

# THE LISTENING POST

By THE VETERAN

Tentative lines of action, in advance of the coming elections, are indicated by the desire of the Honorable Don Wilkinson to promote himself out of the ranks of the mere Representatives in the Pennsylvania Legislature to the State Senate. That, of course, is the upper House of the same legislative family. That Don is serious about the matter is known to many, and particularly to Sixth District Chairman Peter D. Clark.

No bon fires were lighted and there was nothing of obvious celebration with Wilkinson's announcement. Fact is: Without exceptional help the only assurance he can be given is in failure of any other among a dozen persons to file against him.

Representative Wilkinson does not stand well with the politicians. They fear that his association with the collecting agency he fostered while at Harrisburg may soon or late rebound against his standing. Don might do more for himself by aspiring for State office, since it happens that his associates cover a very large portion of Pennsylvania in the service that has been bringing rich rewards to the Wilkinson exchequer.

Chairman Clark, who has thrown off without much fuss the threat of ouster from his office, probably would prefer a candidacy other than that of Wilkinson. Opposition to Clark developed in the recent campaign on the theory that he was unfriendly to Republican candidate Thomas M. Lewis, and willing to have Congressman Flannery succeed to the Common Pleas Bench, as he did. It would be bad business for Clark to have his staunchly Republican district suffer another defeat, and with Wilkinson for the Senate that would be very probable.

### Come On Fred

Apparently the most-sought potential in politics at the present time is Fred M. Kiefer of Shrine View. Those on the inside of official information know that tenders have been made by the Republicans to have Kiefer aspire for the Legislature, as Representative from the Sixth District. Democrats, on the other hand, would like to pick Fred for Congress. His personal friends take a midway course and plot for him an entrance to the State Senate.

And the ironic fact about all that is that Fred Kiefer doesn't want any of the jobs. Which makes him all the more desirable. The trouble with the men who have been sent to Harrisburg and Washington is that, up to this time, all of them very much wanted the jobs, mostly because of the salaries and, secondarily, because of the belief that one or more terms would open the way to political and economic security. In the crisis that has met this democracy it would be something prayerfully to be desired if the kind of real American Mr. Kiefer is would not only agree to enter political office but to fight for the chance.

### Will James Take Lead?

Maneuvers of Governor Arthur H. James are being analyzed all across Pennsylvania. The Governor is in a happy position so far as his home county is concerned. After achieving new popularity in the farm districts of the State and in the manufacturing centers he was able to break down opposition in Philadelphia, that community that once dictated all State elections but failed when it fell down on the James candidacy. The men who listen to the one-time breaker-boy are in the seats of power in Philadelphia county today.

The opposite is true in Luzerne County. Not only did it require a court-thrown-out of three voting districts to give James a Luzerne victory by handful of votes back in 1938, but in the succeeding elections by which Luzerne County returned to the Republican fold, the anti-James leaders cemented themselves on a pedestal of supremacy. Judge John S. Fine has no dealings with the Governor; neither has Judge William A. Valentine. The latter became President Judge after January 5.

County Chairman David Vaughan is well aware of appointments in State offices falling to all but his

own dictation. Not so much as one key position was filled on Vaughan's recommendation. But, now the Governor has the means of making the Luzerne County factions beg for recognition. Tentatively, it appears, the G. O. P. leadership has fixed on the idea that Prison Warden William B. Healey, one of the back-of-the-lines patriots of World War One, is willing to take office with the State Parole Commission.

Prior to creation of the Parole Commission, Healey had his eyes fixed on the executive chair at Kis-Lyn. That chair has been held by Charles F. Johnson since Kis-Lyn opened. In the time down to the present, Johnson has had his son of the same name graduated from Princeton, holding a degree that would qualify him to succeed his father as Kis-Lyn manager.

The prison job of Healey isn't chicken feed either. It provides a fine home with all living expenses paid and the salary practically all gravy. What makes it opportune at this time that Healey should seek to be one of the five State Parole Commissioners is that no one knows with any degree of exactitude what the court might do in the near or distant future. Dependent upon the majority arrangement of the judges, the prison and Kis-Lyn jobs can fall to the Democratic Party.

Men close to the Governor have a thought that James may continue to ignore the home-county leadership. He may decide that Colonel Benjamin F. Evans, veteran of the old 109th Artillery in World War One, is the Luzerne County man for the State Parole Commission. Evans has made a career of the military and politics. A director of old Miner-Hillard Milling Company under Asher Miner, he went to war with his chief. Since then he has been a long-time director of Luzerne County Institution District, continuing to draw salary as such even after taken to Harrisburg by James to become Deputy Adjutant General. And now he also is Acting Director of the Selective Draft.

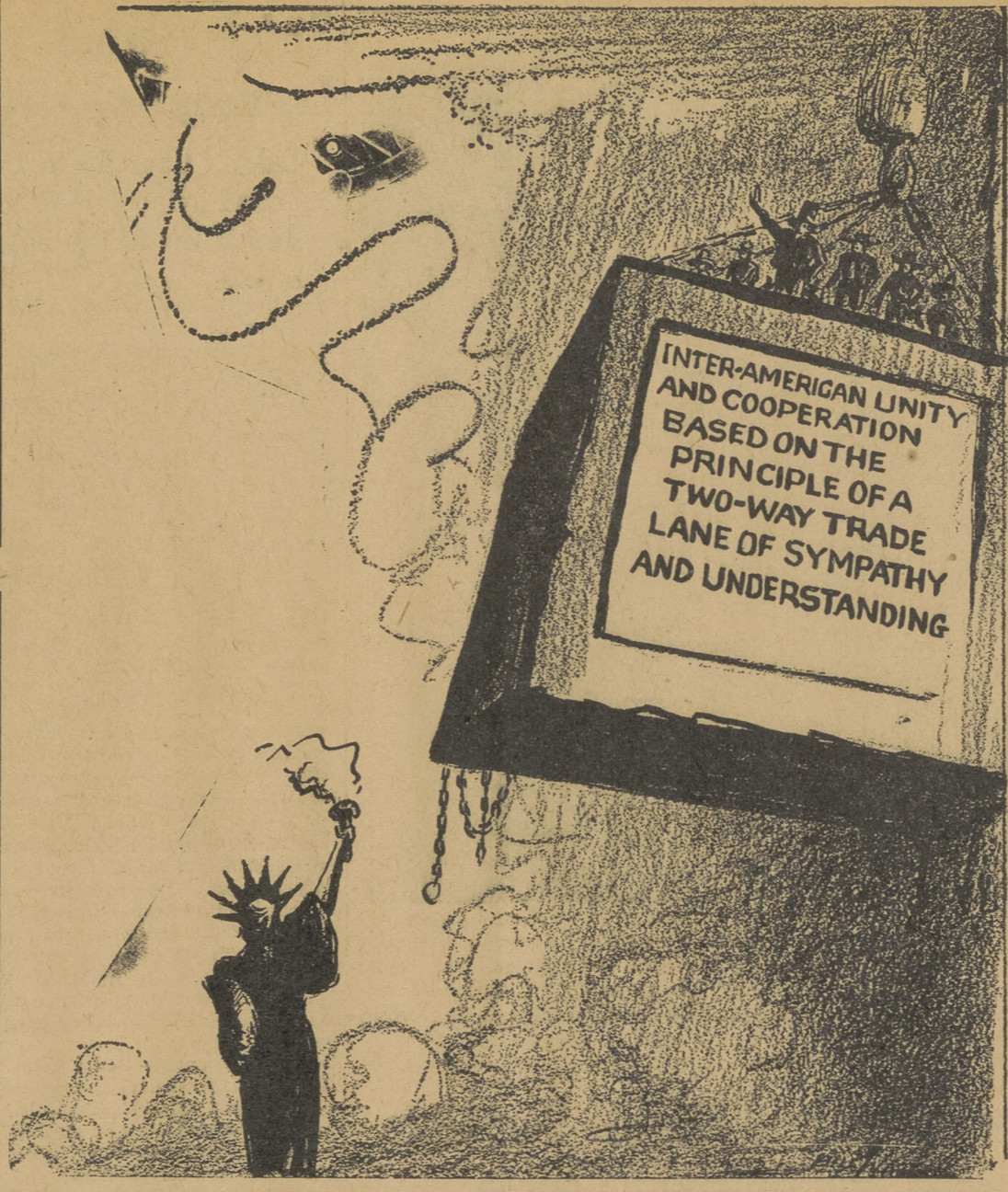
### Aides For Senators

Straws in the State winds may soon indicate a trend, thanks to a decision at Washington, that each U. S. Senator shall name a personal aide at \$4,500. If Luzerne County is as important as indications make it, the aides to both Senator Davis and Senator Guffey will be chosen from this part of Pennsylvania. The idea is that in the war crisis the Senators have tremendous weight of responsibility to the people thrust upon them. They cannot personally take care of their contacts.

If There's Life—There's Hope  
This old scrivener sought this week a revival of his one-time status in the U. S. armed forces. In World War One he was rejected for artillery and infantry service, and relegated to the Red Cross for four years of hard work without glory or reward—also without pay. But, in the midst of that work, U. S. Navy Secretary Joseph Daniels named him Lieutenant-Commander of the U. S. Navy, with quarters aboard the U. S. S. Camden under Captain Alfred H. Miles and assigned as Press Relations Chief to the submarine fleet. Your scrivener resigned the job when he rightly discovered that the U. S. Navy was a loafer's paradise in World War One, too far from the conflict to afford any thrill.

Well, the Navy is the whole works in the new war. If age does not forbid, maybe we will get a chance to recover that prized status. We have tried to convince Washington that the ensuing years have ripened wisdom and expanded experience. Your scrivener would consider it a benison from Heaven to be afloat in the Pacific about the time we polish off the Japanese.

## The Keystone



# THE SENTIMENTAL SIDE

By EDITH BLEZ

My Dear Grandchildren:

Each time I write to you I envy you your viewpoint. I want to see things from where you are because to you what is happening today is just history. You will know the outcome. I am right in the midst of this

terrible mess which threatens to get worse instead of better.

You know, of course, about the attack on Pearl Harbor or doesn't that strike you as a big moment in the history of this war which began for us on December 7? When the news came over the radio that the Japs had attacked the harbor in Hawaii it seemed that we should dial out the station and get something which didn't smack of fiction! We couldn't believe it. The Japanese envoys were still in Washington discussing peace plans with Secretary Hull. How could a country be so treacherous? How could they be so unmerciful? It was the same old Axis strategy!

We fell for the same line as the Norwegians and the Dutch and all the other countries which have been involved in this great struggle. Today just a about a month after the Japs attacked, Manila has fallen and General MacArthur is still fighting against great odds. Manila was declared an open city but the Japs attacked it just the same and they will fight on until they have taken the Philippines.

Winston Churchill the English Prime Minister spent Christmas in this country with President Roosevelt. It is amazing how he crosses the ocean and manages to arrive safely at his destination. He and eighty officials of the English Army and Navy have conferred with Roosevelt for days. Mr. Churchill addressed the Congress and was received with great enthusiasm.

There is still plenty of criticism against Roosevelt. Many people believe that he has dragged us into a conflict which is none of our business! What we would have done without him I don't know. I feel quite certain that you will think of Roosevelt as one of the great men of our time!

Yesterday it was announced that automobile production would stop and there is the possibility that private automobiles will be taken over by the government. We have not been able to purchase automobile tires for several weeks. We doubt very much if there will be any food rationing unless people are foolish enough to begin hoarding. The large chain stores have decided to prevent hoarding as much as possible and now we can only purchase sugar in two pounds lots.

All the boys and young men have enlisted and will be drafted. The train stations look like Army camps. The trains are jammed with soldiers and sailors on the move. In church on Sunday there is a great absence of young men. Even now the girls are taking the boys jobs in offices.

We don't know what will happen of us but like all good Americans we always hope for the best. We are always optimistic!

family tree.  
God is where He was.  
We make every man by remaking the woman.  
Opportunity always brings opposition.

A creed without a conviction is an intellectual corpse.

## THE LOW DOWN FROM HICKORY GROVE

I been thinking about our U. S. A. debt. Whatever it isor how we got it, we gotta pay it. Like coming down with quick appendicitis, you can't stop to figure debt. The idea is, get it fixed and when you are back in good health you will manage somehow. Otherwise you are a dead pigeon and I would sooner be up to my neck in debt versus being any brand of dead pigeon. Now is the time to pour in effort—no time to argue and fool around. I am talking about war.

When it is over we will see how we could have done better—but hindsight is always that way. If we come out at the end with a whole hide but shirtless, that will not be so bad. Right now Mr. Einstein wears no night-shirt—says it is more healthful.

Winning the war, shirt or no shirt, that is our job—and forget the wampum. But, if somebody starts doing politics and trying to spend money on fumadiddles versus on tanks and bullets, tap him on the shoulder and ask him to sit down.

Yours with the low down,  
JO SERRA.

## THE OLD SCRAPBOOK

By "Bob" Sutton

The most High hath made this world for many, but the world to come for a few.

One thing sure about wild oats; they never fail to grow.

In idleness there is perpetual despair.

Any fool can find fault, and most of them do.

There is always unexplored territory between us and Jesus.

Not one life shall be destroyed, Or cast as rubbish to the void When God hath made the pile complete.

There is some dead wood in every

## Health Topics

By F. B. Schooley, M. D.

### Mental Hygiene

Habits, personality traits and attitudes are important factors in social adjustment. Parental uncertainty and lack of discipline will cause children to develop a sense of insecurity. The emotional reactions of children are patterned after social relationships in the home, and they are seriously affected by parental disharmony. Many parents are intellectually and emotionally unfitted to rear children. Parents must know the natural processes of development in order to give proper guidance through the early stages of childhood.

Parents and teachers should realize the dangers of physical punishment of children. Chastisement by blows on the buttocks may result in premature and exaggerated animation of sexual instincts. The physical effect of whipping and the mental association of engorged pelvic tissues and nerve excitations may cause a powerfully developed sexual drive in later years.

Economic depressions and the crisis of war cause mental disorders or neuroses to develop more readily. The harmonizing and balancing influence of normal family life tends to decrease the incidence of nervous disorders. Mental and physical stresses of modern living and the conditions of war are contributing factors in nervous breakdowns. Civilians seldom experience a nervous breakdown who have a well developed personality, but they have occurred in predisposed individuals who have had emotional instability. Panic or fear is the most common symptom. The individuality, his physical and mental capacity and character are responsible for the difficulty in adjustment to or ability to overcome a particular situation in life. In some cases it is due to the accumulation of physical and mental strains of great intensity, as in the acute war neuroses in the Flanders retreat. Worry and stress will cause fatigue and irritability out of proportion to the real facts of the situation and yet without any evidence of organic disease.

Individualism declines in war and is superseded by mass reactions. Community ties are strengthened by the sharing of a common danger. The soldier feels that he shares his fate with many others.

## THE SAFETY VALVE

No Tolls For Soldiers  
December 31, 1941.

Dear Editor:  
In my opinion the recommendation made by State Treasurer G. Harold Wagner for the Delaware River Bridge Commission to waive collection of tolls on the bridge between Philadelphia and Camden from men wearing the uniform of Uncle Sam's armed forces is a very good one.

I should like to see Mr. Wagner's recommendation in behalf of our soldiers applied also to the bridge between Easton and Phillipsburg and on the Dream Highway between Pittsburgh and Harrisburg.

This toll-free plan in behalf of our armed forces is now in effect on

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the Skyline Drive through the Shenandoah National Park, Virginia.

As Mr. Wagner pointed out, newspapers and churches and hotels and theatres and other private and semi-public businesses and agencies are making special concessions to our fighting men and I think our State and local governments should do the same thing wherever possible.

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## POETRY

### Uncle Sam Stands Up

Written by Ben Hecht and Reprinted from PM

The great big gabble-headed Red white and blue galoot Has drawn his Forty-four And started into shoot.

Make room on all the oceans Make room in all the skies, Here comes the happy champion With anthems in his eyes.

He sat around and gabbled And fiddled with his gun And sort of half regretful Watched half the world undone.

He huffed and puffed and argued, He yodeled and he sighed And watched his fine blood brothers Get taken for a ride.

But dry your eyes, good Poland And lift your head, Pared And grin with hope, old England— He's drawn his snickersnee.

Look on him from the shell holes In all the tortured lands And now that he's stood up Behold how tall he stands.

There's more to him than marrow And more to him than bone And he's not made of bayonets And battleships alone.

He's made of cloud and thunder, Of Freedom's finest weave, Of Justice and of Honor— With Jehovah up his sleeve.

These are the things he fights with— The unlimited supply Of human rights undaunted. And never meant to die.

Listen tonight, good Athens And all the conquered sod Where masters throttle Freedom And tyrants picket God—

He's on his feet and roaring The red white and blue galoot He's drawn his Forty-four And started in to shoot

Make room on all the oceans, Make room in all the skies, Here comes the happy champion With anthems in his eyes.

### Indifference

By Ruth L. F. Barnett

Dearest, do you like the apple cake I made for you? 'Twas such a complicated thing to bake,

Yet fun to do! You said so? Yes—but quite as if by rote.

Please! One small lie Would make the bit that's sticking in my throat

Not half so dry.

### Chimney Sweep

The chimney sweep looks sadly down

On the hazy mists of London town, Where dusty chimneys used to be Aligned in smoky symmetry.

He gazes out across the sea To a union strong where all are free, With hearts aflame for a brother land

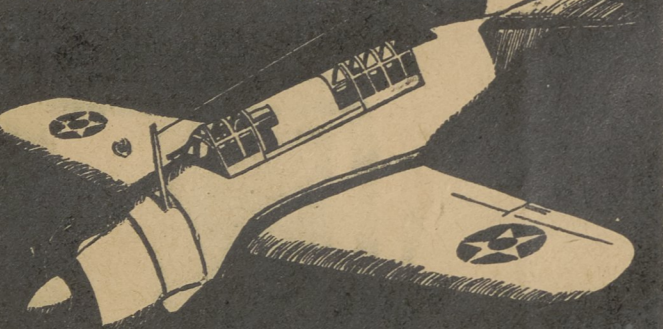
They're sending all at their command.

So, hopeful is the chimney sweep, Who haunts the streets where women weep

For friend and brother, son and mate,

Vanquished by their Dunkirk fate. —H. R. Conrad.

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