

Old Johnson of Annville
s awarded the Pennsylvania
Meritorious Medal by the state
adjutant general, Maj. Gen.
Harry J. Mier Jr. The citation
said, "Mr. Johnson suffered
the loss of his trailer home and
all his personal belongings by
the raging floods of Agnes;
nevertheless, on that date and
throughout the period of the
emergency he and his wife oper-
ated the snack bar within the
Department of Military Affairs
building while emergency opera-
tions were conducted around
the clock."

Also cited was his demon-
stration of physical stamina
and fortitude during this cru-
cial period and that the "age-
ny of his personal and financial
loss in no way detracted from
his demanding task."

Johnson, who lost his right at
age 11 in an accident involving
dynamite cap, worked in
workshops in various states be-
fore moving to Pennsylvania in
1962. Here he operated a farm
until his farmhouse was de-
stroyed by fire.

When applying for help from
the state, Johnson was enrolled
in the Business Enterprise Pro-
gram. In January, 1969, John-
son opened his snack bar at the
Department of Military Af-
fairs. He operates as an inde-
pendent merchant, buying his
own supplies, hiring his own
employees and using equipment
leased from the state. This
equipment is paid for from the
profits of similar enterprises
operated by the blind.

Thornhill Works To Be on Exhibit At PSU Campus

The works of Pennsylvania
artist Frank D. Thornhill will
be on exhibit today through
May 11 in the Gallery Lounge
of the Capitol Campus of Penn
State University, Middletown.

Scenes of the northeast domi-
nate the collection of oils, tem-
pera, water colors and acrylics
by Thornhill, a graduate of the
Pennsylvania Academy of Fine
Arts.

The exhibit will be open free
to the public daily from 9 a.m.
to 5 p.m.

State Hospital Inmate 'Caging' Is Prohibited

From The Patriot Wire Services
Welfare Secretary Helen
Wohlgemuth yesterday issued
a directive prohibiting cages
for people in state institutions.

The directive came soon after
Welfare Department offi-
cials acknowledged that they
knew such cages were in use at
Polk State School and Hospital
for retarded persons six
months before the superinten-
dent was fired last week.

"The use of locked cages or
pens for the incarceration of
residents is expressly prohibi-
ted," Mrs. Wohlgemuth said.
She said her office was to be
informed immediately of any
violations.

Meanwhile, Edward Gold-
man, director of the depart-
ment's office of mental retar-
dation, said he learned of the
caging at Polk last November.
But a halt was not ordered un-
til Dr. James McClelland, su-
perintendent, was fired.

Goldman said he spent the
past six months gathering evi-
dence that would give the de-
partment grounds for dis-
missing McClelland.

The results of that in-
vestigation are being kept con-
fidential because McClelland
has asked the Civil Service
Commission for a hearing to
appeal the dismissal.

Goldman said because of the
complexities of the civil ser-
vice system and the politics of

the state hospital system he
thought the department should
have a solid case against
McClelland before moving for
dismissal.

Many people have been aware
that the superintendent
was at Polk for quite some
time and he had a lot of sup-
port," Goldman said. "It was
my feeling we had to have
documentation so the dismissal
would stick."

Welfare Secretary Helene
Wohlgemuth, who released
news of the caging after vis-
iting the hospital last week,
said simply ordering the in-
stitution to stop using the cages
would have been futile.

She said the hospital's staff
was concerned more with re-
stricting patients than rehabili-
tating them and would have
turned to other methods, such
as straight jackets and drugs.

Dynamite Scare Proves Groundless

The installation of sewer
lines in Hampden Twp. almost
became an "explosive" issue
yesterday, when a Camp Hill
contractor found wires six feet
below ground leading to what
he believed to be sticks of
dynamite.

Contractors for Arthur R.
Nagle Construction Co., in-
stalling sewer lines in property
owned by a Hampden Twp.
resident, found the wires while
digging a trench, and imme-
diately called a demolition
team from the Letterkenny
Army Unit.

The unit was joined by S. W.
Arnolds of the Division of
Mines, Quarries and Ex-

plosives of the state Depart-
ment of Environmental Re-
sources, who initially deter-
mined that the wires were still
active.

According to officials of the
construction company, experts
twice tried to detonate what
they thought was dynamite left
there a year ago by a company
that installed the sewer's main
trunk line, but were unsucce-
ssful in their attempts.

After digging deeper into the
trench, experts discovered that
the dynamite had already been
exploded but that the wires had
crossed, causing the incorrect
"active" reading on the ex-
plosives gauge.

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