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## A DEATH IS DUE!

Some day Dallas borough council will buy a traffic light and install it on Main street. Then little children and other pedestrians will be able to cross that busy thoroughfare with some degree of safety. The day council takes such action will be a sad one. It will probably be shortly after some child or aged person has been killed or maimed while attempting to cross Main street. We can't expect any action from council before that time. It takes a tragedy to jolt public officials out of their lethargy. Besides it isn't economy to purchase a traffic light now. Traffic lights are expensive and human life is still cheap.

At least five days of the week during nine months of the year a large number of school children must cross Main street four times a day. This street carries more traffic than any other street in town and is made doubly dangerous by a hill and two curves. Records of the State Department of Highways give the average number of deaths per street crossing according to the volume of traffic and number of pedestrians who use the crossing. It takes no great mathematician to figure that you can't beat the law of averages. Where there is great traffic and a large group of children crossing that point four times a day without adequate protection there is bound to be fatalities. Dallas has thus far escaped. But a death is due and the law of averages proves that. Children don't always think. We must. Let's get the traffic light now.

## TARIFF TANGLES

General Winfield Scott Hancock ran for President in 1880 against General James A. Garfield. General Hancock didn't know anything about politics, but he had a lot of common sense. His most famous campaign utterance was: "The tariff is a local issue."

That ineptitude ruined General Hancock politically. Yet it was true, and is still true, but the politicians do not want the public to believe it. Their jobs too often depend upon making their constituents believe that the country will go to ruin if tariff rates are not increased, or reduced, or something.

The current squabble in the Senate over the proposed new tariff law furnishes new proof of General Hancock's dictum. Local interests are dominant in the discussions, active in the lobby. "Southern" groups, "Western" interests, "Eastern" manufacturers and communities are struggling to gain advantage over other sections. The frank Mr. Grundy, representing the Pennsylvania manufacturers, tells a Senate committee that he regards other states as "backward" and regrets that they have equal representation in the Senate. Senator Moses of New Hampshire lowers his dignity enough to term the Western Senators who disagree with him "sons of the wild jack-ass."

The present tariff law provides a Tariff Commission and gives it and the President ample power to revise tariff rates whenever and however national interests require such revision. Some simple-minded folk thought that was going to end the spectacle of the suspension of other public business in Congress while localities and local groups fought each other for the extra dollars.

No intelligent politician ever had any such idea. That is not the way politics operates. National interests are one thing, getting re-elected by local votes is something else again. In a controversy of this kind, it is always the national—that is to say the general public's—interest that suffers in precise proportion to the degree in which a given locality or industry profits.

World famous teacher, John Dewey, says: The bad man is the man who, no matter how good he has been, is beginning to deteriorate, to grow less good. The good man is the man who, no matter how unworthy he has been, is moving to become better.

This much we can always figure out, when Mother Nature starts turning the leaves in the fall we know that she isn't going to change her mind.

Ever notice how much those signs along the highway, "Men at Work," exaggerate?

## -Kunkle-

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Perrin and children of Trucksville spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Miers.

Mr. and Mrs. George Landon, Thomas Landon and Misses Lois and Althea Landon spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Williams of Pittston.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Conden entertained at dinner on Sunday Mr. and Mrs. William Perrigo and son Beverly of Shavertown and Mr. and Mrs. Furman Wilson of Fernbrook.

Mrs. John Isaacs entertained her Birthday Club on Thursday of last week with a delightful dinner party. Covers were laid for Mrs. C. W. Fisher of Trucksville, Mrs. Fred Makinson of Forty Fort, Mrs. D. P. Honeywell of Dallas, Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Warden of Shavertown, Mrs. Kille Richards and Mrs. Dory Schooner and daughter Maryann of Beaumont, Mrs. W. H. Conden, Mrs. C. H. Herdman, Mrs. Ralph Elston and children, Wayne and Gene, Miss Edith Martin, Mr. and Mrs. John Isaacs.

Miss Lois Sorber of Harvey's Lake spent Wednesday evening with Miss Emily Honeywell.

Mr. and Mrs. Archie Corby and daughters, Dorothy and Janet, of West Pittston and Mr. William Corby and Miss Hazel Corby of Larksville Mountain were visitors at the C. W. Kunkle home Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Frank Hess, accompanied her mother, Mrs. Clarence Smith of Centermoreland on a visit to Sayre and hamton last week, spending Friday afternoon and night with Mrs. Odore Wandall of Sayre and visiting over the week-end with Mrs. Granton VanGordon and L. B. Smith and family of Binghamton. Mr. Smith and Mr. Hess drove to Binghamton Sunday, where the whole party are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Dippy at dinner, returning home Monday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wertman spent Sunday with friends in Nanticoke.

Mrs. Elizabeth Kunkle and Warden Thomas of Dallas spent Saturday with

Mrs. M. C. Miers.

Russell Honeywell, who enlisted in the U. S. Marines about a year ago, is spending a thirty-day furlough at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Honeywell. He is stationed at Paris Island, S. C.

Herbert, the five-months-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Hoyt, died on Monday evening following an illness of bronchial pneumonia and intestinal trouble. The funeral was held at the home on Wednesday afternoon, services being conducted by Rev. W. S. York. Beautiful flowers presented by the Sunday school, Grange and friends expressed the sympathy of the community for the family in their loss. Interment was in Warden cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry DeWitt of Mt. Greenwood entertained with a delightful dinner party at their home on Saturday evening, their guests being Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Kunkle, Miss Margaret Kunkle, Mr. and Mrs. Olin Kunkle, Eleanor and Charles D. Kunkle, Mr. and Mrs. F. P. Kunkle of Kunkle, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Makinson, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Makinson, Nellie Makinson, James Makinson, Robert Redington of Forty Fort, Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Durand, Mrs. Etta Kochoer and Miss Margaret May of West Wyoming, Mrs. Hattie DeWitt, Herbert and Charles DeWitt of Mt. Greenwood.

Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Scott and children visited over the week-end with Mrs. Scott's brothers, Edward and Samuel Kittle and families of Shick-shinny Valley.

## NOXEN PARENT-TEACHERS HOLD MONTHLY MEETING

The monthly meeting of the Parent-Teachers' Association was held Tuesday evening at the school house. After a business session an excellent program was given, many school children participating. This program was under the direction of Mrs. Loveland, Miss Letha Jones and Mrs. A. Meeker. The association has done wonderful work for the school in the past few years.

MISSIE THOMAS, Editor-in-Chief.

## HEARD AROUND THE CORNER

### School Athletics

School athletics, which were hardly thought of before this year, seem to have taken the interest of not only the student bodies of the schools of our communities, but the parents as well.

The hasty action of certain members of the Dallas school board in discontinuing athletic relations with Dallas township high school is regretted.

There is no doubt a little ill-feeling between these two municipalities which the press has been trying to put down, but when a director or two on either school board takes any action further this antagonistic feeling, instead of eliminating it, it is too bad.

Now let's eradicate this feeling, and the first step should be the instilling in the minds of our student bodies a kinder, friendlier and sportsmanlike feeling. The school boards should call in some disinterested witnesses, who are taxpayers of the community, and hear their testimony, rather than that of a few hot-headed high school kids.

### Getting Ready For Deer Season

Many of our local sportsmen are getting ready for the coming deer season. Many prominent hunters have already picked out their "buck." Of course, some of us are going to be disappointed but generally our community can always point with pride to the success of our hunters in deer season.

### The Uncertainty of Life

Life is uncertain. This was most forcibly brought home to us during the past week, when George Malkemes was struck and killed by a passing autoist near Hillside.

The untimely death of George, whom we have known for over twenty years, in fact, school mates, brings back to me the early Presbyterian teachings of my childhood, that "What is to be, will be," and that our time on this earthly plant is limited. With this thought in mind, it behooves us to be a little friendlier to our neighbor, more thoughtful to our competitors and more ethical with our business associates. To Mrs. Malkemes we can only say, "George played the game hard, but he played it square."

### Accident Narrowly Averted

Wednesday morning a little youngster narrowly escaped death or possible serious injury when she darted out across the street in front of an automobile in front of Higgins' restaurant. The machine was traveling at a moderate rate of speed and only the prompt action of the driver saved the child.

The council should take definite action in regard to traffic regulation at this particular point.

## Contributors' Column

Dear Editor:

I am sorry that my article of several weeks ago concerning school spirit at Laketon was taken incorrectly. I gather that this must be so from the article that was published concerning it. It seems to me that many of my readers must have allowed their anger to exaggerate my article for the comment on it speaks of things which no intelligent person could have gathered from the wording of it.

I gather that I have been accused of being an unworthy alumnus. I need say little of that. I have not been at home a great deal in the last four or five years, but no one can testify that I ever refused to give my aid whenever it was needed. However, if trying to "boost" by pointing out things that could and should be bettered makes one an unworthy alumnus—then I must consider myself one.

It is said that collective criticism falls on the just and unjust alike. This seems to be true in this case. My criticism has been answered by those few who did not deserve it and I only hope that those who did deserve it will get angry enough to prove that it is untrue.

I hope some people will re-read my article. They seem to have the idea that I was criticizing the football team, which is not so. I have only praise for the team and I insist that it is not getting the support it deserves.

I hope this short letter will make clear any uncertainties about my attitude and I might also add that this is not a retraction of any sort. I still stick to every statement that I made.

Respectfully,  
PAUL AVERY.

## HIMMLER THEATRE

TONIGHT

"The Man and the Moment"  
With BILLIE DOVE

TUESDAY NIGHT

"Loves of Casanova"

THURSDAY NIGHT

"River of Romance"  
With "BUDDY" ROGERS

NEXT SATURDAY NIGHT

"Drag"  
With RICHARD BARTHELMSS

Turn Him Loose

By Albert T. Reid



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