

Effie And Lem Discuss Affairs Of The Day

Notes On Cracker Box Philosophy From The Cuff Of Our Mr. Aiche

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"A thing just is or it ain't," said Effie Lang. He projected a splatter of tobacco juice that had the force of tongue and exhalation back of it and watched it trickle over the sun-baked earth on an ant-hole where it began to disappear.

"S'posin' there ain't no trials of this here highway scandal; it don't bring back the money what was spent, does it? And if the Deestreek Attorney didn't put up the cases the way courts like to have 'em, why didn't the courts stop 'im and point 'im out the right way? They was there all the time, wasn't they?"

Lem Egger casually regarded Effie and nodded his head. "Pears to me ye're right," he said. "Yessir, them courts was right there all the time. Now as I look at this here fumma-ma-dugit the State says it lost high on a millyun dollars. Down to Harrisburg they blame it onto a feller and they git a jury that agrees with 'em. Then they trace the money up hereabouts and they find out who it was that spent it. And the Deestreek Attorney up and hauls into court the fellers what says they done it."

"There ye have it," agreed Effie. "That's just the way she lays. But they's fellers what don't want them cases to come to trial and so they goes about pickin' of flaws against how they otta be caught up. And they say the Deestreek Attorney didn't arrest all them fellers, but hauled 'em into a grand jury room and let them tell on themselves."

"Pears to me," said Lem, "that was a mighty cheap way of gettin' down to the nub of it. If them fellers that spent the money was willin' to tell on themselves, who wants to stop 'em? If it wasn't regular, wasn't the court there to switch 'em on the right track?"

"Sat there all the time," said Effie. "Yessir, the Deestreek Attorney and them there fellers that spent the money millin' round like cattle in a corral and no one said 'em aye, nay, or fiddlesticks. I just can't understand it a-tall."

"Mebbe we'll understand it better if the Deestruk Attorney goes ahead and arrests all them witnesses. Seems like to hold a special hearin' for each of 'em is gonna cost the taxpayers a heap of money and not get any place diff'runt from where we're at."

"I see it in the paper," said Effie. "I see it where some feller writ in a letter and says a dog has been sittin' high onto three days right in the spot where he was left by some people what was callin' out here in the country and romped off without the little feller."

"Yessir," said Lem. "Ye're right on that. Feller says in his letter that these Sunday motor folks is a heartless crew. They driv out here som'eres and didn't want that dog; so, when he gits off with 'em they up and drives off without 'im. But it seemed like to me that the paper didn't make much of that story. I'd like to-a seen Ray Good-'un write it."

"Facts is," said Effie, "there ain't no 'un could say just where that dog was left and there ain't no 'un could say what you'd go about 'identifyin' the folks what left it. Seems like that was the purpose of the pore critter. They didn't want no one to find out about 'em. If I was the paper and got a letter that I knew where it come from I'd sic a good reporter out on that story and get what's behind it. Seems like that would be the way to punish those folk and save that dog."

"Ye know," said Lem. "I been a figgerin' out how these here postal fellers is gonna git their work done after they git this new union rule. Thirty hours they want for a week's work and not a jit more. Iffen they go ahead and keep cuttin' down on what hours they is to work the first thing they're gonna know is they won't have time to git themselves settled down to a job, before time's up to go home."

"I red about that," said Effie. "But there ain't nobody cares whether them fellers work or not. I hear how they was three marriages over to the holler last week and all three couples went onto Relief."

IT'S A YOUNG FAMILY



Robert Young and his family enjoy an afternoon of romping on the lawn of his 16-acre Tarzana ranch. Left to right, Mrs. Young, Carol Ann, Barbara Queen and Bob.

It's the same i-dee. Just handin' the responsibility over to the government. Folks in Civil Service think the less they work the more there is gets the jobs and plain folks look on it as the same thing when there's no rain and no crops and plenty of Relief. One way or 'other we're all brothers under the skin game."

"What yuh think about this here picnic beer fuss-up?" asked Lem. "I see as how it's crime if you buy a picnic ticket to drink beer of a Sunday, but if you buy the ticket on Saturday and do yer guzzlin' on Sunday it's the same thing except that it ain't nothing wrong 'bout it. Looks to me like that's goin' out to the woodlot to bring coal up from the cellar."

"That ain't worryin' me none," said Effie. "What I'm a wonderin' 'bout is what's wrong with ev-ry-thing. I see where Guv-nur James was caught on the second Plymouth bridge by a fire and had to git off it. The fust bridge burned, closed in May and here the second 'un was 'bout to do the same thing. Do you think Art'ur is tryin' to burn all his bridges back of 'im?"

"Seems like that's zackly what he's a-doin'," said Lem. "Who's who in this here leckshun business?" asked Effie. "I can't get the hang to it no-how. Pitty near ev-rywhere I go I hear talk for John MacGuffie but I see by the paper that most of the talk's up the rai-spout. I got the i-dee that Scotchman was a-savin' of us money, but the paper don't mention John's name a-tall, just says what taxes ain't c'lected now-a-days is what was shifted over to the State by gettin' rid of the road and bridges. Seems like that was a kinda back-alley way to take a slap at Mac-Guffie."

"I don't know 'bout that neither," said Lem. "John's a purty pop-lar feller, but it ain't no more of a mystery than these here Labor fellers. I read here t'other day of how they git behind the finest judge the land ever had, this here young feller Valentine, and then next thing I know they's tradin' off for a hull Democrat ticket where there's two other candidates. How they gonna git around that? Yuh can't elect three fellers for two judges, no more than you can git milk from a new-borned heifer."

"I don't pay much tenshun to them Labor fellers," said Effie. "Seems like to me that Judge Valentine don't need any sponsors no-how. All he needs to do is run for the office where the people want to put 'im. The i-dee with most of these here endorsers is to git first say in favor of the feller what's gonna win and then do as they darn please about the leckshun. Listenin' to a crowd o' Labor fakers is like tradin' dollars for dimes and that's 'bout how much they git of the workin' man's vote when the time comes 'round to count it."

"Been to the fair yet?" asked Lem. "Why, the darn thing ain't open yet, is it?" asked Effie. "DeRemer Will Enter Electrical School" Howard DeRemer left Tuesday, July 11, for Chicago to enter Coyne Electric School. Mr. DeRemer just completed a year as bookkeeper and training guard at the Laquin CCC camp.

Before leaving, Mr. DeRemer and Miss Joanna Fice of Athens spent a few days with Mr. DeRemer's sister, Mrs. Thomas Bottoms, and brother, Russell DeRemer of Dallas.

"Bishop Hafey To Mark His 25th Anniversary" Most Rev. William J. Hafey, bishop of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Scranton, who celebrated the 25th anniversary of his ordination quietly on June 16 will be honored by priests and lay people of the diocese at a formal celebration in October.

"Will Check Soon On Farm Program" Checking on compliance under the 1939 Farm Program will start soon, the Luzerne County Agricultural Conservation Committee announced today. The farm checkers have received instruction in this work and will soon start making their annual visit to farms in order to determine to what extent the farmer has participated in the program and to assist him in making out his application for his conservation check.

"JOKE ON ADMIRAL" Rear Admiral Clark H. Woodward, commandant of the Third Naval District, is telling a joke on himself these days. To attend an official function at the New York World's Fair, the admiral arrived in full uniform. Mistaking him for an attendant, a visitor stopped him and said, "Call me one of those motor chairs."

"All right, then," the visitor snapped, "call me a boat."

Loyalville Folk Return For Day

86-Year-Old Woman Sings At Home-Coming

Many former residents of Loyalville came home last Thursday for the supper and get-together sponsored by the Ladies' Aid Society of Loyalville M. E. Church in the church hall. Rev. Corey B. Kline-tob of Peckville M. E. Church was toastmaster.

One of the high-lights of the evening was a vocal solo by Mrs. Louisa De Long of Lehman, a former resident of Loyalville and who is 86 years old.

The Ladies' Aid Society received \$20 in contributions from the following who attended the supper: Mr. and Mrs. D. G. Kline-tob, Miss Bessie Kline-tob, Rev. Corey B. Kline-tob and son, Arlo B. Kline-tob, Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Brown, Mrs. Louisa De Long, Mr. and Mrs. Olin R. Mullison, Mr. and Mrs. John Hilde-brant, Miss Charlotte Hilde-brant, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Payne, Miss Mildred Payne, Mr. and Mrs. Clinton McDaniels, Mr. and Mrs. Freas Kinney, Mr. and Mrs. Otis Allen, Mr. and Mrs. George Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Dorman Wolfe, Mr. and Mrs. Freeman Robbins, Mr. and Mrs. George Bronson, Mrs. F. H. Garrahan, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Keller, Mrs. Viola Schmoll, Mr. and Mrs. Silas C. Ide, Mr. and Mrs. Donovan Ide, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hurlinger, Mrs. Mary Williams Bowman, Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey Williams, Mrs. Clark and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Dixon.

After the supper D. G. Kline-tob presented to the Ladies' Aid Society as a surprise gift an envelope containing \$55 which had been contributed by the following, all former residents of Loyalville:

Mrs. Viola Schmoll of Dallas; Mrs. Bessie Kline-tob, Sweet Valley; Mr. and Mrs. D. G. Kline-tob, Sweet Valley; George Bronson and Alfred Bronson, Sweet Valley; Rev. Corey B. Kline-tob, Peckville; Mrs. Maud Keller, Shavertown; Oliver Williams, Shickshinny; Mr. and Mrs. Clinton McDaniels, West Nanticoke; W. G. Allen, West Nanticoke; Mrs. J. D. Holmes, Broadway; Mrs. Florence Garrahan, Kingston; Olin R. Mullison, Kingston; Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Booth, Blakeslee; Mrs. Lillian Hurlinger, Kitchen Creek; Mrs. Mary Williams Bowman, Mooretown; Donovan Ide, Montrose.

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Tunkhannock Studies Plan To Buy Sister-Company Of Local Utility

Believe Water System Could Be Acquired For \$115,000; Public Asked To Study Plan Carefully

A suggestion that Tunkhannock Borough acquire the town's water system from Southeastern Gas & Water Co., which is also the owner of Dallas Water Co., is being studied by citizens in the up-river community.

A plan to buy the utility for a price fixed tentatively at \$115,000 was presented to Tunkhannock council last week, but no action will be taken until the public has had full opportunity to express its opinion on the suggestion.

Japanese Beetle Invading County

Farm Agent Describes Methods For Control

An invasion by the adult Japanese Beetle, cause of so much damage in the Philadelphia area every year, has been reported in Wilkes-Barre and vicinity within the last ten days, J. D. Hutchison of Luzerne County Agricultural Extension Association reported this week.

The adult beetles are about one-third to one-half inch long, have heavy bodies, green with white marking on the sides and on the exposed tip of the abdomen, and with burnished copper red wing covers. They feed on rose bushes, fruit trees, shade trees and ornamental plants. The adults live three to five weeks and each female deposits 60 to 70 eggs during her life, laying eggs two to four inches deep in the soil. Usually preferring to lay eggs in well cared for lawns and greens rather than in waste or woody land.

The eggs hatch in 10 to 12 days, and the tiny larvae which closely resembles the common white grub, feed on organic matter and roots in the soil. The grubs grow to full size by October, passing the winter four to eight inches deep in the soil. By April, they again become active by feeding on the roots, and in May they transform to pupae or the resting stage, and the adult beetles emerge in June.

The beetle damages the plants by eating the tissue between the leaf veins and skeletonizing the leaves. Uneaten portion dry out and fall to the ground.

Ripening fruit and portions of flower and fruit blossom also are eaten. Shade trees, shrubs, etc. can be protected by spraying with lead arsenate to which is added a sticker, such as wheat flour, skim milk powder or fish oil.

An excellent bulletin on the control of the Japanese Beetle in garden, orchard and turfs has been published by the Pennsylvania Agricultural Extension Service and may be secured on request from the Luzerne County Agricultural Extension Association, 204 Post Office Bldg., Wilkes-Barre, Pa., phone 2-9213.

Priest Honored On Anniversary

Silver Jubilee Mass Is Followed By Reception

World War veterans, visiting priests, distinguished leaders of civic life in this section and hundreds of devout admirers joined with Rev. John J. O'Leary, pastor emeritus of St. Therese's Church last Sunday to help him observe the twenty-fifth anniversary of his priesthood.

The observance began with a Silver Jubilee mass at St. Therese's and continued through the afternoon at a reception and dinner, attended by about 150 persons. Assisting Rev. Father O'Leary at the solemn high mass in the morning were Rev. Harold J. Durkin, deacon; Rev. Joseph Luksis, sub-deacon; Rev. John Walsh, master of ceremonies, and Rev. Thomas McHugh of Marywood College, Scranton, who preached the sermon.

The mass was followed by benediction of the Sacrament. In attendance was the Wyoming Valley Chapter, Disabled American Veterans of the World War. Rev. Father O'Leary, who was wounded during the war, has been chaplain of the Valley Chapter since its organization and is a former national chaplain of the D. A. V.

Speakers at the dinner were Rev. William Farrell, chancellor; Rev. Charles Murray, Judge Thomas Farrell and Rev. Frank McHugh. Musical entertainment was by Mrs. Nora Lowrey Law and Mrs. Emma Morris, accompanied by Miss Alice Fisher.

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