

At The Court House

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The latest achievement was posted last week when Kaiser Electronics Inc. gifted the county with an unfinished sheet-metal and glass building at the airport. Although the current market price is uncertain, the building cost Chase Aircraft \$500,000 when that subsidiary of Kaiser was building planes for the Government at Mercer Airport.

Kaiser may have sold the building if it had been a little more patient and persistent. As it happened, Coffee early this year suggested the company might like to turn it over to the county and the suggestion bore fruit. Coffee was surprised. He did not really expect Kaiser to give the building to the county, but he and the other Freeholders were happy to get it.

Finally there was a windfall of about \$60,000 for the county from the Transcontinental Pipe Line Corporation when that concern got an easement to cross the golf course. Previously the county had collected as little as \$1 for like concessions.

Prosecutor Stanley E. Rutkowski will soon be moving from his present Brunswick Avenue address. He has purchased a new home on Roxboro Road in Lawrence Township and is currently arranging for financing.

Mrs. Helen A. Bickel of the County Clerk Bill Falcey's office, has been keeping a secret that will delight her friends. She should make the announcement any day now.

Coffee would be the last to boast he singlehandedly secured coveted land for recreational purposes, but the fact remains he was the principal figure in obtaining about 356 acres at no cost. The first dedication was modest—six acres plus a cottage. It is named "Cedarbliss," near Washington Crossing, and in today's market would be worth \$40,000.

Next came Herrontown Wood in Princeton Township. This is an 80-acre tract which has been developed as a wildlife sanctuary and arboretum. If the former owner had put a \$400,000 price tag on it, the property would have been snapped up by a home developer.

One of the best programs staged by the Mercer County Bar Association was held at the Court House recently when a symposium on civil suits was held. George Felletieri, who seems to relish a rough-and-tumble legal battle, was cast in the role of keeping peace. He was the moderator.

Clarence Lord appeared as a representative of insurance companies and Martin P. Devlin Jr. and George Y. Schoch as attorneys for private individuals in an evaluation program.

Then Irving H. Lewis and Kenneth J. Dawes Sr. squared off in an exhibition of negotiating a settlement in a hypothetical accident at Market and Jackson Streets. In this accident the "victim" lost a leg and incurred huge medical expense. Liability for the mishap was not clear cut. The two attorneys, Dawes representing the plaintiff and Lewis the defendant, went through all the steps of settlement.

Then came the John A. Roebing Memorial Park in White City. This has 249 acres as well as the oldest building in Mercer County, the Watson House. The big tract was turned over to the county by the Broad Street Park Civic Association to become part of the county's recreation program.

Had a spectator strolled into the courtroom about the time Lewis and Dawes were bargaining, he would have thought he had stepped into a battle royal between two angry lawyers. The consensus of the symposium by those attending was a job well done.

W. J. O'D.

On Oct. 16, 1940, approximately 16,400,000 men were registered for U. S. Armed Forces under the Selective Service Act.



FOUR GENERATIONS—Four generations in the Conti family are pictured above. Baby Emilia Conti is seated on the lap of her grandmother, Mrs. Dante Conti. Looking on are the baby's father, Ronald L. Conti, and her great-grandmother, Mrs. John Vannozzi.

At The Federal Building

Census Taker's Job Not An Easy One

At least one census worker we know who expected a lark now finds himself pushing his pencil like a valiant comet.

"It just seems like I have a statistical tiger by the tail and I don't dare let go," says he, shaking his tired head.

In some ways he's sorry he took the job. There are too many figures, too much detail, too much physical effort, and too little reward.

"But I started this and I'm going to finish," he says.

for classified employees and up to 23 1/2-percent for Post Office workers.

In Washington last week for a special three-day Crusade for Economic Equality Conference on that subject were Carl Gatti and Charles Lane of Letter Carriers Local 380 and Dominick Rebecca and John Beatty of Clerks Local 1020.

Some 4,000 Federal employee representatives heard Representative Morrison and other congressmen tell what they hope to do for government workers.

"We hope to get enough support to override any presidential veto," said Gatti. — L. H.

3 Youngsters Admit Thefts At 12 Homes

LINDEN —AP— Police said that three Linden youngsters age 11 to 13 have admitted burglarizing at least 12 homes during the past five months.

The burglaries were carried out with professional skill, police said, and some of the victims never knew items had been taken.

The youngsters, two of them brothers, gained entrance to homes through cellar windows. They would cut a screen near the side bolts and push in the window, police said.

They were caught after a house burglary here Thursday night when they left behind a dagger-type knife used to break into the home of Thomas Caruso.

Trenton Lodge Of Elks To Hold Party For Blind Here April 19

Plans are nearing completion for the annual party for the blind by the Trenton Lodge of Elks in its auditorium on North Warren Street on Tuesday evening, April 19.

Members of the Associations for the Blind from Trenton, Camden and New Brunswick will be entertained, and 250 blind persons with escorts have been invited to attend this annual party.

A program of entertainment is being arranged, with refreshments and gifts for all blind in attendance. An orchestra for dancing is being provided by the Trenton Musical Association, Local No. 62.

Norbert Cifelli, president of the Trenton Association of the Blind, will welcome the members from Camden, Burlington and Middlesex.

Herman Lavinson, chairman, announces the following: Elks are Patrons for the affair.

Harry Kimmel, exalted ruler; Thomas Rhodes Sr., Edward Thorpe, Arthur Peck, Thomas DeZorn, Louis Deodato, Nick Seru, Arthur Schwenk, Walter Selek, Harry Duke, Joseph Olin-

sky, Angelo LaMarca, Henry Fessenbecker, Thomas Rhodes Jr., George Hresko, Gerald Rhodes, James J. Rhodes, Albert Harrison, William R. Thorne, Alfonso Struber, Harry Baldwin, Woodrow Behn, Francis Deodato, Edward Bracker, John Grogan, Sal Sacatelli, Frank Pinto, John Gress, Bernard Graham, George Cohen, William I'Anson, Dan Fucello John Kite, Harry Eckman, John Huston, Sam Shel, Hyman Silverman, Louis Kaplan, David Kelsey, Jim Doran, William Vogel, Morris Greenfield, Maurice Urken, Barnet Beck, Benjamin Popkin, Jim Kenny, Samuel Plumeri, Willard Jobs, Joseph Loth, Dr. L. Epstein, John Meagher, John Sodei, Joseph Deodato, Sam Sacks, Jack Mitchell, Herman Falat, Larry Hipleman, Sam Brangan, Joseph Pettit, Sam Perro, Carl Hansen Jr., Levi Purdy, Peter Spahr, Vince Byrnes, Henry Wurfel, Otto Dooderlein, Irving Harrison, Leroy Ufert, Philip DeZorn, Angelo, William Glatz, Edward Scudder, Frank McGarigle, C. Edward Murray Jr.

Callaghan Is Speaker Tuesday At Meeting Of Trenton Lions

Lieutenant Commander W. M. Callaghan of the U. S. Naval Air Turbine Test Station at West Trenton, will address the Lions Club of Trenton on "Your Navy And Your Future" at the Stacy-Trent Hotel Tuesday noon.

A graduate of the U. S. Naval Academy in 1949, Lieutenant Commander Callaghan has served on destroyers, as a carrier pilot in an anti-submarine squadron; was aide and flag lieutenant to Commander Flag Group Alpha until 1955. He obtained his masters degree in aeronautical engineering from the Cranford College of Aeronautics in England in 1958. Callaghan, his wife and two sons reside in Yardley.

Supplementing his talk with a naval film, the speaker will review our national defense and the present world situation. He will be introduced by Howard Appar, program chairman and vice-president of the club.

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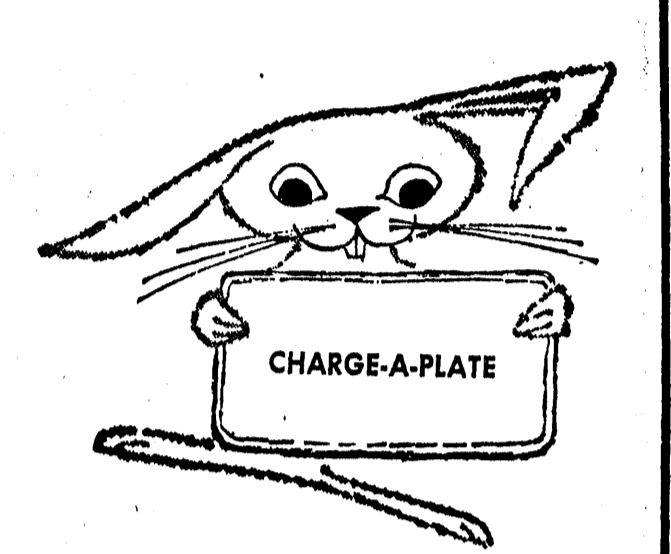
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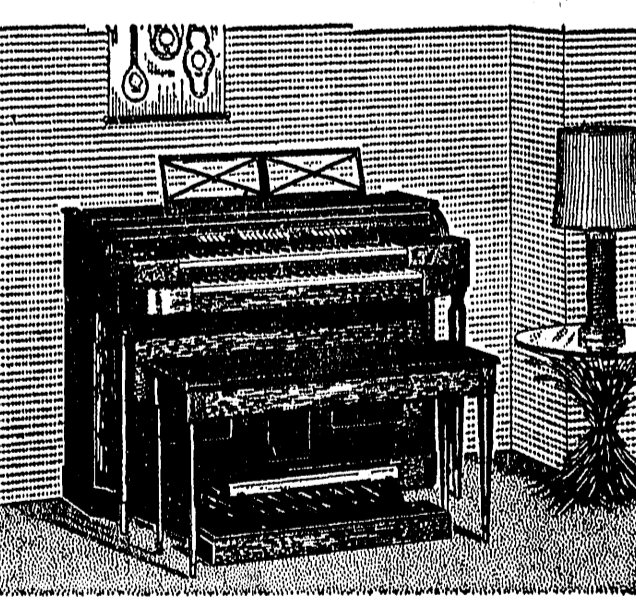
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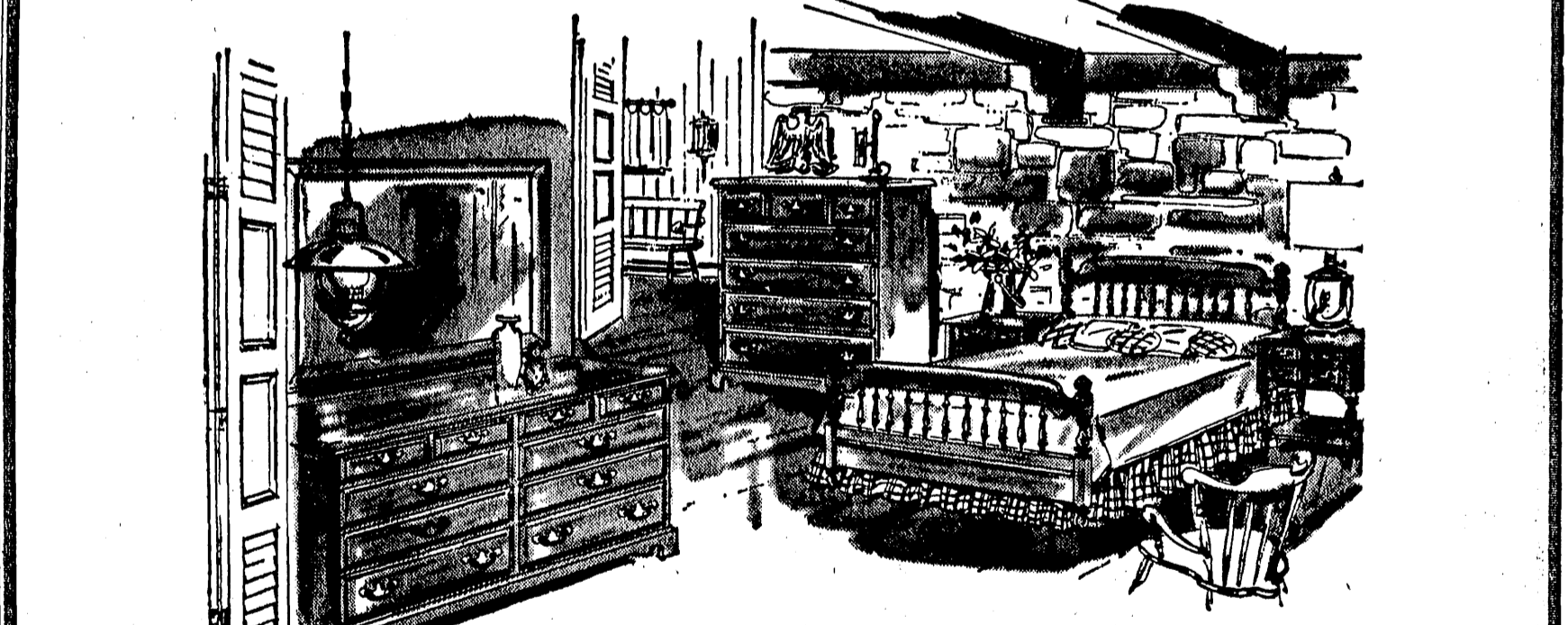
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