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For The Independent.

COURAGE FOR TODAY

This life is fair—the skies are blue, And you can make your dreams come true! In spite of grief, or pain, or sorrow, if you have faith—try today.

ABOUT TOWN NOTES

Richard Dean, Ernest Heiser, Henry Glebe and Robert McCann who are enrolled at a reforestation camp near Driftwood, Pa., spent the week-end with their parents here.

The Collegeville Boy Scout Troop will leave today (Thursday) for a week's camping trip near Sunnyside.

Mr. and Mrs. George Miner, and daughter, of Syracuse, New York, were the guests of Mrs. Miner's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Unstead, of Fifth avenue west, Sunday and Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin G. Sprague are spending a week's vacation in the Pocono mountains.

Mr. George Hamas is suffering from an infected hand.

Mr. and Mrs. E. G. VanValey, of Bronxville, New York, spent the week-end in Collegeville visiting the LaRose families on Park avenue.

Mr. William Vanderveile is having an artesian well drilled at his home on Third avenue.

The condition of Mr. E. Morris Weand, who returned home last week from the Montgomery hospital where he underwent an appendicitis operation, is improving.

Prof. and Mrs. C. Grove Haines, of California, spent Friday in Collegeville with Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Moser, of Fifth avenue. They left on Saturday for their home in California, after spending about five months in the east.

Seventeen boy scouts under the leadership of assistant scoutmaster, Jack Freed, hiked to Indian Head Park last Thursday where they spent the day.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Godshall of Camden, N. J., and Mr. and Mrs. Roland Unstead and daughter, Vera Louise, of Philadelphia, spent Tuesday with Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Godshall, of Fifth avenue.

Mrs. Lawrence Walt, entertained the sewing club, of which she is a member, at her home on Friday evening. Members present were: Mrs. Henry Mathieu and Mrs. Harley Shoemaker of Trappe, and Mrs. Jesse LaRose, Mrs. Louis Cornish, Mrs. Horace Godshall, Mrs. Wm. LaRose, Miss Helen Todd and Mrs. Wm. Kahnt of Collegeville.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin H. Coggeshall, of Fifth avenue entertained Mr. Coggeshall's sister and brother, Mr. and Mrs. Gerry Weddell and family and Mr. and Mrs. Russel Coggeshall and family, of Philadelphia, on Tuesday, July 4. Miss Julia Coggeshall was a guest there over the holiday week-end.

Mrs. William McFarland, of Fifth avenue, is spending a week's vacation in Atlantic City, New Jersey.

Mrs. Ellen Buckwalter and daughter Sara, and Mrs. Stella Buckwalter and son Leroy, spent Saturday and Sunday as the guests of Jacob L. Buckwalter and family in Philadelphia.

State Highway Patrolman C. M. Ross who was recently transferred from the Collegeville barracks to the Temple barracks moved his household goods to Temple where he and Mrs. Ross will reside. Mr. and Mrs. Ross occupied apartments in the Elmer Poley property, tenanted by Mr. and Mrs. Howard Quay and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Ober entertained relatives from Philadelphia on the Fourth.

THE DEATH ROLL

John Yeager, of Royersford, died July 1, aged 65 years. He is survived by one son and one daughter, of Royersford. Funeral July 4. Interment in Black Rock cemetery. Funeral director, C. J. Franks.

FRANCIS SCHWENK DEAD

A heart attack caused the death of Francis S. Schwenk, 77, Saturday evening at his home, at Schwenkville. He was a descendant of the original founders of Schwenkville and a lifelong resident there. Working in the garden at his home, Saturday afternoon, it is believed the heat was partly responsible for his sudden demise.

MAIL JOBS CHANGED HANDS

F. H. Shupe of Creamery started on July 1 to carry the mail between Lehigh, Creamery and Skippack to Norristown twice daily and return, as per his recent successful bid for the contract. Shupe succeeds Lloyd Wood of Evansburg who held the contract for the past several years. Shupe also started on his contract to haul the mail from the Norristown post office to the railroad stations at that borough.

WINK-WERKHEISER WEDDING

On Saturday evening a beautiful wedding ceremony took place at the summer home of Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Werkheiser, at Graterford, when their daughter, Miss Vernice Marie became the bride of Mr. Harold J. Wink. The ceremony took place on the lawn in the presence of many friends and relatives of the young couple and was performed by Rev. Edward F. Kaercher, of Philadelphia, assisted by the Rev. William A. Tahls, of Graterford.

COURT ASKED TO LIFT ESTATE DOWER CHARGE

Judge Holland, of the Orphans Court, in a petition filed by Attorney Thomas Hallman, is asked to order the release of an old dower charge on the estate of Jacob Hunsicker. The decedent died on his farm in Skippack and Perkiomen townships, 88 years ago.

The owner of the property was survived by a widow, Ann Hunsicker, and three children: John Z. Hunsicker, Barbara Swartzley, Isaac Z. Hunsicker, Abraham Z. Hunsicker, Jacob Z. Hunsicker, Michael Hunsicker and Elizabeth Rosenberg.

PATROLMAN FORCED OFF ROAD

After he was said to have forced State Highway Patrolman Templeton, of Pottsville barracks, and a former member of the Collegeville detail, off the Benjamin Franklin highway at Limerick, Myles Standish, Philadelphia, was arrested one night last week after a chase which terminated in Boyertown. Standish was charged with driving while intoxicated.

INSPECTION PERIOD OPENS

The second compulsory automobile inspection period for the year started on Saturday. The state law requires a semi-annual inspection of all motor cars registered in the state. The inspections must be made before October 1. The official stickers to be attached to windshields will be green, bearing the coat of arms of the state and black letters and numerals.

FESTIVAL

The Ladies Aid Society of the Evansburg M. E. Church will hold a festival on Saturday evening, July 15.

GRATERFORD NEWS

Mr. Roland Grater, of Wilkes Barre, spent the Fourth of July holiday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elias S. Grater.

Mr. Henry Kulp spent several days over the week-end and Fourth of July at Wildwood, New Jersey.

H. J. REIFF RETIRED AFTER 40 YEARS SCHOOL TEACHING

Among the 277 teachers and other public school employes in Pennsylvania who were added to the retirement list recently was Henry J. Reiff, of Lower Providence. Mr. Reiff was a teacher at the new consolidated school in Upper Providence until the close of the past term. Mr. Reiff compiled an enviable record as a teacher in the schools of both Lower and Upper Providence townships where he did most of his 40 consecutive years of public school teaching.

DAMAGE SUIT RESULTS FROM RECENT AUTO CRASH

As the result of an automobile collision—a three-cornered accident—a suit was filed in the office of Prothonotary Haldeman by Attorney Robert Truckess, in behalf of Joseph and Mrs. Skuba, of Philadelphia, against John Przybek, of Philadelphia, Harvey A. Bittler, of Reading, John Marcinkowski, of Reading, and Grace H. Sacks, of Collegeville. The accident occurred on Ridge pike near Spring Mill road, on August 14. Damages totaled \$6,000 are sought.

THREE NORRISTOWN YOUTHS DROWNED IN SCHUYLKILL

The bodies of three Norristown youths, drowned in the Schuylkill river, were recovered on Monday. The boys were last seen when they left their homes for a swim on Sunday afternoon. None of the three could swim very well. No one witnessed the tragedy.

OAKS MAN SHOT IN BRAWL

John Stall, twenty-eight, of Oaks, was treated in Montgomery Hospital, Norristown, for a bullet wound in his left arm, near the shoulder. He was shot by Willie Wright, twenty-seven, colored, Norristown, early Saturday morning.

URSINUS SUMMER SCHEDULE

The summer schedule of Ursinus college follows: July 17-26—School of theology of the Methodist Episcopal church; July 28-August 4—missionary conference of the Reformed Church in the United States; August 14 to 21—Ephraim institute of the Methodist Episcopal church; August 21-31—Ursinus college coaching school.

PERKY LEAGUE BASEBALL

The Bureau of Internal Revenue released July 1, the following statement with respect to taxes imposed on wheat products:

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Fourth of July Games

Collegeville staged a comeback on the Fourth at Lakeview Park and turned the tables on Royersford, 4-2, in a close and interesting game. Bunched hits in the eighth got for three runs turned the tide in favor of Collegeville. H. Dambly started for Royersford with a safe blow. H. Poley, Poole and Cressman followed up this timely lead to score the deciding runs. In the ninth Gensler scored an additional runner. Except for the last two innings when he was weakened, W. York seemed to have the Indian sign on Collegeville setting 11 down by the strike out route. Irv. Poole hurled a steady game for the Colonels in the pinches considering that he had only two days rest from Saturday's strenuous Port game. He was touched rather freely but at the crucial moments he bore down to immerse with flying colors.

REPAID BANK OVERDRAFT

An insurance policy for \$30,000 on the life of former State Senator Fletcher W. Stites, who died last week, has been turned over to the Narberth National Bank, it was learned from authoritative sources. The policy, it was understood, would more than repay the bank for an overdraft charged against Mr. Stites.

FLAG RAISING EXERCISES AT BYRON FEGELY POST

A patriotic and inspirational flag raising program was conducted on Fourth of July afternoon at the recently dedicated headquarters of the Byron S. Fegely Post, No. 119, American Legion, Pottsville, Pa. Mrs. D. W. Favinger, a gold star mother, and Mrs. D. W. Schrack, both members of the local auxiliary, did the official raising of the new flag. A large audience was present.

FORGE CHAPEL RECTOR, DEAD

Dr. W. Herbert Burk, aged 66 years founder and rector of the Washington Memorial chapel, Valley Forge, died Friday night at 8 o'clock at his home, "Defender's Gate," adjoining the chapel grounds. Death was attributed to heart trouble.

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A DANGER SIGNAL.

A "government of, for and by the people" should, in its application, in part approximately maintain equal and exact justice to each and all of the governed. There have existed, and continue to exist, among other shortcomings, three special weaknesses of the people's government, or of Democracy.

First—The absence of non-interest on the part of the masses of the people in the administration of the affairs of government and the non-appreciation of personal and other liberties they are enjoying.

Second—The numerous injustices suffered by the people because of inequalities in taxation effectuated by the power of government and resultingly benefiting the wealthy, and the impoverishing of those least liable to bear the burdens of taxation.

Third—The "tyrannies of Democracy" imposed by exacting (in numerous instances unnecessary) burdensome and exasperating requirements of a multiplication of costly bureaus—national and state. There are other forms of the "tyranny of Democracy," all of which are more or less unbearable.

Conspicuous examples of flagrant injustice inflicted by governmental procedure have revealed the escapement of multi-millionaires from the payment of income taxes. Those of only moderate incomes are required to pay such tax while those who own one or more palatial homes with incomes many times more than sufficient to maintain them, have been permitted to escape the payment of any income tax. Is this not an illustration of flagrant and galling injustice? Is it not one of the danger signals confronting the people's government? The people are known to be patient and long suffering respecting the injustice of their own government. Many of those who are entrusted with the performance of public duties are well aware of the weakness of the people in determining the conduct of those chosen to represent them, and, accordingly they act for their own benefit, and have little or no concern for those whom they are expected to faithfully serve.

HERR HITLER AND THE CATHOLICS.

Herr Hitler, Germany's latest experiment with a dictator is now turning his attention in the matter of persecution from the Jews to the Catholics. It is reported that he is trying to force Catholicism into a "Reich Church" controlled by himself. The Middle Ages were cursed by an enforced alliance of State and Church. The modern dictator of both Government and Church is heading toward an impossible achievement, as to permanency. * * * A great achievement of Democracy was to theoretically break the link between Church and State. While this achievement has not prevented an indirect and unauthorized encroachment of Religion upon Governmental grounds, the encroachment has been limited. However, while we must suffer for the defects of Democracy, it should be remembered that only through it can the domination of the State over the Church or the Church over the State be prevented.

GOVERNOR PINCHOT SUSTAINED.

In a decision, last week, the State Supreme Court sustained the action of Governor Pinchot in asking for Dr. Clyde G. King's resignation as a member of the Public Service Commission. Dr. King refused to resign. The Supreme Court rightly helped the Dr. to change his mind. In the appointment of Deputy Attorney General Herman J. Goldberg to succeed Dr. King, Governor Pinchot has wrought well. Mr. Goldberg has ample intellectual qualifications and his moral stamina is undisputed. There is every reason to assume that, in the discharge of his new duties, he will hold evenly the scales of justice as between the public utilities corporations of the State and their patrons. Obviously, it is the serious duty of every member of the Public Service Commission to do likewise.

FRIDAY GETS INFORMATION.

Friday is informed that a little while ago a political leader sent a message to another political leader to "go to hell!" Friday, being somewhat mild in disposition, thinks the term "hades" might have appeased the wrath of the sender of the fiery message, but inasmuch as the receiver of the same did not have to, and did not, go where he was directed to go, the difference in terms hardly amounts to much. Friday continues to be disturbed as to what is surmised to be going on with relation to preliminary political forebodings and prospects.

SUSPENSION OF THE NORRISTOWN NEWS.

The publication of the Norristown News has been suspended—for two reasons at least: First—The markedly inadequate support of Norristown merchants and business men, in the matter of advertising. Second—The depressing economic conditions of the past few years. The revival of a second daily newspaper will not depend upon mere promises of support. Meanwhile the biggest borough of the United States will have to "jog along" as a one newspaper town, and in more ways than one may realize consequent effects.

From the Industrial News Review.

THE RAILROADS IN 1932.

What depression among the railways means to the country at large is strikingly revealed in a comparison of their purchases during recent years. In 1929, they spent more than \$364,000,000 for fuel—in 1932 they spent \$178,000,000, a drop of more than fifty per cent. In 1929 they spent \$157,000,000 for forest products, and in 1932 they spent \$52,000,000, a drop of 66 per cent. In 1929 they spent \$437,000,000 for iron and steel, and in 1932, \$100,000,000, a drop of more than 75 per cent. Measure this decline in jobs, in its effects on purchasing power. Think of it in terms of farm prices, of rents, of wage levels, of industrial activity in general. Then you have some idea of why we hear so much about the troubles of the railroads. Their problem is not simply the present problem of all business—it goes beyond that. They never shared in boom prosperity—in all the years since the war they have never earned as much as six per cent on their investment. Last year total railway expenditures came to \$445,000,000. That is a gigantic sum—but it is only about one-third of their annual spending for an average five years ending in 1929. This year it is probable that expenditures will be still less, as most of the lines have earned no profit at all, and many of them have not been able to meet fixed charges alone without drawing on reserves. The government is formulating a new railroad program now—and if it is an inclusive program that will guarantee the roads a fair deal, it will be in the direct interest of every American.

INDIAN BURIAL SITE

FOUND ON SUSQUEHANNA

A burying plot believed to have been set aside for captives has been discovered at the site of Teoga, prehistoric Indian camp on the Susquehanna River. Two of the skulls show marks of violence. One is crushed, or split, and a flint arrow point was found inside the cranium.

The Teoga Point Museum, which is excavating the site, has discovered a total of 25 skeletons. The burials are at different levels, indicating that Indians at different times chose this site near the river for a camp ground.

One skull is pointed out by the excavators as having a wonderful set of characteristic Indian teeth with shovel-shaped incisors. The teeth are ground down through the enamel, presumably from a diet of corn and grit, but are in a good state of preservation, with one exception.

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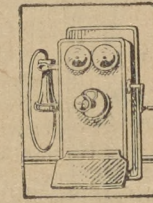
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