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PROPOSED EXTENSION OF STATE HIGHWAY

There is a considerable debate, agitation, if not to say worry by the Dallas-Shavertown folks these days over the rumors of the State and County re-locating the State Highway starting from the end of the new highway at Trucksville and continuing up to and even through Dallas. "Dame Rumor" has it planned to move the trolley track over to the right from Mt. Greenwood to Fernbrook. Then take a large portion of the present trolley bed for new highway. The plan has two major advantages. First, the straightening of the highway. Second, eliminating the two trolley crossings at Mt. Greenwood and Fernbrook, respectively. Both advantages are highly commendable, well worthwhile and in fact needed. There are some disadvantages, chiefly, first, that of whole loss of real estate values to present owners situated on the highway. Second, a loss due to scrapping present business locations along the highway.

It is true that from the total appraisal value of property there will be no loss, because where property value slump because of the proposed move, the property values facing newly located highway will increase. It's just robbing Peter to pay Paul so to speak—taking value from one pocket and putting it into another. There will unquestionably be quite a loss to the several merchants now located on the highway.

In the last analysis after all the data is collected, facts presented and decision made, if the highway is moved—it will then just be another case of "Democracy" speaking, i. e. the greatest good to the greatest number.

POLITICS VERSUS BUSINESS EFFICIENCY

The Dallas Borough Council and the Dallas Township Council have been true politicians in the popular sense of the word. They had a road to fix—a public highway—they had public money (or would have it) with which to fix the road—they were and still are the keepers of public funds. They have, collectively, shown very practical business judgment and equally keen business efficiency by spending—how much? Shall we say approximately \$5,000 in repeated surveys, estimates, attorney fees and the like. The money is spent, the road is still dangerous, especially in icy weather; either the borough or the township is liable for a heavy damage should an accident occur; depending on which side of road it might take place and the road still has to be fixed.

Now that's even poor politics—a really good politician nowadays may spend yours and my tax money but he is wise enough to show some results. These citizens haven't spent—they have squandered public funds—now they have to spend some more money and this time fix the road.

We have Center Hill Road in question. If individually and collectively these same councilmen elect to conduct their private business on this same basis it's their affairs and they personally pay the bill. In this case you and I pay the bill. Maybe we better begin to turn the searchlight on their spending—not to question their honesty, but to question their business judgment.

BYRD EMPHASIZES THE MAGIC OF RADIO

In a recent story from Commander Byrd in the Antarctic, he says:

"The radio is one of the things that at the moment impresses me. The wonder of the thing—that I can sit out here in this God-forsaken hunk of ice, in a small tent, giving instructions to my shipmates 2,700 miles away."

And he might have added, the wonder of it that he could tell his story as it unfolds to the whole round world in the same fashion.

Time was when a band of explorers plunged into the void and were lost. No one knew, no one expected to know anything about them for months, for years.

In Polar explorations, an expedition would disappear, the world would wait a year or two, and then send another expedition to trace the first. It was lucky if a third expedition were not needed to trace the second.

Now we are in touch with these adventurers from the moment they quit the home base.

The radio is the most magical of all our means of communication. Even a half century ago it would have seemed sheer witchcraft. Will those of the new generation, growing up in a world where radio is taken for granted, realize what a miracle it is?

"MUSSY" QUILTS WHEN BLUFF IS "CALLED"

Hipolito Irigoyen—we don't pretend to know how to pronounce it—is president of the Argentine Republic.

He is also a "first-class fighting man." That was revealed years ago when he kept his country out of the European war despite all kinds of pressure and propaganda.

It was demonstrated again last week when he "called" one of Mussolini's "bluffs" and the noisy dictator "quit" within forty-eight hours.

Mussolini holds that children of Italian parents, EVEN IF BORN ON FOREIGN SOIL are still Italian and subject to his whims.

He recently tried out his theory on an Argentinian of Italian extraction. Hipolito Irigoyen filed a polite but firm dissenting opinion. Mussolini, thinking he had the upper hand, ignored it.

Irigoyen promptly closed the port of Buenos Aires to Italian shipping, thus shutting off one of Italy's most profitable markets.

Two days later Mussolini withdrew the obnoxious regulation. Irigoyen was recently re-elected by a big majority. Evidently, the Argentinians recognize and appreciate a MAN when they meet him.

"Hearts" of Fishes

In lowest fishlike forms the heart reduced to a simple pulsating tube. A typical fish it consists of three parts—auricle, ventricle and the thickened part of the large artery.

Time for "Filling Up"

"If you tells all you knows," said Uncle Eben, "you kin finish dat job in ten minutes. Den you may need to lay off a year or two to find out sump'in' mo'."—Washington Star.

Funeral of Dr. Stoeckel Was Held Thursday

Dr. Louise M. Stoeckel, one of the pioneer professional women of this county, died at her home at Cliffside of pneumonia on Monday, January 14, in her eighty-third year. The funeral was held at the Stoeckel family homestead on the Huntsville Road, near Dallas, at 2 p. m. yesterday. Rev. F. L. Flinchbaugh, pastor of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, Wilkes-Barre, officiated. Interment was in the family plot in Woodlawn Cemetery, at Dallas.

Dr. Stoeckel was born in Northampton County, the daughter of William B. and Katherine Stoeckel. She taught in different localities in the county for a time and by her own efforts graduated from the Women's Medical College, Philadelphia, in 1890, and located shortly thereafter in the Hillard block on North Main Street, Wilkes-Barre. She later purchased an office property on North Franklin Street, the present site of the Spring Brook Water Co.'s office building, her last residence in the city before her retirement being at the corner of Union and North Franklin Streets, where she resided and had her office for many years.

Dr. Stoeckel was a consistent member of St. Stephen's Church, a member of the Luzerne County Medical Society, an honorary member of the Quota Club and a member of the Luzerne Council of Republican Women and various other organizations.

She is survived by a sister, Mrs. Helene C. Butler, who has been in California, now on her way home, but will not arrive in time for the funeral; also by one brother, Theodore W. Stoeckel, living in the old homestead at Dallas.

Fern Brook

Mrs. E. H. Williams and Miss Louise Williams are ill at their home on Terrace Street.

Jean and Ann Detrick, who have been ill the past seven weeks have entirely recovered.

Mr. and Mrs. John Lowe had as their guest Mrs. James Lambert of Seattle, Washington.

Miss Helen Freeman leaves February first to enter the Philadelphia General Hospital training school for nurses.

Mr. and Mrs. Myron E. Steele and daughter Aletha Myrl have returned home after spending the past two months with Mrs. Steele's parents at Larksville.

Mr. Walter Rossman has accepted a position with the Shavertown Baking Company.

Mrs. Ross Lewin visited Mr. and Mrs. V. S. Harmon, of Nanticoke, on Wednesday.

Mrs. Clyde Cooper, of Kingston, is the guest of her parents for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Ross Lewin will entertain a party of friends on Saturday evening.

Services at the Glenview Primitive Methodist Church on Sunday will be as usual. Sunday School at 10 a. m. in charge of Mr. Myron E. Steele, and Divine Worship at 11 a. m. and 7:15 p. m. The subject of the morning sermon will be: "Fulness of Blessing," and that of the evening sermon: "Second coming of Christ—Will He Come—When—How?"

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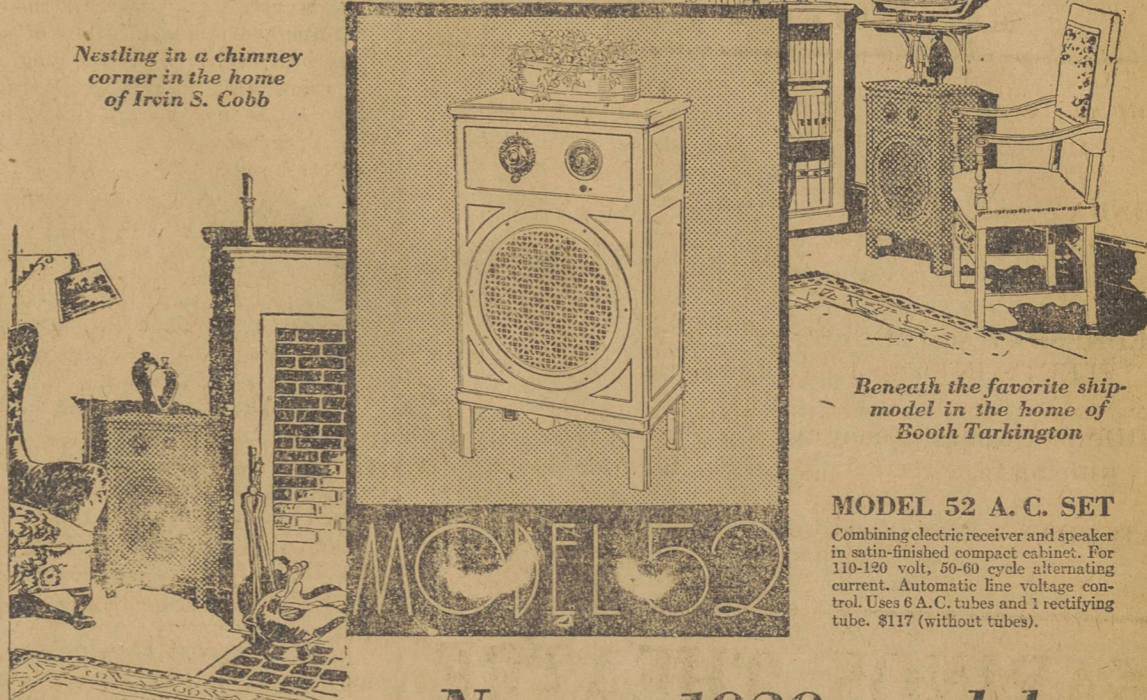
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It is just as necessary today as it was in Upper Jurassic period to keep abreast of the times. Conditions are changing under our very eyes. New inventions, new products are constantly being brought forward to make life easier and happier. If we do not take advantage of them, we fall behind the procession.

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