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Not Just A Passing Fancy

The movement that is underway in support of a proposed state park and recreation area in White Township, with a dam breast at what is known as the Glendale area, is not just a passing fancy but is gaining the recognition of folks from all over this section of the state.

The land, we understand, that would be involved in construction of this three-pronged lake is owned mostly by either state-controlled departments or the County of Cambria. Of course, there would be private property land appropriations and damages as well, and, despite all the advantages present, the cost of the completed project necessarily would be great.

Civil Defense

There seems to be quite a lot of indifference on the part of most of us in the matter of civil defense. Somehow war seems far away from us, and it always has, because in the three recent conflicts the mainland of the United States never has been marred by actual hostilities.

The Russians are talking peace just now, but Americans can never forget that 14 years ago, come December 7th, the Japanese were talking peace, too, when the bombs started falling on Pearl Harbor.

About the only practice we have is a mock air-raid alert every once in a while. Some of these have been too successful, and there have been communities that haven't paid any attention to them.

Living here atop the Allegheny Mountains, there are those among us who perhaps have the feeling that nothing can happen here. We have no large industrial works. The enemy wouldn't waste bombs on us.

There may be a few Ground Observer posts activated in the county, but they are few. Patton has been doing something along this time from time, but never has had an around-the-clock protective vigil.

If you are one of the mortals inclined to imagine that ground observation posts are foolish and that the patriotic men and women who man them are over-zealous, we just hope that a lot of things that could happen most anytime, never will.

Tax Dodgers Are Dopes

There was a time when some few folks felt that they could fool Uncle Sam in an dishonest reporting of their income tax, but many of them met disaster, and all in all the federal government is doing a pretty good job on all of us.

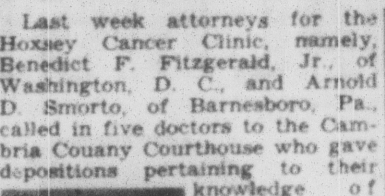
In Cambria County the occupation tax is the one most generally dodged because it is too expensive for many local collectors to enforce payment. Maybe a housewife owes a dollar or two, and while the husband pays his tax, she gets by without paying.

Of course, there are always some folks who cannot pay their taxes. Poverty, sickness and misfortune are their lot. Their fellow citizens cannot justifiably and fault with them.

But there are others who seem to have most of the better things of life, such as automobiles, or who don't pass up any entertainment advantages, who cannot be forgiven by their neighbors for their neglect in supporting government at all levels.

"As I See It"

By . . . STATE SENATOR JOHN J. HALUSKA



Sen. Haluska

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. Owens and Mr. John J. Haluska, covering their tour of Europe.

On the evening of Tuesday, April 12th, we arrived in Rome, Italy. Capital of the ancient Empire and the center of Christian history, Rome offers the visitor a multitude of attractions.

Early Wednesday morning, April 13th, we left for Vatican City, and historic St. Peter's. From early childhood, St. Peter's Cathedral and the Vatican were highlights in our Church History.

Letters of introduction to the Church authorities from our own church pastor, Father Victor Lullig, OSB, and likewise a letter of introduction from a Benedictine Abbot, given his brother, a member of our party, soliciting an audience with His Holiness Pope Pius XII, were without avail.

Two—And this is most amazing—"Pope Pius XII recently suffered an attack of hernia of the esophagus as diagnosed by the leading medical men of the Continent. He summoned in two of the greatest surgeons of the Continent and they advocated immediate surgery to relieve recurring attacks of regurgitation.

Basilica Tour Thrilling Adventure And so we entered the Basilica of St. Peter—the greatest thrill of our visits in the countries of Europe. The edifice is not in my power to describe. The building was started in 1506, and several famous architects, such as Bramante, Michelangelo, Peruzzi, Raphael and Michelangelo, were entrusted in succession in the plans of the new Basilica.

From the time Mrs. Shambaugh, Mrs. Haluska and myself left the States, all of us likely looked forward to the visit to the Vatican City as the real highlight of the trip.

Really worthy of not only our own admiration but of all visitors from over the face of the earth, is the interior of St. Peter's Basilica. Its wideness exceeds all the churches of Europe. The interior of the building is a decorative mosaic representing Christ, the Virgin, and the Doctors of the Church.

end of the central nave is to be seen the majestic bronze statue of St. Peter. Here is the Tomb of St. Peter, and the surrounding walls of the Basilica house the tombs of Popes through the centuries. St. Peter's Tomb is the only thing which was scrupulously preserved when the old church was demolished and the new Basilica built.

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