

GIMME A MATCH

By FRED KIEFER

Wonder what's ahead? Our calendar for the next eight months gives us a forecast of generalities. June brings the Republican convention and no sooner does it fade than the Democrats take the field in July.

The United States News asks: "Is a war business boom ahead? Can the U. S. keep out of war? What curb on war profits will be set up?"

Dorothy Thompson advocates a Democratic-Republican coalition ticket with F. D. R. for President and Wendell Willkie for Vice-President.

That brings up the question of inaugurating a Non-Partisan Party and having it appear on the ballot as such.

Mark Twain once claimed that he was almost driven insane by a silly jingle about "A buff tip slip for a two sent fare, etc."

I am in a like situation now. It seems every time I pick up a novel these days I come across a reference to a great pair of lovers (or a great pair of something or other) from the pages of history.

- The Inseparable Troilus and Cressida—Astrophel and Stella. Pericles, Aspasia—Tristram and Isolde. Daphnis and his Chloe—Johnny Wilkes and Ikey Barre.

Nothing analogous between this war and World War I, it is interesting to copy from the record that during 1914-1918 copper shot up to 30c a pound.

DAILY DOZEN

(From the Medical Society of the State of Pennsylvania)

How much tuberculosis in Pennsylvania? Complete figures for 1938 show a great deal of it. Exactly 12,114 persons were treated for tuberculosis in the state.

THE LOW DOWN FROM HICKORY GROVE

I picked up a paper from out on the Coast—at Berkeley—and the editor there, he says, "What good is a budget, anyway?"

Budgetitis is epidemic—it is laying them low everywhere. And while I am talking about California, I see where in Sacramento a feller talking for the Federal Surplus Commodities Corp. says, "this is the first time in history that humans have suffered because of abundance."

Yours with the low down, JO SERRA.

BOOKS

The Blaze of Noon by Rayner Heppenstall. Published by Alliance Book Corp. Price \$2.50.

Rayner Heppenstall, who has achieved considerable fame in England as a poet, has taken to novel-writing and presents in "The Blaze of Noon" an illuminating study of the love-life of a blind man.

The action of the story takes place on the country estate of a wealthy, domineering, middle-aged woman, Mrs. Nance, where Louis Duncan, her blind masseuse, has come to treat her.

Duncan sees himself in the light of a sort of superman, having conquered his infirmity to such a remarkable extent that his necessarily keener perceptions of touch, smell, taste, besides his professional talent have made him an alert, fascinating person.

His subsequent love affair with Sophie is frankly and graphically described. The appearance of a blind, deaf, and mute cousin, Amity Nance, brings about the break of Duncan's security.

Heppenstall has drawn his deeply sympathetic study of the blind man with rare insight and sensitivity. The technical construction of "Blaze of Noon" itself is direct and penetrating, but somewhat disunified, for the book progresses from one "episode" to another and is interspersed with the dreams and remembrances of the principal characters.

UNDERWEIGHT AND OVERWEIGHT



THE SENTIMENTAL SIDE

By EDITH BLEZ

This column should have been written last week when the appeals were warm for contributions to the American Red Cross, but I am always behind time.

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The Republican State Committee and the Governor's office were swamped last Thursday morning by telephone, wire and mail requests for copies of Governor James' speech at St. Paul, Minn. Wednesday night.

Although not an active candidate for the Republican nomination for President, Governor James was unanimously endorsed for that office by the Republican State Committee at the biennial meeting in Philadelphia.

Poem To Parents By Frances Frost I would suppose, while a child grows, while a child gives, to whatever lives the finer part of his brave heart, I would suppose, that we had more to return than war.

FREEDOM The columnists and contributors on this page are allowed great latitude in expressing their own opinions, even when their opinions are at variance with those of The Post

SECOND THOUGHTS

By javie aiche

Four judges of Luzerne County Court, one for each cardinal point of the compass, collaborated in the construction of new confidence, not only in the Constitutional rights of free Americans but as well in control by conscience, when President Judge B. R. Jones, the Honorable W. A. Valentine, John J. Aponick and John S. Fine concurred last week in modification of the Pennsylvania Bar Association's injunction against the will-book of Stanley M. Yetter.

For the fifth judge, acting as Chancellor in the case, let all due credit be paid. The Honorable Thomas F. Farrell had the courage to change his mind. In doing so he wrote for the court en banc the final decision in a saga of restraint that began with a preliminary injunction last December, achieved a climax in a permanent enjoinder of February 23 and then came to anti-climax with the unsealing of the third edition of "A Practical Aid to Executors and Administrators of Decedents' Estates."

Tremendous comfort and consolation can be acquired from contemplation of courts jealous in their regard for justice and susceptible to human consideration. For at least a score of years Stanley Yetter was a parachutist politico in the forward drive of the Republican Party in Luzerne County.

Assured, above all else, is the acquisition of proof that the junior Frank P. Satterly, even with his brilliant father on the other side of the contest, rates with the finest lawyers Pennsylvania has produced. When the fact of permanent injunction menaced he refused to lose heart.

The common sense of the junior Slattery lay in his belief that five judges in Luzerne County represent as high a degree of Americanism as can be found on the entire continent. None of them, as shown in the final decision, brief as it was, took seriously the likelihood of menace to free press.

The human sensitiveness of the judges cut short what might have been an educational as well as patriotic high flight of the dispute among the lawyers. By dint of research and by plumb the farthest depths of his devotion to the Star Spangled Banner the eloquent John Henry Dando, Chief Council of the Pennsylvania State Authority under Governor James, was to have resurrected and newly captioned the great careers of Wilkes and Barre and other primates who struggled out of medievalism into the full concept of liberty and its appreciation.

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