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EDITORIAL

A THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

How short our happy days appear!  
How long the sorrowful!  
Jean Ingelow—The Mariner's Cave

As Exhibit "A" in this newspaper's criticism of the current bankruptcy laws we present a card which The Post, one of the creditors, received this week in notification of the settlement of a local case.

PITY THE POOR CREDITOR

The notice, called the First and Final Report of Audit, shows that receipts totalled \$152. By a strange co-incident the expenses also amounted to the same amount, \$152. Those expenses were divided as follows: Trustee's commission, \$9.12; Posting Handbills, \$5; Notary Publics, \$2; Appraisers, \$15; Printing, \$25; Advertising, \$14.25; Filing Fee, \$30; Referee's Fees and Expenses, \$51.63.

Everybody got something but the creditors, apparently. Instead of such formal notifications, the referee should send to all creditors an engraved card thanking them for their generous donations to the upkeep of the top-heavy bankruptcy machinery. The cards, of course, should be sent collect.

The political campaign which ended on Tuesday was interesting as a contest but it will be noted by political historians, if at all, primarily because it was dominated by national issues, which completely obscured the qualifications of candidates for the offices to be filled.

An impartial study of the list of candidates indicates that, aside from the controversy over Administration policies, neither party gave the voters much material from which to select.

Under the political system which prevails in Luzerne County candidates must not be too ruggedly individualistic because they must, after their election, fit into their machine with a minimum of friction and independence. That the highly organized machines should pick such men is to be expected.

That can be changed only when intelligent civic leaders and really outstanding citizens who are not professional politicians agree to bring about a change.

We can understand why men who have never been associated with politics have no desire to identify themselves with the nauseous methods which seem to be a necessary part of this county's political campaigns but that, in itself, does not relieve them of their responsibility.

"To let politics become a cesspool and then avoid it because it is a cesspool is a double crime."

Now, while the hangover from the General Election is still on, is the time for twenty or thirty men of unquestionable honor and deep civic consciousness to band together to purge Luzerne County of the influences which have so discouraged and disheartened the intelligent voters. Such an organization, motivated by the highest ideals, and led by men whose names mean integrity, character and honor, can win the undivided loyalty of a majority of voters, and can become an historic group in the records of Luzerne County.

The interview granted by Senator A. J. Sordoni should be of special interest to merchants of Luzerne because the Senator struck a new and logical note in the discussion over the long-awaited by-pass.

BY-PASS WILL HELP LUZERNE

The by-pass, according to Senator Sordoni, will help Luzerne merchants, rather than handicap them. "There is" the Senator said "a great volume of business in the country districts and there is no logical reason in the world why Luzerne could not monopolize that business. But Luzerne is not getting the good will of the communities in the country when it tries to prevent them from having good and convenient roads."

"I have a lot of friends in Luzerne, I do a lot of shopping in Luzerne and I like Luzerne, but I can never accept any idea that would not lead to the elimination of congestion on Main Street, plus a road that would be direct from points west."

Senator Sordoni pointed out that he favors the widening of Bennett Street and Main Street, too. His arguments deserve the careful and impartial consideration of Luzerne merchants, and doubtless will do a great deal to remove the friction which has been one of the major obstacles to by-pass plans.

WEEKLY BOOST

COACH WALTER HICKS

of Kingston Township, who, by building a team that has won seven victories this season, has proved that local scholastic elevens can win loyalty and support when they play teams in their own class.

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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. Construction of more sidewalks for the protection of pedestrians in Kingston township and Dallas.
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. Adequate water supply for fire protection.
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 with the Sullivan Trail at Tunkhannock.

THE BUSINESS WEEK

(The material in this report is based upon information supplied The Post by the Department of Commerce in Washington, D. C.)

Retail trade at the end of October continued to be held back somewhat by unseasonably warm weather in many places. Practically all reporting cities, however, showed improvement over the same period of 1934.

Manufacturers and wholesalers reported that they were beginning to feel the stimulus of holiday buying with prospects for a considerable increase in business over last year. The trend was also to better quality merchandise. In many instances, orders for gift goods were 20 percent greater than in 1934 and difficulty in obtaining delivery was reported in some lines. New York reported earlier than normal Christmas buying in many lines with particularly heavy increases in luxury lines. Automobile units produced through October 26 totaled

Employment gains were reported in practically all areas as WPA pro-153,000 compared with 95,128 for the entire month of September. Jobs got under way, but seasonal expansion also accounted for a considerable increase in private employment.

Cotton mill activity was at a higher level, following the gains made in September. Electric power production reached a new all-time high. Lumber production eased off slightly after reaching a peak in the first half of October and stocks were considerably lower than a year ago.

Although excess bank reserves gained \$80,000,000 from the previous week to \$3 billion, there were evidences of increased agricultural and industrial borrowings. An upward trend in short-term interest rates was initiated in the New York market. Christmas savings accounts were reported to have greatly increased in number and size.

Building construction in 766 identical cities continued a wide margin of increase over last year, particularly in the residential building classification. The total construction cost in these cities in September was \$74,502,778, compared with \$39,607,339 in the same month last year, a gain of 88.1 percent while the increase in new residential buildings was 167.4 percent.

THE MAIL-BAG

In this department, The Post presents letters from its readers on current problems—suggestions, criticisms, bouquets. The Post need not indorse any sentiment or criticisms expressed here, neither can it vouch for the accuracy of any statements made. It recognizes only that in this country people have, within reason, the right the express themselves.

Old? We'll Say Not!

Dear Editor:  
An article in The Post several weeks ago, asking the question "How old is Old?" touched my funnybone. I plead guilty. I do not know.

The Bible tells us: "The days of our years are three-score years and ten and if by reason of strength they be four-score years, yet is their strength, labor and sorrow; for it is soon cut off, and we fly away."

Last August I greeted my eighty-seventh birthday; now I am looking for the bright horizon to dawn in 1936, adding another year to my happy life.

I look on the tablets of my memory and read the names and see the faces of friends and companions who have long ago crossed the River Styx. I wished them safely over. I trust, when my turn comes, I may hear bon voyage from the kids who are in their eighties.

The man who wants to live up into the hundreds must not be "led astray" as in the play. "I have a life I long to meet, without which life my life is incomplete."

Since the United States Government officials have made a puzzle out of our alphabet, it will be ages before our great-great-grandchildren will be able to unravel the tangle and possibly wipe out our taxes.

This new future generation may then learn "How Old Is Old?"

I only write this to show I have a steady hand; that I can "run with the hares".

A. F. S.

Autumn In Verse

Dear Editor:—  
The following poem may find space in your interesting newspaper. It is called "Autumn".

I love the Fall  
The best of all—  
When Summer seems to say:  
"Though soon to go,  
I still will show  
A face that's bright and gay."

When my life, too,  
Is nearly through,  
As I approach my night—  
May my last days  
Still seem to blaze  
With something fair and bright!

—Charles S. Kinnison  
Alderson, Penna.

Some "Don'ts"

Dear Editor:  
I do know we don't like to hear someone shouting "Don't do this" and "Don't do that". However, at the risk of offending some good brother or sister motorist, I would like to present for their consideration a few "don'ts"

which I believe, if given due consideration, and religiously adhered to, will produce their own reward.

And if I am able to save one life or limb, or save some brother or sister a monetary loss, or the loss of the peace of mind I will feel that I have been a benefactor to mankind in at least some small measure by presenting my

Don'ts For Motorists

Don't ride the brake,  
And for everybody's sake  
Don't ride the clutch  
Or look around too much.  
Keep your eyes on the road,  
Don't forget your human load.  
And what a bump may cost  
How many lives may be lost.

Don't talk back to the cop,  
When he orders you to stop.  
Remember he has the power  
To arrest you any hour.  
He is not a bad fellow,  
And anything but yellow.  
He will give you a break,  
If your time you only take.

Brother, Sister, don't get sore,  
And I may tell you more,  
Yes, at some future time,  
When my words run to rhyme,  
Please listen to my "don't"  
And then you surely won't  
Be sitting some day, very sad,  
Wishing that you really had.

Please run the above in its entirety, except any errors that may appear which you are at liberty to correct and charge to my lack of education, as I left school when a small boy, ten years of age, and went to the coal breaker back in 1886 to help Father earn a living for our large family.

Practically all the education I now possess has been acquired in the school of hard knocks from which I graduated and then took a post graduate course.

Thanking you for past favors, and in advance for any you may extend to me in the future, I am  
Lewis S. Smith  
Plains, Pa.

Casualty Report

November 4

Dear Editor:  
May I express approval of your editorial last week on hunting. It struck me at the time I read it but it seems more worthy of comment this morning. I have just read in my morning paper that nine hunters have been killed in the State. And the season is only three days old. I hope the United Sportsmen will follow your suggestion.  
I. A. F.  
Dallas

Pictures the Weekly Movies Never Got.

By PERCY CROSBY



WELL, I SWAN

According to the Constitution it is perfectly legal for either the federal or state government to tax you up to 100 per cent of your income... Don't blame us... You voted not to change it... New York is now the radio communications capital of the world... It is directly linked with thirty-five different countries... The average price of an automobile in 1902 was \$1,162... In 1934 the average price was \$678... The elevators in Rockefeller Center, New York City, travel the equivalent of the distance from New York to San Francisco every day... An elevator boy would wind up in the stratosphere if he kept going up instead of up and down... When nature is making geniuses she has a habit of paying more attention to the contents than to the container... No armada of bombing airplanes has yet flown whose personnel could not be run in and locked up by the local police force, if it landed on hostile territory.