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Another New Year—

The year of 1952 now has folded up its career, and like all those of preceding numbers goes into history for what it's been worth. Just when a New Year should begin seems to have been quite controversial throughout the known history of mankind. But the world of today chronicles its happenings more or less uniformly, and New Year's Day indicates just what it is, the start of another year.

In the Grecian calendar this date occurs 11 days earlier than in the Julian; thus New Year's Day in the English 15th day of January. The ancient Egyptians, Phoenicians and Persians began their year at the autumnal equinox (Sept. 21) and the Greeks until the Fifth Century B. C. at the winter Solstice (Dec. 21). The ancient Romans once celebrated the beginning of the year on the 21st of December, but Caesar by the adoption of the Julian calendar postponed it until the first of January.

The Jews have always reckoned their civil year from the first day of the month of Tishri (Sept. 8-Oct. 5), but their ecclesiastical year begins at the spring equinox (March 21). The 25th of March was the usual date among most Christian peoples in early medieval days. In Anglo-Saxon England, however, the 25th of December was New Year's Day.

At the Norman Conquest, owing it is believed to the coincidence of his coronation being arranged for that date, William the Conqueror ordered that the year should start on the first of January. But later England began her year with the rest of Christendom on the 25th of March. The Gregorian calendar (1582), which restored the first of January to its original position, as New Year's Day, was accepted by all Catholic countries at once; by Germany, Denmark and Sweden about 1700, but not until 1752 by England.

Of course, our year of 1952 is based from the time of the birth of Christ. Just for the sake of legendary history, we'll recite some figures taken from an advertisement of the Hilton Hotels in some of the magazines last week in which they chronicled the years prior to the Birth of the Redeemer, and for practical reading we've added the figure 1953 onto them, and that gives us some other figures of what year it "really" is—if we want to accept them:

For instance, from the creation of the world, "when in the beginning God created Heaven and earth," this New Year would be dated 7155 instead of 1952. And from the time of the Biblical Deluge, when Noah and his family safely populated the earth, the year would be 4011. And from the birth of Abraham the New Year is 4464. From the anointing of King David, it's 2988. From the legendary founding of the City of Rome, the New Year is 2705. It's all on how one looks at it. To we Christians it really is 1952—and let's hope it will be a Happy New Year.

This Makes 60 for Patton

Even Patton has something to observe in 1952. During the New Year the 60th anniversary of the incorporation of this borough will be signaled also. That was back in 1893. Patton's history has been spotty with prosperous years, and other years not so prosperous. But, all in all, it's been a progressive history. Community spirit here today and all through the years has been uppermost in the minds of our citizens.

In fact, it has been this continuous spirit that leaves our town in the fine shape we find it today. Pride in the home community on the part of so many of our citizens is, and has always been, a truly American spirit of freedom and love of home and country. There's no need for us to cite what has been written so frequently in the past or what we've accomplished here. But maybe we can suggest again that it might be proper and fitting for us to publicly observe in some manner this 60th Anniversary Year.

With the history of Patton as a borough, so also has been the history of this newspaper. The Patton Courier, too, saw its first issue come off its hand press back in October of 1893, just a short period after the incorporation of the town. In its very first issue were published the ordinances of the new borough. Like the community, the newspaper has risen and fallen, and risen again. But it has, like so other medium, chronicled Patton through the years. Strangely while faces have been different, the policy of its people has never materially changed.

Of the 60 years of our history, the present editor of this paper has been at the helm for 35 years, over half of the cycle of Patton. Only very few business establishments today have the same managing faces as they had 35 years ago. As a weekly newspaper grows, we've traveled a long way in that period. We feel we've been an instrumental adjunct to Patton's stability and in later years to even a much wider territory.

However, this story isn't written to commend our newspaper. Rather it is written with the hope that perhaps our town officials, our Chamber of Commerce, our clubs and organizations, our Fire Company, our churches, our schools and all our citizens may, too, agree that a 60th Anniversary observance is not amiss. It could be a day, or a week; it could be for the firemen's benefit, or a recreational fund, or it could be just a plain but practical notice of some sort that we are 60 years old—in Patton—and that we want the world to know it, and are proud.

Have One for the Road

With New Year's Eve parties coming up, when you, the host, permit a person to drive to walk through your door to his car you are an accessory to manslaughter. It is murder by proxy to let him walk out of the door to his automobile because you know that in his hands his vehicle is a deadly weapon which may cost his life, or worse, the lives of innocent and estray other persons.

What can be done about it? We are advised that the final "one-for-the-road" drink of the evening be a cup of strong black coffee. Even better are two cups, with plenty of sugar. Now this may seem a bit of coffee, especially in taverns and clubs, and we suggest that it might even be information released as publicity by a coffee-drinking organization. But if it would save a life, we wouldn't mind a bit.

Another Little Journey

For the next single of weeks the editor of this newspaper will not be home. However, our readers will not, note the difference, we show. Sometimes we feel that a better paper is produced when we're absent. On Friday, with the wife and a couple of other ladies, we're starting on a motor trip that will end in Miami, Fla. It's possible to in some victory days of the Allegheny Mountains, we won't be able to remain down there as long as we'd like, and will have to return to the rigors of our Northern climate.

Mrs. E. H. Sharrbaugh and Mrs. Rose Arble will accompany us, and the occasion of the trip is the Mid-Winter business conference of the National Editorial Association to be held in Miami next week. These seasons heretofore have been held either in Chicago or New York. So we're going to the meeting. It does make a good excuse to go to the Southland. The convention of the National Editorial Association will be held in New Orleans in the spring.

"As I See It" By STATE SENATOR JOHN J. HALUSKA

It is with great humility that we sit down this morning and prepare our final article for 1952. We say this because in scanning over the list of our many acquaintances, we find that great numbers of them have not done these Great Beyond during this calendar year. We also realize that when the coming Year comes to an end, many more of us will have answered the Call. Therefore, it behooves all of us, at this time of the Year, to sit down to take stock of our own daily lives. Have we done the best we could by our fellow men? Have we endeavored to spread cheer where sadness prevailed? Have we given a helping hand to the less fortunate in our time of need? If we have not done these things, it is in order to search our memories and ask ourselves what we have done that might have made this year just a little better place in which to live.

As the years roll along, we begin to realize that much of the wrangling, fighting for positions and the acquisition of worldly goods really have been of little importance. But, we do find a great deal of consolation in little things we have done along the path of life—that, in reality, is about the only thing which makes life worth living.

In our travels throughout life, we have met up with men of great importance—men with nerves of steel—men who feared neither man nor beast and whose only ambition was to acquire worldly goods. Then, along comes the Christmas Season when these same men humble themselves and really come down to earth in one day, trying to achieve happiness within their own souls that they have deprived themselves of the preceding part of the year.

However, it is noteworthy to mention the attitude of some of our local people—particularly the various Clubs throughout the County who sponsor Christmas parties for children of the Elks Home. It was very pleasing to us to make an observation of the Christmas spirit that prevailed.

Each member of the Exchange Club brought to this party a boy or girl, under the age of 12; with each member sat one of these children and, as we looked down the table we saw a pompous-looking gentleman (whom we later learned was a banker) talking and laughing with a little negro girl about 8 years old—her little pigtail hanging over her shoulders and tied with bright red ribbons. It did our hearts good to see men at this meeting representing industry, business and the professions—all chatting with their individual child-guest. Rev. Carlson had this group well managed and trained and they sang Christmas carols at length—first the girls, then the boys. One could readily see that this Minister of the Gospel must have devoted a great deal of time to bring out the talent displayed by those children that day.

There is no other Country on earth where such a demonstration of tolerance could ever be exercised and we were highly pleased to learn that the Exchange Club of Johnstown, had been sponsoring such movements throughout the year. Think of the happiness which must have filled the hearts of those children—both black and white—and, in the day to come, they will tell their friends and possibly their children, of sitting down to a Christmas party with men who were big not only in stature but big in kindness and with hearts mellowed.

And, while this condition prevailed in Johnstown, we are happy to take this opportunity to thank the Organizations (Cooties, Veterans of Foreign Wars and American Legion) of our own section who came to Miners' Home during the Christmas Season and spread cheer and happiness among the patients who were compelled to spend their holiday confined to a bed rather than being home with their loved ones. Gifts of value were given to every patient by these outstanding Organizations and their kindness will never be forgotten by those whom they visited.

If that spirit could be carried throughout the year, we would find better children, a better Country and a better understanding between men on this earth.

So, as we go into the New Year of 1953, let us just think back to the Christmas Season of 1952 and let us endeavor to carry on the spirit of Christianity and resolve ourselves on this New Year's Eve that every day we shall do some little thing to make our least fortunate just a little happier in their daily lives.

That we resolve to do ourself and we shall start off by now saying many thanks for the good things you have done for us in 1952. We shall endeavor to repay you, in some way, and wish you the best in life with a Happy New Year for 1953.

SEN. JOHN J. HALUSKA

Sickly Swine to Be Barred from Show
Veterinarians to Be On Duty At State Exhibit

(By Pennsylvania News Service) Harrisburg—Presence of veterinarians on number of Pennsylvania hog feeding premises where uncooked garbage has been fed should not affect showing of a record number of swine at the Pennsylvania Farm Show here Jan. 12 to 16.

However, should VE disease appear prior to the show on a Pennsylvania breeding farm where the owner has entered animals in the show, or animals have it on arrival at the show building, they will be barred. No swine will be admitted to the show without a clean bill of health, the Pennsylvania Farm Show Commission stated.

Veterinary inspection service will be maintained by the Commission 24 hours a day throughout the show. VE has not appeared on any breeding farm in the state to date. Show entries will be limited to Pennsylvania breeders.

Advance swine entries for the 37th Pennsylvania Farm Show totaled a record 403 head. Due to lack of space cut to 325 head, still a show record.

Judging of all show breeds and classes will be by Arlie Anderson, veteran breeder at the Masonic Hotel, Farmington, Pa., in the small arena of the main show building.

The annual meeting of the Pennsylvania Swine Breeder Association will be held Monday, Jan. 12 at 7:00 p. m.

Remedial Defects Noted In School Physical Exams

(By Pennsylvania News Service) Harrisburg—A total of 13,870 Pennsylvania children given medical examinations last spring and summer prior to their enrollment in the first grade were reported to have remedial physical defects, the State Dept. of Health reported this week.

The Department pointed out that protection against the childhood diseases in this group was provided as follows: Diphtheria, 7, 228; whooping cough, 6,621; scarlet fever, 1,082; tetanus, 5,867; typhoid fever, 575; measles, 3 and tuberculosis, 1.

The Department said this indicates the need for parents to have their children immunized during the colder months of the year, including vaccination against smallpox, which is required for school entrance.

The examination itself, said the department, should be completed before the onset of hot weather since the follow-up treatment of defects discovered in the child is greatly retarded by the disinclination of most physicians to recommend surgical care when infantile paralysis is prevalent.

The objective of the program should be to have all remedial defects corrected before school entrance.

1953 Farm Show Is Keyed to Boost State Agriculture
Event Is Dedicated to Efficiency in Production

Pennsylvania agriculture should receive a greater boost from the 1953 Farm Show than ever before, declares Milton Horst, secretary of Agriculture and the chairman of the State Farm Show Commission.

Hailed as the "show of shows" and dedicated to "Efficiency in Production," the 37th annual Pennsylvania Farm Show will open Monday morning, Jan. 12, and runs until 6 p. m., on Friday, Jan. 16.

With favorable weather, crowds should total more than a million and may run close to the estimated 685,000 that jammed the 13-acre Farm Show building at the 1952 exposition, dedicated to Youth in Agriculture. Exhibits and crowds were so great that farm organizations began pressing for improvement of facilities and this fall presented long term suggestions to the Farm Show Commission.

More than 30 statewide farm organizations will conduct educational meetings during Farm Show week. Most will stress efficiency in production which also will be emphasized in the biggest display of farm machinery and equipment ever seen at a Pennsylvania Show. Scores of new types of machines will be on display for the first time. Power and safety features will be stressed, also a wide variety of implements used in grassland farming.

Competitive exhibits entered by Pennsylvania farmers, including livestock, poultry, home economics and all types of crops, are expected to establish a post war record of 11,000 or more. All-time records for livestock entries have been broken for the coming show in beef and dairy cattle, swine and sheep. The estimated value of all farm and commercial exhibits should approximate \$3,000,000, officials say.

Farm youth once again will take a highly important part in the Farm Show, secretary Horst says. Thousands of 4-H Club, Future Farmer and Future Home-Makers will attend the show with hundreds in active participation.

Farm Show arena programs for evenings include formal opening by Governor John G. Finner and a display of horsemanship by the Pennsylvania State Police on Monday; the 8th annual Rural Talent Festival with 800 participants on Tuesday; state horse pulling championships Wednesday; statewide horsehoe pitching long sawing and sheep shearing contests plus a livestock cavalcade and separate farm tractor driving contests for 4-H and FFA members on Thursday evening.

TEST SOIL FOR LIME

Be sure your soil needs lime before applying it, warns James Bakis, Penn State extension agronomist. He says that if the soil tests pH 7.0, it is possible to waste lime if more is applied. Over-liming also may reduce crop production by making phosphorus, potash, boron, and manganese less available for plant use.

Doctors Moving Closer to Solving Mystery of Polio

The following is an excerpt from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania booklet, "Pennsylvania Health," October-December 1952, published by the Dept. of Health Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

Although 1952 was the worst year in world history for infantile paralysis, medical science moved closer to cracking the age-old mystery of prevention and control of the disease.

At the opening session of the American Public Health Association in Cleveland last October, Dr. Howard A. Howe, epidemiologist of the John Hopkins School of Hygiene and Public Health, reported that a polio vaccine tested on six children had successfully combated all three types of infantile paralysis. This report, while not conclusive, is the first report of a successful immunization to the disease in human beings.

There were approximately 60,000 cases of infantile paralysis in the United States in 1952, or twice the number of cases reported for the four years from 1948 to 1952 inclusive. Pennsylvania had over 1,600 cases.

Another highly encouraging development in the long search for protection against polio was announced at the Public Health Convention by a Pennsylvania scientist, Dr. William McDowell Hammon, Pittsburgh epidemiologist. Dr. Hammon reported that the inoculation of children in polio epidemic areas with gamma globulin had given "significant protection" against the paralyzing effects of the disease. Dr. Hammon's conclusions were based on tests (financed by the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis) in which 54,772 children aged one to 11 got inoculations while polio epidemics were raging in sections of Texas, Utah and Iowa. It was the largest experiment of its kind in medical history. Gamma globulin is a small fraction of the human blood containing anti-bodies which inhibit the paralyzing action of the polio virus.

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Minimum Driving Age to 18 Years

State Representative Albert S. Readinger of Reading will reintroduce a bill to raise the minimum age of drivers to 18 in the State Assembly in Harrisburg early next year.

Readinger said in Reading Sunday that his new bill also would require reexamination of all drivers over 65.

The bill differs from one Readinger introduced at the last session of the Assembly in that 16 and 17-year-olds would be permitted to drive if accompanied by a parent or guardian under the new bill.

The previous bill would have ruled out drivers under 18 without exception. The measure was killed in the Assembly's motor vehicles committee.

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