

OWL LAFFS



BY A WISE OWL

"Vic" Brooks, Florin "ton-sorial artist" and "Deputy Game Warden" must find another way to eliminate the rats on his premises...

Here's a depressing thought for today: "By the time most couples can afford to have children, they have grandchildren."

This really happened to a local fellow. I dare not mention any names.

The poor guy worked like a beaver for over a year, then he approached his boss. "I'd like to remind you sir, that when you hired me you said I could expect a substantial increase within twelve months."

"So I did," mused the boss. "Well, starting next week there'll be an extra two dollars in your pay envelope—though mind you, I feel you still have a lot to learn."

"You're so right," said the guy, "for years I thought substantial was a ten dollar word."

While visiting at Becker's Gas Station, I overheard this conversation: First Farmer: "I see by the paper your boy at College is a very fast runner. It says he fairly burned up the track during the race yesterday. I suppose you were there, and saw him do it."

Second Farmer: "I was there all right, but got there too late to see the race. However, I did see the track, and there was nothing but cinders."

There's at least one good thing about growing old: You don't have to listen to so much advice from your elders.

Sunday, I took a walk to the Eberle Cemetery, and while there I saw a man standing by a grave sobbing his heart out. Every few minutes he would tear at his hair and cry, "Why did he have to die, why, why, why?" Eventually a passing visitor decided to comfort him. "There, there, old man. Don't take it so hard. Who was he? Your father? Your best friend?"

"No," sobbed the man, "my wife's first husband."

One of my neighbors is quite a guy. He has a sign in the yard of his home which reads: "Anyone is welcome to use our lawn mower, providing they don't take it out of our yard."

Here's a little poem Baxter Wells sent us: Whenever I address the ball and swing and touch it no, at all. I look as calm as anything To prove it was a practice swing.

Television: A device that offers people who don't have anything to do a chance to watch people who can't do anything.

You haven't had a real hangover until you can't stand the noise made by a Bromo Seltzer.

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The Pennsylvania Story

By Mary Denison, Editor Pennsylvania News Service

Harrisburg - Although their terms technically do not expire until November, Pennsylvania's lawmakers for the most part have taken a long last fast look at the legislative halls they came to know so well - having virtually lived therein for almost a year and a half.

In the dying days of the abortive 1955-56 session last week, we slipped down in front of the lads and lassies who make up the 210 members of the House of Representatives—way up to the top of the galleries in back of the August lawmakers.

What we saw gave us a new perspective. In fact it was somewhat startling—and at the same time amusing.

As we gazed down on the row upon row of elected representatives of the folks back home, we were struck for one thing by the seemingly endless sea of bobbing bald pates.

We saw a number of pairs of shoes stretched in the aisles as their weary owners caught a few extra winks—only to be rudely awakened by the fitful banging of the gavel of the Speaker of the House far away from the rostrum.

The lobbyists on the side aisles formed a stream of busy ants - bustling up to their victims for a hopeful word of caution or advice.

On each lawmaker's desk were stacked the efforts of the past seventeen months of sessioning - book upon book of bills the majority of which were never destined to see the light of legislative day.

But there they were. It made the place look important. It was behind these books of legislative bills that the lawmakers themselves lurked - not exactly furtively, just lurking.

In fact the confounded stacks got so high that from the press box, unless you watched closely, you could not see many a lawmaker unless he twitched for some reason and squirmed momentarily from behind the book pile.

Now this certainly must be construed as one of the drawbacks of long sessions of the Legislature - such as the record-breaking one all and sundry have just been through. The books of bills get so high you can't tell whether a lawmaker is present or not.

You just have to go high up in the gallery to see. We have this prospect to look forward to: when the 1957 session gets under way eight months hence, we'll be able to see all the legislators over their empty desks!

They will be new faces too. Some of the boys and girls just aren't coming back - some they don't want to and others because they won't be re-elected.

Most of the boys are quaking in their boots - deathly afraid of what they face at the polls at home this fall for being a part and parcel of the worn out, frittered 1955-56 fasco.

The complex of the next session should be most interesting. If it is split again as it was this time with one house in Democratic hands and the other in Republican hands—the 1955 session may be repeated.

On the other hand if both houses go either Republican or Democratic the next session is almost bound to be a whiz bang with a fast clean-up in the offing. It's a toss up at this point.

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The following quotation from the late Dr. Charles Steinmetz provides a prediction of hopeful things to come of vast implications: "The greatest discoveries in years to come," declared the great scientist, "will be made along spiritual lines. Some day people will learn that material things do not bring happiness and are of little use in making men and women creative and powerful. Then the scientists of the world will turn their laboratories to the study of God and prayer. When that day comes, the world will see more advancement in one generation than it has in the last four."

Perhaps what Dr. Steinmetz envisioned is approaching faster than a lot of us realize. At any rate, I think its advent is being hastened by the very spirit of scientific inquiry which, in its early adolescent days, was inclined to shy away from anything resembling spiritual matters.

We are inevitably nearing the point, it seems to me, at which we shall be confronted with the irrefutable evidence that to violate God's law in the realm of the spirit, or of morality, is just as unscientific as to violate His law in any other realm.

Once we reach that point, science and religion will join in proclaiming the sovereignty of God over every aspect of life, and there can be not the slightest doubt that "the world will see more advancement in one generation than it has in the last four."

"Wow! I've hooked a big one!"



LOCAL AUTO WRECKED Six occupants escaped serious injury when their auto rolled over an embankment 20 feet high last Friday night. Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Rye, Mr. and Mrs. James Rye and children were traveling near Columbia when the brakes stopped operating. The car rolled over and landed on the roof before it came to a stop.

First territory occupied by white men in Pennsylvania was in Pike County. -PNS

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