

SOMETHING ABOUT FRACTURED BACKS AND SPINE INJURIES

A broken back or neck does not necessarily result in sudden death or paralysis.

There were about eight thousand persons whose spines were fractured in automobile accidents in this country in 1937.

Of that number, about 1,150 died. Great care should be taken in handling injured persons immediately following traffic accidents.

On many occasions fractures of the spine are recognized at once.

Such an injured person may say that he has a "kink" in his back and that the disability is of little importance.

Even though the injury may appear insignificant, a backache after an automobile accident should suggest prompt medical advice.

Contrary to popular opinion, there is frequently no deformity involved in spinal fracture.

Actually there are many types of fractures of the spine without dislocation or pressure on the spinal cord.

Many fractured spines are not accompanied by paralysis and with adequate treatment the patients may be expected to recover and return to their former occupations.

But compression fractures constitute

more than fifty per cent of all spinal fractures.

Most compression fractures of the spine follow sudden forceful pressure from above or below compressing the shoulders forward and thereby producing an exaggerated "jack knife" position of the body.

Such injuries can easily happen when a rapidly moving automobile is turned over or throws a person up striking the head on the roof of the car.

LIQUID FUEL TAX PAYMENTS IN CAMBRIA

Warren R. Roberts, state auditor general during the week approved the payment of \$3,293,880.51, representing Liquid Fuels Tax moneys payable to sixty-four of the sixty-seven counties of the Commonwealth for the six months period ended May 31, 1939.

Under the Liquid Fuels Tax Act of 1931, automobile users pay a state tax of 4 cents on each gallon of gasoline purchased. Of this tax the state returns 1/2 cent per gallon to each county on June 1 and December 1 of each year, at the ratio that the average return made during the three preceding years to each county bears to the average amount returned to all counties for the three preceding years. Two and one-half cents per gallon of the 4c tax is available for state road functions and one cent for general state purposes.

The money allocated to the counties can be used only for the purpose of "construction, reconstruction, maintenance and repair of roads, highways and bridges, including the payment of property damage, and for the payment of interest on bonds issued for highways and bridge purposes."

The amount approved for payment to the Commissioners of Cambria county is \$54,761.91, and represents 1.610 per cent of the total collected throughout the commonwealth during the past six months.

PREVENT COCCIDIOSIS.

This dread disease, so common to chickens, turkeys, geese, ducks, and guinea fowls, is a serious economic problem to the poultryman as it exacts a heavy toll from his flocks, at times as high as 90 to 100 per cent mortality.

It is particularly prevalent during the warm, damp days of spring and early summer. It is then that special care should be given to control the disease as the conditions for its spread are most favorable at this time.

In the past, attempts have been made to control, cure, and prevent the disease by various measures and all kinds of remedies and quack nostrums have

been offered the poultryman. The Extension Service of the Texas A. & M. College has found that coccidiosis can be prevented through the feeding of 5 per cent commercial flour sulphur.

They recommend that 5 per cent of the commercial flour sulphur be included in the mash from the time the chicks are two weeks old until they are placed in the laying house at five to six months of age. However, it is imperative that this sulphur feeding should not begin until after the chicks are two weeks old. Also, sulphur should not be used unless the chicks have access to direct sunlight.

Many poultrymen already have chicks up to 8 and 9 weeks of age, and sulphur can be included in the rations for these chicks with satisfactory results. It should be remembered that in the prevention of coccidiosis with sulphur, the same sanitary measures should be carried out as are usually recommended, including the proper cleaning and disinfection of water containers and feed troughs at various intervals and proper cleaning of houses at designated times.

DEMOCRATS OFFER PARTY'S SUPPORT TO JUDGE KELLER

Harrisburg.—Democratic leaders on Thursday last pledged their support to reelect a Republican Superior Court jurist—an action considered without recent political precedent in Pennsylvania.

Overstepping party lines, the Democratic State Committee endorsed Judge Wm. H. Keller, Lancaster Republican, for a third term, to one of the state wide judicial posts at stake in the fall election.

As Democratic candidates for the two vacancies on the superior court, the committee named U. S. Representative J. Harold Flannery of Luzerne county and Former State Senator Edward Jackson Thompson of Centre county.

Dean Herbert F. Goodrich of the University of Pennsylvania Law School, was endorsed for the supreme court seat of Justice John W. Kephart of this county. He is ineligible for reelection.

Goodrich came into prominence during the administration of Former Governor George H. Earle as chairman of a committee which drafted legislation creating the present Department of Public Assistance and placing its personnel under civil service.

Kephart has backed Judge Marion D. Patterson, Republican, Blair county, as his successor.

Judge Sarah M. Soffel, Pittsburgh, registered Republican, has announced her candidacy for the supreme court on both Republican and Democratic tickets.

Republican leaders expect that Judges Thomas J. Baldrige of Blair county, and William E. Hirt of Erie, will be candidates for reelection. Baldrige is completing his first ten year term. Governor James appointed Hirt as his successor on the superior court bench.

A plea for more liberal tendencies in the judiciary was raised during the committee session, which also saw resolutions adopted attacking the record of the recent Republican controlled legislature and praising President Roosevelt's policies—without mentioning a third term.

A harmony note was sounded by a dozen speakers as they addressed the gathering in the same hotel ball room where the party's primary split took place in 1938.

The speeches followed a pledge by Judge John H. McCann of Cambria County to support the ticket 100 per cent after he stepped down in the supreme court race in favor of Dean Goodrich.

REGISTRATION OF THE ALIENS IS NEW TASK OF STATE BUREAU

Harrisburg.—The Department of Labor and Industry started to set up an alien registration bureau the other day shortly after Governor James signed a bill requiring aliens to register before the end of the year.

Secretary Lewis G. Hines said he would appoint a director and office staff to function at Harrisburg headquarters in carrying out the large task of keeping a check on aliens over 18 in Pennsylvania.

"The bureau will work within our Bureau of Inspection and together with the seven district headquarters. We will arrange to designate places, such as court houses throughout the state, for registration," Hines said.

Exempt from the law, effective next January are:

- 1—Parents of persons who served this Nation in war time.
- 2—Aliens living in Pennsylvania continuously since December 31, 1908, without being convicted of a crime.
- 3—Aliens who have applied for citizenship.

The bill was passed after a bitter legislative fight. Democrats opposed the measure, contending it would be used for political purposes and that it is unconstitutional because alien registration is a federal issue. Proponents said there are "too many aliens" and referred during debate to "subversive influences."

Under terms of the law, after January 1 aliens must carry cards at all times proving their registration and produce them upon demand from peace offices or qualified representatives of

the department of Labor and Industry. Convicted violators of this rule are subject to a maximum fine of \$10 or 10 days in jail.

Persons who come under the terms of the law and fail to register are subject to a \$100 fine, 60 days in jail, or both.

The registration cards must be exhibited in applications of aliens for automobile owners' cards and operator licenses.

Another provision forbids employment of unregistered aliens. Employers who hire violators are subject to a \$100 fine or 60 days in jail.

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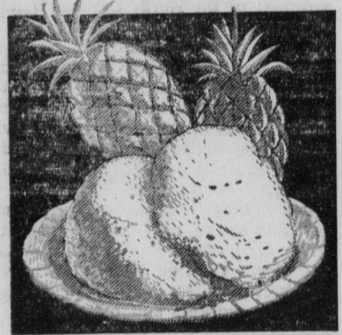
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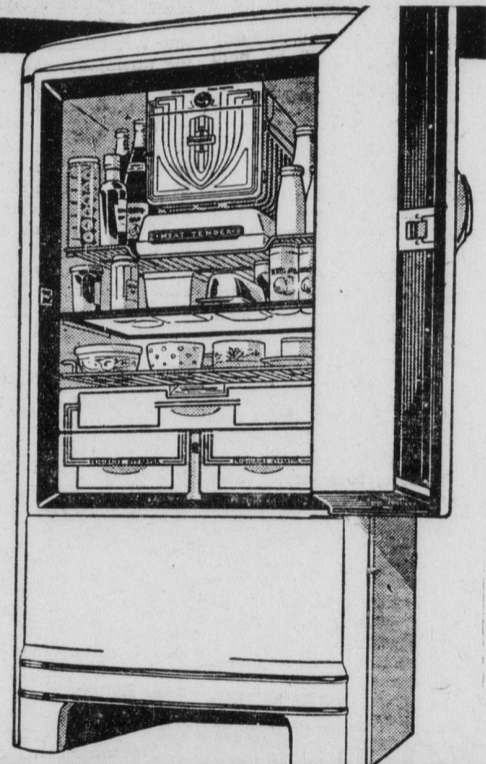
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