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Some Meandering Thoughts

The hot days of summer aren't encouraging to deep thought and opinion. This week, particularly, we find it hard to collect our on our entourage motor-bus for thoughts for intelligent directives in this column. Maybe we need a Rome However, this was not to vacation. Lots of folks are doing just that these days, too. But the be a direct and non-stop journey trouble with vacations we have taken in the past is that we've All of the time we were in the worked harder seeing and doing things than would have been the Naples area, and even when we worked harder seeing and doing things than would have been the came down by bus on Holy Sat-because of the narrowness of the spent energy at home on the job. Ours has always been a traveling urday, the most famous of all ancient streets, the tour was all

lishment with the latest edition of the country's greatest mailorder concern's catalogs. These books go into every nook and eranny of the nation's inhabited points. Of course it would be folly to presume that all families receive a catalog, but one can rest assured that those families who do some business with the arm do receive their voluminous "advertisement." There are over 1,400 pages in the catalog. That means more than 700 sheets of paper, and it isn't the cheapest grade. Folks who trade by mail, of course, in the long run also are paying for their catalog too. All firms can't use the malls to advertise, but most all can use newspaper space-and it pays to do it.

For many years the Assemblymen and the Senator from this district have endeavored to have the state take over the township the soil of foreign countries is road that leads from the top of the hill above the Lanark Mine tipple directly into Hastings. Something has happened recently and the state highway department now has it, by legislative action. This highway is particularly important to about 20 families who live in Elder Twp., and who have had a mighty steep hill to negotiate. The state is planning improvement and blacktopping of the road, and hold. Planting was followed up to stone gutters will be constructed on the hillside. The improvement also will make the travel distance from Patton to Hastings a bit shorter. The contemplated improvement is said to be about eight- Italy is a great wine-producing tenths of a mile, and Hastings Borough has ordained improvement. also will make the travel distance from Patton to Hastings a bit tenths of a mile, and Hastings Borough has ordained improvement for a bit within the borough boundary.

We want to congratulate the committee in charge of the recent picule held by St. Monica's Church purish at Chest Springs. Most all of the summer picnics held everywhere feature a good meal as the main attraction, and on that basis solicit the patronage of folks from near and far. Naturally no one facility can seat all the patrons at one time at a meal, so that tickets usually are sold for consecutive "sittings." Maybe folks come from a distance at an early hour with the thought in mind of ring a "first sitting" ticket. But in some cases, in the past, it has been found that the home folks have bought them up in advance, even though they seek patronage from the outside Chest Springs doesn't operate that way. Tickets are sold a half hour before the opening meal. No one (and we mean no one) has been able to purchase them before that time. This feature of fairness gains hold on out-of-town visitors even though they may not have been able to secure a "first" sitting. They'll ren when they know the promoters are showing good faith in seeking

Carrolltown and Barnesboro have rather "questionable" honors of being the lowest percentagewise in the assessed valuation of real tions of the volcano date back inestate in Cambria County, the figures showing them tied at 24.8 to pre-historic times. At the beeach. Of course, the county real estate taxes paid by these home ginning of the Christian era and communities of curs inn't at all equal to what some of the other for many previous centuries, no tommunities of ours and at all equal to what some of the other cuption had been known. The boroughs pay, even though their citizens get the same benefits. In sides of the mountain were richly klimstown, East Conemaugh and South Fork, for example, the cultivated, and for that matter, essed valuation of real estate is around 50 percent, so that people they still are. residing in those communities are paying just twice the county tax Three Cities Stood At Base ent, as are residents of many other communities. However, this won't continue for too long in the future. By mandatory state of the mountain at the time of entire parade of honors was all this won't continue for too long in the future. By mandatory state law, the county will be set up and assessed on an equalized basis by January of 1958. And some of the communities that are hard-put law, the county will find themselves on sound footing, even thought it of this was explained to us in or law the financially will find themselves on sound footing, even thought it of this was explained to us in or law the financially will find themselves on sound footing. financially will find themselves on sound footing, even thought it of this was explained to us in or-should have long ago been set up in that way by themselves. Carroll-the more interesting Assured 63 town and Barnesboro have plenty of companion taxing districts who are not much better in assessments. And many of these communities have head taxes and all other kinds of extra taxes that the law permits.

The finally in the year 73 A. D. they insist that he is an invader and the more interesting. Around 63 A. D. a series of earthquakes visited the area, but apparently the people paid little heed to them. Finally in the year 73 A. D. they

The recent holiday week end disclosed an alarming number of fatalities from drowning all over the nation, and in practically all cases the victims were persons who were unable to swim. This illustrates the good the American fied Cross swimming lessons at Patton and Ashville Parks and at a number of other pools in the county are doing. It certainly does no harm for a youngster (or an adult for that matter) to acquire this accom--not alone for sport and pleasure but also as a matter of safety to themselves and to others.

Think your car won't skid in the summertime? Don't be too had they life in sufficient time. mire. After a warm spell, and dry, most of the permanent roads of nt construction develop a slippery trend after rain first begins day's trip to Rome. The highway to fall-and probably there's some degree of danger at anytime when the surfaces are wet. It has been our experience to witness a the base of Vesuvius. No doubt couple of pretty bad skiddings by other cars recently shortly after many of our readers know all the rains started. Both of them happened on curves, and in both es the cars were moving at only moderate speeds. Your car can skid without ice and snow. Just be careful when it's raining.

There's every indication coming out of Harrisburg that Cambria County will benefit at long last by a couple of state ething they should have had long ago. Of course, resent stalemate on the tax structure is decided some mate on the tax structure is decided some way or other at the state capital, the Department of Forests & Waters can hardly commit itself to any promises. After all, they first must show what funds they will have available—if any. The only real semblance of the public recreational park this county ever has had is that of the Duman Lake in Barr Townip, and the recreational portion of it, aside from fishing, has een borne at county expense.

Some time a bit later in the summer, when the grounds are with ashes that it was sealed completed, the County Commissioners plan an official opening of the new Men's County Home near Ebensburg. While the home now is in red years ago. operation and our county male wards are afforded its facilities, until everything on the exterior is finished the Commissioners are biding government throughout the years time for a visit from the public generally. However, this doesn't affords the visitor an insight of mean that visitors are not welcome at both the old and new buildings at any time. The women now solely occupy the old building. The Commissioners are proud of the entire two plants. Every citizen of ly enjoyed our visit, and daily now injected with this vaccine.

Our county should make it a matter of duty, sooner or later, to visit throughout the year, Pompeii is throughout the year, Pompeii is throughout the year, It will give them an insight into one of the visited by folks from all parts of who is who in this great life of the County Homes. It will give them an insight into one of the most important phases of county management for our indigents. ost important phases of county management for our indigents.

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White people generally are prone to discuss the pros and the cons of our national government, or praise or condema the officials of our state government, and runt or fawn over government at the county level, they are sometimes prone to overlook the

most important of all governments-to them. We speak of the elected school directors, the town councilmen, and the township supervisors, all of whom directly affect the education and living conditions of our own communities. Most of these men and women, too, are doing an unthankful job without remuneration of any time. But they are important-mighty important. Good local officials usually reflect their work in good communities in which to live.

Six Solid Weeks **Touring Europe**

By MRS. THOMAS A. OWENS SR. This is one of a series of articles covering a recent trip to Europe by Mrs. Tom Owens Sr., Mrs. It. H. Sharbaugh, and Mrs. John J. Haluska, covering ten countries, sponsored by the National Editorial Association.

VESUVIUS -- POMPEH

On the morning of Tuesday, April 4th, after spending two days in Sorrento, Italy, with a visit to the Capri, as noted it last week's article, we departed jaunt. The leisurely, one-point location vacation has never appealed to us. It would be hard to begin now.

Sitting on the front porch the other day—and our front porch is just across the street from the Carrolltown postoffice—we noticed the patrons emerging from the mail-dispensing estab
And On To Breath-Taking Rome dark to the famous of all ancient streets, the tour was all ancient streets, the tour was all on foot. Chairs, covered with white sheets, with handles on the first rays of the sun to bring it were available to folks who for Rome. Mainly we were transing the same roadway we had warmth and then the mysterious course. They were carried by men.

While the rediscovery of the sun to bring it were so inclined—at a price, of for even from the time of our early school-days, Mount Vesuvius and Pompeli were historical legs, city was made only two hundred.

> had created a top soil in the Naples-Sorrento area that was inspiring to all of us. Here we really noted for the first time the extreme thriftiness in which the soil of foreign countries in which the soil of foreign countries is a solution and the soil of foreign countries. The town which the modern Hotel, with excellent food, and fine living conditions. Likely we will cover a couple of week's storness in which the soil of foreign countries. tillable, is put to every last inch

of planting. Grape arbors were many in this area, grains, fruits, vege-tables, and all manner of garder all of the trees, and the grape country, and grapes are a major crop. Wine is a beverage for rich and poor alike, much like the Americans follow coffee.

Vesuvius 4,000 Ft. Above Sea From the moment we landed in Italy we began to note that it abounds in a diversity of interesting contrasts in scenery, cities and tourist attractions. Meals, generally ranged from excellent to passable, and on a couple of occasions they were really poor. However, this likely was our fault in picking bad spots, just as can happen anywhere.

The bus run from Sorrento to the base of Vesuvius was comparatively short. The volcano is not active at present, but it did some spouting a few years ago. Congressional Medal for his active at present ago. some spouting a few years ago. Congressional Medal for his ach-born to a new life. And with all that in mind this same group of ly 4,000 feet above sea level. Its hower saw fit to honor Dr. Salk that in mind, this same group last heavy eruption was back in for the great work he had done 1906. It comprises two mountains, on behalf of those children who really, the present one partly may be victims of this dreadful may be received and prosecute and prosecute those of us who really and truly are playreally, the present one partly within the other, and first erup-

Three cities stood at the base

were destroyed, with their popula- police tions, covered by ashes and lava. Pompeii also was covered by ashes, pumice, cinders and tiny stones, and loss of life was great, although likely the greater portion of the population escaped. In Pompeil the destruction came gradually, and probably all the inhabitants could have been saved . This was the highlight of our took us directly to Pompeil, only seven miles from Naples, and to about Pompeii, and others have been there. We are told that for 1,500 years after the tragic erup-tion of A. D. 73, Vesuvius was if what he states is correct, it is 1,500 years after the tragic erupdormant, but scores of eruptions of lesser degree have been occur-

Insight of Ancient Roman City It was our privilege to get an insight of houses and living conons of nearly 1,900 years ago Unlike its sister cities, mentioned Pompeii was merely covered with a bed of lighter substances, cinsmall stones and asher which fell in a dry state. It was overwhelmed in an instant and buried, or even so covered

Excavations by the Italian

sidewalk, hardly wide enough for pedestrians to pass one another. Some streets were too narrow for more than a single cart at a time only one aim in mind and that is treat suffering humanity. and stepping stones set at cross- to treat suffering humanity, ings necessitated adroit maneu- In our case we cannot afford

vering of wheels. Although the paving blocks were of all shapes and sizes, they were expertly matched and fitted without broad crevices. The sidewalks were laid in similar fashion, but a thin coating of hard earth and pounded brick covered the joints. Houses of Every Description

Blank stuccoed walls of private nouses flanked the sidewalks, but there were windows and occasional balconies in the upper stories. At intervals along streets open fronts of shops were built directly

For any historically-minded The excavations have provided examples of houses of every four small rooms, to the stately mansions of the wealthy. Chir trip, of course, was conducted by tourists and students. We'll never and ever beautiful miracle regular-guided service, and forget it.

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World War, and a bit later, after lution 7 Surely an Infinite Mind westward on a line between Nap- and subsided, the townstolk leaving Rome, where Mrs. Shar- a Guiding Hand a Master's les and Sorrento, and the beginning of the trip northward to scene, and that by means of Brown was diverted along the shafts and tunnels through the highway through Pompeii at the debris, most of the valuable obhighway through Pompeii at the base of Vesuvius. The volcano marble slabs veneering the public ed in Rome, "The Eternal City," buildings, were salvaged, we were and for the following several days

the ground plans of the building clear, and enormous quantities of damaged furnishings and odds and ends survived. ruling our country.

In fact, many of the buildings, restored during the past century, battle a group of this kind, we are well preserved. Perhaps the here feel that we have not only which have been excavated and most impressing feature to we American visitors was the Amphitheater, built before anything of a like nature was constructed in Rome itself, which had a seating capacity for around 20,000 persons.

To endeavor to go into detail on Pompeii) would be impossible in the space we are afforded. There houses with magnificent mural paintings predominantly in Pompeiian read. Books of great length have been written on the Ruins of Pompeii, and will con-tine to be written in the future At the present time, roughly only one-half the town has been exvisitor here was a monumental and if Old Vesuvius behaves, the trip through the rulns will be-come longer and more interesting. of the trellis and the beds of description from the humble dwelling place of the artisan or proletarian, with only three or proletarian, with only three or proletarian.

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STATE SENATOR JOHN J. HALUSKA

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mg a great part in alleviating pain and prolonging the life of the cancer sufferers of this na-

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we come from the ordinary people and have no degrees that amount to anything hangpointed out the bitterness that ing on our walls. Assn. with regards to the Salk However, it is different with

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vaccine on the market with the understanding it would be a preventive from contacting Sen. Haluska from contacting ized medicine that nothing fur-

Dr. Salk, at

Here in Pennsylvania, Gov. Leader appeared on a program in the halls of our Assembly when Dr. Salk addressed that

honorable body. We find no fault with President Eisenhower or Gov. Leader for being elated over this achbut we only say now as we have said before, that this

culminated in a tremendous explosion of Vesuvius, with the re- dangerous and can render people suit that Herculaneum and Stable who are injected to a paralytic

go unchallenged. If the thousands of our children who have been injected with this so-called dangerous vaccine should be subject to paralytic polio, then it is high time that our government and the AMA definitely stop this vaccine from further use and call for a new injection to be given these childen who have received the Salk vaccine to destroy the poison that could have been placed with-in their blood streams and save them from being cripples before they reach man or womanhood. Surely Dr. Sabin should a sad day in America and the AMA and the Pure Food & Drug Administration who placed their stamp of approval on his vacould be brought before the bar of justice now, not later when we find our children in a

crippled and helpless condition. Now, as we have said before, we are not an authority on the Salk vaccine and we do not know whether the conditions as described by Dr. Sabin of Cincinnati can be a true one. But we only point out that

If it is dangerous, it should be stopped immediately and if it is not, men like Dr. Sabin should be called in and put in their place for placing the fear of God into the fathers and mothers of the thousands of children who are

to treat suffering humanity.

Surely the day will come and picked over by men. Even so when public opinion will out-weigh the opinion and the action of this great monopoly that is not only ruining but

And while it takes courage to

SUMMER

Chest Springs, Pa. The garden is now knee dee in the midst of Summer. All growth is at its peak and the robins are raising their second The moon flowers and morning

By FERDINAND D. WHARTON

white and scarlet geraniums are Sitting here in the shade of m sight into the habits of the population of an ancient town. Pom- lovely old elm. I am awed and pell can be a treat for most thrilled at this ever changing and ever heautiful miracle of A tiny seed the germ of life

rustling from a soft summer breeze and overhead a sky of azure blue is dotted with white fleecy clouds like huge balls of cotton a perfect summer day h

This old garden has seen many summers and each one brings

all around me. She goes about her work so quietly and efficient



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cations of it now.

Nature seems to tell us to officer program designed to train pause in our labors and that she Navai Fliers needed to expand

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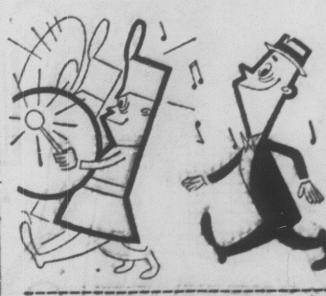
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