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# "The Totem Pole"

Harrisburg, August 19-The professional horn-blowers are working up a fine spit-and-polish on their instruments these days and on many a dull sunshiny afternoon will be found deep in the hills, testing said instruments with varying toots and honks.

Object of this musical harangue is to prepare for the forthcoming activities next month when both

the Republicans and Democrats open their Fall political campaigns in Pennsylvania.

Technically and theoretically the Republicans in this State have already opened their affair, having some months ago announced that they quietly stole into a Franklin County village by name of Chambersburg for their opening cere- Dear Editor:



**CONSUMERS SHOULD OPPOSE** HIGHER WATER RATES

With regard to increased water mony. Since that time nothing has been rates in Dallas and Shavertown. heard from GOP headquarters There has been a flood of inhere — until recently when the boys creases in utility rates in the past let it be known that they were year. Some of them may be justiinviting one Tom Dewey, their fiable, particularly where operating Presidential candidate, to officially expenses have been greatly inopen the campaign in Pennsylvania creased and these form a large portion of the company's return. next month in Pittsburg. For some reason they apparently Conversely, when prices recede, opdecided to start all over again. How erating expenses should reduce, many more starts they are going to and rates should be lessened. Even have before they really get under if consumers should concede that way, nobody around here seems to an increase should now be allowed,

they must, to be consistent, ask know for sure. On the other hand the Democrats for a corresponding decrease when are still fretting and fussing over prices fall.

their opening event. Efforts are In order to do this intelligently, being made now, through proper the consumers should know the channels, pipelines and sundry dis- basis upon which the company emcouraging and devious devices, to ployed these high prices in combrow-beat President Truman into puting the requested increase. This being on hand for their official information, the consumers can seopening in the Keystone State. cure if they will file a formal, not 'Fact of the matter is," confided informal, complaint, before the

Grandpaw Pettibone from behind date the increase in rates becomes his dark glasses, "that both sides effective. know they are going to need all This will place the burden of the help they can get to put the proof upon the company, and it big and important State of Penn- must furnish, among other informasylvania in the proper column." tion, a complete inventory and ap-

The politicos in Washington are praisal, and an operating statenot unaware of the 4,000,000 votes ment. If the consumers do not floating around within the confines avail themselves of this opportunof Pennsylvania, nor are they over- ity, then at any subsequent date, looking the vastly important 35 when they desire a rate decrease, electoral votes tucked away under the burden of proof is upon them. This is a very disadvantageous the Pennsylvania blanket.

They are, in effect telling the situation in many ways. boys here:

"Woo those votes as you've present inflated prices constitute never wooed before, Bud."

passed on down the line. By the Superior Court has held in the in such causes, and merit appointtime matters really get rolling a Equitable Gas case "reproduction ment. month or so hence there should cost under ordinary circumstances be enough blood-thirsty politicians and reasonably stable prices is a on the loose to keep matters fairly theoretical value based upon uncertain and fugitive data and the lively for the populace.

But notwithstanding all the com- Commission is not obliged to acmotion created in the upper circles, cept such estimates which would it will be the lads on the home increase such theoretical value front — the local canidates — who where they are based upon highly will really spearhead activities. inflationary prices and where the "This is what the politicians call economic conditions are uncertain

'grass - roots' year," our old and unstable." political sage informed us, licking Despite this dictum, one large the remnants of a chocolate bar company in the western part of the from his fingers. "This is the year state based its increase upon just son, you'll find all those political such inflationary prices as the birds working hard and furiously Court has condemned. It may be on the folks at home — nothing that others are in the same posi-like it is for a litigant to go into Court tion, possibly the Dallas and and ask the judge to set up his ike it in recent years.'

HIS BOYHOOD AMBITION WAS TO BE A FARMER. HE PROCEEDED TO BUY & DEVELOP A FARM AFTER GRADUATING FROM PENN STATE, BUT AFTER A YEAR HE DECIDED TO MAKE EDUCATION HIS LIFE'S WORK .; TODAY, HIS HOBBY IS WORKING AROUND HIS FARM AT BEAUMONT.

COMING HERE IN 1936 TO HEAD BUCKNELL JR. COLLEGE HE SOON MADE PLANS TO DEVELOP IT INTO A 4-YEAR, INDEPENDENT INSTITUTION .... AIDED BY AN AMBITIOUS BOARD OF TRUSTEES & INTERESTED CITIZENS, THE JR. COLL. ACQUIRED EIGHT LARGE RESIDENCES SUITABLE FOR COLLEGE BUILDINGS OVER A TEN-YEAR PERIOD ..... • DR. FARLEY MADE THE COLLEGE AVAILABLE FOR AIR FORCE TRAINING DETACHMENTS DURING THE WAR YEARS.

ation based upon present prices. The usual danger to consumers is that they are generally disor- Third Annual Dance

ganized, good starters and poor finishers, and the Committee which they appoint as their representatives sometimes do more for the company than they do for the consumers. For this reason it is ad-Consumers should not admit that visable that Committees be carefully selected, and their affiliations grounds for a higher valuation up- considered before acceptance. Similarly the word is being on which to base rates, for the Women are often more persistent

> It has been generally considered advisable to raise one year's increases as a war chest for a rate fight. The consumers should fight their own battle, and not merely request the Commission to investigate and act for them. The commission is understaffed for such purposes, and its appropriation is

no more reason for a consumer

asking the Commission to do all

the work in a rate case than there

Very truly yours, inadequate for making extensive investigations such as are required in the average rate case. There is



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Association wish to express their

appreciation to the scores of friends

and neighbors who attended their

third annual dance held in Hunts-

ville Recreation Hall Tuesday even-

ing. Over two hundred and fifty

people attended. Proceeds will be

used to pay for uniforms and

Committee in charge: Chief Joe

Ide, Captain L. E. Beisel, Joe Regon,

Fred Davenport and John Major.

saved. The total cost of the con-

sumers' case, in both the Scranton

and Spring Brook districts, did not

exceed \$350,000. Not many in-

vestments are as remunerative.

W. L. Lance

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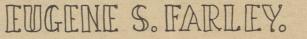
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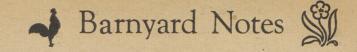
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### THE NATURE EDITOR

He takes the city train, and on the way he ponders neat and charming things to say about the country he has lately left. The countryside, bereft of his society, resumes the battle-weeds among legumes, cows in cornfields, bugs in the potatoes, drought and flood and woodchucks in tomatoesthe humdrum daily diet of disaster. Safe behind his polished desk, the master in his purplest prose. (oh lavendar the smooth ink flows!) poetically praises rains-the smells of barns-blue summers-phrases flow like syrup from his urbane pen. The farmer reads and snorts-and then he loudly swears his wits are growing dim, or else Dame Nature spends her scowls on him, and saves her smiles and kisses for the nature editor.

> BIANCA BRADBURY In the New York Herald-Tribune

#### THINGS

Sometomes when I am at tea with you, I catch my breath At a thought that is old as the world is old And more bitter than death.

It is that the spoon that you just laid down And the cup that you hold May be here shining and insolent When you are still and cold.

Your careless note that I laid away May leap to my eyes like flame, When the world has almost forgotten your voice Or the sound of your name.

The golden Virgin da Vinci drew May smile on over your head, And daffodils nod in the silver vase When you are dead.

So let the moth and dust corrupt and thieves Break through and I shall be glad, Because of the hatred I bear toward things Instead of the love I had.

For life seems only a shuddering breath, A smothering, desperate cry; And things have a terrible permanence When people die. -Aline Kilmer.

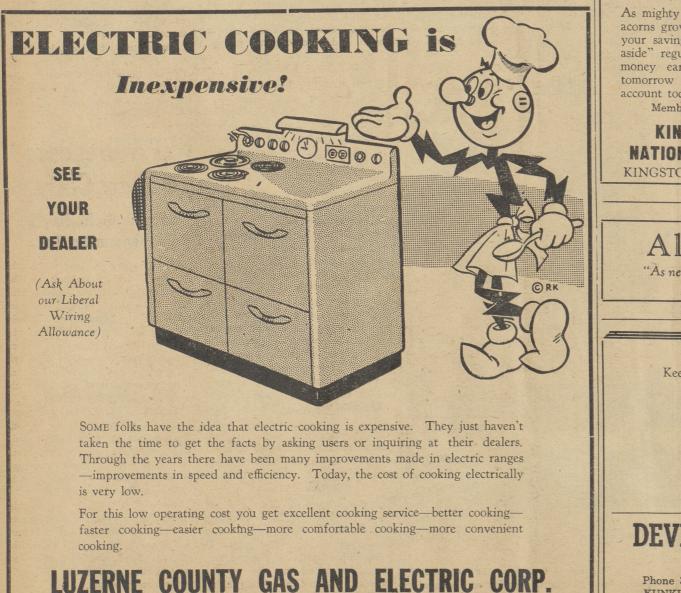
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case And for the sake of a united Shavertown Water Companies

front at least, bristling Jim Duff among them. A rate case properly presented has patched up his differences (for For many years the Federal is a very profitable undertaking. the time being) with other leaders Power Commission has refused to The Scranton-Spring Brook Water of the GOP in Pennsylvania and consider the reproduction cost Service Company case has saved all appears to be peaceful in that theory as a basis for ratemaking, the consumers about twenty-five as have the California Commission million dollars to date. If the Comcamp

By the same token the Democrats and some others. The Pennsylvania mittees had rested upon the evihave no major disputes on their Commission has been according dence, and fought the case to a vests and all appears to be serene greater weight to original cost than proper termination, rather than there too - which leaves both op- formerly. This is another reason agreeing upon unwarranted settleponents licking only minor wounds why the consumers should not be ments, as much as twenty-four milappalled by the thought of a valu- lion dollars more might have been before joining battle.



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