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BY A WISE OWL  
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A Back Run farmer's clock  
had suddenly ceased to func-  
tion. So he and his wife came  
to a local jeweler in town to  
get a new one. There were a  
lot to pick from, but a cuckoo  
clock fascinated the farmer. He  
thought it was fun to watch  
the little bird pop out and tell  
the hour. But his wife was re-  
luctant to buy it.

"It's a nice clock," she ad-  
mitted, "but just what would  
we feed the bird?"

Wishing to do the right thing,  
the motorist, stopped the car  
and started out in search of the  
farmer whose rooster he had  
hit, near Mastersonville.

After finding the owner, the  
motorist explained how he had  
killed the rooster with his au-  
to and said he was willing to  
replace him.

"Hm-mm-m," said the witty  
farmer. "Well, let's hear you  
crow."

Think how safe it would be  
if motorists approached school  
buildings as slowly as they did  
the first day they ever attended  
school.

A tired-looking Newtown  
husband dropped into our of-  
fice last Saturday and pointed  
out that women have two en-  
tirely different kinds of min-  
utes. "There's the regular sixty  
second minute," he explained,  
"and then there's the more  
common 'just-wait-a-minute'  
type."

Another thing the married  
man remembers at this time of  
year is that the first fall wrap  
was a fig leaf.

Here's a poem we received  
that was postmarked from Flor-  
in:

My health is good, my vision  
fine,  
My wife is worth a diamond  
mine;  
'Tis true I have some griefs  
and fears  
But nothing I can't drown in  
beers.

Philosopher Enck says: "The  
only thing wrong with the dol-  
lar that used to buy three times  
as much was that you didn't  
have it."

This is the time of year  
when evening gowns show  
where bathings suits left off.

And another thought which  
just flipped through the old  
noggin is that the man of the  
hour is the guy who makes ev-  
ery minute of the day count.

We just read that statisticians  
find that nine out of ten wom-  
en are knock-kneed . . . and  
for years we've been thinking  
that statisticians never had any  
fun.

Carl Germer was explaining  
to the fellows up at Chets that  
"Middle Age is when you don't  
care where you go, just so you  
are home by 9 p.m."

Did you hear about the screw-  
ball who went into the Lincoln  
and ordered three scoops of  
different colored ice cream on  
his mince pie and hoped he  
would dream in colors.

## The Pennsylvania Story

Harrisburg — Governor Leader unquestionably is destined to hear more from the animal kingdom in Pennsylvania.

For that matter he may well hear quite vehemently from the non-animal kingdom of this fair state.

In fact there is no telling just where it all may end - but this is the cause of all the barking and yapping now being heard in kennels throughout the land.

Late last week at his press conference, he was discussing with reporters the technology behind the defeat of his now-famous classified income tax some three months ago.

He was underscoring the point that it wasn't just opposition to the income tax itself that smacked down the classified plan, but the opposition of so many different groups of taxpayers that would be affected, such as people relying in dividends, rents, interest and royalties, utilities - and to use the Governor's own words - "it hit a lot of people with that program."

And this was the Governor's sentence: "What you do, you stir up all the animals."

We're uncertain at this point whether Governor Leader meant that some of the animals on his York County farm had become aroused - for some reason - over the tax plan, or whether he was inferring that those who dared to oppose the tax plan were a bunch of animals.

Supposedly that of course can be left largely to conjecture - and there a few people better equipped to indulge in conjecture of this nature than politicians themselves.

We should interpose here and now that this is not a question of mis-understanding a quote. It will be found in the written transcript of the press conference.

Well anyway, with the manufacturers excise tax the administration has now proposed and currently is in the process of being chewed up in the Legislature, the "animal" wails, or the protests from those affected by this new levy proposal, should be considerably confined inasmuch as fewer Pennsylvanians will be hit - directly that is.

Or, as the Governor said in speaking of the excise tax:

"Here, I hope, we will succeed in getting ourselves confined to a smaller area and we won't have everybody beating our brains out."

(Again we interpose the thought that this cannot be construed as a mis-quote at the conference - for as in the case of the previous quote, this has been lifted from the press conference transcript.)

Unquestionably with this newest tax proposal opposition from throughout the state - from an individual or personal standpoint - should be almost nil.

The tax is not being levied directly on the masses, although it is a "hidden" tax - and therefore opposition will be limited for the most part to manufacturers. And although Republicans controlling the Senate keep a close ear to this group, it is doubtful if it will be sufficient to kill the tax.

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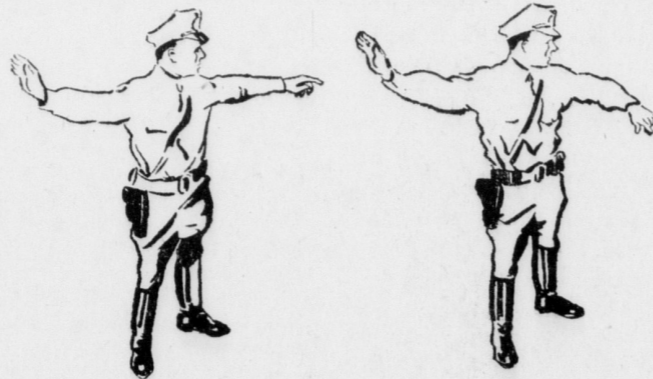
## Procedure For Fire Police When Directing Traffic At Fires—Emergencies

Control of pedestrians is as much a responsibility of the point control officer as is directing vehicular movement. Pedestrians have rights which must be upheld and responsibilities which they must observe. At intersections where there are heavy pedestrian movements congestion results when pedestrians interfere with motor vehicle movement. Pedestrians often cross against traffic, surge into the street while waiting for a signal or cross in places other than at crosswalks. Interference with pedestrian movement results when turning vehicles attempt to complete a turn through a stream of pedestrians in the crosswalk moving on the "Go" signal.

To deal with this problem the point control officer must first obtain pedestrian obedience to control directions. Pedestrian violations must be discouraged. Barriers can be used to restrict some undesirable pedestrian movements. Other engineering devices, such as safety islands, cross-

walks, and "walk" signals are helpful. However, much reliance still must be placed upon voluntary obedience on the part of pedestrians. To improve this many educational means are used. Police cars equipped with public address speakers can be used to caution pedestrians and instruct them in the correct use of the streets.

The police officer at the intersection can control pedestrians by signalling them when and where to walk. He cannot control pedestrians from the center of the intersection at first. He must build up voluntary pedestrian obedience by taking a position in the crosswalks. To obtain voluntary pedestrian obedience the officer must convince pedestrians that he is upholding their rights as well as requiring them to observe regulations. He must therefore direct vehicle operators to yield the right-of-way to pedestrians who are crossing properly. The officer's manner is important. He must be friendly but firm



Hand signal to designate turning movement. (Illustration 3)

### Approach of Emergency Vehicle

When an emergency vehicle approaches an intersection the officer should provide an uninterrupted safe passage through the intersection in the direction the driver wishes to go. To do this the officer should first determine the type of vehicle and the direction from which it is coming. He should prevent all traffic from entering the intersection except that which must be moved to clear a safe passage for the emergency vehicle.

If the emergency vehicle is following a pre-arranged route such as a fire truck route or an ambulance route to a hospital, the officer knows the direction which the vehicle will take in leaving the intersection. If he does not know he should try to clear all the exits for the safe passage of the vehicle.

He must provide more turning space for an aerial ladder truck making a run then for an ambulance or police car. The officer should watch for a signal from the operator of the emergency vehicle as to which direction he wishes to go at the intersection. The officer should direct curious and confused pedestrians to safety. He should watch for more than one emergency vehicle and hold traffic until he is certain another is not following closely.

If two emergency vehicles approach from different directions, priority should be given to one and the other should be slowed or halted as necessary. If there is any doubt in the officer's mind, both vehicles should be slowed or stopped. The officer must keep calm, make quick decisions and give deliberate directions.

## BENEFITS AVAILABLE TO THOSE 65 WITH LOW EARNINGS

Persons past age 65 who have sufficient coverage to be eligible for old-age insurance benefits, but have not filed application for benefits because they are still working, were reminded today by M. S. Gleaton, manager of the social security office at 1024 Harrisburg Ave., that if their earnings in 1955 are sufficiently low they may receive full or partial benefits for the year.

"We are inclined to believe," Mr. Gleaton said, "that there are people who could receive benefits for 1955 who have so far not taken advantage of their rights, because of misunderstanding or confusion as to the new retirement test in the law."

"In brief, an individual who was past 65 years of age the entire year of 1955, and who has had sufficient covered employment or self-employment to be eligible for benefits can receive benefits for the entire year 1955 if his total earnings for the year do not exceed \$1,200.00. He can receive partial benefits if his total earnings do not exceed \$1,080.00 even though he works throughout the entire year."

In the case of self-employed person, the net profit from the trade or business is what is considered "earnings."

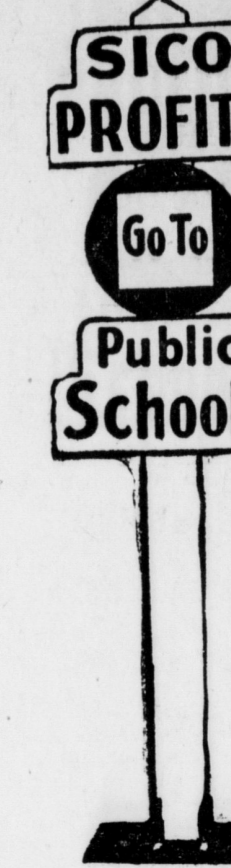
"Regardless of the amount of his earnings in certain months of the year, a beneficiary can get benefit payments for those months in which he neither earns more than \$80 in wages nor renders substantial services in self-employment," Gleaton

## AWARD PRIZES AT CARD PARTY

Earl Catherine won first prize playing pinochle at the turkey card party sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary Monday night. Other prize winners were Mrs. Clarence Witmer, James Zink, R. J. Farmer, Mrs. Edith Boltz, J. Hauser, Mary K. Kelly and Edythe Myers, pinochle and Mrs. John Nissley, bridge. Door prizes were awarded to Grace Benner and Mrs. Bessie Snyder and chance-off turkeys were awarded to Mr. Catherine, Pauline Trapnell and Agnes Houseal.

declared. January, 1956, is the latest time at which a person can file an application which could make him entitled to benefits for the full year of 1955.

Persons who do not earn over \$2080 in 1955, and who meet the other conditions for eligibility may secure further information and assistance in filing application for benefits, by contacting the Social Security Administration office at 1024 Harrisburg Avenue.



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