

School Director Contests Stir Back Mountain Communities

Citizens Write Many Letters On Issues On Public Interest

Dallas borough and neighboring townships give various opinion on political contests.

Interest in election matters has tributed to the Letters of the Editor column this week, so that it becomes greatly increased the number of contributions necessary to print some of them on the front page. Additional letters will also be found on the editorial page of this issue.

In printing these letters The Post assumes no responsibility for the opinions expressed. Letters of personal import or matter which might be construed as libelous has been withheld. No attention whatever is paid to anonymous contributions, and those who have lacked the courage to sign their contributions will find that they have not been printed.

The Post believes that every citizen has a right to express his opinion on public matters and that it is a part of the public service of a newspaper to publish these opinions when they are properly contributed and signed to prove the writer's good faith in what he has to say.

The opinions expressed in the following letters are not in any way a reflection of the editorial policy of The Dallas Post nor can they be construed as an expression of opinion on the part of the Post.

Dallas, Pa.,
October 29, 1931.

Mr. H. W. Riskey, Editor,
The Dallas Post,
Dallas, Pa.

Supplementing our conversation regarding one of the letters in your issue last week:

Street talk in connection therewith alleges that one of our 1931 graduates was denied admittance to Columbia University on the grounds of inadequate training. The attached telegram from that institution, from which I have withheld the name of the student, is self-explanatory.

I might say that I have personally checked the course of study and the daily programs ever since I have been on the board in an endeavor to have them conform to the State requirements and practices elsewhere. If your contributor can point out to me the defects that he complains of, I will be pleased. I am usually at home every day between 9 and 10 a. m.

Very truly yours,
D. A. Waters
New York, N. Y.
5:15 p. m. 10-28-31.

D. A. Waters,
School Director,
Dallas Borough,
Dallas, Penna.

I have no information about the details. Send further details.

Norman H. Burdett,
Admission Office,
Columbia University.

Mr. Howard Riskey, Editor,
The Dallas Post,
Dallas, Penna.

My dear Editor:—

From time to time I have noticed in your paper articles attacking the efficiency and ability of the Board of Directors of Kingston Township School District. In these articles I note you mention Edwin Hay and Howard Appleton in particular. I have often wondered why these men did not reply to your articles in which you claim the responsibility of certain allegations which were made were upon their shoulders.

I do not know Mr. Appleton, but I have known Mr. Hay for a number of years and hold him in high esteem. Being a retired man and a taxpayer of some degree, I decided to satisfy my own curiosity as to the grounds of these several attacks which were made on these two men through your paper.

Piece by piece I have picked up the information which I believe places the responsibility for certain things where it belongs. I have learned that the

compensation insurance policy which would have covered the liability in for and Mr. Appleton did not assume the secretarial duties until July 1929. Eighteen months after the lapse of this insurance, thus the former secretary should be charged with neglect as the school law designates the secretary as custodian of all contracts and papers of this nature.

Now let us take up the matter of the loss of State appropriation for teachers. Here I find that the Supervising Principal Mr. Carie was instructed by the Directors to select, from the several applicants the teachers who would be qualified to teach the several subjects which are outlined and designated by the State Department of Education to rate the High School as a first class four year school. Mr. Carie, selected and recommended Mr. Gregory to the board of directors, whereupon he was elected. After Mr. Gregory was on the job a few days, to satisfy the wishes of certain teachers, Mr. Carie, switched the subjects originally assigned to Mr. Gregory and gave him subjects which he was not certified to teach. Which resulted in the application for appropriation on Mr. Gregory's salary being refused by the State. In this case we find that the board of directors acted on the recommendation of the Supervising Principal, but as usual when things went wrong they were made the goats.

In my own crude way I believe I have found out, and have placed the responsibility for certain things where it should be placed, and have to a certain degree vindicated Mr. Hay and Mr. Appleton.

Yours truly,
M. K.

Trucksville, Pa.
October 28, 1931.

The writer of the above letter is in error when he says that The Post has ever attacked either Mr. Hay or Mr. Appleton. The Post has, however, carried editorials attacking the efficiency of Kingston township school board, but has never specifically attacked any member of the board. We are still of the opinion that the board has had plenty of time to answer the charges and would have done so had it been able to answer them satisfactorily.

Editor.
ONE SIDE
Dallas, Township.

To the Editor and
Taxpayers of Dallas Township

In regard to the Supervisors. Dallas township road board three years ago was over \$11,000 in debt. Today the board is \$7,300 in debt and has \$1,000 in the treasury.

Quite a lot has been said about Nelson Whipp having the supervisor job for some time. Eighteen years ago, I was elected and served two years and re-elected. Six years ago I was elected and served to date.

In regard to the roads I looked after; they speak for themselves. The people who live on these roads will also tell you about them. It's up to the taxpayers now whether they want a change or not.

Some taxpayers are of the belief that the supervisors receive a considerable amount of money from the township for their work. The three supervisors of Dallas township have received \$1002., or an average of \$334 this year from the first Monday of December 1930 to the present time.

With the present board agreeing as it does, it is only a matter of a couple of years until Dallas township road board will be practically out of debt and a reduction of at least two mills road tax would result.

J. N. Nelson Whipp.
THE OTHER SIDE
Dallas, Township

To the Editor and
Taxpayers of Dallas Township



We will have about nine miles of roads to repair soon. We cannot afford to have men who make a business of that only. Let's try and lower taxes by voting for William Martin for supervisor.

W. M. S.
Dallas, Pa.
September 30, 1931.

Editor The Post:

I for one do not agree with the writers of two letters which appeared in your last week's issue criticising Dallas borough school board and everything in general.

In the first place, Dallas high school is giving everything within reason that any school can give. It's program of study is under the rigid supervision of the State Department of Education and must be acceptable or State appropriations would be withheld.

He who signed himself, "A Citizen" said that local graduates cannot enter college direct from Dallas high school. If the writer of that letter had taken the time to investigate he would have found very few students from high schools of the county are able to enter college direct from high school. There are some who do, but for the most part they are the exceptional students or children from homes where the parents see to it that their children do work of a grade high enough to merit their entrance into college. These same exceptional students would be able to enter college direct from Dallas high school. Even in a school of the high standing of many preparatory schools, Wyoming Valley schools not expected, it is necessary to have special classes with concentrated instruction to prepare students to enter colleges such as Yale, Harvard and Wellesley and others requiring college entrance examinations, and these private preparatory schools make a specialty of training students to enter college.

Educators the country over are in a quandary as to which is the more practical, preparation for college or preparation for life. Since the great majority of high school students will never enter any college, it seems to me more practical to teach the subjects which will be for the most good of the greatest number.

The schools cannot do it all. There must be some cooperation from the home, but I challenge the statement of the writer of last week's letter that an intelligent student who spends four years in the borough high school cannot enter any college which will accept high school credits; provided

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Juniors Attend District Meeting

Local Lodge Plays Host to Members
From District Lodges

District No. 33, Jr. O. U. A. M. held their meeting at Dallas Council Hall, October 28th at which time the installation of officers for the District was held.

The principal speaker for the evening was Rev. P. A. Wright, Pastor of First Church of Christ, Wilkes-Barre, Penna.

The different Lodges were represented by members as follows: No. 139, W. S. Nicholson, J. H. Bunner, W. E. Jones, Frank Cruse, James A. Cocking, No. 401, J. H. Geist, Clarence H. Besteder, Russell Gregory, Walter Brunges, Stephen Koszoru, J. D. Frantz, No. 161, William Pealer, Charles Hoover, No. 281, P. O. Lutz, Herbert Culp, M. A. Perrego, M. Ide, Charles Martin, A. E. Fiske, J. F. Bush, A. C. Woolbert, John H. Nulton, Oscar J. Culp, Lewis M. Culp, J. Harry Anderson, Frank Martin, D. C. Lauderdale, Stanley Culp, No. 967, Ralph C. (Continued on Page 5)

Girl Scouts Have Busy Week

Girl Scouts of Dallas Troop 7 are observing Girl Scout Week with an appropriate program of activities. On Sunday morning they attended service at Dallas M. E. church where they sang a special number. In the evening they attended the district service at Shavertown M. E. church.

Monday was observed as "Home Service Day" the plan being for the girls to relieve their mothers of as much of the home responsibility as possible. Tuesday was "Thrifty Day" when all Scouts were urged to bank. Wednesday, "Community Service Day" when all scouts were supposed to bring outgrown clothes to the school for the use of needy Girl Scouts.

Yesterday was "Hostess Day" when the Scouts held a party for their mothers in the high school auditorium. The girls held a model Scout meeting to show their mothers how the activities of the troops are run, after which games were played and refreshments served.

Today is "Handicraft Day" and the girls will bring magazines to make scrap books for the entertainment of children in the hospitals. Saturday is "Health Day." A hike has been planned.

Many Split Tickets and Heavy Voting is Expected In Borough

Community is split into three factions all of whom are sure that their candidates will be elected
But it looks like a toss up.

Past Grands Gather Here

Here Rev. Paul S. Wright Give
Stiring Patriotic Address

America at the Cross Roads was the subject of a most interesting address delivered by Rev. Paul S. Wright, pastor of the Firwood Church of Christ of Wilkes-Barre before the members of the I. O. O. F Past Grands Association of Luzerne County held in the hall of Oneida Lodge No. 371 at Dallas on Monday evening.

The speaker advocated immediate severance of all relations and commerce between the United States and Russia. He recommended that the citizenship and rights of all Communist in this country be cancelled that all Communist publications be barred from the mails, that all persons engaged in Communist activities be prosecuted and that an absolute embargo be placed against Russian imports to United States.

Congressman C. Murray Turpin delivered a brief inspiring talk. Both speakers were given a rising vote of thanks for their splendid talks. The Dallas quartette under the direction of Professor Ernest Wood entertained with several numbers which were much enjoyed. Members of the quartette are Morris Girton, Herbert Hill, George Reynolds and Ray Gibbel, Professor Wood was the accompanist.

A short business session followed the program, for the election of Treasurer. Corey H. Gordon of Oneida Lodge No. 371 was elected to serve until March 1932. New members admitted to membership were: Marion Pealer of Integrity Lodge No. 334, Joseph Ellsworth, J. H. Anderson and H. H. Garrahan of Oneida Lodge No. 371 and George Drendahl of Lodge 839. Fifteen Lodges were represented at the meeting.

Robert R. Dean of Wanamie Lodge No. 867 was appointed on the Enter of the Committee are M. R. Tyrrell and Allen H. Peters. The November meeting will be held with Mt. Top Lodge No. 839 on Friday evening, November 20th. A Dutch supper will be served from 6 to 8 o'clock by Lodge 839. Refreshments were served at the tainment Committee. Other members conclusion of the program.

Blind Arranges Weeks Program

Thirteenth anniversary of Wilkes-Barre Branch, Pennsylvania Association for the Blind, will be observed all next week, November 2nd to 7th, with a Booster Week staged at the workshop for the Blind, 85 East Union street, Wilkes-Barre. Sponsored by the Lions club Booster Week has received the indorsement of many men prominent in civic life of Wyoming Valley, including President Judge William S. McLean, Jr., Judge Benjamin R. Jones and Mayor Daniel L. Hart and others.

Educational and inspirational in its scope, Booster Week will offer many inducements to the general public to attend. Nightly there will be high class attractions, all of which will be absolutely free and at no time will there be any solicitation of funds.

Articles made by blind men and women will be on display throughout the week at the workshop which will be open from 9 in the morning until 9 at night.

Featuring opening night will be the Drum and Bugle corps of Wilkes-Barre post, 132, American Legion, assisted by the crack State championship drill team of the Ladies auxiliary under the captaincy of Mrs. Frank Aigeldinger. John Adams is captain of the drum and bugle corps. Kingston high school band will play on Tuesday night an on Thursday night the Coughlin high school band will give concert. Attractions for other night will be announced at a later date.

Sightless men and women today (Continued on Page 5)

WHY THIS ISSUE IS LATE

A series of unavoidable circumstances including the of our Intertype operator subsequent eight hour a substitute operator vented this issue c from reaching you time. Dallas wa electric power on Friday m again retarded laying our r ment for tr best to

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