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EDITORIAL

AT WIT'S END

From Lancaster Intelligencer

Governor Arthur James told a school directors' convention that he is at "wit's end" to prepare a budget for the operation of the State's units for the next two years.

This statement coming a day after the Governor announced that there would be no lowering of State taxes indicates that the Governor will continue to spend as much money as the Earle Administration, an admission that the Democratic administration was not spending more than the requirements.

We commiserate with His Excellency. A staff man of The Intelligencer Journal happened to be called upon, with others, to help make up a major part of the State budget in 1937. If there ever was a headache it is making up a state budget, with continuing demands by the body politic for more state funds; and, at the same time yelling, even screaming, for less taxes.

The Governor has cut the personnel some but not much. Nor is there much more chance of his cutting State personnel worthwhile than there was for his immediate six predecessors. There will be so much political pressure behind any cutting of State personnel that we predict there will be very little more of it and on and after May 1, the personnel will begin to climb and will continue to climb until it is higher than what it was when the Governor took office.

The Governor, if he were to take the bull by the horns and throw it back in the face of the political leaders, could name four of his cabinet members, headed by Mr. Secretary of Highways Hughes who, sitting, one day a week for a couple of months, could cut the State personnel (Hill) fully fifty per cent, and no State service could suffer. If that were done the Governor would suddenly find himself very unpopular with the party leaders, but might win the praise of the populace which, after all, is the important thing.

In any event the Governor is at his "wit's end," as anyone in his place would be, trying to keep down taxes and at the same time has eternally ringing in his ears from here, there, everywhere, the one word . . . gimme, gimme, gimme.

About it all and after all, we have to wonder, as we long have, why any man with ability, integrity and sense, wants to hold public office. As a hobby, playing behind the scenes; as a scenery shifter, it has its compensations. But as the front man, or men, "the brother, how about a dime" fellow, would seem to be in for more happiness or at least, less grief, than the big fellow out front in public life, for whom the bands play and everyone, almost, who contacts him can do no better than say . . . "Yes, yes."

NO CAUSE FOR ALARM

The President's opinion, it seems is that he should aid Great Britain and France to put themselves into a strong defensive position against Germany and Italy and that he believes that if the two great European democracies are overcome, the line of American defense will be pushed into the Atlantic. We believe the great mass of people in this country will agree with the latter conclusion of the President. His first conclusion as to helping the democracies rearm is the subject of violent attack on the part of the pacifist group, which would do almost anything to keep the United States from assuming any risk whatever in connection with international affairs.

At the present time, it should be clearly understood, the laws of this country permit the sale of munitions and armaments to nations not engaged in warfare. Under our existing statutes, it is entirely legal for Great Britain and France, or for that matter, Germany and Italy, to buy munitions and armaments in this country. That it so happens that the two democracies are doing the buying, in an effort to improve their relative strength with the totalitarian states, does not alter the law. In fact, Great Britain, last week, announced the purchase of additional planes and some other equipment from American concerns.

WHY NOT INCLUDE SMALLER FAIRS?

We see where Congress has been asked to appropriate an additional \$1,246,000 to supplement \$3,000,000 already provided for Federal participation in the New York World's Fair.

A similar appropriation was made for the exposition in San Francisco and it has been the custom of Congress to provide Federal funds for a Federal exhibit in practically all of the larger fairs of the nation.

In addition, Federal exhibits have been provided for many of the State fairs. Apparently, nobody in Congress ever has an idea that it would be proper for the Federal Government to provide a similar sum for the smaller county fairs throughout the United States. Certainly, if it is proper for participating in one great fair, it ought to be equally sensible for the Government to spend the same

amount to participate in hundreds of smaller community fairs throughout the nation.

It seems to us that it is about time for some congressman to champion the cause of these community fairs and see that they get, at least, an even break with the larger expositions.

THE DEATH OF POPE PIUS XI

Outside as well as inside the Catholic church, the death of Pope Pius XI is a momentous event, no less so because not entirely unexpected. Within the Church, the death of its primate and the election of his successor are epochal.

There was something about the career of Pope Pius XI which appealed to the lay as well as the clerical world. Some of this may have been due to the fact that in his early years he was ruggedly athletic. Mountain climbing was one of his diversions and at it became an expert and as a consequence of it, he gained a physical constitution which until two years ago made his then nearly 80 years seem of little burden to him.

Standing out among his years as head of his church, of course, will be the composition of differences with Italy over the relation of the Vatican to that government. It was an agreement that ended the isolation of the occupant of the Vatican and gave the Catholic church an entirely different territorial or governmental position in Italy.

But even this may seem to persons outside the church as of no greater importance to the church or the world than the Pope's great passion so notably shown in recent years for peace and justice among all mankind. His ringing encyclicals to humanity to banish racial bigotry, to give religion its chance, to condemn the emergence of paganism and the worship of false gods were widely approved by people regardless of nationality or sectarianism.

To him as to all believers the doctrine that the State should be worshipped before God was so hideous and profane that his great passion for saying so could not be stayed.

A tireless worker, a doer as well as a thinker, he subordinated his comfort for his church, sparing neither body nor mind that its work should go forward. Among predecessors and doubtless among successors, Pope Pius XI, will long remain a distinguished figure.

ABOUT A THIRD TERM

The subject of a third term for President Roosevelt continues to bob up in public discussions. It is a phenomena that arises regularly in American politics whenever the occupant in the White House happens to be a man of energy and accomplishment.

There can be little doubt, we think, that the sentiment of the people of the United States, as a general thing, is against a third term for a president. The recent poll of public opinion by the American Institute of Public Opinion shows that sixty-nine per cent of those questioned were against a third term for President Roosevelt. This is about what one would expect such a poll to show.

If sixty-nine per cent of the voters of the nation are against a third term for any president, it may be safely assumed that the President will not have a third term. Certainly, it will be impossible for less than one-third of the voters to name the next president of the United States.

TALKING BOOKS

Whether "talking books" for the blind are adapted to classroom use for children, or other general use, it is interesting to know that the recorded disks, closely resembling phonograph records, are now bringing pleasure to thousands of blind persons.

We understand that some 20,000 machines for operating the records, specially constructed and simplified so that the blind can control them by touch, have been built largely by WPA workmen, and distributed to those who cannot afford to buy them. The Library of Congress has a growing collection of records available for lending to regional libraries and through them to the individual blind. The range of the records, it is said, is from ancient classics to modern literature.

ONE OUT OF 40,523

Something of a sidelight on the present psychology of the Japanese people can be gained from the fact, in an annual Imperial poetry contest, only one poem out of 40,523 mentioned a hope for peace.

Apparently, the Japanese have an "immutable" intention of waging war to fulfill national ambitions.

HARRIS TWP. SCHOOL NOTES

Vocational Department

Three practice teachers, Mr. Lance, Mr. Blerly, and Mr. Shelley, from Pennsylvania State College, were here for the week of the 6th of February to do practice teaching in Sociology and Marketing.

In the Farmers' Meeting on February 6th, Mr. Greenlee gave a talk on fertilizers. Thirty men were present. Next week Mr. Moffit, of State College, will use for his topic "Farm Management."

Home Economics Department

At the beginning of the week of February 13th we will have two new practice teachers, Miss Gates, who will be here on Mondays and Tuesdays and Miss Terchek will be here on Tuesdays and Fridays.

A new wall hanging has been purchased for the clothing laboratory. It will carry out the color scheme of green and tangerine.

The seventh grade students are beginning a study of breakfast. The eighth grade students are selecting patterns for garment construction.

The tenth grade art class is painting a corner shelf red for the foods laboratory.

The ninth and tenth grade girls are beginning a study of child training and are preparing to make dresses.

The eleventh and twelfth grade girls are studying "Child Development" and also planning the meals for the family.

The adult class conducted by Miss Pauline Billings prepared vegetables at the last meeting February 6. There were 25 present with 38 on the roll. The next meeting February 13 will be a study of desserts.

General News

The Athletic Association received seeds from the Good Seed Company. The students are selling them to raise funds for the spring baseball equipment.

We are now looking forward to the 2nd semester. New courses of study are in effect in some classes.

New Students

Three new students from College township were enrolled recently in H. T. H. S., two pupils in the ninth grade and one in the tenth grade.

Salona Couple Wed Sixty Years

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In spite of their years, have a cow, do their own churning care for 300 chickens each summer at their Salona home.

Mr. Gummo has had other vital interests outside his actual farming. He served his community as overseer of the poor for 37 years, was township road supervisor for 29 years, and also served for several terms as school director.

The couple have six living children: John W. Mill Hall; George P. Mill Hall, R. D.; Mrs. Florence Helman, State College; Ward N. Lock Haven; Sheridan, Nitany, and Mrs. Helen Fox, of Los Angeles, Calif. Ten years ago the elderly couple visited the latter daughter in California and their memories of that trip provided many stories which Mr. and Mrs. Gummo tell with much interest and enthusiasm.

All through their lives, Mr. Gummo, says, they have been busy, have worked long hours and have encountered numerous hardships in their efforts to make a living from the soil and provide for themselves and their family. He advises young people to go to school as an education is needed under present conditions of living. But he also says that young people should develop their own initiative as this is necessary if they would apply their education.

As a little historical sidelight, Mr. Gummo says that his grandfather Perry was the first man in the country to make clay brick with coal. He came from Germany to Queens Run to help develop the brick manufacturing business there and Mr. Gummo, himself, recalls when the entire operation at Queens Run was done by two men.

THE OFFICE CAT. "A Little Nonsense Now and Then, Is Relished by the Wisest Men"

WE STILL PAY RENT (By Stils, of P. Gap) When our salary's nearly spent, and it's time to pay the rent, Then the landlord comes around to make his call; Now we hate to start a fuss, but he's an inconsistent cuss, As we tell him we are sorry we must stall.

Knows His Hardware An army junior had a quiz in science. The question was: "Define a bolt and a nut and explain the difference, if any." The boy wrote: "A bolt is a thing like a stick of hard metal such as iron with a square bunch on one end and a lot of scratching wound around the other end. A nut is similar to a bolt only just the opposite, being a hole in a little chunk of iron sawed off short with wrinkles around the inside of the hole."

Worse Yet To Come Mrs. Smith heard a man ascending the apartment stairs late at night and supposing it to be her husband, opened the door and administered a severe beating. "Good heavens," she cried at last, "you're not my husband, you're the tenant on the next floor. I'm awfully sorry." "Well, you ought to be," replied her victim. "Now I'll have to go through it all again."

A DOGGEREL ON THE HOT DOG There is a dog we daily see Who has neither pups nor pedigree. A mut that's favored by the Yank-- The omni-present red-hot frank.

Honorable Hot Dog Not a Vagabond The following is an essay credited to a Japanese schoolboy: "The banana are a freak remarkable fruit. He are constructed in the same architectural style as the honorable sausage. Difference being, skin of sausage are habitually consumed, while it are not advisable to eat rapping of banana.

Never Heard of Any Hen Noll (instructing pupil how to fly)--"C'mon, now, let's go down." Pupil--"You sure I'll get down all right?" Hen--"I never left anyone up here yet."

Conclusive Evidence Justice of the Peace--"The evidence shows that you threw a brick at this policeman." Hard Guy--"It shows more than that--it shows that I hit him."

Just Before The Battle A student failed in all five of the subjects he studied at the university. He telegraphed his brother: "Flunked out. Prepare papa." The brother telegraphed back: "Papa prepared. Prepare yourself."

Deserve Admiration Bridegroom (as they stroll along the shore)--"Roll on thou deep and dark-blue ocean, roll on." Bride (Proudly)--"Oh, Gerald, how wonderful you are. It's doing it."

Wrap Up a Dozen, Please Car Salesman--"Our cars no good. Why, we're selling them by the dozen." Prospective Buyer--"I'm not surprised. How much are they a dozen?"

Tourist Information Tourist--"Is it far to the next town?" Native--"Well, it seems further than it is, but you'll find out it ain't."

Overheard On The Street "How's your nose?" "Shut up." "So's mine--must be the cold weather."

Those Hot Love Stories We finally came to this passage: "Her lips clung tenaciously to his." She must have forgotten to remove her chewing gum.

FARM CALENDAR Timely Reminders From The Pennsylvania State College School of Agriculture .Cows Need Rest Period--A cow will produce more milk during her next lactation period if she is given a rest of six to eight weeks before freshening, say dairy extension specialists at the Pennsylvania State College. During the rest period she will store up a supply of fats and other nutrients in her body for use later.

Ventilate Poultry Houses--Egg production can be kept at higher levels if poultry houses are properly ventilated, say Penn State poultry specialists. Dampness usually results from improper ventilation. Birds do not do well under damp conditions. Recommended Seeds Best--Vegetable gardeners will find Leaflet 60, "Vegetable Varieties for Pennsylvania," very helpful in making out their order for garden seeds. It may be obtained without charge by writing to the Agricultural Marketing Room, The Pennsylvania State College, State College, Pa.

Query and Answer Column

PROBLEM--What ring is always square and never round? (Answer elsewhere in this department.)

H. G.--What is the difference between a declared war and an undeclared war, such as the case in China? Ans.--Principally the difference between a declared war and an undeclared war is that no other nation officially recognizes that a state of war exists and are at liberty to trade with either side without violation of neutrality treaties, notwithstanding that technically a war does exist.

P. H.--I would like to know what is the medical term for near-sightedness. Ans.--The scientific or medical term for nearsightedness is "myopia."

T. N.--What is meant by "synthetic gasoline"? Is it up to standard of natural gasoline? And is it cheaper? Ans.--Synthetic gasoline is produced by artificial means in the laboratory. Its quality is disputed, but if it proves a success it will be somewhat cheaper than natural gasoline.

J. D.--What do farmers use potash for? Ans.--Principally, farmers use potash as an ingredient in fertilizing the land.

B. R.--What is the largest stone ever hewn from the earth, and in what country was it produced? Ans.--The largest one-piece solid stone was hewn near Baalbek, Syria. The stone is 71 feet in length, 14 feet wide and 13 feet thick. It weighs 1,125,000 pounds.

C. R.--Is it true that Reno, Nevada, is farther west than Los Angeles, Calif? Ans.--Yes. Reno, Nevada is about 125 miles farther west. This is because the greater portion of California extends directly southeast about 300 miles.

S. K.--What is peat? And what is it made from? Ans.--Peat is certain mosses and other plants formed by partial decomposition in water. It is used as a fuel when dried and compressed.

D. B.--How is charting, mapping and describing the seas, etc., accomplished? Ans.--It is done by hydrographical instruments which are very accurate in mapping seas, shallows, contours, etc.

P. J.--Which is the oldest or longest domesticated animal in the world? Ans.--The dog antedates all domesticated animals.

H. T.--If you can figure out days of the week so well will you please tell me on what day of the week will the Fourth of July be in the year 2140? Ans.--July 4, 2140, will occur on Sunday. If you don't believe it, just wait and see.

O. G.--Can you tell me what a naturalist is? Ans.--A naturalist is a person versed in natural history or natural science, as botany and zoology.

W. E. C.--Why is the opal always associated with bad luck? Ans.--The opal has not always been regarded as an unlucky stone. The superstition regarding its bad luck began in the Fourteenth Century at the time of the Black Death, particularly in Venice. At that time the opal was a favorite of the Italian jewelers, but it was said that opals worn by those stricken with the disease became suddenly brilliant and that their luster departed upon the death of the owner. Thus the stone became associated with death and an object of dread.

J. H. G.--Should eggs be packed with the small or large end down? Ans.--The Poultry Item says: "Eggs packed with small end down arrive at their destination with a much smaller number of seconds and lower grades than those packed with the large end down or hit-or-miss."

J. H. S.--Was Anthony Eden paid for his address given to the National Association of Manufacturers? Ans.--According to Current History, he received \$5000 and expenses for the address.

W. M. G.--How many states have laws prohibiting the use of marihuana? Ans.--According to a recent report of the Opium Research Committee every state at the end of 1937 had some prohibitory marihuana legislation.

G. K. L.--Is there a tree called the cow tree? Ans.--The cow-tree or milk-tree is a native of Venezuela. The stem contains a milky latex which flows out in quantities when a notch is cut in it. The "milk" is sweet and has a pleasant taste.

R. D. S.--How long has the word moron been used? Ans.--Moron was proposed by Dr. Henry H. Goddard in 1910 to designate a feeble-minded person of a mental age of from eight to twelve years. It was formally adopted by the American Association for the Study of the Feeble-minded in May of that year and immediately came into wide use.

R. G. N.--How much silver does the world produce? Ans.--Between two hundred million and three hundred million ounces a year.

L. K. H.--Is it against the law to buy a mocking bird? Ans.--Since March 15, 1937, mocking birds have been protected because of an agreement between the United States and Mexico for the protection of birds migrating between the two countries. On that date it became unlawful for any person in the United States to capture, kill, purchase, sell, or transport a mocking bird except for scientific purposes, and then, only pursuant to a special permit issued by the Secretary of Agriculture. As a strict matter of law it also on that date became illegal for a person to possess a mocking bird.

H. R. S.--Is there much juvenile delinquency among Chinese children in the United States? Ans.--The percentage is very small. According to surveys made by Chinese educators and youth movement leaders, in New York City, Chinatown there is practically no juvenile delinquency, only one case having been reported in the last eight years. The reason is attributed to the fact that the Chinese children are noted for their filial respect and obedience and are taught to spend their leisure time at home. The fact that divorce is almost unknown is also a contributing factor.

L. G. H.--Does Bermuda have taxes on real estate? Ans.--There are no taxes on real estate, incomes, or inheritances in Bermuda.

R. McG.--Please give the origin of the bugle call at horse races. Ans.--The first racing in America was conducted under the auspices of officers of the English Army, and the bugle call to the post was adopted at that time and has since been in the Rules of Racing.

H. T. F.--How are receipts of the Rose Bowl football games at Pasadena divided? Ans.--The money is split three ways, a third going to the city of Pasadena, and a third to each of the contending colleges.

C. J. H.--What is the largest religious congregation in the United States? Ans.--It is probably that of Dr. Emmet Fox who addresses a congregation of from 5000 to 6000 twice weekly in the Hippodrome at New York City.

J. T. G.--Is there any official poem for the New York World's Fair? Ans.--The Academy of American Poets, offers a first prize of \$1000 for an official poem for the fair. The contest will close on March 15.

E. J. U.--How much does vicuna cloth cost per yard? Ans.--It sells at about \$75 a yard.

H. R.--Please explain the German method of beheading criminals. Ans.--The beheading procedure now the form of capital punishment authorized by the German government is not greatly different from that of the eighteenth century, namely, the headman is dressed in formal afternoon clothes and may wear a black mask. The convicted has his arms pinioned behind his back and is conducted to the block before which he kneels.

G. R.--What kind of an insect is a Red Admiral? Ans.--The Red Admiral is a common form of British butterfly. The upper wings are black with a broad band of scarlet, while the tips are spotted with white. The lower wings are also black, edged with scarlet and have a blue spot.

N. H. B.--Is it true that a person is usually an inch taller in the morning than at night? Ans.--A person is usually taller in the early morning than at night because during the night the cartilages between the vertebrae tend to expand due to the fact that the weight of the body is not on them. A person tends to shrink after reaching the age of forty because the cartilages throughout the body are thinner and bonier.

N. H. B.--How much do railroad rails weigh? Ans.--The average weight of steel rails is from ninety to 150 pounds per yard.

M. R. T.--Which is the largest port in the world? Ans.--New York is the largest port in the world in tonnage of vessels entered and cleared.

Answer to problem: The arena of a prize-fighter, a prize-fighter's ring.