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THE contractor handling the construction work on the re-located highway between the Buckhorn and Ashville is demonstrating that despite inclement weather he can do things rapidly and well, and there is every reason to believe that if unexpected conditions do not arrive travel on the new route will be afforded the public before the snow flies. The same capability holds good also for the construction work on the highway between Ebensburg and Carrolltown.

THE calendar advances; the politically-minded look toward the time to circulate petitions, now at hand; the average voter at present likely looks with more interest at war news, and the war news can easily bring forth rarer disinterested primaries and general election. There won't be so many youthful votes hereabouts this fall.

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While provisions are being made to record the vote of the soldiers, nevertheless, hundreds from the county have gone elsewhere to become employed on defense work. Candidates for Judge, and for Sheriff will not be greeted with the same enthusiasm as in the case when all is peaceful in the nation. But some will be nominated and others elected, notwithstanding.

THERE are not so many grade crossings any more, and most of the important ones are protected. However, six persons were killed and eleven injured in 93 grade crossing accidents in Pennsylvania during the month of April. Like most of the automobile accidents, the fault of most of these accidents likely rests with the individuals. It still remains the better policy to "Stop, Look and Listen," when you approach a railroad crossing.

THERE won't be much, if any swimming in the Patton Community Pool this season, but next year it will likely be a Mecca for not only the Patton youngsters and their elders, but for many others in this section of the county. However, there is every reason to anticipate some ice skating this winter, and the community can be thankful that circumstances have given us a recreation park that will long be enjoyed.

"DEMOCRACY, with its basic and fundamental institutions, is under serious attack," said CIO President Philip Murray in his recent statement assailing the use of troops in industrial disputes, the abuse of the conscription law for strikebreaking purposes, the compulsory arbitration measures passed by the House and other anti-labor legislation pending in Congress. At its last convention the CIO, by unanimous vote, made it emphatically clear that it will "defend the free institutions of this republic . . . not only against our foreign enemies who may dare to attack us directly but also against the forces within our nation who place the profits of their financial and industrial enterprises above the well-being of the millions of common people."

IT IS in the above patriotic spirit that Pres. Murray has issued his urgent warning and call to action of the whole CIO. He points out that the anti-democratic forces within the country have taken advantage of current hysteria to strike a number of most serious blows against the democratic rights of labor. Surely the gains of long years of struggle by labor must not so easily be surrendered.

MAYBE the Legislature will finally adjourn at Harrisburg this week, and then again, maybe it won't. No one exactly knows when the end of this long session will come, least of all the legislators themselves. One thing is certain, however, what will have been accomplished at the end, could have also been accomplished at the middle of March had the House and Senate and Governor been in accord. But they were not. Democrats are trying to establish that the James' administration prepared a budget for political effect, with the intention of calling a special legislative session next year before the election to reduce taxes. They likely are right in that thought. But this week, or next week, or some other week in the future both sides will have to compromise, and the general assembly will return home, most members

to their private businesses, which have been suffering for weeks.

AND what has labor gained in the present general assembly session so far. In the House they have been given the liberal legislation they want, but in the Senate most of it has remained in committee. "Pickled in the Senate, although passed by the House" accounts for most all of it. The Republicans are on the "spot" in the Senate if they do release and pass a lot of the legislation; they still have to face the fact that the Democrats originated it. If they fail to pass it, the fact still remains that the Democratic house DID pass such legislation.

BOTH the Republican Senate and the Democratic House feel that what they do now will have a great bearing on the state-wide election of next year. Likely it will—if the people don't get disgusted at both sides for their inactivity and, of course, the costliness of continuing the Legislature on and on.

LAST WEEK the overplayed "charge" of Senator Anthony Cavalcante of Fayette County, alleging "conspiracy, bribery and corrupt party leadership" bogged down to nothing at Harrisburg. After the Senator ducked a joint investigating committee's subpoena and refusing to answer Senate interrogation, the Senator in announcing he would "tell all" last week, told only what amounted to an alibi for his previous statements. The investigating committee thus found nothing to merit an investigation. As a result of its report the Senate expunged the remarks of Senator Cavalcante concerning these allegations from their records.

PATTON has gotten off to a good start in its air defense program, and the Legion, the Vets, and the citizens are to be congratulated for the interest they have and are showing, and will continue to show. The movement is a vital one. It should be carried on and be co-operated in by all of us.

**Pennsylvania Edison Company
 Huge Substation Near Completion at Various Locations**

In 1939, the Pennsylvania Edison Company launched a program of improvements and additions to its main transmission lines and substations. This extensive program of improvements and additions has not been in progress for several years and is nearing completion.

Among the features that entered into this program were additions and improvements at the Summit Substation, located near Crescon; Riverside Substation, located near Lewisport; and the Roxbury Substation, located at Roxbury, Pa., which is close to Shippensburg. The improvements and additions at these three substations alone will cost the Pennsylvania Edison Company \$750,000. The work on these substations has been under way for several years, and it is hoped to have all work completed by September 1st. The purpose of this work is to increase the efficiency and to augment the system capacity so as to better serve the public demand for electricity.

To the public most of the work at these substations seemed to involve the erection of steel. Tremendous steel structures were installed at each of these substations, so as to support the necessary transmission lines and auxiliary switching equipment for the 110,000 volt circuits. The steel in these three substations cost in the neighborhood of \$100,000 in addition to the cost of fabrications and erections. Hundreds of tons of cement were poured into the foundations and supporting columns for the steel structures and the bases for the electrical equipment.

At the Summit and Riverside Stations, transformer capacity of 25,000 KVA will be installed. The capacity will consist of three transformers of 8,333 KVA each. At the Roxbury substation, the transformer installation will also be of a comparable character.

As part of the general substation and improvement program, work will soon commence on a new substation in the vicinity of Claysburg, Pa. The existing substation will be moved and at the new site larger equipment will be installed. It is planned also to raise the operating voltage at this substation from 60,000 volts to 110,000 volts. The work at the Claysburg substation will be completed not later than September 1st.

**W. P. A. Agrees on Two-Way
 Out on Quota in Pennsylvania**

Pennsylvania officials agreed recently on a two-way program to cut the commonwealth's quota to a new low of 60,000 by June 6. At one time the rolls listed 268,000 men.

"It was thought best to adopt both of the suggestions that were contained in the instructions from Washington," said Col. Philip Mathews, state administrator, after a conference with district managers and directors of operations.

Mathews listed the steps as:
 1—Ending operations as quickly as possible in counties where "there is a very small employment load."
 2—Suspending some projects temporarily until men are released from other completed jobs.
 At the same time the administrator promised that "there will be no reduction in essential national defense projects."

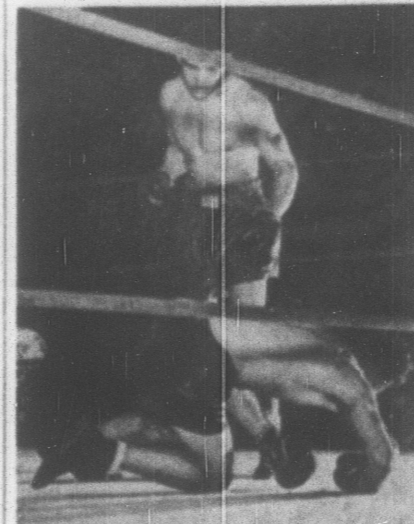
Copper Lodged in Brain.

X-ray pictures have disclosed that a small piece of copper from a dynamite cap are imbedded in the brain of five-year-old James Stoltz, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Stoltz of Spangler. The boy is suffering from partial paralysis as a result of the injury which he suffered last week. His condition, still remains serious.

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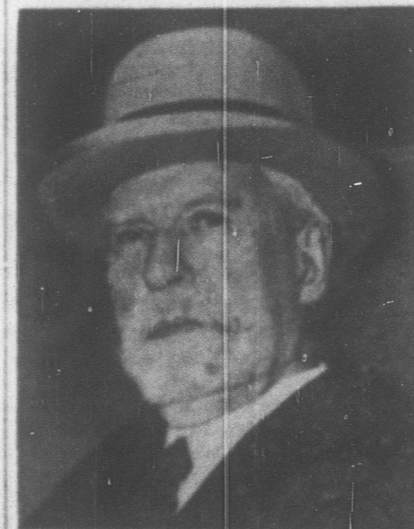
Joe Louis, after the hardest fight of his championship career, looks down on Billy Conn of Pittsburgh, as Billy says down to stay down for count of ten, at Polo Grounds in New York. The official fight pictures of this fight will be shown at the Grand Theatre in Patton this Friday and Saturday.

New Chief Justice and New Associates



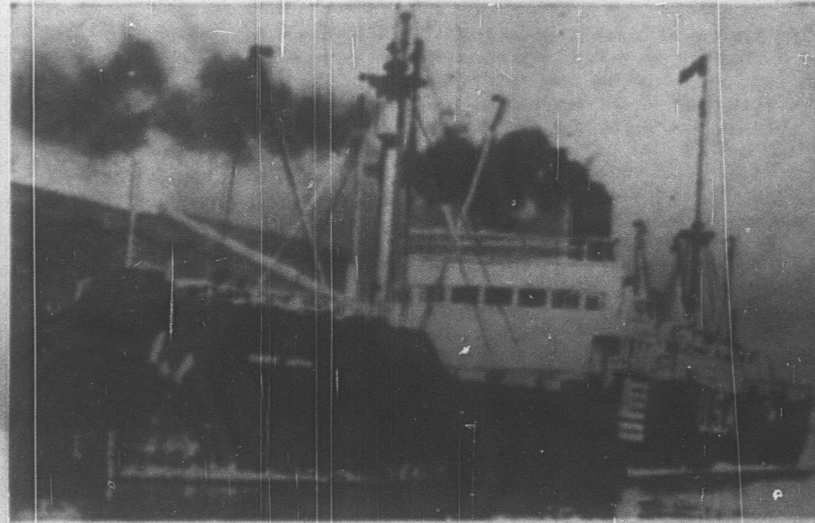
The President has elevated Harlan Fiske Stone (center) to be chief justice of the United States Supreme court, succeeding Charles Evans Hughes, retiring. At the same time the President nominated Attorney General Robert H. Jackson (left) and Sen. James F. Byrnes (D.) of South Carolina, to fill the two vacancies on the high court.

Justice Retires



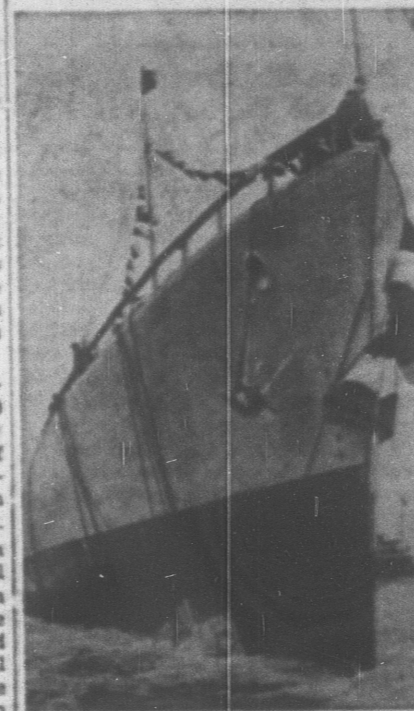
U. S. Supreme Court Chief Justice Charles Evans Hughes, 73, who submitted a request for retirement to the President, effective July 1, because of age and health.

S. S. Robin Moor, German Sub Victim



The S. S. Robin Moor, which was sunk by a German submarine in the South Atlantic, shows as it appeared at its Staten Island, N. Y., pier last April, while taking on cargo. Note how plainly she was marked with American identification. Eleven survivors were brought into port at Recife, Brazil, aboard the Brazilian freighter Osorio.

More Power to U. S.



Two new destroyers, the U. S. S. Fitch and the U. S. S. Forrest, were launched within a few minutes of each other at Boston navy yard. Immediately after the launching, boats for two new ships were laid on the ways just vacated. The Fitch, shown above, was sponsored by Mrs. H. Waller Thomas of Salt Lake City, Utah, and was named in memory of her grand-uncle, commander Leroy Fitch.

Back From Missions, See F.D.R.



Sen. Cohen, legal adviser, American embassy in London, and Col. William J. Donovan, who had been on special missions abroad as they entered the White House to report to the President, accompanied by Secretary of Navy Knox, E. to R.; Richard A. Mohr, assistant to Colonel Donovan; Colonel Donovan, Secretary Knox, and Sen. Cohen.

Honored



Brig. Gen. Robert Eichelberger, West Point head, presents trophy to Cadet William G. Gillis, of Cameron, Texas, for rendering the most valuable service to athletes.

Speakers Address Housing Committee



High government officials led the discussion in a "National Housing Inventory" at the convention of the national committee on the housing emergency. Principal speakers at the opening session were, I. to E., William H. Kunkin, production chief; Mrs. Dorothy Rosenman, committee chairman; and C. F. Palmer, co-ordinator of defense housing.

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