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WE ATTEND A SOCIALIST RALLY

When we saw in the papers that Norman Thomas was going to speak at Wilkes-Barre we knew we would have to go to hear him.

In the first place it would be a gesture of gratitude to the only political party which doesn't burden us each morning with requests for free publicity. In the second place we have always had a quiet suspicion Mr. Thomas would make a good President. And in the third place we wanted to see what kind of people Socialists really are.

Now of course for most of the people the choice of two parties is enough. The mental effort of deciding between those two takes up a good bit of the waking hours between June and November. So the Socialist Platform is scarcely read by any except a few zealots or newspaper editors who read it under the heading of Keeping Abreast With Things.

It wasn't, however, the Socialist Platform for 1936 that lured us across the flood-swept wastes of Kirby Park last Tuesday night. It was more the curiosity to see in their native haunts those ardent souls who have no idea of winning the Presidential election and therefore cannot expect the rewards which stimulate so many of the supporters of the Elephant and Donkey.

We wanted to see, in other words, if it is still true that people can follow a man because of what he is, instead of what he can give—and we wondered if perhaps we might detect some spark left from the blaze which had been lighted 160 years ago by those other rebels.

It was just turning dark when we joined the figures which were moving along the running track toward a lamp post where the platform was. Except for an automobile with loudspeakers which was emitting a brass kind of music, it was unlike a political rally. The only light was from the lamp post and the people were standing back from the platform timidly, as if each hesitated to be the first to crowd in.

On one corner of the platform there sat a man in a black suit, his legs dangling loosely, his lap holding an old brown felt hat, sharply creased. A few people—mostly young men—were talking to him. His face was in the shadow but we could see enough of it to recognize him from newspaper photographs. It was Norman Thomas. We walked across the open space toward him.

He was in a friendly conversation with the young men. Other people came along and joined in without introducing themselves or bothering to apologize for butting in. No one—least of all the candidate for President of the United States—seemed to mind. They talked about radio speeches and Mr. Thomas said he jumps at every opportunity to get time on the air because the radio companies are charging such high rates now for political speeches. Then they talked a little about the Jennings case and Mr. Thomas asked if the miners in the valley were following Lewis and then he bought a ticket for twenty-five cents from a man who interrupted the conversation to solicit him.

By this time the crowd was getting bigger and a man walked up to the microphone on the platform and began counting "1-2-3-4-5-". He wasn't satisfied so another man came up and counted "1-2-3-4-5-4-3" and said it was all right. All the time Mr. Thomas kept swinging his legs and chatting with everyone who got close enough to him to talk.

We couldn't see how far back the crowd stretched. There were no seats and people kept shifting their weight restlessly from one foot to the other. We saw people we had expected to see—stocky men with heavy lensed glasses and banyans and thick accents. We saw, too, a prominent psychologist, a leading lawyer, a graduate of college. Mericordia, two newspapermen, a few very old men in suits that seemed far too large for them, as old men's suits do, quite a few women, some of them holding children by the hand, and a surprising number of young men and women with alert, fresh, curious faces.

The first speaker was the chairman—a youth with a burnt-orange tie and who started his remarks three times before he was sure the microphone was attached. He introduced the second speaker, a party member from Reading, who spoke briefly on the literature

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TWO ENTRANTS WHO CLIMBED DURING WEEK



FAITH HOOVER

Just to prove that it's still anybody's race, Faith Hoover, lovable daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Hoover of Dallas R. D. 4, climbed all the way up to sixth place in The Post \$500.00 Popular Baby Contest this week. She's among the leaders now, and still pulling strong.



EVELYN WHIPP

Here's another sprightly young miss who made a sensational spurt this week, Evelyn Whipp, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Whipp popped up all the way to fifth place this week. Her boosters are determined to keep her going up.

Close Battle Between Wets And Drys Expected In This Section

LOCAL OPTION ISSUE OF FALL ELECTION

The likelihood of a close battle in Dallas Borough, Dallas Township and Kingston Township this Fall over local option loomed this week as opposing forces prepared to launch vigorous campaigns.

Spearhead of the attack against the sale of liquor in the three communities will be the W. C. T. U., which circulated the petitions last month and secured signatures of ten per cent of the voters, which is necessary to place the question on the ballot.

Because of difficulty in communicating with the supervisors of Dallas Township and Kingston Township this week it could not be learned whether official action has been taken in those towns to put the question on the ballot but officials of the W. C. T. U. who presented the petitions assumed that such action has already been taken and that the voters of both communities be asked to vote on the question in November.

The wet-dry question officially became an issue in Dallas Borough this week when council adopted a resolution granting the request of the petitioners to include local option on the ballot in the borough.

A prominent W. C. T. U. official said this week the women will canvass voters to enlist support for their crusade. Opposition crystallizes. While church forces were marshaling for their campaign, critics of local option began starting movement of their own.

There are two places in the borough where liquor is sold, two in Kingston township and eight in Dallas Township. A portion of their license fee is returned to their communities. The school district and the borough of Dallas received a total of about \$500 annually from liquor license fees, equivalent to about one mill of the tax levy.

Opponents of local option probably will base their campaign upon the argument that a purely local ban will only deprive the communities of additional revenue without preventing residents of the towns from buying their liquor elsewhere.

Noxen Has Option. Local option was approved by a majority of voters in Noxen Township at the General Election last year. The provision to permit the sale of malt and brew beverages was defeated 182 to 172 and the open sale of hard liquor was killed 182 to 161.

Forty Fort is the only Luzerne County community which has local option. Lehman Township rejected local option in 1934. Although the Lehman and Idetown voters gave local option a majority, Lake Silkworth voters opposed it, 100 to 10, and the measure was defeated by 2 votes, 200 for, to 198 against.

Local Towns Share. Dallas Township would be hardest hit through elimination of liquor license funds if local option were approved by the voters. A typical distribution of funds among five local townships was the one last November. The checks received locally then were: Dallas Borough, \$112; Dallas Township, \$1,000; Kingston Township, \$200; Lake Township, \$862 and Lehman \$525. There was another payment in February.

COUNTY FAIR SEASON IN FULL SWING. LAST OF DATES ARE LISTED

The county fair season in this section will reach its peak this month, with seven annual expositions attracting crowds.

The Susquehanna County Fair at Montross will end today. Other fairs scheduled, and the dates, are: Sullivan County Fair at Forks-ville from September 9 to 12.

Reading Fair at Reading from September 14 to 19.

Wyoming County Fair at Tunkhannock from September 15 to 18.

Lehigh County Fair at Allentown from September 22 to 26.

Wayne County Fair at Honesdale from September 22 to 25.

Bloomsburg Fair at Bloomsburg from September 28 to October 3.

The annual Pennsylvania Farm Show will be held at Harrisburg on January 18-22, 1937.

Faculty Remains Same At Lehman

Dallas Township Board Fills Vacancy Caused By Resignation

Three local schools—Beaumont, Dallas Borough and Dallas Township—began their 1936-37 terms this week and two more—Kingston Township and Lehman—will resume classes after the summer vacation next week.

There are no changes on the faculty of Lehman schools, which will open on Tuesday morning. There will be a faculty meeting at 7:50 and classes will be called at 8:50. J. Austin Snyder, principal, will be at the school from 2 to 4 p. m. on Saturday and from 10 to 12 noon on Monday to confer with parents of children who will be starting in school at Lehman this year.

Kingston Township schools will open on Tuesday, also. Miss Dorothy Williams of Lee Park was added to the faculty of Dallas Township schools at a meeting of the board of directors on Monday night. Miss Williams will succeed Miss Meryl Johnson, who resigned last Saturday.

The faculty at the township, which began sessions on Wednesday, now includes the following: M. J. Giron, supervising principal and ninth grade teacher; Ronald Doll, twelfth grade; Miss Ruth Paul, eleventh grade; J. Lloyd Drake, tenth grade; Miss Sarah Bray and Gerald Snyder, eighth grade; Estella Goldsmith and Grace Merritt, seventh grade; Lena Van Tuyl, sixth grade; Iona Evans, sixth and fifth; Elizabeth Love, fifth; Leona Smith and Marie Woolbert, fourth; Emily Goldsmith, third; Aline Davis, third and second; Ruth Carbaugh, first; Tabitha Conrad, art supervisor.

Dislocates Jaw On First Day Of School

Richard Williams, 14, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Williams of Fernbrook, dislocated his jaw on Tuesday during the opening session of Dallas Township schools. The youth was yawning when his lower jaw snapped. He was taken to the offices of Dr. J. S. Fleming and treated.

HONOR ROLL

- First Jerry Elston, Kunkle
- Second Betty Jane Whipple, Dallas
- Third Eugene Brobst, Dallas
- Fourth Shirley Welsh, Dallas
- Fifth Evelyn Whipp, Dallas
- Sixth Faith Hoover, Dallas R. D.
- Seventh Donnie Lee Slocum, Shavertown
- Eighth The Cundiff Twins, Dallas
- Ninth Virginia Culp, Dallas
- Tenth Dorothy Prutzman, Dallas
- Eleventh ... Treva Traver, Noxen
- Twelfth ... Allan Sullivan, Dallas
- Thirteenth ... Cecil Traver, Noxen
- Fourteenth Lewis Casterline, Dallas
- Fifteenth ... Robert Lapp, Noxen

Votes Lower After First Period Ends

Avalanche Of Coupons And Subscriptions Expected Next Week

Only nine days remain before the end of the first period in The Post's \$500.00 Popular Baby Contest.

On Saturday, September 12, the first of the three periods in the contest will end, and votes on merchant coupons and subscriptions will decrease in value.

Jerry Elston, Betty Jane Whipple and Eugene Brobst continued to lead in the race for the \$100 and the big silver loving cup this week, but there were a number of shake-ups among the other first fifteen.

Because a number of contestants have been withholding their votes until the closing of the first period an avalanche of coupons and subscriptions is expected to descend upon Baby Contest Headquarters this week and it is even impossible to guess what the standing will be next week.

Only a few days more than three weeks remain before the end of the contest and non-contestants who have delayed their campaign for their favorite candidate must begin accumulating votes if they expect to join the fun.

Everybody who shops and everybody who takes The Post or would like to take it can vote. Competition among the contestants and their supporters is becoming more keen every day and it would be impossible to predict now which baby is likely to win.

If you aren't saving votes for one of the babies in the contest, pick a favorite this week and begin sending in votes for your contestant.

James Anderson, 86, Dies On Wednesday

Trucksville Octogenarian Life-Long Resident Of This Section

A life-long resident of this section, James Anderson, 86, died early Wednesday morning at his home on Main Road, Trucksville, after a prolonged illness. With his wife, who died on March 23, 1934, Mr. Anderson had celebrated his sixtieth wedding anniversary on May 27, 1933.

He was born on Bunker Hill, January 21, 1850, and for nearly 30 years conducted a general store at Luzerne. He sold it in 1898 to A. L. Davenport and for the last twenty-nine years he had lived at Trucksville. Until two years ago he was active as a carpenter. He constructed a barn on the C. R. Prutzman property near Huntsville.

Mr. Anderson was a charter member of Walnut Lodge, No. 953, I. O. O. F. of Luzerne and served as warden of the lodge degree team. He was also a charter member of Trucksville Hose Company, Trucksville M. E. Church, and the Men's Bible Class.

Surviving are a daughter, Mrs. Louis Shuler, and a son, Charles Anderson, both of Trucksville; three grandchildren, Mrs. James Trebilcock, Miss Helen Anderson and Mrs. Florence Worthington of Trucksville; three great grandchildren and a sister, Mrs. Lawrence Wilcox of Lehman Road.

Special memorial services were conducted at his home last night at 7:30 by the I. O. O. F. Lodge. Funeral services will be held this afternoon at 2 by Rev. Harry M. Savacool of Trucksville M. E. Church. Interment will be in Woodlawn Cemetery. Odd Fellows will hold services at the grave.

Contests Feature Of Wyoming's Fair

A series of competitive Agricultural Exhibit Contests will be a new feature at the Wyoming County Fair at Tunkhannock on September 16, 17 and 18 of this month.

The exhibits between the various Vocational Agriculture Departments of the county will be carried out along the same lines as the window exhibits at the State Farm Show. There will also be a Dairy Judging Contest, with \$5 prizes for the three boys winning and a silver loving cup for the school which wins.

The fourteen Wyoming County granges have been invited to exhibits and prizes will be awarded to the most creditable exhibits. Shupp's public auction of Jersey and Guernsey cattle, always a big feature of the fair, will start at 1 a. m. on Friday, September 18.

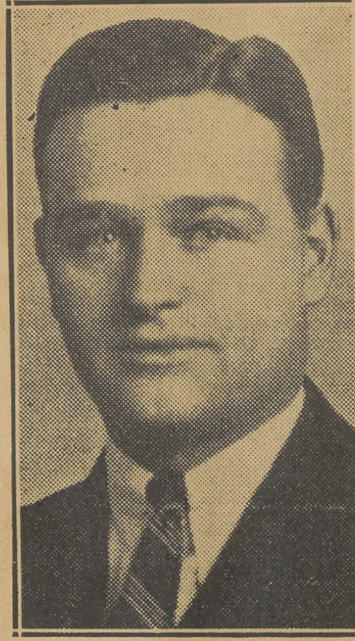
Firemen Exceed \$700 Goal As Drive For Funds Ends

Volunteer Solicitors Report \$712 Collections In First Annual Campaign To Raise Maintenance Fund For Henry M. Laing Fire Company

Volunteer solicitors of Henry M. Laing Fire Company of Dallas Borough and Dallas Township went over the top this week as they passed their \$700 goal in their first annual campaign for funds.

Collections totalling \$712 were reported at the final meeting in the fire company's quarters on Wednesday night. There was an enthusiastic ovation for the committee of solicitors who had collected the amount.

DRIVE CHAIRMAN



Peter D. Clark, chairman of the committee which this week put Henry M. Laing Fire Company's \$700 Maintenance Fund Drive over the top.

As a result, Henry M. Laing Fire Company will have funds to finance itself for slightly more than a year. Any surplus will be diverted to a fund which the company hopes to use eventually for the construction of a new home and community building.

Drive Was Experiment

The drive for funds was an experiment, the company having previously used such money-making events as carnivals and stage productions to raise money. Usually a large part of the receipts went to other organizations than the fire company and occasionally the events resulted in losses to the company.

The success of the drive, which began about six weeks ago, will eliminate the necessity for any money-making events during the next year.

Clark Thanks Town

Peter D. Clark, chairman of the drive, yesterday expressed his heartfelt thanks to the solicitors and the contributors who had made the drive a success.

"The generosity of the people who contributed more than \$700 to the firemen's drive is full evidence of the fine spirit which is typical of the people of Dallas Township and Dallas Borough. I hope they realize how deeply the firemen are grateful.

"I want to give full credit for the success of the drive to the volunteers who gave unselfishly of their time to contact the local contributors. Members of that committee are Leonard O'Kane, Bill Vivian, Clinton Bollinger, Warden Kunkle, Arthur Newman, John Yaple, Charles Reigle, Cliff Ide, Dick Moore, Ray Moore, Clarence Gay, Leslie Warhola, Arthur Franklin, Arthur Dungey, John T. Jeter, Morgan Wilcox, Alex Johnson, Clyde Lapp, and Tim LaBarr.

"I think it has been proved that this is the best way to raise the money we need. It will not be necessary now to come before the people two or three times a year. We are glad to think that during the rest of the year the people can patronize other worth-while civic organizations and we shall not need to conflict with the benefits which church organizations must necessarily conduct."

"I am sincerely appreciative of the co-operation given by everyone during the campaign."

List Of Contributors

- The list of contributors to the firemen's fund follows:
- Peter Pliskovick \$ 1.00
- Ed Nelson 1.00
- Fernbrook Park, Inc. 1.00
- William Dawkins 2.00
- Dr. J. C. Fleming 3.00
- B. & B. Supply Co. 5.00
- Alex Veitch 5.00
- Walter Covert 1.00
- John Cummings 2.00
- Jack Roberts 1.00
- Chris Stahl 2.00
- Clyde Veitch 2.00
- Whitley Veitch 2.00
- Jessie T. Sturdevant 2.00
- Shad Goss 1.00
- William Baker 1.00
- American Legion, Post 672 ... 5.00
- Robert Baker 2.00
- Phillip Anderson 2.00
- George Boston 1.00
- Clarence Gay 1.00
- Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Frantz ... 2.00
- John C. Phillips 2.00
- John T. Jeter 2.00
- Fred M. Harris 2.00
- Hervy Ahborn 2.00
- Thomas E. Heffernan 5.00
- Mrs. Irving Roe 3.00
- Schindler's Bakery 3.00
- Dallas Post 5.00
- Joseph McVeigh 10.00
- Mickey Hazlinski 2.00
- H. L. Tennyson 2.00
- Ralph Rood 2.00
- Charles Riestle 1.00
- G. R. Howell 1.00
- Frank Neyhard 1.00
- Arthur R. Dungey 2.50
- R. L. Hallock 5.00
- G. T. Kirkendall 5.00
- A. C. Woolbert 2.00
- Mrs. Alonzo Kellar 2.00
- G. A. A. Kuehn 2.00

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Local Swimmers Jolt Washington

Unknowns Cop Second Place In Famous President's Cup Race

Two local swimmers—Irring Roe, Jr. of Country Club Road, Dallas, and Elwood Davis of Harvey's Lake—contributed to the upset which marked the President's Cup Race on the Potomac at Washington, D. C., last Saturday.

With Jimmy Campbell of Hanover Township, the third member of the local team, Davis and Roe surprised a large audience and most of their competitors by taking second place in the cup race.

Akron, O., and Lennoxhill A. C. of New York had been conceded the first and second places in the race, which attracted outstanding swim teams from all parts of the East. The cup is awarded on a basis of team points, the positions of the team members being tallied at the end of the race to compute the standing.

When officials announced that Campbell and the two local athletes had taken second place Lennoxhill A. C., last year's winner, called for a check, and then asked for a second and third check, but the standings were unchanged.

Campbell finished in fourth place, Davis in seventh and Roe in eighth. Charles Stitzer of Kingston, reserve member of the team, finished eighteenth under a handicap of stiff muscles.

Elwood Woodling, National A. A. U. 3 and 5 mile champ, and individual winner of last Saturday's race, said: "The Wilkes-Barre team deserves a great deal of credit. We have met most of the swimming outfits and defeated them much easier than we did Wilkes-Barre."

Senator A. J. Sordani underwrote the expenses of the trip.

Council Launches Attack On Weeds

The annual nuisance caused by property owners who neglect to cut noxious weeds on vacant plots came to the attention of Dallas Borough Council at its meeting on Tuesday night and it was decided to launch an aggressive drive to force action.

When weeds are not cut the borough will have men remove them and bill the property owners for the work. A borough ordinance provides such penalty.

K. T. H. S. WILL MEET ALUMNI TEAM IN SEASON OPENER SEPTEMBER 12

Kingston Township High School football team, which won the Back Mountain Championship last year, will open a strenuous season on Saturday afternoon, September 12, by meeting an alumni team on the Trucksville High School gridiron.

Coach Walter Hicks has been drilling his squad for more than a week. His schedule includes twelve games, including two practice matches for G. A. R. and Meyers' High School of Wilkes-Barre. Dallas Borough has abandoned its custom of throwing its team against more powerful football elevens in the valley.

The schedule for Kingston Township follows: September 19, G. A. R. at G. A. R.; September 26, Meyers High School at Meyers; October 3, Plains at Plains; October 10, Nescopeck at King-

ston Township; October 17, Wyoming at Kingston Township; October 24, Tunkhannock at Tunkhannock; October 31, Dallas Township at Dallas Township; November 7, West Wyoming at Kingston Township; November 14, Seminary Junior Varsity at Kingston Township; November 21, Dallas Borough at Kingston Township; and November 26, Lehman at Kingston Township.

Coach Ernest Line of Dallas Borough issued equipment for the local eleven on Wednesday afternoon. First workout was held yesterday.

ALERTNESS OF COPS SAVES HOME FROM BURNING IN NICK OF TIME

The alertness of two Harvey's Lake policemen—Thomas Keirle and Fred Swanson—prevented a serious blaze at the cottage of Henry Shapiro, Point Pleasant, early Tuesday morning.

Swanson and Keirle were cruising in the police car about 2 a. m. when they spied smoke leaking from the garage under the front porch of the Shapiro home. When they investigated, they found an automobile ablaze as a result of defective ignition wires.

While the two policemen struggled to pull the burning car away from the cottage Frank Whitenight, a neighbor, began to fight the flames with a stream from a garden hose. Meanwhile Daniel C. Roberts Fire Co. had been

summoned and Chief of Police Ira C. Stevenson responded.

A stream of water was put on the burning woodwork on the porch immediately and the blaze was soon extinguished. A stone wall which separated the porch from the main section saved the structure from burning.

Mr. Shapiro and the six members of his family who were sleeping in the cottage did not know of the fire until awakened by Patrolman Keirle and Swanson.