

## ALL IN PENNSYLVANIA

Good day, everyone--it's a beautiful day in Pennsylvania.

I wrote a daily newspaper column for eight years--and at the end of each column I used a phrase--some simple but truthful fact--which I called "Today's Pennsylvaninity"...and "Pennsylvaninity" meant a fact about which Pennsylvanians could be proud. It shouldn't surprise people who know Pennsylvania that I didn't run out of material for eight solid years. On an occasion during the 50's, when the Commonwealth celebrated in high style during October--Pennsylvania Week--I traded columns with Ken Hand of the Dallas Morning News. It was our job to boast up our states--Texas versus Pennsylvania--and immodest as it might sound, I think I clobbered him. The fact that the city of Dallas was named after George Dallas, a Pennsylvanian who was Vice President of the United States, was the punch line of them all....On an occasion again, when I was speaking in Iowa for a week, one of the drivers asked me, proudly as an Iowan--"What's your product in Pennsylvania?" He wanted to boast about the corn and hogs of Ioway--I don't believe I ever stopped talking until he delivered me back to the Illinois border. Texas has a book called Texas Brags--Pennsylvania's braggadocio could fill volumes. Thus--this series--to let you know, through the medium of Pennsylvania's radio stations, that you can be proud of Pennsylvania every single day; of its natural resources, its beauty, its people, its heroes, its sportsmen, its cities and counties, its villages and hamlets, its roads and its industry. There is no place like it anywhere in the world which has been

so endowed with so much, and about which its own people really know so little. In an effort to acquaint you with Pennsylvania--this series is born. Words have been written to describe it--one can paraphrase the psalmist David's words--that--"the heavens declare the Glory of God and the firmament showeth His handiwork"--an apt description of Pennsylvania. But, some of us can't see the forest for the trees--so I leave it up to Rudyard Kipling, the laureate of Britain, to conclude this introduction. Kipling called it "All In Pennsylvania"---"If you're off to Pennsylvania this morning, and wish to prove the truth of what I say--I pledge my word you'll find the pleasant land behind unaltered--since Red Jacket rode that way....Still the pine woods scent the noon--still the catbird sings his tune...still Autumn sets the maple forest blazing...Still the grapevine through the dusk flings her soul-compelling musk, still the fireflies in the corn make night amazing....They are there, there, there with earth immortal--(Citizens, I give you friendly warning). The things that truly last when man and times have passed--They're all in Pennsylvania in the morning." That's Pennsylvania--your Pennsylvania--the things that truly last are all in Pennsylvania in the morning. Every morning of every blessed Pennsylvania day.

This is Pete Wambach. It's a beautiful day in Pennsylvania.