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CHICKENS

We thought we had met a man named Dmitris Propotopolous this week, but his name turned out to be Propotapas.

It would have been swell to have been able to say casually to all our friends, "Have I told you about my friend, Dmitris Propotopolous?" We can see the envious look in their eyes, these people who wouldn't know anyone named Dmitris Propotopolous.

Of course calling him our friend might have been a little inaccurate but "my friend, Dmitris Propotopolous" is the kind of a verbal bombshell that enlivens dull conversation, and we frequently get so bogged down we need some bright, casual remark like that to get things going again.

We met him the other evening, where doesn't matter. His Americanized friends call him simply "Jimmy Pappas" but not us, for "Jimmy Pappas" doesn't go at all with the kind of an interesting career our Mr. Propotapas has hung up.

A huge man with a tiny, graceful mustache, he might very easily play extra roles as a Grand Duke in the movies. He was born in Sparta, and, sizing him up, you can very easily believe all the tales that are told of the hardy warriors and athletes who came from that Grecian province.

When he was nineteen years old he heard stories of shrewd traders who went into the interior of Africa with a bag of salt and came out laden with fortunes in ivory. So Dmitris enlisted two partners and set off into the Congo, determined to parlay a load of baubles and trinkets into a tremendous fortune.

They had been on the way a week or more when one of the partners, frankly admitting that he was afraid, took his share of the mules and natives and turned back. Dmitris and his remaining partner pushed on.

One night, deep in the jungle and not far from their destination, Dmitris' friend, who had been growing restless, said he felt ill, and ventured to wonder if they should go on.

"Look," said Dmitris, if you're getting scared, too, tell me now, so we can both turn back, because I cannot go on alone, and if this thing is to fail, it may as well fail right here."

His partner resented Dmitris' intimation, and became more silent than ever. They plodded on next morning, the partner growing steadily sicker, but keeping his silence lest Dmitris believe him afraid. Sometime during the night, the partner died, and next morning Dmitris was alone as leader of the safari.

Off the trail a day and a half march was a missionary outpost, the natives told Dmitris. Determined to give his friend a Christian burial, the nineteen-year-old youth headed the safari toward that spot. At mid-day, when the equatorial sun was stabbing its burning rays even through the thick jungle growth, Dmitris knew he, too, was ill. He felt a chill beginning at his toes and spreading icily to his head—and then he felt nothing, for he collapsed.

He regained consciousness seven days later, on a cot in the missionaries' hut. He had missed his friend's funeral. He had barely escaped his own. His illness, the missionaries told him, had been caused by a bite of the dread tsetse fly—whose victims seldom escape.

Dmitris—alone of the three who had started, for the first map to turn back was never heard of—retraced his steps to the coast, minus his fortune, but ready to start the second chapter in his colorful career.

The tale above came not from Mr. Propotapas, for he seems not to like to talk about himself, but from the friend who introduced us. Mr. Propotapas talks mostly of other people and things he has known during his restless wandering about the globe.

Mr. Propotapas, who once owned a rug factory in Greece, is now an expert on Persian rugs. He has been many other things. Once he had a

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Disputed Levy Carried Board Safely Through

Dallas School District Ends Fiscal Year With \$150 Balance

FINANCIALLY SOUND

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An examination of the finances of Dallas Borough School District at the end of its fiscal year shows that the much-disputed 1936-37 budget, which was the storm center for a series of legal disputes a year ago, carried the district safely through the year and leaves it with a balance of \$150.36 in the general fund and \$154.80 in the sinking fund.

The balance is significant in view of the controversy over the millage a year ago, when a group of taxpayers petitioned the court to reduce the board's levy from 30 mills to 27. A compromise was effected and the court fixed the millage at 29 a year ago this month. That millage saw the district through the year without financial strain, thanks to an unexpected appropriation from the state, and leaves the board in sound financial condition as the new year starts.

A study of the financial report indicates that the 27 mill levy requested by the petitioners would have been inadequate and would have necessitated severe cuts somewhere.

The amount budgeted was \$36,732, but since this included payment of loans which were immediately replaced by new loans, the actual expense of running the district was a little more than \$33,000.

The district received \$309.28 more in delinquent taxes than it had estimated and a \$696.20 appropriation from the state that had not been counted on. These excess receipts were nearly balanced by deficits on property taxes, tuition and interest accounts.

The directors cut under estimated expenditures in several accounts, their biggest saving being in plant maintenance, where they spent only \$566.85 of the estimated \$923.

All in all, the financial report of Secretary Daniel A. Waters indicated a very sound financial condition for the local school district.

Carverton Woman Dies In Hospital

Injuries Suffered In Auto Crash Last Saturday Prove Fatal

Injured in an automobile accident in Wyoming last Saturday night, Mrs. Herman Sands, 50, Carverton Road, died early Sunday morning in Nesbitt Memorial Hospital, Kingston.

Mrs. Sands had parked her car on the right side of Wyoming Avenue, near Third Street, and was crossing to a store where she intended to buy a birthday gift for her husband. She was struck by a car driven by Victor Zdonowicz, 49 East Fourth Street, Wyoming. Mrs. Sands fell to the pavement and was rushed to the hospital, where examination showed she had suffered a fractured skull, fractured ribs and internal injuries.

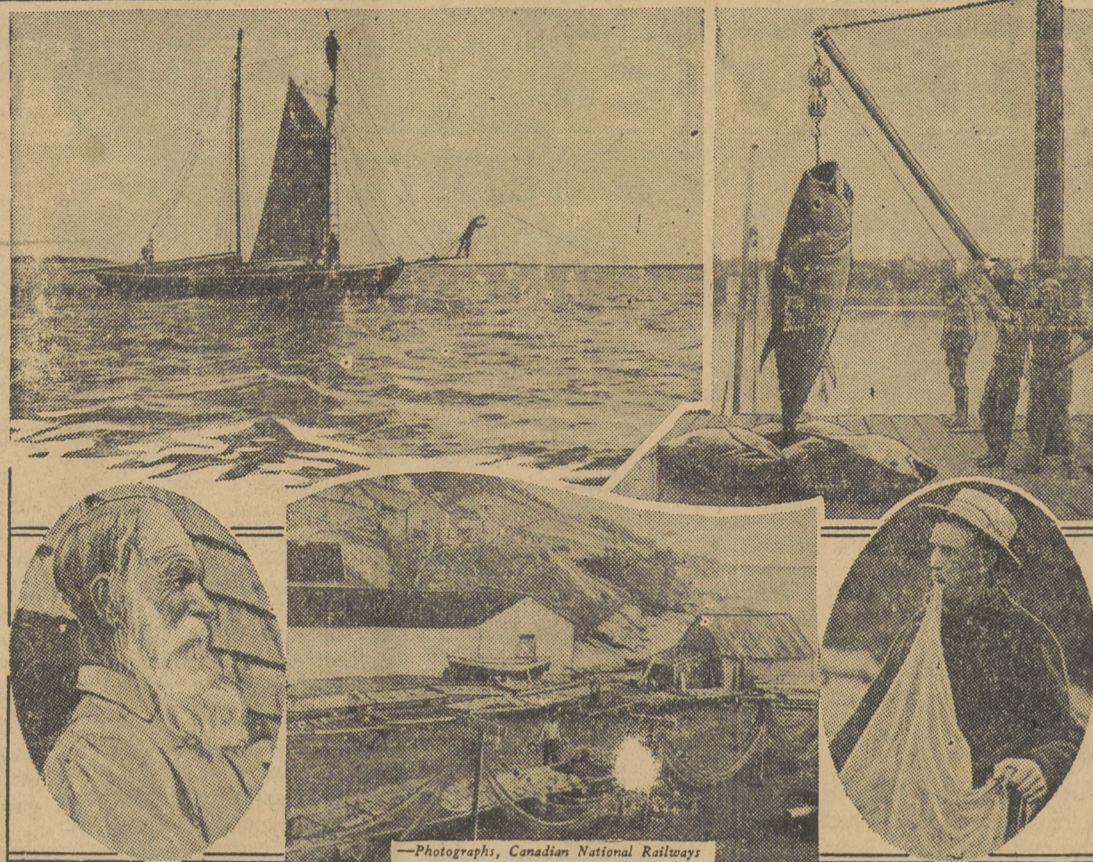
The driver of the car was released under bail on an involuntary manslaughter charge.

The funeral was held at the home at Carverton on Wednesday afternoon at 3:30. Rev. Eugene Heim of Trinity Episcopal Church, and Rev. Charles Gilbert of Carverton M. E. Church, officiated. Interment was in Carverton cemetery.

Roe Is Official In Swimming Unit

Irving Roe of Dallas was elected vice-president of the Wyoming Valley Swimming Association at a meeting this week. The association is sponsoring a series of meets, the first of which was held last Sunday at Harveys' Lake.

THEY GO DOWN TO THE SEA IN SHIPS



FROM hundreds of little fishing villages along the east and the west coasts of Canada, fishermen daily go down to the sea in ships. These fishermen are as picturesque as the villages they live in. Both have remained utterly unspoiled by the advance of a rather hectic civilization and they are just beginning to be discovered by tourists, especially by those who visit Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island and the Gaspé Peninsula. In the upper left hand corner of the layout, a swordfish fisherman is just launching his harpoon in the famous waters of Cape Breton Island; upper right, a Nova Scotia tuna is being hoisted on to a wharf near Chester while the lower group shows two rugged Atlantic fishermen and one of the typical fishing villages that dot the shore of the Gaspé Peninsula.

FIREWORKS BANNED IN BOROUGH AS RESULT OF THOUGHTLESS USE

Council Adopts Ordinances Prohibiting Sale And Use

COMPLAINTS MADE

As a result of numerous complaints concerning careless use of fireworks over the holiday week-end Dallas Borough Council moved promptly on Wednesday night to ban the sale and the shooting of fireworks in the borough in the future.

Thoughtless celebrators were reported to have set off their fireworks near the home of several residents of town who are seriously ill, and to have ignored requests to move elsewhere. In one case firecrackers were said to have been thrown on the roof of a home where a woman was ill. Although there were no serious injuries, several children suffered burns celebrating.

Warden Kunkle was the only councilman to oppose the measure. He agreed that some control was necessary, but he argued that the shooting of fireworks has become an established American patriotic custom and one which most people enjoy. He suggested that council investigate some plan to control the use of fireworks to satisfy those who are annoyed and those who will be disappointed.

A number of communities in the county already have ordinances prohibiting the sale and use of fireworks. In some cases, when children are deprived of the thrill of celebrating in a noisy manner, the community stages a public demonstration of fireworks on the evening of the Fourth.

At the same meeting of council a drive to force property owners to cut weeds on vacant lots by August 1 was started. If they neglect to obey the ordinance, the weeds will be cut by the borough and the bill sent to the property owners.

Two-Family Rally Attracts Throng

Frears And Parrishes Renew Acquaintances At Reunion

The thirty-first annual reunion of the Frear and Parrish families was held at Montross Grove, Perrin's Marsh, on Wednesday, June 30.

The officers retained for the following year are: Nelson Parrish, president; Dorothy Johnson, secretary-treasurer; and Florence Frear, historian.

Mrs. Cora Frear Hawkins of Washington, D. C., daughter of the late Dr. E. D. Frear of Sioux City, Ia., gave an interesting talk. She requested records to help complete the family history she is making.

Sylvia Lyons, granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Lyons, gave several readings.

The following attended: Noxen: Mr. and Mrs. Karl Meeker, Karl Faye Meeker, Mrs. Elsie Dennis, Norma and Harold Dennis, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Meeker, Lorraine Meeker, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Saxe, Karl Saxe Keiper, Ernest Weber.

Beaumont: Mr. and Mrs. Earl Johnson, Warren and Jack Johnson, Callie Parrish, Cora Frear, Mrs. William Belles, Ralph Richards, and Florence Frear.

White Haven: Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Altimus, Mrs. Oscar Sipler, Lillian, Edith and Madelyn Sipler, William Trimmer.

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Reckless Drivers Scored In Trial

Prominent Folk In Unusual Drama At M. E. Church Tonight

"Death at the Wheel", a tense drama of the highways, described as "a cure for reckless driving", will be presented by a cast of local people at Dallas M. E. Church tonight at 8 in the interest of civic righteousness, better government and highway safety.

Attorney B. B. Lewis will be the judge, Rev. Francis L. Freeman will be the district attorney and Rev. E. N. Bergerstock of the Anti-saloon League will be the defense attorney.

Others in the cast will be Walter Rau as Frank Jackson, the defendant; Joseph Jewell as the policeman; John Durbin as Doctor Stover; Helen Himmeler, Mrs. Thomas Him, Eugene Fiske, Machel Hildebrand, Leonard O'Kane, Ruth Kintz and Barbara Clark. The jurors will be Thomas Him, foreman; A. H. Culbert, Mrs. LaVerne Rzel, Mrs. M. Baker, James Oliver, Zel Garinger, William Baker, John Frantz, Mrs. E. Weidner, Miss Eleanor Machel, Mrs. H. Scott, and Mrs. David Blocksage.

Members of the cast are asked to report for a rehearsal at 6 p. m.

Fix Grade School Value At \$10,000

Borough School Board Turns Over Year's Records To Auditors

A committee of school directors fixed the valuation of the grade school building at \$10,000 at a meeting of Dallas Borough School Board on Wednesday night.

The committee was assigned to set the value when the auditors listed the building at a valuation lower than that set by W. C. Shepherd, who appraised it last year. Directors Roberts, Lapp and Davies were members of the committee.

At the same meeting the board turned over its record for the last year to the auditors. Bonds for the secretary and treasurer were ordered.

Bids for janitor and school supplies and building repairs were opened and referred to a committee having as its members J. E. Roberts, Stanley Davies and H. L. Tennyson, supervising principal, for a report at the next meeting.

PER CAPITA COST FOR PUPILS HERE BELOW 300-CITY AVERAGE

The cost of educating a pupil in Dallas Borough schools is \$36.75 per year less than the average cost computed recently following a survey of 300 school districts throughout the nation. Recently "Public Education", the monthly bulletin of Pennsylvania Department of Public Instruction, reported that the average per capita expense per year for one pupil's education in 300 cities was \$96.18. A study of the new budget of Dallas Borough school district indicates that the figure for the borough is \$59.42.

Directors Give Martin Contract And \$300 Raise

Kingston Township Board Obeys Court's Ruling On Test Case

START PLAYGROUND

Following instructions of the court, Kingston Township School Board on Wednesday night awarded a year's contract to James A. Martin, supervising principal.

Upon advice of attorneys the directors decided not to appeal from the decision of Judge William S. McLean, who ruled that the township board had violated the new Mundy Teacher Tenure Bill when it refused to reappoint Mr. Martin.

In renewing Mr. Martin's contract, the directors voted to increase his salary \$300, making it \$2,500 yearly.

Earl Newhart, president, voted against the motion to award the contract and to increase the salary. Directors Bennett, Prater and Appleton voted affirmatively.

The awarding of the contract brought to an end the board's test of the Tenure Bill, which provides that directors may discharge teachers only upon proper charges. Although Kingston Township board presented arguments in its case it did not, at any time, bring charges against Mr. Martin.

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Township Board Awards Contract

Cobleighs Get Order For Coal For Dallas Township

Cobleigh Bros. of Shavertown received a contract to supply coal to the Dallas Township School Board at its meeting on Tuesday night. Kenneth Cobleigh's bid was 20 tons of chestnut size at \$6.25 a ton and 150 tons of buckwheat at \$3.90 a ton.

The board also purchased twenty typewriters of various makes at a total cost of \$1,200. Successful bidders were E. I. Ofgant, A. C. Dampf, J. M. Hart and M. R. Welch. Bids on typewriter tables and chairs were referred to a committee.

Noxen Men Visit Soaring Contests

See Ace Soarers Topping Air Currents For Long Flights

W. Fassett Crosby and Robert Turrel of Noxen spent an interesting afternoon last Sunday at Elmira, N. Y., watching famous glider pilots of the world competing in the National Soaring Contest which is being held at the New York state city for two weeks.

Mr. Crosby, who was associated with the Philadelphia Air Transport Co. at Norristown and piloted his own plane for some years, was especially interested in the ability of the gliders to stay for hours in the air by taking advantage of air currents. Gliding, he says, demands a thorough knowledge of meteorological phenomena and the soaring meet attracts a number of scientists who study the performance of the light gliders.

There was only a light breeze on Sunday so some of the heavier gliders were being towed aloft by planes. Mr. Crosby reports. Once up, some of them could ride one current after another for hours. The gliders take off from the heights above the Elmira airport. The pilots maneuver them with the aid of pedals and a stick and have instruments which record the flight.

Mr. Crosby and Mrs. Turrel were especially impressed by the flights of Lieut. Bronius Oskins of Lithuania, whose soaring plane, brought to this country, crashed in a forced landing on Tuesday.

NEXT CHANCE TO REGISTER ON JULY 15; MAY FIX OTHER DAYS

The next date for permanent registration in Dallas and vicinity will be July 15, next Thursday, but it is likely that additional days for registration will have to be fixed as a result of confusion shown so far.

Less than 10 per cent of the voters registered on the first day. Only those who are registered under the new arrangement will be permitted to vote this fall.

Persons not yet registered will not be allowed to sign petitions of candidates, according to an unofficial opin-

ion from the Bureau of Elections this week.

The primary election will be Tuesday, September 14, and the general election will be on Tuesday, November 2.

Candidates for office must file their petitions for the primaries by Monday, July 26, and will have until July 31 to withdraw.

Wednesday, September 1, will be the last day for borough and township residents to register at the County Commissioners' offices.

LOW DOWN FROM HICKORY RIDGE

I'm up a tree, half the time. Seems like just about everything goin' on is goin' on backwards from what I got used to when my mother and father was down there on the farm and us boys was there helpin' around.

We was happy as larks, I know that, even though once in a while we did work a speck and get up a sweat and look as black as the ground, so you wouldn't know us by night, after runnin' a harrow all day. And we tried to raise all the corn we could every year, and some years we raised lots, and some years not so much.

But now, things are so kinda left handed like that a farmer don't know what to do, 'cause one year Uncle Sam tells him to slow down, and then the weather turns dry, and he has no crop. And this year it is just the opposite, and they are broadcastin' to fill up the corn cribs.

Just like women wearin' men's pants—they sure look comical, and with these swivel chair boys down there in Washington tellin' a regular farmer how much, and how, and where to plow, they are even more comical.

Yours with the low down,

JO SERRA