

## YOUR LEGISLATOR'S REPORT



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Some of the proposed amendments to the State Constitution which failed to pass in the session just ended will be brought up again this year, and we hope they will be enacted.

One of these would permit the Governor to succeed himself and serve a total of eight years.

It is a pity that this is not already in effect. Governor Scranton would merit reelection to continue his program, particularly in the fields of education, highways, welfare and attracting new enterprise to the state.

The same proposed amendment would permit the Governor to appoint and remove a superintendent of public instruction at will. Lack of this power made several years of Scranton's administration difficult, precisely at a time when we had a new state board of education, new school subsidies, new scholar-

ship and loan plans, and additional sums for colleges.

The same proposed amendment to the constitution would permit a majority of the Senate to confirm the Governor's appointments. As matters now stand, it takes a two-thirds vote, which means that at least six members of the minority party must join the 28 majority Senators in order to confirm a nominee.

The practical effect of this is that the minority party has a veto power on the Governor's choice of officials, even though people will blame the Governor if the job isn't done.

There have been deplorable examples of failure to conform an official who was in office already and doing an excellent job. A noteworthy example is Malcom M. Campbell, chairman of the Unemployment Compensation Board. He was an expert on the staff of the State Chamber of Commerce, and was drafted by Scranton for this job because of his knowledge of this field. He proved his ability quickly by working hard and reducing the backlog of case work. Further, he organized the work by the referees over the state so that they in turn caught up

on their work.

Net effect of this was that unemployed with just claims had them handled quickly.

Yet when the long session adjourned January 4, Mr. Campbell, unconfirmed, was off the payroll. If the constitution permitted a simple majority to confirm nominations, the responsibility would be lodged with one party and this, we feel, is as it should be.

Several other proposed constitutional amendments will probably be brought up this year, including those to permit direct borrowing by the state rather than the cumbersome "authority" method; permit the legislature a freer hand in providing optional forms of local government; liberalizing the requirements for voting and providing for constitutional review every fifteen years.

As a partial step towards modernizing the State Constitution, the House and Senate agreed on some amendments adding a civil rights section, making the legislature a continuing body, and others. This is at least a beginning.

There are a total of thirteen amendments pending or proposed, and a group called

'A Modern Constitution for Pennsylvania, Inc.' is active for them. It is headed by Richard C. Bond, head of the Wanamaker Store in Philadelphia.

## Show 5 Paintings At Library

Five oil paintings by local artists are now at the Mount Joy Library and will be on display until early in February.

They are: "Reflections," and "Spring" both by Kathryn Erb; 'Old Central House' by Warren Foley; "Back Yard in Brooklyn," by Jami Phillips, and "Pink Barn" by Jeanne Holmes.

## Science Club Hears About TV

Gerald Hostetter, local radio repairman and U.S. mail carrier, was the speaker for the Donegal Annex Science Club on Friday, Jan. 14.

He explained the workings and operations of television sets. The boys, under the faculty supervision of Paul Coleman, had been working with an old, damaged tv set.

## Green and White Day at Annex

Friday, Jan. 14, was Green and White Day at Donegal Annex.

And what is Green and White Day?

Students wear clothing which is green and white. That's what Green & White Day is. It becomes a visible support of the school to wear its colors.

The Junior high school cheerleaders sponsored a contest in the Annex, urging the observance. The home room which had the highest count of "wearers of the green" and white were given an ice cream treat. Theodore Greider's homeroom of 8th graders was winner.

Every child in the room displayed his colors.

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purchase.

That was not a typographical mistake. That's just what the two bodies did, each in its respective meeting.

The correct figure, apparently, is \$307,000 and it may take a little legal untangling of red tape to set the matter straight — just off the record.

One of Mount Joy's good, responsible citizens this week stopped us in the post office to detail how he and his wife were driving along New Haven street just last week and how they narrowly escaped being smeared by someone driving eastward on Donegal.

The Donegal street vehicle came blasting through the stop sign and "he would have hit us if my wife had not mentioned as we neared the corner 'this is a bad one' and I had not been slowing down," our friend related.

A somewhat detailed report of other traffic "problem" spots in the borough has been made by the police department, submitted to the Borough Council and is now in the hands of Mayor Frank Walter.

To return to the Chamber of Commerce — One of Mount Joy's chief expenditures of energy currently should be to make every effort to have the proposed vocational — technical school located in or at the edge of Mount Joy.

The advantages are so many and so obvious that it might seem almost a foregone conclusion that the school will be located here. However, such is not the case. Most any community around would welcome the location of the new school on its doorstep.

There are excellent locations in our town which should not be passed up. But the project needs more "push."

The Chamber of Commerce has done work in this direction, has suggested sites, and pointed out the advantages of Mount Joy. What is needed is for more people to "talk it up," write letters and "button hole" the people in charge of the site selection.

For approximately 50 years the Frank family has held an annual Good Friday auction sale.

Word now is that there will be no such sale this year.

The first man to fly an airplane over both the North and South Poles was Admiral Richard E. Byrd.

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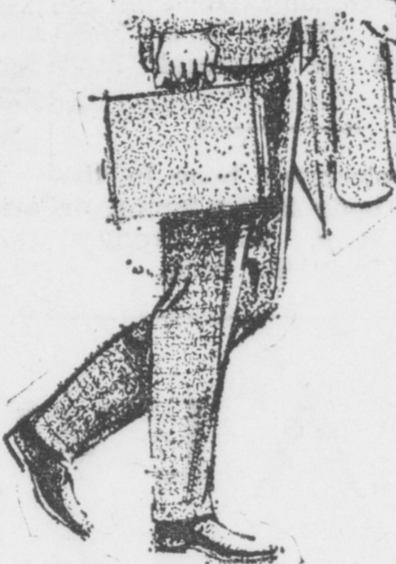
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