"The Totem Pole"

By M. William Denison Editor, Pennsylvania News Service

Harrisburg, April 10-The gentlemanly din and uproar heard frequently in the halls of the Legislature here these days is expected to grow louder and louder as summer draws nigh and fishing season gets under way.

Tempers are becoming shortened and with only about two months of legislative time left on the books, chances are that tempers take won't be made in the matter will become even shorter as the of levying new taxes. lawmakers grovel in the dark over | Democrats have demanded, with-

impending legislation. ritably the other day as members in order in the lower chamber.

The fracas started when the biennial question of Daylight Saving Time came up. The bill that would prohibit use of fast time was on the floor of the House for action —as has happened for the past 20

Somebody wanted to amend the bill. Somebody else wanted to call for a vote on the bill. Others committee. And probably somewanted the bill passed. At any bed at night on all fours. rate it got to the point where the law-making gents weren't quite sure what they were voting for.

Andrews, leader of the Democratic minority in the House, slowly rose to his feet, and patiently filling his battered pipe from his black tobacco pouch, asked the Speaker of the House for a ruling on what in thunder the gents were voting on.

The Speaker ruled that the vote was on the question of whether to send the measure back to committee. Needless to say the bill was recommitted, but even after that session was over there were those who were heard to question the Speaker's ruling.

And so it goes. During the course of the heated debate somebody dropped a hot cigar ash on Grampaw Pettibone's balding head, inadvertently of course, from the gallery above him. After threatening all kinds of dire recriminations if he could find the culprit, he finally stomped his foot in a cuspidor, which almost made enough racket to drown out the ensuing argument.

Another sidelight on the confusion some of the Legislators are en- Of Honor On Birthday countering took place in the Senate where, at time of roll call on votes. against his own bill.

take in a law can be serious.

Observers are hoping that a mis- Hoover.

out result, that proof be submitted Matters have come to a fine point, that Governor Duff's \$133,000,000 Grampaw Pettibone commented ir- "over-and-above" luxury tax program is actually necessary. the House reached the point of course the assumption is that the squabbling over a point of parli- Governor knows what he is doingmentary procedure. With much and at the same time it has been banging of his gavel, the Speaker pointed out that there were times of the House, struggled to keep when some Governors in the past apparently weren't quite sure just what they were doing.

The special interests who would be affected by the new tax program have finally popped their pressure reported out of committee and came | gun and forced slight delay in the tax program by exacting the promise that hearings would be held on the bills before they are acted upon in the Legislature. Lobbying is almost at is peak, with some lawmakers so worn out by wanted to send the bill back in to nightfall by the "we'll wear-you down" tactics of the lobbyists, that body else who couldn't be heard it is all they can do to crawl to

Ladies' Auxiliary At this point, willowy Hiram G. Meets At Legion Home

American Legion Auxiliary named Mrs. Joseph Lavelle chairlady of the coupon drive at its meeting in the Legion Home, Huntsville road, Monday evening. All members are asked to solicit coupons and bring them to the May meeting. Plans were made for a White Elephant Auction next month. Mrs. Primo Berretini was named chairlady of the Child Welfare Drive this month. duces. The Auxiliary will donate \$5.00 to the drive. Mrs. William McNeel, chairlady of the Poppy Drive, requests the cooperation of people of

Present at the meeting were: Mrs. Edwin Nelson, Mrs. Charles Stookey, Mrs. Joseph Wallo, Mrs. J. R. Garbutt, Mrs. William McNeel, Mrs. Henry Urban, Mrs. Maude Busch, Mrs. Primo Berrettini, Mrs. Joseph Lavelle, Mrs. Mary Beaner and Mrs. Earl VanCampen.

Floyd Hoover Is Guest

Floyd Hoover was guest of honor one Senator was discovered voting at a birthday supper at his home in Idetown Saturday evening. Pres-But it is all in a day's work. ent were: Mrs. Roxie Hessler of Everybody makes mistakes, as Kingston, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Grampaw Pettibone pointed out- Hoover and daughter, Patsy, Roxie but the only trouble is that a mis- Hoover, Lester Hoover, the guest Mrs. Francis Newberry; four brothof honor and Mr. and Mrs. Elmer

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From the Medical Society of the State of Pennsylvania and the Luzerne County Medical

Crossing the legs gives a man a elaxed and at-ease appearance. It may also give him partial

paralysis. This startling information was reported by two Army Medical Corps physicians who cite a number of cases in which this condition oc-

Not every one is likely to develop partial paralysis from the habit of crossing the legs.

Those who are tall, thin, and ong-legged, and cross their legs a great deal, are subject to the con-

Also, those whose occupation requires crouching, squatting or kneel-

Known as peroneal palsy, there is partial paralysis of the muscles supplied by the peroneal nerve in

Peroneal relates to the outer and smaller of the two bones of the leg. Several cases reported involved air crew technicians whose work took them into cramped quarters of planes, where tall long-legged persons must assume awkward posi-

The nerve suffers additional injury because it is near the surface by the knee where the tension is ustained.

One of the early symptoms is a tingling sensation often followed by the foot seeming to go to sleep.

In civilian ocupations, peroneal palsy has been known to occur commonly in miners, agriculturists and coal pickers.

Treatment begins with making the patient conscious of the bad effect which crossing the legs pro-

Crossing the legs, with some, is a dangerous habit.

DO YOU KNOW?

Cleopatra, in addition to being the pin-up girl of her day, was an authority on medical matters.

Mrs. Martha Berlew Is Laid To Rest

Mrs. Martha Berlew, wife of Loren Berlew died in the Nesbitt Hospital, Friday March 30.

She is survived by her husband, and the following children; Mrs. Bruce Atkinson, Trucksville; Mrs. Howard Ellsworth, Forty Fort, A. C. Shotwell, Dallas; Robert Shotwell, Shavertown; Loren Berlew, Jr., Kingston; Willard and Gilbert at home; three sisters, Mrs. Charles DeReemer, Mrs. William Wright, ers, Howard Traver, Shavertown; George, Wallace and Byron all of Wilkes-Barre. 26 grandchildren, 2

great grandchildren. Funeral services were held Wednesday, April 2, at the Free Methodist Church, Dallas, Reverend James Payne officiating, assisted by Reverend Ira Button of Sweet Valley, and Reverend Elvarta Sickler. Reverend Mrytle Mathers sang two

selections. Pallbearers were Russell De-Reemer, Bruce W. Atkinson, Clarence and Leonard Wright, Raymond Kocher, Robert Berlew.

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State Wide News

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Carlisle, Funeral services were held yesterday for Mrs. Norman Miller, 30-year-old housewife who died as a result of burns received when her home in nearby Meadowbrook burned to the ground last week, taking the lives of four of her children ranging in age from three to ten years, when they were trapped in the second floor of their flaming home. Three other children and the husband survived the tragedy.

Philadelphia—A Cuban cruiser built in this country more than a quarter of a century ago sailed from Philadelphia Monday to return to its native Republic-loaded with 175 boxes of Cuban nickles coined here for that country by the Philadelphia Mint.

Reading-The Huguenot Society of Pennsylvania, when it meets May 10 for its 30th annual meeting will present the Society's Huguenot Cross to Governor Duff, who has accepted an invitation to speak at a luncheon session during the meeting.

Scranton-Personal property of the late Charles S. Woolworth, cofounder of the famous Woolworth 5-and-10 cent store chain, has been listed as valued at little more than \$15,500,000, according to an inventory filed in orphan's court. The merchant died January 7.

York-Investigation is being conducted by officials in an effort to determine the cause of the \$350,-000 fire which late last week destroyed the structural steel plant of the McGann Manufacturing Company. Spectaculor flames shot more than 200 feet into the air.

Philadelphia-Police are continuing their investigation into an alleged attack on a 16-year-old babysitter who was forced to disrobe by an intruder about 30-years-old while tending a 21/2 year-old baby. After the man left, the girl picked up the baby and fled to a neighbor. She was taken to a hospital where she became hysterical.

Harrisburg-The State Archives now has in its possession a -31year-old American Flag containing only 19 stars. Measuring 84 by 4 inches in size. The rare item was presented by Thomas Noblet, of Perry County. The flag was used only from 1816 to 1817.

Philadelphia-More than a score of mothers and their children have left the Port of Philadelphia aboard a transport on a "diaper run" to Pacific military posts where the women and children will join their husbands now on military duty. The ship has been converted into a veritable "floating nursery."

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Barnyard Notes



HOME-THOUGHTS, FROM ABROAD

Oh, to be in England Now that April's there, And whoever wakes in England Sees, some morning, unaware, That the lowest boughs and the brushwood sheaf Round the elm-tree bole are in tiny leaf, While the chaffinch sings on the orchard bough In England now!

And after April, when May follows, And the whitethroat builds, and all the swallows! Hark, where my blossomed pear-tree in the hedge Leans to the field and scatters on the clover Blossoms and dewdrops—at the bent spray's edge— That's the wise thrush; he sings each song twice over, Lest you should think he never could recapture The first fine careless rapture! And though the fields look rough with hoary dew, All will be gay when noontide wakes anew The buttercups, the little children's dower -Far brighter than the gaudy melon-flower!

-Robert Browning.

Those first eight lines of Browning's have always been favorites

The Purple Crocus

We thought of them in the rain Saturday morning as we brushed the dead leaves away from the rhododendron with an apple tree twig and found yellow and purple crocus popping through the ground.

"Folks will think you're nuts poking around with that stick in the wet" admonished Myra, but we kept on poking until we found that nearly everything we planted last fall is coming up. We quit after we'd poked enough to break off a nice purple bud that would have bloomed this week.

Waddling Daffodils

Happy the man who can make a living out of his hobby. We envied Paul Warriner as we drove by his Wayside Duck Farm Saturday morning. It was a sight to see his ducks, like so many cheerful daffodils, stretched out over his fields enjoying to the full a soaking April shower.

Interested in ducks since he was a youngster in Montrose, Susquehanna County, Paul first raised them in this area for eggs and food. The idea of raising them to sell as ducklings occurred to him

The Beers' Store on West Market Street, Wilkes-Barre, sold his dressed ducks. One day it struck Paul that the sale of roasting ducks might be stimulated by placing a display of baby ducks in the Beers' window. Mr. Beers consented and Paul put a dozen or so of the downy little fellows in the window. It was no time before Mr. Beers was swamped with inquiries for

ducklings, instead of dressed duck. The first person to buy some babies was Miss Anna Olcutt, principal of Wilkes-Barre Institute. That was the beginning of the demand for ducklings that started Paul off as the originator of the baby duck industry in America. No one had ever hit on the idea of selling baby ducks the same as the hatcheries sell baby chicks. Orders flocked in from all over the country and soon Paul was

shipping them to all parts of the United States. That was before chick shipping cartons had been invented so he packed them in market baskets with burlap for a cover. The handle prevented the basket from being set any way but right side up and also prevented express and mail clerks from setting anything on top of it.

Finally the hobby grew to such proportions that last year Paul gave up his fine executive position with Lehigh Valley Coal to devote all of his attention to his hobby at DeMunds Corners.

He can spend hours talking about baby ducks and ducks in general. How they were among the earliest forms of fowl found by archeplogists how they are susceptible to no known noultry how certain Europeans believe that duck blood has medicinal properties, that ducks can be raised almost anywhere and that they need not be raised where there is water.

He will also tell you that they eat quantities of food and that anybody who thinks raising thousands of ducklings is a hobby and a picnic doesn't know ducks.

Desire Under The Apple Trees

Whata week! Whata week! Uncle Dudley isn't Uncle Dudley after all—she's somebody else. Friday we found another squirrel in our yard and his antics leave no doubt as to his gender.

He began by chasing what was Uncle Dudley all over the garden and then through the tops of the trees until Uncle Dudley took refuge in her nest in the hollow apple tree. Then the newcomer gorged himself with peanuts from our feeding box and when we approached him with another climbed out on our arm to get it. If any one is missing a very tame, male grey squirrel he can be found in our orchard where he has been paying court to Uncle Dudley for the

Mighty Mouse Catchers

The next time our brood cat, Stripes, has kittens on Thursday we're going to close up shop. Myra spent most of the day acting as mid-wife until she was sure that it will be only two golden ratcatchers and one hybrid in the advertisments that will start run-

Bitter Sweet

Did you hear their piping Friday night? Peepers started calling from the low spots on Lehman Avenue, April 4, 1947 will be the entry in our diary. As a kid we thought their notes were mournful, but our dad taught us differently. That's why we love to hear their song from the marshlands in the spring. My dad was a man who could stand an hour watching a sunset or listening to peepers. Their voices are like strains from Noel Coward's Bittersweet when you've had a dad like that.

Signs of Spring

Doctor Howell tickled pink on the arrival of a new colt at Hill

Alfred Bronson, mayor of Sweet Valley, delighted with the effectiveness of high pressure at the fire at the Boston place. Joe Hand, Borough street commissioner, working Saturday in

torrents of rain without hat or raincoat to prevent water overflowing from a clogged blind ditch from gutting our rose bed. Daffodils on the southeast side of Grace Rustine's home on Hunts-

ville Road, ready to burst into bloom. Clyde Cooper and Durelle Scott discussing how book beer is made. Hyacinths blooming outside Mrs. C. J. Eipper's window and on her twenty-five foot porch, chock full of blooming plants, an amaryllis in bloom; a dwarf white African violet with twenty-one blossoms

many of them an inch in diameter, and several pink and purple

Frank Jackson making a dozen trips to Lake Catalpa for cord wood just to see a little screech owl standing sleepily in a hole above

his nest in a hollow tree. A flicker family searching for bugs or ants on the lawn in front of the Borough School.