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The Pennsylvania Story: Local Elections Coming Up; Light Vote Is Expected

Harrisburg — Next week Pennsylvania's voters troop the polls - or at least they should in an affair that is strictly a local shindig in nature with thousands of county, city, borough and township offices at stake.

In off-year elections such as the one upcoming there is little that can be taken as an indication of a trend - that is, how the populace may feel about such notable figures as Governor Leader or President Eisenhower.

Depending upon how the races fare locally there will be the usual wishful thinking on the part of partisan supporters but when the froth has been blown off the coffee pot there will be little left but the well boiled grounds.

One thing always stands out like a sore thumb in local elections such as next week's affair, and it is one thing that can usually be counted on - the vote will be light.

It is certainly one of the tragedies of the Democratic system of government - for it is in these local elections that affairs of everyday living strike closer to home than anything else.

To cite one example: in many counties district attorneys will be elected. These lads are one of the key points in law enforcement. Usually they are outstanding members of the bar who take their job quite seriously. The pay isn't great as compared to what they could earn in most cases in private practice on a full time basis.

Yet here are the upholders of the arm of the law - on the county or local level. Their importance cannot be overestimated - and yet when a bad lemon turns up, which thank goodness is most infrequent, the ones who holler and yell the loudest are those voters who put him in office - that is, those local blokes who were too lazy or didn't want to take the time to vote and placed the laggard in office by default.

We've used the office of District Attorney to drive home the point. It could have been a township supervisor, county commissioner, judge - or any of the local offices which must be filled in local elections.

Elected officials are only so good as the people who elect them.

And at this point, speaking of local elected officials we'd like to verbally pat Governor Leader on the back for having the gumption - so far at least - to steer clear of becoming involved in local scraps throughout the state.

As Pennsylvania's Chief Executive he has his hands more than full fiddling with the monstrous affairs of state. That is and should be his worry at the moment.

In the past it has been accepted at almost standard operating procedure for the Governor to get his horn in on many local scrap - particularly where he may have been personally concerned or where political heat may have been hot.

As Governor, Pennsylvania's Chief Executive represents neither Republicans nor Democrats - having been elected by the electorate as a whole, that comprises all political faiths.

By the same token the electorate would do well to abide by its duty - and vote in the locals November 8.

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NEWTOWN

Rev. and Mrs. R. H. Arndt visited Mr. and Mrs. Howard Johnston of Lancaster Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Harrington and son of Middletown visited Mr. and Mrs. Edw. Isler and Mrs. Irene Snyder.

Visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Haines were Mr. and Mrs. Giles Urban and son, Billie, Litz, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Alexander and son, Florin, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Haines, Marietta, Mrs. Lloyd Nentwig and children, Florin.

Visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Gamber were Mr. and Mrs. Salem Gamber and daughter, Columbia RD., and Mrs. Irene Snyder of town.

Visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Abram Gamber were, Mr. and Mrs. Guy Winters, Mr. and Mrs. Mark Winters, Manheim, Mr. and Mrs. Salem Gamber and daughter, Columbia.

Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Jordan and son left Monday to return to their home at Upland, Calif. after spending a few weeks with Mrs. Jordan's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Frysinger.

Visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Frysinger, Mrs. Katie Moore and Mrs. Ida Eisenberger were, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Gibble and daughters, Columbia RD., Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Resh, Mountville, Mr. Frank Rahm, and Annie Zercher, of Mount Joy.

Monday evening Rev. and Mrs. R. H. Arndt held their annual Halloween party in the school house for children and young people of Newtown. Lunch was served to 50 guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Witmer and children visited Mr. and Mrs. John Kauffman, Ironville.

Visitors at the Arndt Home, were Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Halk and children, Mrs. Lloyd Weidman and daughter, Linda, Mrs. Richard Shearer, E-town, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Wilson and children, Gordonville, Mr. Ira Stauffer, Marietta, Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Jordan, California, Mrs. Esther Johnston, Wilmington, Del., Mr. and Mrs. Harvard Johnston, Lancaster, and Rev. John F. Ferich, Elizabethtown college.

Mrs. Martha Fogie visited Mrs. Alfred Atland, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Barton, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Barton, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Jones, Columbia, Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Bornert and family, Marietta.

Rev. John Ferich was a Sunday guest of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Brosey and Mrs. Edith Erb.

Visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Geltmacher were Mr. and Mrs. Albert Brown, Mrs. Mettie Mentzell, Baltimore, Mrs. Minnie Geltmacher, and Mr. Ray Geltmacher, Kinderhook.

On Sunday afternoon the Youth Fellowship group of the Newtown EUB Church attended the showing of the film "Martin Luther," at the McCaskey High School, Lancaster.

Visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Oristus Wittle were Mr. Joseph Wittle and daughters, Columbia, Mr. Charles Wittle, Columbia RD., Mr. Charles Hallgren and children, Hummelstown, and Mrs. Ragner Hallgren, Mt. Joy.

Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Landis, Litz were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Witmer and family.

Mrs. Cora Myers, Marietta visited Mrs. Betty Brosey and Mrs. Edith Erb.

NEW HOME CONSTRUCTION DROPS

Harrisburg -PNS- Construction of new homes throughout Pennsylvania during the past month dropped sharply both in comparison with the preceding month and activity along this front a year ago.

During the month only 2782 new homes were placed under construction as compared with 3235 in the previous month and 2976 in the corresponding period last year.

This represents a drop of better than 14 per cent during the month and around ten per cent for the year.

Expenditures for new homes in Pennsylvania also declined, slipping from \$34 million last month - although above the \$31 of a year ago.

On the non-residential side of the construction picture the change was in the opposite direction with the number of new projects started during the month increasing from 910 to 1040 - up considerably over the 847 such projects started at this time last year.

Costwise there was a sharp upswing, climbing from twenty million dollars to \$31 million during the month - which compares roughly \$14 million in expenditures last year at this time.

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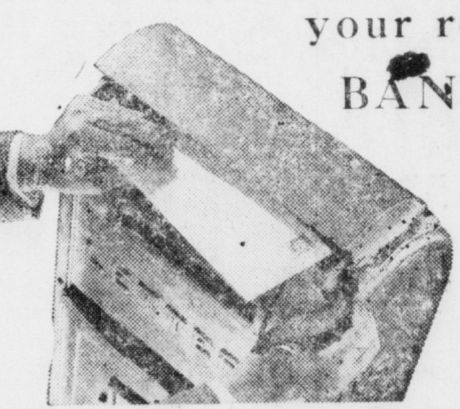
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