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The Lenten Season

Yesterday, Wednesday, March 3, 1954, began another Lenten season. It was the first day of a season that lasts for forty days. Having its origin before the Year 1000 A. D., it is a day of public penance and is marked by the Catholic Church by burning of the Palms blessed on Palm Sunday of the year previous. With his thumb the priest then marks a cross upon the forehead of each worshipper.

Palm Sunday will fall on April 11th. It is observed the Sunday before Easter to commemorate the entry of Jesus into Jerusalem. The procession and the ceremonies introducing the benediction of palms probably had their origin in Jerusalem. Good Friday comes on April 16th. This day commemorates the Crucifixion, which is retold during the services from the Gospel according to St. John. A feature in Roman Catholic Churches is the Mass of the Presanctified: there is no Consecration, the Host having been consecrated the previous day—Holy Thursday. The eating of hot cross buns on this day is said to have originated in England.

Holy Saturday has its importance in Catholic Church liturgy. Easter Sunday, which falls this year on April 18th, is observed in all Christian Churches. Easter is the principal Feast of the Ecclesiastical year, and commemorates the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. It is celebrated on the first Sunday after the full moon which occurs on or next after March 21, and is therefore celebrated between March 22 and April 25, inclusive. This date was fixed by the Council of Nice in the year 325.

While Easter comes this year on April 18th, it is interesting to note that next year it will be eight days earlier, and will come on April 10th. It will fall on April 1st in 1956; April 21st in 1957; April 6th, in 1958, and it won't come as early as March until 1959, when the date will be March 29th. Seldom does the calendar permit it to come before some date in April. This year the Feast of the Jewish Passover also comes the same day as the Christian Easter—April 16th.

When Social Security Cheats

An article in the current issue of Coronet Magazine, written by Congressman John Bell Williams, of Mississippi, is worthy of comment. He believes it may open the eyes of many of our readers about some serious flaws in the Social Security law that may shock you. When the social security taxes are deducted from your pay check, you probably have a resigned sigh, wryly noting that what's left, after other deductions, seems smaller than ever in the face of today's high prices. But, you are likely to console yourself, those social security taxes you pay, supplemented by an equal contribution by your employer, will provide you with a nice nest egg during old age.

Mr. Williams hopes you will never discover, as have nearly half the total number now eligible to retire under our social security law, that this happy dream is only a dream and that, after paying into the social security fund for decades, you will never collect a single cent in benefits from it! The unpleasant fact is that our social security law is working many cruel injustices on millions of citizens today. If you are one of the 48,000,000 people covered by the Act, or a dependent of one of them (and just about everybody falls into one or another of these classes), you have a shakable financial stake in the matter.

Under our present law, millions of people who are eligible to retire can't afford to quit work and are unjustly penalized by the loss of all the social security benefits for which they have paid. The joker in the provision which says you are not permitted to earn more than \$75 a month from outside employment without forfeiting your rights to all benefits until you reach 75, at which time Uncle Sam magnanimously allows you to collect. The provision doesn't apply to anything except EARNINGS. You can collect dividends from stocks, have an income from an annuity, or get your money from any one of a thousand and one other ways—and still collect social security. It's only if you are really hard up, cannot live on the small sum you get from social security, and must work after age 65 that you forfeit your rights. Unfortunately for them, more than 2,000,000 Americans over 65 today fall into this class.

What many people who resist reform of the social security law fail to realize, says the Congressman, is that the issue is not simply one of actuarial tables; it is a matter of human beings. Many old people are in financial trouble through no fault of their own—inflation and high prices being what they are. They need help in their struggle to stay self-supporting and self-respecting. Congressman Williams introduced a bill to remove the \$75 monthly earning limit from the law, and thousands of old people wrote to him about it. The letters told of hardships imposed because of this discrimination that the law now supports.

The benefits paid by Social Security are inadequate to live on. To force old people to give up extra money they earn on the job in order to collect their social security benefits is literally to condemn them to a lifetime of penance. The most ironic part of our social security system is that the income limitation hurts those who can least afford to do without the financial benefits for which they have paid. And the crippling blow to the oldsters, covered by social security, who are now working after 65, is that the money they earn on all taxable under the state and federal income tax laws, while the money they forfeit on social security is never subject to federal income taxes.

When Social Security was adopted back in 1935, we were in the middle of a depression. Ten million wage earners were out of work. We had relief funds, soup, men and women looking frantically for any job, even the job that didn't exist. Then came social security. Framed hastily as a retirement act, one of the conditions imposed upon receiving benefits was that people who got these benefits really quit work and did retire. This made sense, because other people were desperate for jobs, and the positions held by retirees were soon filled. But today the picture is different. Social security benefits are inadequate in many instances. It is outrageous that many persons are forced to contribute so much of their earnings over many years and get nothing back.

Surely something must be done about the Social Security Law. Surely it is up to Congress to do it. Surely the poor must not be made to suffer, and the more prosperous people get full payment of security. Somewhere along the line there must be an answer. Maybe it's the thing called "the 10 percent extra earnings" limit. While we are talking about the Social Security act, it might also be well for Congress to take action to solve them. It might also be well for Con-

"As I See It"

By STATE SENATOR JOHN J. HALUSKA

Last week we informed our readers that we would bring to their attention the dangerous methods that are being employed in the curing of cancer, because the AMA, the group who claims that only they are recognized to deal with this subject, rely entirely on X-ray, deep therapy treatments, radio and electric surgery.



Sen. Haluska Post graduate from the Chicago Latin School, then received a B. A. from Yale University, attended Northwestern Medical School, interned at Chicago Memorial Hospital, studied at the University of Vienna, a Medical School, then made further studies of hospitals in India, China and Japan. He holds a national board certificate and has been medical director of the Gotham Hospital in New York.

Dr. Miley reported the survey made by Dr. Stanley Reimann (who is in charge of tumor research and Pathology at the Gotham Hospital, New York). "Dr. Reimann's report on cancer cases in Pennsylvania over a long period of time showed that patients who received no treatment lived a longer period than those that received surgery, radium or X-ray. The exceptions were those patients who had received Electro-surgery. The survey also showed that following the use of radium and X-ray much more harm than good was done to the average cancer patient."

Referring to treatment by radium, permit us to quote Sir Leonard Hill, the great British physiologist, who wrote: "The nation I think would be little the worse off if all the radium in the country now buried for security from bombing in deep holes, remain therein."

Doctors William G. Cahan, Helen Q. Woodward, Norman L. Higginbotham, Fred W. Steward and Bradley I. Coley, all of New York City, have testified that X-ray and gamma rays could even cause bone cancer in itself by

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Democratic Or Autocratic

Dear Editor, Last week in articles by Barr Township citizens and tax payers reference was made to the Barr Township School Board meeting on November 9, 1953. We wish others to know also just what took place at that time. The purpose of that meeting was to decide whether Barr Township should enter a school jointure along with Barnesboro, Spangler and Susquehanna Township; the immediate purpose of which was to erect a multi-million dollar junior-senior high school. The directors of Barr Township School Board had invited the tax payers of the township to join them at this meeting. A large number of tax-payers were present. Also attending were Dan Auchenbach and Mr. Buck of the Office of County Superintendent.

Mr. Auchenbach expressed his views about the benefits of such a jointure. Among other things that he mentioned, he assumed that the proposed building would be paid off in 32 years instead of 37 years as was mentioned in original plans. When he had finished his discourse, he asked how many present were in favor of the jointure. The response showed that we were opposed to it 100 percent.

John A. Nealen Wilmer Sherry and Others

UTAHVILLE

By MISS MAE DOTTS

Mr. and Mrs. Rudy Brady and family, Johnstown, spent the past week end at their home here. Mrs. Anna Dillen, Leonard Dillen and sons, Arthur and Larry, were visitors with Mr. and Mrs. Carl Anderson and George Dillen in Philadelphia Feb. 21.

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Maine and Mrs. Lynn Fishell and sons, Donny and Ken, of Blandburg, Mrs. Robert Maya and daughter, Marlene of Altoona and Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Burchill and daughters, Ruth Ann and Darlene of Windham, Ohio, were visitors at the Walter Dillen home last week. Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Burchill and daughters of Windham, Ohio, visited here with relatives and friends over the week end.

FALLENTIMBER

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Vogel of this place and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Keith of Coalport have returned from a two week vacation with Mr. Vogel's brother, Joe, in Orlando, Florida. Mrs. Adeleen M. Kopp and daughter, Karen, Mr. and Mrs. John P. Tonkin and Paul E. Kopp spent the week end visiting relatives and friends in Detroit, and Pontiac, Mich. Miss Mary Belenski visited in Coalport on Friday. Mr. and Mrs. Glendon B. Kough are visiting relatives in Detroit and Akron. G. Edward Buddie, who is employed in Pittsburgh, spent the week end visiting at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edward K. Buddie.

Paul D. Jenkins and Alex Dawson of Cleveland, O., spent the week end at the Charles W. Jenkins home. Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Ratchford and children, Freddie and Mickey, of Dyarl, visited Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Michael R. Matish.

Co-Operative Elects John P. Hoover

John P. Hoover, Loretto R. D., was elected to a three-year term on the Cambria Farm Bureau Co-operative Association's board of directors at meeting on Thursday evening. He succeeds Assemblyman E. J. Farabaugh of Loretto R. D., resigned. Mr. Farabaugh served as president of the board of directors since the unit was formed in 1948. A movie on Farm Bureau hybrid seed corn and slides on the Farm Bureau Co-operative facilities were shown. Robert Schiff, co-op manager, gave a brief outline of the co-op's business during 1953, and outlined the 20th anniversary of the Farm Bureau Cooperatives of Pennsylvania.

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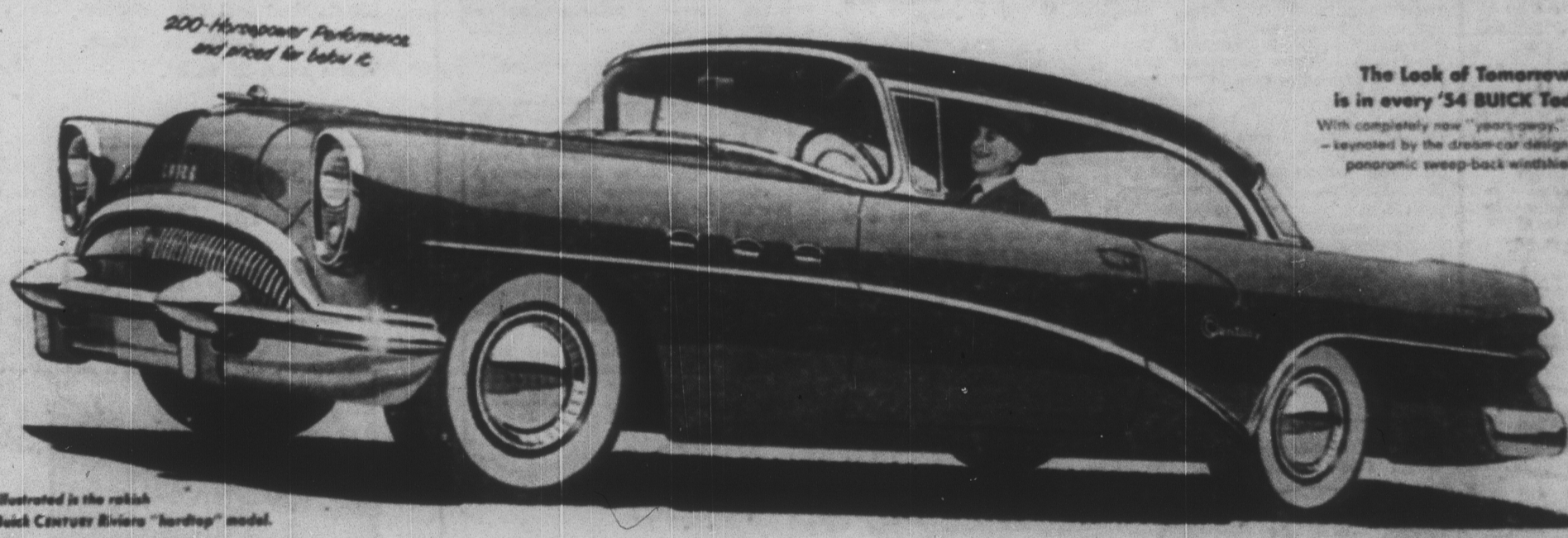
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