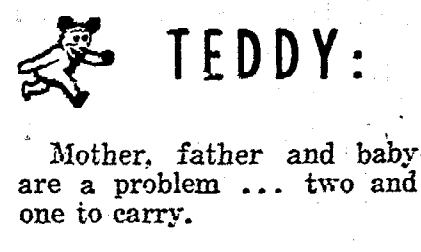


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SYMINGTON SLUGS BACK AT CRITICS

Hints Navy Circulates Document

WASHINGTON, Oct. 18.—(AP)—Air Secretary Symington, hitting back at Navy critics of the Air Force accused them today of peddling old, "false" tales and of letting possible enemies know "how this country would be defended."

Symington hinted, too, that the Navy is circulating a second anonymous document. He said one is in circulation that attempts to rip apart strategic bombing and is "far more dangerous than the first."

Symington was before the House Armed Services Committee, leading off the Air Force rebuttal to Navy complaints against defense policies.

In long hearings, the Navy has complained that present policy puts too much stress on the Air Force B-36 big bomber and cuts down on the Navy.

Admiral after Admiral has taken the stand to belittle the possibilities of the bomber. Their general contention has been that the big planes could not get through an enemy's defense and would accomplish little if it did.

Symington said the B-36 still is "the best long-range bomber known."

He added:

"The ability to fight from our own shores at the start of any war should not be looked on with contempt."

The B-36 was designed with the idea that it would be able to fly from bases in this country on missions against an enemy in any part of the world.

Major missions would be hitting war production centers of the enemy.

This type of air war is called **HINTS NAVY** (Continued on Page Two)

Nearly Half Chest Quota Is Reached

Forty-five percent of the goal of the Initial Gifts Division of the Community Chest has been reached, Edwin M. Clark, chairman of the division announced today.

"The response from local business has been splendid," Mr. Clark stated. "Business men obviously realize that support of the Community Chest is as important this year as in the past."

Residential Chairman, A. E. Long, reported that house-to-house canvassing got under way yesterday, and that some solicitors have already completed a substantial part of their assignment.

An informal discussion of the Indiana Community Chest by A. B. Ansley, President of the Chest, and R. A. Shumaker, President of the Indiana Chamber of Commerce will be featured by WDAD this evening at seven o'clock.

Woman Finds Lost Brother

PITTSBURGH, Oct. 18.—(AP)—Mrs. Henrietta Houston is a mighty happy woman today—she's found her long lost brother.

The 62-year-old Pittsburgh woman is talking over old times with William Eberts of Perryopolis in Forest County. They were separated 53 years until a friend of Mrs. Houston reunited them.

More than a half century ago Mrs. Houston and her brother lived in Perryopolis where their father was a postman. They were separated after their father died.

Mrs. Samuel Fox, a friend of Mrs. Houston, thought Eberts might still be living in the Perryopolis area. She checked the Post Office and found his name. The reunion followed soon after.

Route 80 Detour Lifted Today

Route 80, between Clymer and Purchase Line, was opened today, according to the local Highway Department.

This section of highway has been closed for some time for the purpose of widening and resurfacing. The detour was through Dixonville.

Motorists using the new road, however, must travel at their own risk as guard rails have not yet been erected and workmen are still busy completing the project.

Rummage Sale by ladies of Christian Church at Community Center Bldg., Oct. 21 and 22. Anyone having donations, phone 1372-R or 766-W.

Speakers' Table At Joint Rotary-Kiwanis Meeting



Shown here are officers and guest speaker at the joint meeting of Rotary and Kiwanis Clubs in the First Methodist Church dining room last evening in observance of Pennsylvania Week. Left to right: Robert G. Traugh, A. E. Long, C. S. Wevandt, Merle Craig, John Sahli, K. S. Stephens, state historian and guest speaker, John Davis and Art Nicholson.

Bell Phone Gets Net of \$10,452,000

Commenting on the Commission's award of \$17,963,000 annual gross increase in rates, W. D. Gillen, President of Bell Telephone Company of Pennsylvania, said "The increase in revenues allowed by the Commission falls short of the Company's financial requirements. After taxes, the \$17,963,000 increase authorized will net the Company only \$10,452,000."

On November 19, 1948, we filed with the Public Utility Commission new rates which would have increased the Company's gross revenues by approximately \$25,000,000, or \$14,400,000 after taxes. We knew then and we know now that this amount is needed to put the Company in a sound financial position.

The increase requested by this Company was the first since 1924. On the other hand, there have been two reductions in local rates and 14 reductions in toll and long distance rates since 1924.

We believe the people of Pennsylvania want the best possible telephone service that it is possible to provide and that they are willing to pay reasonable rates to secure it. The difference between a financially strong telephone company that can expand and improve its service and introduce new developments in the art, and one that cannot, means a few pennies per month to each telephone subscriber. We believe that telephone subscribers in Pennsylvania want that kind of telephone service and that kind of a telephone company.

We regret that the Commission did not grant us the full relief requested. Obviously, it will be necessary for us to revise our program of expanding and improving telephone service in 1950 and 1951 which was based on the expectation of a \$25,000,000 annual increase in our gross revenues.

Mr. Gillen pointed out that he was not in a position to comment on the details of the Commission's order.

Laughton Offers Special "Show"

Charles Laughton of film fame, scheduled to appear at Indiana State Teachers College tonight at 8:15 p. m. in the first of the college's Cultural Life Series, arrived in Indiana early today and offered a "special Laughton performance" for 200 students at 4 p. m. this afternoon.

Laughton's appearance this afternoon was scheduled for the Demonstration Room of the Keith Laboratory School. The 100 tickets were distributed to English, speech, dramatics and drama class students.

Details of the "surprise" offer of Laughton were not known.

Parking Meter Receipts Down

Parking meter receipts in Indiana Borough "are off," according to Borough Secretary Blair Ansley.

Receipts for the past three days were only \$220.37. Three-day collections had been averaging better than \$260.

Sign of the times?

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Girl Leaps Off Eiffel Tower

PARIS, Oct. 18.—(AP)—A girl identified by French Police as Miss Patricia Hunter, 27, from Port Chester, N. Y., plunged to her death today from the second platform of the Eiffel Tower.

The Police said the girl had destroyed all her papers before hurling the 330 feet to the ground, but that identification was made from torn checks.

The authorities said Miss Hunter was staying in Paris with her Aunt, Mrs. Joseph Hunter. They said she had visited the Paris Branch of the Guaranty Trust Co. of New York with a letter of introduction.

Truman Puts Wallgren Up For FPC

WASHINGTON, Oct. 18.—(AP)—President Truman today named former Gov. Mon C. Wallgren of Washington as a member of the Federal Power Commission.

The President, at the same time, nominated James M. Mead, former Democratic Senator from New York to be a member of the Federal Trade Commission.

Wallgren was appointed to succeed Leland S. Olds, whose nomination for the third term on the Power Commission was rejected by the Senate in one of its major rebuffs to the President. The term expires June 22, 1954.

Patrolman Flick Tumbles On Cycle

Indiana Borough patrolman Orvis Flick took a tumble yesterday afternoon while riding a police motorcycle, suffering lacerations of the left hand and elbow.

Flick said the cycle skidded on the shale on North Fifth street causing the accident.

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Your Phone Is Almost Certain To Cost More

HARRISBURG, Oct. 18.—(AP)—It will cost more to have a business or residential telephone in most parts of Pennsylvania beginning this Friday.

The Public Utility Commission late yesterday issued an order authorizing the Bell Telephone Company of Pennsylvania to boost its rates \$17,963,000 annually for its 1,750,000 subscribers throughout the state.

The company had asked for an increase of \$25,000,000 but the commission unanimously agreed that the \$17,963,000 boost would constitute a "fair and reasonable rate of return."

Not affected by the new rates, the company's first since 1924, are long distance toll charges.

The commission ordered the telephone company to submit new tariffs by this Thursday, listing new rates for subscribers to conform to the increase granted.

The application for the \$25,000,000 increase, broadly, provided for a 77-cent monthly increase for residential service and a \$4.02 for business telephones.

E. D. Gillen, president of the Bell Company, said in a statement that the increase granted "falls short of the company's financial requirements."

Battle Brews Over Double Tax Charge

FERNDALE, Pa., Oct. 18.—(AP)—A legal battle is brewing over double taxation in this little Cambria County community near Johnstown.

It's all because Ferndale and Johnstown have identical one per cent income taxes.

Many Ferndale residents work in Johnstown where the one per cent is taken from their pay envelopes.

The Ferndale School Board is insisting on its one per cent, too.

Some 50 or 60 residents are rebelling. Two of them have been arrested by Ferndale officials and will get a hearing tomorrow night.

"I've paid my wage tax in Johnstown and I don't intend to pay it again," commented Edward McNally. He and A. E. Brinkworth were arrested on warrants issued by Mrs. Katherine W. Sharpe, Ferndale tax collector. She says she's getting ready to file more warrants.

Johnstown claims priority in collecting the tax because the money is earned there. The Borough insists it has first right on the basis of a Superior Court decision of last July which gives the home district precedence.

Similar situations exist in other communities which have levied wage taxes under a recent law broadening the local tax base.

Farmers Ask Tax Refunds

HARRISBURG, Oct. 18.—(AP)—Farmers by the thousands have requested the Commonwealth with requests for refunds of gasoline taxes allowed under a 1949 law.

The State Board of Finance and Revenue said some 12,000 requests already have been tabulated for the quarterly period ended Oct. 15. It added that many hundreds more poured in at deadline time and have not been totaled yet.

The law permits Pennsylvania's 178,000 farmers to receive refund of half of the five-cent tax they pay on gasoline used in food production.

Cost Runs High

It was estimated when the law was signed that the refund cost might run as high as \$1,500,000 annually, but the present application figures indicate it will be far less than that.

The 1949 Legislature authorized the State Board of Finance and Revenue to make quarterly repayments upon application by the farmers. The Board has sent out more than 80,000 forms throughout the state to other farm organizations and gasoline stations in rural areas.

After a farmer fills out a form and returns it to the board here, he gets a code number and another form on which to apply for reimbursements.

State Police Invite Public

Residents of Indiana County will have an opportunity all this week, Pennsylvania Week, to see where and how State Police operate within the Indiana substation holds open house.

St. Lou Feloni, commanding officer of the local station, said the public will be welcome at the State Police office, 362 Philadelphia street, all this week.

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Fall Is Fatal For H. Shaffer

Harry Shaffer, Plumville, died in the Adrian Hospital, Piquetsawney about 1:35 p. m. yesterday from injuries received in a fall from a ladder about 8 a. m. the same day. His injuries were a fracture of the skull and other bruises.

Mr. Shaffer and his brother Charles were repairing the roof of the home of Mrs. H. M. Zimmerman in Plumville. Charles Shaffer was holding the ladder placed upon the roof of the porch as his brother ascended to make the repairs. When the ladder slipped and swung off the porch roof both men were thrown to the ground. Charles Shaffer was not seriously injured.

Additional details in sketch in the obituary column of this issue.

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Court Sentenced Two Yesterday

Two Indiana County residents were sentenced in court here yesterday.

Joseph Allshouse, West Lebanon, was sentenced to serve six months in the Allegheny County Workhouse and pay a fine of \$250 and costs on a charge of driving an automobile while under the influence of intoxicating liquor.

Gordon DeBray Stephens, Indiana, was sentenced to serve six months in the Indiana County Jail and pay a fine of \$100 and costs.

On stage in person, Veterans radio-stage performer, Doc Williams and his Border Riders, Presbyterian Church, Plumville, Pa., Wed. Oct. 19, 8:00 p. m. Sponsor: Joy Class. Adults 60c children 30c, tax inc.

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Sea Crash Kills 21

R.E. Co-Op. Loan OK'd Yesterday

The Southwest Central Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation of Indiana made application on August 22, 1949 for \$325,000.00. This loan was approved yesterday. The loan is for the extension of service lines 140 miles to serve about 500 additional customers.

The total previous loans to the Indiana organization totaled \$2,343,609.00 and was for the construction of 1,685 miles of Rural Electric lines which now serve 6,073 customers.

The area served by the local organization covers all of Indiana County, most of Cambria County, and a portion of Armstrong County.

The above information was received from two sources. First Congressman Saylor telephoned from Washington to the Gazette, and Clarence R. Wickard, Administrator of Rural Electrification in Washington telephoned the Rural Electric Office in Indiana.

Johnston Heads Board

The president of the local Board of Directors is Robert Johnston of Creekside. The General Manager of the Southwest Central is Sterling J. Orange of Indiana.

Mr. Orange stated that this money is for system improvements and member extensions.

It is some fifteen or sixteen years ago that the local Rural Electric had its start in Indiana County. Today one can drive all over Indiana and Cambria Counties and see beautiful farm homes well lighted with electricity. The barns and outbuildings on these farms are also lighted.

See R. E. CO-OP. (Continued on Page Two)

Climbs Fire Ladder For Fun(d)s



"Daring Jack Hanford", a Junior at Indiana State Teachers College, climbed the 35-foot aerial ladder of the Indiana Fire Department last night to raise funds for the World Student Service Fund. Jack moved up one step for every donation from the student audience. The ladder was placed against the rear of the college auditorium. The climber, who hails from Pittsburgh, was able to go to the top and return to one step from the bottom. He made the last donation himself to get off the ladder. Total collected was \$17.55. The above photo shows "Daring Jack" part way up the ladder. (Gazette photo)

12-Degree Winter Hits Northwest

(By The Associated Press)

A swirling white preview of winter banked five-foot snow drifts in Montana today and dipped temperatures in the Rocky Mountains area as low as 12 degrees.

The windy snowfall was in contrast to the pleasant autumn weather which prevailed over most of the eastern half of the country.

North winds, recorded at 55-mile speed in top gusts, piled the snow which fell mainly on the eastern slopes of the northern Rockies and in the northwest plains area adjacent. The actual fall ranged from six inches at Cut Bank, Mont., and five inches in Yellowstone National Park to approximately one inch in most of the area.

No emergency conditions were caused by the storm, authorities said. The early morning minimum of 12 degrees above zero was reported at Cut Bank. The mercury was under the freezing mark at most Montana points. The strength of the winds varied, mostly in a range from 15 to 45 miles an hour, but lessening of speed was predicted today by the Weather Bureau.

Warm In East

Pain fell on the fringes of the snow area—in northwestern Utah and southern Wyoming.

A heavy pall of fog and smoke developed early today over the Chicago area, causing a number of accidents on streets and highways.

Ten airliners carrying some 200 passengers winged in circles over the city at dawn, waiting for sunrise and a breeze to clear runways at the airports. Most of the ships were kept in the air from an hour to two hours after arrival. All landed without incident.

Student Climbs Fire Ladder For Fun(d) Support

Jack Hanford, of Pittsburgh, a student at Indiana State Teachers College, climbed the Indiana Fire Department's 35-foot aerial ladder last night, moving one step up for every donation towards the World Student Service Fund.

The climb took place at the rear of the college auditorium.

John R. Smith of Indiana, who claims the distinction of being the only ISTC student older than the college president, served as "barker" for the affair. Smith is 43-years-old, one better than Dr. Willis Pratt, college president, and is attending ISTC under the GI Bill, being a veteran of World War II. He is a professional auctioneer.

Hanford, who last night was referred to as "Daring Jack Hanford," climbed the ladder to the top and returned to one step from the bottom, all on donations received from the student audience. Jack made the last contribution to get himself off the last step of the ladder.

Total collected last night was \$17.55. The college has a goal of \$1,000 for the WSSF with \$400 in the fund prior to the "climb" last night.

Ray Heads S. W. Pa. Association

Clark E. Ray, Assistant County Superintendent of Indiana County Public Schools, was elected President of the Southwest Pennsylvania County Superintendents' Association at the regular Fall meeting of the Association yesterday at the Greensburg Country Club. Mr. Ray had served in the capacity of vice president during the past year. He had also been secretary-treasurer of the Association for a number of years.

William H. Donaldson, County Superintendent of the Washington County Schools, was elected vice president and Dr. Agnes K. Garrity, Supervisor of Special Education in the Cambria County schools, was elected to the position of secretary-treasurer.

The Association includes the County Superintendents, Assistant County Superintendents, Supervisors of Special Education, Supervisors of Home Economics, and Supervisors of Vocational Agriculture in fourteen counties in the southwestern part of Pennsylvania.

The Glen Campbell Volunteer Fire Company has been granted a non-profit corporation charter. The court order, authorizing the charter, was handed down here yesterday afternoon.

New Stork Dater dresses. Gearhart's.

Aircraft Carrier Hits Boat

BERWICK, Eng., Oct. 18.—(AP)—The British aircraft carrier Albion and a small coal freighter collided in a gale in the North Sea today. The freighter sank swiftly and eight hours later only three of the crewmen aboard were known to have survived.

Lifeboats fought the foaming waves hunting survivors near the Farnes Islands off the northeast coast of England.

Carrier Takes Water

The newly built 16,300-ton Albion was manned by a civilian crew and was in tow to drydock for completion. The collision rammed a hole in the carrier and she was reported taking water.

The Albion had aboard three survivors from the freighter, the 2,025-ton Maystone, carrying coal to London. A spokesman for the owners of the Maystone, said lifeboat crews still at sea had some hopes of picking up other survivors.

The collision occurred eight miles off England's northeast coast, near the Anglo-Scottish border port of Berwick. Lifeboats from the Berwick Coast Guard station put out into rain and wind-tossed waves to hunt for survivors.

Three of the Maystone's crew were reported picked up by the Albion and British Press Association said some others were rescued by Coastguards.

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Joint Club Meet Notes Penna. Week

Dr. S. K. Stephens, Pennsylvania State Historian and guest speaker at the joint meeting of the Rotary and Kiwanis Clubs of Indiana last evening told his hearers that the growth of the United States, a relatively young but mighty nation among the peoples of the world, is "distinguished for its high degree of human freedom."

Taking the recent discovery of the small stone building housing the first "long rifle," also known as the Pennsylvania rifle and the Kentucky rifle, in Lancaster County as a symbol of notable historic places in Pennsylvania which have gone undiscovered and therefore unpublished, Dr. Stephens urged that all the state's little chronicled historic events and places be given to the public. The state should capitalize on its history.

Speaking as a representative of the state in the current Pennsylvania Week promotion program, he sought to emphasize the importance of the state's rich historic lore. Too little is known of the great pioneer.

See JOINT CLUB (Continued on Page Two)

Industrialist's Wife Is Killed

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 18.—(AP)—Mrs. Ruby Burroughs Batt, 52, wife of Industrialist William L. Batt, Sr., died under the wheels of a Broad Street subway train yesterday.

Witnesses told police the woman leaped from the platform as the subway train rounded a curve into City Hall Station.

Before the plunge, the witnesses said, Mrs. Batt removed her fur jacket and shoes, placing them on the platform with her baggage.

Batt, who left a Pennsylvania Week ceremony to go to the morgue to identify his wife, said he believed his wife fell under the wheels of the train after suffering a fainting spell.

"It is unthinkable," he said, "that she would have jumped."

Batt is president of SKF Industries, Inc., and was head of the War Production Board during World War Two.

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Charter Firemen

The Glen Campbell Volunteer Fire Company has been granted a non-profit corporation charter. The court order, authorizing the charter, was handed down here yesterday afternoon.

Winter Coats of Quality \$45.00 up. Washable Gaberdine Play-Girl Dresses \$6.00. All sizes. Gearhart's.