

**LETTERS....
TO THE
....EDITOR**

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ing the administration of our present principal, many reports have gained circulation about mistreatment of pupils, improper class schedules, woeful lack of tact in handling students, poor co-operation between teachers, pupils and principal, several teachers in one of the primary grades, I think the "4th," and many others of which I am sure there must be at least some grounds.

I have personally seen and interviewed parents of pupils who have been abused and even to the extent of a fractured jaw which one pupil received at the hands of the principal. Another has been kicked, another's hair pulled out by a courageous teacher (of about twice the weight of the pupil) and many other of less importance.

Now I do not want you to believe that I am against proper punishment of pupils but when the teachers are told or at least led to believe that they should instill the fear of "Reporting to the principal" in the minds of the pupils in order to have the proper decorum in the classroom, rather than handle their own trivial cases, it then comes to my mind "Are the present teachers so unqualified to handle pupils and especially those of the minor grades, that the principal must enforce discipline." This I do not believe as I honestly think that the teachers in the local schools are capable and efficient in practically every instance.

This then brings to my mind the one and only cause of present conditions. IMPROPER ADMINISTRATION OF SCHOOL AFFAIRS, be it the fault of the board or be it the fault of the principal.

I believe improper administration can be charged to the present Board of Directors when they have exceeded their legal borrowing capacity to the extent of several thousand dollars. This alone is sufficient grounds to bring ouster proceedings which I believe are in the making.

Thanking you for the courtesy of a reply, I am,

Very truly yours,
A Borough Taxpayer.

**HUGE TASK IN DROUGHT
AID MET BY RED CROSS**

**Relief Given to Distressed Helps
in Meeting Serious Situation,
Chairman Payne Says.**

"The year of the great drought," as these past twelve or more months will be known to future generations, wrought great damage to millions. Not alone did the crops, which were burned in the fields in twenty-three states, in the summer of 1930, deprive several million persons of food, but the drought disaster continued in the summer of 1931 in the northwestern states, and also brought other minor catastrophes in its wake, such as forest fires, and the grasshopper plague.

More than a year has elapsed since the American Red Cross launched, in August, 1930, its first moves for relief of the drought-stricken farmers, and in that time more than 2,750,000 persons were given food, clothing, medical aid, shelter or other type of assistance. At no period during this year were there fewer than 70,000 persons being aided and at the peak of the relief work on March 1, last, more than 2,000,000 persons were being helped.

Today, still as a result of the drought, the Red Cross is giving extended relief in parts of North Dakota, Washington and Montana, where resources of hundreds of families were wiped out this past summer, when a second and more severe spell of dry weather was prolonged in that region.

This drought relief presented the greatest task that has ever been undertaken by the Red Cross as a peacetime activity. The Mississippi Valley flood of 1927, while more spectacular, and calling for relief of a costlier type, because homes and possessions were swept away, affected hardly one-fourth the number of people who suffered because of the drought.

In addition to the broad program of drought relief still being carried on, John Barton Payne, chairman of the American Red Cross, has given the following suggestion to Chapter chairmen, in regard to unemployment relief: "Where there is suffering and want from any cause and the fundamental local needs are not being met, Chapters may participate in the community plans for meeting the need."

Some type of general family relief, whether for the drought victims, the unemployed or the war veteran and his family, were carried on by more than 3,000 Red Cross Chapters last year, Judge Payne said.

"The drought relief work of 1930-31," he added, "the relief now being extended following last summer's drought, principally in Montana and North Dakota; the assistance which is being given to ex-service men and their families; and the part which several hundred Chapters are taking locally in their communities' relief measures are activities of the Red Cross, national and local, which have met and are meeting some of the serious needs of the present situation."

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Mrs. Eugene Shook is spending the week at the home of her daughter Mrs. H. L. Dailey.

The entire State road force has been laid off, pending the arrival of the tar machine.

With this fine array of characters, and enthusiasm, the play will be one of the best ever produced in this section.

Justice of the Peace, Wayne Canfield in behalf of John Shook, issued a warrant on the three supervisors, charging them with "assumpsit." Case to be heard Saturday.

William Hilton Long, returned to the School Ship, Annapolis, at the Philadelphia, Navy Yard. This school is maintained by the State of Pennsylvania, to qualify young men for the merchant marine.

The Ladies' Aid of the M. E. church presented a very elaborate program on Friday evening, featuring Allen Holmes of Tunkhannock in a chalk talk. Following the program lunch was served.

Under the direction of Mrs. H. L. Dailey, Mrs. Ethel Jackson, Mrs. Munyon, the Epworth League will put on a three act play, entitled "The Red Headed Step Child." This play will be given as soon as possible. Parts have all been assigned, and practice will begin soon. Following are the names of the cast, in order of their appearance: Miss Florence Weaver, Miss Ruth Montross, Miss Verna Brunnes, Russel Gregory, Miss Blanche Howell, Laurence Munyon, Leland Gay, Miss Lolita Van Scoy, Clarence Besteder, Miss Henrietta Weaver, Miss Vivian Dymond, Miss Eveland Shook.

**Public Officials
Jailed By Two
Suburban Editors**

The following item is reproduced here because it shows what can be accomplished by courageous newspapers regardless of size and contradicts the opinion prevalent in Luzerne county that newspapers are powerless to combat the forces of evil and special privilege. The editor of the North Penn Reporter, the newspaper discussed in the following article, is an acquaintance of the editor of the Post. We take this opportunity to congratulate him on his splendid stand to maintain the old traditions of journalism. As you read this item, remember that these two little country newspapers accomplished their splendid work right at the front door of the metropolitan newspapers of Philadelphia.

Third degree methods have gone out of fashion in Montgomery County, a populous district adjoining Philadelphia, as the result of a courageous crusade waged by a small county daily and a country weekly. The two papers were practically alone in their fight, which climaxed in a verdict of guilty against three public officials who each face maximum sentences of eight years.

The men convicted on each of four charges are Assistant District Attorney Ralph J. Rinalducci, Chief of Police T. Brooks Cassidy and Detective Joseph Trunk. Evidence showed they assaulted William Campbell, a negro held on suspicion of having taken part in a bombing last May, in an effort to make him confess. It was testified that he was also given a "ghost" scare in which a state trooper is alleged to have taken part. Then Campbell was freed and he threatened legal action against his tormentors.

The first time the story broke was when an item appeared in the Ambler Gazette saying Campbell was recovering from injuries caused by police officers. The North Penn Reporter followed with a story that the local bar association was investigating. This publication was followed by hints from public officials that it would be "dangerous" to continue handling the story. The Reporter refused to be intimidated and printed the inside story that the bar association report was being side-tracked, criticizing the delay in an editorial.

Shortly after this appeared, Editor E. S. Moser, of the Colledgeville Independent, printed an interview with Campbell, giving his side of the case and denouncing the officials in a blistering editorial, following it up with a demand for drastic action.

Finally financial support was obtained and Dennis A. O'Neill, a Norristown attorney, was engaged. Rinalducci countered by raiding Campbell's home and arresting him on charges of violating the Volstead Act. Campbell was released on \$2,500 bail after three weeks' fight by the two papers. Three days after he was freed the three officers were arrested.

Rumors late in August that the case would be "hushed up" aroused the two newspapers, which were still fighting the battle alone, to renewed action. The Reporter calling the prosecution a "public protest against hideous lawlessness by officers of the law" and insisting upon a full, fair and public trial as a matter of public policy and in justice to all concerned. Indictments were returned and the three men convicted by a jury.

Commenting editorially upon the it a "notice by the jury that constituted the North Penn Reporter calls national guarantees still apply in Montgomery County." It further commented that: "The defense sought to create the impression that the prosecution had its origin in politics. Nothing, however, could be farther from the truth. The case was published in the Reporter solely because it was news and displayed in proportion to its importance, in the opinion of the editor."

The achievement of the two small down country papers is the more notable in view of the fact that even during the trial Norristown and Philadelphia newspapers confined their reports to news of the trial.

-Huntsville-

Mrs. Paul Kostenbender spent Sunday with relatives in Reading.

Members of the B. A. Class of the M. E. church will meet this Friday evening in the church.

Mrs. G. R. Splitt of Jackson entertained at a birthday dinner on Tuesday in honor of her father B. Frank Bulford, who celebrated his seventy-sixth birthday anniversary. Those who attended: B. Frank Bulford, Mrs. Clarence Elston, son Harold of this place, Miss R. Elizabeth Breckenridge,

Mrs. O. L. Harvey, Mrs. Fred Riley, Nora May Brown.

A hundred and sixty persons were served at the annual chicken supper in the M. E. church over eighty dollars clear was realized, to be used for regular expenses.

Church service Sunday, M. E. church, Morning Worship, 9:30 a. m. Sunday School 10:30 a. m. Epworth League 6:45 p. m. Christain Church, Morning Worship 9:30 a. m., Sunday School, 10:30 a. m. Christain Endeavor 6:30 p. m.

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Wednesday Oct. 28th.
One day only

Lazarus' October Dollar Day is Wyoming Valley's premier one-day sale event; the day in which we repeatedly break our own records for doing the largest volume of business. This year will be no exception. This event brings prices that are without precedent . . . they are the lowest for quality merchandise in our history. Be here early for the best values . . . arrangements have been made to give you the usual Lazarus prompt service . . . Extra salespeople . . . Extra wrappers . . . Extra cashiers . . . Extra delivery facilities. It will be impossible to fill phone orders on Dollar Day merchandise.

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If you desire the use of a Lazarus' Charge Account . . . to use on Dollar Day . . . and thereafter . . . come in some time before the day of the sale . . . or on the day of the sale . . . and make your applications . . . You will find it a great aid to your shopping pleasure.

**All Charge Purchases Made From
Monday, October 26th to October
31st Go to November Statements**

Take advantage of this extraordinary offer . . . You may shop to your utmost satisfaction . . . all this week, and the merchandise will be billed to you as of November 1st . . . It is distinctively an opportunity that we know our thousands of Charge Customers will appreciate.

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FREE In The Parking Station
Adjoining Lazarus Northampton
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