

## "The Totem Pole"

Harrisburg, April 15—The amber fire in the red brick fireplace simmered and crackled fitfully. A spark of burning chestnut glowed and shattered as it zinged against the black mesh screen before the fireplace opening.

The dying fire crackled again. There was a slight stir from the easy chair on the right side of the fireplace, beside the poker, miniature shovel and brush.

A pair of sheep-skin slippers feet uncrossed slowly and then resignedly, re-crossed. Silence for a moment, and then:

"Harumph! Can't understand it—seems as though everything is in a mess. Harumph! Harumph," grunted Grampaw Pettibone from the depths of his sagging-seat chair.

He paused for a moment, stretched his wiry legs, and scratching his head as though just coming out of a sound slumber, turned and said:

"Yep, things are in a fine kettle. The Republicans have so many presidential candidates they can't decide who to run—and the Democrats can't seem to get enough together to make a decent contest."

Well, some interesting things along this line are developing in Pennsylvania.

Republican leaders in the Keystone State are in somewhat of a quandary. They're so scared of having a repetition of the fiasco that occurred during the 1940 convention when they persisted in sticking by Governor Arthur James as the presidential candidate over Wilkie, that now they are afraid even to begin to submit themselves.

Two of the leading presidential contenders they have been shying away from but who are among the most widely-recognized are Harold E. Stassen, former Governor of Minnesota, and Governor Thomas E. Dewey, of nearby New York State.

Many of the gents who loiter about State GOP headquarters here posing as Republican leaders, tacitly admit between cigar-clenched teeth that the situation is awkward, what with Stassen piling up strength in some mid-western states where Republicans are electing convention delegates on the basis of candidates to support.

Grampaw Pettibone recalled, as he thumped the fireplace wall with his smouldering pipe, that during previous visits of the venerable Mr. Stassen to this State, Republican organization leaders were rather cool towards him.

"Looks as though someone will have to build a fire under a few of the boys unless they want to be left on a limb," growled Grampaw Pettibone as he rose from his chair, stretching his varicose-veined legs.

He tickled an itching spot under his leathery chin for a moment and, squinting at us in the nervous firelight, declared in his best political voice:

"Son, the boys down by the old village pump aren't too impressed with the campaigns. There's a sample of your grass-roots and down-to-earth viewpoint. They point out that Dewey lost out the last time; that General MacArthur ought to be back home here to conduct his campaign, and not sitting under cherry trees in far-off Japan; and that Taft should get

### THE LOW DOWN FROM HICKORY GROVE

For something refreshing, you know, I kinda believe it would be great to just squint over the front page some morning, and not see a story there, where Uncle Sambo is fixing to dive into a few more 100 million buck ventures, projects, uplifts, programs. That would be, sure as shootin', a novelty.

It will take a lot of different kinds of vitamins to get us back half-way on our feet and in fair health, once we discover and decide we are getting too near the money barrel bottom. Spending has gone chronic. There in Congress—also at the City Hall and Court House—we gotta tell 'em we have a wish for a change. We need a "New Look" in public officials. We need folks who savvy what 6 bits looks like and understand how sometimes, to get same, you may have to perspire a bit. Tell 'em lots of other voters are commencing to get a little agitated too, about this spending, and wondering where we will come out. That kind of talk will make them listen—voter talk.

It will be a great day—and refreshing—when more gents in public office stand up and say, "no, boys, we can't do that—too expensive." Sisters and brothers, for a "New Look," that would be champion. Yours with the low down, JO SERRA

### State Police Active

State Police have been active in this area checking up on thoughtless drivers. Three local drivers were arrested for not having inspection stickers and four for passing stop signs. Five were arrested at the intersection of Main and Huntsville streets for passing the stop sign and three were fined.

around a little more here in the East.

"As far as anyone can see, they might just as well run Pennsylvania's Ed Martin—he's one of our Senators, you know—and wrap up the whole outfit in the Keystone State. Ed declined the endorsement of the Pennsylvania Congressional delegation but—h-u-m-p-f—you wait and see what happens. If it looks like he stands a chance at the convention, he'll run and the Keystone delegation of 73 will be hootin' and hollerin' all over the convention floor just like they did in 1940 when James was defeated for the nomination."

There are 169,027 farms in Pennsylvania.

## Your Health

The more A.B.'s, the fewer babies. Childlessness is more prevalent among married women graduated from college with Bachelor of Arts degrees than among any other class of women.

What this country needs is more maternity even with less matriculation.

Approximately seven per cent of married women in this country remain childless throughout their lives.

City life and higher education do not appear to encourage motherhood.

More than half of the married women who live in cities and have had at least one year of college education remain childless up to the age of 25.

Contrast this with the fact that three quarters of married women who live in rural farm areas and who have had less than five years of grade school education have children at the age of 25.

The margin between these two groups narrows with increasing years.

By the end of the reproductive period, at ages 50 to 54, eighteen per cent of women who have had some college training remain childless, as compared with twelve per cent of women with minimum schooling.

Pennsylvania's birthrate is below the nation's average, being 190 per 10,000 of population, while the nation's birthrate is 196.

There are five states with a lower birthrate than Pennsylvania's, although there are only two states, New York and California, that register more births per year.

### DO YOU KNOW?

The average medical care expenditure for rural families in the United States increased sixty per cent during the past five years, while expenditures for beauty parlor, barber shop and other personal care, increased one hundred per cent in the same group.

### TWA Hostess Commended By Company President

A Misericordia College graduate, who has been hostessing aboard a Trans World Airline Constellation, was among the airline's crew members recently commended by TWA's President, LaMotte T. Cohn, for helping make possible the company's outstanding record for winter flight completions.

She is Miss Helen Donohue, who was graduated from Misericordia before beginning her career with TWA.

TWA's Constellations had a remarkable over-weather flying record this past winter, completing 97 per cent of scheduled mileage for the period. The Constellations, which carried 117,000 passengers along TWA's transcontinental routes since November 1, 1947, flew a total of 4,337,000 miles.

Mr. Cohn said that over-weather characteristics of the Constellations, together with the use of safety devices in airplanes and on the ground, contributed to the accomplishment.

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## SAFETY VALVE

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Howard Risley, Editor Dallas Post, Dallas Pa.

I am in Trenton tonight, will be in Camden tomorrow night, Gloucester City the following day, and Millville, N.J. on Thursday on work for my company.

While I am here under the dome of the State Capitol of New Jersey my thoughts are back in Kingston Township, and I have written, and am enclosing some of the things I would like to tell every resident of Kingston Township, personally, if that were possible.

Perhaps you can suggest how it would be possible to get this information into the hands, and minds, of the people of Kingston Township, and to impress upon them the need for these improvements in our schools.

Sincerely, Bob Currie.

### Kingston Township School Bond Issue Question

There is much talk about improved schools, and many theories advanced as to how to attain the desired improvement. Every competent advocate of improved schools rates child health in top place, and considers aids to health first in any improvement program—in this connection a hot lunch program for school children is a must on the list of every local, state and Federal agency dealing with improved schools.

For a number of years the Federal Government has subsidized the school lunch program, where an approved type of program has been instituted and where an approved type lunch is served to the children. Some of the schools in the Back Mountain Area are operating under this plan, and are receiving considerable financial aid, in addition to large stocks of surplus food, for operating their cafeterias. Kingston Township has been operating under a partial plan for the past two years, in which our school children get a bottle of Grade A whole milk for 3 cents instead of the 5 cents they previously paid. Under this plan the parents in Kingston Township have saved 10 cents per week for each child drinking milk with their lunch, and while this seems like a trifling amount it adds up to a total of \$3.60 per school year for each child, or could amount to \$2,520.00 per year for our school.

It actually has amounted to less than this because many of the children do not drink milk with their lunch, and many of the children go home for lunch. The Federal Government pays the difference between the actual cost of the milk, 5c, and what the child pays for it, 3c. We have been urged, for the health of the children, to establish an approved type of cafeteria in Kingston Township Schools, through which the Government will subsidize the school lunch program to the point where a complete, nourishing, hot lunch can be served to every child in our schools at a cost that would be less than the cost of making one meat or cheese (Continued on Page Seven)

## State Wide News

Gathered through the facilities of Pennsylvania News Service

Philadelphia—An unknown doctor at the University of Pennsylvania Hospital here is credited with possibly having given the medical profession one of its best weapons in its fight against cancer by his risking his life to swallow chemicals used in the battle against cancer.

Media—A sentence of 22 months in jail was suspended against Mrs. Evelyn Page, of Chester, when the court directed that she repay the money she had stolen from her nearly blind employer, Harold Green of Swarthmore.

Hazleton—For alleged irregular activities in the 1947 primary election, 13 of 15 Hazleton election officials indicted by a Grand Jury, have posted bail to await their trial by the State Supreme Court. Bond was set at \$1,000 per defendant.

Pittsburgh—The State Supreme Court sitting here has awarded Dr. Frank F. D. Reckord, of this place, \$2,738 for treating a woman for 16 years without presenting her with a bill. Upon the death of his patient in 1943, he presented the estate with a bill for \$9,410.

Bethlehem—Investigators are probing the death of five steel workers who died at the plant of the Bethlehem Steel Company, here when hot coke accidentally engulfed them. Officials of the steelworkers union charged criminal negligence.

Pottsville—His scarf catching on a sharp edge of a board as he was going down a coal breaker near here, Donald Faust slipped and accidentally hung himself. The boy was reported to have spent considerable time playing around the breaker.

Beaver Falls—22-year-old Jack George, a blind Marine veteran, whose hearing has been accentuated as a result of his handicap, has been credited with officials for probably saving the Pennsylvania Railroad's speeding Admiral from possible disaster when his sharp hearing detected a broken rail as an earlier train clicked over the road-bed near his home here.

Norristown—Six-year-old Judith Minnig was a happy participant in a neighborhood children's show until her grass skirt caught fire as she danced too close to flames. She died shortly after being taken to a hospital.

### Vernon Church Sponsors "I Remember Mama"

Mrs. Elizabeth Conrad will read, "I Remember Mama" at the Vernon Union Church, Thursday night, May 27 at 8 o'clock. Men, women and children are invited. Music will be furnished and refreshments served.

## Barnyard Notes

Two events make Dallas a beautiful place this spring—even with all the rain.

One is the opening of the daffodils on the sunny bank below Mrs. Clyde Lapp's home on Machell Avenue, and the other is the arrival of the purple finches.

We have enjoyed the daffodils for the past ten years, ever since Clyde put them there. Annually Mrs. Lapp adds to their number as a lovely tribute to his memory.

The finches have given our orchard a pink glow. They arrived in a flock along with an assorted collection of all kinds of song, swamp, and white-throated sparrows—not to mention a few of English origin for good measure.

But the finches steal the show even from the busy chickadees and scampering nuthatches. The harder it rains the more they delight in singing.

The person who hasn't yet erected a bird feeder near his window fails to appreciate the cheerful spring songs he misses or the variety of birds that visit this area.

### Spring Poems

This has been no week for farming but it has been a week of anticipation of events about to happen. So we stole a few hours rambling through some of our favorite April poems.

The first one we learned to love when Prof. Trebilcox read it over and over in English class at Wyoming Seminary. To him, and to our Dad, we owe whatever appreciation we have of poetry. Association with those who understand and love verse is a privilege that pays dividends throughout a lifetime.

Here they are, two favorites. You can expect them April after April, ad infinitum.

### THE DAFFODILS

I wander'd lonely as a cloud  
That floats on high o'er vales and hills,  
When all at once I saw a crowd,  
A host of golden daffodils,  
Beside the lake, beneath the trees,  
Fluttering and dancing in the breeze.

Continuous as the stars that shine  
And twinkle on the milky way,  
They stretch'd in never-ending line  
Along the margin of a bay;  
Ten thousand saw I at a glance  
Tossing their heads in sprightly dance.

The waves beside them danced, but they  
Outdid the sparkling waves in glee—  
A poet could not but be gay  
In such a jocund company!  
I gazed—and gazed—but little thought  
What wealth the show to me had brought;

For oft, when on my couch I lie  
In vacant or in pensive mood,  
They flash across that inward eye  
Which is the bliss of solitude;  
And then my heart with pleasure fills,  
And dances with the daffodils.

William Wordsworth

### 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 blossom'd 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

## Country Flavor

### WHITTILING

The countryman believes one to sit and whittle just for the fun of it. On a sunny, warm day it's comforting to tip back in the open barn doorway after dinner and whittle for whittling's sake. Shepherds with his nose on his forepaws. One can hear the cows rattling their stanchions and the horses stamping as they chew on good timothy and clover. The hens scratch and sing in the hay chaff and a long string of black smoke unravels in the air above the farmhouse chimney. It's good to see the slender, thin shavings curl away from the stick and to smell the pungent fragrance of barn, wood, and yard. As one sits and whittles he can study the grain of the wood; or he can pause to look across the fields to distant mountains. He has a feeling of peace with the world. If you will do some research you will discover that whittlers are men of sound qualities. They are philosophers who have a foundation of tolerance and understanding; they have perspective to make meaning of the sharp-angled currents of contemporary life. The countryman smiles as he thinks it, but he wishes there were a law to compel all law-makers, statesmen and big business men to spend an hour whittling after each midday meal.

There are two kinds of whittling. On a stormy March day it's good to putter along in the comfortable farm shop at purposeful whittling. A man's jackknife is a prized possession, as important as his favorite axe, hoe or pitchfork. A forehanded countryman wants to have a supply of teeth whittled for the handrakes and bullrakes. He likes to whittle angled holders for apple picking baskets, a new head for his bean flail and oak sticks for harness pegs. A man can spend peaceful nerve-soothing hours working on an axe helve. But there's another and equally important kind of whittling. True whittlers cherish the opportunity

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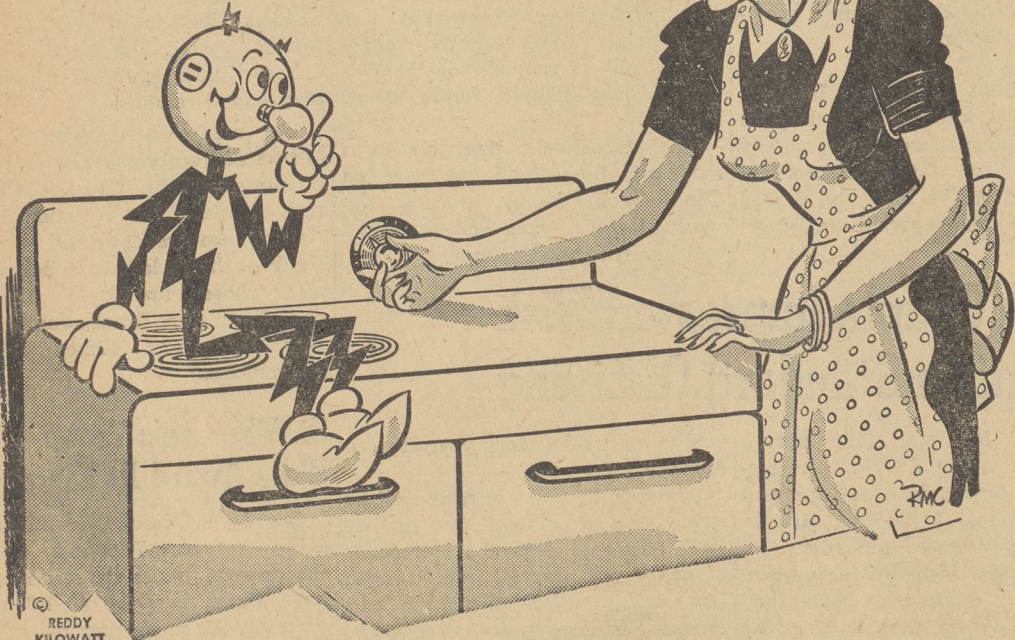
### Quilt At St. Paul's

Members of the Ladies Auxiliary of St. Paul's Lutheran Church quilted at the church yesterday, Thursday. Next Wednesday they will quilt in the morning and hold their meeting at 1 o'clock. Everyone is welcome.

### W.C.T.U. Meeting

The Dallas District W.C.T.U. will meet on Tuesday, April 20 at 2:00 P.M. at Lehman M. E. Church. Mrs. H. R. Riley will have charge of services. Mrs. E. R. Parrish will preside. Members of the Lehman Group will provide the program.

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