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Editorially . . .

Viewing The Inaugural

Say what you will about TV, it proved to be a truly democratic media Tuesday when it enabled millions throughout the country to have first-row seats at the inauguration of President Dwight G. Eisenhower. What a contrast with the inauguration of the first president of the United States in New York City, so many, many years ago.

For then, probably a fourth of the nation was not aware that a president actually was being inaugurated. News of that dramatic inauguration of George Washington did not reach all of the people until well more than a month later.

Last Tuesday it was the privilege of every school boy and girl here to sit and view the proceedings in comfort. They could hear every word spoken. And through actually witnessing historic events such as that, coming generations should prove to be fine citizens indeed.

Small Town Planning

The other day we stood on Main Street discussing borough affairs with a friend. "What any community needs," he informed us, "is long-range planning. Sure we get a good council and a good school board, but each is so busy with its present problems they never or seldom get to the point of really long-range planning."

There's a lot of truth in what he said. In school matters the situation is a bit different in that local school boards are guided to some extent by state educational heads and they have worked out a long-range plan for developing more efficient educational units and facilities throughout the state.

But too often, hard-working councils are kept busy with current problems which persist until those fellows are about ready to retire from office. The pressure for economy, too, seems too often to overshadow and present steps which might prove beneficial in the long run.

But you can take the thought a step further and ask what are we doing to bring new industries, new businesses and new residents here? Towns don't remain stationary. Like human minds, they go forward or backward—never remain where they are.

But let's get back to our friend. "What we need," he added, "is a meeting of minds from all of these groups, the council, the school board and the Chamber of Commerce. Or if the heads of such groups could or would get together just once in a while and compare notes as to the future, maybe from that would come the long-range planning the small communities such as ours lack today—and have lacked for years and years.

"In fact," he concluded, "if right here in town we had had such a meeting of minds and a bit of long-range planning thirty or forty years ago, problems facing us today would be a bit different."

There you are, we're handing it on to you as a bit of good food for thought.

Another Investigation

People who have wondered all their lives what would happen if a train hit that bumper at the end of the track, found out the other day in Washington. And now a Senate committee, and various other boards of inquiry are trying to find out WHY.

With its whistle screaming a warning, the Pennsylvania Railroad's Federal Limited from Boston, roared into the Capital's Union Station at a speed estimated from 50 to 60 miles an hour—through the safety stops at the end of the rails, through the Station Master's office and the concourse newsstand. A few feet from the crowded waiting room the 420 ton electric locomotive crashed through the concourse floor to a baggage room below. The brakes had failed, it was said, but by-standers reported flame and sparks from the driving wheels, as through the brakes were set. As yet, there is no answer.

Perhaps a greater mystery is why no one was killed, and but 36 passengers injured, most of them only slightly. As for the Station Master's crew, the newsstand attendants, and travellers who thronged the concourse but a moment before the fantastic crash, their lives were saved by Engineer Brower who signalled a warning to a towerman in the yards, kept his whistle blowing, and together with Fireman Moyer, stuck to his cab.

For all our ingenuity and technology, we shall probably never build machines that are faultless. But may we never be without men who can place duty to their fellows above life itself.

A man at Florin who had a cello with a single string used to bow on it for hours at a time, always holding his fingers in the same place. His wife endured this for months. Finally in desperation she said, "I have observed that when others play that instrument there are four strings, and the players move their fingers about continuously."

"Of course the others have four strings and move their fingers about constantly," he explained patiently. "They are looking for the place. I've found it!"

A couple of farm horses being shown at the Harrisburg Farm Show decided to see the city, so they set out one morning and traveled until noon. Then one said, "I'm hungry, but I don't know how we'll get any food."

"Come on," said the other, "let's go into this feed store. I'll hoof the bill."

Our friends in the service sent us these—The rather enigmatic looking young man was taking his army physical. After the physician had completed his examination of the prospect for an Army career asked, "Well doc, how do I stand?"

"Goodness knows," answered the medic "It's a miracle."

"Man alive!" exclaimed the officer to the recruit, "where are all your shots going? Everyone has missed the target."

"I don't know, sir," replied the soldier nervously. "They left here all right."

There are three things that any wife can make out of practically nothing—a salad, a hat, and a quarrel.

You know—these days it takes all a man's time to keep his business running and his wife still.

And when a man says he hasn't made up his mind about something, you can bet your bottom dollar it means he hasn't had a chance to talk to his wife yet.

My newest heartbeat (the ones I dream about when my wife isn't in view) looks like a million dollars—all in loose change.

Here's a conversation from the Farm Show: Si and Hiram were talking shop. "I have what is without a doubt the laziest rooster in the world," boasted Si.

"Just how lazy is he, Si?"

"Well, he ain't never crowed in his life. He just waits for another rooster to crow—and then he nods his head"

Bill Enck was standing in front of the Mount Joy Department Store when a stranger stopped and asked: "Where is the Department Store?" Bill studied a minute and then replied: "I'm not sure, I believe it's Murphy's 5 & 10, about a block uptown."

"What'll you have?"

A Maytown man and I were discussing scariers when I asked:

"Did you say your salary runs into five figures?"

"Yeah," was the dry rejoinder, "My wife and my four daughters" — I can understand that.

My idea of a monologue is a conversation between a real estate man and a prospect.

Hurrying to the scene of a traffic accident the officers found only tire skid marks, some broken glass and a note that read: "Everything settled satisfactorily."

Here's one that happened to "Sparky" up at Che's. A pleased customer announced:

"Bartender, you make the best martinis for miles around. Tell you what I'm going to do. I'm going to give you Ethbert."

He reached into his pocket and plunked the world's saddest-looking lobster on the bar.

"Thank you very much," answered Sparky "I'll take him home for dinner."

"Oh, don't take him home for dinner, he's already eaten. Take him to a movie" exclaimed the customer.

We know a man who was so active that 5 years after he died his self-winding wrist watch was still running.

When a woman puts her hand out of a car window it means one thing—the window's open.

We were discussing gardening last night and my neighbor told me he always plants his seeds two feet deep because it annoys the birds.

When a woman gets a ticket for speeding, her tongue is probably included.

News Items From E. D. Twp. School

Charles Keller, Mount Joy R2, was presented his first prize of \$15 in the Farm Safety Photograph Contest which was open to students in Lancaster Co. by R. D. Schrader, chairman of the committee. Michael Grove was awarded a fifth prize of \$1 at the same time. This contest was held from July, 1952 to December, 1952 on a county-wide basis and was carried on in the E. Donegal High School in the vocational agriculture department by Robert E. Shaffer, Agriculture teacher.

Advisory Committee Set Up
An advisory committee has been set up in the Maytown Elementary School for the purpose of studying and making suggestions for the general improvement of the school in all phases. Parents will compose the committee which includes Mrs. Charles Felty, representing Grade 6; Galen Herr, Grade 5; William Young, Grade 4; Mrs. John Richard, Grade 3; Mrs. Milton Mowrer, Grade 2; Mrs. William Bowers, Grade 1. The report will be made in the spring to the school board.

Career Book Compiled
The senior class of East Donegal High School will publish a career book in the near future for the use of the high school students. The project was conducted in English class in conjunction with the vocational guidance program and is under the supervision of Mrs. Vera Gingrich and Paul Diller. The book contains pertinent information about industries in this vicinity and will be used by students who are seeking a job after graduation.

The seniors spent two weeks during their English classes learning how to interview and be interviewed. Then each student was assigned an industry from which he was to get the information concerning positions for high school graduates by an interview with a member of the company. After receiving the information, the student submitted an article containing this information to Mrs. Gingrich.

An editorial staff, consisting of Jane Landis, Raymond Goepflich, Judy Martin, Robert Miller, Miriam Dick, Luke Drescher, Betsy Musser, John Waser, Shirley Leedom, was appointed and John Musser was appointed editor. The staff has rewritten the articles into the form in which they are to be published. The purpose of the book is to make known the requirements needed for positions in the various industries.

Directors to Visit
Tuesday, January 27 has been set as School Board Visitation Day for the three township schools. The directors will visit each school with members of the Student Council acting as guides.

Movie to be Shown
The East Donegal Township High School will present the pilgrimage play, The Life Story of the Life of Jesus Christ, January 26 and 27, 7:30 p. m. in the high school auditorium. Admission prices are adults \$1.00 and children 75c. Students will have an opportunity to attend the 2:00 p. m. matinee on January 26 and 27 for 50c.

Play To be Presented
"Whoa, Auntie", a three-act comedy will be presented by the Junior class in the high school auditorium Friday and Saturday, March 13 and 14. Mrs. Mary E. Llewellyn will be the director. Try-outs for the cast will be held this week.

Assemblies To Be Held
Eugene Saylor will hold a song assembly January 23, for the senior high school assembly. At the same time, Robert Shaffer will show pictures of the Fall Frolic (held last October). The junior high assembly will feature a basketball game with Hempfield. Miss Vivian Eby, a missionary home on leave, will talk to the groups January 28 and February 6 will feature "Making of a Geologist" by the F.&M. Geology Department. Instrumental Music by the Faculty Trio under the direction of Mr. Saylor will be held February 13 and a Washington and Lincoln program will be shown by the eleventh grade, February 26. Jim Lynch will give a talk on archery.

The past two weeks' assemblies featured a lecture on the history of science by Dr. Thomas Mariner and an Electricity

A Letter From Harold Musser On Way To Japan

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Musser, Poplar street, have received interesting letters from their son Harold, who is with the 2nd Inf. Division now stationed on Hogue Island, off the coast of Japan.

Harold left Seattle, Wash. on Wednesday, December 10 and arrived at the Island about December 30th. Each day writing a few lines until the trip was ended.

Appended are notes taken from his letters:
The Seattle harbor is quite large, and a crowd gathered to see the ship leave port, to the strain of band music provided for us.

Thursday, Dec. 11—6 p.m. the sea is very rough, we are now 400 miles off the coast. After breakfast about half the fellows became ill.

Dec. 16—Rain, had meat-leaf for dinner which was very tasty. One of my buddies gave me a book to read, "The Keys of the Kingdom" it is very good.

Dec. 17—Celebrating my 22 birthday. I bought a cake and treated my buddies. We are

and Power Demonstration by the Penna. Power and Light Co. Stanley Dotterer is chairman of the assembly committee.

Parents Group to Meet
The next meeting of both the Florin Washington Elementary School and the Maytown Elementary schools will be held in a joint meeting at the East Donegal High School Thursday evening, February 12.

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half way to Japan, we passed a ship today, going back to California.

Dec. 18—Today we turn our clocks back another hour and jump a day so it will be Saturday; we expect to spend Xmas on board ship.

Dec. 20—The sunset is beautiful, we are now 3100 miles from Seattle. We enjoyed a roast pork dinner today.

Dec. 21—Sunday, a beautiful day, three services, attended evening service, sang Xmas songs, sermon on Christmas.

Dec. 22—Clear, sea rough. Today we received our certificates for the ship, will mail mine home, 3000 lbs. of turkey were prepared for Christmas, with fruit cake, cookies, etc.

Dec. 23—Sea very rough, are now 4195 miles from Seattle. Held Holy Communion services, we have a very pretty Xmas tree and enjoyed a dinner of roast pork and turkey.

Dec. 24—Christmas eve services, we sang carols at the 8 o'clock service and at nine we received small gifts. 10:30 p. m. the Episcopal Chaplain invited us to his office for coffee after the midnight service.

Christmas—9 a. m. Holy Communion for Protestant faith. Chapel filled to overflowing. 1:30 p.m. dinner, celeriac, turkey, cranberry, green peas, candied yams, mince pie, ice cream, nuts, salted peanuts, etc.

Dec. 25—Arrived at Camp

Drake, in Japan. Got the mail today and received 26 letters. The people appear very poor, shabbily dressed and the houses resemble shacks.

Dec. 28—Back aboard ship and leaving Japan.

Jan. 1—Arrived in Korea, Zero temperature, plenty of snow, received heavy clothing, on train for the bombed city of Yungluopo after which we will go to Seoul.

Jan. 3—Leaving Seoul for Hogue Island, along the coast on the Yellow Sea, where we will be stationed, after five months here, we get a ten-day rest in Japan.

Temperature 10 below. There are eighteen men to a tent.

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