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EDITORIAL

That sizzling you hear is the political pot starting to boil.

The longest day is here and gone. After a short period of equal length days and nights we will begin to notice the lengthening shadow of eventide.

With the hay crop an acknowledged short one and corn and oats not so promising, we wonder what effect it will have on farm prices next winter.

The Glorious Fourth is the remaining big event we've left to look forward to, and then our thoughts will center on the county fairs. Of course there will be a sprinkling of Sunday school picnics and family reunions in between.

It begins to look as if Centre county is going to have an old-fashioned knock-down and drag-out primary campaign this year. Candidates are popping up from every hole and corner and the business of securing signers to petitions is assuming a merry pace.

Keep your automobile tags brushed up, Centre county car owners. Under the new law they will be good until April 1, 1940. That is at least one break that comes in a lifetime.

The legislature plucked all the tall feathers out of the old Fourth of July eagle when it passed the law prohibiting the sale of fireworks. No more will we hear the bang, hiss and boom of the usual national celebration.

Senator Vandenberg wants to pin the Republican party to a one-term candidate for President. No one knows why the Senator made his peculiar proposal. The question of a second term for any Republican able to win the election in 1940 isn't answerable five years in advance.

Up to this writing there have been no arrests made for the slaying of George Winters, the young man who was found shot to death in a clover field near Beech Creek last week.

THE PENDULUM SWINGS

It begins to look as though some teeth are being placed in the tax collection laws. The indifference that has prevailed all along the line in recent years since many of the teeth were removed from these laws has caused the pendulum to swing the other way, as it usually does.

With tax-leaving bodies finding themselves more and more in the "red" through non-payment of taxes—in most cases by those able to pay them—the inevitable demand that something be done about it resulted in action.

Governor James has signed the drastic Wilkinson bill which affects all political subdivisions except Allegheny county and counties having local or special laws governing collections.

Its major provisions empower collectors to sell goods and chattels of tax delinquents on 30 days' notice to recover revenues due, penalties and costs, and set up an employer-check-off system for collecting overdue per capita or occupation taxes.

Under the latter provision employers, on demand of the collectors, must deduct the taxes from their employe pay checks. Costs and penalties are deductible also and the employer is allowed a reasonable charge for the bookkeeping entailed by the system.

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Farmers are undoubtedly injured by many of the protective tariffs, which make them pay more for the things that they buy and tends to rob them of their foreign market.

It must be remembered that practically every Congressional candidate endorsed by the Townsends last year were old-line, economy-loving Republicans. Those nominees spent all of the time they were not assuring Townsends of their undying devotion in howling about Democratic "extravagance."

The United States, under Secretary Wallace's plan, does not attempt to secure new markets for its surplus. Recognizing that these surpluses have been caused, in part, by the action of foreign governments in subsidizing export sales, the Secretary of Agriculture would serve notice that this country will not be outbid.

The unfortunate drowning accident of last Friday, in which two eight-year-old Bellefonte boys were left to look forward to, and then our thoughts will center on the county fairs.

Most automobile owners will accept with favor the amended financial responsibility law, which will soon be effective. Before amendment the law stated that any motorist who failed to pay a judgment arising out of an auto accident in excess of \$5.33, must surrender his license and plates until the judgment was paid.

Somebody tried to put Gov. Alf M. Landon on the spot during his trip east. As soon as he reached New England, the conservative Republican papers began quoting him as declaring that "any Republican can be elected next year."

It may be interesting, at this time, to call attention to American interests in China. Six thousand Americans live in that country, their investments are worth about \$132,000,000 and the country is interested in missionary properties, valued at \$40,000,000.

Under the "Open Door" policy of the past, all nations were accorded equal commercial rights in China and this is regarded as important in future commerce. Japan, it is plain, intends to control Chinese trade and to direct it, as far as possible, to Japan.

One of the best commencement speeches lately is that of Charles H. English, chief bar examiner of Pennsylvania, to the graduating class of Georgetown University.

In the nineteen-twenties, he says, we made the mistake of confusing bigness with power. "Now we know better. We know that the proprietor of a small town weekly may have more real power than the managing editor of a daily newspaper in a national chain.

There is still a place in our world for young men with hearts and minds of pioneers, but that place is not in the district or division office of giant companies. Today there is a new frontier far more challenging to their energies and ambitions.

You can hear them calling in any community. And you can see alert minds taking advantage of them. The big men of the coming decades are now getting their start through pioneer thinking and pioneer methods.

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

WHERE JOB WAS LAX When Job began to droop and pine And notice here and there a boil, He should have watched his vacuum tank And taken lots of castor oil.

Don't Run Over the Dog Star Wife (in back seat as moon rises over hill they are ascending)—"Careful, John, here comes a one-eyed car."

An Extravagant Start The Nurse (coming out of the delivery room)—"It's twins, sir." Young Husband—"Good heavens, And I told my wife we must begin in a small way."

Could Interest Him Anywhere Pretty Shop Girl—"Could I interest you in a bathing costume, sir." Young Husband—"You certainly could, baby, but my wife is over at the glove counter."

Probably a Good Crop Barber—"Hair cut?" Farmer—"Yes." Barber—"How do you want it cut?" Farmer—"I'm not particular." Barber—"I'll cut it any way you like." Farmer—"That's a bargain. Cut it on shares. You can have half the crop for your work."

Food For the Obituary Column Up in a small town in a nearby county there was a sudden commotion. It appeared that a wire had fallen across the main street and was holding up all traffic. No one cared to touch it in case it should be a live wire.

This May Be Eggs-agerated Customer (entering grocery store)—"I want a dozen eggs, please." Clerk—"I haven't a dozen, I have only ten." Customer—"Well, are they fresh?" Clerk—"They're so fresh the hen hadn't time to finish the dozen." Customer—"Stop kiddin'. Are they really fresh?" Clerk—"Wait a minute." (Calling to back of store)—"Hey, Bill, see if those eggs are cool enough to sell yet."

She 'Spotted' Him She—"Darling, your freckles are cute." He—"Freckles, hell! I've got the measles."

Mere Pin Money A Swede who had been working in the lumber camps for six years had saved \$5000 and went to the big city to enjoy life. In the first hour of his visit he saw a bunch of men betting huge sums on the turn of a card.

OUR GOOFY POME A farmer once called his cow "Zephyr." She seemed such an amiable heifer, When the farmer drew near She kicked off his ear, And now the dumb fowl is much dephy.

Short But Sweet At a lumber camp one hundred men were employed and two women cooks. "When you make your report," said the owner to the foreman in charge, "don't use a lot of language. Just put down in figures what has been done during the month."

A Little Warmer, Perhaps Hock—"My father occupied the chair of applied science at college." Dock—"Dat's nuttin'. Me old man occupied de chair of applied electricity at Rockview."

Got Full Time Did you ever hear what happened to the fellow who stole a calendar out of the commissioners' office at the Court House? He got twelve months.

That's all, folks. We were going to tell a joke here about making love in a rumble seat—but there isn't enough room for it. —SCAT.

Louisa's Letter

A letter from "Broken-Hearted" in Alabama failed to enclose a stamped envelope so I will try to answer it as best I can without publishing the letter itself. I think, "Broken-Hearted," that under the circumstances, the best thing for you to do is to marry the man you are in love with.

LOUISA.

Dear Louisa: Do you think that boys should be required to do house work? Mother is always calling on us to help her and it seems to me that house work is women's work and not meant for boys and men.

ANSWER Whether you do housework or not depends on certain things, but one thing that has no bearing on the matter is whether you are a man or woman.

JOHN—Ala. I admit that there are women who take advantage of good-hearted men. Some of them gad about all day and come home to unclean dishes and unmade beds and expect their husbands to carry on with two jobs instead of one.

Centre County Had 5481 Men Eligible For Military Duty

In the spring of 1917 when it became almost a certainty that the United States would be forced into the European War, a census of Centre County showed that there were 5481 men between the ages of 21 and 45 years in the county, who could be called upon to answer a call to the colors.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

J. P. Kling, et ux, to Fred S. Hoerberger, of Pine Grove Mills, tract in Ferguson Twp.; \$150. William H. Vansant, et ux, to Clara T. Bateson, of State College, tract in State College; \$1.

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Andrew Vangor, et ux, to John P. Bolton, et ux, of Clarence, tract in Snow Shoe Twp.; \$1,023. Samuel B. Lettitz, et ux, to Robert K. Thomas, of Bellefonte, tract in Bellefonte, North Ward; \$300.

John M. Hartwick, et ux, to Joseph J. Mohler, et ux, of Tyrone, tract in State College; \$600. Samuel L. Condo, et ux, to Randall G. Meyer, et ux, of Spring Mills, tract in Gregg Twp.; \$1.

J. Frank McCormick, et al, execs, to Mary K. Stuart, et bar, of State College, tract in State College; \$1. George D. Krumrine, et ux, to Howard L. Stuart, et ux, of State College, tract in State College; \$1.

Grace Meyer Hartman, et al, to James P. Keim, et ux, of State College, tract in State College; \$1. Annie Koolo to Joseph Jabco, et ux, of Spring Twp., tract in Spring Twp.; consideration; \$50.

Helen E. Beezer to Anna Wagner Keichline of Bellefonte, tract in Benner Twp., consideration; \$1. Edgar S. Sover, et to Mrs. Helen Smitz, of Ribesburg, tract in Miles Twp., consideration; \$1.

John M. Hartwick, et ux, to Albert W. Hartges, et ux, of State College, tract in State College, consideration; \$1. Homer A. Grubb, et ux, to Katye M. Reese of Worth Twp., tract in Ferguson Twp., consideration; \$1.

Bellefonte Trust Co., Administrator, to William C. Luce, et ux, of Centre Hall, R. D., consideration; \$2880. Tract in Centre Hall. Emma C. Hurley et al, to Louis Finberg, of Phillipsburg, tract in Phillipsburg, consideration; \$4750.

A. B. Curtis Co., to Inet G. Galbraith of Phillipsburg, tract in Phillipsburg, consideration; \$650. Grace Harter, et al, to James Vonsda, et ux, of Oqbun, tract in Penn Twp., consideration; \$1.

George E. Adams, guardian to Frank C. Slother, et ux, of Rush Twp., tract in Rush Twp., consideration; \$100. A. C. Derr to Lawrence L. Auman of Bellefonte, tract in North Ward, of Bellefonte, consideration \$1150.

Mary T. Rowles et al, to James Lovell, et ux, of Phillipsburg, tract in Phillipsburg, consideration; \$550. C. E. Falk et ux, to Harry C. Falk et ux, of State College, tract in State College, consideration; \$1.

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Query and Answer Column

PROBLEM: If you add 10 to 50, of course, you get 60. But if you take away 10 from 40 you will get 50. How come? (Answer elsewhere in this department.)

D. F.—In law what do the words "et al" mean? For instance John Jones vs. John Smith et al. Ans.—That is a Latin term for the words "and others."

R. W.—Was John Milton an American? When was he born, and when did he die? Ans.—John Milton, the poet, was an Englishman, born in London, England, Dec. 9, 1608, and died Nov. 8, 1674.

O. H.—When were Negroes first brought to North America as slaves? And what part of Africa were they brought from? Ans.—Negroes were first brought as slaves to North America in 1620. Queen Elizabeth, the reigning queen of England, legalized slavery and the slave traffic in both England and the colonies.

B. J.—Why was the New York state prison called "Sing Sing"? Ans.—This penal institution was called Sing Sing, after the name of the city in which it was located. The city, feeling that this was not very complimentary, the name of the city was changed to "Ossining," which is the city's present name.

D. T.—How long is the Panama canal? How wide is it, and where does it begin and end? Ans.—The Panama canal is 47 miles long. The canal proper begins in the Bay of Limon, one mile northwest of the city of Colon, on the Atlantic side, and ends at Panama, on the Pacific coast. The channel of the canal has a mean width of 500 feet.

T. S.—I wish to ask you why a certain species of birds are called "Nuthackers"? Ans.—The Nuthacker is a native bird of Asia, although now widely distributed throughout Europe. There are few, if any, in the western Hemisphere. They were named "Nuthacker" because they feed principally on nuts, which they carry to some convenient crevice in a tree and hammer them with their beaks until the kernel is exposed.

V. C.—Can you answer what is the correct pronunciation of New Orleans? Ans.—New Orleans is correctly pronounced as though you spelled it "N-e-w Or-le-anz"—the last word having three syllables, and accented on the first.

S. A.—If the whale is not a fish, how do they keep warm in the Arctic sea? Ans.—There is a thick blanket of fat which completely surrounds the whale. This fat (called blubber) keeps out cold and heat, thus maintaining one temperature constantly.

L. G.—Could radio waves be sent through space to such a distance as Mars? Ans.—Scientists are agreed that this can be done but we have no way of knowing whether the Martians have the equipment for picking up the messages.

C. J. S.—How many bottles of milk are delivered every day? Ans.—It is estimated that 30,000,000 bottles of milk are delivered to American homes daily.

L. G. W.—How much candy does the average person eat? Ans.—The per capita consumption in 1938 was sixteen pounds. A. P.—Please explain what so-called fox fire is.

Ans.—In damp woods and dark marshes a phosphorescent substance forms, commonly known as fox fire. When a dry spell occurs accompanied by wind oftentimes a mass of this formation rises and is carried gently along in the form of a cloud. It is luminous and presents a very weird and strange appearance.

C. C. Y.—Is it true that cannonading had to stop for an hour on the second day of the Battle of Gettysburg to allow the guns to cool off? Ans.—Major-Gen. Abner Doubleday, in his book "Chancellorsville and Gettysburg" states that at 3 p. m. on the third day of the battle firing ceased to cool the guns in anticipation of a fresh attack.

C. W.—How can a former CCC enrollee get a copy of his discharge when the original has been lost? Ans.—A former CCC enrollee may obtain a duplicate of his discharge by writing to the Adjutant General's Office, War Department, Washington, D. C.

T. J. D.—In what year was the largest amount of money spent for relief? Ans.—According to the American Association of Social Workers, public relief in the United States reached an all-time high in November, 1938, when \$326,000,000 was spent from public funds for relief and wages to about 23,000,000 persons in more than 7,000,000 families. About 53 per cent of this was in WPA wages.

J. B.—Is it true that most of the wars in which the United States has fought have begun in April? Ans.—Of the six major wars in which the United States has been engaged, five began in April.

W. H. W.—Please tell me how many Americans saw active service in the World War. Ans.—The total number of men in the United States Army during the World War was about 4,000,000. About 2,957,907 men went overseas and about 1,390,000 saw active service in France.

E. M.—Has the winner of the official poem of the New York World's Fair been announced? Ans.—The \$1000 prize was awarded to Pearl E. Levison of New York City who wrote under the pen name of P. Earl. The poem is entitled "World of Tomorrow" and consists of 122 lines of blank verse of varying meter.

G. A.—Can you tell us if there are any wood burning locomotives still in use in this country? Ans.—There are a number of small railroads and on branch lines in the South, notably Georgia, Alabama and Florida, where wood is plentiful and used for locomotive fuel. Generally speaking, wood passed out, as fuel on locomotives shortly after the Civil War.

L. G. H.—Who invented the milk bottle? Ans.—The milk bottle was invented by Dr. Hervey D. Thatcher of Potsdam, N. Y., in 1884.

V. M. C.—When was Children's Day established and by whom? Ans.—A Sunday for the dedication of children to the Christian life was set aside as early as 1856 by the Rev. Charles H. Leonard, pastor of the First Universalist Church of Chelsea, Massachusetts. In 1868 the Methodist Convention recommended the second Sunday in June to be annually observed as Children's Day. Similar action was taken in 1883 by the Presbyterian General Assembly, and the date is now widely observed by all churches.

W. B.—Please give a brief account of the Shenandoah disaster? Ans.—The United States Navy rigid dirigible airship, Shenandoah, which had left Lakehurst, N. J., on September 2, bound for St. Paul, was torn to pieces at 5 a. m., September 3, 1925, by a thunder squall while passing over Ava, Ohio. Fourteen of the crew were killed, including the chief officer, Lieut. Com. Zachary Lansdowne. The number on board at the time of the wreck was forty.

V. S.—Can Mussolini pilot an airplane? Ans.—Mussolini qualified as an air pilot on January 12, 1937. T. M.—I am greatly troubled with mosquito bites. Can you tell me what to use to keep mosquitoes away?

Ans.—Oil of citronella, spirits of camphor or pine oil rubbed upon the face and hands, will help to keep mosquitoes away for a time. Applications should be repeated every few hours. Good results have been obtained from a mixture of one ounce of citronella, one ounce of spirits of camphor, and one-half ounce of oil of cedar.

M. S.—Is it compulsory for an alien to take out citizenship papers if he intends to stay in the United States for good? Ans.—Under the present law it is not compulsory for an alien to take out naturalization papers. F. A. G.—What are life preservers filled with?

Ans.—Life preservers are filled with cork, balsa wood, or kapok. The weight of the cork filler can not exceed twelve pounds per cubic foot. The weight of the balsa wood filler can not exceed eight pounds per cubic foot. The total weight of the kapok shall be at least one and one-half pounds. J. H. H.—In declining to run for Senator for another term, John Sharp Williams gave in a few words his reason for so doing. Can you quote them?

Ans.—Reference is probably to a remark made by Senator John Sharp Williams to Senator Harrison: "I'd rather be a dog and bay at the moon than stay in the Senate another six years. I am tired of it all and going home to rest."