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Letters to the Editor...



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The Editor
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Dear Editor:

Boy Scout Week, 1965, is now history. It was a time of great celebration, reflection, and plans for the future. In Lancaster County Council is inaugurated in an all-time membership-high of 6,616 boys in 230 various Scout Units. This was only one of the many fine accomplishments of Scouting in our Council this past year.

We want to pause to pay tribute and to say thanks. To pay tribute to your newspaper for the excellent coverage you have given to Scouting events over the years. To say thanks, so you will know of our gratitude.

So many newspapers are willing to publicize crimes and misdeeds of young people, after ignoring the larger element among the youngsters. Your newspaper has consistently printed, and given wide coverage to the good deeds done by the youngsters of our communi-

Science Fair at Annex

The Annex Science Fair will be held Thursday and Friday, Feb. 25-26, with visiting hours for parents on Thursday evening 7 to 9 p. m. Also on this same evening there will be Annex parent-teacher visits for those who wish it. On Friday evening the students will be removing their projects from the gym area and parents and the public are welcome to be present at this time.

The winning projects will be entered in the Donegal high school Science Fair in two weeks. Judging will be by Robert Sensenig, Emerson Stehman, Henry Hackman and Mrs. Charles Ruhl on Thursday from 3 to 7 p. m.

Aboard Carrier

Aviation Storekeeper 3rd Class William B. Pennell, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. James I. Pennell of 116 W. Main St., is participating in "Operation Springboard" in the Caribbean while serving aboard the attack aircraft carrier USS Franklin D. Roosevelt, operating out of Mayport, Fla.

"Operation Springboard" is designed to give ships, squadrons and other forces of the Atlantic Fleet an opportunity to train in the favorable Caribbean weather.

During this training period Atlantic Fleet units will conduct drills in anti-submarine, anti-air and amphibious warfare techniques.

What Is Best School Board Size?

How large should a school board be?

Probably no one knows, for whatever it is today is probably what it will not be tomorrow!

For several years Donegal schools have been working slowly but systematically and surely from a big number to a small number.

At least that is the trend which was followed as Mt. Joy and Marietta boroughs and Mount Joy and East Donegal townships first formed a jointure and then a union for school purposes.

From a board of about 20 members, that number has now been cut to seven.

But, on July 1, 1966, the board will be increased to nine.

Yes, nine. And, there is an outside chance that the number might go as high as fifteen.

This is what is happening. And, Donegal is right in the middle of this teeter totter situation.

After reaching its lowest number of members, Donegal now will be obliged by regulations of the new school districting laws, to up that number to nine. But, in the meantime, there is a bill in the Legislature which, if it passes, will jump that number to 15.

In the meantime, before July 1, 1966, the Donegal Union school district — as

will all other districts—will be dissolved and reformed as the Donegal School district. The change will be simply the omission of the word UNION. In like manner all districts will lose such names as Union, Jointure, etc. This is supposed to straighten out and simplify the record keeping.

And, it is strange to note that men's ideas about the size of the local school board change.

When Donegal had a big board, there was an air of expectancy as the number dwindled and dwindled and approached the low tide in membership. It was felt that the board would be less unwieldy, that it would be easier to make decisions and that action might be speeded as fewer people were involved in the finding of a corporate mind.

However, with a smaller membership, board members find that they have more and more work to do as individuals. There are not fewer decisions to be made, no less homework to be done before these decisions can be reached and instead of fewer meetings on school business, each member now attends more meetings.

Broad investigations into various problems still are made by committees, but each member is now working on more problems until

the opinion was expressed with some nostalgia in the school board meeting no later than last week that there were "some virtues" in a larger board.

These dedicated and conscientious men can see the virtue of "making haste slowly." A larger board has that built-in precaution against too-quick decisions. More people require more time to present their ideas and to reach agreement.

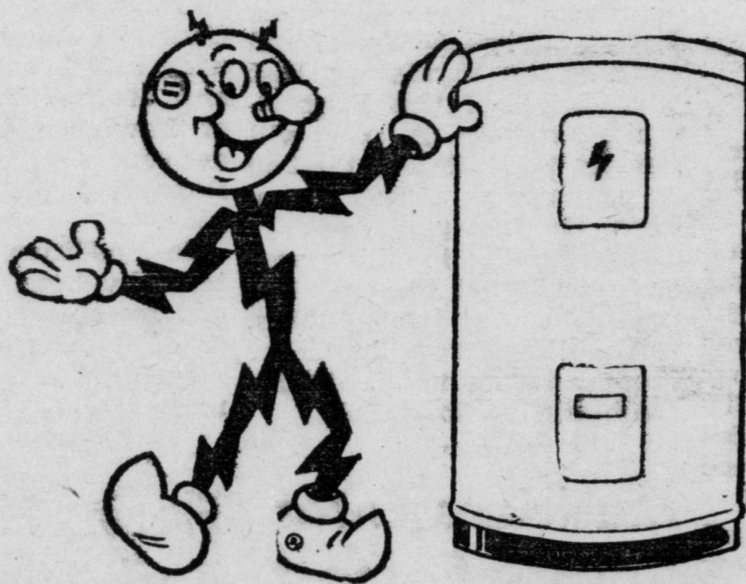
At any rate, Donegal will have two more members within a relatively few months.

The new members will be appointed by the present board in the same manner as if there had been a vacancy. Then, as regular elections follow, members will be elected according to a somewhat complicated "districting" arrangement, yet to be hammered out on the local basis. The rule calls for nine areas, each represented by a school director. These districts are to be formed in such a way that each area will have a population as nearly even to the others as possible, while following certain corporation boundaries.

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