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RANDOM THOUGHT

The papers, periodicals, and all the Press will have something to say patriotically about Independence Day, this week and next. For the greater part it is usually the same in substance yearly. For our part we believe that much more could be said on safety precautions on the Fourth. In Pennsylvania, the ban on fire works should have a tendency toward a lessened casualty list, but the automobile, and the good roads, will bring its same old toll of dead and injured. Even the swimming holes of the nation contribute shares to the total by drownings. But with practically all that happens to sadden a glorious day, one factor alone is outstanding in the cause of regrets, and that factor is carelessness. That carelessness may be on the part of the automobile driver, the little fellow who explodes fireworks, or the bather. In the case of the automobile, every safety precaution has been made to save life and limb, but the operator of the car, in some instances, seems to lack mentally, the requirements, the machine age has offered him in physical equipment. A week end drive up to Lake Erie with a return at night, convinces us of the fact that many drivers do not dim their lights, but do continue to send off blinding glares at all cars that they pass. Aside from the bad manners and the law breaking features such motorists give, the element of danger is greater. But nothing can be legislated to make over a nit-wit's brain, and we'll continue to have motor accidents.

However, through the National Conservation Bureau, accident prevention division of the Association of Casualty and Surety Executives, leading stock casualty insurance companies have swung strongly in support of the national movement to curb the bad reputation of Independence Day and the whole month of July as accident breeders. This bureau has joined with thirty other national safety organizations which have pledged individually and collectively to give full and active support to the National Safety Council's campaign this year. A similar drive was conducted last year and as a result the July toll of motor vehicle fatalities dropped 29 per cent and other accidental deaths approximately 14 per cent, compared with the record of the previous July. Overly exuberant Fourth of July celebrants, the trek of millions to beaches and swimming holes, and the lure of the breezy roads, all conspire to make July a month of tragic accidents.

We notice in the news columns that under the guidance of Edna Hindmarch and Rev. Thomas McQuillen, augmented by the cooperation of the local school board, a community playground will again be in operation at the Second Ward School Grounds this summer. Parents, as well as children, will welcome this news.

Not everything that helps a community necessarily must be a "big" thing. Its the sum total of all the smaller things that eventually count. It's all well and good for a body of representative citizens to promote anything of a general community benefit, and should be encouraged, but the individual businessman who improves his business place in any community, is helping build that community. In this connection we cannot overlook the fact that the Blatt Brothers have made extensive improvements in their sound any projection equipment, and that the local theatre is outstanding in this section of the state. When Paton was at its lowest economic ebb, the

A MAN TO REMEMBER

"DON'T MISS IT," SAY THE CRITICS. IT'S A GRAND STORY ABOUT A SMALL TOWN DOCTOR WHO IGNORES WEALTH AND FAME TO BENEFIT MANKIND.

GRAND Theatre JULY 4 PATON

Grand theatre was enjoying a good business, simply because it endeavored to give its patrons something a bit better than the others. It then, just as now, has been conductive of bringing thousands of out of town folks annually to Paton. And in the same manner it will continue to do so with the most excellent entertainment mechanical features of the movie industry. We congratulate the Grand Theatre management on past and present achievements. May they continue to prosper.

And, just another little thing, that may seem a bit like 'tooting' our own horn. With a convincing thought that Paton and its day is not at economic end, the Press-Courier a few weeks ago told our readers of a modern high speed automatic job printing press that we purchased, and which will arrive this week. Of course, this particular press is beyond our present auxiliary equipment for the production of fine printing, and hence, last week we purchased hundreds of new type faces and equipment to bring our proposed new job department up to the standard of high class city shops. In fact, everything in this Press-Courier job printing department will be new—type, material, machinery and all. Our job department will be operated distinctly apart from our present newspaper equipment. Its investment alone likely amounts to a greater sum than what we now have to offer. Like the Grand theatre, we, too, have our faith in the community. We have a faith that also convinces us we can bring in others from the outside. We also must do it by offering something a bit better than the most, and we believe we can accomplish that in the printing line the same as the Grand theatre has done along entertainment lines.

Rumors are to the effect that there is a far reaching movement under way to tie the Congress of Industrial Organizations and the Townsend old-age pension group together into one enormous pressure organization that would fight for "progressive" social and labor legislation as well as for higher old age benefits. The movement is said to be initiated by the CIO and comes in response to "grass roots" requests from rank and file members of both organizations. It is an outgrowth of the fact that there has already been considerable co-operation between the two groups in scattered instances. And right now a good deal of quiet conversation is taking place on the matter in Washington where CIO representatives are sounding out senators who are aligned with Townsendsites. It is said an unofficial CIO observer is taking in the Townsend convention in Indianapolis. The first public move was made the middle of June when the CIO executive board formally resolved to undertake a national campaign "in cooperation with old age and progressive groups," for a flat \$60-a-month pension for everyone 60 years old or over, as noted in our columns last week.

Supplementary allowances for wives would raise this to a \$90-a-month maximum—with the provision, however, that the amount of private income possessed by a pensioner should be deducted from his benefits. Adopting this resolution primarily expressed the CIO's dissatisfaction with the New Deal's social security program. The principle the CIO is now committed to is that old age benefits should not merely be selected groups which have contributed via pay roll taxes, to the benefit fund, but should go to all of the old people as a matter of right. Further, it explicitly disavows the idea that the system should pay for itself. The executive board endorsed the pay roll tax simply as a revenue measure, and suggested estate and gift taxes to raise whatever additional money might be needed. It estimates, by the way, that adoption of its plan would increase the annual old age benefit cost by about 600 million dollars over the social security act's total.

Rumors have been going the rounds among the Republicans in Cambria County that the local leaders are in the "doghouse" with the James administration and that's why the jobs have not been coming thru as anticipated. This the Johntown Tribune denies, and claims there's nothing to it. They claim Cambria Republicans will get their just share of patronage, but that they must wait a bit longer. Several specific reasons are stated for the delay. But the jobs are coming boys—but not nearly in the number that all job seekers would like them. There just "ain't" nearly that many jobs.

Says the Nanty-Glo Journal: "One candidate in announcing himself in the race for a county office states that he worked in the office nine months and feels himself qualified to take full charge asking his party to give him the nomination on that claim. Is it that easy? The fellow is from Paton, of course." Our contention is identical with that of the Nanty-Glo Journal. But perhaps someone else is promoting this fellow's candidacy for reasons of his own candidacy. Rumor says so.

John T. Flynn, syndicate writer, in the Pittsburgh Press, says: "The WPA and the relief problem are, of course, primarily economic and social problems. But they are also political problems. There does not seem to be much doubt that the Democrats have handled them rather badly as an economic problem. But there is even less doubt that the Republicans have handled them even worse as a political problem. The millions on relief and the millions who sympathize deeply with them have, rightly or wrongly, got a rather deep conviction that, whatever may be said of the method of relief the Democrats feel sorry for

the people out of work and the Republicans do not. That's a pretty serious hole for the Republicans to have gotten themselves into." And in that statement we think Mr. Flynn is correct. Such darn-fool proposals have been made in Congress that even fairly bright folks have to laugh. One of the G. O. P. proposals is for a two months' separation from the rolls in order to give the unemployed beneficiary of relief an opportunity to find a job. Another is to cut those who have been on relief for a certain length of time off relief. Such proposals betray a state of confusion about the business of getting work. It is fairly safe to say that wherever there is a job in the United States there is a man in that job. People who work for wages do not make jobs. People who go into business do. But the people who are on relief are all persons who, if they were to work, would work for wages. Separating a thousand or a hundred thousand of them from the pay roll of relief and WPA would not create any job for them to fill. In fact it would reduce the number of jobs, since that much purchasing power would cease to flow into the system.

And the Republican leaders, or at least some of them, have done the party great harm and have created a sort of notion that somehow the unemployed deserve to be out of work. It is a situation, which combined with patronage troubles, have already brought forth in Cambria county an optimistic hope among Democrats to fill the court house with officials this fall. This optimism may be ill-advised, but it does exist.

DEATH NOTICES

MRS. JOSEPH LODGE. Mrs. Sarah Ann (Garland) Lodge, widow of the late Joseph Lodge, expired at her home on Lang avenue, Paton, at 6:30 on Wednesday morning following an illness of three months of a complication of diseases. She was in her 75th year.

The deceased, a World War Mother, was born in England, and came with her parents to this country when a small child. For the past forty years she had been a resident of the Paton community. Her husband died three years ago. Surviving are two daughters—Rose, wife of Duncan Wilkie of Colver, and Edith, wife of Walter Blickendorfer of Belsano. Three sons preceded her in death: Joseph Lodge, Jr., killed in action with the American Expeditionary Forces in France in 1918; John, who died as the result of being bitten by a dog, and Robert Lodge.

Mrs. Lodge was a member of the Trinity Episcopal Church of Paton. At the time of going to press funeral arrangements had not been completed, but in all probability will be held on Friday afternoon with services in the Episcopal church. Burial will be made in Fairview cemetery.

FRANK COUTURIAUX. Frank Couturiaux, aged 82 years, died at his home in East Carroll township, near Paton, at 5 o'clock on Tuesday afternoon. He was born July 27, 1857, in Belgium, and came to this country in 1899. He had been employed in the mines in the Paton district until his retirement about 15 years ago. His wife died about nine years ago. He leaves the following children: Mrs. Frank Urbain, with whom he made his home in Paton; Frank Couturiaux, Jr., Stonington, Ill.; Louis Couturiaux, Paton, and Mrs. Emma Bailey, Paton. He also leaves a brother, Louis Couturiaux, of East Carroll township and a sister, Miss Leona Couturiaux, residing in France. Nine grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren also survive. He was a member of the First Presbyterian church of Paton, where funeral services will be conducted at 2 o'clock on Friday afternoon by Rev. J. H. Thornhauer. Burial will be in Fairview cemetery.

ALEX STRITTMATTER. Alex Strittmatter, aged 72 years, one of the best known farmers in Cambria county, died last Thursday morning at his home in East Carroll township, at Bradley Junction, after a brief illness. Mr. Strittmatter was a son of Augustine and Margaret (Zern) Strittmatter and was born in East Carroll township on March 10, 1867. He operated a farm in East Carroll township for many years. He was a charter member of the Cambria County Pomona Grange and one of the organization's most active members. He held practically all major offices in the Grange and also a number of state offices.

Mr. Strittmatter also was active in the organization of the Grange Fire Insurance Company. He was a Democrat in politics and a number of years ago was a candidate for the legislature from the second Cambria legislative district. He had served more than 30 years as a member of the school board in his township.

Surviving are his widow, Mrs. Mary Frances (Zeak) Strittmatter and these children: Philip, Ellen, Ursula, Demetrius, Julia, John and Hilda Strittmatter, all at home. He was a brother of Sylvester and Simon Strittmatter both of Hastings; Boniface Strittmatter, Ebensburg; Frank Strittmatter, Blairsville, and Mrs. James Scanlan, Ebensburg.

The deceased was an active member of St. Benedict's Church, Carrolltown. Funeral services were held there Monday morning, and interment was in the church cemetery.

RICHARD SCOLLON. Richard Scollon, 42, Barnesboro world war veteran, died Saturday morning at the U. S. Veterans' Hospital at Aspinwall, where he had been a patient since March 9th. He was a member of Barnesboro Post No. 508 and

was well known among Legionnaires in Cambria county.

Surviving Mr. Scollon are his widow, Mrs. Mary (Waddell) Scollon, five children, Ruth, Carrie, Helen, Wanda, and Edwin, all at home, and these brothers and sisters: Mrs. Ruth Johnson, Charleroi; Mrs. Elizabeth Bloom, Johnstown; Mrs. Effie Deyearmin, Cherry Tree; Margaret Scollon, Glen Campbell; William Scollon, Detroit, and Alfred Scollon, Trafford.

Funeral services were conducted on Wednesday afternoon in the Barnesboro Presbyterian church by the Rev. J. E. Jackson, pastor. Interment was made in the North Barnesboro cemetery. Full military honors were accorded by the Barnesboro American Legion Post and the county district color guard.

HARRY COGAN, JR.

Funeral services for Harry Cogan, Jr., nine year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Cogan of Loretto R. D., who was fatally injured last Friday afternoon when he was struck by a tree his father felled, were held on Monday at 2 p. m., with services in the Ambsry Methodist church, and interment in the church cemetery.

The lad suffered a fracture of the skull. He died at 5:30 a. m. Saturday in the Altoona hospital. The boy was playing in the tall grass near the tree which his father was sawing and was told to go to the house. The father said he did not know his son was in the vicinity until the tree had been felled and he heard the boy's outcry.

The child was born on July 29, 1930, on Loretto R. D., a son of Harry and Iris (Towles) Cogan. Surviving are his parents and these brothers and sisters: Verrill Cogan, Bradley Junction; Geo. Cogan, stationed with the U. S. Air Corps at Langley Field; Leroy Cogan, Loretto; Mrs. Elizabeth Harris and Mrs. Mary Eckenrode, both of Loretto, R. D.; Margaret, William and Herbert Cogan, all at home.

MICHAEL H. BARNICLE.

Funeral services for Michael H. Barnicle, 64, retired section foreman of the P. R. R., whose death occurred Tuesday morning at his home in Carrolltown, will be conducted at nine o'clock on Saturday morning in St. Benedict's church with interment in St. Monica's cemetery at Chest Springs. Mr. Barnicle's death terminated an illness of 10 days of pneumonia. A native of Cambria county, Mr. Barnicle was born in Chest Springs on March 17, 1875, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Elias Barnicle. He retired from the employ of the railroad last year. Surviving are his widow, Mrs. Elizabeth (McKinzie) Barnicle, and these children: Mrs. William Floyd, Detroit, Mich.; Mrs. Casper Lehmer, Carrolltown; Charles Barnicle, Paton; Grover and Hanford Barnicle, both of Carrolltown. He was a brother of Mrs. George Moore of Canton, Ohio.

MRS. MAGDALINE VANESKY. Mrs. Magdalene Vanesky, 82, died at her home in Bakerton on Tuesday following an illness of a complication of diseases. She was the widow of Michael Vanesky, who died 11 years ago. She was born in Germany and came to this country in 1891. She had been a resident of Bakerton for 42 years. The following children survive: Mrs. Frances Cymbor, Mrs. Joseph Ponchock, Mrs. John Schelsky, Martin Vanesky and Joseph Vanesky, all of Bakerton. The funeral services will be conducted in the Sacred Heart Catholic church on Saturday morning at nine o'clock, and burial will be in the church cemetery.

MRS. RUTH BARCHEN.

Funeral services for Mrs. Ruth Barchen, 65, whose death occurred Tuesday morning at her home in Ashville, will be conducted Thursday morning in St. Thomas church at Ashville with interment in the church cemetery. She had been ill a long time. A number of children survive.

BERNARD McCLEMENT.

Bernard McClement, aged 74, a native of Indiana county, died last Friday near Ebensburg, of heart trouble. He formerly resided in Vintondale and Nettleton. Funeral services were held on Monday.

STATE TREASURY VAULTS ARE "EMPTY"

Harrisburg.—The state treasury opened for business last Friday with a \$122,171,031.64 balance, according to the official tally, but deputy treasurer John S. Byerly is authority for the disclosure that "not the slightest fraction of it is in currency on treasury premises."

Byerly stood beside the huge vault and swore through barred and electrically wired windows of the treasury that he couldn't put his fingers on enough commonwealth currency to buy a lollypop.

"We don't even have a petty office account," the official said. "All our transactions are by check. We keep the books here and the banks keep the commonwealth's money."

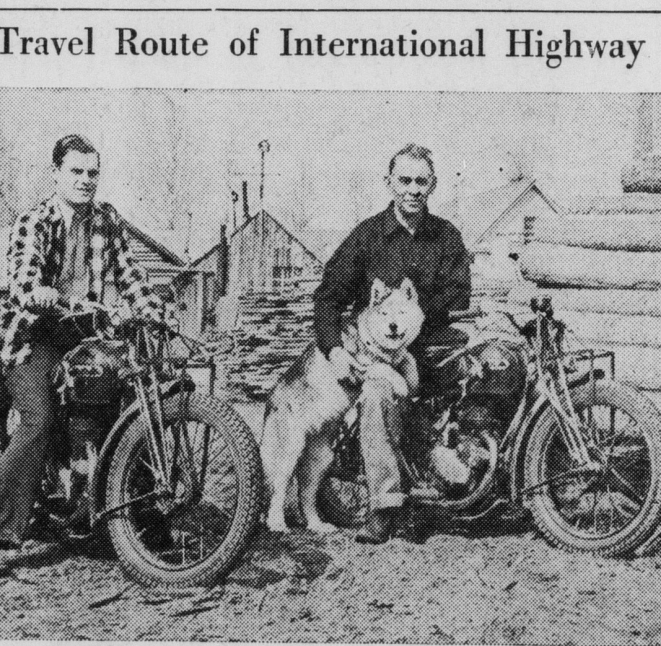
The huge treasury vault held \$280,000,000 of securities, including bonds posted by 700 odd banks to secure the commonwealth's deposits scattered over the state, but that is not available to cover the 2,000,000 checks fiscal officers sign each month.

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Travel Route of International Highway. Charles, "Sourdough Slim," Williams, right, 58-year-old resident of Fairbanks, Alaska, and John T. Logan, 25, of Pittsburgh, Pa., on their one cylinder motorcycles as they start out on the route of the proposed international highway from Fairbanks to Seattle, Wash. The adventurous pair will visit both World's fairs.



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