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NOTHING SPECIAL

Get Facts; No Delay

Public hearings on the Cobbs Creek Expressway will be held soon (next Tuesday and Wednesday) and three municipalities are voicing battery against it.

Darby and Colwyn councils are already on record against the proposed alignment, and Yeadon is expected to follow.

This expressway is one of several links in a series of area highways, which together (at least it is hoped) will help remove the bottlenecks which are the chief characteristic of today's county roads.

Now, pending the hearing, we express no opinion either for or against the proposed alignment. And we will add that the communities mentioned above certainly have every right to voice their opinions.

But, at the same time, we will emphasize that this must not become another Blue Route—delayed for a decade past need as our county cries desperately for adequate roads.

Let all objections be voiced, yes. Let everyone be heard, yes. Get all the facts involved, above all.

But when this is done, decision should be made on the simple basis of engineering logic, which determined the path of the Blue Route, and should determine every expressway.

What must be avoided above all is further needless delay on the construction of long overdue expressways in and around this county.

In the end, what must be done will have to be done anyway, no matter how much or how loudly those who disagree may protest.

Nothing is gained by tying up traffic, adding to already nearly-unbearable congestion—which affects people from all parts of the county—simply because whatever route is eventually chosen doesn't please everybody.

—No route will.

Cuban Day

Before Fidel Castro came along, May 20 used to be a big day down Cuba way.

It was observed as Cuban Independence Day, marking the day when Tomas Estrada Palma was inaugurated first President of the Cuban Republic.

The ceremony, in 1902, was also marked by the withdrawal of U.S. military forces from the island, which forces had defeated the Spanish to give Cuba its independence.

U.S. forces, however, were not free of their tasks in Cuba. The so called Platt Amendment (to a U.S. Army appropriation bill) which was made a part of the Cuban constitution, committed the U.S. to mandatory intervention if Cuban independence were threatened.

Political turbulence brought such intervention three times in the next 15 years, as the new nation got off to a rather shaky start.

In 1934, under Franklin D. Roosevelt, a new treaty was negotiated with Cuba, and then the island was completely on its own. Independence, however, was to be dimmed by a succession of dictators, shattered as Fidel Castro moved Cuba into Communist control.

Thus, as "Cuban Independence Day" rolls around today, there will hardly be much note taken, no dancing in the street and gay festivals.

To begin with, there's no "independence" left in Cuba to celebrate.

And besides that, it can be taken for granted that Fidel Castro wants no reminder to the Cuban people of the debt they owe the United States for delivering Cuba from Spanish colonialism.

—If Castro takes any note of the day at all, it'll just be twisted into another occasion for him to rant at the U.S.

Pollution

What do these words suggest to you—Chester Creek, Ridley Creek, Crum Creek?

If you're an admirer of our county's shrinking spots of scenic beauty, you're conjuring up a vision, perhaps of rippling water, tree-lined banks.

But if you're a bacteriologist, your attention would go to the point that these three creeks are becoming increasingly polluted by sewage and industrial waste.

Recently Mrs. William Telfer, bacteriologist, discussed pollution problems before the Media Junior Chamber of Commerce. We salute the Jaycees for spotlighting the problem.

—But this is a cause of community concern which merits more attention than civic club lectures. The longer this problem is ignored, the more difficult it will eventually be to correct.

Well, I hope that what happened out in Oregon settles that silly Lodge for President gurgling. Hysterical left-wing and squishy "moderate" Republican tub-thumpers have just about shot their wad in trying to appoint a Democrat to lead the Republican party into the fray this fall. Despite all the innuendo, the brickbats and the hypocritical "polls" Sen. Goldwater carries the GOP banner. Having spent some time in Oregon in recent years, I didn't think Goldwater or Nixon had a prayer in that overplayed primary. Rockefeller did a good job out there, although I think Dick Nixon has a great deal more to say about the situation than is indicated. When all the smoke has cleared, I think that Nixon wants to take on President Johnson in November, the honor will be his.

As a newcomer to the community and the area, I am somewhat surprised at the extent of the publicity and attention that went with the recent disturbances in Chester. I realize, of course, that part of the hysteria comes from the emphasis Philadelphia news media put on the events here to cover their own problems in the city. If you will think back a few years, you will recall that other cities in northern United States have gone through the ordeal of demonstrations and riots for many years prior to Chester's bath.

Another thing that puzzles and interests me is the time and effort that a great many people—not directly involved—have spent in the developments in Chester. In some instances, these "outsiders" have actually hampered sincere efforts on the part of all elements involved from getting together effectively. At the same time, Chester people have professed a lack of time (because of the sheer necessity of making a living) and a rather frustrated helplessness in tackling and solving the problems annoying the city and its citizens.

It is this hopeless—or helpless than face other cities. Chester has no greater problems than face other cities. Well meaning people can work this out. There are people in

To The Times:

After my letter, titled "Calls for Daily Prayers" appeared, I received many calls. Many agree that prayer is necessary, and believe it is our solution to our problem.

More things are wrought by prayer than the world ever dreams.

However, many did not fully understand. We were asking you to join us in prayer wherever you are at that hour.

DUE to the fact that some have been to our Church, we will open the doors at Trinity U.A.M.E. Church, 420 Olive St. Media. (Rev. Ross Nicholas, pastor) every day from 11 to 12.

All who desire to come and join us in prayer there, we will gladly welcome you. Where there is unity there is strength.

We would like to see many Churches open their doors also, for prayer to come in, and pray for deliverance in our great crisis.

Whether we realize it or not, this problem is more serious than many think it to be.

Thanks For Aid

To The Times:

Mr. and Mrs. Gibson Happersett wish to express their very sincere thanks to all who contributed effort and money for the Franklin E. Happersett fund.

We also offer our thanks to all those who gave voluntary assistance in so many other various ways.

Our recent problem has again strengthened our belief in all people, and to list individually all that has been done for us would certainly require a separate issue of this newspaper. Again, thank you, friends.

MR. AND MRS. GIBSON C. HAPPERSETT
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Media

A HOPELESS optimist is a fellow who believes a parking space will show up if he drives once around the block.

A reader contributes the following:

And so I hold it is not reason To advance a simple reason

The Hour Is Late



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Prayer Can Solve All Problems

God made man in His Own image and likeness that is all. He made man, as the little children in Bible School repeat, "For His Own Glory." We are here to glorify, and love and honor God.

Protest Garage

To The Times:

We had much concern regarding the detention arrangements of the demonstrators who were held in the Media Court House garage.

We strongly disapprove and protest such undignified treatment of any individuals.

As further indication of our protest, we have made a financial contribution to the NAACP to aid that organization and to enforce civil liberties.

MRS. VIRGINIA S. MARTIN,
ACSU Chairman,
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Brandywine Valley Chapter
National Assoc. Social Workers

God gave the commandment to Moses to "Love Thy Neighbor As Thyself."

As the many beautiful flowers that God made, we should all grow together and make a beautiful garden. He expects us to be the same, beautiful in our lives, living together with God-given wisdom, knowing how to treat one another, respecting one another.

Not self-willed, evil, jealous, destroying, our true purpose for existence in the human race. We are all human beings, not animals.

ALTHOUGH it is sad to say, some people act like animals, who do not have God manifested in their life. All races, creeds, and colors, if we have the divine nature that is our heritage, can live together in the world one with the other.

Many do not agree with me on this issue of prayer being the answer, and waiting on God. But I know He will hear and answer prayer.

Due to the evils that have been inflicted from years and years back, many are bitter. But we cannot go forward looking back. God can and will solve problems.

For the sorry lack of progress we decry.

It is this: Instead of working on himself, each man is shirking. And trying to reform some other guy.

Who, me?

Here's one way government economy works: By abolishing the Outdoor Recreation Resources Review Committee, which in 1962 had 49 employees, \$5,000 was salvaged from the budget. But the new Bureau of Outdoor Recreation in 1964 will have 233 permanent employees and a budget of \$2,462,000.

The big city advertising man was interested in acquiring a small daily newspaper and asked the publisher whether the paper made money on subscriptions.

"Nope," replied the publisher. "How about commercial printing and related items — they must be profitable." Again the publisher shook his head.

"Well, you must make money on advertising?"

"Break even," was the reply. Overwhelmed, the visitor asked,

"Then how do you manage at all?"

"Well," said the publisher, "It isn't easy in this town. In fact, we couldn't continue at all if it weren't for the humor departments of the big city dailies. They buy all of our typographical errors."

William B. Sweetland

Welcome, Beatles

LONDON—Our gallant allies, whether or not they sell buses to Cuba and have been responsible for the Beatles, are terribly upset over the barring of Miss Dusty Springfield from a recent Ed Sullivan Show.

According to the hue and cry, this is the worst affront to Britain since the Boston Tea Party.

Miss Springfield is what they call a pop singer over here, and it seems that some collusion between the immigration authorities and the Labor Department people has conspired to keep her off the tiliot box.

This is because of a ruling which became effective April 15, and possibly has to do with the balance of payments, the dollar outflow, or something.

IT SEEMS that a group called the Keys Sisters has also been barred, but another group called the Pacemakers was allowed because they got signed before the Stamp Act, or whatever it may be.

From all can make out from a semi-hysterical press, the new

order says that "when a person is not of exceptional talent" performing permission has to be sought from the Department of Labor.

THE IDEA is that you keep out the furnicers if some Amer-

ican yowler or tooter or drum-banger can do it just as well.

It says here banning the musicians' union has been trying to ban the Beatles from future appearances.

BUT it seems to me the overall pattern is dangerous in the extreme.

Miss Lena Horne has just closed at the Palladium, to packed houses and riotous applause, and I should hate to see Britain ban Miss Horne and Mr. Samuel Davis and other invaders just to get even with America.

To date England has been very reasonable about work permits, residency and such, and this could get sticky.

The tight little Isle has trouble enough across the channel with Charles de Gaulle and the Common Market rebuff, and we do not wish to supply the extra fly that bites the lion's back.

THE BANNING of Miss Springfield is regarded as a test case, and I think it calls for some thought.

The entertainment business has fled abroad—to a certain degree, and especially in the movie industry—and this is no way to drag it home again.

The boycott could spread, and then we wouldn't have "Tom Jones" at all.

There is a certain moral to be found in the banning of entertainment or anybody because of conflicting with local interest.

It goes hand-in-hand with the Volstead Act and other stupid impediments to friendly living.

THE BRITISH, the French and the Italians put out powerful export products in entertainment, ranging from Chevalier to Sophia Loren, from Bardot to Olivier, from Burton to the Beatles.

Prohibitions can start small and achieve enormous size.

You begin by knocking some girl singer off a TV show, which God knows is important in itself, and wind up frowning at Winston Churchill, a great entertainer, because he had an English father.

THERE is no way to define whether an American can do something as well as anybody else in a field as fragile as howling into a lavaliere mike.

Possibly you can enforce a prohibition on technicians, but on the artistic side there is no basis of comparison.

Possibly the invasion of foreigners does prevent some Texe-ty-pipette-girl from working on Mr. Sullivan's Sunday hour, but it isn't worth the emmy.

We have problems enough in Vietnam, where they shoot the entertainers at dawn, without starting a new flood of quarrels with our friends.

IF Americans want to hear Beatles instead of Elvis, I say give them the opportunity.

It is not going to put that man American out of water, and I should hate to think that Elvis might become unpopular with the people over here.

Let us look up to Him, and seek His favor. Each of us ask Him what can I do to make the world a better place to live in.

I HAVE been told that during World War I our nation paused 2 minutes every day at 11 o'clock for prayer. Schools, factories, everything stopped as the whistle sounded, to pray for God's intervention. And God answered prayer.

The war was ended. This strife can come to an end. Something else may start later, as did World War II, but God can deliver in any situation.

LET US go back to our father's way of life our country was founded on religion.

This atheistic way of life will only lead to destruction and chaos.

If you cannot come to Church to pray, pray at home or wherever you are, as long as you possibly can, if for only a moment, silent prayer from 11 to 12 o'clock.

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'Exodus' Foreseen

To The Times:

Since the powers that be seem sincerely interested in uncovering all possible facts leading to and from the present racial conflict, I suggest you publish a complete list of delinquent taxpayers.

Please include addresses as well as names.

Might it be more economical and profitable to get a court order for demand payment of

these taxes, than to raise responsible citizens' taxes?

I CAN foresee an exodus of responsible citizens.

Taxes in nearby suburban communities are not any higher, when assessed valuation is compared.

DOROTHY S. GORE
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DO YOU REMEMBER WHEN?

Ball Park Betting Irks Citizen

75 YEARS AGO—A Chester man says he loves to see a game of ball and would go to the parks if the betting and profanity were suppressed.

Rose & Son of Chester's First Ward, have their new brick kiln ready for use.

The rule that a foul tip is not out when caught immediately behind the plate is roundly denounced by catchers in the County.

The monitor Puritan, built at Roach's Shipyard, is now on her way to the New York Navy Yard.

The B. & O. Railroad will soon have a fine station at Lepreville.

New rails were dropped along the P.W. & B. on Saturday from Chester station down, to replace some old ones and get ready for faster trains.

A number of ladies and gentlemen on Saturday went in to see the big clock now on exhibition on Market Street, near Third. It is an extremely ingenious piece of mechanism and well worth seeing.

Early last week Mrs. Isaac T. Lewis lost her purse. As she wanted it, a little twenty-five cent advertisement in the Chester Times was sent out to look for it. As usual it found it and restored it to its owner.

Now is the time to advertise.

The Brandywines organized for the season on Friday night with the following nine: Battery, Bartless and Quigley; Corcoran, first base; Well, second; C. Roecker, third; Speakman, short; Kane, left; Herman Roecker, center; Rupert, right, and John F. McBride the manager.

50 YEARS AGO—In one of the most interesting political battles that has been waged at the primary election in a number of years, the Hon. Thomas S. Butler of West Chester, the present member of Congress from the Seventh District, was renominated by a majority of

approximately 1,600 votes over Captain Isaac E. Johnson of Media.

The latter, who is a well-known attorney of Delaware County and the son of the Hon. Isaac Johnson, president judge of the Delaware County Courts, led the ticket by large majorities, however, in Chester City and Delaware County.

25 YEARS AGO—Patrick A. Rockett, 65-year-old Edvystone justice of the peace and insurance agent, suffered serious injuries at 5:30 a.m. today when he fell down a flight of stairs while sleep-walking at his home, 1023 Saville Avenue.