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BY A WISE OWL
OWL LAFFS

A principal of a local high school had to pay a visit to a farmer and he asked why he wasn't sending his son to school regularly. The farmer listened patiently while the principal explained the importance of keeping his boy in regular attendance, and also pointing out that he violated the compulsory school law by keeping his boy home.

"Well, Mister," the farmer drawled, "I just don't like the way they're doin' things nowadays. As soon as a kid is old enough to work a little, the Law says we gotta send him to school. Then as soon as he finishes school, the Law says he's gotta be d-raffed into the Army. 'Heck, Mister, it's gettin' so there ain't no profit in raisin' children any more."

A friend of mine does it every time when he plays poker. If he wins a few hands and gets ahead he announces he has to go home and get some shut-eye.

Last night he tried to pull it again. After winning his fourth big pot in a row he started to yawn and inquired: "What time is it?"

The fellow on my left cast an appraising eye on the pile of money in front of the winner. "At a rough guess," he remarked wearily, "I'd say it's about \$11.40 past your bedtime."

Men, don't worry about your station in life. Sooner or later some girl is bound to tell you where to get off.

A Donegal High School freshman opening the door of Detweiler's Barber Shop, asked "How long will I have to wait for a shave?"

Glancing at the boy over his specks, Joe replied: "About six months or a year."

A nephew of mine who claims to be one of the best shot in these parts went hunting with me last Saturday. Suddenly a lone pheasant flew overhead. "Watch your nephew bag this one," he said as he took careful aim and fired. But the bird flew on - unharmed, untouched and undisturbed.

My nephew watched in shocked silence, then lowered his gun, and said, "Unk, you are seeing a miracle. 'There flies a dead pheasant.'"

A middle-aged woman from a nearby town, who has always tried to act young, was recently married and went South on a honeymoon. Upon her return she was told that her paper had written up her marriage. But when she read it, she was furious. Our reporter had mentioned that her husband was a well-known collector of antiques.

A young married man was in our office yesterday and told our clerk that the definition for wedding ring was — a turniquet that stops your circulation.

One of our neighbors boys has taken a strong dislike to kindergarten. All persuasion failed, and finally his mother told him firmly that he would have to go.

"All right," he retorted, "if you want me to grow up into a danged bead-stringer, I'll go."

P.P. & L. Growth
Of Rural Service
Is Related

"Pennsylvania Power & Light Company takes a very real interest in the problems of the farmer and works actively to improve and strengthen this very important segment of the economy of Central Eastern Pennsylvania," declared Everett L. Palmer, P.P. & L. public relations vice president, declared at a recent irrigation conference in Hazleton.

The two-day conference was attended by representatives from Agricultural Extension Service offices in 31 Eastern Pennsylvania counties largely served by P.P. & L. and by P.P. & L. farm representatives from each of the utility company's six divisions. Co-sponsored by Pennsylvania State University's College of Agriculture and P.P. & L., the conference was held to provide technical information on irrigation problems, highlighted during the past two years by drought and near-drought conditions.

The P.P. & L. official indicated a few of the ways in which the utility has strived to improve the ability of the farmer. These include participation in utility-sponsored research projects, work with Future Farmers of America and 4-H clubs and providing of 12 scholarships each year since 1947 in the Pennsylvania State University College of Agriculture.

In tracing the history of P.P. & L. rural electrification, Mr. Palmer stated that the utility was an early pioneer in extending electricity to rural areas, and today is one of the nation's leaders in farm electrification. As early as 1923, he said, a farm department within the utility had been set up to assist the farmer in the application of electric service. A quarter of a century ago we were serving only 3,200 farm customers from about 1,200 miles of rural lines. Today, the company serves more than 33,000 farm customers and a total of 149,000 rural customers from over 15,000 miles of rural lines. Since 1951, electric service has been available from P.P. & L. lines to 100 per cent of the farm population of our service area. All of this continuous rural line construction has been done as a tax-paying, business-managed enterprise without federal aid or subsidy. It was conceived and effectively carried out long before any federal program was developed.

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My Favorite Prayer

submitted to
The Laymen's National
Committee by
John L. McCaffrey
Pres., International Harvest-
er Co., Chicago, Ill.

Our heavenly Father, be with me through the coming business day. Help me to be Christian in all I do, say and think. May I be able to ask Thy blessing on every plan I make. May I never take advantage of my position to hurt or hinder the welfare of my fellow workers. In all my relations with my associates and employees may I set an example of Christian living and Christian loving. In Christ's name.



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