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Editorially Speaking:

Economy Is Not Enough

Pennsylvania, the third largest and third richest in the Union, has stood for too long at the bottom of the list in its social welfare services. During the last two years, we began to move forward, but because the Legislature was in session for eighteen months many of the new, enlightened programs have barely started.

The new Bureau of Children's Services in Luzerne County is an example. When appropriations for it were finally assured in Harrisburg, there were many arrangements still to be made—contracts between the Welfare Department and the Luzerne County Institution District, setting up a Welfare Advisory Committee and the search for a qualified director. This last was successfully completed and announced only Friday. Luzerne County was ready to go ahead with \$100,000 re-imbursment from the State.

That same day it was learned that the House Appropriations Committee had proposed slashes in the Welfare Budget, which would entirely eliminate funds for the Children's Bureau, as well as for many other programs, and which would drastically reduce other services.

The Republican answer to the swarm of horrified protests is that this measure is economy. But why economize on neglected children, the mentally ill, the tubercular and the needy? Is it because they can't fight back?

And is it economy? Even if we are willing to throw away people, are we willing to continue throwing away money in ways that more progressive states gave up years ago?

It costs between \$1500-\$1800 a year to keep one man in prison. Under the new Parole system, many of these men could be safely returned to society at a cost of \$150 a year. In the meantime, they can take care of their families and have full rehabilitative services. This works elsewhere. Why do our Republican House members think it won't work here? They have cut out the funds that would save thousands of dollars.

The mentally ill, in ever-increasing numbers, can be cured and returned to the world as useful citizens IF they get proper treatment. If they are merely locked up, as they must be, because of Republican cuts, they will have to be supported all of their lives by the taxpayers.

Neglected and dependent children, shoved around by inadequate and haphazard methods are tomorrow's juvenile delinquents, mental cases or jail inmates—what's economical about that? It has been proved all around us that, given half a chance, they develop into normal members of their communities.

By these actions, Pennsylvania counties also become ineligible for Federal funds for welfare programs since our great Commonwealth will have fallen far below the standards of decency set in Washington and disqualified itself. Is that economy?

Obviously, there is an answer that has not been given. The action being taken is down-the-line party politics. Minimum standards for the care of helpless people should be safe in the hands of either party and political jealousies kept out of the Department of Welfare.

Memorial Day Safety Tips

Thousands of motorists, eagerly awaiting Memorial Day and the first of the major summer holidays, may be a little over-anxious to hit the open road.

To avoid possible tragedy, when highways are crowded and tempers sometimes short, here is a list of safe driving tips for Memorial Day motorists.

- 1. Keep a safe distance behind the car ahead—at least one car length for each ten miles of speed.
2. Stay in your own lane on hills, curves and in "no passing zone."
3. Don't pass at intersections and never attempt to pass more than one car at a time.
4. If you drink, don't drive.
5. Slow down when driving at night, and dim your lights to oncoming traffic.
6. Never drive a car if you are sleepy, fatigued or emotionally upset.
7. Never cross a solid double line to pass another car. It might be the last move you ever make.
8. Always get out of your vehicle by the curb-side door.
9. Slowpoke driving can be dangerous. Keep up with the normal flow of traffic.
10. Driving safely is a full time job. Don't sacrifice your life for a day dream.

FATAL AUTOMOBILE ACCIDENTS AND INJURIES

SINCE JANUARY 1, 1957

Table with columns: Hospitalized, Killed. Rows: Dallas, Dallas Twp., Franklin Twp., Kingston Twp., Lake, Monroe, Noxen, Ross, Total.

MOTOR LAW VIOLATIONS

Table with columns: Arrests, Convictions. Rows: Dallas, Dallas Twp., Franklin Twp., Kingston Twp., Lake, Monroe, Noxen, Ross, Total.

EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBERS

Ambulance ..... 4-2121. Fire ..... 4-2121. State Police ..... BU 7-2185. (For other emergency calls consult Telephone Directory under Police Calls and Fire Calls.)

ONLY YESTERDAY

Ten and Twenty Years Ago In The Dallas Post

From The Issue Of May 30, 1947

Dallas National Bank approves Saturday closing.

Items begin to pour in for the Library Auction. Included are household goods, antiques, garden and farm supplies.

Sweet Valley prepares for its biggest Memorial Day Parade. Alfred Bronson, general chairman, says many Shickshinny floats will be in the march, led by Shickshinny and Lehman high school bands.

Kingston Township will graduate 51 students on Tuesday. Ruth Ann Walker is valedictorian, Robert E. Underwood salutatorian.

Betty Kelly will be valedictorian, Richard Pierce salutatorian, of a class of 18 to graduate Wednesday from Dallas Borough School.

Lake Township high school board appoints Walter Nolan, Mifflinburg, as coach and instructor in mathematics and science.

Leo Nieszoda, Lehman is leading batter for the Trenton Giants, one of the New York Giants' farm teams.

Lehman Local of the Dairymen's League appoints five delegates to the annual meeting June 19 in Syracuse, N. Y.: Ray Prutzman, District delegate; Fred Shoultice, alternate; James Jones of Mooretown, substitute; Mrs. Jones alternate; John Hewitt, president of the local.

Lehman Firemen schedule a horse show for July 4, a revival of the show which was held in 1941 and 1942 on Memorial Day, and discontinued during the war.

Shirley Austin, Shavertown, becomes the bride of Herbert W. Jones, also of Shavertown. Joseph V. Delet-Kanic heads Dallas Township PTA.

From The Issue of May 28, 1937

Robert Fleming and Jane Knecht, top honor students, will have leading parts in Dallas Borough commencement exercises Thursday evening when 22 seniors will receive diplomas. Rabbi Louis Levitsky will speak.

Judge John S. Fine will speak tonight at Dallas Township graduation. Keats Posd is valedictorian, Wilma Brace, salutatorian. Anna Matukitis will deliver the Mantle oration. Twenty-five seniors will graduate. (Keats later gave his life in the Pacific conflict).

Chase leads Rural League. Hope is not yet abandoned for foundation of a national or state park at Kitchen Creek.

Three bull calves from Goodleigh F.A.m.'s registered Guernsey herd are sold in Wisconsin, a great dairy state which appreciates dairy lines.

SAFETY VALVE

CURTAINS FOR CHUCKY!

Dear Mrs. Hicks:

We read with interest your story about our baby woodchuck last week, and under any other circumstances, I'd have said, "we thoroughly enjoyed your delightful story." However, it proved to be a tear-jerker, as Chucky died Friday morning about 10 before we read the Post.

I believe the little guy was asphyxiated. We have a coal stove in the kitchen and Thursday night we had a hot fire before going to bed, so Lew left the lids pretty much ajar to dampen it more. We smelled sulphur during the night, but didn't think about the woodchuck being in a box at the back of the stove.

Peggy got up Friday morning, started heating the milk, got the bottle ready, but was concerned when Chucky didn't grab hold as (Continued on Page 7)



ROGER E. SPEAR

SUCCESSFUL INVESTING...

by ROGER E. SPEAR, Investment Advisor and Analyst

SOME REASONS BEHIND MARKET'S GOOD RECOVERY FROM FEBRUARY LOW

Q. Why has the market been strong in recent weeks?

A. There are several reasons to explain why the market stopped falling in February and began to advance. Around February, many institutional and professional investors felt that stock selling had progressed so far that the market was low enough to open up many good buying opportunities. This interest in buying on the part of large investors was followed by the publication of first-quarter earnings reports. These showed that the general level of business profits in that period improved, whereas early this year many people had expected a decline. The favorable tone of the reports caused investors to turn optimistic and buy. Another important factor has been the publication of many articles indicating the growing belief that inflation cannot be permanently checked and that a new upward trend in the wage-price spiral is ahead.

It is too early to predict accurately the rate of business for the entire year, but with full employment and a high level of consumer, corporate and Federal spending, there is reason for optimism. And I believe that the inflation threat will be important throughout the year. While these factors are likely to generate more stock market enthusiasm in coming months, not all companies and industries are in a favorable position, and some have an unfavorable outlook, which necessitates a selective investment policy.

Firestone Tire Sound Investment

Q. What do you think of Firestone Tire?

A. I like it. Sales this year should be about \$2 million above last year's, and earnings may add \$1 to 1956's \$7.43 per share. The company is expanding and integrating its synthetic rubber productive facilities and conducting important research. Firestone has good growth appeal and will benefit from the mounting number of cars and trucks on the road as well as from the highway building program, as it supplies tires for road-building equipment.

Beneficiaries of Pacific Northwest Growth

Q. I just moved my family out to the State of Washington and am amazed at all the boom going on. Can you recommend some utility stocks which I could buy to participate?

Looking at T-V

With GEORGE A. and EDITH ANN BURKE

FIVE STARS FOR SPRINGTIME will star Patti Page, Gordon MacRae, Nat "King" Cole, June Valli, Andy Williams, Ricky Nelson and Bud Collyer. This hour-long program will be presented on Saturday, June 1, 9-10 p. m., EDT.

PATTI PAGE was born in Claremore, Okla. From the art department of a Tulsa radio station, she moved into a spot as vocalist on a local radio show. This was the beginning of a career which led her to night clubs, small theatres, network radio, a recording contract, and in time, to television. Some of her biggest hits have been "Tennessee Waltz," "Mocking Bird Hill," and more recently "Cape Cod."

GORDON MacRAE is one of the "successful men who started as NBC pages." He was the leading man of a weekly operetta on radio's "Railroad Hour." He is currently featured as host on the "Lux Video Theatre." Born in East Orange, N. J., MacRae is married to the former Sheila Stephens, an actress, and is the father of four children.

NAT "KING" COLE—An irate nightclub customer who insisted that the pianist sing the lyrics to "Sweet Lorraine," unwittingly launched Nat Cole on his career as a singer. The boy, from Montgomery, Ala., who grew up in Chicago, got his first road experience with his brother's band. After his unexpected singing debut, he went on radio with a 15-minute program. He began making records in 1943. He is married to Maria Ellington, a former band singer, and is the father of two children.

JUNE VALLI was working as a clerk in a bookkeeping department when she was invited to a wedding. Asked to sing at the reception, the dark-eyed girl impressed one of the guests who arranged for her to audition for a TV show. Her appearance in the TV amateur show netted her first prize and a radio contract. Recording success, nightclub success, guest appearances and stardom in 1952 on "Your Hit Parade" (Continued on Page 5)

pate in the growth of the Far West?

A. The Pacific Northwest is one of the most dramatic growth regions in the nation and utility stocks should be prime beneficiaries of the area's development. The region has several fine utilities: For a combination of growth and income, there is Washington Water Power and Puget Sound Power & Light, both yielding about 5%. Lower yielding, but with sound growth prospects are Idaho Power, Portland Gas & Coke, and El Paso Natural Gas. The latter two will benefit from the major natural gas usage projected for the territory, especially El Paso which, because of a recent merger, has become the dominant natural gas pipeline in the country.

TRUE OR FALSE?

Avoid Utility Stocks During Periods of Inflation

FALSE. This rather common belief is based on the theory that during inflation utility companies' costs rise faster than the regulated rates they are allowed to charge customers, thus squeezing profit margins. This is usually true over short periods of time, of say, a year or two when the trend toward inflation accelerates rapidly. However, this rapid acceleration of the inflation spiral causes high business activity which, in turn, generates an increase in the demand for power. The resulting increase in the volume of kilowatt output helps to maintain earnings. Over long periods of time, even though gradual inflation occurs, the growth in demand more than offsets any handicap created by lagging rates. All we need to do is look at the past fifteen years. During this time, while the purchasing power of the dollar (the true measure of inflation) has decreased 50%, utility company earnings, especially the earnings of those companies in rapid growth areas of the country, have increased sharply.

If an investor is buying only for the greatest possible capital gains he should avoid most of the utilities most of the time and concentrate on growing industrial companies. However, the risk in selecting the proper industrial stock is much greater than the risk in selecting the proper utility stock. The utilities are not subject to wide and sometimes disturbing market swings, are good income producers and have the advantage of stability in times of business recession. (Send your investment questions to Roger E. Spear, care of this paper.)

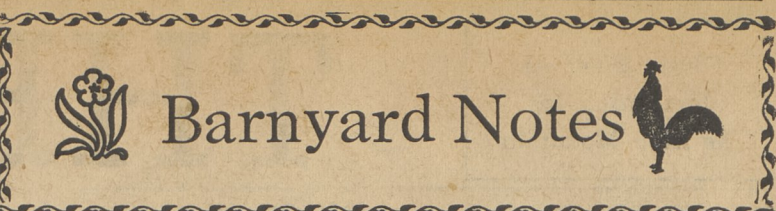


THE DRIVER'S SEAT

Spring is a time for cleaning. Women work on their houses, men work on their cars and children work on their necks. Personally, I like to clean out a special desk drawer I have that's called "Odds and ends of information." Here are some of the scribbled notes I found in it:

- 1. Why aren't license plate holders higher up on cars, where the plates would be less likely to get dirty and bent?
2. Why aren't automobiles made with steering wheels on the right-hand side, so drivers would have a better view of the curb when they're parking and allow them to get in and out of the car on the non-traffic side?
3. Why is all angle parking arranged so drivers have to back into traffic when they leave the parking space? Wouldn't it be safer and easier if angled parking stalls were arranged so drivers backed into the parking space and pulled forward when they entered traffic again?
4. Why don't automobile manufacturers revive the rumble seat, which was popular 20 years ago?
5. Why aren't automobiles equipped with reserve fuel tanks you could switch on when your regular tank runs dry? A two- or three-gallon reserve tank would save a lot of lonely walking.
6. Why don't they build bigger directional signs to show you how to get from where you are to where you want to go? Most signs, designed 20 years ago for use with slower-moving traffic, aren't any good in fast-moving traffic.
7. Why aren't safe drivers rewarded? For example, a man or woman who has driven a certain number of years or miles without an accident could get free license plates. Conversely, drivers with poor records should be made to pay more for the privilege of driving.
8. Why doesn't somebody invent a car that never has to be washed, even in the spring?

If It's Printed, Call The Post



I hope you have seen the border of spirea that skirts College Misericordia for almost a quarter of a mile along the old Lake highway. It was at its peak this weekend and worth travelling considerable distance to view.

If one of these beautiful days you are yearning to be hundreds of miles away on the open road and everything conspires to keep it only a dream, don't worry. Be a "shunpiker"! Make a circle tour of the back roads right here at home. A smart cookie can drive a hundred miles in this Back Mountain country without meeting fifty cars and over some of the most beautiful drives in the eastern United States.

There are gravel roads in the vicinity of Loyalville that traverse regions that are out of this world; the same is true of the dirt roads that parallel route 115 beyond Sweet Valley. And for a river view that is unsurpassed, catch a glimpse of the horseshoe bend in the Susquehanna from the top of Mehoopany mountain.

Travel the back roads around Ceasetown reservoir, skirt over the hills beyond Vernon and Centermoreland. Drive up the river route from Keelersburg to North Eaton or follow the crow's flight across Sorber Mountain to the upper reaches of Bowmans.

Drive at a speed of not over thirty miles an hour. Soak in the chatter of the birds, the scolding of the blue jays, the wistful night cry of the whip-poor-will, the deep throated boom of a bullfrog, the thin piping of peepers. Listen to the busy tinkle of mountain streams.

Stop when a woodchuck, chipmunk or fawn crosses your path. Grasp a honeysuckle bloom. Breathe deep of the pink blooming locust flowers.

Man, what do you want! Restless motion, constant striving, speed, nervous energy, hot dog stands and billboards? Forget it! Take the first dirt road you see and follow it to its end. There is more adventure, more beauty—within an hour of home—than you've ever dreamed. And the glorious thing—this beauty changes at every hour from dawn to dusk and from dusk to dawn! Rip asunder the old pattern. Drive these roads under a star studded sky. Feel the gentle whip of the rain across your face. Breathe deep—and forget the world of concrete and speed.

You who have lived so long under the stars—why should you be afraid of the dark or the silent beauty of these roads that lead to nowhere?

We're happy that there are men like Stefan Hellersperk, Les Barstow and Doc. Bradbury who can talk a boy's language. Last weekend they shepherded fifty Boy Scouts on a camporee near the old Spencer spring in Dallas Township!

There are split-level dwellers who boast about living in the Back Mountain who never knew such a world existed as can be found within a mile of Stefan's house!

Troops from Shavertown, Dallas, Grace Church, Kingston, and Kingston Presbyterian camped there. It was our pleasure to be welcomed to their campfire Saturday evening, an experience that took us back more than forty years to a time when we, too, were a boy—seated on a log surrounding a similar fire—dreaming that when we grew up we would like to be the kind of man that could lead a Boy Scout troop and speak a lad's language!

Grace Episcopal's Troop 161 is one of the oldest in the United States. The famous Englishman Baden-Powell formed the Boy Scouts in Africa around 1909. Grace Church has had a Boy Scout Troop in continuous existence since 1910!

From Pillar To Post...

by Mrs. T. M. B. Hicks

Small flags have bloomed this week on mossy graves all over the length and breadth of our native land. The blue skies rest as lightly on long dead Confederate veterans as upon the Union dead, the breezes blow as softly, and the red geraniums flower as valiantly. At Gettysburg and at Antietam and Harpers Ferry and at Chancellorsville and Shiloh the rich earth was watered with the blood of the slain in that mighty conflict between the States.

The last Confederate veteran, now 111 years old, is the lonely outpost of the inspired army of General Robert E. Lee. The last soldier of the Grand Army of the Republic bore with him to his grave the traditions of the Union.

Their weary feet slogged through the mud of sodden battlefields, dragged into cornfields at night for what shelter they could find from the relentless rain. Farm boys, fresh-faced from their family acres, learned that placid cattle were not for milk, but for slaughter in the face of overwhelming necessity.

They left havoc in their wake, plundered granaries and empty pastures, a monstrous denial of their heritage. By the grace of God, our country has not been torn by war for almost a hundred years, our homes are inviolate. The accident of geography has preserved us from the destruction which has rained from the skies upon other less fortunate lands. It could never happen here.

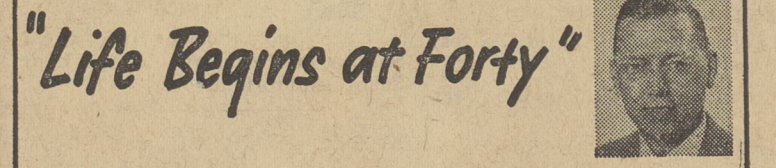
Could it? Could these fair green hills be the target of searing flame? Could our peaceful green cemeteries be blasted from the tortured earth as they were at Verdun?

Could our women and our children struggle in exhaustion along the highways while gunners mowed them down from roaring planes? Could these things be, in an age when medical science is conquering old age and disease, promising longer, brighter years?

We do not know war. Our fine young sons have gone to fight in foreign lands. Some of them have not returned. We have been permitted the sad luxury of grieving for them in our own homes, not while fleeing the enemy. Those who come back, have had a home to come to, loved ones waiting, familiar scenes to welcome them and help erase the shocking memories of things which they were too young to see, but nevertheless were called upon to endure.

They have not returned to a land laid waste by a ruthless enemy, to blackened hearths and ruined vineyards.

We do not know war. But we could know war, unless we guard our heritage of freedom.



"Life Begins at Forty"

By ROBERT PETERSON

MAKING A FINANCIAL BLUEPRINT WHEN A COUPLE PASS the milestone of 40 they should buckle down to the rewarding task of charting their personal financial future. The four basic steps in this procedure are as follows:

- 1. Buy a home of your own. By the age of 40 a couple should be well on their way toward owning a home. It should be every couple's goal to arrive at retirement with a substantial home paid for down to the last doorknob. Why? Because the home owner always has something to fall back on since a home of one's own is a solid financial asset. Even if a severe emergency arises and income is cut off, a home and garden will still maintain the owner. If necessary he can rent a room or apartment or even the entire house as a means of obtaining funds in time of emergency.
2. Choose your objectives. You should sit down and decide what kind of security you want in the years ahead. Approximately how much income will you really need to permit you to spread your wings and enjoy those later years? As a rule of thumb, it has been found (Continued on Page 5)