

"The Totem Pole"

Harrisburg, Jan. 27—A few of the crystal ball gazers, political prophets and what-nots who would have their public believe they were riding on the inside track, have suddenly found themselves being crowded against the fence—with a few of the assorted gentry even being squashed under the fence.

Possibly about the most mortifying thing to be flaunted under their noses so far during the current session of the Legislature was their calm prediction that all would be harmony in the General Assembly.

Well, the lawmakers returned to their seats last week after a brief recess and about the first thing they did was get into a squabble over such a comparatively minor question as freeing the existing toll bridges in Pennsylvania.

To those who must use the toll bridges the question is vitally important, but the argument centered not over whether the bridges should be free—but the method of drawing up the bill to free the bridges. The Republicans took one side and the Democrats the other side.

Yet to come before the Legislature are such "hot" bills as favorite administration measures of Governor Duff and party leaders and the explosive-packed financial bills, both of which the Democrats are watching for with fists literally in a ball.

It should be borne in mind that by and large the members of Pennsylvania's Legislature are a select group of people. They have been chosen by the voters as their representatives. They are not underdogs as many would have us believe. In the main they are smart men and women. Most of them know their books and the majority have the welfare of the people at heart—although at times it may not seem so.

The average person may not realize it but members of the Legislature have a tough road to travel. They are constantly being besieged on all sides for this and that favor. One group of interests is continually trying to outdo the other group of interests.

In this welter of confusion the legislator finds himself wondering which is the true representation of the wishes of the people.

If he leans one way, he'll be snarled at by one segment of society. If he leans the other way, he'll be the butt of growls from another segment. When all is said and done—sad though it may be—the persons who should be really heard from rarely put in an appearance.

Party policies are important. The legislator must adhere to the party line somewhere or he becomes little more than a floating piece of humanity unable to gain cooperation from either major faction.

All in all, the lot of a member of the Legislature is not all bread and jelly by a long shot. A visit to the floor of either the House or the Senate to witness activity will actually show a highly geared

YOUR HEALTH

by Luzerne County Medical Society

HEADACHE

A person with a headache often becomes a headache to his doctor. Oliver Wendell Holmes once said that if he wanted to show a student the difficulties of medical practice he would give him a headache to treat.

Headache is probably the most frequent of all complaints.

It is said that between 8 and 10 percent of patients complain of headache and that 70 percent of the population has had headache at one time or another.

The possible causes for headache are numerous.

Excitement, anxiety, constipation, gluttony, fatigue, indulgence in alcohol, excessive smoking, poor ventilation, overbright or poor illumination, and the wearing of a tight hatband are causes.

The fumes in industry, overdose of drugs, fever, allergy, high blood pressure, low blood pressure, anemia, and infections may bring on a headache.

Emotional state account for many headaches - frustration, intolerance, feeling of insecurity, perfectionism, financial concern.

The pain of headache may originate in the teeth, ears, nose and sinuses, or eyes.

Following injury to the skull with concussion or fracture there is likely to be headache, and brain tumors usually are associated with headache.

There are headaches that hammer, that press, that come and go, that are continuous.

The headache that is worse at night is often due to some disease within the skull, inflammation of the bone of the skull, or eyestrain.

Headaches that are worse in the morning are frequently due to sinusitis or hang-over-itis.

The headache may be very real although its cause is often vague.

DO YOU KNOW?

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SAFETY VALVE

The Prohibition Vote

Dear Editor:

Today I received the final official returns of the votes cast for me as a candidate for the Office of State Treasurer on the Prohibition ticket at the November 2 election. In a field of 5 candidates I placed third with a total of 14,476 votes. I certainly appreciate the vote of confidence expressed by those who were not afraid to vote their conviction. Their vote stands as a memorial to the ideals of the prohibition party and the sacred trust given its candidate.

I feel that there is something that the defeated candidate owes to those who by their vote said, "I trust you to act in my stead in this office." I feel that the defeated candidate should give leadership to his group in forming that "loyal opposition" to the party in power that makes for true democracy and the representation of all areas of political philosophy in the government of our great nation. We recognize the mandate of the majority but realize in part the responsibility of the minority. The minority should always be active and strong in order to be able to check unfair legislation and give the people a chance to elect them to the majority position when the next season opens.

I trust that with God's help I may be able to give such leadership to the 14,476 people who voted for me and also to those others who stand for prohibition of the liquor traffic.

Yours,
Albert J. Crispell

From California

Wednesday
January 12th, '49

Hello Folks!

Tonight it is raining like—well, you know what and it's a darn good time to be home. There being nothing on our schedule tonight, we are "staying in". Irene is doing some light ironing and while I'm in the den—with radio going strong and just finished looking over the Dallas Post, thought I'd drop you good folks a line and let you in on this California snow storm. Suppose you've heard, via radio, and have been reading of this strange winter weather Los Angeles has "enjoyed" this week. To begin with, let me say the boys at Chamber of Commerce have very, very red faces these days. No wonder!

Am sending you a couple sheets of local newspaper which show this snow in and around Los Angeles. While the snow made the country and city look very beautiful in the new white dress, it did no end of damage to fruit and vegetable crops—the citrus has been damaged to the tune of 68 million—no snows have fallen since 1932 (Continued on Page Seven)

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LONELINESS

The ticking clock upon my drawer,
Four blank walls, a lonely door;
Silence weighs me like a stone,
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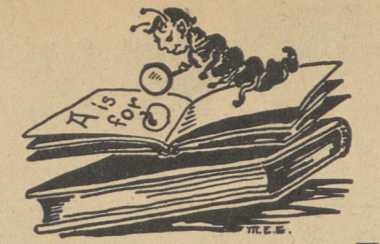
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The Book Worm



By Helen Dunn Lamb

To use a rather Pennsylvania Dutch expression "he collects"—for it is Bill who is the original antique hound of the family. He started by bringing home little vases and slippers of colored glass plus an amazing assortment of barber bottles. Then followed a procession of lamps, clocks, chairs and tables until we were literally bulging at the seams of our apartment. I must admit he had an endless capacity for finding things but I was torn between admiration and desperation. My task was the arranging of these numerous, and sometimes questionable objects of art but in so doing I learned to appreciate their charm and finally joined Bill's enthusiasm in the collecting of antiques.

Like all beginners we were apt to mistake quantity for quality and think that just because things were old they were desirable. What a lot of needless effort we would have been spared if we had had the information contained in some of the books I recently found on the shelves of the Back Mountain Library! To mention a couple—I heartily recommend "First Reader for Antique Collectors" by Carl R. Drepperd and "New Geography of American Antiques" by the same author. They will prove a great help and time saver to any would be collector.

There is nothing dull about this hobby of collecting antiques. The places you go, the people you meet, are all interesting stories in themselves. My sense of humor was tickled more than once as Bill strove to make his bargains. There was the time he tried to buy some plank bottom chairs from an old coddler who possessed one of the most smooth running swearing vocabularies I have ever heard. No amount of coaxing could make him part with them and he asked, what appeared to me as I glanced around, a very logical question—"What he--- will I sit on if I sell them?"

Bill's knowledge and judgement of what was worthwhile progressed faster than mine. He recognized good pieces under their many layers of paint while I insisted they looked like hopeless nothings. My education broadened as we applied paint remover and elbow grease. It honestly takes patience and hard work to achieve results but I know of nothing more satisfying when you have completed the job.

If you would like to try your hand at refinishing old furniture first read "Wood Finishing and Painting Made Easy" by Ralph G. Waring also "How to Restore Antiques" by Raymond F. Yates. You will find both books at the Back Mountain Library. Right now I am pondering over Chapter VIII of the later book on "The Craft of the Old-Time Stenciling." It sounds simple but after talking to a friend, who really does a super job, I think I will be in the practice stage for some time. However I am not dismayed for by this time I too am under the spell of the collecting bee.



Barnyard Notes

Some of the best local anecdotes are those that can't be published in the Barnyard. For instance what Cindy Gross asked her father when she saw him shaving in the bathroom. Next time you see Paul you might ask him. It was delightful.

But for all around consistency, Joe Peterson is God's gift to the Barnyard.

Tie this one if you can?

Joe and Durelle Scott, III, bounced in on Mrs. Scott late one afternoon last week. "Mother," asked Durelle, "can I go over to Joe's to see his moving pictures?"

"Moving pictures, what do you mean?" inquired Kay. "Well, they're not exactly movies" explained Durelle. "It's one of those things you look through and see colored pictures," and as a final persuasive point, "There are pictures of God, too".

"Not God," corrected Joe bluntly, "Jesus".

"Well, God and Jesus are all the same," suggested Durelle gently. "That's right," Kay confirmed, "God and Jesus are all one".

"Oh," blurted Joe, dumbfounded, "I thought God was a swear word."

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DALLAS SOCIAL NOTES

Once or twice a week, Joe sidles up to our desk while we're busy and haltingly pants out a social item that he wants us to be sure to print. The item may reveal the intimate workings of the Peterson household or that of the neighbors or it may have to do with a dog that was struck by an automobile or the performance of mongrels in the school yard.

Friday evening we saw him stopping at every house on Lehman Avenue, a blue pad in one hand, a pencil in the other.

Just before we turned out the lights, he dropped in with the pad. It was one of those newspaper pads used at banquets and meetings to gather names of the guests.

Joe had done a good job. Here's what the neighbors had written.

Mrs. S. H. McKenzie, Jr., thanks Mrs. Risley and everybody on Lehman Avenue for renewing her faith in humans during her illness. They deserve a star in "friendship" for service far beyond the line of duty.

June Colwell and Mrs. Gibbs are having tea in Mrs. Scott's kitchen this afternoon.

Al Gibbs was supposed to be out of town but love of his wife drove him home two days early.

Durelle Scott, Jr., is attending a real estate dinner today. First square meal in a month. Asked by his wife when he would get home, he replied: "At the last meeting one guy didn't get home for a week."

The Scotts acquired a second hand piano today. Bargain, \$10. Durelle and Mary Dora Scott have had bad colds this week. Apparently none of the other neighbors were in, for thus endeth the reading of the word.

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Not to be outdone by his son, Hank, himself, contributed this one to the Barnyard the other morning.

Two tabby cats were sitting on a fence brushing their whiskers and talking things over. "Have you heard from Tom lately?" asked one. "Yes," drawled the other, "I had a litter from him last week."

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MORE ABOUT BIRDS

His arms loaded with six different varieties of bird house for the library auction, Frank Jackson dropped in the office Friday morning to tell us how much he enjoyed the talk on winter birds given by Dr. Charles Reif of Wilkes College before the Garden Club on Thursday night.

Dr. Reif showed motion pictures of native birds and played recordings of their songs. Ninety persons were present but only nine of them were men.

In the discussion that followed Dr. Reif's talk, it was brought out by many that birds are not as plentiful at feeding stations this winter as in previous seasons. Frank believes this is so because of the open winter which permits many seed eaters to gather their food without coming to the stations. "But," he adds, "if you will supply plenty of water and suet, you will be sure to attract lots of birds." This is especially true of the cardinals, he says. They love water and will bathe in it even in the coldest weather if it isn't frozen. All birds like suet, even the seedeaters.

To prove his point he listed the birds that are at present at his feeders: Downy Woodpecker, Purple Finch, Redpoll, House Sparrow, Tree Sparrow, Slate-Colored Junco, Cardinal, Red-Breasted Nuthatch, White-Breasted Nuthatch, Brown Creeper, Chickadee and Kinglet. Frank emphasized that those who want to attract birds, must place feed in the feeders several times a day. "You can't be Scotch about it and you should feed them in summer as well as winter."

"The trouble with most folks", Frank thinks, "is that the wife thinks the husband fills the feeders and the husband thinks the wife is doing it, and actually nobody is doing the job on schedule." Birds also like a little shrubbery near the feeder where they can alight and then proceed to the feeder.

The U. S. Department of Interior, Fish and Wildlife Service has issued a pamphlet "Attracting Birds" which can be obtained from the Government Printing Office, Washington, 25, D. C., for 25¢. Listed there are the following foods commonly used in catering to birds. They include:

SUET or other fat, pork rinds, bones with shreds of meat, cooked meats, cured cheese, chopped hard-boiled egg, mealworms, cut-up apples, bird seed, buckwheat, crackers, crumbs, coconut meat, cracked or whole corn and popcorn, corn bread, corn meal, broken dog biscuits, bread, doughnuts, and pastry, fresh and dried fruits, hempseed, hominy, millet, pumpkin or squash seed, scratch feeds, screenings, sunflower seed and wheat.

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