

First Paper in Pennsylvania Printed in Philadelphia, 1719

Today as the world revolves on the roaring cylinders of the printing presses, Pennsylvania's role in the development of the modern newspaper is worth attention. The beginnings of the Pennsylvania press go back more than 200 years. Badly printed "News Papers" were then being read in the coffee houses of Philadelphia.

In 1719, Andrew Bradford, son of Pennsylvania's first printer, published the American Weekly Mercury. This paper was modeled after the New England newspaper-publications, on which Ben Franklin was beginning his long and prolific writing career. Benjamin Franklin himself came to Philadelphia in 1723, and within five years was publishing his own Pennsylvania Gazette, another weekly.

Many years and much news passed across the coffee house tables before the first daily newspaper in America surprised the loungers and busy merchants of Second and Arch Sts. The new paper bore the imposing title, "Pennsylvania Packet & General Advertiser," and was published by John Dunlap. The Packet was appearing weekly, then semi-weekly, and in 1784 boldly launched daily publication. It was the first of thousands to follow, the progenitor of one of America's greatest industries and professions—daily journalism.

During the last years of the American Revolution and the first decade of the so-called "federal period," Philadelphia was the center of the newspaper world. Bitter and violent editorial cru-

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Cotton Kicking Mule, Hunting Dog Head List

This is the season for lies—just before the Burlington (Wis.) Liars Club picks the biggest liar of 1949. Tis C. Hulett, club president, has recently forwarded some dandies which are entered in this year's contest. Lie entries have come from all over the world.

gentleman from Panther Burn, Miss., sent in this: "I had a mule which wasn't good at much else so I taught him to pick cotton. He plucked the blooms with his teeth until about half an hour of quieting time. Then he would back into his job and kick 'em off. He seemed to work better and faster backward at the finish so I entered him in the slythesville, Ark., national cotton-picking contest. He came up to the finish line 2 pounds behind, turned and

Light Fall of Snow Often Dangerous

Carelessness Causes Majority of Accidents

A light or moderate snowfall may well be as dangerous as a blizzard, motorists are advised by T. Elmer Transeau, director of the Highway Safety Division at Harrisburg.

"When blizzard conditions develop, no one is fooled," he said. "Our safety becomes a matter of real concern, and we stay off the highways if possible."

"But a light snow is deceiving. Many drivers fail to realize how treacherous snow and ice can become until they get stalled or caught in skids."

Research by National Safety Council, he says, have yielded these safe winter driving rules as the most basic:

1. Get to know the "feel" of the road, and drive at conservative speeds.
2. Follow other vehicles at safe distances, lengthening the space between your car and the vehicle ahead to allow an ample "safety margin."
3. Use tire chains when driving on icy or snowy roads. On passenger cars they can reduce braking distances 40 to 50 percent, while on trucks they give even greater self help in increasing necessary traction.
4. Apply brakes lightly, intermittently. Use a minimum of pressure on the foot pedal to prevent the wheels from locking and thereby losing directional control of the vehicle.
5. Keep windshields and windows clear of outside snow and ice, and free from inside fog and frost.

"Special care must be exercised when approaching crossroads or street intersections, when nearing railroad grade crossings, and when seeing pedestrians about to cross a roadway," Transeau concludes.

State Navy Vets' Overseas Time Set Up Announced

Special Bonus Liaison Force In Readiness

The state military affairs department last Thursday announced a plan to avert delays in the processing of bonus applications by Pennsylvania's navy veterans.

The bonus will be computed on the basis of \$10 a month for domestic service and \$15 for every month spent overseas. However, the discharge papers of members of the navy, marines and coast guard, unlike the army papers do not differentiate between foreign and domestic service.

State Adjutant General Frank A. Weber said he will appoint special liaison sections to work with the army and navy in expediting applications of those who cannot substantiate their statements in the matter of overseas service or any other claims.

Weber said his many liaison forces will have the job of verifying individual navy applications as they are received from the work in the navy department. They will check records of units to which the veteran was attached, such as ship's logs, muster rolls, etc., to determine periods of "statewide" and overseas service.

The navy has advised Weber that the commonwealth is credited with the service of 390,241 of its members between Pearl Harbor and V-J Day.

The extra compensation for overseas duty, Weber said will be payable to all veterans from the date of departure from the United States to the date of return. Sea duty pay for navy service within the continental limits will be regarded as domestic service.

Tot Watches Firemen Put On Real Show for Him

Mike Brown, aged 2, went back to his home in hamlet of Cornella, Ga., with an exaggerated idea of what city life is like in Atlanta.

During a visit at the home of his aunt, Mike had the thrill of seeing a fire engine, siren screaming, pull up to the house. The firemen leaped off and put a big red ladder under a two-story window.

Mike watched all the excitement from that very window until the firemen cut the screen, pulled him out and carried him down the ladder.

He had locked himself in the bathroom.

Potato Crop Cut Ordered for 1950

Faced with a price support loss of \$60 million on surplus potatoes this year, the government last Thursday asked growers to cut production next year.

Secretary of Agriculture Brannan announced a 1950 program providing for a reduction of about 23 percent in the planting allotment for commercial areas and a lower dollar-and-cents price goal.

He set a 1950 production goal of about 335 million bushels.

This year's crop is estimated at 387 million while the 1948 crop totalled 445 million.

It cost the department about \$230 million to support grower prices of the 1948 crop.

Like this year's crop next year's will be supported at 60 percent of parity, the minimum permitted by law. Parity is a figure calculated to give the farmer a fair return for his products.

IN YOUR ATTIC MAY BE THE BIGGEST HEAT THIEF IN TOWN

An uninsulated attic robs your home of heat. Heat conducted by the plaster ceiling flows directly into the empty spaces above the attic floor. You must constantly replace this heat loss with more heat—and that means higher fuel bills.

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1. Insulate your attic. If the floor is not covered you can insulate it yourself. If a floor has been laid, the job may require the services of a helper.
2. Measure your attic and take down the dimensions of the space to be covered. By knowing the length, width and height, we can easily give you the cost of material.
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4. We have all types of insulating materials to do your job efficiently. Come in, talk it over, and see your savings.

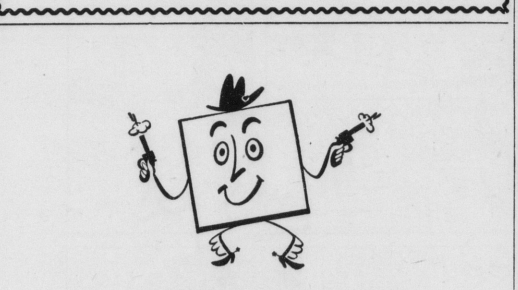
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WHEN YOU PLAY FAIR AND SQUARE with your party-line neighbors...when you share the service courteously...you'll almost always find the courtesy returned!

Suppose you want to make a call and find the line in use. If you hang up gently and give the other person a few minutes to finish his call before trying again, your courtesy is appreciated. And suppose, while talking, you realize that your neighbor wants to make a call. He'll appreciate it if you hang up in a few minutes and free the line.

That's "square shooting." It pays dividends!

THE BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY OF PENNSYLVANIA

Christmas Party To Be Held Dec. 6 At Jaffa Mosque

The annual Jaffa temple kiddies' Christmas party will be held at the Jaffa Mosque in Altoona on Friday evening, Dec. 6. This event will again be sponsored by the Jaffa temple entertainment committee for children of Shriners of Jaffa temple, 18 years and under.

There will be a turkey dinner, carol singing, Christmas music by Jaffa temple band, big time animal and circus acts, cartoon movies in color, a big Santa treat for the children and dancing for the adults to music of a good band.

This party is limited to a Shriner, one lady and children 18 years and under, and the widows of Shriners. Membership cards for 1949 and tickets must be shown at the entrance doors, as all doors will be tied and no exceptions will be made to anyone. Tickets will be on sale at booths in dining hall and in the lobbies of the mosque on Cerebral day, Dec. 1. Tickets will also be on sale each evening at Jaffa Mosque from Dec. 9 to 14. Money or checks must accompany all mail reservations. Last day for reservations will be Wednesday, Dec. 14.

Pretzel Business In State On Boom

The pretzel business is on the boom in Pennsylvania these days and makers of the "bent bread sticks" are fairly optimistic.

"Fact of the matter is, the state Department of Commerce said this week that more pretzels are made in the Keystone State than any state in the nation."

Offhand the fashioning and the manufacture of the laken-granted pretzel may have seemed fairly obscure to most people, but nevertheless it is a thriving business with Pennsylvania forming the spearhead of leadership.

But that isn't all, says the department, for Pennsylvania also leads in the manufacture of—strangely enough—shirts, hoisery and silks.

Additionally, Pennsylvania leads in the manufacture of cigars, chocolates, lace goods, rayon, lubricating oil, glass and, yes, needles.

Of course, the department also points out, nearly everyone knows Pennsylvania leads in the production of pig iron, steel, coal, stone, cement, and coke.

"In fact," commented the department spokesman, "Pennsylvania is known as the workshop of the world—and not without reason. Its reputation began when its steel, coal, gas and oil pioneered many of today's modern industries."

And Pennsylvania still leads as a pretzel maker.

—Dullness is a vice.

Joseph L. Lacey Married 25 Years

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph L. Lacey of Ebensburg, marked their silver wedding anniversary last Friday. They were married Nov. 18, 1924, in Cumberland, Md.

Mrs. Lacey is the former Margaret McQueeney of Hastings. At the time of the marriage Mr. Lacey resided in Carrolltown, but for the past 15 years the couple has resided in Ebensburg.

Lacey is a salesman for the Hunt Motor Company in Ebensburg.

No special celebration was planned for Friday, but last Sunday a family gathering was held at the Lacey home. The celebrants are the parents of five children: John, at home; Mrs. Evelyn Felix, Ebensburg; Patricia and Rosemary Lacey and Mrs. Dorothy Mahler, all of Washington, D. C. There also are two grandchildren.

GIVE FARM A NAME

Giving a farm a name shows the owner is proud of it, and others become more interested.

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FISH-LOVING CAT

Fred F. Prior of Ashland, Ill., says his wife is right proud of a bowl of gold fish she has at home. Two little fish and one big one. Also among the family pets is a fish-loving cat.

For a long time the cat was content to "set and watch," as Fred put it, "purring once in a while." But finally it pawed up to the rim of the bowl and had a direct look.

"That big fish let him have it," say Fred. "He did a quick turn around the bowl, swished his tail and the water splashed the tabby in the puss. The cat doesn't have much use for fish any more."

Tom R. McCrea of Philadelphia swears in a notarized entry that his uncle has a garden so fertile that he has to fetch a machete when he walks the ough his half-acre—to peel the shoots from his peg leg.

Herman Schilling of Chili, Wis., who describes himself as "member of the Liars Club," comes up with this one:

"The lake looked good so I went fishing for musky one morning. I took along some bottle beer, plus my tackle. I rowed out a piece and started to bait up when I discovered I had forgotten the bait. I was in a what-the-heck mood so I tied a hook and lead into a bottle of that fine Wisconsin beer. I pitched 'em in: I didn't have long to wait before I had a tug on my line and a fight on my hands. I played with that guy for half-an-hour. Finally I got him alongside and pulled him in. He was very gentle then. I thought I had a lead fish on my hands. But no. He was just drunk. The musky had yanked the cap off that bottle of beer, finished same, and was hanging onto the top of the bottle for dear life."

Mrs. Joseph Warren of Manchester, Iowa, has a friend who has a cousin in Arkansas.

This cousin of the friend loves

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nothing better than to go possum hunting. But like his hound dog, he's lazy. Lazier than the dog, in fact. So the cousin of the friend educated the hound; taught the pup to do all the hunting.

"This cousin of my friend," the lady writes, "went even farther than that. He cuts boards the size of the possum skins he would like to have. Then he'd show it to the dog and away the dog would go and bring back the right-size possum. One day, the wife of the cousin of my friend was doing some ironing and the cousin of my friend was asleep. The dog looked at the ironing board. He went yipping into the woods. They heard of the pup once from a friend of the friend of the cousin—in Louisiana. And not long ago one of the family got a letter saying the dog had been seen in Florida. This cousin of my friend concluded he had a 'no-good critter.' Dumb too."

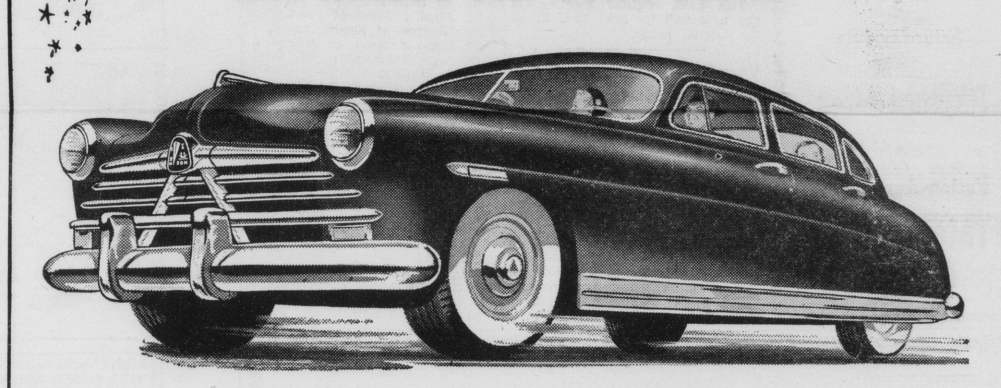
NEED CASH FOR CHRISTMAS SHOPPING?



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