

To celebrate 225 years of Lancaster newspapers, we present this weekly series of 52 front pages from throughout our history. Many feature events that would shape the course of world history. Some feature events of great local importance. Still others simply provide windows into the long-ago lives of Lancaster County residents. Make sure to check in every week, and enjoy this trip through time with LNP.

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Russia Hints Need For Secret Talks, Reaffirms Stand

GENEVA (AP) — The Soviet Union has told the West again that it wants to negotiate a four-point agreement to ease tension in Europe. Western diplomats reported Wednesday night.

They said Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko also has indicated that the Big Four foreign ministers might consider ending the speechmaking phase of their conference and go into secret talks.

The Western ministers appeared resolved to respond to Gromyko's feelers for secret sessions only when he puts them forward more precisely.

Inside the Palace of Nations, where the formal Big Four talks are being held, East and West bogged down in a crossfire of criticism over the rival Soviet and Western plans for a German peace settlement.

PARTITION IS DISASTER
Secretary of State Christian A. Herter warned the Soviets that prolonged partition of Germany will bring "disaster for those that stand in the way" of unity for the 72 million Germans.

Gromyko served notice that the Soviet Union stands by its program—and only its program—for a German settlement.

In private talks with British Foreign Secretary Selwyn Lloyd and others Gromyko expressed definite interest—as he already has done at the conference table—in negotiating four separate agreements:

1. A new arrangement in Berlin.
2. An East-West nonaggression declaration.
3. A formalized cease-fire in the West German commitment to speed the process of unification.
4. A zone of reduced tension in middle Europe where the armies and armies of the big powers would be limited.

All these items form part of the West's package of proposals for a German settlement and the building of a European security system.

PIECE BY PIECE
The West has signaled willingness to discuss each separately, provided it is understood that all remain part of the package which will be implemented as a whole.

In the face of this stand Gromyko's suggestion of a four-point deal seemed foredoomed to rejection. As things stand now the future of a united Germany is a wide.

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BRIGHT LIGHT SEEN BY CITY RESIDENTS

Several calls were received by the Intelligencer Journal last night describing what appears to have been a king-sized meteor that lighted the southern skies at about 11:10 p.m.

All of the callers agreed that the light was bright, the source big, but there agreement ended. A woman called the phenomenon a "meteor" because it had a flaming tail. "No tail," said the male caller. A greenish light emanated from the "thing," said a man. Not so, said another caller. It was yellow and red.

Authoritative sources at the North Museum were not available to shed any light on the subject.

"We Lead All The Rest" FARM CORNER

By Jack E. Keyser

2 4-H Councils Elect Presidents At Joint Meeting

Bette Umbles, sixteen-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leon Umbles, 2350 Old Philadelphia Pike, was selected to be president of the Lancaster County 4-H Home Economics Council Wednesday night.

In a similar election at John Henry Nef School, Neffville, Fred Bernhard, Orchard Road, Mount Joy, was elected president of the 4-H Agriculture County Council.

The elections were held in conjunction with a joint leadership training meeting of all county officers.

The son of Rev. and Mrs. Howard Bernhard, Fred is also treasurer of the Red Red 4-H Baby Beef and Lamb Club.

Beta presidents have long strings of wins in 4-H competition. Bette, along with another 4-H member, took top honors at the state bread-making contest at Pennsylvania State University last year.

She also was awarded one of

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CENTRAL WAGE TAX AGENCY IS ORGANIZED

W. D. Darmstaetter Heads Group Representing 31 Dist.

The executive committee of the Lancaster County Tax Collection Bureau organized Wednesday night and immediately began tackling the problems that must be solved before the joint agency can begin collecting school wage taxes.

W. Douglas Darmstaetter was elected president of the committee by representatives from 28 of the 31 school districts that are members of the agency. Darmstaetter is a member of the Man-Union School Board.

The other officers are Wesley Van Buren, a member of the Man-Union Twp. board, 1st vice president; Dr. Thomas Mariner, Donegal Union, 2nd vice president; and K. L. Shirk, secretary. Shirk, chairman of the group of school board solicitors who are helping to set up the bureau, indicated that the bureau will be organized by the end of the year.

Finance, personnel, management and auditing committees were formed to handle details of the bureau's operations.

PROBLEMS DISCUSSED
These are some of the problems that were discussed but not solved at Wednesday night's meeting in the Manheim Twp. High School.

The executive committee has the job of getting a consulting firm to establish collection and accounting procedures and of hiring an executive director to run the bureau.

The committee still must approve rules and regulations which are being drawn up for the bureau.

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KING ST. STORE OF REBMAN STORE SOLD

The former home of Rebman's Holiday Store, 201 W. King St., was sold at public sale for \$35,000.

The three-story brick building was bought for a client by attorney John B. Rensler. Rensler said he could not disclose the name of his client.

Rensler was the only bidder in the sale conducted at 2 p.m. John C. Rebmans was the auctioneer.

Earl C. Rebmans, owner of the building, moved the business to 400 S. Queen St. last month. Rebmans said the store was moved because of lack of space for expansion. The W. King Street location will be consolidated with the firm's wholesale operations.

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PRIDE OR PLIGHT

Mighty Yankees Rest In Cellar

NEW YORK (AP)—New York's Yankees, winners of the World Series last fall, slid into the American League cellar Wednesday for the first time since May 25, 1940.

The team, which has lost more games than it has won since last July 26 except for the World Series last fall, clinched its descent in a 13-6 setback by Detroit.

The Tigers, winners of only two games of their first 17 starts, defeated Jimmy Dykes took over as manager, moved from eighth to seventh place to make room for the once-ground New Yorkers in the basement.

Eddie Yost, a veteran third baseman, combined with Frankie Lary, a pitcher who specializes in beating the Yankees, in Wednesday's lopsided Detroit conquest.

Yost hit a bases-loaded home run in the sixth inning and a bases empty homer in the sixth and a single to drive in runs and hit a bases-loaded homer in the seventh.

While Lary was pitching 10-hit ball and striking out nine, the Tigers jumped on five Yankee pitchers for 19 hits. One of the 19 was a home run by Gail Harris off Bobby Shantz in the sixth to break a 2-2 tie.

Shantz went on to tally six runs in the sixth and a bases-loaded homer in the seventh.

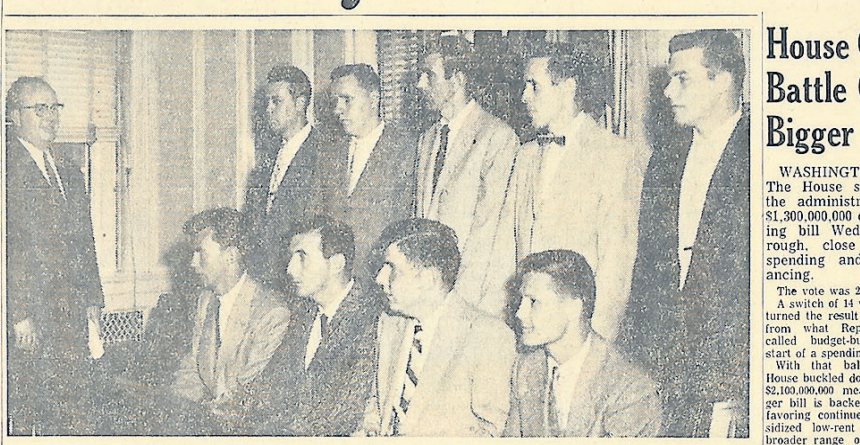
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Wednesday, May 20, is a day to remember. The day the Yankees lost the pennant was happy by comparison. Wednesday was the day they saw the inside of the place they've sent so many other teams, the cellar of the American League. And above they can

be seen trudging, one by one, through the basement, left to right, Johnny Kuck, Marty Throneberry, Tony Kubes and Yogi Berra. How's the headcase, Casey?

(AP Wirephoto by Photofax)

Cut Rate Housing Bill Killed By Close Vote



Nine New Officers Augment "Lancaster's Finest"

Nine new city policemen were sworn in to service Wednesday afternoon by Mayor Thomas J. Monaghan during ceremonies at City Hall.

The new officers who average about twenty-five years of age, officially became members of the Police Department on May 16 and since that time have been familiarizing themselves with the Department's various functions and attending classes on police work here.

Police officials said it has not yet been determined when the men will be put on regular duty. All nine new officers will attend the State Police Training School at Hershey and take a three-month municipal police force training course there, at some future date.

Mayor Monaghan, left, is shown briefing the new officers prior to administering the oath. They are, first row, left to right: Luther L. Henry, William E. Hummel, Jack R. Farrell and Miles V. Martin. Second row: William J. McEllen, Edward H. Snyder, Harold J. Syer, Melvin L. Work and Elmer C. Alwine Jr.

Manheim Twp. Graduating 174 Seniors June 4

A class of 174 students will be graduated from Manheim Twp. High School, Thursday night, June 4, during the first commencement to be held in the new building at Neffville.

The boarder bill immediately became subject to attempts to pare it down piecemeal instead of in one operation. What the House would do ultimately about housing was shrouded in uncertainty.

KEY BATTLEGROUND
In any event, housing had become a key battleground in the skirmishing over the larger issue of federal spending and the Eisenhower administration's talk of a balanced budget.

House GOP Leader Charles A. Halleck of Indiana sized up the \$2,100,000,000 housing measure and told reporters: "There is no doubt this is a budget-busting bill."

The bill the House had had no chance of becoming law—in other words, President Eisenhower would veto.

House Democratic Leader John W. McCormack of Massachusetts fought on the other side. He said the House had a choice between two philosophies, one of dollars and the other of human values.

President Eisenhower proposed a \$1,000,000,000 housing program to Congress earlier in the year. The Senate passed a \$2,000,000,000 bill, and the measure before the House was a trimmed-down version of the latter.

MEASURE PROVIDES
The bill called out of the Banking Committee, the House measure provides public housing, slum clearance, housing for elderly at colleges, and lower down payments on Federal Housing Administration homes.

The test vote today was on a single-package substitute offered by Rep. A. S. Herlong (D-Fla.). It

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Housing Bias Imperils U.S., Mrs. Salk Says

HARRISBURG (AP) — A Negro leader charged Wednesday that "all Americans are in danger" because Negro soldiers assigned to Army Nike sites are unable to find housing near the defense installations.

Ernest H. Fleming, chairman of the Veterans Committee of the NAACP chapter in Philadelphia, said married Negro soldiers are forced to live in "congested areas" as much as 20 miles away from the rocket sites, usually located in suburban areas around major cities.

Mrs. Jonas E. Salk of Pittsburgh, wife of the developer of anti-polio vaccine, told a public hearing of the House Labor and Order Committee that "when dwellings cannot be found for persons of color holding jobs at a Nike installation, under orders to live not more than five minutes from the job, one is compelled to examine the source of responsibility."

Mrs. Salk, one of 26 witnesses testifying in favor of a House bill (322) banning discrimination in housing, appeared as chairman of the Pittsburgh Committee.

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ARMY BOOSTS DRAFT FOR JULY BY 2,000

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Army Wednesday issued a draft call for 8,000 men in July, an increase of 2,000 over previously announced quotas for May and June.

The Army said there was no significant reason for raising the total except to maintain the strength of 800,000 authorized for the government year starting July 1.

Army strength stood at 879,000 at the end of March and is scheduled to drop to the 870,000 mark by June 30.

Steel Talks Short

NEW YORK (AP)—Negotiations between the United States Steelworkers Union and the industry, then recessed until Thursday.

LANCASTER CODE NO. 717
The regional code number under which Lancaster falls in the direct dialing setup.

Persons in cities equipped for direct dialing, can reach a party in Lancaster simply by dialing the number, 717, the exchange, such as Express, and the number desired.

A telephone unit in a city equipped with DDD can bypass the operator to call Lancaster only if he knows the Lancaster phone number he wants, is willing to call station-to-station (talk with anyone who answers), and is willing to have the call charged to the phone he is using.

Local telephone officials explained that Lancaster has been equipped to receive direct dialing calls since the area converted to the exchange setup several years ago.

However, officials said, it will

Direct Phone Dialing Still A One-Way Deal

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48 BECOMES 50

Though it's not represented on this particular front page from May 21, 1959, a significant change was happening in the United States at this time. Prior to 1959, it had been nearly a half-century since the most recent state, Arizona, formally joined the United States of America. Within the span of a year, the "Really great 48" officially become the "Nifty 50" states with the admission of Alaska and Hawaii on Jan. 3 and Aug. 21, respectively.

In Alaska's case, statehood was a long time coming. The territory was sold from Russia to the United States on Oct. 18, 1867, for \$7.2 million—or roughly two cents an acre. Over the next century, Alaska would make the transition from

a department to a district and finally to a territory owned by the U.S. During World War II, Alaska gained new prominence as a key military base, leading to an influx of Americans. In the decade after the war ended, bills finally began to circulate through Congress to make Alaska the 49th state of the Union. Detractors on both sides of the aisle had their doubts about Alaska's chances at statehood because of the distant and sparse population, but nevertheless, President Dwight Eisenhower signed the Alaska Statehood Act on July 7, 1958.

Hawaii's path to statehood ended up being a little more complicated. As with Alaska, Hawaii existed as a territory of the United States for many years, in this case, since

1898. As Hawaii entered the 20th century, the approval rate for statehood grew to 93% of island residents. However, as Hawaii was still only a territory, it was allowed only one, nonvoting member in the House of Representatives. Because of this, American landowners worked to keep labor cheap and tariffs low. Numerous bills would reach congressional desks in the 50 years following Hawaii attaining territory status, but it would take allowing the Democratic-majority Alaska into the Union to convince the rest of Congress to bring the Republican-leaning Aloha State into the fold. By the end of 1959, the continental United States would have two new, officially recognized additions.

717

On the bottom right-hand side of this front page, a short article describes the growing pains of Lancaster's Direct Distance Dialing system, or DDD. When the concept of telephone area codes was established in 1947, "717" was one of the original area codes given to South-central Pennsylvania. However, even over a decade later, phone systems still relied on being connected with an operator who would then connect you to the person you were trying to reach. As of May 1959, phone users in 1,400 cities could make direct calls to other phones, but it would be nearly a full decade before all Lancaster County residents could make outgoing calls without an operator's assistance.

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