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## On "The Ready" Good Policy

Recently the Patton Chamber of Commerce set the wheels in motion for an option of a large tract of land adjacent to the borough. Publication of the movement immediately brought forth queries from both here at home as well as in our neighboring communities as to whether or not Patton had some development in the offing. Probably not anything definite. However, the Commerce body knows from experience that it always pays to have something to offer first, if something does turn up, and "being ready" for any opportunity is always a first point won.

Acquiring of this suitable land, of course, would place the community in a position of being immediately able to offer three or four plant sites excellently located for industrial purposes. Because, too, of Patton's excellent water supply, potential industries, immediately can be offered a second selling point. Labor supply naturally is good nowadays in the North of Cambria County. We congratulate the Chamber of Commerce on their foresight, whether or not anything eventually comes of it.

## Re-Examining the Drivers

Back in the days when the writer first began driving an automobile, no driver's license was required. But there weren't as many cars in those days, and when licensing of drivers became law, as we remember it, if you had been a driver before no examination was needed when the ruling became effective. It's a good thing there were so few cars then. Our recollection of learning to drive consisted of a 15-minute lesson on a road near Patton, this being given by a young fellow who knew how, and we then dismissed him, took off in our first-owned Model T Ford to Carrolltown, and getting there, didn't know how to stop the "brute." It finally was accomplished by hitting the side of a barn.

Of course, a lot of us became fairly good drivers in a short time, without examination. And that brings the thought, too, that the drivers' license, potentially one of the best highway safety devices, is also one of the most neglected. In the possession of aging drivers and others with failing eyesight, slowed reflexes and susceptibility to sudden seizures, the license becomes in effect an official permit to menace the lives of thousands.

California and North Carolina now have laws which require all drivers to be re-examined every four years. And it does sound sensible. Eye-glasses for many of the older drivers became a "must" as a result of these examinations. It is estimated that a nationwide re-examination would screen for the first time some 25 million licensed drivers who, like the writer, never had any examination.

## Health, Worry and Noise

HEALTH—The high proportion of physically unfit young men has been the subject of continuing concern to the nation's defense authorities ever since 1940, when Congress enacted the first peacetime Selective Service Act. The rejection rate during World War II was far too high, and it rose during the Korean conflict to the point where one-third of the men called for service had to be rejected—mostly for physical reasons. We don't have the health answer, but it should be a source of worry, and that leads us to—

WORRY—So you're worried to buy a new car on time, or make the old one do. And if you plan a vacation, you worry about it, because you can't decide where to go. Finances are a lot of worry to a lot of folks, and there are a lot of folks who seem not to worry at all over what they do. There are other folks. The writers mostly do the most worrying. There are a lot of us who are chronic worriers and as such are displaying signs of mental instability. In Australia they now have Worry Clinics to help the worried. We have nothing like that in America but we do have a lot of prospective candidates. And some of us worry about—

NOISE—Working in an industrial plant—or even in our own printing plant—is a noisy proposition, and one gets used to it. But there are noises that are necessary, and those that are not. Honking the horns of a car up and down a residential street late at night is not a popular noise. It is customary in houses and hotels to quiet down about eight hours before the usual rising time. Noise in the daytime also can be as disturbing as noise at night. It doesn't rob a person of sleep, but it frequently causes nervousness, fatigue, inefficiency and general discomfort for some folks. Maybe because we have to work in such a noisy environment as here in the Union Press-Courier office is the reason for all this flighty comment.

## Observations Here and There

In last week's issue of this paper the annual report of the Patton Volunteer Fire Company disclosed that the local volunteers answered a total of 30 fire alarms, and provided service for 72 ambulance calls during 1954. Probably the report was taken in more or less disinterested stride by most of our readers, but if these services had not been available, the story would have been entirely different. The report, again, brings home to the people of our community the fact that ever since the early 1890s there have been civic-minded, active citizens here who have placed a volunteer call to duty above private comfort—to aid in life-saving—to protect our property. We should all be thankful to them.

The campaign for the March of Dimes is now nearing its end. It is one of the most worthy of all our charities, and your contribution should be one that justifies your means—not just a trifle or token if you can afford much more. Wonders have been accomplished since the fight against the dread disease of polio began in earnest. Thousands who might otherwise have been hopelessly crippled for life, now are useful, healthy citizens. And the sunshine on the horizon today appears to be that out of all this help given by so many people, the day is not far distant when polio can be prevented just as smallpox, for instance, was conquered, by medical science. Do your bit. Do it NOW!

The matter passed by unused, and even unnoticed by us, but now we suddenly remember that last week we rounded out 35 years at the editorial helm of this newspaper. And 35 years in any man's life at one single job is just about all the career that is in him. This well represents much more than half the years: this 61-year-old weekly has been in existence. However, it is something worthwhile too, we know, to all of you, to feel that the community that is Patton has always, from the time of its incorporation, had the "Courier" as a part of it. May both Patton and this newspaper continue on and on, and may both prosper.

There's never a newspaper, or a magazine, or even the news reports on radio and television, that doesn't keep reminding the people daily of something political. This week we thought it would be nice for a change to keep this column away from any such comment. You'll probably be happy for it. Wouldn't this be a happy world, indeed, if we didn't have to face up continually to things political. But it can't be done—for our own good. Only in a dictatorship, or in an absolute monarchy, can such a condition exist—and there wouldn't be many happy, dignified or contented people.

## "As I See It"

By STATE SENATOR JOHN J. HALUSKA

During the past several years we have written many articles pertaining to the treatment of the nation's number one killer, known as cancer.

The American Medical Association and particularly the medical men who are employed at the Spangler Hospital, have taken exceptions to the stories that I have produced regarding the cure of cancer, and even called me a quack. I quoted men of their own profession, they closed their eyes and Sen. Haluska stated that it cannot be true. When I told them that Dr. Stanley Reimann reported to the United States Government "those who received X-ray, surgery and radium lived a shorter period of time than those who did not receive this treatment," the Cambria County Medical Association yelled to high heaven that this story was not true.

However, the fact remains that it is true and Dr. Stanley Reimann takes the position definitely that the above mentioned methods are futile and of no value or any great importance in the treatment of cancer.

Now we hit a new chapter of this episode. We note that "The Cleveland Press" carried a huge headline, "CRILE HITS PROMINENT CANCER OPERATIONS."

For the information of our readers, Dr. George Crile, Jr., is the noted Cleveland Clinic surgeon, highly respected by physicians throughout the land, and in a speech made at the Inter-State Post Graduate Medical Assn. of North America which convened recently at Minneapolis, Dr. Crile had this to say:

"OPERATIONS on certain kinds of highly malignant tumors do more harm than good. 'A HANDFUL of top American surgeons are mutilating some cancer patients in attempting the impossible. They should be called to account by their fellow surgeons. 'EVEN BIOPSY (the taking of a small section of a tumor for laboratory testing for malignancy) when not carefully planned, may turn a low-grade cancer into an incurable one. Mild thyroid cancers with which a patient may live in comfort for 30 years may be made devastatingly deadly if cut into."

Then we have a quotation of Dr. Warren H. Lewis, a former professor at John Hopkins Medical School, who said "we might as well face the fact that as yet we know little of the cause of cancer and radium treatments have been a great disappointment."

Again we have a quotation from Dr. W. A. Dewey, former professor of medicine at the University of Michigan, when he observed "in a practice of nearly 45 years, I have yet to see a single case of cancer, save a few benign malignant epitheliomas, cured by surgery, X-ray or radium."

So now I wonder why the medical profession was so embittered when I wrote my articles early last summer referring to the unorthodox treatment being used in the treatment of cancer patients. In fact, I am definitely informed that there has been a policy adopted by the medical profession of our county that they will refrain from informing cancerous patients of his or her condition.

We hope that this information is not true because any action taken of this nature would be the most inhuman act ever known in the history of medicine.

Surely a patient who is cancer-ridden should be so informed and be given the opportunity to look forward to some other form of treatment.

This brings us up to the most important issue of the day and that is that we now proudly announce that the Hoxsey Cancer Clinic located at Portage will open its doors officially on Monday, Mar. 7.

There will be open house commencing Mar. 5 to 7, inclusive, where the public will have the opportunity to inspect this clinic, its facilities, etc. We expect at the clinic to do our part in saving and helping suffering humanity from an early grave.

We wish to cooperate with the medical profession of our county, state and nation. In the days to come we will have thousands of patients coming to our clinic from all parts of the country and there is no question in our minds but what many of these patients will require hospitalization for complications other than cancer.

We hope to have friendly relations with the hospitals in our district, with the trustees and physicians, so that we may be in position to refer such cases to our local institutions; and in the event that physicians at these institutions wish to have our cooperation insofar as the treatment of cancer is concerned, they may rest assured that they will have it.

As I have stated on previous occasions, there will be need for surgery in treating certain cancer patients, such as removing deteriorating flesh and the removing of tumors. There will also be need for a light sprinkling of deep therapy to arrest many can-

## THIS I BELIEVE

By FERDINAND D. WHARTON, Chest Springs, Pa.

That all human beings are endowed with immortality by Almighty God and are given a free will intended to be used to accomplish their eternal salvation with the means at hand.

Kindness is the essence of charity and when we practice it with others, we are adding to our own happiness and well being.

Selfishness is a deadly thing for it not only destroys our peace of mind but isolates us from our fellow men.

Higher education is not necessary to enable us to enjoy and appreciate the wonders of Nature and find comfort and contentment in our association with her.

Every man has his secret sorrow which the world knows not, and often we call a man cold when he is only sad.

Sinners have the same capacity to be saints and it is only a warped mental condition which makes them otherwise.

There is happiness and peace all around us if we but look for it.

The man who does things makes many mistakes but he never makes the biggest mistake of all—forgetting to be good.

Poverty has some blessings also for it eliminates many worries and responsibilities.

Our impulses are fundamentally good, but our environment and training causes them to become evil and there is nothing actually evil in itself in the world but evil is the result of our misuse of good.

Actions are more eloquent than words to those in trouble or grief.

Punishment of wrong should always be tempered by its degree or effect rather than the act itself.

Nothing outside can make us happy and contented if we do not have these within ourselves.

One good deed can compensate for much wrong.

Growing old has its own compensations and should be accepted accordingly.

Pride and arrogance is only a mask of our own smallness.

To have a healthy mind, the body must also be active.

To be forgiven is not a one-way street but we must also be forgiving.

And finally it is better to walk in darkness with God than to walk in light without Him.

## Facts About Cambria County

By MARLON BAUMGARDNER, Ebensburg, Pa.

(Continued from last week)

In the cemetery lies the remains of Casper Statter, the innkeeper. It is the more interesting to the writer because he covered much of the old Forbes on foot, and has seen many of these places. Washington in his day got meals at the tavern. There is an old Indian burying-ground here that was at one time used by the Indians living in this vicinity. Their encampment is one half a mile north of Reel's Corner. You must travel through the "Shades of Death and then over the hills to 'Edmond's Swamp.'" Here one may see the remains of the ovens which were used by the Forbes Army Bakers. From here one may see the Laurel Mountains. Stonycreek is a point of interest for it was in our county when we were a part of Bedford county before 1787. That is the date Huntington County was erected from Bedford county. It was a fort and was later considerably strengthened. Quemaning Dam is of recent construction and is used in impounding the waters of a stream by the same name and which water is used in Johnstown. Kickapawling was an Indian Chief that lived in this settlement, and now covered by the waters of the dam.

The first Court of the General Sessions of the Peace was held at Bedford on the 16th day of April, 1771, a few days after its erection as a county and was presided over by Wm.

Porter, Robert Chuggage, Geo. Wilson, Robert Hanna, William Lochery, and William McConnell, Esquires.

Among other things the Court did was to empanel the Grand Jury, naming the following as members: James Anderson, Chas. Cessna, James McConnell, Thomas Flenton, Allen Rose, George Milligan, John Moore, Robert Culbertson, George Funk, John Huff, Binard Wolfe, Valentine Shandoss, Thomas May, Frederick Nangle, Edward Rose, Samuel Skinner, William Parker, Christopher Miers, Thomas Croyle, Sam Law, Jacob Fisher, David Binard, with the first named as foreman of the first Grand Jury.

The Court proceeded to divide said county into the following townships by limits and descriptions hereafter following, to wit: as filed by the Cumberland Court.

**Brothersvalley:** Beginning where the southern line of the Province crosses the Allegheny Mountain and running along the summit of it to Coemach, then down Coemach to the west side of the Laurel Hill, then along the foot of that river to the Province line, and hence to the place of beginning.

**Fairfield:** Beginning where the Youghogony crosses through the Laurel Hill on the west side and running down the hill south to the line of Brothersvalley to the Coemach River, then down the Coemach to the top of Chestnut Ridge, then along the Chestnut Ridge to the Youghogony and with that river to the place of beginning.

**At a Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace held at Bedford in the County of Bedford, the second day of July in the thirtieth year of the reign of Our Sovereign, Lord George of Great Britain, India, etc. and the year 1773, before Hon. Bernard and his associates of the said Court, respectfully shows that the inhabitants of Brothersvalley Township was read to the Court setting forth that the said Township is so extensive as to be inconvenient to a great number of the inhabitants of the said Township, that part of the said Township included within the following boundary, that is to say—beginning where the Chestnut Ridge crosses the Little Coemach, to where the line dividing the Province from Maryland, thence along the summit of the said Chestnut Ridge to where it crosses the great road leading to Bedford from Fort Pitt, thence along said road to where it crosses the Quemaning Creek, thence down said creek till its junction with the Stonycreek to the mouth of Little Coemach, to where the line dividing Bedford County from Westmoreland crosses it, thence along the Provincial line to the place of beginning—shall be called Turkey Foot Township.**

(To be continued.)

## Basil Cameron to Head Colver Scouts

Basil Cameron was elected as chairman of the scout committee of Colver Troop 284 at a meeting last Friday evening in the Colver Presbyterian Church.

Other officers include H. M. Klein, secretary-treasurer; Thomas Vay, scoutmaster; Gene Hill and Robert Smith, assistant scoutmasters, and Clarence Young, institutional representative.

The unit made plans for sending

The troop to Blue Knob for winter camp activities Feb. 18-20. Arrangements also were made for observing Scout Week Feb. 6-12.

A special church service for scouts and cubs will start the Scout Week program. Displays will be set up in windows of the Colver stores. Scouts will wear their uniforms during the week. The next meeting will be held Feb. 25.

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