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EDITORIAL

Family reunions are now in order and will continue to be for weeks to come.

The Declaration of Independence made the United States free, but only good citizens can keep this nation free.

And if the money spent for war could be spent to make people prosperous and happy, there would be cars enough to eliminate the surplus population.

Our neighbor Philipsburg is certainly a glutton for celebrating. No sooner has she gotten over the Fourth of July spree than she announces a Labor Day shindig.

The situation in Europe continues tense, with Great Britain and France making it clear that if Poland uses force to protect herself, they will give her immediate aid.

Centre county can be thankful that it has been spared the expense of a murder trial by the admission of an alleged mistake in the fatal shooting of Winters, the young Beech Creek WPA worker.

Every citizen in Centre county should be certain he is qualified to vote at the primary and general election this fall. These elections, even though they are almost purely local, are important.

Don't turn away the plea of some poor city slum child who would enjoy a few weeks of wholesome air in Centre county. If you live in the rural section, and are willing to take a child into your home for a brief vacation, notify Rev. C. Nevin Stamm or any of the Bellefonte ministers.

The Centre County Grange Fair Association will feel keenly the loss of one of its active workers in the death of A. H. Spayd, who passed away unexpectedly Saturday morning.

The retiring from circulation of B. F. Carmack, who was sentenced by the court this week to a three to six year term in the Western Penitentiary, for a series of robberies throughout upper Bald Eagle Valley, ought to ease the minds of farmers of that area, who have been terrorized by the erstwhile "phantom of the pasture" for a long period.

increasing number of communities taking advantage of local option and outlawing the liquor traffic.

Some things that Legislatures do seem to be beyond belief. Take our own august body that recently adjourned at Harrisburg, and consider the bill it passed which forbids the use of bar maids in the three largest cities of Pennsylvania...

One of the most flourishing rackets in this country today is the contest racket. Hundreds of manufacturers and others make a regular practice of stimulating business sales by means of contests.

Many of us have been reading of the recent journey of Fred Snite, Jr., of Chicago, confined to an "iron lung" as a victim of infantile paralysis...

SHALL WE HELP GERMANY?

While German officials deny any intention to use force in connection with Danzig, other powers fear some overt act. In view of the false statements made in connection with assistance given to General Franco in Spain, it is easy to understand the doubts which arise in connection with German statements.

CAN WE USE OUR GOLD?

The seven billion-dollar gold that poured into this country in the last four and a half years has given the United States a gold supply that recently passed the sixteen billion dollar mark.

For Younger Chickens

Just to show you to what lengths some people will go for a gag, we'll tell you about the husband who puttered around in the back yard with some boards and nails while his wife lay in bed with a bad cough.

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

GRADUATION OF A FLAPPER She learned to love, she learned to hate, she learned a car would carry eight, she learned to smoke, and how to tell Good whiskey, both by taste and smell.

His Test of Faith A couple on their wedding trip, met a gypsy who prophesied so greatly amused them that they gave her an extra dollar for good luck.

Accessories Extra There had been a motor accident. One of the drivers climbed out of the wreck and in a fit of temper strode up to a man standing on the sidewalk, thinking him to be the other driver.

I Knew Her When St. Peter was interviewing the fair damsel at the pearly gate. "Did you while on earth," he asked, "indulge in necking, petting, smoking, drinking or dancing?"

What'd He Say Mirandy—"My sakes, John writes from college that he threw the hammer 200 feet."

Intelligent Flies He—"I killed five flies today—three males and two females." She—"How can you tell a male from a female fly?"

We'll Take the Larger One "Do you think there is any truth in the theory that big creatures are better natured than small ones?" asked the intellectual young woman on her visit to the farm.

How About the Other Answers Tourer—"So your daughter is going around the world this summer alone. Is she prepared for the journey?"

Ever Happen To You? Grocer—"You were gone longer on your auto trip than you expected." Customer—"Yes, it took an extra week to fold up the road maps."

Very Thin Distinction Tom—"What's the difference between 'caution' and 'cowardice'?" Dick—"Caution is when I'm scared and cowardice is when the other fellow is."

We'll Take Sarsaparilla Young Girl (from the city, looking over the stock)—"Oh, I'm so glad you have a brown cow." Uncle John—"Why so, dear?"

Phoning Pittsburgh It is said that a lady patron of the West Penn Power Company dropped into the office the other afternoon to pay a bill. While she was waiting for a receipt she heard a booming voice that resounded throughout the room.

A Short, Short Story In the glowering dusk they walked along the path that encircles Hecla Park lake, holding hands and laughing like two unsophisticated youths.

Tall, Dark and Handsome Lady—"This milk isn't good any more." Milkman—"I know it, lady. Our cows haven't been contented since they tore down the tobacco sign with the handsome bull on it."

Cash and Carry Plan Three farmers in Germany, so the story goes, were being questioned by an investigator on the conservation of food.

The Answers 1. Estimate, 32,650,000. 2. About 9,000 miles. 3. \$4,550,000,000 in the fiscal year, 1938.

Louisa's Letter

Dear Louisa: We have been having a discussion in a little club of ours, "What makes some children polite and courteous to their parents, and others so impertinent?"

ANSWER: Usually courteous children are the products of courteous parents. A child who is spoken to softly and made to do his part, whether that part be easy or difficult, without emotion or temper, turns out to be a well-behaved child.

Whenever I see boys who are particularly nice to their mother, I feel that they are reflecting their father's attitude, and whenever girls have a great respect for their father, you may be sure that mother thinks well of him, too.

Suppose a father has many fine qualities but is impractical. If instead of dwelling on his good qualities, mother is always taking a dig at his gullibility you can imagine the effect on their children. But, on the other hand, suppose she takes every opportunity to emphasize his good points. The children grow up thinking father is just the finest of men and it does as much for them as it does for him. And vice versa.

But perhaps the worse thing that can happen as far as a child is concerned is for parents to be divided when it comes to correction. If father tells one of the children about something he has done or left undone, if mother thinks it of no consequence, it is better to wait until the child is not present to say so. A child is usually quick to use one parent against the other to gain his ends and it is well for parents to decide on a course together, and stick to it. Of course if one parent is absolutely unreasonable or brutal, I don't think the other should act by quietly, but I am speaking of the ordinary parents and not those who think that physical punishment is the cure for misbehavior. Personally, I think that those parents who resort to the whip are usually nothing but bullies.

As for judging whether the mother or father has the most influence on a child's behavior, I should think that would depend largely on the personality of the parent. If a boy adores his father, I imagine that he would be influenced more by him than by his mother. And if a girl worships her mother, the mother will influence her more than the father. This is only as natural as the son's experiences will be more like the father's and the girl's will be similar to those of the mother. But both parents influence a child and it will be well for both mother and father to be careful of their words and ways.

DO YOU KNOW

- 1. How many persons live on the farms of the U. S.? 2. How many miles does the "average" automobile travel in a year? 3. What was the largest Federal deficit? 4. How many consecutive games did Lou Gehrig play? 5. What is the gasoline consumption of the Atlantic Clipper on her flight across the ocean? 6. Have the Dionne quintuplets ever been spanked? 7. Who is the oldest member of the House of Representatives? 8. What is the extent of U. S. investment abroad? 9. With what nations does Japan trade most? 10. What is the strength of the German army?

The Answers

- 1. Estimate, 32,650,000. 2. About 9,000 miles. 3. \$4,550,000,000 in the fiscal year, 1938. 4. 2,130 from June 1, 1925, until he retired in May, 1939. 5. About one gallon a mile; 3,550 gallons crossing. 6. Dr. Dafee says, "No." 7. Edward Thomas Taylor, of Colorado, 81. 8. About \$12,000,000,000. 9. Japan sells 80 per cent. of her exports to the U. S., Great Britain and France, and buys 85 per cent. of her imported war materials from these nations. 10. Best estimates are that Germany has 1,200,000 men in active service.

Query and Answer Column

PROBLEM—If a match is cut through exactly in the center, which will be the heavy end? (Answer elsewhere in this department.)

W. G.—How large is the Universe? Ans.—This is a mooted question. There is supposed to be no end to space. Hence scientists can only measure to the extent of their most powerful telescopes.

V. H.—Will you please answer when and where Whittier, the poet, died, his age and religion, if any? Ans.—John Greenleaf Whittier was born on a farm near Haverhill, Mass., Dec. 17, 1807, and died at Hamton Falls, N. H., Sept. 7, 1892, aged 85 years. His parents were Quakers, and while he had deep religious convictions, some writers doubt that he embraced the Quaker sect.

S. Y.—What is meant by the terms "short ton" and "long ton"? Ans.—A short ton is 2,000 pounds, and is the standard ton in the United States. The long ton is 2,240 pounds, and is the standard ton in Great Britain.

J. D.—I would like to know what Westminster Abbey is, if it isn't a church? Ans.—Westminster Abbey was founded in the 7th century as the burial place for England's kings; queens, peers, emigrants, etc. The structure was remodelled in the 13th century by Edward the Confessor, and its present form dates from that time.

A. G.—Why do vacuum bottles keep things hot or cold? Ans.—A vacuum is the poorest conductor of heat known to science. The only heat that will pass through it is radiant heat, such as that received from the sun. Vacuum bottles are double—one bottle inside the other. The space between them is a vacuum. Since heat will not pass through this vacuum space, things inside the bottle do not get warmed up by outside heat, nor do things inside lose what heat they have.

H. S.—Why does air in an auto tire get so hot that it will sometimes blow out? Ans.—Air compressed into a tire will begin to heat when the motion of the atoms begin to vibrate back and forth. When you compress the air you push the atoms closer together. This makes them hit against each other more often and makes them vibrate faster, and this increases heat. On hot days particularly the development of heat is about 50 to 75 per cent more rapidly.

P. R.—What do you think of this? I've eaten meat all my life and I'm as strong as an ox. Ans.—That's nothing. We know people who have eaten fish all their lives and still they can't swim a stroke.

N. T.—May I ask you if a pound of water is froze will it make a pound of ice? Ans.—Yes, but it will be larger in volume.

G. W. B.—Who were the first professional baseball players? Ans.—The Sporting News Record Book says that Alfred J. Reach of Brooklyn, was the first professional player, being engaged to play for the Philadelphia Athletics in 1867. The first complete professional team was the famous Cincinnati Red Stockings of 1869, ten men drawing \$9500.

C. J. S.—What is the largest candle in the world? Ans.—It is the candle built in honor of the famous tenor, Enrico Caruso, which is in Our Lady of Pompeii Church in Italy. Built in the United States on order from his friends, at a cost of \$3700, it is sixteen feet high, five feet in circumference and weighs a ton. The candle is lighted once a year on All Soul's Day and is expected to last 1800 years.

F. G. C.—How far is the sun from the earth? Ans.—The mean distance of the sun from the earth is 92,987,416 miles. C. G.—Was a tariff levied on war supplies sent to France after the United States entered the World War? Ans.—Goods sent to France for the use of American troops were admitted duty free.

E. E. P.—How many signers of the Declaration of Independence were there? Ans.—Fifty-six names appear on the Declaration of Independence.

L. T. W.—What is the most northern post office in the world? Ans.—Barrow, Alaska, is the world's most northern post office. The most southerly post office in the world is said to be Ushuaia, Argentina (capital of Tierra del Fuego).

L. C. B.—Was Mrs. Roosevelt an honorary member of the Daughters of the American Revolution or a member through eligibility? Ans.—Mrs. Roosevelt is eligible through eight ancestors for membership in the Daughters of the American Revolution.

H. D. H.—Please explain the initials R. I. and R. after the names of the King and Queen of England. Ans.—The initials R. I. after the name of the King of England stands for Rex Imperator—Rex meaning King, and Imperator meaning Emperor. The initial R. after the name of the Queen of England stands for Regina, meaning Queen.

E. S. H.—What was the first baseball scandal? Ans.—The first major scandal was in 1919 when eight Chicago White Sox players were barred for throwing the World Series to Cincinnati.

E. H. L.—What city in the United States has the largest population per square mile? Ans.—Jersey City has the largest population per square mile of any city in the United States. With an area of only thirteen square miles and a population in 1930 of 316,000, it had in that year a population per square mile of 24,362.7.

K. S. H.—Are black and green tea produced by different varieties of plants? Ans.—The difference is wholly a matter of preparation. The green variety is what makes call unfermented tea and the black is fermented. Fermentation in this instance means about the same as oxidation. The leaves remaining in the open air from twenty to thirty hours. Certain oxidizing ferments work chemical changes in the leaf that make it black.

M. J. H.—Please give the total circulation of Catholic newspapers. Ans.—In 1938 Catholic newspapers had a total circulation of 2,631,807.

C. B.—What is a saga? Ans.—A saga is an ancient Scandinavian legend, tale, or history, hence any romantic or mythical tale of ancient times.

W. J. B.—How many hot dogs and hamburgers are eaten at the New York World's Fair? Ans.—Figures to June 11 show that there has been a consumption of 2,286,264 frankfurters and 1,524,176 hamburgers.

T. W. H.—Please give a list of some of the world's most unusual monuments? Ans.—At Enterprise, Ala., there is a monument to the boll weevil; in New York City one is erected to an amiable child, and at Mont St. Michel, Brittany, there is one commemorating an omelet. At Little Compton, R. I., there is a monument to a hen; at Winnipeg there is a monolith to wheat, and at Llandudno, Wales, there is a statue of the famous White Rabbit.

M. M. G.—Is there any four-footed animal that cannot walk? Ans.—The sloth, said to be the laziest animal in the world, hangs from the branches of trees, feeding on shoots, foliage, and fruits. The animal's anatomy is such that it can only hang. It has no defensive weapon, but is camouflaged by the coloration of its hair which is covered with a minute green algae.

F. S. R.—Who were the first River Brethren? Ans.—This name was applied to certain Christian bodies originating in 1770 in settlements of the eastern part of Pennsylvania. Their religious leaders, Jacob and John Engle, became associated with Philip William Otterbein, Martin Boehm, and others in the revival movement of that time. Disagreement over the form of baptism to be used led to the development of separate movements. The followers of the Engles, who believed that trine immersion was the mode to be adopted, came to be known as the River Brethren, either because they lived down by the river or because they were immersed in the waters of the Susquehanna in joining the brotherhood.

Strengthen River Bridge Large rocks were placed about the bases of the second and third piers supporting the Reading Railroad bridge at Millton to strengthen the piers whose natural foundations have been washed out by the Susquehanna River. Two derricks lifted the rocks from flat cars on the bridge and placed them at the pier bases.

ALBRIGHT REUNION HELD AT GRANGE PARK The twelfth annual reunion of the Albright clan was held at Grange Park, Centre Hall, on Tuesday, July 4th. A plentiful dinner was served at the noon hour to the one hundred or more persons present. A play entitled, "The Seashore Vacation," was given by Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Albright and Mrs. Sammie Albright, after which officers were elected. Games for the children employed part of the afternoon. Rev. C. C. Shuey of Bellefonte gave a short talk. Horse shoe pitching and push ball concluded the day. Everyone reported a fine time. Classified ads are liberty.