

# "The Totem Pole"

Harrisburg, August 12—Governor Jim Duff, skipper of the good Ship of State "Pennsylvania" apparently has decided not to "lower the boom" (or politically de-capitate) the assorted and sundry lads and lassies whose sponsors and political friends opposed his wishes at the Republican National Convention in June.

It was feared for a time that the Governor, who was in terrible fettle following the Philadelphia convention in which Dewey was selected as the GOP presidential standard-bearer over the wishes of one J. Henderson Duff, would embark on a left and right reprisal program at the Capitol Hill here.

Never so far there have been noteworthy dismissals of employees sponsored by the Martin-Owlett team which bucked wishes of the Chief Executive. Many a heavy breath was drawn by some of the people under jurisdiction of the Governor, following the convention fracas," commented Grampaw Pettibone from his precarious perch in the battered cherry tree.

As he angrily waved away foraging birds competing for the prize black oxhearts, the old political sage confided that he had it on the word of "good authority" that no such reprisals would be made "this year."

Asked what was meant by the qualification of "this year," he explained that in 1949 the Legislature stumbles into session and that during the hectic days of said session, reprisals could be taken on the Governor's plans, should he take any reprisals now himself.

"The whole thing is a ticklish affair," quoth the old gent as his feet touched the ground, a pail of cherries in one hand and his battered, smoldering pipe in the other. "Chances are good right now that the Legislature will crack down on Governor Duff," he said. "Industry in Pennsylvania, namely the Pennsylvania Manufacturers' Association, never quite recovered from the now-famous remark of Duff's to the effect that industry should lead the way towards busting the inflation bubble by curbing prices."

All of which certainly has a smacking of sharp fact to it. When the good Governor expressed his feelings along this line to the industrialists of the Keystone State at the annual banquet of the PMA a few months ago, there was a considerable note of shocked alarm and up-and-down movement of adam apples.

The leaders of this group have not forgotten and having some influence of no piddling degree in the Legislature, they can be expected to whet their knives and oil their muskets in preparation for legislative tiffs next year.

It is understood that the Governor, to cut the smoke of battle to a bare minimum and keep damages as small as possible, has decided to forego the political neck-wrangling for the present at least, in the hopes of pacifying some-

## Harold Howells, Dies Sunday

Harold Howells, 45, died 3:30 P. M. last Sunday at his home on Elizabeth street, following a four month illness. He had been troubled for a number of years by a heart condition, which recently incapacitated him. For the past 23 years, he had been a mail carrier in Miners Mills section of Wilkes-Barre.

Deceased was born in Parsons, the son of Lewis Howells Sr. of Parsons and Allentown and the late Eliza Miller, a schoolteacher in Parsons. He had resided in Dallas for the past four years and was a member of St. Therese's Church, Shavertown, and was active in church affairs, being a member of The Holy Name Society.

His daughter, Mrs. William Wagner, former Rosemond Howells, gave birth to a baby daughter just a few hours prior to his death.

Surviving are his wife, the former Rose Ryan; children, Mrs. Edward Vivian at home; Mrs. William Wagner, Dallas; father, Lewis Howells Sr. of Allentown; brothers, Robert and Lewis Jr. of Allentown.

Services were held at St. Therese's Church Wednesday and interment was at Hanover Cemetery.

## Social At Meeker Church

A home-made bake sale and ice cream social will be held at Meeker Church Friday evening at 7. Members of the committee are Mrs. Albert Rebennack and Mrs. Thomas Foss. All are welcome.

what these gents who now have a sharp eye on his requests of the 1949 Legislature.

In view of these developments it is not difficult to see why the legislature session next year promises to be a rather bustling affair—the likes of which has not been viewed by the people in the "hinterland" for many a moon.

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HIS FIRST JOB WAS MANAGING A SERVICE STATION. LATER HE TAUGHT & COACHED ATHLETICS AT UPPERVILLE, VA. & WAS PRINCIPAL OF HIGH SCHOOLS AT STEVENSVILLE, VA. & BRISTOL, VA. & TAUGHT SUMMERS RADFORD COL.

DURING RECENT WAR HE WAS IN CHARGE OF RATIONING REGULATIONS FOR U.S. AT WASHINGTON, D.C. ENTERED RADIO WORK IN WILKES-BARRE, 1946 & IS NOW STATION MGR. OF WILK, GETTING READY FOR F.M. BROADCASTING & TELEVISION. HE IS VICE-PRES. WVO. VALLEY JR. CHAMBER OF COMMERCE. MEMBER-DALLAS KIWANIS, ADVERTISING CLUB OF WILKES-BARRE.

HIS HOBBY IS READING. MARRIED FORMER CATHERINE BALL OF PULASKI, VA. THEY HAVE TWO CHILDREN: TOMMY & TRINA. HE'S ALSO ACTIVE IN TRUCKSVILLE GARDENS PROGRESSIVE ASSO. & TRUCKSVILLE VOL. FIRE DEPT.

## State Teachers Seek Pay Hike

### Will Ask Legislature For Further Increases

By Pennsylvania News Service  
Notwithstanding salary increases granted by the Legislature last year, Pennsylvania's 52,000 school teachers are preparing to ask the Legislature next year for another round of increases.

Indications are at headquarters here of the Pennsylvania State Education Association that the lawmakers will be asked to approve the \$2,400 minimum and \$4,800 maximum scale they declined to do last year.

In 1947 the Legislature granted the teachers a mandated scale of \$1,950-\$3,200 and in addition granted local school districts the right to impose local taxes, which in many cases have been used to pay "cost-of-living" increases to local teachers.

In asking again for the \$2,400 minimum, the PSEA pointed out that since last year prices have shot upward which in itself calls for revision of the minimum scale. Suggestions are requested from teachers throughout the State.

PSEA noted that the boost granted last year has been absorbed in rising costs to the point where present salary scales are considered little better in terms of buying power than that of 1939.

Members of Dr. Henry M. Laing Fire Company Auxiliary and their husbands will hold a covered dish supper on Tuesday evening at 6:30 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Newman.

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## Elston Reunion

Second annual reunion of the descendants of Ransom and Kathryn Elston will be held at Norris's Glen on Saturday, August 14, Noon and evening meals will be enjoyed. A meeting will be held during the afternoon.

## SAFETY VALVE

### ASKS DIRECTORS TO RECONSIDER

Dear Editor:

Local newspapers recently printed the disturbing news of the retirement of two Kingston Township teachers. It seems that the local school board has decided very definitely on a retirement age of sixty-two. This is generally accepted as being below the average retirement age. Residents are wondering if the board is forced to follow the policy of such a law age retirement or if it is a matter of its own volition? If the latter is true, why did the board three years ago seek out a very capable first grade teacher at a time when she was satisfactorily employed by another school district and implore her to join the staff of Kingston Township in order to raise its standards in the primary grade? This she has unquestionably done to the utmost satisfaction of the parents, whose children have been entrusted to her care.

The other teacher involved has been in the employ of the school district for twenty-seven years. Both teachers are physically fit, capable and efficient. They are long time residents of the local community and loyal supporters of its every endeavor.

There are still two vacancies to be filled in the primary grades. The school board states that it is most anxious to raise the standards of the schools under its jurisdiction. If so, when better teachers to replace those retired, have not been found, why does the board still say it will not reconsider its decision? Why, when no charges of any nature can be preferred against those dismissed, is the board so anxious to retire these two?

A group of interested parents attended the recent school board meeting to plead for the return of both teachers to their former posts. They were not hospitably received. The president of the board emphatically stated that he would not consider rehiring Mrs. Hazeltine and Miss Lamoreaux as full time employees. Why? He further stated that thirty-five to seventy pupils would suffer, were they allowed to remain any longer under the supervision of these two instructors.

If such is the case why have no suitable replacements been found and why are the parents of these pupils so anxious to have these teachers reinstated in their former positions? The community is aroused. It demands that its wishes be respected. It is the sincere hope of its citizens that the Board of Kingston Township will reconsider its decision.

Kingston Township Parent  
**Idetown S. S. Picnic**  
Idetown Sunday School picnic will be held at Benton Park on Saturday. Transportation will be by private vehicles. Anyone planning to drive who has space available for other passengers, is asked to get in touch with Loren Keller. Cars will leave the church at 9:30.

## Barnyard

Mr. and Mrs. Glen Billings' application for the wild geese has apparently been turned down. An Pennsylvania Game Commission arrived at the Billings' week and "saved" for posterity the young wild goose the Billings have petted and fed since last winter with their flock of domestic geese.

Impressing Mrs. Billings with her grave offence and in general making her feel like a poacher or refugee from a chain gang, the agent explained in no uncertain terms that the Billings could be arrested for harbouring a wild goose. The editor who gave them the goose could also be arrested and fined, he added. "Ignorance of the law, is no excuse" for saving and protecting a wild goose. The agent didn't like the way the Billings surreptitiously let the goose live with their flock.

It takes a long time for the Game Commission and its agents to catch up with the news. If it wants to know what is going on in this end of the county it might read the Dallas Post occasionally where the story of the wild goose has been played up a dozen times since the editor rescued it from Dallas streets where it came close to being killed by passing automobiles. Fact is we thought it was a neighbor's goose for several days until we called in Mr. and Mrs. Billings who are something of local authorities on geese, and like ourselves, probably have as much affection for wild and domestic animal life as the State's hirings.

The Game Commission works in wondrous ways its miracles to perform—and slowly. Its agents' insistence upon impressing innocent conservationists with their authority, efficiency of Gestapo courtesy, may awe some nature lovers.

The lumbering agent who made Mrs. Billings feel like a heel and implied that the editor was criminally inclined is probably not the same agent who mistook a fellow hunter for a bear a few years ago in nearby woods, but he was about as awkward in his efforts to make friends for the Game Commission.

He might be startled to learn that it was not the Pennsylvania Game Commission nor its "nature loving agents" who first brought the plight of wild geese to the attention of the United States and Canada, but "Ding" Darling, Chicago newspaperman and nationally famous cartoonist. Through Darling's "one man" campaign, sportsmen's clubs of the nation got busy and did something about it through national laws and international treaties. Sentimental little guys like Mrs. Billings and the editor played their part in influencing public opinion to "save the wild geese."

There has been much criticism of the Pennsylvania Game Commission in recent years, especially in the west central part of the State. Much of it comes from the lack of common courtesy and lousy public relations work of its agents. Many of its "game protectors" are better after dinner speakers than they are field men while others look upon all citizens as poachers unless they are assembled at a sportsmen's dinner. Some of us suspect that the Game Commission might be more respected if it devoted some time to teaching its agents how to get along with the public instead of spending so much time planning a palatial and costly headquarters in Harrisburg.

The Game Commission and any one of its agents can succeed only so long as it has public opinion solidly behind it. Stupidity won't help it to win friends or conserve wild life which after all is its only objective.

## Country Flavor

### THE LAMPLIGHTER

There are those who remember the old lamplighter who went along the village street each afternoon with his wheelbarrow, stubby ladder, oil can and stained cleaning cloths. Unhurriedly and methodically he performed his humble daily task. At each cedar post which supported the iron-framed glass cage with the kerosene lamp inside he set the latter, filled the lamp, trimmed the wick, ran his cleaning cloth over the glass surfaces and left them surprisingly clean. He lit a kitchen match, touched it to the wick, replaced the chimney and closed the outside door of the cage. Then he trundled his barrow to the next post.

As he lit the lamps that would glow in the evening darkness like a string of gold beads on an invisible string, he was always accompanied by a retinue of small lads. Old Ben had travelled far in his younger days. He knew fabled ports around the world; he had worked on Texas ranches, in the wheatfields of the nation's heartland. He knew the lumber camps of the North. As he told his thrilling stories and patiently answered innumerable questions, the names in old, dog-eared geography books suddenly came alive in the minds of the young ones.

## Dallas District W.C.T.U.

Dallas District W. C. T. U. will hold its annual picnic next Tuesday at the park at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar George of Idetown. There will be a covered dish dinner. The program will be "Queen for a Day" starting at 11:30 A.M. with Mrs. Edward Stair in charge. Those going by bus should take the 11:20.

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