8, 1933), 1. [Notes by Jon Sauerwald, 2006]

Lewis Hunter, 15 years old, was discovered missing from his house. He has run away before.

1933/02/08

"Library Considers Budget for Year" in *Daily Local News*, vol. LXI, no. 68 (February 8, 1933), 2. [Notes by Jon Sauerwald, 2006]

Library income is reduced due to review of prior year's expenditures. The new budget is well below American Library Association standards and with unemployment increased, the need for books is much greater. A book entitled *Alcohol & Man* by Dr. Haven Emerson was anonymously donated.

1933/02/08

"Mrs. Chas H. Wilkson (Obituary)" in *Daily Local News*, vol. LXI, no. 68 (February 8, 1933), 2. [Notes by Jon Sauerwald, 2006]

Mrs. Chas H. Wilkson died on or before February 8, 1933, after a 2-month illness. Her death was a shock to friends.

1933/02/08

"John Long (Obituary)" in *Daily Local News*, vol. LXI, no. 68 (February 8, 1933), 2. [Notes by Jon Sauerwald, 2006]

John Long died on or before February 8, 1933 at the age of 80.

1933/02/09

"Baptist Church in Quarterly Meeting" in *Daily Local News*, vol. LXI, no. 69 (February 9, 1933), 1. [Notes by Jon Sauerwald, 2006]

The decision was made by the leaders of the Baptist Church to canvass the borough, in anticipation of an evangelical effort.

1933/02/09

"Borough Council in Quiet Session" in *Daily Local News*, vol. LXI, no. 69 (February 9, 1933), 1. [Notes by Jon Sauerwald, 2006]

This meeting consisted of discussions about water conditions in West Chester. W.J. Walker was commissioned to find a water supply for the future. Ridley Creek and Valley Creek are being considered.

1933/02/09

"Cities Advantages of College to Borough" in *Daily Local News*, vol. LXI, no. 69 (February 9, 1933), 1. [Notes by Jon Sauerwald, 2006]

Dr. Norman W. Cameron explains the effectiveness of West Chester State Teacher's College on the community: There are 115 non-instructional positions on the payroll; the 86 teachers who teach at West Chest State Teacher's College all live in vicinity of the borough, \$41,000 have been paid to local contractors in the past year.

1933/02/10

"Facts Sought on Street Lighting" in *Daily Local News*, vol. LXI, no. 70 (February 10, 1933), 1. [Notes by Jon Sauerwald, 2006]

The cost of the street lighting in the borough is too high for the government to pay. There was a meeting in Phoenixville with representatives from other boroughs in Chester County to try and get lower rates. H. H. Ganner and Fred O'Swanson were invited from the Philadelphia Electrical Company to attend. Solicitor Guy W. Knauer and Secretary of Council Fred J. Wahl represented West Chester.

1933/02/10

"Mrs. Anna B. Williams (Obituary)" in *Daily Local News*, vol. LXI, no. 70 (February 10, 1933), 2. [Notes by Jon Sauerwald, 2006]

Mrs. Anna B. Williams died on or before February 10, 1933 after a lengthy illness.

1933/02/11

"Collection of Debts No Easy Task" in *Daily Local News*, vol. LXI, no. 71 (February 11, 1933), 3. [Notes by Jon Sauerwald, 2006]

Justice John Halpin "demonstrated his ability to bring about payment where the usual method would fail." Due to money constraints, Halpin is developing new ways for people to pay debts.

1933/02/11

"List of West Chester Church Services" in *Daily Local News*, vol. LXI, no. 71 (February 11, 1933), 6. [Notes by Jon Sauerwald, 2006]

The newspaper published a list of extra services that the church is holding that month. [JJ: What church? More than one church?]

1933/02/13

"William P. Sharpless (Obituary)" in *Daily Local News*, vol. LXI, no. 72 (February 13, 1933), 1. [Notes by Jon Sauerwald, 2006]

Sharpless died in his house on East Biddle Street after a brief illness. He took an "active part in the community."

1933/02/13

"Man's Attempt to Take his Life Fails" in *Daily Local News*, vol. LXI, no. 72 (February 13, 1933), 1. [Notes by Jon Sauerwald, 2006]

A man in West Chester tried to commit suicide after an argument with his wife over their financial situation. He shot himself in the head, and his wife immediately called the police.

1933/02/15

"3 Banks Pleased with Confidence Shown by Public" in *Daily Local News*, vol. LXI, no. 74 (February 15, 1933), 1. [Notes by Jon Sauerwald, 2006]

There were no heavy withdrawals from the three West Chester banks after Chester County Trust Company closed the day before. Samuel P. Cloud, president of First National Bank said, "Business was satisfactory with us."

1933/02/15

"Moore Chosen Head of Board of Trade at Annual Banquet" in *Daily Local News*, vol. LXI, no. 74 (February 15, 1933), 1. [Notes by Jon Sauerwald, 2006]

One hundred and fifty business men and women met at the Mansion House Hotel to look at the past and plan the future for business in West Chester.

1933/02/15

"Lions Learn of Evening School" in *Daily Local News*, vol. LXI, no. 74 (February 15, 1933), 3. [Notes by Jon Sauerwald, 2006]

Professor Lewis M. Prutzman, head of the Evening School in West Chester, gave a speech that described their main objective of education as being a

social control. Most of the students who attend this school are over the age of 21 (97.7%). The school might close because lack of funding.

1933/02/16

"Directors Attack Centralization of School Government; Support 'Holiday' on Salary Increments" in *Daily Local News*, vol. LXI, no. 75 (February 16, 1933), 1. [Notes by Jon Sauerwald, 2006]

School directors of Chester County agree that the time is not right for enlarging school units or redistricting the county. They approve of the Edmonds Act, which relieves them of their obligation to increase teachers' salaries, and they also protest drastic cuts from the state.

1933/02/16

"Principles Act on School Code" in *Daily Local News*, vol. LXI, no. 75 (February 16, 1933), 1. [Notes by Jon Sauerwald, 2006]

Chester County principals adopted 2 resolutions. 1) Elimination of sections in the new code that says only 15 freeholders can petition the court for a review of the budget. 2) Approve a Flat Income Tax. This ensures that the State will pay a larger portion for education and it will relieve the burden on real estate.

1933/02/17

"West Gay Street Store is Robbed" in *Daily Local News*, vol. LXI, no. 76 (February 17, 1933), 1. [Notes by Jon Sauerwald, 2006]

Robbers gained entrance to a store at 43 W. Gay Street through the basement of an adjacent store (Biehn Shoe Store). Money, dresses, and other women's clothing was taken from the store.

1933/02/17

"Two Machines are Reported Stolen" in *Daily Local News*, vol. LXI, no. 76 (February 17, 1933), 1. [Notes by Jon Sauerwald, 2006]

Two cars were stolen in West Chester. One belonged to Roy S. Green, 123 West Market Street, and the other belonged to Robert Cuthbert, 300 East Miner Street.

1933/02/17

"Majority of Idle in Need of Food Willing to Work" in *Daily Local News*, vol. LXI, no. 76 (February 17, 1933), 1. [Notes by Jon Sauerwald, 2006]

352 families are now being helped by relief programs. The works already completed are a cinder walk pathway at the Chester County Hospital and Hoopes Park was cleaned up. 239 food baskets are given out per week, and no child has missed school as due to lack of clothing.

1933/02/17

"Arrest Two in Store Robbery" in *Daily Local News*, vol. LXI, no. 76 (February 17, 1933), 1. [Notes by Jon Sauerwald, 2006]

John Reed, 18, and Harry Cooper admitted to robbing a store on Biddle and New Street and a grocery store on Miner and New Street.

1933/02/17

"John F. Barry (Obituary)" in *Daily Local News*, vol. LXI, no. 76 (February 17, 1933), 2. [Notes by Jon Sauerwald, 2006]

John F. Barry died in his house on New Street. He took an illness two days before his death, and it was a shock to his friends.

1933/02/20

"Suggests Plan for the Trust Company" in *Daily Local News*, vol. LXI, no. 78 (February 20, 1933), 1. [Notes by Jon Sauerwald, 2006]

This article deals with reasons why the [Chester County Trust Company] went bankrupt. The author explains how the trust company was on a plan that could not meet the financial stresses of a post-world war I economy.

1933/02/20

"30 Cases on List for Second Week of Common Pleas" in *Daily Local News*, vol. LXI, no. 78 (February 20, 1933), 1. [Notes by Jon Sauerwald, 2006]

This is one of busiest months for the Court of the Common Pleas. One case involved farm owners who sued The Manufacturer's Light & Heat Company for

laying pipes on their land without their permission. The article also noted that 25 females were called for jury duty.

1933/02/22

"Two West Chester Couples File Papers Here" in *Daily Local News*, vol. LXI, no. 80 (February 22, 1933). [Notes by Jon Sauerwald, 2006]

J. Wilmer Mullin R.D. filed for a divorce from Edna Mae Mullin for reasons of desertion. Benjamin D. Starr, of 135 East Miner Street, filed for divorce from Agnes T. Starr, of 139 Nields Street, for reasons of desertion.

1933/02/23

"West Chester Branch of Aid Society Looks After its Wards" in *Daily Local News*, vol. LXI, no. 81 (February 23, 1933), 8. [Notes by Jon Sauerwald, 2006]

The West Chester Branch of the Aid Society met at the Barclay Home on West Chestnut Street to discuss the condition of the children in its care. The kids were all reported to be in good health. The hostesses for the meeting were Elizabeth S. Taylor and Elizabeth S. Forsythe.

1933/02/24

"Rotarians Hear Josiah Sleeper" in *Daily Local News*, vol. LXI, no. 82 (February 24, 1933), 1. [Notes by Jon Sauerwald, 2006]

During a Rotary Club meeting, Josiah Sleeper spoke about "How to Lick a depression." [JJ: Who was Josiah Sleeper?]

1933/02/25

"Young Baptists Unite in Rally" in *Daily Local News*, vol. LXI, no. 83 (February 25, 1933), 5. [Notes by Jon Sauerwald, 2006]

The Central Union Baptist Association brought together the youths of West Chester to speak about the problems that they will face in their future.
