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ABE RETURNS—James A. Getty, dressed as Abraham Lincoln was when he gave his famed Gettysburg address, walks past cannons lining the battlefields of Gettysburg. Getty, a former teacher, fell in love with Civil War music, which led to an interest in Civil War history in the early 1970s. Two years ago Getty decided to abandon his 19-year teaching career in Illinois and move to Gettysburg with his wife and four children to portray the life of America's 16th president. At right Getty gazes at a bust of President Lincoln at the battlefield. His striking resemblance to Lincoln has helped him in his one-man live performance at Gettysburg's A. Lincoln Place Theater. (UPI Telephoto)

### Cleaver-Brooks Pact Accepted

Cleaver-Brooks employees yesterday reported very happy over terms of a new 3-year contract they accepted by a 20-2 vote yesterday morning. The vote, by members of the firm's independent union, marked the first time in nine years that a contract was negotiated without strike action. The contract provides a monetary hike of \$1.62 hourly over the three-year term of the contract. The contract also includes benefits that include long-term dental benefits, a 10-hourly increase in wages and a 10 percent inflation factor. There is no cap on the cost-of-living protection formula. Features of the contract, in addition to dental benefits for employees and family members, include straight eight-hour shifts with a paid 15-minute lunch period. Improvements were also gained in the pension plan, life insurance and major medical insurance program, along with new insurance benefits for retirees. The contract covers 278 plant workers. A similar contract was approved for area truck drivers whose compensation includes mileage rates. The negotiations leading to the acceptance of the new contract Saturday morning were under way for about six weeks. The final negotiating session began 7 p.m. Friday and ended at 4:45 a.m. Saturday.

### Governor Leaves On Vacation

HARRISBURG (UPI)—Gov. Dick Thornburgh gets his first vacation this week. After six months in office, in which he has handled the Three Mile Island nuclear crisis and pushed his budget program, the new fiscal year through the Legislature, Thornburgh and his family leave for a 5-week holiday trip. The state's First Family will visit friends in the Hampshire for a while and then return to Pennsylvania to stay with friends in the Poconos, according to assistant press secretary Patricia McCormack. All the members of the Thornburgh family planned to vacation together. They include the governor, his wife, Geny, and their four sons, John, Peter, David and William.

### Farm Women Have Picnic

Farm Women Group 14 held their annual family picnic on Sunday July 22 at the Mount Union Church grounds. Forty members with their families were present, making a total of 90 people. The picnic included a Hamburg hot dog and hot dog stand with a variety of other food items. The children participated in a Pinat scrambled. Everyone took part in a family picnic contest. The winners were Melvin Weiler, Tracy Yeager and Rosie Grubick. Gerold Hofer won the cake walk. A short business meeting followed the picnic in order to make last minute plans for a sale to be held on Saturday July 28 at the Car Sale on the Lebanon Fair Grounds. "We're proud of the success of the sale," said Susan Renner, 37, Ardmore, Montgomery County, whose husband was killed June 25 in the truck of her car near Harrisburg. She has been unable to get her car repaired since she was beaten and robbed, a published report said. State police had no comment on the report, which appeared in the Philadelphia Bulletin. The newspaper said \$1 million in life and accidental death insurance policies taken out by Mr. Renner, a school teacher, in the months before her death were being considered a point in the investigation. Police also have investigated the disappearance of her children, Karis, 11, and Michael, 10, who were last seen with their mother on June 22.

### Man Abducts Child, Eludes Mass Search

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. (UPI)—The young man just slid into the driver's seat and it took a moment for Rachel Thompson to realize he was not her husband. Seconds later the intruder was speeding off in the family car with her terrified 5-year-old daughter. While Caroline Thompson was being kidnapped Saturday afternoon, her father Russell Thompson was registering an alarm to begin a week's vacation. The FBI issued a nationwide alert for the abductor who drove off with the blonde, blue-eyed girl, the family's 1968 Dodge and the Thompson's 1968 Dodge. Thompson's car, a silver 1969 Oldsmobile Cutlass station wagon, was found and a search of the coastal swamps and adjoining woods of Volusia County, where the kidnapping occurred, and nearby counties was called off at twilight Sunday but was ordered to resume at sun-up. The kidnapper made no effort to reach the Thompson or with authorities to set conditions for the girl's return. "We'll be here until something turns up," Thompson said by telephone from his room at the Holiday Inn Surfside in Daytona Beach Sunday night. "We're just been hoping and praying," Mrs. Thompson said. "I wish he would get out of my mind in any way you just know she's safe." Thompson, of the Miami suburb of Doral, Fla., said she left her wife, daughter and dog—a white poodle named Melba and a black Yorkshire named Mandy—in the car when he went to register. Mrs. Thompson, 44, was leading through a magazine when a man got in the car. She automatically assumed it was her husband. "When I looked up and saw it wasn't him (her husband), my initial reaction was 'what's that?' and 'what do you think you're doing,'" she said. "He never answered." "My little girl was trying to get out the front seat to me, but she couldn't get out and tried to knock down the door, but she was locked. She was trying to pull away and I knocked her down," she said. "I got out and ran back to the door, but I couldn't get it open. She said 'I need to catch up with the car before he gets out on the highway, so he was going to take her.' Caroline was hysterical." Thompson was unaware of the struggle in the parking lot until his wife, a mathematics teacher, came running into the motel office yelling. "Someone is driving with her!" "I never got out and got into a car with some other people and we drove up the road but we couldn't find anything," said Thompson, 44, a computer for Cromwell-Pope and Supply Co. of Georgia. "We'd only been in town for about 15 minutes when it happened. I can't understand it," he said.

### Controversy Brews Over Welfare Reform Proposals

HARRISBURG (UPI)—One deemed eligible for the program, a person would be dropped from the state's welfare rolls if he or she refused to work. "If they don't work, they're not," said Rep. Tom Papp. Opponents of the legislation, headed by Louise Brooks, president of the Pennsylvania Welfare Rights Organization, label the welfare proposal "a step toward slavery." Rep. John White, D-Philadelphia, says Welfare is "a step toward slavery." The point is, "It's a strong supporter of welfare. I believe it's our obligation to help those who physically or mentally can't take care of themselves. But it is not our obligation to take care of those people who can and won't do it for themselves. To me, Welfare is a constructive program that would place able-bodied persons in a work environment." Basically, the proposal would require eligible general assistance recipients to work in public or private jobs to receive the welfare benefits. Part of the pay for each job would be based upon local prevailing wages. And he says the jobs could range from park cleanup to repair of a rickety and clearing of slums for drug removal. The legislation was patterned after similar programs in operation in Utah and New Jersey. To date, neither Public Welfare Secretary John O'Rourke nor Thornburgh has publicly endorsed the program. "We're waiting to see what the Legislature, in its wisdom, comes up with," said Welfare spokesman James Wiggins. "We'll take our cue from the Legislature." Wiggins said O'Rourke last week appointed a team of department officials to analyze Welfare to determine if there are any "hidden costs" to the program before devising a public position on it. "We don't have any position on it yet," said Thornburgh's top legislative assistant, Richard Stafford. "Another Thornburgh administration official said a major concern with the program is the creation of permanent jobs in the private sector."

### Potatoes Mashed In Accident

A tractor-trailer loaded with 4,500 pounds of potatoes struck a utility pole and tipped over, spilling its contents on Route 343, near Eighth Avenue, Sunday afternoon. According to N. Lebanon Township police, the tractor-trailer, operated by Herman T. Gehlert, 41, Madison RD 2, was traveling south on Route 343, when the trailer accelerated while rounding the corner at Eighth Avenue. The rig slid about 100 feet before it struck the utility pole, spilling the potatoes. The truck continued another 51 feet and flipped onto its side, resting on its embankment. Gehlert was taken to the Good Samaritan Hospital where he was found to have no injuries and was released. A total of 1,200 Mt-Ed customers were without power a result of the accident. According to a spokesman for the utility company, power was knocked out for about 2 1/2 hours and most of the service was restored within half an hour. Residents living near the accident site had their power restored about six hours. Units from the Rural Security Fire Company, in addition to the Rural Security Fire Police and the S. Lebanon Township police, assisted at the scene.

### Basques Say They Warned Of Bombs

ETA (Basque Homeland and Liberty) said it warned authorities of the bomb and fire attacks before the three bombings, before its members and placed in checkrooms, west of Sunday. Police sources said a number of ETA members had sufficient time to clear the crowded terminals. The explosions claimed a fifth victim today with the death of a critically injured Spaniard. The other dead were West German girl, two Spaniards and one still unidentified person. A number of arrests including American were among the injured. "I turned around to put my suitcase in the bag and I just don't know what happened after that," said Mrs. Teresa de Maribon, 41, of San Francisco, one of the injured in the midday blast at Madrid's Barajas Airport. "I found myself all covered with debris and glass." "There was somebody dead by me and everything was blown all over the place... several people screaming, jumping about and blood everywhere." Authorities said the airport explosions and two other blasts at the Basque and Cantabria railroad stations Sunday were set off by Basque terrorists seeking an independent socialist Basque homeland.

### Exxon Takeover Bid Is Opposed

WASHINGTON (UPI)—An attorney for the Federal Trade Commission said Sunday Exxon Corp. is big enough to start its own electric meter company and would be reducing potential competition by buying a major firm in the field. The judge could enter his preliminary order in two days if he decides none in his case needs more time. Exxon argued in court that it is a series of companies that are quickly one of its own investments. A series that makes electric meters more efficient. It said the technology, development and timing of the deal would be the equivalent of 1 million barrels of oil a day by 1990.

### POTATO SPILL—A total of 4,500 pounds of potatoes spilled onto the roadway Sunday afternoon, when a tractor-trailer struck a utility pole, spilling open the trailer, on Route 343, near Eighth Avenue. More than 1,400 Mt-Ed customers were without power for a half-hour as a result of the accident. The driver of the rig, Herman Gehlert, was not injured. (Photo by Chris Shaevly)



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