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25 YEARS AGO

JUNE 2, 1927.

A son, Lamar Clement, was
born to Mr. and Mrs. Guy Rapp
on May 27.

The annual Poppy sale con-
ducted in Syracuse Saturday by
the American Legion Auxiliary
amounted to \$41.52.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Jeffries and
family of Columbus, O., visited
over Decoration Day in the home
of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. S.
O. Jeffries.

Mrs. May Hoelcher and daughter
Pauline, of Michigan City,
spent Sunday at Lake James, in
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(By Charles A. Halleck, Congressman, 2nd District.)

It gets more difficult every day for the average citizen to "stay legal" no matter how law-abiding he may want to be. Recently I told a reporter from "This Week" magazine that it seemed to be about time to stop passing more laws and do something with the ones we've got. Letters I have since received from all over the country indicate a lot of folks feel the same way.

Congressman Mack of Washington came up with a bit of research the other day on the number of laws passed by Congress in the past 163 years.

He found that it averaged more than one a day, Saturdays, Sunday and holidays included, since the government was founded back in 1789. The total, as of January 3, 1952, was 70,124, or an average of 430 a year for the entire period.

Some 39,000 of these laws were private bills dealing with the relief of specific individuals, and not applying to the entire population. But this still leaves us with a record of 31,052 public laws.

Early congresses were plikers by comparison with more modern legislative mills. The First Congress enacted only 94 laws in its two years, and the Second Congress a mere 46. All time record for the least number of new laws is held by the 20th Congress which passed only 50 statutes.

More prolific was the 70th Congress with 1,037 public laws to its credit.

Of course, the number of laws passed down through history is only a fraction of those which have been proposed. In the 81st Congress, for instance, 14,938 public and private bills were introduced, yet only 921 public laws and 1,103 private bills survived.

But the thousands of public laws enacted by Congress down through the years represent only part of the problem of "staying legal" in these complicated times.

For roughly 2 decades now we have been operating in an atmosphere of emergency of one kind or another. This situation has given rise to vastly expanded executive powers, including the authority to issue regulations and orders having the effect of law.

Growing out of this authority is a tangled wilderness of administrative controls that affects all citizens directly or indirectly. The Federal Register, official government publication which daily records the regulatory material of the Executive department, will contain from 50 to 100 pages in

an average issue. Already in this Congress the Register has published more than 4600 pages of such orders, ranging from Agricultural Department restrictions on the use of castor oil to a Wage Stabilization Board determination that it has jurisdiction over wages paid to people delivering fresh salmon to canneries in Alaska.

A quick check of the Register for January to March of this year discloses, as nothing else can, the complexity of this situation. The index contains 115 pages, with some 90 listings to a page. This would mean thousands of regulations, definitions, orders, decisions, amendments, etc. in just three months.

Some are long involved. Nearly 28 pages in the May 20 Register are devoted to a new order regulating room rental in motor courts and other establishments.

Other regulations may be simply one-line amendments, changing a word or a section of a previous order.

But they all have the force of law, and it is a rare citizen these days who knows with any degree of certainty that he can go thru the day without violating one rule or another.

SARA-CUSE SAYS

Being privileged to hear Albert Penn tell of some high points heard at the annual conference of the Gold Standard League, recently in Washington, the listener was forcefully reminded of the same by a cartoon "Off The Record", by Ed Reed, which shows a speaker telling, "What this country needs is a good five cent NICKEL," and finally "caught on" to the work of the Gold Standard League.

This dizzy pace of buyers and sellers of lake properties in the last several weeks, must surely have worn out Ed Stephenson's new downtown office rugs — Etter's "plush" in his handsome building on Rd. 13, and Carolyn Meyer's handy log cabin office settee, and diminished her pile of "placemat" maps of Lake Wawasee, Syracuse, Boner and Papakeechie, and Rothenberger had to cease welding a weed cutter on one of his lots near Macy's Slip, and his himself to his office to "consummate a deal." Jack Stoecking had better insure his office furniture so his office-partner Stephenson cannot borrow it when his own wears out.

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PAPAKEECHIE LAKE

Promontory Point. — The Dr. Herring property has been purchased by Freda Withers, Fort Wayne school teacher. (Editor transaction.)

Nokomis Island. — Irene Johnson, Fort Wayne school teacher, is still on the watch for an "old oaken bucket" for her Wishing Well. It's been two years now—lease, somebody, find Irene an old oaken bucket!

Front Street. — The Willard Nusbaum's were weekend hosts to Willard's mother, Mrs. W. S. Atkins and Mr. Atkins of Bascom, O., and Helen's aunt, Mrs. Arthur Smith, and Mr. Smith, of Cleveland.

Indian Hill. — The Gerald Kline's, accompanied by Gerald's sister, Mrs. Floyd Disher, and Dee Anna, and mother, Mrs. Clarence Kline, went to the graduation exercises of his niece, Dolores Moreno from Hobart high school, near Gary. Mrs. C. J. Kline's

East Side. — Clifford Reeves, of the Weatherhead Columbia City plant, has been transferred to Syracuse Weatherhead.

SYRACUSE LAKE

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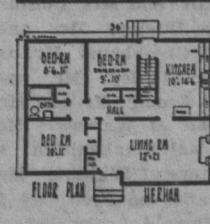
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