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EDITORIAL

Much as we hate flies, we would welcome the time to swat 'em.

There are folks who expect every dollar they spend to bring in two dollars in income.

This being a presidential year, you may expect all kinds of foolish statements from supposedly wise men.

The best thing that can happen for the future of Bellefonte's public schools is a little close harmony among our citizens.

About a third of the 2,300,000 persons now on WPA projects will be dropped from the rolls by June 30th. The reduction, much as it is to be regretted because of the hardships it may bring, is necessary to keep within the appropriation provided by Congress.

If present trends continue it is predicted that in 1960 the number of persons born in the United States will about balance those who die and our population will be stationary. It is also estimated that there will be 26,380,000 males of fighting age, between 20 and 45 years.

Joe Louis has 100,000 reasons to exchange blows with some worthy opponent in Philadelphia sometime in June. The \$100,000 guarantee was made by a prominent group of Philadelphians who are apparently interested in having a nice feature attraction for the Republican National Convention in June.

Berlin reports that a French war plane recently landed in Germany, forced workmen to give them directions and escaped to France. There are people who will not understand how this is possible but piloting the sky is a large undertaking, especially when intruders can whizz by at 300 and 400 miles an hour.

We observe that 206 British and French ships have been sunk since the war began on September 3 up to March 16. We also observe that 184 neutral ships have been destroyed in the same period. We know who the British and French are fighting, but we are at a loss to know who the neutral nations are fighting.

Delayed about a month by extremely cold weather, Nature is about to put on her annual show. During the next few weeks, if our weather prognostication doesn't fail us, it will take a very belligerent individual to keep his mind upon the fighting that is going on across the Atlantic ocean. Trees, bushes and plants, apparently dead a short while back, will burst into bloom. It will give all of us a new outlook and renewed interest in life.

Now that Vice-President Garner, an admitted candidate for the Democratic Presidential nomination, has been joined by Postmaster-General James A. Farley, the guessers are off again with prognostications and surmises as to President Roosevelt's intention. It is said that Mr. Farley would not have announced his positive candidacy had he not known that the President does not intend to run again. We have no way of knowing what will happen, but we still maintain that Mr. Roosevelt can have the nomination if he will accept it.

The demand in Great Britain and France for a more energetic prosecution of the war is fraught with grave possibilities. It illustrates, perhaps, the ignorance of the critics who do not seem to understand the difficulties that the democracies face in the present struggle. Competent critics have expressed the belief that Germany is maintaining its superior aerial position and there has not been enough fighting to deplete the material reserves that Hitler had prepared for the war. Against this opinion is the belief that Hitler did not want a general war over the Polish affair and that his military experts warned him that Germany could not stand a long war. Just now it is impossible to know what is the truth. Five or ten years after the war ends we will be able to know what the facts are.

From now on until the votes in November are counted we will continue to hear that the farmer is being regimented; his liberties interfered with and his management of his lands taken out of his hands. Regimentation, though a favorite scare word with the candidates for the G. O. P. nomination, fails to frighten the grain belts, the great source of farming that would be most likely to react to any harmful government interference. Recently Congressman Francis Case, Republican from South Dakota, delivered a speech in the House of Representatives on the soil conservation program. He jeered at the idea that the farmers were goose-stepping at the order of the Agricultural Department and told that the grangers themselves first voted whether they wanted the plan and then went ahead themselves organizing the work. Said this Republican congressman: "It is working in almost 900 different areas across the country on more than 200,000,000 acres. It is controlling erosion. But the way it is working is the important thing. Instead of walking on to a farmer's land and telling him that he will have to do this and so, the farmer himself is enlisted to do the biggest part of the job himself."

Uncle Sam has been taking a census since 1790. In this year 1940 certain Republicans—who are out of office—have seen fit to picture this year's census as some sort of an invasion. The critics come in poor grace as they try to make political capital out of this question, seek to muddy the water and make difficult the tasks of those who are engaged in doing an important and necessary service. They seem to have been somewhere else when the sense of fairness was distributed.

Fate's even-handed justice is reported to have caught up with the small group of United States citizens who moved to Nassau and became British subjects. From there they cabled orders to Wall Street, blissfully free from income tax, the SEC, the Holding Corporation Act, etc. Now the pinch has arrived. The British Government is taking over all their American securities and giving in return depreciated English government bonds.

Conclusive answer was made by Col. F. C. Harrington, Commissioner of Works Projects, to those critics of the New Deal who are forever talking about unemployment and asserting that the administration has done nothing to alleviate it. In the course of a review of the situation of the WPA in January, Col. Harrington said: "Marked progress has been made since 1933. Excluding those employed by WPA or other governmental agencies on an emergency basis, nearly 7,700,000 more workers are now employed in non-agricultural jobs than were at work at the bottom of the 1929-1933 depression."

That Media Judge who bitterly criticized a jury for returning a manslaughter verdict against a father who confessed he killed his son to "spite" his estranged wife, raised a pertinent question. "I don't know what we're going to do with a verdict like this when the defendant confesses to a first-degree murder," he said. "God save the Commonwealth if all jurors are like you." Which raises the question of just what can be done to awaken the average juror to a realization of his responsibilities. He's as vital as the engine in the machine. He's as important as the police or the courts, but he frequently does a brand of thinking that passes all understanding.

RAPPING THE NEW DEAL

From the Altoona Tribune (Rep.)

Up and down the state and national Republican candidates for various offices are rapping the new deal from speakers' platforms.

It seems like such a silly procedure by thinking voters. They know what the new deal has or has not done. They can read and analyze. They can glance at their annual incomes and determine whether they have been better or battered. They can look at their neighbors and determine the effects of new deal legislation.

Why can't a Republican candidate, particularly this year when they have a greater opportunity to be elected than ever before since the Democrats went into power, offer a constructive platform to those from whom they seek votes?

That's what the average voter wants—presentation of constructive ideas which the candidates think will solve some of the present-day problems.

General statements on expenditures and unemployment help little. A candidate could get much farther if he even admitted he didn't know the answers but would try to find out.

NO "HAM AND EGGS" IN LUZERNE

From Scranton Times

Schemes like "ham and eggs" every day in the week and \$30 pensions in the first mail every Thursday, are out so far as the permission of the Luzerne county court is concerned.

A group seeking a charter involving another plan for old-age pensions was flatly turned down yesterday, by the entire court. Said the court, in rejecting the petition for a charter:

"In this age of deception and fraud, too much care can not be exercised in scrutinizing applications for charters with alluring schemes to benefit the public and which emphasize that man need no longer earn his bread by the sweat of his brow, but that the government, under which he lives, should furnish him with a livelihood."

Political and other personalities—some sincere and others using various plans of great allurements for personal gain or to ride into well paid offices—are responsible for most of the ideas of ham and eggs and pensions for all without doing a tap of work.

Old people have been the persons especially aimed at by the sponsors of the schemes. Thousands of dollars to promote the dreams have been siphoned out of the pockets of poor and believing people.

The Luzerne county court's rejection of the ham and egg idea attaches no criminality or impropriety to the motives of the petitioners, but it points out enough to fully justify its action as a protective measure against pitfalls inherent in "ham and eggs" schemes.

A COW STORY

Here's a good story to remember the next time someone offers to let you in "on the ground floor" of an easy-money stock proposition.

Ten men who were financiers chipped in ten dollars each and bought a fine cow that gave ten gallons of milk every day. The milk was divided at night and each man received one gallon as his share.

Soon the neighbors far and near heard about the wonderful cow and said to one another: "Think of getting a whole gallon of milk every day. What a wonderful return on a \$10 investment! I wish I had a share in her."

When this talk was repeated to the ten men they had a meeting, and one of them said: "Let us give these people what they want. Our shares in the cow cost us \$10 each, and we can sell other shares at the same price."

So they went to a printer and obtained one thousand sheets of paper bearing the legend: "One Share in the Cow." They then sold five hundred of these shares at \$10 each, which brought them \$5,000, and divided the other five hundred among themselves as their reward for being smart.

Each man of the ten now had fifty-one shares, whereas in the beginning each had but one. But one of the ten began to worry. "Look here," he said, "every fellow who bought a share in this cow will expect a gallon of milk tonight, and the cow only gives ten gallons. When the milk is divided into one thousand and ten parts, these new shareholders won't get a spoonful. Shares will drop to nothing. We'd better unload while we can."

So the ten men went out on the streets to find investors and each of them sold the fifty shares that had been awarded to him, and thus they obtained a second five thousand dollars to divide among them. But now, night was drawing near, and again one of the ten began to worry.

"There will be a row at milking time," he said. "Hasten abroad and persuade each of the shareholders to sign a proxy—which is a joker, authorizing you to cast, as you think best, the vote to which his share entitles him. Then return with the proxies and we shall do some voting."

At twilight, the men met at the barn, and in their hands were one thousand signed proxies to represent the absent shareholders and the ten were split up to vote in their own right, for each still held his original share. "Now," said the one who did the talking, "we must reorganize. This company needs a President, a Treasurer and eight Vice Presidents. That gives each of us a job. And since there are ten of us, and the cow gives ten gallons, it is moved and seconded that each of us receives a salary of one gallon of milk per day. All in favor say 'Aye.'" The motion carried without a dissenting vote.

AND THEY MILKED THE COW!
This excellent and rather typical illustration of sharpshooting financing was culled from the current issue of the Black Hawk publication.

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

Why We're Getting Bald
This business of thinking up jokes Has got us a little bit daunted. The ones you want, we can't print. And the ones we print aren't wanted— Or are they?

Foresighted Bobby
Young Bobby had reached the age of seven when he was promoted to the dignity of having a room to himself. His fond parents had furnished it with great care and showed it to him with no little pride and satisfaction.

Bill viewed it in silence.
"Now, son," said his father, "this furniture is of the best. It will last you a lifetime."
Still Bobby kept silent.
"Don't you like it, Bobby?"
"Oh, yes, I like it. But how do I know my wife will like it?"

Gone With the Wind
Dooley (trying to locate his last pay)—"Let's see, I had eighty-five dollars. Spent twenty on liquor; lost forty-five in a crap game; and—er—musta spent the other twenty foolishly."

Courting Disaster
Caller—"I would like to see the Judge, please."
Stenographer—"I'm sorry, sir, but he's at dinner."
Caller—"But, my dear lady, my errand is important."
Stenographer—"It can't be helped, sir. His honor is at steak."

How About Flora Da?
Teacher—"Can you name the Super States?"
Pupil—"Missouri, Iowa, Kansas, Nebraska, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia, Florida, South Carolina, North Carolina, Virginia, West Virginia, Maryland, Delaware, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, New York, Connecticut, Rhode Island, Massachusetts, Vermont, New Hampshire, Maine, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island, and Newfoundland."

You Know the Kind
Bill—"What kind of oil do you use in your car?"
Pete—"Oh, I usually begin by telling them I'm lonely."

Came the Dawn
Prevue flashed on a movie screen:
"CHILD IS BORN—Jack L. Warner in charge of production."

Sure of Her Figure
Speaking of kissing, or were we, reminds us that the other night in a certain living room in this town of Governors a fellow and a girl were sitting closely on a divan. It was his first visit to the house. Finally he took her in his arms and kissed her.
"I'm sorry," she said, "but I always tell my mother everything, so as soon as you go home I'll confess to her that you kissed me seven times."
"Seven times? Why I only kissed you once," he said.
"But surely you're not going home yet," said the cute little thing.

Pome of Appeal
A merchant addressing a debtor
Remarked in the course of his lecture
That he chose to suppose
A man knows what he is—
And the sooner he pays it the better.

She Still Doesn't Know
A West Ward man looked up from the funny page of the paper he had been reading the other evening and inquired of his wife: "Do you know why I am like a mule?"
"No, I don't," she replied, "but I've always wanted to ask you."

Dumb-Bell
He (calling to his wife at the garage)—"Take a glance at the gas, will you, Mabel?"
Mabel—"The indicator says half, but I don't know if it means half full or half empty."

Breaking It Gently
Jack—"Mrs. Upton's pet dog has been run over; she'll be heart-broken."
Bill—"Don't tell her suddenly."
Jack—"No, I'll begin by saying it's her husband."

Very Little Left
The Sunday motorists had picked the farmer's fruit and his flowers, and their car was full of plunder. Pointing to an unexplored highway, they inquired of the farmer:
"Shall we take this road back to the city?"
—"You might as well," replied the farmer, "you've got most everything else."

We Would, Wouldn't You?
He—"Do you know why the traffic lights turn red?"
She—"No, why?"
He—"Wouldn't you if you had to stop and go in the middle of the street?"

Our Own Statistics
When you tighten your belt, it's a recession.
When you have no belt to tighten, it's a depression.
When you have no pants to hold, it's a panic.

True or False?
Lady—"Will my false teeth look natural?"
Young Dentist—"Lady, I make them look so natural they ache."

Pat's Fight
Mike—"Sorry to hear you were in a free-for-all fight, Pat."
Pat—"Free for all, did you say? It cost me \$10 and costs in court."

That's all, folks. Have you heard the great song hit entitled: "He rowed his girl up-stream and paddled her back." —SCAT.

CHOOSE STATE COLLEGE WINNERS IN ESSAY CONTEST
Jananne Morse, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. O. Morse of State College, has been declared the State College winner in the fifth annual national essay contest sponsored by the Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars in co-operation with the newspapers of the nation.

Miles Horst, secretary of the Pennsylvania State Grange. Staff members of the College who spoke included Dr. F. P. Linniger, agricultural economics; Dr. M. E. John, rural sociology; and Dr. R. G. Bernreuter, education and psychology.

Wants Stricter Tests
Major E. J. Henry, newly-appointed head of the State Police in Philadelphia, believes examinations for drivers' licenses need "tightening up." He told a motor truck association recently the tests "are not nearly tough enough" and that they should be conducted annually.

GRANGE LECTURERS IN ANNUAL SHORT COURSE
Grange lecturers met at the Pennsylvania State College last week in their eighth annual short course.

Among the nationally known speakers on the program were Dr. O. E. Baker, agricultural economist of the U. S. Department of Agriculture; James C. Farmer, Keene, N. H., lecturer of the National Grange; and Kenzie S. Bagshaw, master, and

LOUISA'S LETTER

In answer to my reader who signs herself "Blue Duke," I must give the same advice as I did to the girl who was in a similar situation several months ago.
It certainly is unfortunate that your uncle and aunt, instead of trying to understand your need for your companionship, make it so hard for you to have a little pleasure. They have the opportunity of making you love them as you would your own parents, but they evidently think more of what they can get out of you than of your affection.

On the other hand, I wonder if you have done your part towards making everybody happy. Have you been polite and controlled your temper when they irritated you? Have you really appreciated what they have done for you?

It is inexcusable for anyone to whip a girl of your age and I don't blame you for wanting to leave people who have so little sense. But be sure that you have a better place to go to and a good job or you may find that you are jumping out of the frying pan into the fire.

Quickly ask your relatives to give you some time off. Everybody should have a few hours off to do as they like and I don't think they should require you to work all of the time. If you can discuss things with them without getting angry you will probably accomplish more than if you lose control of yourself.

Now, about your boy friend. Perhaps they know more about him than you do and perhaps he has a bad reputation. A girl of 17, who is very much in love, in these days, when so many husbands are out of work, an education is quite necessary for every girl.

It is strange but true, that very often people treat us as we do them and if you try to be as lovable and fine as you can, you may be surprised at the way your relatives react to such treatment.

Good Luck, LOUISA.

Dear Louisa:
I am eighteen years old and I have gone with a boy off and on for about three years. He comes to see me a while and then goes with other girls, and then comes back to me.

There are other boys besides him but I like him best. Would you advise me to keep on going with him like this?

A LONESOME GIRL—N. C.
Answer:
If you like him best I would keep on seeing him when he comes back but I would not drop my other friends for him and neither would I accept every invitation of his. If he finds out he has a little competition he may be a little more constant.

SHEPHERDS CHOOSE TO MEET IN PENNSYLVANIA
New Castle was selected last week by the Tri-State Sheep and Wool Growers' Association as the meeting place for 1941. This is the first time the association has elected to meet in this Pennsylvania city.

Two Pennsylvania members were elected officers at the meeting in Cadiz, Ohio. R. P. Peebles, Slippery Rock, is president, and J. R. Henderson, Hickory, is secretary.

Pennsylvania growers topped the wool show. In fine wool, C. M. Hamilton, Washington, won first on both purebred ram, and O. S. Patterson, Waynesburg, was second on purebred ewe fleece. In the commercial fleeces, fine wool class, Ed Ashbrook, Washington, won the first four places. J. B. Henderson and son, Hickory, won first on both purebred ram and purebred ewe fleeces in the medium wool class. In the 4-H club exhibits, Robert Parmiter, Connelville, won first and second on purebred fine wool ewe fleeces, and Carl Richardson, of the same place, took fifth.

Dr. William L. Henning, professor of animal husbandry at the Pennsylvania State College, spoke on cross-breeding of sheep, a project in which he has gained a national reputation.

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Query and Answer Column

PROBLEM—"A morgan" may be plucked, used for sewing rag carpets or a kit's tail. Which is correct? (Answer elsewhere in this department.)

J. G.—Has President Hoover ever done anything to help old-age pensioners?
Ans.—Yes. On Jan. 16, 1939, he made a strong plea to Congress for the social security act to include the aged and children.

E. B.—Is it true that Samuel Chase, a signer of the Declaration of Independence, and later a member of the United States Supreme Court, was impeached by Congress. If so, what for?
Ans.—Samuel Chase was not impeached. In 1805 impeachment proceedings were brought against him for delivering a violent anti-Jefferson speech in Baltimore in 1803. The case was bitterly fought in Congress, and when the vote was taken in the Senate Chase was acquitted by a very small majority.

W. D.—When will Tom Mooney be released from prison?
Ans.—Tom Mooney is not in prison. He was pardoned by the governor of California and was released from the penal institution on Jan. 7, 1939.

P. L.—Is the Boulder Dam larger than the Grand Coulee Dam? In what States are they located?
Ans.—At the present time Boulder Dam is the largest in the world. It is on the Colorado River, in the State of Colorado. Grand Coulee Dam will be the largest dam in the world when it is completed in 1942. It is located on the Columbia River, in the State of Washington.

S. K.—How can an ex-soldier get a copy of his discharge papers if the original has been lost?
Ans.—The government does not issue copies of military discharge papers if they have been lost or destroyed. However, if issued certificates to take the place of discharge papers. Such certificates may be obtained by writing to the Adjutant-General's office, U. S. War Department, Washington, D. C.

T. R.—In what college did Clarence Darrow, the famous criminal lawyer, graduate? Where was he born?
Ans.—Clarence Darrow did not go to college. While he went through the common school, he was practically self-taught by burning the midnight oil like Abraham Lincoln. He studied law and was admitted to the bar in 1876. He was born at Kinsman, Ohio, in 1857.

O. G.—What is the meaning of "Dail Eireann" which I occasionally see mentioned in connection with Ireland?
Ans.—"Dail Eireann" is the lower house of the legislature of the Irish Free State. It is the Irish term for Congress, Parliament, Diet, etc.

R. L. S.—Where is the British crown kept when not in use?
Ans.—The crown is kept in the Tower of London and only brought forth on special occasions such as the coronation, when under strong guard it may be taken to the national jeweler's to be reset or renovated.

E. S. Y.—How many life preservers must a ship carry?
Ans.—All ships are required to carry a life preserver for each person on board.

W. W.—What is the coldest weather that Miami, Fla., has had in recent years?
Ans.—The Weather Bureau says that the lowest temperature recorded at Miami in recent years are 32 degrees on January 4, 1918 and on January 29, 1928, and 31 degrees on January 28, 1940.

E. J. D.—Please give the name of the Scottish regiment that formed "The Thin Red Line"?
Ans.—"The Thin Red Line" refers to the 93rd Regiment of Highlanders who fought at Balaclava during the Crimean War.

H. T. S.—What is the derivation of the word socialite?
Ans.—It is coined from the words social and elite.

L. K. M.—How much is the Government spending to help young people?
Ans.—The Federal Government is spending approximately \$400,000,000 a year for its youth-relief program. Of this sum, \$300,000,000 is being expended on the Civilian Conservation Corps and \$100,000,000 through the National Youth Administration.

C. D.—What is the origin of the term, red cap, applied to station porters?
Ans.—The use of the term dates from Labor Day, 1890, when John Williams, a colored porter in the New York Central Station, tied a piece of red flannel on his cap so that his patrons could identify him in the crowd.

W. M. S.—Are library books dangerous as carriers of disease germs?
Ans.—Studies made show that library books are not important as carriers of disease. Disease germs do not live long outside the body. Books may be disinfected by sprinkling a few drops of formalin through the books and placing them in a closed container for twenty-four hours. For disinfecting a single book, it may be placed open and the formalin may be placed on blotting paper in the container with it.

R. J.—What State has the largest number of horses?
Ans.—In 1939 Iowa led with 783,000 horses on farms.

E. H.—Please give the size of the crew on the Leviathan at the time she carried the record number of soldiers to Europe.
Ans.—When the Leviathan carried her record-breaking contingent of 11,470 soldiers in August, 1918, she carried officers and crew to the number of 2078.

M. S.—Does the brain shrink in old age?
Ans.—The brain attains full weight at 15 to 18 years except in unusual cases. It remains approximately the same until about 60 years of age, when it begins to decrease in weight. At 80 about 6 per cent of the weight has been lost.

N. F. B.—When did Henry Ward Beecher preach his last sermon?
Ans.—The last sermon preached by the Rev. Henry Ward Beecher was delivered on Sunday, February 27, 1887, in Plymouth Church in Brooklyn.

N. B.—What methods can be used to make a baby try to walk?
Ans.—Child specialists say that an infant should not be encouraged to stand or begin walking until he makes his own efforts.

Answer to problem—"A morgan" is the name of the ox-eye dairy and, of course, it may be plucked.