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### THE DALLAS POST PROGRAM

THE DALLAS POST Will lend its support and offers the use of its columns to all projects which will help this community and the great rural-suburban territory which it serves to attain the following major improvements:

1. Municipal lighting plant.
2. A free library located in the Dallas region.
3. Better and adequate street lighting in Trucksville, Shavertown, Fernbrook and Dallas.
4. Sanitary sewage disposal system for Dallas.
5. Closer co-operation between Dallas borough and surrounding townships.
6. Consolidated high schools and better co-operation between those that now exist.
7. The appointment of a shade tree commission to supervise the protection and see to the planting of shade trees along the streets of Dallas, Shavertown, Trucksville and Fernbrook.
8. The formation of a Back Mountain Club made up of business men and home owners interested in the development of a community consciousness in Dallas, Trucksville, Shavertown and Fernbrook.
9. A modern concrete highway leading from Dallas and connecting the Sullivan Trail at Tunkhannock.
10. The elimination of petty politics from all School Boards in the region covered by THE DALLAS POST.
11. Adequate water supply for fire protection.
12. And all other projects which help to make the Back Mountain section a better place to live in.

In a recent copyright article appearing in the San Francisco Chronicle, Leonard P. Ayers, Vice-President of the Cleveland Trust Company, held that rigid economy is the only cure for the depression. He pointed out that the war cost the participating nations \$200,000,000,000—a sum equal to about \$200 a minute from the time of Julius Caesar to that of Herbert Hoover! Most of this money was raised by borrowing against the future.

After the war, all nations decided to make the modern improvements the war had made them desire. This was accomplished by borrowing more billions. The result was a period of expanding indebtedness—which produced a kind of artificial prosperity.

Now the trend is the other way. We have been forced into debt contraction, and our economic troubles have resulted. In past years we mortgaged our future income and the time for paying the piper has come.

Individuals, families, business and governments must balance their budgets in order to bring order out of chaos. Waste and extravagance must be eliminated. The depression will pass—but we cannot do away with it by a policy of spending that will merely duplicate the period of inflation we have just left behind us.

In a decade the price of gasoline has been cut in half, disregarding the tax. But rising tax rates have taken much of the benefit of this away from the motorist.

In 1920 the average price of gasoline was almost 30 cents per gallon, and state taxes averaged .09 of a cent. At the beginning of 1932 the price averaged only 13 cents—but the tax rate averaged 4 cents, making the total cost to the motorists 17 cents a gallon, of which over 30 per cent went to the state.

The present "high price of gasoline," therefore, must be blamed, not on the oil industry, which has made consistent progress in improving motor fuel and in lowering its cost, but on exorbitant gas taxes.

Farmers who are already in the cooperative movement should, in their own interest, make an effort to enlist non-organized farmers.

This is emphasized by Fred Sexauer, of the Dairymen's League Cooperative Association, in a letter to members. After commenting on low dairy prices, and the economic conditions that forced them down, he says: "We had better talk it over with our non-pool neighbor. His head is under water just the same as ours. If we work together, maybe we will come up with the rest of the world. If we do not, we may all stay down until we drown . . . You can help by bolstering up your neighbor whose vision is not as broad as yours. . ."

This is sound advice. The only way the cooperative movement can make real progress is through united support, and loyal backing. It should have behind it every farmer in the country, no matter what his individual problem may be. In the long run, as Mr. Sexauer points out, farmers will sink or swim together. The cooperative movement is being severely tested now—and if it comes out with colors flying it will be the greatest thing that has happened to agriculture in many generations.

## LETTERS . . . . TO THE . . . . EDITOR

Dallas, Pa.

Sirs:—

### Meiss Versus Cats

Ring-necks are singing, for me and my gun.  
Bob-whites are wishing, success for my gun.  
All the Birdies are happy, all the Bunnies are gay,  
The news is out! Dallas, will be Catless today!

Cats chasing mice is common enough but when the Meiss chase cats, that's news!

Head County Game Warden was heartily applauded by members of the Dallas Camp of United Sportsmen, Friday night at their combined supper and meeting and not so heartily applauded by the visiting ladies when he launched his now famous edict against Cats.

House cats, barn cats, field cats, jungle cats, cat-nip, cat tails, Cat-skills; all must go to make the world of nature safe for Democracy, and to provide better sport for hunters in the future.

Popular Harry Meiss continued to the effect that hunters would find evident enjoyment in potting the feline marauders and besides the target practice afforded. Great good would follow in the propagation of pheasants, quail, song birds and rabbits. He cautioned however against shooting a farmer's cat on his frontporch (the farmer's front porch.) Most men of the soil fail to see the humor of this.

Fred M. Kiefer.

Trucksville, Pa.

March 1, 1932.

Editor, Dallas Post:

In last week's issue of the Post you had an article relating to Kiwanis making an investigation of the school affairs of Kingston township.

To correct any wrong impression, the following is the motion which was passed by the Mt. Greenwood Kiwanis Club.

The president appointed a committee for the purpose of making a survey of the school situation in Dallas township, Dallas borough and Kingston township, and report to the Club as to the advisability of a Joint High School being established therein.

The motto of Kiwanis is, We Build and the principal objective this year is the "Underprivileged Child."

M. E. Keeler, Pres.  
Mt. Greenwood Kiwanis Club

Rural communities with road building problems on their hands should think twice before constructing single-lane pavements which can take care of only an extremely limited amount of traffic. Any saving in first cost on such a road is more than offset by extra cost for widening as traffic grows.

### THE LOGICAL SOLUTION

A still greater objection to the single-lane highway is its tendency to increase accidents. It is said that the average driver on such a road will be on the pavement most of the time. But it is when he is getting off or on the pavement, or "in the rough," that accidents happen. As the amount of traffic increases, the single-lane highway is extremely dangerous.

By using the modern, inexpensive, waterproof surfaces, rural communities can build weatherproof, year-round roads, of full width, for \$5,000 a mile or less. Maintenance cost is low and such roads are as satisfactory as the most expensive type of highway save when there is an excessive amount of traffic. This is the logical solution to the country road problem.

Civic improvement and fire prevention often go hand in hand.

### UNFIT BUILDINGS

Aged and dilapidated buildings, such as can be seen in most centers of population, are detrimental to property values and retard new construction—and they are, as well, breeders of conflagrations.

A number of cities are making efforts to do away with these eyesores. Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, has made conspicuous progress in this direction. During 1931 more than 100 broken-down buildings were removed. One block of 24 structures was cleared up, eliminating, among other fire hazards, 107 stovepipes which were carried through holes in unprotected lath and plaster! New York, Cleveland, Los Angeles and Chicago are among the larger cities which have rehabilitated and improved dangerous sections.

The benefits to the community from such actions are obvious. The way is opened for the construction of new buildings, or for the development of parks. Probably values rise in the surrounding territory, with resulting higher tax return to the city treasury. But, perhaps of greatest importance, the chance of fire has been lessened.

All individuals and civic organizations should support movements designed to eliminate unfit buildings. It is easier and cheaper to prevent a fire than to try to put one out after it has started. And, if there were no question of property losses involved, the potential saving of life that results from a determined civic improvement campaign would alone make the work more than worth while.

## SAVE THE BAIT AND LOSE THE FISH



## Poems of Controversy

### OUTLET BAPTIST CHURCH

O Church set apart for worship  
divine,  
And to point sinners to the crucified  
One;  
You have stood erect as one sublime,  
Helping in good work being done,  
You have shed abroad your welcome  
light,  
And warmth, as in days of yore,  
But now you stand as dark as night,  
With a padlock on your door.

O Church sublime we pity you,  
So cold so dark and forlorn,  
From your grandeur and duty faithful  
and true,  
You recently have been shorn,  
No light from your windows now shines  
forth,  
No heat from your basement floor,  
You are cold and dark like the far  
away North,  
There's a padlock on your door.

Many spirit filled sermons have been  
proclaimed,  
And from your pews have been ac-  
claimed,  
From your pulpit pure and grand,  
You recently have been shorn,  
The voice of the Christian's stand,  
Voices of praise in happy song,  
Prayers sent to the golden shore.  
Are silent within thee, where they be-  
long,  
For there's a padlock on your door.

Faithful have been the people true,  
Who carried on your work,  
In storm and calm the whole year  
through,  
They were never known to shirk,  
On Sunday morn as in days gone by,  
They came to worship as before,  
Forsaken there you seemed to sigh,  
With a padlock on your door.

Many little children were gathered in,  
And taught of Jesus and His love,  
And how they must be saved from  
sin,  
To live with Him in heaven above,  
Now they are shut out in the cold,  
Some three score ten, or more,  
While you, dear church are no more  
a fold;  
There's a padlock on your door.

Forgive them Father, forgive we cry,  
They know not what they do;  
O bring the great salvation neigh;  
They have committed this crime  
against you,  
"In as much as ye have done it unto  
the least,  
We read in thy book of love,  
Ye have done it unto me,"  
Put a padlock on the door.

Dear Christian workers, and children,  
too,  
And all who love God's cause;  
Be not discouraged, to Him prove  
true,  
This is no time for praise,  
Our Savior was cast from the temple  
too,  
Far away on Judea's shore;  
We can walk with Him life's journey  
through,  
With a padlock on the door.

When we reach the city of pure gold;  
The home of the true and the tried,  
We will stand secure within the fold;  
In robes pure and white by Christ's  
side,  
Time is carrying us swiftly forward,  
We soon will reach the beautiful  
shore  
With joy  
There's no p

quing of Mr. Ernest Hazeltime father of deceased.

Fourth—The statement that John Hazeltime was not in robust health for some time, was also an error as the cause of John Hazeltime's death was an abscess behind the right eye.

Signed,  
Ernest R. Hazeltime.

Harvey's Lake

Dear Editor:

The Harvey's Lake Quoit Club which had a very successful season last year is interested in organizing a quoit league for the year 1932. Many nearby communities have some of their stars still in its midst and we suggest this would be an opportune time to give these veterans as well as new recruits a chance to show their mettle.

Harry Anderson of Dallas one of the older school being approached on the subject was very much in favor of a revival of the old game of science. Veterans of Lehman have shown a tendency to be out there and doing. Ide-town, piloted by Mr. Renshaw and Loyallville managed by E. E. Booth were in action last year and these two teams made a very formidable foe during the season of 1931.

We suggest all towns who would be interested in this very enjoyable pas-

time appoint some one of their citizens to get in touch with Patrick Ellas or David Deater at Alderson that a meeting can be arranged in the near future to further plans for the coming season.

We would be glad to hear from the following towns in connection with those already mentioned. Beaumont, Kunkle, Shavertown, Noxen.

We suggest early action as much must be done before the desired League will begin to function.

Come on Boys. Let's get together and have a summer of nice clean sport.

Sec. of Harvey's Lake Club.

