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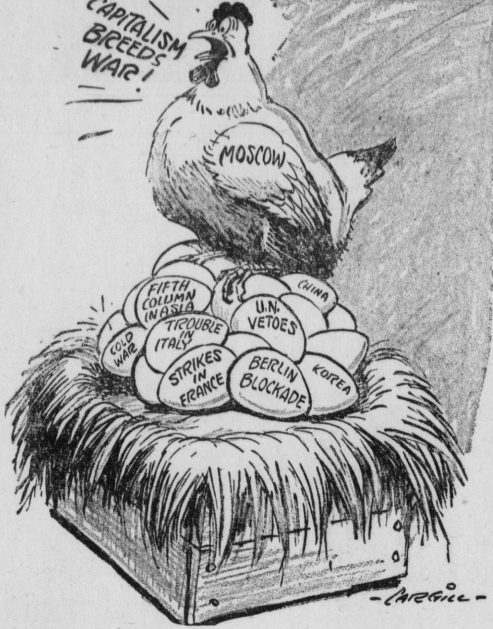
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WHAT DOES SHE THINK SHE'S DOING?



State Legislature Faces Numerous Problems In 1949
'Tax-Anything' Law Sure-Fire Argument

There will be plenty of problems—many of them financial—before the 1949 session of Pennsylvania's Legislature. Gov. Duff has termed it the most important in recent Commonwealth history.

An area of agreement has been reached on one hot issue—workers' benefits. And a state building authority, to put off immediate financing of the commonwealth's huge construction program, could be re-established without too much opposition.

But a host of other pressing questions will go before the General Assembly, convening in January, without a solution in sight. They include a possible increase in school teachers' salaries; continuation of the tax imposed in 1947 on soft drinks; labor legislation, a possible increase of the state's gasoline tax; home rule for third class cities; creation of a fair employment practices commission; removal of restrictions on the sale of oleomargarine; any changes in the 1947 local tax law.

Republicans control both houses but the 117-91 lineup in the Senate in 1948, however, has been the battleground for many of the session's arguments. It requires 105 votes to pass a bill. The Democrats would require the help of only 14 Republicans to vote down the majority there. The Senate lineup is 35-15 giving the GOP a nine vote margin to pass bills and one vote more than the necessary two-thirds to confirm appointments.

The administration has come out for an increase in benefits of unemployment and workmen's compensation and occupational diseases but the amount has yet to be determined. The present rate is a maximum of \$20 weekly.

Gov. Duff, in discussing the state's finances said he does not favor too much of an increase in taxes and feels that current revenue should not pay the entire bill of the commonwealth's building program. At least \$60,000,000 more will be needed in the next two years to supplement \$82,000,000 appropriated in 1947.

Potato Queen to Visit County Jan. 3
Will Be Honored At Luncheon in Johnstown

The City of Johnstown and the Potato City in 1949.

The state potato queen, Miss Mildred Gibble of Myerstown, will pay a visit there on Monday, Jan. 3.

The community is preparing for an elegant welcome for the young lady, who was named potato queen by a committee of judges including Mayor Walter E. Rose in Coudersport last August.

Mayor Rose and other city officials will greet Miss Gibble at City Hall the morning of Jan. 3.

Merchants are preparing for a 1 p. m. luncheon at the Ft. Stanwix Hotel for Miss Gibble. During the afternoon the queen will visit a number of stores.

The Retail Division of the Chamber of Commerce is assisting in the plans.

The whole project is to promote the distribution of Pennsylvania potatoes. The Pennsylvania Cooperative Potato Growers Assn. promotes the event.

Miles Horst, state secretary of agriculture, has been invited to attend the events in Johnstown.

—The first hospital in America was founded in Philadelphia.

Bakerton

By M. A. PANCAK

Clifford Skirsky, who is stationed at Bremerton, Wash., with the U. S. Navy, is spending a thirty day leave here at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Skirsky.

Mr. and Mrs. George Lokey of Spangler announce the birth of a daughter at the Colver Hospital. Mrs. Lokey is the former Miss Joanne Stefanik, daughter of Mr. John Stefanik Sr. of town.

Mrs. Agnes Jones is visiting her sister at Rutherford, N. J. Mrs. Jones made the trip to New Jersey from Pittsburgh by airplane and was accompanied by her brother, Mr. Raymond Cook of Detroit.

Mr. Michael Romnosky Jr., of Yorkville, Ohio spent the week end here at the home of his father.

Misses Evelyn Strong and Catherine Hovan were visitors in Indiana on Wednesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Golosky and Miss Pauline Yarko were business callers in Altoona on Monday evening.

MARSTELLER

Mrs. Zella Long visited at the home of Harold Lute of Barnesboro over the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Vargo and son, Ken, visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Templeton on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Capp of Ambridge visited at the George Varana home recently.

Albert Krupa, Mary Krupa and Mrs. Andy Homady Jr. were callers in Johnstown Saturday.

Mrs. Charles Peel, who underwent an operation for appendicitis recently at the Miners' Hospital, Spangler, is doing nicely.

James Good of Williamsport was a recent visitor here at the home of his mother, Mrs. Katie Good.

Mike Hudak of Starford visited recently at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Hudak.

Chest Springs

A home economics meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Ella Little on Dec. 1. Thirteen ladies were present. Pattern cutting was demonstrated, with apron patterns being featured.

A Christmas party was held Dec. 15 at the home of Mrs. Lewis Sutton, at which time Christmas gifts were exchanged and Christmas toys were made.

—The "Stourbridge Lion," first steam locomotive to run successfully in America, was put into operation in 1829 at Honesdale.

Some Matters In Retrospect

There may be some of our readers who agree with some of the things we write about in this column weekly, and there may be some who disagree. Anyhow, matter written here is only the editor's opinion, and we are just a single individual. In the recent election there were a lot of folks who took opinions of editors and columnists too much to heart and now are pretty well disillusioned.

Be that as it may, early next month we will have rounded out 29 years on this newspaper. While our comment may have been mediocre at times, nevertheless we are proud of the fact that we have always maintained an editorial column, large or small, and that what has appeared in it was written by the editor. We never have believed in publishing "canned" editorials, meaning by that syndicated matter written by some self-styled expert and worded to suit the local theme.

From time to time we have engaged in wordy battles with other editors throughout the county, but our bark, and theirs as well, was mostly without a bite. Politics generally engendered such fights, and at heart, we of the weekly newspaper profession all wanted to see one another prosper. Perhaps we have been at odds with some newspaper at one election, and later found that paper a colleague in the next.

It hasn't been the editorial column that has caused us the most grief. Any newspaper editor, especially the weekly man, gets into trouble every now and then, and goodness knows, he usually doesn't invite such troubles. Unintentionally leaving some item or more or less importance out of the paper is one way of inviting the displeasure of people. At other times, publishing some item may bring discord upon the editor. To the greatest degree possible it has always been our province to soft pedal on news items that might hurt the feelings of some miscreant's family. Naturally, the weekly newspaper editor should be wise and never create enemies. His cash register, for one reason, would suffer.

Away back in 1908 we started in the newspaper business as a "printer's devil," and aside from some time spent in Army in World War I we have never been away from the printer's ink. Of all the outstanding boners that we've ever experienced, we believe that one which occurred in our first year of training outdid all the rest. An item telling of the rather rugged exploits of a bar room brawl was mixed up with the death of a prominent citizen, and the result was excruciatingly deplorable.

Perhaps one of the most publicized errors our editorial column has ever put forth was a story we wrote some years ago criticizing the "evils of reckless automobile drivers." While the story was written in the best of faith, you can imagine our chagrin when it appeared in type as "wreckless driving." The late Walter Thompson was editor of the Ebensburg Mountaineer-Herald at the time and he took us for a good-natured "ride," and the line hit one of the national magazines.

There have been other typographical errors that have caused the editor to be "kidded" quite a bit. One we particularly remember was on the occasion of a fire in a local church, and our own dear newspaper flashed the news on a first page headline that "The Church Had Beer On Fire"—the word "beer" having an "r" instead of an "n." This is one that our good friend Jack Simpson still reminds us about from time to time.

Then, too, our advertising columns have from time to time placed us on the well-known spot. Mostly it has been legal advertising that has been most troublesome. Back some years ago, and even to a lesser degree today, there has been a habit for husbands to publish notices telling the public that they would not be responsible for debts incurred by their estranged wives. On a couple of occasions we have been threatened with bodily harm by some male relatives of the wives, and once we had to get out of our shop to eliminate a big fellow slapping us.

We have had readers fail to understand that a newspaper must accept legal advertising, and once, when we published a Sheriff Sales list an irate subscriber dropped in the office and told us that there was no reason why we should tell of his financial difficulties. We have had many cases where folks wanted us to publish libelous stories about some neighbor, but didn't want to publicly themselves; we have had all kinds of suggestions from all types of people to publish this and that, and criticize the town council, or the school board, or some local official, but have found none of these who wanted to sign their names to written articles of criticism. It has always seemed strange to us of how hot and bothered some folks can be about their neighbors and expect the editor to be the goat. Twenty-nine years of being a country newspaper editor brings a lot of experiences, indeed.

Another constant battle of the local newspaperman is to stave off the many folks who want advertising as it has been all through the years. There are some folks who simply can't see that advertising is the source of revenue that keeps the wheels of our machinery moving. This is just as great a nuisance on a national scale as it is from the local standpoint. Daily our mail brings us all kinds of printed matter, with all the innocent appearance of "news matter," but which cleverly is nothing more than advertising. In fact there are some days that we could well toss a great portion of our mail into the wastepaper basket at the post office, and save the time and trouble of carrying it back to our business office.

In retrospect our business experience has been no different than that of other country editors. We have been engaged in most everything from giving advice to being a sort of recognized authority on matters pro and con. Some years back, there were groups who got into arguments over the town (we suspicion perhaps sometimes they were imbibing in liquid refreshments) who made a habit of calling us on the phone to settle some argument or other. Maybe it was some historical date, or the name of some official, or what year Patton had its best ball team, and without research of any kind on our part, we gave them some inaccurate answer and it usually was accepted as final. In late years we haven't been getting such calls.

We have had pleasures and embarrassments, tough assignments and gratifying recognition. In fact we have had so many different kinds of reaction that memory fails in all but outstanding events. In our reporter trips we have been in all kinds of situations, and we believe the most embarrassing of these was once, at an early hour on press morning, when we learned of the death of a man in an accident, rushed off to his home to get details for his obituary, and arrived there before his family had learned of the tragedy. We have been called upon help our friends in the execution of various legal instruments, even have witnessed some wills, and have been a sort of permanent person for "references" by folks seeking jobs, or perchance credit.

Through the years, too, particularly through the depression, we have accepted merchandise, farm produce, even a substantial payment on a motor vehicle, in lieu of a much more needed cash payment. We've probably been cursed and discussed at times. We've been praised and upraised. We've hurt folks feelings, too, no doubt, but we never really wanted to do that. We've given many favors of some magnitude for which we received no thanks. We've been encouraged by others for something we've written, or for some stand we've taken. The country newspaper editor has a lifetime of ups and downs. But the most of us remain in our billowy profession—and are happy.

Miners' Hospital Patients' Record

Following is the list of patients admitted and discharged at the Miners' Hospital, Spangler, from Dec. 6 to Dec. 13, 1948:

MEDICAL ADMITTED
 Mrs. Hannah Ebbs, Hastings; Betty Jean Patterson, Cherry Tree; Mrs. Virginia Gray, Spangler; Joseph Ponchok, Bakerton; Mrs. Elizabeth Boring, Nicktown; Sally Warner, Patton; Mrs. Ethel Reber, Marsteller; and Theodore Kazmierczak, Bakerton.

SURGICAL ADMITTED
 Mrs. Ruth Gregory, Hastings; Eugene Arotin, Barnesboro R. D. 2; Clarence Hutton, LaJose R. D. 1; Mrs. Alice Peel, Cherry Tree; Florence Dietrick, Patton; Leo Cusick, Utahville; Mrs. Della Esagro, Barnesboro; Mrs. Mabel Bennett, Mentice; Simon Smith, Patton; Joseph Luzier, Hillsdale; Theresa Nothnagel, Patton; Rev. Father Regis McCoy, St. Lawrence; Paul Jones, Barnesboro; Paul Schwab, Patton; Michael Phillip, Barnesboro R. D.; Larue Saylor, St. Benedict; Margaret Moriarty, Barnesboro; Edna Weymer, Carrolltown, and Mrs. Rose Rescinto, Barnesboro.

MEDICAL DISCHARGED
 David Davidson, St. Benedict; Frederick Smith, Nicktown; Charles Yeager, Hastings R. D.; Betty Jean Patterson, Cherry Tree; Mrs. Kathleen Gitting, Ebensburg; Mrs. Mary Ernest, Bakerton; Mrs. Dessie Shultz, Commodore R. D. 1; Mrs. Nettie Shilling, Barnesboro; and Nagose Scott, Cherry Tree.

SURGICAL DISCHARGED
 Romeo Sabella, Barnesboro; Anthony Poliskey, Bakerton; Mrs.

Ruth Gregory, Hastings; Merle Crawford, Brookville; George Fitch, Bakerton; Mrs. Nettie Merriam, Patton R. D.; Mrs. Bertha Bathurst, Mahaffey; Anthony Urgolles, Hastings; David Lloyd, Westover R. D.; Joseph Luzier, Hillsdale; Mrs. Della Esagro, Barnesboro; Clarence Hutton, LaJose; William Kline, Barnesboro R. D.; and Albert Petrunyak, Patton.

MATERNITY
 Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Hoover, Spangler, son, Dec. 7.
 Mr. and Mrs. William Stewart, Marion Center R. D. 1, daughter, Dec. 8.
 Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Michaels, Strongtown, son, Dec. 8.
 Mr. and Mrs. James Corson, Mahaffey, son, Dec. 9.
 Mr. and Mrs. John Zarnesky, Barnesboro, daughter, Dec. 9.
 Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Dillon, Carrolltown, son, Dec. 9.
 Mr. and Mrs. Edward Lloyd, Hastings, daughter, Dec. 11.
 Mr. and Mrs. Daryle Westover, Cherry Tree R. D. 2, daughter, Dec. 11.
 Mr. and Mrs. Angelo Terrizzi, Barnesboro, son, Dec. 11.
 Mr. and Mrs. Michael Albanese, Barnesboro, son, Dec. 11.
 Mr. and Mrs. Peter Ondeko, Ermeigh, son, Dec. 11.
 Mr. and Mrs. Michael Shimko, Lovejoy, daughter, Dec. 12.
 Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Kiebowick, Patton, daughter, Dec. 13.

CARROLLTOWN

Mrs. Michael Ryan of St. Louis, Missouri, is visiting with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Connell, for an indefinite period. She will be joined by her husband, an officer in the U. S. Air Force, this coming week.

—Try a Classified next week.

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All Name Brands

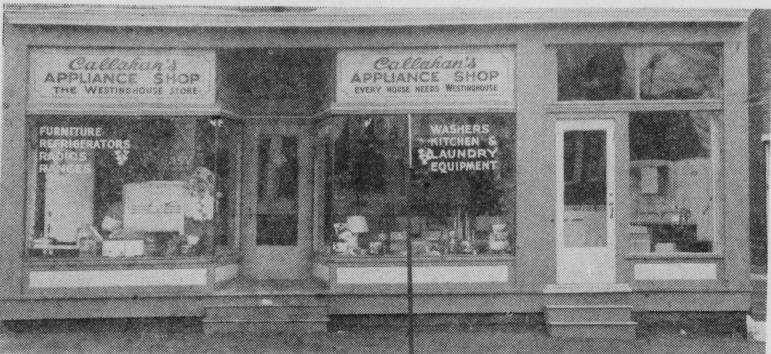
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HIGHEST QUALITY
Withstands All Temperatures

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