

# "The Totem Pole"

Harrisburg, November 10—The leader of the Pettibone clan has gone into hibernation.

Like a dog that has been caught in the act of snitching a set of pork chops from the icebox, the old political sage has sunk to his hide-out in a high state of remorse.

When last seen skulking about the house furtively, his gray thatch was a-droop; his eyes bloodshot, and altogether he had that beaten look—the look of a gent who has mis-cuer.

An that is precisely what Gram-paw Pettibone did—he mis-cued in his election predictions last week.

On election day he predicted the election of one Thomas E. Dewey to the presidency—as did every one else with exception of Little Old Harry, who knew all along he was going to win.

We caught Gram-paw Pettibone the day after the election when it became definite that Dewey had lost. He was all set to scoot with his hound-dog to the woodshed to get away from it all when we spied his hastily retreating figure and yelled.

He stopped in his tracks resignedly, turned and with hands outstretched mumbled remorsefully: "Son, I was so sure the Republicans would get that there fellow Dewey in the White House I would have bet my shirt on it—and I did."

He shook his shaggy head a moment and then continued, shaking a bony finger under our pro-boscus:

"But I wasn't the only person that was wrong. Look at all them high-toned big-city fellers with their polls and all that sort of thing. They all predicted a win for Dewey, too."

He blew his nose violently and with somewhat of a tone of defiance—and his hound-dog thereupon looked defiant too, the old boy brightened as he added:

"Anyway my boy, I don't claim to be expertly versed on national affairs. Pennsylvania is my domain and by George I called them right here in the State, didn't I son. I said the Republicans would win for State Treasurer and State Auditor General, and they did. That's something, Bub."

We were forced to admit that the old warrior had gazed into the right crystal ball on that score, which made him feel a little better, but as he turned and continued to the woodshed, he mumbled something about joining the boys and girls at the old wailing wall, which during the past several days has been doing a booming business.

It is true that the Republicans won the two State-wide offices at stake, and retained control of both houses of the State Legislature.

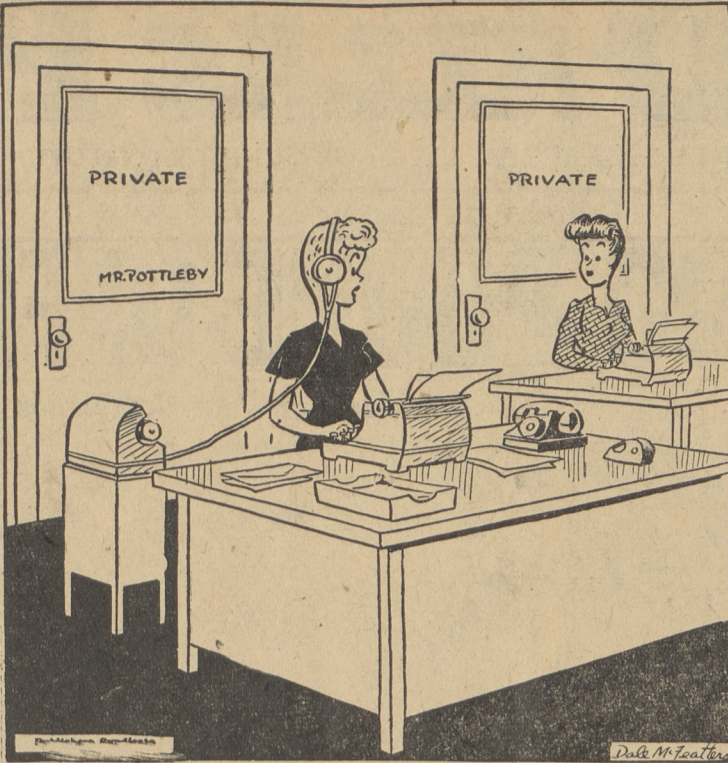
But the margin of control has now been considerably narrowed. In the 208-man State House Representatives the Democrats won 91 seats, coming within 14 of controlling the House.

This sudden upsurge in Democratic strength is bound to play a little hob with the Republican administration of Jim Duff, who next year has a bang-up enlarged fiscal program to present to the gents.

Already the Democrats have served notice they are going to howl louder than ever, with scrappy Hi Andrews, minority leader in

## STRICTLY BUSINESS

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"Should a letter to a creditor end with a pistol shot and a moan?"

## SAFETY VALVE

LOCAL OPTION ELECTIONS

November 4, 1948

Editor The Post,

I certainly wish to express to you my sincere thanks for the assistance given me during the recent campaign, and would also appreciate it if you would extend my appreciation to my supporters in the Back Mountain Area.

I would like to inform you of some plans for 1949. It is planned to conduct Dry Local Option elections in the following municipalities in September, 1949: Dallas Borough, Dallas Township, Lehman Township, Lake Township, Noxen Township, and Monroe Township.

Also, plans to help build up the Prohibition Party registration for 1949, and help to secure a full slate of prohibition candidates in some districts for the general election of 1949. My plan is to build toward the election of 1960, (12 years distant) when possibly the dry party may have a real chance to emerge as the winning party in the National Election.

Respectfully,

Albert J. Crispell

Mr. Crispell was defeated for State Treasurer on the Prohibition Ticket during the recent General Election. He is a former Lake Township teacher, but is teaching this winter in Delaware. He was a chaplain's assistant in the army.

—Editor.

## Opens Barber Shop

Bernie Shukwit will open the barber shop on Parrish Heights on Monday under the name of Bernie's Barber Shop.

the House, shaking his battered pipe and warning that every red cent that passes under their eyeballs will be closely squinted at.

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## Health Topics

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### POLIOMYELITIS

Poliomyelitis or infantile paralysis is an infectious, contagious and communicable disease caused by a filtrable virus. It may occur during any season of the year but is more prevalent in late summer and early autumn. Epidemic cases usually start in July, reaching a peak in September and declining in October. The disease may develop one to two weeks after exposure. Children are the usual victims, mostly of the pre-school age but the trend in recent years shows increased adult susceptibility.

The alimentary tract and the nervous system are chiefly involved in poliomyelitis. The virus has been found in the nose and throat. The probable route of invasion is the alimentary tract and the most common source of the virus is human excreta. The infection through intestinal contents supplies a rich source of virus to the community. The persons attacked do not usually have nasal or bronchial irritation, and the virus is present in the throat for relatively short periods. The organisms in the stools play the dominant role in spread of the disease. The virus in human stools is abundant and its presence has been shown in sewage.

More virus is spread during the epidemic than at other times. It is present for a short time in the throat and for a longer time in the intestinal tract. The stools of some healthy as well as those of paralyzed persons contain the virus during epidemic periods, and flies can be contaminated and can deposit the virus on food. Intimate contacts and contaminated hands and utensils are important factors in the transmission of the disease.

During epidemics of poliomyelitis, it is good preventive sanitation to minimize contamination of food by flies and to prevent flies from breeding in or coming in contact with raw human sewage.

Removal of tonsils and adenoids and dental operations during epidemic periods will permit invasion of the central nervous system and development of paralysis. The virus has been detected in human carriers three weeks before the onset of the disease. Typical symptoms are not always evident. Headache, fever, sore throat, irritability, pain in the back and limbs, loss of appetite and disturbances in the stomach and intestinal tract are frequent complaints. Poliomyelitis is deceptive in its variability of symptoms that may be similar to other diseases.

## Naval Reserve Cruise

Applications are now being received at the Naval Training Center in Kingston for the Naval Reserve training cruise scheduled for the period from January 9 to 22. The USS Missouri will embark and disembark reservists at Norfolk and the USS Huntington will embark and disembark at Philadelphia. Requests for either of these cruises must be received by the Director of Training before December 1. Cruises annually are required of all members of the Reserve.

## Country Flavor

BROWN-SUGAR PUDDING

One of the reasons our nerve endings are sandpapered so roughly these days is that we have too many decisions to make. When a man has reached the age that minor luxuries mean more than essentials, he can recall the days of yesteryear when the social order was more simple and he followed traditional patterns just because that was the accepted mode. If a woman has to choose between two or three dresses and a man has to decide whether to listen to a comedian or night ball game, life takes on perplexing complexities.

Making decisions wears folks down and modern-day developments show little chance for simplification. It puts a man in a tough spot when the Lady asks which dessert he'd like for supper on a fall evening. There are half a dozen breeds of excellent pies; there's much to be said for chocolate bread pudding with hard sauce; a tray of rhubarb ice cream made from home-canned rhubarb sauce is alubrious eating. No instance has been recorded of a man refusing hot, tangy gingerbread with plenty of whipped cream. But, if and

when a man gets an opportunity to nominate the dessert, he ought to keep in mind the superlative qualities of old-fashioned brown-sugar pudding.

Make a sauce of 2 cups tepid water, 1 cup brown sugar, 2 teaspoons butter or margarine, 1 tablespoon cornstarch. Mix this well and boil 5 minutes. Pour this in a greased casserole and then make a batter. Cream ½ cup of white sugar and 2 tablespoons butter or margarine. Add 1 cup milk, 1 cup flour, 2 teaspoons baking powder, ½ teaspoon salt, ½ cup of raisins and ½ cup of walnut meats. Put the batter on the syrup and bake at 350 degrees for about an hour. Brothers, as a man comes in from the chores and whips that hit, beneficent, mouth-watering flavor, he is glad of his choice. Two cereal dishes covered with heavy cream and perhaps just a slight sprinkling of maple sugar gives one renewed confidence in the future. Brown-sugar pudding is old-fashioned; it isn't made very often these days. But if men would ask for it more frequently it would eliminate some of the kinks in contemporary living.

## Barnyard Notes

### SMILE

I'm just your chum, little girl, that's all  
Helping you up from a nasty fall,  
You stumbled and fell, as others have done  
O'er a stone in the road of life, as you run.

I see you are dazed, it was quite a blow  
It stunned others the same in the long ago,  
But take a good breath, and grab the life line  
You'll recover your poise, in a little time.

Just bathe the bruise with the spirit of grit  
'Twill take the sting right out of it,  
Then graft good sense where the skin is torn  
And smile—like the sun just after the storm.

Mrs. B. M. Line, Dallas

Had a short letter from Helen Booth whose new address, by the way, is 74 Ismet Pasa, Yenisehir, Ankara.

"We still find Turkey interesting and much to our liking. Mail by boat is uncertain, we get a stray copy of The Post now and then."

Then she added "I'm not risking any rambling again lest it find its way into The Post."

Now is that nice, we ask you? When we need news so badly to fill this column since the garden has frozen on us.

Mrs. L. P. Taylor, 1223 Clifton Road, Atlanta, Ga., daughter of Mrs. F. M. Gordon, adds this note while renewing her subscription. "This is our 31st year as an out-of-State subscriber."

### BIG BUSINESS ON TRUMAN

Two days after election, Gordon Montgomery president of the Miller Printing Machinery Co., which supplies presses to printing establishments, sent the following letter to all of his Branch Managers, Department Heads and Salesmen.

To every faint-hearted man of business, whether manager or salesman, I say "Hats off to Harry S. Truman!"

Three months ago, at the Democratic Convention, Mr. Truman stood completely discredited in the community, almost vilified by the opposition press, disavowed by his own party, and conceded by every one no slightest chance of the Presidency. Surely no man ever could have had more reason to quit.

Today, Mr. Truman is President again—overwhelmingly. He has carried to power even the scoffers and antagonists of his own party. Surely no greater epic of personal triumph and salesmanship has ever been recorded anywhere.

We of the business world can be downhearted at the outcome—or we can be grateful for a great lesson. With the very same qualities—courage, enthusiasm, and hard work—we can make ourselves individually happier, our businesses bigger, stronger and more prosperous, and our great country mightier than ever before, to the infinite benefit of every citizen, Democrat or Republican alike.

And so gentlemen, let's take a page from Mr. Truman's book and put real enthusiasm, real courage and real confidence into our work—and let's start doing it now.

Sincerely,  
Gordon Montgomery

GM/c

P.S. And I'm a good Republican, too!

### THE WAY OF A BOY AND A PUP

"Parents who Put FOOT DOWN  
Often Swept Off Feet."

Chinese Proverb.

Early last summer one of our youngest residents, Terry Evans, aged 9, received a rat terrier for his birthday. He promptly named him, Tiny, and lost no time in proudly showing off his birthday gift to the neighborhood.

Kids of all ages, and even grownups, were attached to Tiny whose very smartness was proof positive of a true pedigree dating back to the Mayflower.

One month to the day he came to his new owner, Tiny was the victim of an automobile, and left behind him a family said and disconsolate.

The small kennel was quickly disposed of, and a minute collar with chain were quietly hidden in order that the bereaved young master might not be reminded of his loss.

Despite the little boy's entreaties for a pup to replace the loss, Don and Arlene were strictly opposed to their son's possessing another dog whose fate might well be that of Tiny's. They failed to reckon, however, with their boy's resourcefulness and silent determination to have another pet.

This week, after a long period of secret negotiation with a classmate, whose household boasted of several puppies, the parents were duly introduced, in this round-a-bout manner, to a little black and white puppy whose antecedents were certainly never listed in the Blue Book Register of Dogdom's Who's Who.

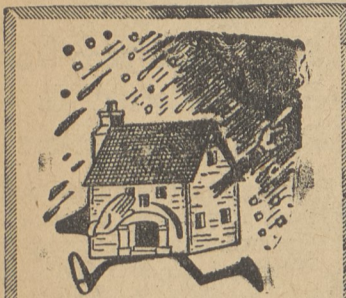
The moral of all this, of course, is that it's a wise parent who knows his own child, but most often it's the child who knows his parents much better than they know themselves.

The pup is in the Evans' home and hearts for keeps.

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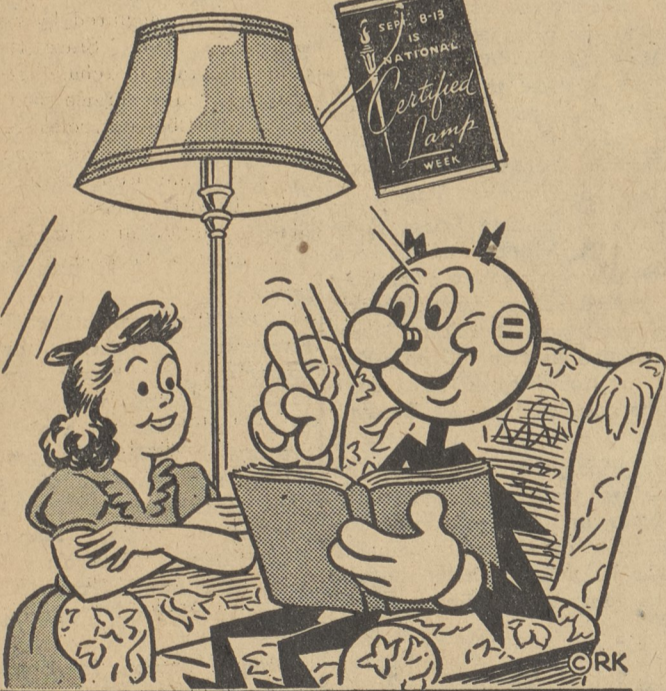
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