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POST SCRIPTS

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GENERAL

One of the biggest things that happened to us this week was meeting a Nazi who doesn't like Hitler. We withhold his name because he wants to go back to Germany. He's been in this country for about six months. Pretty soon now he'll go back home and become a Storm Trooper again and keep his mouth shut but while he's over here he doesn't mind talking a little bit about Hitler's strong arm tactics. He doesn't like Goering or Goebbels, either.

He is still quite young and he hasn't been a Storm Trooper long. He was in Die Junge first and he did so well that when, at 18, he became a Storm Trooper they gave him a nice job instructing Nazi machine gunners in the use of the ma-

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Gene Dalarus, the new president of the home's School Board, and whose most beer active in the borough, has as much the headlines almost as much as Lionel Lindbergh recently.

It was probably a surprise to many to see the daily newspapers referring to Mr. Lazarus as president of the Kingston Business Men's Association. It seems a little strange for a loyal Dallas citizen to hold that job until you recall that Gene fills an executive position with the Kingston Cake Company, which is, after all, Kingston's fastest-growing industry.

We happen to know something about the respect Kingston business men have for Gene's judgment and we'd congratulate him on his activities in the campaign to widen Market Street if it weren't that every time we see him he's hurrying to a committee session, a council meeting, or a Public Service Commission hearing.

He had a real break last Friday morning when the Public Service Commission scheduled the hearing on the Market Street project to follow immediately the Dallas water case. Gene was vitally interested in both projects and he covered both on one trip to the court house.

Frankly the complications attending the proposal to widen Market Street leave us in a daze and how Gene can lead his forces with such constant and [illegible] energy evokes our highest admiration.

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Since the paragraphs above were written we have seen Mr. Lazarus and congratulated him. He was beaming. Kingston Council had just voted, 13 to [illegible] to widen Market Street. Gene refused praise. "Congratulate the people of Kingston" he said.

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One night this week we went to a second-run theatre in Wilkes-Barre to see (for twenty-five cents) Laurence Stalling's cinematic history called The First World War.

The picture began with a shot of three-year-old Edward Windsor, later to be the Prince of Wales, playing at soldiers with two other youngsters. It showed Kaiser Wilheim and his Prussian war lords reviewing countless rows of goose-stepping soldiers on countless occasions. It moved swiftly through the days when all Europe was preparing for war and then it showed the armies — Russia's ten million men that were to be more than enough to stop the war . . . King George's "contemptible little army" off for Calais . . . Papa Joffre sending his men in taxis to stop the German advance on Paris.

The picture moved toward its climax. Flaming balloons dropped into the trenches . . . soldiers, struck while advancing, whirled and somersaulted and clutched at their breasts in front of the camera . . . great geysers of earth shot into the air . . . airplanes roared overhead . . . villages burned.

In the midst of it, somewhere in the darkness of the theatre back of us, there was a shrill, nervous scream . . . a pathetic cry from a man's throat. Two men, one holding the other's trembling arm, got up and walked out of the theatre hurriedly.

Back on the screen the war had ended and flashes of today's events were being shown. Mussolini, Stalin, Hitler, McDonald, Roosevelt, Goering . . . all of them waving their arms wildly and opening and closing their mouths. For all the world like fish in a glass bowl, we thought.

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"Little Orphan Annie has come to our house to stay." At least nothing we have been able to do seems to make her like our place less—and that, ladies and gentlemen, is the reason for this story. Orphan Annie is a cute little dog, lively and smart in everything except knowing how to find her home. For the last two weeks she has made her headquarters in our dog coop, but we already have a dog,—and there's the rub. If you would like to have a nice little dog for your children you can have this one by calling The Post. Not just because we want to get rid of a stray dog. That could be done easily enough by calling a police officer but we think Annie is the kind of a dog that deserves a good home. Doesn't someone want her?

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Generally when anything as exciting as the local water controversy rocks a community a newspaper which reports the development so reflects the prevailing sentiment that it cannot escape accusations of prejudice from the minority.

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STRATOSPHERE ACE WEEK-END VISITOR HERE

Balloonist Who Bailed Out At 1,500 Feet Visits Kirkendalls

HAD NARROW ESCAPE

Residents of Dallas were thrilled Saturday afternoon when Lieut. John P. Kirkendall and Major William A. Kepner flew over Dallas and gave a flying exhibition for a few minutes before proceeding to the Scranton Airport where they landed and came to Dallas to visit Lieut' Kirkendall's parents, Postmaster and Mrs. George Kirkendall.

The two officers flew here from their station at Dayton, Ohio, where they are in the procurement department of the Army Air Corps in charge of purchases of air corps supplies. They left Dayton at 11:33 Saturday morning and after stopping for sometime at the Army Airport at Middletown arrived in Dallas about 2:30. Because of the condition of the Wilkes-Barre Wyoming Valley Airport they were forced to land at Scranton where they were met by Mr. Kirkendall's parents. Although the ship they flew was not a fast one, they traveled at a rate of about 170 miles an hour with favorable tail winds.

Lieut. Kirkenrall grew up in Dallas where he received his early education, later attending St. Mary's academy in Wilkes-Barre and Villanova College. He was graduated from West Point in 1924. After leaving West Point he was stationed at Brooks Field and Kelly Field, San Antonio, Texas. He was then transferred to Scott Field, Belleville, Ill., in the lighter than air division where he received training in the handling of observation balloons. Two years of foreign service in Honolulu followed. On his return to the United States he served at the New Randolph Field at San Antonio and also for a short time at Fort Sill, Oklahoma. At present he is stationed at Wright Field, Dayton, Ohio. Last winter while the Army Air Corps had charge of flying the mails, Lieut. Kirkendall had charge of the conduct of the mails at the Chicago Port.

Major William A. Kepner, who accompanied Lieutenant Kirkendall, is his immediate superior at Wright Field, and had the distinction last year of one of the three Army Air Corps officers in charge of the National Geographic Society's Stratosphere flight in a balloon. Major Kepner was the pilot on that ill-fated trip and was the last to bail out after the balloon bag ripped and the gondola started at a dizzy pace for earth.

Although Major Kepner talked little of the flight while here, he did explain his experiences in the gondola after one officer had successfully bailed out through the port hole and a second in attempting to leave had become wedged in the port hole thus blocking the exit for the Major. The gondola was dropping like a stone. Twice captain Stevens tried to push himself through the hatch, but wind pressure around the rapidly falling sphere forced him back. Suddenly he backed up and plunged headlong through the opening. By this time the gondola had descended to 1,500 feet with Major Kepner still inside. Then Major Kepner jumped. As the air pulled open his parachute the gondola continued earthward. He heard the gondola hit the earth with a tremendous thud and saw a huge ring of dust shoot out from the Nebraska cornfield in which it landed. Then a minute later Major Kepner landed near it.

Major Kepner is a world war veteran and was wounded in an engagement in France. After spending Saturday night and Sunday morning in Dallas with Postmaster and Mrs. Kirkendall, Lieutenant Kirkendall and Major Kepner returned to their stations at Wright Field.

To Hold Benefit Party January 29

Fernbrook Inn To Be Scene Of Catholic Church Fete

On Tuesday night, January 29, the women of St. Therese's Church will conduct the first of a series of card parties and a Dutch Supper at Fernbrook Inn, Fernbrook, for the benefit of the church and from present indications it will be the most successful social affair ever staged by the local church.

Mrs. Albert Klump, chairman of the committee on arrangements, is being assisted by women of the community. She has announced that a valuable door prize will be awarded and indi-

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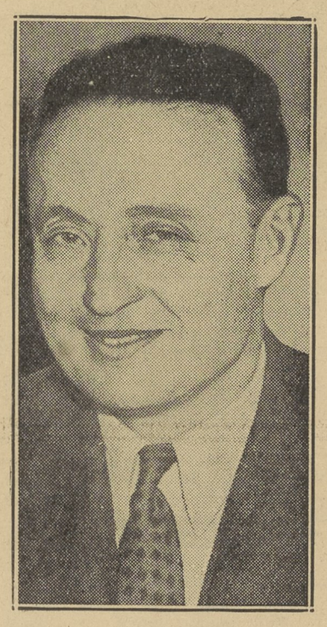
FOUR MORE DAYS



GEORGE H. EARLE

After next Tuesday, George H. Earle, (above) long-time Roosevelt booster will be Governor of this Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Democrats will swarm to the Capitol City to celebrate their recapture of administrative leadership.

Trucksville Woman Heads V. N. A. Again

Two Other Local Women Re-elected To Board

Mrs. Harry W. Montz of Trucksville was re-elected president of West Side Visiting Nurse Association anr Mrs. R. L. Brickel of Dallas and Mrs. George Reynolds of Trucksville were named directors at the 25th annual meeting on Tuesday afternoon at Mrs. Montz's home.

Significant yearly reports of the valuable work carried on throughout this district each year by the association were made by committee chairman. In summarizing the year's activities, Mrs. Montz reported that there had been 22,172 visits made to 4,329 patients. Approximately 13,000 of those visits were free. Mrs. Montz said a high maternity mark had been reached, 7,850 visits having been made, an increase of 729 over 1933.

Local Men Will Serve As Jurors

Three-Week Term To Start February Fourth At Wilkes-Barre

A number of men from this section are among the 240 jurors selected at Luzerne County Court House this week for service at the February term of Criminal Court, which will begin on February 4.

The selections follow:

Week of February 4.

Kingston Township—C. E. Cunningham, manufacturer; Herbert Hill, florist.

Lake Township — William Hausch, carpenter.

Dallas Township — Lewis Nulton, farmer.

Dallas Borough—Nelson Whipp, gentleman.

Week Of February 11.

Lehman Township — William H. Nealey, merchant.

Kingston Township — Ralph Waltz, Sr., chauffeur.

Week Of February 18.

Dallas Borough—Harold F. Blewitt, laborer; R. L. Brickel, mortician; Paul B. Shaver, electrician; G. Harold Wagner, insurance.

Kingston Township—Frank C. Locke, janitor.

Texas Woman Dies At Sister's Home

Mrs. Gertrude Watt Here To Attend Funeral of Niece

Mrs. Gertrude B. Watt, wife of Dr. A. W. Watt of Texas, died on Tuesday morning at the home of her sister, Mrs. William Gans.

Mrs. Watt came here several weeks ago to attend the funeral of her niece, Mrs. Joseph Kram. She was stricken

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LAKE FAMILY SAVED FROM FIRE BY CRIES OF ONE-YEAR-OLD BABY

The startled cries of a one-year-old baby saved a Harvey's Lake family from possible death in a raging inferno last week.

The baby, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Heiter, was awakened last Friday morning at 4 by flames which were licking the wall close by its crib. Its frightened cries aroused the parents.

Taking the baby from the crib and lifting an older daughter, aged 3, from her bed in an adjoining room, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Heiter had just time enough to escape, attired in their sleeping garments and barefooted.

They ran through the snow to the La Casa Club building, about 500 feet away, and telephoned an alarm for the Harvey's Lake Fire Company. When the firemen reached the building it was beyond saving, the fire-fighting efforts to an adjoining building, which was blazing. It was only partially destroyed.

Both cottages were owned by Lake Improvement Company, affiliated with the George Bennethan Estate. Mrs. Bennethan, the mother of Mr. Heiter, also owns the structure occupied by the La Casa Club and occupied a suite of rooms in that building at the time of the fire.

The loss was estimated at $5,000.

$4 Rate Rise Not Necessary, State's Engineer Intimates

POINTS ON WHICH THE WATER COMPANY'S REPORT DIFFERED FROM THE STATE ENGINEER'S

Suggested Improvement Program

THE WATER COMPANY:	THE STATE ENGINEER:
Meter Commercial and Industrial Consumers.	Meter all public and commercial consumers.
Conduct fixture leakage survey as recommended by Pitometer Survey.	Conduct a survey of all consumers requiring repair of leaky fixtures and if necessary install meters on those consumers refusing to make such repairs.
Install 6 inch main on Monroe Street.	Replace 3-inch main on Monroe Avenue and in the Sylvius transmission main with 6-inch pipe.
Connect Golf Club Spring line.	
	Give consideration to meter all consumers.
File new rate schedule.	
In 1936 install reservoir close to distribution system with one day's storage (75,000 gallons) Install 6-inch line from reservoir to system.	Erect immediately a standpipe within the limits of the distribution system with a capacity of at least 70,000 gallons.
In future, clean or enlarge transmission mains as necessity demands.	Clean transmission mains.
Install additional gate valves and pressure reducing valves, if desirable.	

The Estimated Costs

THE WATER COMPANY:	THE STATE ENGINEER:
$7,100.00	$6,800.00

Defraying The Costs

THE WATER COMPANY:

"If to the flat rates an annual amount of $4.00 were added the increase in revenue would be $1,440 which added to a possible saving of $300 per annum through lessened pumping head totals $1,740, equivalent to a capitalized rate base of $24,800 at 7 per cent or $29,000 at 6 per cent."

THE STATE ENGINEER:

"Assuming that present rates are just and reasonable, this additional cost would entail an additional charge on the 280 consumers of approximately $1.00 per annum."

The Rate Increase

THE WATER COMPANY:	THE STATE ENGINEER:
$4.00	$1.00

STRESSES NEED FOR STANDPIPE

Consumers Await Decision Of Attorney Goldberg On Case

CASE COMPLETED

TAXPAYERS AWAITING ACTION OF UTILITY

Improvements which would assure adequate water service in Dallas can be made for an additional charge of $1.00 per annum per consumer, instead of the $4.00 increase suggested by the local water company, according to G. Radford Berry, the engineer who conducted a survey here for the Public Service Commission.

This disagreement with the utility's report and the insistence that certain improvements should be carried out immediately instead of within a year as the water company suggested were highlights of the report which Mr. Berry presented at the hearing of the Public Service Commission last Friday.

Mr. Berry's report to the commission was supplemented by a letter which he wrote after he had studied the report made by the Dallas Water Company. In that letter he presented a detailed plan, which, assuming that present rates are not too high, would entail an additional charge of approximately $1.00 each per annum.

In the same letter Mr. Berry referred to the utility's plan to construct a reservoir close to the distribution system shortly after the end of the 1935 calendar year. "We see no justification" wrote Mr. Berry, "in waiting still another year."

Both reports were presented formally to Commissioner Herman J. Goldberg, at a hearing last Friday morning in Luzerne County Court House. Attorney Goldberg promised to announce within a few days his decision concerning which of the proposed measures the utility is to carry out.

Reports Dovetail

The report presented by Robert Hall Craig, general manager of The Dallas Water Company, was that which was first presented by The Post three weeks ago.

It listed a number of recommendations for improvements and proposed the new rate tariff, as was predicted.

In many respects, Mr. Berry's report was similar to that of the water company. Mr. Berry had visited here in November and his description of the plant, the supply and sources, the mains, the distribution system and other general information was similar to that in the utility's report.

Mr. Berry visited a number of families in the areas in which complaints were concentrated and found justification for their complaints. "The relatively great length of each of the transmission mains appears to be the principal cause of the difficulty with regard to adequate pressures on the high points" he wrote. "It is undoubtedly true that if these mains were cleaned as is recommended by the Pitometer Company, marked difference would be noted."

The necessity for immediate provisions for a reserve source of supply to meet any decline in the yield from either of the two wells or sudden increases in use through the system was stressed by Mr. Berry repeatedly. "This storage" he said "could be provided by means of a stand-pipe suitably located within the distribution system and having a capacity of 70,000 gallons which, coupled with the Sylvius Reservoir, would provide for something more than one day's supply.

The water company suggested a similar move but believed it would not be necessary until 1936.

Metering, a leakage survey, replacement of the Monroe Avenue line with larger pipe, and the erection of the standpipe should be carried out immediately if relief is to be had, Mr. Berry said.

Rates Figured

In disagreeing with the company's intimation that a $4.00 increase would be necessary to defray costs of improvements, Mr. Berry, who estimated that the repairs could be made for $6,800, instead of the $7,100 estimated by the utility, resorted to accounting.

His figures follow:

Return on investment, 6%	$408.00
Depreciation, allowing 25 years for meters, 30 years for standpine, and 50 years for mains, using 4% sinking fund	101.00
Maintenance of Standpipe and Meters	$125.00
Sub-Total	$634.00
Less a credit for saving in power (estimated by respondent at $300) and by reason of the abandonment of the 3 inch main on Monroe Street, say	334.00
Net increase in annual cost	$300.00

Assuming that present rates are just and reasonable this additional cost of $300 per annum would entail an additional charge of the 280 consumers of approximately $1.00 each per annum.

Repairs May Wait

It was indicated by Attorney B. B. Lewis, representative for the Taxpay-

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Rate Increase May Provoke Municipal Ownership Effort

Taxpayers' Association Awaits Utility's Action

By HENRY J. DISQUE
President, Dallas Borough Taxpayers' Association.

"Municipal ownership will not be pressed by the Taxpayers' Association unless the water company insists upon increasing its present rates.

"It has been said by a citizen of Dallas that we expect this water company to furnish water as cheaply as in big cities. There is no truth in this as the taxpayers have asked only for correction of the present inadequate service, as suggested by the Bureau of Engineering, Public Service Commission, without increasing the present high rate, admitted by the Dallas Water Company in its report to the Public Service Commission.

There are a few of those residing in the lower section who have an abundance of water and raise a cry about leaving 'good enough alone.' In other words, as long as they are well-served they should worry about their neighbors. A very selfish and not to be commended attitude.

Again, we have the element that cries about the town's name being harmed by the widespread publicity given the local water situation. Yes, the town has and is losing prospective home owners because of the long-standing poor water service, but this inadequate service has been well-known for the past ten or fifteen years and is not just now being realized.

If widespread publicity will help to bring about the realization of an adequate water service at a reasonable cost, then it will have helped the future growth and health of this community. In the meantime there are those whose health and property values are greatly affected who will not sit idly by until adequately served with water, a service for which they are paying plenty.

"The taxpayers are not fighting the metering of the town, provided the maximum number of gallons allowed per consumer per day at a reasonable minimum rate is not fixed so low as to result in an increase water rental to the average consumer.

"The Taxpayers' Association is prepared to fight to the end any rate increase.

School Waterless As Service Fails

Classes Dismissed; Board Moves To Seek New Supply

The water supply at Dallas Township High School on Monday was so inadequate, classes were dismissed for the day.

At a meeting of the board of directors that night a committee was appointed to investigate the advisability of obtaining a supply of water from other sources than those now used.

School was resumed on Tuesday and the supply restored. Giles Wilson and Arthur Newman are the directors on the committee seeking a new water supply.

At the same meeting C. J. Eipper, president, reported on the trip he, Mr. Newman, and George Russ, architect, made to Harrisburg recently to discuss plans for the school addition which will be constructed this year. A revised plan was accepted by the board and will be presented at Harrisburg again for final approval.

Russell Case, secretary, reported the plans to improve the athletic field have been approved as a CWA project and will be started early in February if final approval is given at Harrisburg.

C. J. Eipper was appointed a delegate to the convention of school secretaries to be held in Harrisburg on February 5.

Bills amounting to $1,224.24 were paid. The treasurer's report showed a balance of $13,490.92 in the general fund and $1,650.47 in the sinking fund.

M. J. Girton, supervising principal, reported 518 pupils were enrolled for December and the average attendance was 85 per cent because of the prevalence of colds and grippe.

FIREMEN TO MEET

Henry M. Laing Fire Company will meet in the hose house on Friday night.