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We have developed a severe Charlie-horse in the right arm as a result of throwing stones for the entertainment of Skippy, the nervous little Boston bull which has filled the vacancy left by Pete, the crow.

Pete used to caw and tap on the window when he wanted us to come out. Skip sticks his head in the door and wags his stubby tail wildly until we agree to put things aside and come out to play.

In view of the effort it takes to throw a good-sized cobble-stone we are strongly in favor of the use of sticks in this game of throw-and-retrieve. Skip won't even look at a stick. Regardless of our repeated warnings concerning the horrible things which are happening to the enamel on his teeth, Skip insists on prancing around with three-pound rock fragments in his mouth.

In our varied experience with dogs, we have never seen a friendlier canine than this Skippy, who belongs to our neighbors, the McCarthys. He practically exudes personality. And his appetite for stones is nothing short of marvelous. It is now a question of which will give out quickest—our right arm or Skippy's teeth.

For sheer bulk, the metropolitan newspaper leads. But for reaching out through space and unlocking the memories of what the editor calls "former local citizens" there is nothing quite so potent as the small town weekly.

In Kansas there is a town of 1,300 population called St. Mary's, where The Star comes out every week, rain or shine. A short time ago that paper carried a series of reminiscences by "Old Timer", recalling hard times of the past and comparing them with the present.

A few weeks ago, L. J. Van Laeys, general manager of the Wilkes-Barre Record and a former intimate of Governor Alfred M. Landon of Kansas, was lounging at the Press Club in New York City. Some one called to his attention an editorial which appeared in The Star. Mr. Van Laeys, it developed, had once lived in St. Mary's. And, what was more, he had gone through some of the very incidents described by "Old Timer".

The sequel to the story is that about the same time the editor of The Star received Mr. Van Laeys' letter from the East Coast another letter came in from Santa Clara, Cal., about the same editorial.

Even Mr. Van Laeys' Record could be proud of such "coast-to-coast" circulation.

From the traditional caricature of the corporate interests you might suspect that Robert Hall Craig, who manages the local water company from his office at Harrisburg, would be an over-fed gentleman wearing a cutaway and a high silk hat, and straggling small figures labelled "consumer" in each hand. We'll never believe the cartoonists again.

Actually, Craig is a friendly, rather youngish-looking fellow, with a pleasant sense of humor and a very real sense of fairness. Now that the smoke of the water rate battle is beginning to settle we can admit that we have a deep respect for him. That respect, we believe, is shared by every local person who has had contact with him during the trouble over rates.

Even while we were tossing bricks in his direction with monotonous regularity, Mr. Craig was setting us an example of sportsmanship with his affable courtesy. His frankness, his obvious ability and his willingness to discuss, within reason, any phase of the controversy call for some such testimony as this now that the company and the consumers seem to be at peace with each other for a while again.

One thought more. There are several thousand new readers of The Post again this week. For these two Farm issues we have tried to reach every family in this territory. We want to devote the last part of this column to welcoming them and expressing the hope that sometime soon they will become regular readers. The rest of the column is especially for them, so if you subscribe to this paper you need not bother coming along any further.

The Post, as must be obvious to you new readers, is published in Dallas as the home newspaper for the suburban communities nearby and for the rich agricultural region Northwest of Wyoming Valley. It is almost forty years old now and getting more sense and circulation every week.

Perhaps the most interesting thing about the paper you're reading free this week is that it refuses to admit that rural readers don't deserve as good a quality as city readers. What we mean is that for many years country editors have excused their sloppy make-up, their ancient style and their prejudiced reporting with the claim that country readers didn't want better methods.

One upon a time that may have been true. When the country newspaper was the only contact the rural dweller had with the rest of the world he would have been glad to get it if it had been printed in fruit juices on bark, as long as there was some news in it. But today, with radio, and daily newspapers and monthly magazines linking the country folks with the rest of the world, they know how well

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County Committee Scramble Sole High Spot In Tuesday's Primary

Despite the important issues at stake in this year's elections, Tuesday's primary bids fair to a singularly mild affair locally. It is no exaggeration to say that more than half the voters do not know the names of the candidates.

Because it comes close to home, the scramble for posts on the county Republican and Democratic committees has excited spotty interest. Traditional lines between Independents and the County Ring candidates have been drawn and in a few isolated instances there is close rivalry. In most cases the campaigns are fairly meek.

Some seventy-five men and women in Dallas Borough, Dallas Township, Jackson Township, Kingston Township, Lake Township and Lehman are candidates for positions on the county committees.

Wilcox Is Unopposed

In Dallas Borough, Morgan Wilcox, aspirant for the Republican position in the North District, has no opposition. William H. Price and Forester H. Still seek the South District position.

There are contests in each of Dallas Township's three districts. Fred F. Honeywell and Palmer Udyke aspire to be Republican committeemen from the North District, Earl H. Layau and Arthur Newman, president of Henry M. Laing Fire Co., are seeking the election in the South District, and Clifford Ide and Fred Turpin oppose each other in the Middle District.

Although the Democrats in this section are far in the minority, there are several spirited contests for posts on the Democratic committee. A complete list of all committee candidates appeared in the April 3rd Post.

Few candidates for major offices, with the exception of those who are

residents of this section, have conducted aggressive campaigns here. William Carey, Jr., of Wyoming, and Willard Shortz, incumbent, are seeking the Republican nomination for Representative to the Legislature from the Sixth District. Donald Wilkinson of Kingston also is a candidate for the Republican nomination.

Two local Democrats, John Sullivan and Bernard McNeil, both of Dallas, are candidates for the Democratic nomination for Representative to the Legislature. Three other Democrats, Charles A. Malpass of Fort Worth, Robert N. Bierly, Joseph Tighe and Edward L. Keim, all of West Pittston, are seeking the same nomination.

Congressman C. Murray Turpin of Kingston is a candidate for re-election. He is opposed by Robert McCallum of Wilkes-Barre Township for the Republican nomination. Harold Flannery of West Pittston is the strong candidate for the Democratic nomination for Congress. His opponents are John R. Reap of Avoca, Michael F. Caffrey of Sugar Notch and Frank Lenahan of Sugar Notch.

Road Costs Triple In Election Year

Property Owners' Association Appeals From Annual Audit

An explanation for almost unbelievable increases in road maintenance costs in Luzerne County in 1935, an election year, was being sought this week by Luzerne County Property Owners' Association, which filed an appeal from the recent audit. The costs were questioned editorially by The Post several weeks ago.

Luzerne County spent \$386,247 on its 156 miles of highway last year, an average of \$2,500 on each mile. In 1934 it spent \$122,935, three times as much. Not since 1931, another election year, had Luzerne County spent within \$200,000 of what it spent last year.

A comparison on maintenance costs of highways near Dallas in 1934 and 1935, as prepared by the Property Owners' Association, follows:

Exeter-Franklin	\$1,376.02	\$30,439.64
Kingston-Franklin	4,376.18	23,002.95
Carv'ton-Trucksville	1,539.05	5,482.77
Orange-Dallas	5,924.68	5,533.80
Dallas-Franklin	428.58	1,790.15
Orange-Sickler	1,606.43	4,331.50
Fernbrook-DeMuns	2,229.70	38,412.48
Hillside-Chase	292.05	2,100.45
Dallas-Huntsville	1,258.50	5,713.47
Lehman-Outlet	1,406.49	5,348.32
Kunkle-Alderson	815.40	6,983.18

The mileage on the above highways ranges from one mile to five and one-tenth. Only one stretch exceeds four miles and the majority are less than that.

Old-Fashioned Bee To Be Held May 12

Spellers Called To Perform At Dallas High School

A Public Spelling Bee will be held at Dallas Borough High School on Tuesday evening, May 12, with four classes of contestants competing, from the tiniest school children to the adults with an orthographic bent.

The first class will be open to all children twelve years of age and under. In the second class all public school children will be invited to compete. Anyone will be eligible for the third class. The most unique division will be the fourth, a general information test, open to anyone.

Entertainment will be provided between the contests. Three prizes will be awarded in each contest and the contests are not limited to Dallas Borough. It is hoped, in fact, that neighboring districts will send delegations of spellers. All old spelling enthusiasts will find real thrills in the competition. A small admission will be charged.

Dallas, Penn., Thanks Dallas, Tex. For Invitation To Big Centennial

Dallas, Pa., this week sent its thanks to Dallas, Tex., for its invitation to the special "Dallas Day" celebration to be held at the \$25,000,000 Texas Centennial Exposition this summer.

At the suggestion of the Post, William Webb, general manager of the great exposition, acknowledged the kinship between the two towns last week. He sent a special invitation to Dallas Citizens and announced the planning of plans for a Dallas Day.

The expense of the trip West would be a handicap in any plans to send a delegation to Texas, as Mr. Webb suggested. There is no question that such promotion would bring this section beneficial publicity. It was thought this week that some residents of the Dallas section may be planning a trip to the Southwest this year. In such a case, the party could carry greetings from local officials to the officials of the exposition and would be assured a thrilling time.

Dallas, Tex., was named for George Mifflin Dallas, son of the man for

LOCAL MAN GETS GOOD EXAMPLE OF CAPITOL'S SOUTHERN HOSPITALITY

More than one man has lost his shirt in politics, but Howard Isaacs Shavertown automobile dealer, lost his shirt, suit, overcoat, and suede jacket just looking over politicians last week end in Washington, D. C.

In company with Bill Hamilton, his assistant, Howard motored to the Capital City to visit Bob and Dorothy Eck. Sunday morning from 10 a. m. until noon he parked his car on a busy thoroughfare and went out to see the city. When he returned he found that thieves had broken a rear window in his car and made away with his clothing. Otherwise the trip was fine, says Howard, and he enjoyed hearing Bob Eck talk on the wonders of Washington.

"Bob" is a guide on one of the big sight-seeing busses that visits points of interest in the city. His sister, Dorothy, is employed in one of the government bureaus. But Howard wouldn't go back to Washington again if he were elected to Congress—not unless he had a State cop or a police dog with him.

Council Reduces Millage To 15.5

Makes Plans For Collection Of Rubbish During Next Week

Dallas Borough Council reduced its tax levy one-half mill at a meeting in the borough building on Tuesday night, cutting the millage from 16 to 15.5.

The reduction was accomplished by cutting the sinking fund from 3 mills to 1.5 mills, increasing the general fund from 10 mills to 11 mills, and keeping the light fund at 3 mills.

Subsequent to complaints concerning the poor condition of Center Hill Road, council authorized Secretary William Niemeyer to inform Dallas Township supervisors and ask them to make repairs promptly.

Complaints were received also about sidewalks on Church Street and Mr. Niemeyer was instructed to notify owners. A request was made that residents refrain from dumping ashes into drains.

Councilman Peter Clark reported a conference with officials of Dallas Water Company during which he was informed that the company cannot supply enough water for fire hydrants. Mr. Clark suggested that the borough engineer make a chart of wells and cisterns which can be used in case of fire. Citizens are requested to report the location of such supplies of water to John Jeter, borough engineer.

Bills totaling \$77.56 were ordered paid.

Three Churches To Welcome New Pastors Sunday

Conference Makes Changes At Trucksville, Carverton Lehman

BAILEY RETIRES

Three local congregations will welcome new pastors this Sunday as the result of the annual assignments which climaxed the 85th sessions of the Wyoming Conference, Methodist Episcopal Church, in Scranton on Monday.

Rev. Charles H. Gilbert of Meshoppen will come to Carverton to fill the vacancy caused by the retirement this week of Rev. Judson N. Bailey.

Rev. J. Roland Crompton, pastor at Trucksville for the last five years, will go to Dorranconet M. E. Church, and will be succeeded by Rev. Harry M. Savacool of Whitney Point, N. Y.

In a last-minute change, Rev. Lynn H. Brown of Lehman was transferred to the Moosic M. E. Church. Rev. Howard B. Willetts of the Falls-Mill City charge will come to Lehman.

Rev. Francis E. Freeman was returned to the Dallas M. E. Church and Rev. Fred M. Sellers comes back to Shavertown M. E.

Several Retirements

Rev. Mr. Bailey's retirement was one of several at the conference. Rev. James D. Benninger, pastor at Dorranconet M. E. and a former pastor at Lehman and Alderson, and Rev. Frank W. Young of Moosic, former pastor of Kingston M. E. Church and well-known here, also retired.

Sixty-eight of the 214 ministers in the conference will face new congregations on Sunday, beginning of the new Conference year. The greatest turnover was in the Wilkes-Barre district, where three ministers retired. Twenty-one churches change pastors here, including three of the five local charges.

Rev. Mr. Savacool, who will assume the pastorate at Trucksville M. E. Church, attended West Virginia Wesleyan and graduated from Drew Theological Seminary. His first charge was in Mehoopany in 1923. He spent seven years at his second charge, Mehoopany and has been at Whitney Foote, N. Y., for three years.

Rev. Mr. Willett, new pastor at Lehman, entered the conference in 1919, and accepted a charge at Slatterville. Other charges were at Berksville, Onaqua, Portlandville, Arton, N. Y., and Falls-Mill City.

Rev. Mr. Gilbert, who entered the conference in the same class as Rev. Mr. Crompton, comes to Carverton from Meshoppen. He entered the conference in 1920 and has served at Lisle, Flemingville, Lisle (second time) Kirkwood, Great Bend, Oak Street, Binghamton; Forest City and Meshoppen.

Receptions will be held for the new pastors in about a week. They will move to their new parsonages in the middle of next week.

W. C. Thompson In Elmira Hospital

Condition Of Local Man Is Better After Serious Crash

The condition of W. C. Thompson of Wellington Avenue, Dallas, who is in Elmira, N. Y. Hospital suffering from severe injuries he received last Saturday night in an automobile accident was improved this week.

Mr. Thompson, who is employed by Armour Co., and who spends much of his time traveling, was on the way home when the accident happened near Elmira. He and the man who was driving the company car had been working long hours and it is believed they were fatigued when they started the homeward trip. The car struck an object along the road and Mr. Thompson was thrown against the windshield. His lung was injured, his breast bone was broken and he suffered a slight cut on the face. The other man was not seriously injured.

Mrs. Thompson received word early Sunday morning and left immediately for Elmira. She remained there this week. Mrs. Blanche Thompson, the mother of the injured man, went to Elmira on Sunday and returned early in the week.

Although Mr. Thompson's condition was critical on Saturday and Sunday, it seemed likely this week that he would recover.

Local Woman Drawn For Jury Service

Mrs. Kuehn Among Ten Local Folks Selected For Service

Only one woman, Mrs. G. A. A. Kuehn of Dallas, was chosen among the hundreds of names selected by Jury Commissioners this week for service during the May term of criminal court.

Week of May 18
Kingston Township—H. W. Appleton, Sherman P. Frantz, George A. Hunt, Dallas—Charles L. Albert, W. B. Jeter.

Week of June 1
Kingston Township—F. G. Anderson, Matthew G. Gray.
Dallas—Arthur Gay, Jean Kuehn.

SOUTHERN TRIP ENDS TWELVE HOURS APART FOR TWO LOCAL MEN

Jim Oliver and D. L. Edwards, who left last week on a business trip to Florida, returned this week—but twelve hours apart.

On the homeward trip Mr. Oliver drove one car and Dewey the other. Somewhere in North Carolina, the two automobiles became separated, and Dewey found himself charting his own course through the Southern wilds. What complicated the situation was that Dewey, who had expected to be home sooner, found himself running short of funds and had to send a frantic wire Northward for money.

Worried a little over his nephew's disappearance, Jim pulled into Dallas early in the morning. Unperturbed, and completely enjoying his trip, Dewey drove in twelve hours later. He denied the report that he had stopped along the way to pick up a few insurance customers.

Community Mourns Mrs. Z. E. Garinger

Motivated From Girlhood By Highest Christian Ideals

The funeral of Mrs. Z. E. Garinger whose sudden death last Thursday night came as a shock to the entire community, was held Monday morning at 10 from the late home on Lake Street with services in charge of Rev. Francis Freeman, pastor of Dallas M. E. Church, assisted by Rev. Judson Bailey a former pastor of the church.

Up until the time of her death, Mrs. Garinger had apparently been in average health. On Thursday she spent the day with Mr. Garinger visiting farms throughout the countryside where he had business calls to make. When they reached the J. B. Schooley farm about five in the afternoon Mrs. Garinger went in the house to call on Mrs. Schooley while her husband transacted business with Mr. Schooley. Shortly after entering the house she mentioned a severe headache and soon thereafter was stricken with a cerebral hemorrhage which resulted in her death at eleven that night.

Lehman Grange Calls Members To Meeting

An important meeting of Lehman Grange will be held on Saturday night in the Grange Hall. Since there are several unusually important matters to be acted upon, officers have requested a full attendance. One of the things to be discussed will be a proposed change in the meeting night.

Tax Levy Adopted May Be Inadequate

Board Said To Be Thinking Of Revising First Action

Possibility that Dallas Borough School Board may be forced to adopt a millage higher than that fixed at its meeting a few weeks ago loomed this week.

Under pressure of the minority faction, which protested a suggested 30-mill levy, the board agreed to adopt a basic millage of 28.5, the same as of last year. Since then there has been a growing demand for a higher millage which will insure the district against a deficit at the end of the year.

About \$2,000 in unpaid bills confronted the present board after its reorganization last September. Strict provisions of the school code make it practically impossible to revise the budget if additional funds are needed later. For safety's sake, say proponents of the higher millage, the board should adopt a levy which will provide a sum adequate for school expenses.

Chief opponent of the plan to increase the levy one and one-half mill is Henry Disque, deposed majority leader of the board. When Director Disque took office the millage was 25. Shortly afterward the board of which he was majority leader raised the millage to 30. Later it was reduced to 23 1/2. The next meeting of the board probably will be held on the first Wednesday of May.

Rakes And Brooms Weapons In Next Week's Clean-Up Attack In Dallas

An army of citizens, armed with rakes and brooms, will rout the enemies of cleanliness next week in Dallas's annual Clean-Up Week.

Each year Dallas Council designates one week as Clean-Up Week. The opening date of the campaign this year is April 27, next Monday.

The purpose of Clean-Up Week is to stimulate community-wide interest in sanitation and the removal of nuisances and fire hazards. Primarily, it is intended that during this week obscure corners and places not ordinarily cleaned should be cleared of rubbish.

To spur progress, Dallas Borough will have its trucks collect rubbish, which must be placed in containers in front of homes. On Monday, the trucks will collect from Lake Street and Main Street, on Tuesday from Parrish Heights and on Wednesday and Thursday, between Lake Street and Parrish Heights.

All sidewalks should be cleaned, gutters cleared and ditches opened. Accumulated debris (brush, leaves and vines) along fences should be cleaned

SPECIAL TRIAL OFFER

This coupon and one dollar will bring The Post to you for a trial period of six months if sent to The Dallas Post before April 28.

Adequate Supply Must Be Assured, Say Business Men

Ready To Accept New Schedule If That Condition Is Met

SETTLEMENT EXPECTED

The likelihood of an amicable settlement of the local water rate controversy seemed probable this week as Dallas Business Men's Association announced it is ready to accept conditionally the revised and tentative schedule presented last week by Dallas Water Company.

Originally, the utility, which carried out a \$7,000 improvement program last year, filed a new schedule which would have cost local consumers \$1,870 a year. The newest schedule, prepared after a protest against the proposed schedule, will bring the company an additional \$750 a year.

The business men, who discussed the new schedule on Monday night at a meeting in Suburban Inn, agreed to try the new rates if the company assures adequate service to all consumers.

As part of its proposal last week, the utility agreed tentatively that no increase will be charged in the Parrish Heights section until improvements have been made to assure an adequate supply of water to homes there.

The business men expressed the opinion that when the new meter rates go into effect consumption in business places will be decreased, allowing a greater supply for domestic consumers.

The new rates call for a \$1 a year increase from domestic consumers and a new schedule of Meter rates for business places.

Background of Case

The schedule which now appears to be the solution to the long controversy is the latest step in a series of events which began several years ago with a spirited campaign among consumers to force the company to give better service.

That protest ended with the Public Service Commission's demand for a five point improvement program to be completed by Dallas Water Co. by August 1, 1935. The most important step was the erection of a 70,000-gallon reserve tank above Dallas to assure an adequate supply of water.

When it decided the case in favor of the consumers, the Public Service Commission intimated that the necessary improvements might be financed by a \$400-a-year increase in rates.

Last February, the water company filed an increase.

When Dallas Business Men protested the increase last February, Mr. Craig came from Harrisburg at their request and listened courteously to their complaints. A few days later he postponed the increase for 150 days.

In the meantime Dallas Taxpayers' Association had filed a complaint with the Public Service Commission but on advice of attorneys agreed to an indefinite postponement of any hearing pending efforts at arbitration.

Attorney J. Gordon Mason, attorney for the Taxpayers' Association, has conferred recently with water company attorneys at Harrisburg but has made no announcement of tangible results.

Seamstresses Display Work At Wilkes-Barre

Seamstresses from the WPA sewing project here displayed their work on Saturday at the Redington Hotel at a luncheon which was attended by about 150 persons. Among the sponsors present from the Back Mountain were A. H. Rainey, Bertha Thomas, Otilia Titus, Mrs. Ray, Mrs. Herdman, Katie Wilson and Margaret Girvan.

Build Pretzel Ride At Picnic Grounds

The management of Harvey's Lake Picnic Grounds, which is cleaning its beach, equipment, and ground in preparation for its summer opening next month, believes this will be one of the best resort seasons in many years.

With that optimistic view, the owners will introduce several new features this year and at least one new amusement, the Pretzel Ride, a covered structure said to be the latest in fun-making thrills.