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Notes For Evenings With Our Grandchildren: Trampling over dead cows in a freight car with a politician who believed the cattle were tubercular . . . writing our stories for a week on a typewriter planted back of the men's toilet because city officials were trying to subpoena us . . . getting tar on a good pair of pants while climbing to the roof of a shack so we could watch cows being slaughtered . . . Ham Fisher's cartoon supporting the charges that tubercular cattle were being shipped into the city . . . riding in a photographer's ancient Ford to White Haven to celebrate Martin Gallagher's 100th birthday anniversary . . . shoving stones under the wheels when the car stalled going up a steep hill . . . running back down the hill after a tire that had spun off the wheel . . . gulping at Dan Hart's speech . . . "May the Autumn of your life be long and may every falling leaf sing sweet melodies of what has gone" . . . Using the same line in a speech we wrote to the President of a graduating class to deliver at commencement . . . it was the second year we had written the President's oration . . . interviewing Esther J. Cantor, then "Miss Wilkes-Barre", now June Clayworth, of the movies.

Our favorite story . . . about the mongrel and the poodle we used to see every morning at 2 when we walked home . . . one morning the mongrel was in the gutter, dead, and the poodle was sitting beside him, cocking his head and pawing the carcass . . . when we came near the poodle growled and bared his teeth . . . a protector . . . at dawn the police came and shot the poodle and threw both carcasses on the dump . . . pleasant memories of Galli-Curci, who underwent an operation for a gutter two weeks ago and can sing more beautifully than before . . . how we tried to escape the assignment because we'd been out in the rain all afternoon . . . our shoes were muddy and our pants were baggy . . . how she postponed her dinner to talk to us . . . how aghast we were when she walked into the room, gave us the only big chair, and sat herself on the piano bench . . . aghast, because we had expected a homely woman and saw the most graceful human we had ever looked upon . . . our mental note that she could have been a great dancer had she chosen that instead of music . . . her soft, musical voice . . . her friendly smile . . . how we talked and talked until she missed her dinner and had to go to her performance . . . our agreeing that "the bigger they are the BIGGER they are".

Interviewing Arthur Conan Doyle's spirit at a seance two months after he died . . . sitting in the dark room watching the radium-tipped trumpet circle the ceiling . . . "I live, I live, I live to the world, I am alive, I am alive, Conan Doyle" . . . the synecopated music floating into the room from an automatic piano that was jangling in a neighboring apartment . . . the dreamy quality of the street-world when we walked down after the seance . . . going from there to cover the first night game on a tennis court.

Standing beside heavy wire gates among tearful women catching the names on the ambulances as they whizzed away from the grimy shaft . . . going to the houses of the victims to get pictures of the dead men, sometimes before the family knew of the fatality . . . interviewing the deaf and dumb brother of the famous New York war chaplain . . . covering a fire, phoning in the story, and returning to the scene with the first edition carrying the story, before the fire was out . . . the shame we felt the time the copy reader caught us writing that someone had "outened" a fire.

The politician who wanted us to take five dollars to write a good story about his grandmother's funeral . . . our refusal . . . the five dollar bill we found stuck in our hat band later . . . sitting before a desk in a telephone exchange from 4 in the afternoon to 3 in the morning . . . relaying election returns to the main office . . . and then returning to the city room to complete (Continued on Page 8.)

109TH MOVES IN VAST BATTLE MANEUVERS



The broad fields in the shadow of Old Blue Mountain echoed to the tramp, tramp, tramp of long khaki files this week as 15,000 soldiers, including 109th Field Artillery, with men from Wyoming Valley, Dallas and Tunkhannock, entered into complicated battle maneuvers to test the strength and efficiency of Eastern army forces.

LOCAL GUARDSMEN INVOLVED IN MANEUVERS AT INDIANTOWN GAP

By EDWARD F. KOTCHI

Indiantown Gap, Aug. 22—Although most of the National Guardsmen who are here from towns in the vicinity of Dallas are veterans in the sense that they have had at least one period at camp they are finding this year's encampment far different from that of last year.

Kingston Township, Dallas Township and Lake Township among the twenty-five thousand men who are concentrated at Mt. Gretna and Indiantown Gap to take part in the most impressive maneuvers since the Civil War. That seems like a small group, comparatively, but it is encouraging to run across a friend every once in a while between duties.

Shavertown Ready For Community Day

Fifth Annual Field Day To Be Held At School Saturday

The fifth annual field day of Shavertown Chemical Co. will be held at Shavertown school grounds on Saturday, beginning at 1 p. m. The firemen have planned a program which is expected to attract a large throng.

In the evening at 5 the Ladies Auxiliary will serve a baked ham supper in the dining room of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Hundreds of former residents of Shavertown will return for the day to greet old friends.

William Cobleigh, general chairman, is being assisted by Willard Gary, secretary, and P. M. Malkemes, treasurer.

Other firemen who have worked hard to make the affair a success are: Solicitations, Harry Goeringer, Cortez Jennings, W. H. Pierce, George Prater; advertising program, Howard Edwards, Stanley Davis, and H. M. Hall for Shavertown; L. T. Schwartz, Francis Youngblood for Fernbrook and Dallas; Stanley Shewan and Harry Siegel for Wilkes-Barre; Kenneth Cobleigh, P. M. Malkemes and A. George Prater, nearby towns; purchasing, A. George Prater; concessions, A. J. Fisher; construction, John Stevenson; publicity, L. T. Schwartz, A. G. Eddinger and M. M. Chait.

Mrs. Martin Bilbow heads the auxiliary committee and is being assisted by Mrs. Z. R. Howell, Mrs. George Prater, Mrs. William Perrego, Mrs. William Dierolf, Mrs. Albert Bush, Mrs. G. Harold Lloyd, Mrs. John Dobinnick.

Other women who will help are: Diningroom: Mrs. Helen Heale, chairman; Mrs. Fred Bronson, assistant chairman; waitresses, Mrs. Thomas Jones, Margaret Ford, Frances Bilbow, Mrs. Arch Jackson, Mrs. John Engler, Mrs. George Swan, Mrs. George Still, Mrs. Neal Henry, Mrs. Albert Stitzer, Evelyn Compton, Min (Continued on Page 5.)



Borah Choice Here As G. O. P. Leader

Roosevelt Forces Smothered In Post's Straw Vote

Unmistakable evidence of the local antagonism to policies of President Franklin D. Roosevelt is emphasized in the second week's returns in The Post's straw vote.

Four hundred one more votes were cast this week, bringing the total to 741. Of that number, only seventy have indicated that they would favor re-election of President Roosevelt and a continuation of his policies.

Two hundred twenty-one voters admit they have sympathy with some of the President's legislation and although voters were not asked which policies they favored, a number jotted those they approved. Most popular was the Civilian Conservation Corps, with the President's banking regulations, child labor laws, and work relief program receiving votes also.

Senator Borah slipped into the lead this week as the man most favored to be the Republican nominee in 1936. He took first place from Herbert Hoover, who led in the first returns. Col. Frank Knox, who was not in the first week's returns, received a flock of votes which put him third.

Former Resident Dies

Word has been received of the death of Miss Ada Braden at Clifton Springs, N. Y., Sunday, August 18. Miss Braden is a former resident of Fernbrook. She had been ill for some time and was at the Clifton Springs sanitarium for treatment.

Win Contests

Miss Pauline Varner, Dallas, won the second prize in the nail driving contest and Miss Clare Tredinnick, Dallas, won the second place in the ball throwing contest for women at the annual J. O. U. A. M. picnic and field day held at Harvey's Lake Saturday. About 11,000 members and friends attended.

Lehman Alumni Holds Weiner Roast

The annual Lehman High School Alumni Weiner roast will be held on Wednesday night at Glenn Brown's. Every one attending is requested to take his or her own cup. In case of rain, the roast will be held Thursday.

Camp Meeting Speaker

Reverend Harry Black of Los Angeles is the guest evangelist at the Free Methodist camp meeting at Dallas. The camp meeting opened August 15, and services are being held every day from 6:30 A. M. until 7:45 P. M.

Township Directors Award Contract For New Annex

Sutter Gets General Contract On Annex To School Building

Contracts for the erection of a one-story annex to Dallas Township High School were awarded this week by township school directors. Execution of the contracts will be speeded so work can be started within the next few weeks. It is expected the addition will be ready for use before the end of the year.

The general contract was awarded to W. F. Sutter of Nescospek at his bid of \$19,185. J. L. Turner and Co. of Naticoke received the heating contract and the plumbing contract was awarded to Leo F. Steadle.

Two class rooms will be finished and the remainder of the annex will be constructed to permit additions as finances warrant the expenditure. It is expected that the balance of the building can be finished within a year.

The annex was authorized last Fall when voters in the township approved a \$25,000 bond issue to finance the project. Crowded conditions made it necessary to have more room for pupils.

Bids received by the directors exceeded the amount budgeted and on two occasions it was necessary to re-advertise. Under the present plan the bond issue will not be floated. Instead, the district will exercise its right to borrow two per cent. of its assessed valuation to finance the construction.

Local Candidates Will Draw Today

MacGuffie And Gwilliam Win Best Positions On Ballot

Candidates for offices in the Sixth Legislative District, of which Dallas, Kingston Township, Dallas Township, and Lake Township are a part, will draw for positions on the September 17 primary ballot at Luzerne County Court House tomorrow morning.

John MacGuffie and George Gwilliam drew the top positions among candidates for County Commissioner when the drawings opened on Tuesday. On the Republican ballot William R. Thomas drew No. 1 position for sheriff, with Joseph F. Keller second.

For District Attorney Thomas B. Miller will be first on the Republican ballot; Albert Brobst, second; Roscoe B. Smith, third; Nicholas Curcio, 4; Mitchell Jenkins, 5; Frank Williams, 6; Leon Schwartz, 7.

William Davis, candidate for the Republican nomination; won first place on the ballot for county treasurer, with Walter Richards, second; Henry Jones, 3; Russell Davis, 4.

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NEWS of the WEEK

MARS MARCHES ON

Paris, France—With the collapse of the three-power conference on the Italo-Ethiopian dispute, virtually all hope of averting war disappeared. Though gentle diplomatic give-and-take will continue, no important developments are expected until the League of Nations Council meets again on September 4th.

"TIMES" CHANGES WITH TIMES

New York City—Two years ago, on March 17th, 1933, the New York Times called President Roosevelt's latest move "A transcendent feat of statesmanship". He had just sliced \$425,000,000 from the budget—\$125,000,000 from Federal salaries and \$300,000,000 from veterans' pensions. Now the House (unanimously) and the Senate (54 to 1) pass a bill to restore veterans' salaries and restored Federal salaries, makes the economies of 1933 seem invisible. Said the New York Times last week of President Roosevelt, "He has helped to destroy the last remaining major reform achieved by the National Economy Act of 1933."

JEW-HATER CONDEMNNS PRIVATE POGROMS

Berlin, Germany—"If Pontius Pilate had been a Nazi, he would not have crucified Jesus, the 'Aryan' fighter of Nazareth. The father of the Jews is the Devil." So shouted Julius Streicher, Germany's Jew-baiter No. 1, to 16,000 loyal Nazis in Berlin's immense Sportpalast. A huge banner on the balcony read "German girls, the Jews are your ruin." Streicher quoted anti-Semitic "jokes", inaccurate historical discourses, bitter invective to whip up anti-Jewish feeling. But he strongly condemned individual acts of violence. Jew-baiters felt let down and the expected rioting fizzled out. A few days later, in his speech at the opening of the Eastern Fair in Koenigsberg, Dr. Hjalmar Schacht, Minister of Economics and President of the Reichsbank, sounded a warning that persecution of Jews, Catholics, etc., was arousing indignation in other countries that might do Germany grave economic harm.

CONGRESSIONAL RELIEF

Ironwood, Mich.—Frank E. Hook, Democratic Michigan Representative, denounced his State's relief administration. Prying reporters spotted the names of Hook's father and four brothers on relief rolls, then cornered the Congressman. I wish I could support all my relatives," he protested, "but if anyone can tell me how a Congressman can live in Washington eight months of the year, meet all the requirements of his constituents, and have a penny left over, I wish he would do it." A congressman draws \$10,000 a year salary, \$5,000 a year for clerk hire, \$125 for stationery, and 20 cents a mile for travel expenses.

ONE CHANCE IN 107,510

New York City—A golfer's chance of scoring a hole-in-one is exactly one in 107,510. He has 1,229 more chances of fathering twins. In 1932, the New York World Telegram started an annual hole-in-one tournament. Edward D. Seale, won this year for the second time. In 1934 he came within 17 inches of the cup; in 1935 8 1/2 inches. In the tournament's four years 7,403 shots have been made. Only one ace—Jack Hagen's in 1933.

MALE SUPREMACY

In Chicago, David Hipple, bachelor beat 100 women in a jam-making contest. In Boston, John F. Cann, 66, knitted faster than 100 women competitors. In Seattle, W. H. Love, 29-year-old father, won a diaper-changing contest. His time: 16 seconds flat.

DALLAS POST STRAW VOTE

1. Have you any sympathy with any of President Roosevelt's policies?
2. Do you favor re-election of President Roosevelt and continuation of his policies?
3. Would you vote against President Roosevelt?
4. Who would be your choice as the Republican candidate?

I AM A REPUBLICAN

I AM A DEMOCRAT

(It is not necessary to sign your name if you prefer not.)

"And That Night I Trumped My Partner's Ace Again"

By FANNY FERN

Major Leonard R. Gracy is conducting a duplicate Elective Contract tournament on the twenty-sixth of this month at the Harvey's Lake residence of Mr. and Mrs. C. B. D. Wood. A charge of fifty cents a player is being made and the entire proceeds, I understand, are to go to the Harvey's Lake visiting nurse fund.

Being curious to know what it is all about, I interviewed the Major at his Harvey's Lake cottage yesterday. I found him in his work room surrounded by more books on bridge than I have ever seen together at one time, my own bridge library consisting of one old copy of Mr. Culbertson's "Blue Book."

"Major," I asked, "can you tell me all about Elective Contract in a few well chosen words?"

"Certainly," said the Major. "Elective Contract is the new form of contract bridge in which there are no permanent partnerships. At the beginning of each deal no player has a partner. During the auction a player may select a partner. When a player so elected accepts the election, he and the player who elected him are partners for that deal. The other two players automatically become partners."

"Is that all that there is to Elective Contract?"

"No, but that is the essence of it. Of course there are a lot of details that need to be understood. But they are all comparatively simple changes from the procedure in ordinary contract bridge."

"Is Elective Contract a difficult game to learn?"

"It depends entirely upon your point of departure. If you know nothing at all about contract bridge Elective Contract would be a very difficult game. If you play contract bridge with a reasonable degree of intelligence you can learn to play Elective Contract in a half hour."

"Just how would a contract bridge player go about it to learn Elective Contract?"

"If I may do a little advertising, I would suggest that he spend a dollar for the book on Elective Contract that Mr. Courtenay and I have prepared. It explains clearly and simply every step of the game and is, if I do say it myself, an extremely well written book. Miss Kathleen Martin who con- (Continued on Page 5.)"

BACK MOUNTAIN BIOGRAPHIES: NO. 2

CHARLES D. KUNKLE

Charles D. Kunkle was born on January 2, 1845, in Dallas Township, in a log house which is now part of the home on the Miller Farm on the Dallas-Beaumont Road. His grandfather, Philip Kunkle, had moved here in 1817, because spring floods stopped him from farming the land he had bought at Kingston. No one knew then that coal under his Kingston land would have brought him much more than he earned farming. Philip's home was a place of worship for early pioneers. His son, Conrad, married three times and had fifteen children. Charles was one of them. In 1862 Charles became a member of Company G, 143rd Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry. He served to the close of the war, having fought at Chancellorsville, Gettysburg (where he received a severe wound), Wilderness, Spottsylvania (where he was again wounded) Weldon R. R., etc. Three of his five children are living, Olin, Mrs. Fred Makinson, and Margaret Kunkle. One sister, Mrs. Roanah Landon, 86, lives at Kunkle and Mrs. Carrie Ellsworth lives at Trucksville.

NEXT WEEK—CHRISTOPHER EIPPER