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Notes on Daily Local News articles from March 1933 compiled by Derek Shugar

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1933/03/01.headlines.
Daily Local News (Wednesday, March 1, 1933, 1. [Notes by Derek Shugar, 2006]

"First Mid-Air Murder in America"

"Bank Holiday in Tennessee"

1933/03/01
Daily Local News (Wednesday, March 1, 1933, 1. [Notes by Derek Shugar, 2006]

A representative from the revenue department was in West Chester this day at the courthouse. The representative was making emergency sales tax returns at 1% sales tax.
West Chester vocational schools recently had their funding cut. School officials decided to go to the state capital in Harrisburg to voice their concerns.

Five truckloads of "hunger marchers" passed through West Chester this day. They were referred to in the article as "The Unemployment Army". The group was traveling from Philadelphia where they assembled to Harrisburg. The group was then housed in the Harrisburg Farm Show Complex until the next day when they could make their demand to the state legislature for food and monetary aid for the unemployed.

Protestant churches in town performed a census in the borough to solicit for memberships.

A widow, Ruth Peterman of the borough, was indicted after killing her husband Roy Peterman, also of the borough. The determined motivation was "mental instability."
The Lion's shelter acquired a barrel of hot cocoa and distributed it to needy children of West Chester before school this morning.

1933/03/01
*Daily Local News* (Wednesday, March 1, 1933, 6. [Notes by Derek Shugar, 2006]

A four page spread detailing the West Chester Automobile Show was featured. It gave details about the many varieties of automobiles being shown and listed the admission as twenty-five cents. The Show was held in the borough armory on all three floors. Cash prizes of five dollars were handed out each night of the show.

1933/03/02 .headlines.
*Daily Local News* (Thursday March 2, 1933, 1. [Notes by Derek Shugar, 2006]

"Berwyn Segregation Trial"

"Senator Walsh Dies"

1933/03/02
*Daily Local News* (Thursday March 2, 1933, 1. [Notes by Derek Shugar, 2006]

West Chester ministerial canvasses for new followers throughout West Chester.

1933/03/02
*Daily Local News* (Thursday March 2, 1933, 1. [Notes by Derek Shugar, 2006]

Franklin Delano Roosevelt's inauguration ceremony began today. Mention was made in the article of the projected record-high attendance.
Chester County receives $18,100 in relief from the United States legislature for the month of March. The state of Pennsylvania also received $440,000 to finance milk stations.

1933/03/02
Daily Local News (Thursday March 2, 1933, 2. [Notes by Derek Shugar, 2006]

Lenten service begins at churches in West Chester today. Methodist Episcopal Church held extra services on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday.

1933/03/02
Daily Local News (Thursday March 2, 1933, 3. [Notes by Derek Shugar, 2006]

The High Street Friends Meeting put on a High Street dinner. The Friends Meeting provided ushers and had members call the names and numbers of each ticket-holder when it was their turn to partake.

1933/03/02
Daily Local News (Thursday March 2, 1933, 6. [Notes by Derek Shugar, 2006]

A sewing circle formed on South Church Street. Extra materials were donated to the circle and the products were to be given to needy mothers in West Chester.

1933/03/02
Daily Local News (Thursday March 2, 1933, 9. [Notes by Derek Shugar, 2006]

West Chester grocers traveled to Harrisburg today to voice their concerns about the unemployment food aid distribution in West Chester to state senator William Clark.

1933/03/02
Daily Local News (Thursday March 2, 1933, 9. [Notes by Derek Shugar, 2006]

"Extra" police officer Larry Urbine was asked to resign today after being released from the hospital for a gunshot wound.
"District Attorney of Cochranville's charges dismissed"

"Auto Show attended by 500 on opening night"

West Chester grocers that traveled to Harrisburg in opposition of the unemployment food aid distribution plan received the support of state senator William Clark.

The food distribution plan in place in communist Russia was detailed.

At West Chester State Teacher's College, priest Glenolden spoke to university students about the value of foreign mission work.

Profits of the recent High Street Friends Meeting dinner were sent to the Kentucky Mining regions. To produce further profit, deserts and flower arrangements were sold in addition to admission tickets.

"President Roosevelt inaugurated"
Governor Pinchot of Pennsylvania declared an "unavoidable" two-day bank holiday for all Pennsylvania banks due to bank holidays in other states, namely New York and Illinois. West Chester banks remained open until noon to "take care of their depositors."

The commander of the American Legion in West Chester urged "the faithful" to tune into that night's American Legion loyalty celebration, during which President Roosevelt would speak.

An article gave specific instructions to readers that would help prevent "winter anemia" in school children. The suggestions included adding seafood, greens, and cocoa to one's diet.

100 women representing the churches of West Chester gathered at the Holy Trinity church for a "world day of prayer".

"President Roosevelt closes banks four more days West Chester banks still accept deposits"

"1500 more at last night of Auto show 2500 total"
"Cermak dead Zangara faces death"

1933/03/06
Daily Local News (Monday, March 6, 1933, 2. [Notes by Derek Shugar, 2006]

The daughter of a West Chester resident committed suicide in Bryn Mawr after failing out of school two times in a row.

1933/03/06
Daily Local News (Monday, March 6, 1933, 2. [Notes by Derek Shugar, 2006]

Adolf Hitler was voted more executive power in Germany. In the article, mention was made of Hitler's role as a dictator.

1933/03/06
Daily Local News (Monday, March 6, 1933, 3. [Notes by Derek Shugar, 2006]

Holy Trinity church of West Chester distributes a calendar of "the church year" to residents of the borough.

1933/03/07 .headlines.
Daily Local News (Tuesday, March 7, 1933, 1. [Notes by Derek Shugar, 2006]

"Thieves enter Oxford store, steal $500"

"Zangara arraigned."

1933/03/07
Daily Local News (Tuesday, March 7, 1933, 1. [Notes by Derek Shugar, 2006]

A West Chester man who beat his wife to death with a club three years ago was paroled this day.

1933/03/08 .headlines.
Daily Local News Wednesday, March 8, 1933, 1. [Notes by Derek Shugar, 2006]
"Flames sweep summer home in Concordville"

"Woodin directs the Federal Reserve Bank to free payrolls in danger"

1933/03/08
_Daily Local News_ Wednesday, March 8, 1933, 1. [Notes by Derek Shugar, 2006]

A family coming to West Chester to live with relatives was stranded in town after failing to locate them and having no money of their own. The stranded family took refuge in the home of a West Chester resident.

1933/03/08
_Daily Local News_ Wednesday, March 8, 1933, 1. [Notes by Derek Shugar, 2006]

A bill was considered in the Pennsylvania state legislature at Harrisburg that would give the Chester County Hospital $55,000 and the Homeopathic Hospital of West Chester $30,000.

1933/03/08
_Daily Local News_ Wednesday, March 8, 1933, 1. [Notes by Derek Shugar, 2006]

A liquor-crazed man threatened to kill his wife and four children with an axe in West Chester. The assailant, Will Daniels, was stopped by "a negro", Louis Dawson. When police arrived on the scene, both men were arrested.

1933/03/08
_Daily Local News_ Wednesday, March 8, 1933, 1. [Notes by Derek Shugar, 2006]

Bankers from across Chester county met this day to discuss the emergency bank holiday in Pennsylvania and its implications on a local level.
1933/03/08
*Daily Local News* Wednesday, March 8, 1933, 4. [Notes by Derek Shugar, 2006]

In the Letter to the Editor section, a man from Berwyn stated that unemployment in the United States could be attributed to the rise of "machines" throwing men out of work.

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1933/03/09 .headlines.
*Daily Local News* (Thursday, March 9, 1933, 1. [Notes by Derek Shugar, 2006]

"Zangara pleads guilty"

"Inflation of currency to be controlled"

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1933/03/09
*Daily Local News* (Thursday, March 9, 1933, 1. [Notes by Derek Shugar, 2006]

The Bituminous Oil Company is awarded a contract to sell their products in the borough of West Chester.

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1933/03/09
*Daily Local News* (Thursday, March 9, 1933, 3. [Notes by Derek Shugar, 2006]

An article described the current unemployment rates of Great Britain and compared them to those in the United States.

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1933/03/09
*Daily Local News* (Thursday, March 9, 1933, 4. [Notes by Derek Shugar, 2006]

In the random thoughts section, West Chester is described as being "on the steady track to recovery."
In the Letter to the Editor section, a West Chester woman remarked that she has seen far more dogs being adopted than children, and that homelessness grows in West Chester as charity lacks.

5,806 books were acquired by loan by the West Chester public library. West Chester residents also donated various magazine subscriptions.

"Woodin pushes probe of banks local banks making payrolls"

"Federal Reserve Bank starts printing more currency millions in gold returns to vault"

The national unemployment amount is given as twelve million people in the United States.

A protest in Downingtown that has been much discussed in West Chester occurred during a welfare parley over a plan to secure more experienced workers in that town.
1933/03/10
_Daily Local News_ (Friday, March 10, 1933), 2. [Notes by Derek Shugar, 2006]

Attendance at the Holy Trinity Church of West Chester was described as
being higher than past years.

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1933/03/11 .headlines.
_Daily Local News_ (Saturday, March 11 1933, 1. [Notes by Derek Shugar,
2006]

"Earthquakes continue to rock pacific coast"

""New Deal" for scribes"

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1933/03/11
_Daily Local News_ (Saturday, March 11 1933, 1. [Notes by Derek Shugar,
2006]

West Chester merchants announced they would begin accepting scrip from
the Philadelphia Clearing House.

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1933/03/11
_Daily Local News_ (Saturday, March 11 1933, 5. [Notes by Derek Shugar,
2006]

Charles Swope of the West Chester State Teacher's College gave a speech
at the Methodist Episcopal Church of West Chester about taking an active role
in one's government.

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1933/03/13 .headlines.
_Daily Local News_ (Monday, March 13, 1933, 1. [Notes by Derek Shugar,
2006]

"New Shock Hits Long Beach - $60,000,000 in damage"

"Banks expected to resume business in one day or two"
1933/03/13
*Daily Local News* (Monday, March 13, 1933, 1. [Notes by Derek Shugar, 2006]

The Daily Local News announces they will host cooking classes for women designed to teach how to prepare delicious and cost-effective meals.

1933/03/13
*Daily Local News* (Monday, March 13, 1933, 8. [Notes by Derek Shugar, 2006]

The Brandywine Valley Farmer's Club chose to meet at the West Chester Young Men's Christian Association. The Club chose officers for future meetings.

1933/03/14
*headlines.*
*Daily Local News* (Tuesday, March 14, 1933, 1. [Notes by Derek Shugar, 2006]

"Case of boy hit by golf ball brought to court"

"Federal Officers watch exhibition at West Chester Armory"

1933/03/14
*Daily Local News* (Tuesday, March 14, 1933, 1. [Notes by Derek Shugar, 2006]

Banks in West Chester resumed "business as normal" as per the end of the mandatory bank holiday.

1933/03/14
*Daily Local News* (Tuesday, March 14, 1933, 1. [Notes by Derek Shugar, 2006]

Governor Pinchot's demand for relief in Pennsylvania for the unemployed was featured on the front page of the Daily Local News.
Cash flows back into Philadelphia banks as newly printed currency arrives in the amount of $840,444.

"Stock Market Clogged with Orders"
"First Sale of U.S. Steel made in block of 300 shares"

909 banks open in Pennsylvania, less than twenty percent of financial institutions refuse to resume business.

Principals of the Chester County School District a letter to their Superintendent denouncing the recent government cuts in education.

In the random thoughts section of the Daily Local News, a farmer expressed grief about the fact that many farmers are forced to spend money on planting their fields, even though they have no guarantee anything will grow.
1933/03/16
Daily Local News (Thursday, March 16, 1933, 8. [Notes by Derek Shugar, 2006]

Two young women in West Chester - having completed their hospital training were forced to work without pay as volunteers first despite their qualifications. A lack of hospital funding was cited as the reason.

1933/03/16
Daily Local News (Thursday, March 16, 1933, 12.

450 people attended the St. Matthew's "reform" dinner which provided free a free turkey dinner to any who came.

1933/03/17. headlines.
Daily Local News (Friday, March 17, 1933, 1. [Notes by Derek Shugar, 2006]

"Devon man jailed for failing to pay court order"

"$327 million in gold goes back into Federal Reserve Bank"

1933/03/17
Daily Local News (Friday, March 17, 1933, 1. [Notes by Derek Shugar, 2006]

A group of local farmers were the guests at the local Rotarians dinner meeting. The ratio of income in Chester County was the discussion topic.

1933/03/18. headlines.
Daily Local News (Saturday, March 18, 1933, 1. [Notes by Derek Shugar, 2006]

"Millions in gold returns to the banks"

"3 children killed by grief stricken father"
Both births and deaths were described as declining in the state of Pennsylvania this year as compared to recent years.

An article was featured in the Daily Local News describing what families should purchase as "essentials of a low-cost budget". Foods were the focus, of which cheese, milk, tomatoes, oranges, and potatoes were listed as essential items.

"Sixteen cows and four horses burn to death in mystery Kennett barn fire"

"Man hurt and two killed in car crash on highway"

Guy Wheeler, a developer in Chester County and specifically West Chester, goes to jail after failing to pay his debts to the esquire of a late resident of Devon.
In the random thoughts section of the Daily Local News, a West Chester man expressed his thoughts on how the town of West Chester should be more open to the strangers that come to town.

1933/03/21 headlines.
Daily Local News (Tuesday, March 21, 1933, 1. [Notes by Derek Shugar, 2006]

"Burns are fatal to housekeeper dies in hospital"

"Police seek slayer of man stabbed to death by "negro""

1933/03/21
Daily Local News (Tuesday, March 21, 1933, 1. [Notes by Derek Shugar, 2006]

Locals from Chester County met in Lower Merion to oppose the slash of fifty percent of vocational school funding. The West Chester board of directors met in an "unnamed high school" to also discuss the funding cut for vocational schools.

1933/03/21
Daily Local News (Tuesday, March 21, 1933, 3. [Notes by Derek Shugar, 2006]

Local manufacturers from around West Chester donated cooking supplies and cooking ingredients to the continuing Daily Local News-sponsored cooking school for women.

1933/03/21
Daily Local News (Tuesday, March 21, 1933, 3. [Notes by Derek Shugar, 2006]

An article reported that many West Chester citizens were moving out of town. Subsequently, many of the resident leaving were moving from the city to surrounding suburbs, and from apartments in town to larger houses.
Farmers may now apply for crop loans from the Government Secretary of Agricultural for $300 for the year. Applications for crop loans had to be made in writing.

"Woman met death by accident jury decides"

"Doctors opposed to paid workers in welfare field"

The Chester County medical society was listed as opposing the paying of social welfare workers in the county.

John Batchelor, a West Chester man who stabbed an acquaintance he was playing poker with, was being hunted by West Chester police.

At a local Lion's Club meeting, a merger between the Chester County Hospital and Homeopathic Hospital was suggested.
"John Bachelor turns himself in claims self-defense"

"Wage controversy strikes mill"

The state legislature of Pennsylvania sanctioned a two million dollar bill for unemployment in April and May.

Members of several churches in West Chester performed door-to-door visitations following a town-wide church census. The visitations were led by the Methodist Episcopal Church in West Chester.

Brewers from all over the state were invited to the capital in Harrisburg to get brewing licenses.

West Chester Evening School was reported as being unsure if it will be able to stay open next semester after sweeping education cuts across Pennsylvania.
"Adolf Hitler made dictator"

"Peak in borough relief work reached"

West Chester was believed to reach its "relief peak" this day as 348 families were recorded as being "in need" and 301 baskets of food were distributed among them.

Chester County schools at this time faced fifty-eight percent budget cuts with teachers' salaries and vocational school budgets being the main target of the cuts. Smaller districts were also mentioned as possibly being joined together in the future if they did not acquire more students.

Holy Trinity Church had larger numbers in attendance for service and choir on their third Lenten service.

"John Bachelor charges with murder jailed"

"officer is freed of all guilt in death of woman"
An estimated $400 million will be spent to rebuild breweries after the end of prohibition across the nation.

The Daily Local News-sponsored cooking school has been giving away baskets of food each day during its free classes.

"Oxford man struck by bandits saves his cash"

"allotment of funds for 2500 gardens for county's jobless"

Funds to create 2500 "unemployment gardens" for raising crops and vegetables. Each unemployed person will be given an one-hundred foot by fifty foot plot of land with 14 seed packets of various types, fertilizer and insecticide.

Wage cuts for all state employees were instituted, including Governor Pinchot himself.
1933/03/27
*Daily Local News* (Monday, March 27, 1933, 1. [Notes by Derek Shugar, 2006])

Two West Chester boys who stole from a Coatesville store made restitution and were paroled. The boys were reported as having stolen "dress goods".

1933/03/27
*Daily Local News* (Monday, March 27, 1933, 1. [Notes by Derek Shugar, 2006])

A knife fight took place of South Adams Street. One man was jailed and another hospitalized. The newspaper described it as "the second negro cutting fray in a week."

1933/03/28
*Daily Local News* (Tuesday, March 28, 1933, 1. [Notes by Derek Shugar, 2006])

"Cancellation of all teacher's contracts of Chadd's Ford"

"Senate ready to open offensive to help jobless"

1933/03/28
*Daily Local News* (Tuesday, March 28, 1933, 1. [Notes by Derek Shugar, 2006])

The Senate was reported as now ready to create jobs for 250,000 unemployed Americans, and receive 500 million in loans to the provide food to the needy.

1933/03/28
*Daily Local News* (Tuesday, March 28, 1933, 1. [Notes by Derek Shugar, 2006])

Chester County beer baron Pascale (Patsy) Plamato was slain in a mafia killing 11 days before the scheduled "armistice".
Curtis Lovewell, a con artist, is being hunted by West Chester police for selling fake magazine subscriptions in the borough.

The Pennsylvania state legislature defeated a proposed cut in Pennsylvania teacher's salaries. This was the first of six education bills to be placed before the legislature that involved budget cutting.

"Roosevelt plans close watch on all investments"
"Couple meets death on way to funeral when car hits pole"

Eleven new immigrants to West Chester received mailing address certificates. Five of the immigrants were Italians, two were Germans, and one of each were Irish, Danish, Hungarian, and Canadian.
The conflict between Governor Pinchot and beer control committee results in delayed beer traffic regulation. May was decided as the earliest time for a resolution.

1933/03/29
"Random Thoughts" in Daily Local News (Wednesday, March 29, 1933, 1. [Notes by Derek Shugar, 2006]

Business in West Chester was described as good for grocers, but "spotty" in other areas of business.

1931/03/29
Daily Local News (March 29, 1933), in CCHS clippings file "West Chester Business Houses -- Sharples Separator Works." [Notes by Jim Jones]

Today, the Sharples Separator Company went into receivership. Lately, the company has manufactured "electric refrigerators and other household accessories." Philip M. Sharples filed the petition for receivership, since the Sharples Separator Company owed him $495,000.

1933/03/30 .headlines.
Daily Local News (Thursday, March 30, 1933, 1. [Notes by Derek Shugar, 2006]

"Father Coughlin escapes injury in bombing plot"

"final tribute is paid to young flier killed in crash in Miami"

1933/03/30
Daily Local News (Thursday, March 30, 1933, 2. [Notes by Derek Shugar, 2006]

New "economy" food market on East Market Street opened this day, specializing in Chester County Chickens.
Salaries of West Chester Post Office employees were cut fifteen percent in line with other state employee salary cuts.

"Rabbi Wolsey predicts end of dictatorships in the world at West Chester State Teacher's College in speech"

"Hearing start on investment protection bills"

Pennsylvania moves to ban low-quality milk coming in from Indiana to Pennsylvania this day. The low-quality milk was being mixed with local milk and sold to the public.

The Chester Valley Short Line reduced their rates up to fifteen cents a ride in various areas going to and coming from West Chester.

A study showed that the average physician in Pennsylvania contributed about 300 hours of free medical service to their community last year in 1932.
$500 million in loans to the United States were approved for food aid plans for the unemployed of the nation.

1933/03/31
Daily Local News (Friday, March 31, 1933, 6. [Notes by Derek Shugar, 2006]

The First Century Club of West Chester put on a Fashion Show for the benefit of the Homoeopathic Hospital in West Chester. The event was "well attended."