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A SALUTE

While we had hoped, along with many other people in the community, that the Collegeville Fire Company might move into new quarters soon, still we feel that the company was wise in their recent meeting to defer the building operations for the time being.

Too few of us are willing to give all of the credit due a good volunteer organization such as the local fire companies. Both Collegeville and Trappe are fortunate in having such active groups to study and control the fire menace in the community.

WAR OR PEACE??

On the third of May, Joseph Alsop's and Robert Kintner's widely syndicated Washington column said this: "The President has reached the moment when he must make the most serious decision of his long career. Within the last fortnight the leading figures of the Administration and the most influential military and naval experts have all but unanimously ceased to hope Britain can win this war without active American intervention."

It is extremely significant that a good many other Washington writers, along with men in high governmental circles, are making similar statements. The recent aggressive speech of Secretary Knox, in which he said, in effect, that America will fight if and when national interests make war advisable, indicates the way the official wind is blowing.

This does not mean that there is much likelihood of the President asking Congress to declare war upon the Axis. In official circles, it is believed that there is no need for that—some think that we might become active participants in the war without even completely severing relations between ourselves and Germany.

Lately there were reports that American cargo ships, with American naval escorts, had reached Suez, though the Navy Department at once denied that our ships were being used for convoy purposes anywhere. To many observers, it is evident that the President's extension of our so-called neutrality patrol far into the Atlantic, greatly increases our chances of becoming involved in grave international "incidents".

Some influential circles are in favor of using the American Navy to convoy ships right into British harbors if need be—they argue that it simply doesn't make sense to permit our planes and tanks and munitions and other implements of war to be sunk.

What opposition may be expected to the steps that might lead us to war? At the moment, it looks as if Congress will back up the President in any course he may decide upon. The leader of the official opposition, Wendell Willkie, said on May 3 that he is absolutely in favor of delivering the goods to Britain, "whether it be by convoy, airplane accompaniment or any other method deemed best".

Japan may cause trouble—if she threatens Singapore, the Dutch East Indies, French Indo-China, or the Philippines, it will be necessary to keep a large part of our Navy in the Pacific, where it cannot be used for convoy duty. However, we probably could spare the bulk of our destroyers for Atlantic service, and it is these speedy little craft which are most needed for fighting the U-boat menace.

POTTSTOWN TO INAUGURATE PARKING METERS SATURDAY. Parking meters will be inaugurated in Pottstown on Saturday when the up-county borough puts 249 meters into service. The meters will be on High street from York to Evans street and on Hanover street from the railroad to King street.

Heidelberg Reformed Church. Darwin X. Gass, pastor. Services for this week in Heidelberg Reformed Church, Schwenksville, Pa., are as follows: Church School at 9:30—classes for all age groups. Morning worship and sermon at 10:30.

Lower Providence Baptist Church. Rev. J. H. Carter, Minister; W. H. Risher, Superintendent. Services for Sunday are as follows: 9:30, Church School; 10:30, Church Worship with sermon: "Harvest in Springtime". 7:30, Christian Endeavor, Miss Helen Supplee, leader.

Falling Piano Kills Pottstown Boy. Funeral services were held Saturday for seven-year-old Rodney Yergey, son of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Yergey, 27 Reynolds avenue, Pottstown, who died several hours after a piano toppled on him last week. The boy was playing with other children in a yard near his home. The children were climbing to the top of an abandoned piano when it fell over, crushing Rodney to the ground.

EAGLEVILLE NEWS. Mrs. Sylvester Dapp and sons Richard and Bobby, of Clayton, N. J., and Mr. and Mrs. Wm. J. Earler of Philadelphia visited Wm. Kaufholz and family. The condition of Frank Saylor, who is a surgical patient in Montgomery hospital is greatly improved.

Master Billy Curtis recovered sufficiently from his injuries sustained in a recent auto accident to be brought to his home on Sanatorium road. Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Forker and Mr. Addison Forker spent Sunday in Sanatoga visiting Wilson Puhl and family.

SALFORDVILLE NEWS. According to reports farm hands are becoming scarce. Vincent Stepien has started work at the County Park, Green Lane. Myron Sterner has opened an auto repair shop in the Slonaker building, Salford Station.

MOTORCYCLE RACES AT HATFIELD ON SUNDAY, MAY 18. Forty drivers will compete in the motorcycle races to be held over the Montgomery County Fair track, at Hatfield, on Sunday afternoon, May 18. The meet will open the racing season over the Hatfield oval, which holds five national motorcycle records.

George Schantzbech, of Emmaus, holder of the 1840 Pennsylvania tourist trophy championship, is among the early entries. Another is Billy Huber, of Reading, holder of the 1940 Pennsylvania five-mile record. The Chann brothers, Jim, Steve and Paul, of Bridgeton, N. J., are signed. James won the featured event at the Brecknock track near Reading, on May 4, and Steve took the featured amateur race the same day.

Nine motorcycle racing events will be held under the auspices of the Blue Comet Motorcycle Club of Lansdale, sponsored by the American Motorcycle Association. Time trials will get under way at 12:30 o'clock, and the first of the heats is scheduled for 2 o'clock.

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SUPERIOR TUBE DEFEATS PARAGON BAG, 19-0 & 10-6
 Superior Tube kept close to the Montco league leaders over the weekend by taking two games from Paragon Bag.
 The Saturday game on the Superior diamond was a decisive victory for the Tubers, 19-0. Landis on the mound for Superior limited the visitors to three scattered hits in the shut-out while his mates found McLaughlin and Whitney for 15 singles and one double.

On Sunday at Schwenksville Bert Truesdale's boys put on a ninth inning rally of eight runs to win 10-8 and make it a complete weekend. Kreschollek and Donahue pitched for Superior while Ziegler pitched for Paragon.

Saturday's Game R H E
 Par'n .. 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 3 5
 Tube .. 9 0 0 0 4 3 1 2 x—19 16 2

Sunday's Game
 Superior R. H. O.
 Poley, 1b 1 1 4
 Vanderslice, cf, 2b 1 2 2
 Wright, 3b 2 2 0
 Gensler, c 1 3 13
 Donahue, rf, p 1 1 0
 Kreschollek, p 1 3 0
 Pflieger, rf 0 0 1
 Smith, 2b 1 1 2
 Yeagle, ss 0 0 0
 Landis, lf 1 1 0
 Reed, lf 1 0 5

Totals 10 13 27
 Paragon R. H. O.
 Merkel, 1b 1 2 10
 Sell, 2b 0 0 9
 Whitney, ss 1 1 1
 B. Ziegler, p 0 0 1
 Meng, rf 1 1 2
 Stone, lf 1 2 0
 Trolinger, c 1 0 3
 High, 3b 1 1 0
 Sands, cf 0 1 1
 J. Ziegler, cf 0 0 0

Totals 6 8 27
 Superior 10 10 0 0 0 0 8—10
 Paragon 13 0 0 0 0 2 0—6

Montco League Saturday Games
 Superior, 19; Paragon, 0
 Orioles, 11; Barren Hill, 9
 Plymouth, 6; Penn Square, 1
 Linfield, 9; Limerick, 7
Montco League Sunday Games
 Superior, 10; Paragon, 6
 Orioles, 13; Barren Hill, 11
 Plymouth, 13; Penn Square, 2
 Linfield, 3; Limerick, 1

URSINUS BASEBALLERS BEAT BULLETS, DUTCHMEN, GARNET SWARTHMORE GAME
 On Tuesday afternoon the Bears walloped Swarthmore here by an 18-3 score. MacMahon and Garlock hurled for Jing Johnson's boys. The game was very one-sided and loosely played by the visitors.
 Ursinus plays Juniata on Friday May 16 and Drexel next Tuesday, both at home and both league encounters.

LEBANON VALLEY GAME
 Traveling to Annville Friday for the first game of a weekend trip, the Ursinus diamondmen became involved in a thirteen-inning pitchers' battle and finally emerged the victors by a 3-2 count over the Flying Dutchmen of Lebanon Valley.
 The lion's share of the credit must go to pitcher "Smoke" MacMahon, who was at his best for the first time this year, striking out fifteen, and allowing only four hits, one a scratch.

Ursinus 0 0 0 0 0 1 1 0 0 0 1—3
 Leb. Val. 1 0 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0—2

GETTYSBURG GAME
 In the second game of their weekend trip, the Bears handed the Gettysburg Bullets their first league defeat by a score of 3-2, the same as that of the Lebanon Valley game.

Freshman John Rorer pitched excellent ball, fanning ten Battlefielders and giving only six hits. Right-fielder "Biggie" Berman was the outstanding performer of the game, however. He had a string of "three's": three hits, three putouts, and three assists—

one at home, one at third, and one at second. This latter may well be a record in college baseball, for it is rare in a game to have an outfielder take a part in even one putout in the infield.

Ursinus 0 0 0 1 0 0 1 0 1—3
 Gettysburg .. 0 0 1 0 0 1 0 0 0—2

RIPPLES FROM RAHNS
 The family of Walter Cressman, of Bethlehem and Naaman Wismer and family, of Royersford, were weekend guests with Joseph T. Wismer and family.
 The Annual Meeting of the Iron-bridge Union Chapel Association will be held in the Chapel building next Tuesday evening, May 20, at 7:30 o'clock standard time.
 Robert Hofsas and family, of Norristown, spent Sunday with Charles J. Smith and family.
 A number of members of the Rahns Union Sunday School attended St. Luke's Sunday School, Trappe, last Sunday morning and enjoyed a fine program delivered very fittingly in celebration of Mothers Day.
 Charles Peterman and family of Perkasio visited George H. Schlottner and family on Sunday.
 A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Harvey A. Taggart, of Rahns, at Montgomery hospital last week.

EVANSBURG NEWS
Wm. Brosz Hurt in Fall
 Mr. William Brosz, of Church road, Evansburg, received a slight concussion of the brain and other minor injuries from a fall when the scaffold broke while working as a carpenter in Gladwyne. He is a patient at the Bryn Mawr Hospital. His condition is much improved.
Appendix Removed
 Robert Hayes, 7-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Hayes had his appendix removed on Monday at Montgomery Hospital. His brother Raymond underwent the same operation six weeks ago.
 Mrs. Florence Clemmer and daughter Doris were visitors to Washington, D. C. on Sunday.
 Twelve-year-old Joyce Moore sustained a fracture of the left index finger while playing baseball last week.
 Over the weekend John Lywiski, of Collegeville R. D., was admitted as a surgical patient to Sacred Heart hospital.
 A number of women from St. James Parish attended the tea at Oak Knoll, Norristown, last Thursday.
 Mrs. Mary Turk, Collegeville R. D., is a surgical patient at Montgomery hospital.
 A son was born Monday at Sacred Heart Hospital to Mr. and Mrs. Tolphus Hessler, Collegeville R. D. 1.

Evansburg Methodist Church
 Services for this Sunday at Evansburg Methodist Church are as follows: Sunday School at 9:30; Church Service at 10:30. Sermon: "Forbid Them Not". Evening service; Community Fellowship Service at 7:30. Sermon: "A Parable of Jesus". Richard R. Gay, minister.

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 Written by Naomi Richter '41, and produced under the management of Miriam Maeder '41, the pageant depicted on Patterson Field a simple romance in sunny old Mexico.
Mrs. Robbins Is Banquet Speaker
 Mrs. Chester Robbins, Bridgeton, N. J., mother of Mary Robbins '41, sent a verbal bouquet in colors of red, white, and blue, to the assembled mothers at the Mothers' Day dinner in Freeland Hall after the pageant.
 The mothers were also luncheon guests of their sons and daughters in dormitory groups and were entertained in the evening at the Curtain Club play, "Lightnin'".

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