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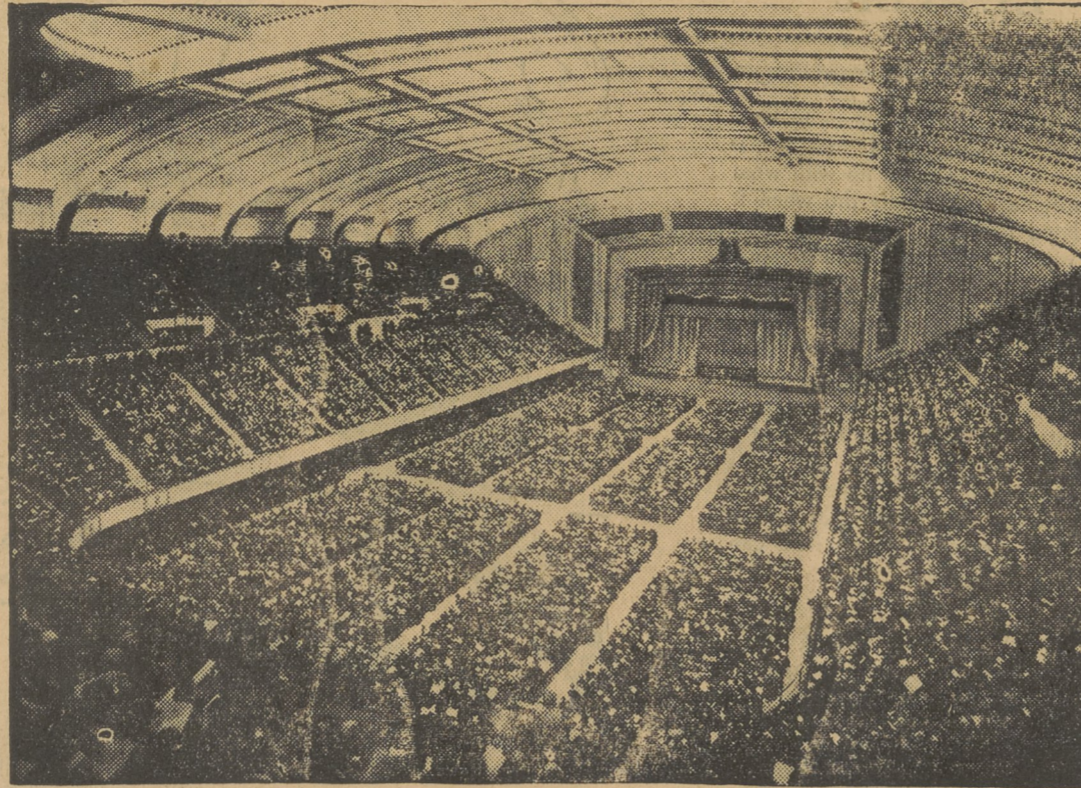
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WHERE ROOSEVELT WILL BE NOMINATED NEXT WEEK



The interior of Philadelphia's Convention Hall and nominate President Roosevelt as the Democratic standard-bearer. The President will be formally notified of his nomination as a mass meeting in Franklin Field, Philadelphia, on June 27.

POST SCRIPTS

MAIN STREET VS. TIMES SQUARE

Not since we stepped clumsily in the path of the baseball which gave us that shiner we were sporting around week before last have we been struck by anything so forceful as the realization the other evening that Broadway, after all, is only another Main Street.

It was a rather startling thought for us because we'd been walking up and down Main Street practically every day without seeing its possibilities. Then we remembered that W. A. Perregó suggested a year or more ago, apparently in all seriousness, that the name of Dallas be changed to New York. Maybe he saw it, too.

Wherever people gather, we suppose, they build pretty much to the same pattern, be it Manhattan or Dallas. They need shops and reporters (?) and restaurants and amusements. They die or get murdered, get married and get divorced, have children and spoil them, and Broadway differs from Main Street only in the matter of volume.

As a matter of fact there are as many stories to every square foot of Main Street as there are to any square foot of Times Square. There are, too, we understand, tales as nasty, only here they are relayed by old-fashioned word of mouth, instead of publicly in a gossip column. And the circulation is just as big, proportionately.

On Broadway it's Lindy's and Child's; on Main Street it's Mrs. Shaver's and Hislop's. In Times Square it's the Capitol, on Main Street it's Hillmiller's. Forty-second Street has its Grand Central, but Main Street has a railroad track, a street car track and a bus stop conveniently established between Stanley's and the American Store. Can the camaraderie of the Stork Club or Leon and Eddie's improve upon the neighborly freemasonry at Johnny Hayden's, winter or summer "The Coolest Spot In Town"? Can any automobile agency on Broadway sell a better Dodge than Jim Oliver or give better service? What bank in all Manhattan can hand out dollars that will buy more than those you get from the First National Bank—and, for that matter, where can you find a prettier building? What has Broadway that we haven't got? Maybe a couple of fan dancers.

Show us a sensation that has rocked Broadway more than the three court cases involving Dallas School Board have excited Main Street. Let Manhattan have its vice crusades as long as we can have our injunctions. In a pinch Dallas might even be able to supply some mild vice.

There are stories along Main Street, too, stories as smooth and as sophisticated as any ever printed in The New Yorker, and just as difficult to understand. We've tried to place the responsibility for this one. Some one along Main Street gave it to us last week. About the man who went to a bakery to order a cake, made in the form of a letter "S". The baker could do it, but it would take three or four days. So the man said alright, he would return then. In four days he came back and the baker produced a splendid-looking specimen of his skill. "I'm very sorry," the man said, "You have made the cake in a script 'S'. I wanted it in a block letter 'S'." The baker apologized and said it would take at least three more days to make the cake over in a block 'S'. "Very well," said the man, "I will return in three days." So in three days he reappeared and the baker showed him the cake. The man said "Yes, that is exactly what I wanted." Then the baker asked, "Where shall we send the cake? To your home?" And the man said, "Oh, no. I'll eat it right here."

Main Street, of course, has no swank Colony or Reuben's but the genial atmosphere at the Suburban on a day when "Doc" Jeter, Ad Woolbert, Sr., Odd Davens, George Kirkendall, and a few others are gathered there for lunch is as pleasant as any roof garden Manhattan ever hung in the skies.

It is only the blind who say Main Street is drab or uninteresting. Even now Dallas is entertaining the former captain of police of Amsterdam, Holland. It is more cosmopolitan than that. For the past several weeks the man who had the privilege of being defeated by David Lloyd George in his first political campaign some forty or fifty years ago has been helping out at The Post. Within the last month the Governor of Pennsylvania has looked down completely and sobbed for joy

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JOHN SULLIVAN DINES DALLAS BOROUGH'S BASKETBALL CHAMPS

Following his annual custom, John J. Sullivan honored the 1936 champion basketball team of Dallas Borough High School at a dinner at his home on Huntsville Street on Monday night.

Among the speakers were Ernest Line, athletic coach who was largely responsible for the team's splendid showing; Jack Roberts, a member of the school board; R. L. Brickel, treasurer of the athletic council, and Ralph Rood, a member of the faculty.

The following attended: Ernest Line, Ronald Doll, Norman Dinger, Jack Roberts, Robert Fleming, Manager Ma-

Quarter Of A Million Showered On Dallas Area As Vets Collect

EX-BUDDIES KNOW HOW TO SPEND NEW WEALTH

A glistering shower of new-found wealth—the long-awaited soldiers' bonus—fell on the Back Mountain Region this week to stream on down in waves of cash to business houses of every sort.

Only a small part of the estimated quarter of a million dollars which came to veterans of this section this week could be spent, because most of the money was in \$50 Government bonds which had to be certified and cashed before they could be spent.

The full force of the buying wave will not be felt until the checks in payment for the bonds begin dribbling back next week. The only actual cash the veterans received this week was from the checks for whatever odd sum could not be put into a \$50 bond. Those checks were immediately cashable almost anywhere.

Postmaster Praised

It was a busy week for the postmasters and their rural carriers. Most of the bonds to be delivered from local postoffices arrived early Monday morning and postal officials acted with praiseworthy efficiency in dispatching the bonds immediately along rural routes. Local veterans received their bonds from one to three days ahead of Wyoming Valley vets.

Postmaster George T. Kirkendall of Dallas sat in Dallas Borough High School on Monday and Tuesday nights and attended the American Legion meeting on Wednesday night to assist veterans who desired to cash their bonds.

Postmaster William Luksic of Trucksville established headquarters in the Trucksville grade school, where he assisted veterans from his territory in translating their bonds into cash. Other postmasters made similar arrangements to speed the process.

Eighty bonds had been received at the Dallas post office this week, about forty of them being for veterans on rural delivery. It was estimated that there would be at least twenty more bonds for veterans who had not applied yet for their bonuses or whose payments had been delayed.

Trucksville post office estimated it would distribute about seventy-five bonds and Shavertown was expected to have a similar amount. The figure of \$250,000 for Dallas, Kingston Township, Dallas Township, Lake Township, Lehman, and Noxon was believed to have been a conservative estimate.

For many of the ex-soldiers it was more money than they had ever had at one time in their lives. A few drew the full bonus, approximately \$1,500. The majority of the payments ranged from \$500 to \$750, postmasters estimated.

How They'll Spend It

The veterans who waited seventeen years for their adjusted service compensation displayed no uncertainty concerning what they intend to do with their money. Practically all have decided how they will spend it. The largest chunk, if you can believe the stories the men told as they received their bonds, will go to pay debts. Other veterans will take vacations, buy automobiles, outfit their families with new clothes, start in business, get married—and a few will hold the bonds, which will begin to bear interest in a year.

There were some touching scenes at local postoffices as the veterans received their bonds. One man broke down completely and sobbed for joy

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Company Files New Tariff For Dallas

Increase And Meter Charges Will Go Into Effect July 1

The revised schedule of rates presented for the consideration of consumers last April and accepted conditionally by Dallas Business Men's Association was filed with the Public Service Commission at Harrisburg this week and will go into effect on Wednesday July 1.

Adoption of the new tariff will end the 150-day postponement granted by the utility last January, when Robert Hall Craig, general manager, agreed to revise the first schedule proposed by the company. The present increase published in detail last April in The Post, differs from the original schedule in that it excludes homes in the Parrish Heights section from the increase and reduces meter rates considerably from those first proposed.

Dallas Borough Taxpayers' Association, which filed a protest with the Public Service Commission when the original increase was proposed last January, was to have met on Monday night to decide whether it would attack the revised schedule. Because of the absence of the president, Henry Disque, the meeting was postponed. A date has been set tentatively for Thursday, June 25, but the meeting may be called earlier upon Mr. Disque's return from his vacation.

Originally, the increases asked by the water company would have cost Dallas consumers an additional \$1,870 a year. The schedule filed with the Public Service Commission this week will give the company \$750 additional revenue. Of that amount, approximately \$300 will be collected through the \$1 a year increase for domestic consumers. The balance will come from business places, which will be charged according to meters which were installed a year ago but which have not been read monthly.

Dallas Business Men's Association conferred with Mr. Craig when the present schedule was first submitted last April and agreed to try the rates if an adequate service is assured to all parts of Dallas. The Taxpayers' Association has taken no formal action yet on the schedule but spokesmen have said unofficially that the group will oppose any attempt to increase rates.

Freak Storm Hits Center Moreland

Lightning Strikes Cherry Tree Near Home of Rev. Mr. Ether

Centremoreland experienced a freak electrical storm yesterday morning when lightning struck a cherry tree in the rear of the home of Rev. Fedor Ether, then apparently spread into three balls of fire.

One of the balls broke two windows in the home of E. E. Montross five hundred feet away. The other broke two windows in the home of Joe Statnick an equal distance from the Ether home, but in the opposite direction from the Montross home.

HARVEY'S LAKE QUIT PITCHERS TAKE EARLY LEAD IN RURAL LEAGUE

Harvey's Lake quit team has taken an early lead in the Rural Quoit League with fifty victories and fourteen defeats. Skytop and Fernbrook are tied for second place.

On Monday night the Fernbrook Club took seven of eight games with the Shavertown quoit pitchers. Standings as announced this week by H. M. Hall, secretary, follow:

	Won	Lost	Pct.
Harvey's Lake	50	14	.781
Skytop	43	21	.672
Fernbrook	43	21	.672
Shavertown	35	29	.547
Trucksville	30	34	.469
Dallas Borough	25	38	.406
Independents	23	41	.359
Ox-Bow	6	53	.097

Boy And Girl Win Scholastic Honor

Two Kingston Township Pupils Cited For Five-Point Award

For their outstanding qualities of honor, courage, scholarship, service and leadership, two pupils of Kingston Township eighth grade have been awarded engraved medals and pins by the Veterans' Association of Kingston Township.

Richard Edgar Crompton and Marian Frances Jones are the two students who have been selected by their teachers for the coveted American Legion award. Children who win the medal must give outstanding evidence of strength of character, high standards of conduct, a keen sense of what is right, truthfulness, devotion to duty, bravery, scholastic attainment, industry, leadership, kindness and protection of the weak and promotion of the interests and welfare of associates without hope of personal award.

Eighty-four members of the eighth grade classes have been promoted and will enter high school in the Fall. In addition to these pupils there will be enough others to make the Freshman class total ninety-six.

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Sellers Addresses Borough Graduates

Hazel Baer Wins Misericordia Scholarship At Annual Commencement

Eighteen graduates of Dallas Borough High School and a large audience of parents and friends heard Rev. Fred M. Sellers, pastor of Shavertown M. E. Church, deliver an inspiring address at the annual Commencement exercises of the borough schools in the auditorium last night.

The College Misericordia scholarship was awarded to Hazel Baer for outstanding scholastic achievements. Miss Baer also won the Dallas Borough Parent-Teacher Association award of \$2.50 for her highest academic standing. Robert Westover won a similar prize from the PTA for having made the greatest improvement of any student in the last year. The Commercial Prize given by Miss Angeline Dymond for excellence in business subjects went to Velma Haring.

Rev. Francis Freeman, who invoked blessing upon the gathering, Norman B. Dinger, supervising principal, and the Seniors sat upon the stage. The faculty and members of the school board occupied a reserved section and took part in the impressive procession. Dr. G. K. Swartz, president of the school board, awarded the diplomas. The program included an oration "What the World Wants" by Miss Baer, and an oration, "The Crisis of Character" by Willard Westover. Miss Haring gave a reading. The orchestra from Kingston Township High School played.

Launch Movement To Erase Health Menaces Locally

County Medical Director Gives Promise Of Aid To Officials

EXAMINE COMPLAINTS

A determined effort to wipe out unsanitary conditions in this section has been launched by Dr. F. E. Donnelly, Luzerne County medical director for the State Department of Health, with the support of local health authorities.

Although the action is aimed primarily at long-standing abuses of the State's health code, Dr. Donnelly's forces will pay particular attention to the Harvey's Lake section, to guard summer residents against exposure to disease through carelessness of cottagers or campers.

The drive follows several complaints concerning flagrant violations of health laws in communities in this section. One of the first results has been a report on several places at Harvey's Lake, made at the request of the Lake Protective Association. No serious violations were uncovered but Dr. Donnelly has assured the Protective Association that he will enforce sanitation rules strictly all summer.

Edward Thomas, health officer for this section, investigated the complaints with the help of Chief of Police Ira C. Stevenson of Harvey's Lake. Dr. Donnelly has urged particularly that persons building new cottages at the Lake seek advice from his staff in Kirby Health Center with regard to the water supply and the disposal of sewage. Frequently, such advice saves the builder the cost of expensive changes of violations uncovered, Dr. Donnelly said.

To Watch Campers

Health officials also will keep a close watch on campers at the lake to see that rules of sanitation are being followed.

Two complaints in Shavertown have already been investigated and violations discovered.

Toby's Creek Again

Most glaring example of an unhealthy nuisance in this section is Toby's Creek, a long-time menace to the health of the people whose homes flank it.

As long ago as 1932 The Post urged communities in this section to seek a solution which would eliminate the need for dumping refuse and sewage into the stream.

Despite the fact that a good bit of the sewage from Dallas is carried off by Toby's Creek hundreds of children bathe in its waters daily during warm weather in the vicinity of Luzerne. The custom of draining household wastes into the creek is not only unhealthy but unsightly and the stench along the stream during warm weather is unbearable.

Section 2, Article II of the rules and regulations as set by the State Department of Health, reads: "No privy, ural, cesspool or other receptacle for human excrement shall be constructed, maintained or used which directly or indirectly drains or discharges over or upon the surface of the ground or into any waters of the State."

Chief To War On Reckless Drivers

Council Authorizes O'Kane To Enforce Speed Laws In Borough

Several protests against the speed with which automobiles flash through the borough caused Dallas Borough Council to declare a crusade against reckless drivers this week and authorize Chief of Police Leonard O'Kane to tighten enforcement of the speed laws.

Traffic between the valley and Harvey's Lake has reached its summer volume and on several occasions on Main Street recently pedestrians have had narrow escapes.

At the same meeting of council on Monday night the light committee ordered erection of a light at Lincoln Street. Council accepted the recommendation of the road commissioner that Spring Street be oiled and gravelled to complete the WPA project there.

William Niemeyer, secretary, was instructed to write to Dallas Water Co. informing the firm of the condition of the pave at Lehman and Machel Avenues, where a section was torn up to replace pipes.

CHILDREN FROM RELIEF FAMILIES TO RECEIVE FREE MEDICAL EXAMS

In an effort to forestall any unfortunate heritages of the depression, children from relief families in this section will receive free examinations and advice through a plan now being perfected by the Emergency Child Health Committee of Luzerne County.

Dr. H. A. Brown of Lehman has accepted the position of Medical Chairman for Dallas and Lehman and will carry out his work voluntarily, with the aid of several local physicians. Clinics will be held when children will be examined thoroughly and their condition recorded. When physical defects are discovered, the Committee will enlist the support of various agencies to help the child.

Mrs. Margaret Williamson, R. N. will

Threaten Appeal To Higher Court On Dinger's Case

Court En Banc Not Expected To Authorize Re-Opening Of Case

TAX SUIT DELAYED

Harry L. Tennyson of Midway, new supervising principal of Dallas Borough School District, signed his contract with the district this week. He is expected to arrive here next week, to assume his duties July 1. The contract was forwarded to Mr. Tennyson after Judge McLean had ruled that the present contract held by Norman B. Dinger is invalid.

The possibility of an appeal by Norman Dinger from Judge William S. McLean's decision invalidating his three-year contract with Dallas Borough School District arose this week as parties involved awaited the results of an effort to have the Luzerne County Court en banc re-open Mr. Dinger's suit.

Attorney Thomas M. Lewis, who represented Mr. Dinger, is authority for the statement that the case may be taken to the State Supreme Court. Commenting on that possibility, directors expressed confidence that the higher court would sustain Judge McLean's decision but expressed fear that the unexpected legal expenses being forced upon the district might unbalance the district's budget.

Tax Suit Delayed

While participants awaited developments on Mr. Dinger's attempt to hold Dallas Borough School District to its long-term contract with him the board also was forced to mark time on the suit which has been brought against it by taxpayers who charge that the budget is excessive.

A hearing on that suit, the third to be brought against the local school district in the last month and a half, was scheduled for Monday morning before Judge John S. Fine. It was postponed first until the afternoon and then until the following, when illness prevented the Judge from taking additional testimony.

Judges Hear Greenwald

In the absence of Attorney Thomas Lewis, who was attending the Republican convention, Attorney Henry Greenwald, Mr. Lewis's associate in representing Mr. Dinger, presented the plea for a re-opening of the contract case by the court en banc late last Thursday.

Judge McLean, Judge Clarence Coughlin, Judge Benjamin Jones and Judge W. A. Valentine heard the appeal. Judge Fine, the other member of the court en banc, being at the Republican convention.

Before Attorney Greenwald made his request, Judge McLean reviewed the case, referring frequently for verification to Attorney B. B. Lewis, solicitor for Dallas School Board. When Mr. Greenwald began his resume he was interrupted first by Judge Coughlin, who asked if the plaintiff was seeking a reversal of Judge McLean's decision. After some hesitation, Attorney Greenwald explained that in substance, that was the purpose of the hearing.

Both Judge Coughlin and Judge Valentine expressed some surprise at such a course and intimated they would have preferred to have had the plaintiffs follow the usual course of appealing the case, if they so desired, rather than to re-open it before the Luzerne County Court, a member of which had already handed down a decision.

The apparent attitude of the court left little doubt but that the judges would support Judge McLean's decision and force the plaintiffs to appeal to a higher court if they desire to carry on their case.

Such an appeal would be an expensive proposition and would expose the plaintiffs to the necessity of paying the costs if the higher court sustains the earlier decision.

Sullivan Will Attend Democratic Convention

Mr. and Mrs. John Sullivan of Dallas will attend the Democratic National Convention in Philadelphia next week. Mr. Sullivan attended the convention four years ago and was one of the staunchest local boosters for President Roosevelt when he was nominated there.

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