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RANDOM THOUGHT

The movement during part of last week and all of this week by the Chain Stores and many of the independent merchants over the State in observing "Pennsylvania Days" is well worthy of mention. After all, one of the better ways to help our own state, is to ourselves utilize its products, and its manufactures. Too often, we fall for "Maine Potatoes" for example, when this good old Keystone state, has them just as good. One way to make prosperity for Pennsylvania is to "Buy Pennsylvania" and all these stores which have joined the movement, are heading in the right direction.

Senator John J. Haluska this week is proposing an investigation into WPA, DPA, the Highway Department, Etc., in Cambria County, in the State Senate, and is likely to cut some ice if he gets the idea across. Even if he isn't successful, it is likely that there will be quite a number of probers in our midst. Washington has been asked to put several undercover men on the job with instructions to pry into charges pay rolls have been padded, workmen coerced, jobs sold and favoritism shown in the distribution of WPA patronage. Some folks say the Senator is particularly aiming at the county highway unit, and some factions in the WPA setup.

Matters have been so mysterious in WPA, and have been made a lot more so with publicity as given by the Editorial Director of the Johnstown Democrat. Anyway, it might prove interesting if a really honest-to-goodness investigation were made.

Members of the Cambria County Board of Public Assistance, received their "Walking Papers" from Governor James during the week. All of them, only five still remaining, are Democrats. But, inasmuch as there is no salary connected with the job—we don't suppose there's much worrying.

One sees lots of jittery, furtive-eyed individuals these days. They are some of the folks who were so jubilant back a few months ago. Now its different. They eye one another with distrust. They are the Republicans. Maybe they are just some of the Republicans. But they are a great number of the Republicans. And they want jobs. And most of them won't get any. And they're all afraid their fellow Republican will be able to "pull" something. And they're friends on the surface and enemies at heart. And even a Democrat rates higher in some of the minds than do their own dearly "beloved" brethren.

It's all right perhaps, to make some of those wicked alleged Democratic chiselers pay back certain alleged misused or unearned funds, and we do trust our good Governor also sees to it that a former Superior Court Justice who received about \$15,000 in salary he never earned, while he was campaigning for a high state office, also is made to "cough-up."

A lot of automobile drivers who had sent in sufficiently in advance to receive their auto drivers licenses didn't receive them in time for the deadline last week, and consequently our economical Governor extended the time until Wednesday of this week. The Department of Revenue stated that for economy's sake the licenses have been sent out third class mail. But there are some others outside the administration who claim that lack of sufficient help and also lack of efficient help down in the Department of Revenue office may be the prim reason.

They are trying again to drive Madame Secretary Perkins out of the cabinet. We suspicion that maybe it's not exactly the thought of the common man and woman that such should be done. The madame has been endeavoring to do a lot toward bringing about a labor peace. Business claims that such a peace would go far toward restoration of better conditions. Miss Perkins is in a peculiar position. Conservative employers hate her because she is pro-labor; the CIO thinks she is a reactionary and the AFL says she is too radical. The bureaucrats object because they can't control her, while

the academic reformers complain that she doesn't crack down on the bureaucrats. Since all of these criticisms cancel themselves the historian will have to hunt for a deeper cause. Maybe its because she doesn't happen to be a man, and doesn't chew tobacco.

When they were the minority party in Harrisburg, the Republicans were loud in their denunciation of the vicious practice of "macing" payrollers, and boy, oh boy, didn't we hear lots about it right here in Cambria County. They made so much noise about it in fact that a lot of folks completely forgot it was a G. O. P. invention anyhow, and the Democrats, in their respective genius, simply improved and expanded the model. But now that the Republicans are back in the saddle again, their indignation is cooling. They showed that last week, when they blocked Democratic efforts to put some real teeth in a Republican sponsored anti-macing act.

The Republican bill merely prevents politicians from "demanding" contributions from payrollers. The Democrats proposed an amendment to prohibit political parties from accepting payrollers' contributions. That was voted down. So was an amendment prohibiting politicians from soliciting contributions. As finally passed, the bill simply re-enacts a law that stood upon the statute books for 42 years until its repeal by the Democrats two years ago. And during these forty-two years, Republicans soaked it to the payrollers for forty years and the Democrats for only two years.

All of which leads us to suspect that the Republicans were only against "macing" simply because they weren't benefitting by it. Now that they are in a position to profit by the practice, they are making certain that the door is left open for "macing"—in case they later want to do a little themselves. The Democrats, of course, deserve no bouquets for their efforts to enact a real anti-macing law. They aren't against macing either, as their own actions showed. They simply were trying

to put their Republican oponents on the spot and force them to do a little squirming. In that they succeeded. We predict that we will hear less and less about the macing evils from now on, from Republicans, and it will be interesting to note whether the Republicans who are on the pay roll in Cambria county this fall, won't be rather substantial contributors to the campaign fund.

Now that the windows of the state liquor stores are devoid of anything that even hints at the merchandise sold within, as per order of the Governor, some utilization of all this wasted space should be made—for good old economy's sake!

Breaking with the 164 year old tradition that the retiring Papal Secretary of State never wins the election the Sacred College last week named Eugenio Cardinal Pacelli the 262nd successor to the Throne of St. Peter, which he immediately mounted as Pope Pius XII. Seidom has a Pope assumed power in more stirring or difficult times. Religion in general is under attack on many fronts. Persecution is spreading. Houses of worship have been and are being destroyed in Godless Russia. Catholics are under fire in Mexico, Germany, Spain and elsewhere. Atheism and paganism are rampant in the world. Politically, morally and economically, civilization faces one of the most dangerous times since the Dark Ages. The peril of international war is grave. A suicidal armaments race is carrying many nations swiftly toward bankruptcy and chaos. Armed aggressors are on the rampage and the only law they recognize is the law of the jungle. Such is the savage world the new Pontiff is facing.

For the above and other reasons, the Princes of the Catholic Church, gathered in Vatican City, could scarcely have made a better selection. And that they had all this in mind when they came to vote is not to be doubted. Pius XII is a great and good man with a wide experience in diplomacy. He has one of the most brilliant minds in the

church. He can hold his own with the strongest of the world's statesmen. His influence stands far beyond his own flock. His influence is peace, and good will among nations and among people

"A good many of the ancestors of the members of the Daughters of the American Revolution brought slaves from Africa and, of course, made them work for nothing. Now the Daughters refuse to rent their hall to the dusky skinned Marian Anderson, whom Arturo Toscanini says is "the world's greatest singer." Oh! tempora! Oh! mores! Oh, hell!"—Curwensville Herald.

Apparently the miners of District No. 2 don't think a lot of some of the movements made by the James' administration at Harrisburg. At their special scale committee convention recently held at DuBois, representatives look direct pokes at Major Lynn Adams and the state's economy move in general. Adams was condemned because of alleged activities against labor when he was head of the state police, and the convention went on record as opposing confirmation of Adams. Governor Arthur H. James' economy moves received slaps from the miners when they condemned the action of the state in reducing the force of mining inspectors. The miners stated there were altogether too few inspectors in the districts.

HASTINGS NEWS

George Kelly of Pittsburgh spent the week end at the home of his grandmother, Mrs. Catherine Simelsberger, who resides on Spangler St. Miss Genevieve Kline, employe of Winters Beauty Shop in Johnstown, was a visitor at her home here the early part of the week. Mr. and Mrs. Holgar Anderson of Pittsburgh, Mr. and Mrs. Phil Runzo and daughter Jeanne of Oil City and Miss Rita Yeager, of Harrisburg were

week-end visitors at the P. F. Yahner home.

Mr. William Smith of Georgia transacted business here on Monday of this week.

Dick Peters and Miss Patricia McNelis, enrollees at State College were at their respective homes here over the week-end.

Mrs. A. Clark and Miss Naomi Binder spent Saturday in Altoona.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Carr of State College spent the week end at the home of the lady's father, Dr. J. F. Rutherford.

The Ladies Auxiliary of the Hastings Volunteer Fire Company held its regular monthly meeting in the Municipal Hall last Friday evening. A short business session followed by cards, with prizes awarded the winners were the events of the evening.

Louis Kline returned home on Sunday after a week's stay in Florida where he visited relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Buck and son Bobbie and daughter Camille spent Sunday at the E. J. Dietrick home in Patton.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan McGlynn and children spent Sunday at the McGlynn home in Nanty Glo.

Major McCoy, Stephen Easley, John Yeager and Bob Neibauer motored to Pittsburgh on Saturday to attend the stage show at the Stanley Theatre which featured Artie Shaw's Band.

Mrs. Joseph Milchak spent last Monday in Philipsburg visiting relatives.

Miss Genevieve Morchesky of St. Benedict was a caller at the Jansure home on Sunday.

Mrs. F. O. Holtz, daughters, Helen and Monica and Miss Camille Houck were Saturday shoppers in Barnesboro.

Mrs. William Kufer of Philadelphia spent the week end here visiting her daughter Helen, a teacher in the local High School.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Lewis and son and Mr. Glen Stokes of Harrisburg motored here on Sunday to spend the day at the P. F. Yahner home. On their return trip they were accompanied by Miss Rita Yeager, who is employed in Harrisburg.

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS, MEET, HASTINGS

Hastings—The regular business meeting of Court of Our Lady of Victory No. 722, Catholic Daughters of America, was held at 7:30 o'clock on Monday evening in the Moose Hall, Hastings.

A special memorial service, arranged by Rev. Father John E. O'Connor, chaplain, of the court, was conducted. Since the organization of the court 16 years ago, 16 members have passed away. These deceased members will be honored at this service, at which time the officers of the court will be robed, and the Vested Choir, directed by Miss Yvonne Yerger, with Mrs. M. J. Shannon as accompanist, will sing three numbers, "Lead Kindly Light," "Ecce Panis" and the "Sanctus" from Bigg's Mass.

NOTICE OF HEARING IN PROPOSED PRIVATE SALE.

In the Court of Common Pleas of Cambria County, Pennsylvania

In re proposed sale of County Commissioners of Cambria County of 1 House and 1 Lot, assessed in the name of Thos. J. Krise Estate, Est., situate in the Township of Clearfield, Cambria County, Pennsylvania, purchased by said County Commissioners at County Treasurer's Sale of Seated Lands for Taxes. (Proposed purchaser Mrs. Susan Krise.) Amount offered (\$40.00). NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to the provisions of the Act of Assembly of the 25th day of May, 1933, P. L. 1018, and by virtue of an Order of Court, a public hearing will be had at the Court House, Ebensburg, Pa., at 10:00 o'clock A. M., (Eastern Standard Time) on the 20th day of March, 1939, to determine whether such proposed sale should be made. All persons interested may then and there appear and be heard. JOHN THOMAS, JR., FRANK P. HOLLERN, LILLIAN D. KELLER, Commissioners of Cambria County, Commissioners' Office, March 7, 1939.

Advertisement for Frigidaire refrigerators. Features include: "HISTORY-MAKING ANNOUNCEMENT!", "New 'COLD-WALL' Frigidaire with the Meter-Miser!", "THE WORLD'S FIRST 'COLD-WALL' REFRIGERATOR! Built on an entirely New Principle that saves food's vital freshness from drying out", "CONVENIENT TERMS AS LOW AS 25c A DAY", "Frigidaire 'Super-Value 6' BRAND NEW 1939 MODEL, ONLY \$149.75", "COME IN AND SEE HOW IT WORKS...", "NOW, FOR THE FIRST TIME THE NEW 'DEW-FRESH SEAL'—A SOLID GLASS PARTITION—DIVIDES THE CABINET INTO 2 COMPARTMENTS. and THE LOWER COMPARTMENT IS REFRIGERATED DIRECTLY THROUGH THE WALLS BY CONCEALED REFRIGERATING COILS.", "Also a complete line of Frigidaire air conditioning — beer cooling — milk cooling and hotel, restaurant and meat market cooling equipment.", "BENDER ELECTRIC CO. CARROLLTOWN & JOHNSTOWN", "CHARLSON'S STORE Barnesboro, GEORGE BROS. South Fork, HOGUE HARDWARE Cresson, SHETTIG HARDWARE Ebensburg, N. W. MOORE HARDWARE Portage, COMMONS' HARDWARE Nanty-Glo, HUGHES STORE CO. Lilly, BARNES & TUCKER STORE COMPANY Barnesboro, BARNES STORE CO. Bakerton, BAKERTON SUPPLY CO. Elmora, JOHN MARUSKA Gallitzin, H. J. EASLY FURNITURE STORE Hastings.