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POST SCRIPTS

A
LETTER
FROM
LINCOLN
ENGLAND

We have kept our international mail out of this column for some time but this week the postman brought a letter from Lincoln, England, which deserves a bigger audience than one.

It is from Geoffrey W. Serth of the Lincolnshire Chronicle. Jeff, who is one of the five British and one Australian newspapermen who carry on a correspondence with this department, has made Post Scripts before and we know from the response we got when we introduced him that this latest epistle will make more American friends for him.

It is noteworthy that he begins his letter by talking of war.

"Over here," he writes, "you can find reference to war and the European situation in almost every daily paper you pick up. The main topics of conversation are, as usual, football and cricket, racing and the football pools. Thinking that you would be interested, I have kept a careful note of the number of times that the danger of war has been introduced into private conversations with me during the past fortnight or so. I have broached the subject myself several times but only twice has it been brought up by some one else. You can see, therefore, that it is not the subject that is uppermost in everyone's mind.

"A. R. P. (Air Raids Precautions) are the subject of fairly frequent lectures and it has been announced, fairly frequently, that everybody is to be supplied with a gas mask, that buckets of sand and shovels must be in every house in case of fire; but nothing has been done in Lincolnshire in this connection. Only the other day I was chatting to the organizing A. R. P. officer for Lincoln and he referred to the utter lack of enthusiasm and interest being shown by the people.

"Under Mr. Hore Belisha—the man who was go ahead enough when Minister of Transport to revolutionize our traffic system—the Army is being brought up to date. Conditions have been improved, steps have been taken to make promotion from the ranks much easier, almost all the aged heads of the Army have retired and, altogether, the Forces are being vastly improved. The Air Force was, of course, tip top before (don't believe all those stories about lack of machines and poor quality ones at that). The recent flight of a standard R. A. F. machine from Edinburgh to London at 409 miles an hour (think of getting from one end of your country to the other in about three quarters of an hour!) shows that the planes are not too bad.

"I read that America is laying down the keels of a few new warships. Do tell me about them. Principally, I admit, owing to armament work there is not much unemployment in this country. It is, I suppose, inevitable that there will always be some people out of work, a proportion of whom are unemployable but the total now is more or less wieldy. There are "distressed areas" which are suffering badly, but in Lincoln for instance the total is 2,000 men out of a total population (men, women and children) of about 66,000. In Southorpe, 30 miles out of Lincoln, where the principal industry is the manufacture of iron and steel, unemployment is negligible and wages rule high.

"The price of most manufactured articles containing metal has risen enormously as the producers find it impossible to buy iron and steel at reasonable prices, and, when they do find a firm ready to take their orders, they have to wait a long time before receiving the metal.

"It is probable that when the Government has finished its expenditure on armaments we shall see an improvement made in the roads of the country. Already the Government is making substantial grants to county councils to help them in making new roads and improving old ones. But when they start their new scheme I shall look for improvements on a much bigger scale. One thing we very badly need is a uniformity in width and colour of our trunk roads. Many roads are tarmacaded with a black finish that is terrible to drive on at night. There is every probability now that all new roads will be dressed with a light coloured material that will reflect instead of absorbing the headlights of cars.

"One of the latest Government drives to interest the people over here was the Keep Fit Campaign. In some parts of the country it has gone down well. In Lincoln no one is really interested. Voluntary instructors have received special training in conducting physical culture classes and know how to make their classes interesting but at the recent class there were less than a dozen men present—from a city of 66,000! The real fact is, I suppose, that those people who are interested in sport and athletics are already devoting all the spare time they can afford, and a bit more, to their sport. Those who aren't interested are jolly well not going to be. Added to that is the fact that the people don't like the idea of doing anything in the nature of Government-ordered physical jerks. The cost of attending these classes is, I believe, 2d a week, yet lots

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THEY'LL CARRY DEMOCRATIC STANDARD



GOV. GEORGE H. EARLE
For U. S. Senator

CHARLES ALVIN JONES
For Governor

DR. LEO C. MUNDY
For Lieutenant-Governor

THOMAS A. LOGUE
For Secretary of Internal Affairs

Selected by the State Democratic committee, these four men will seek Democratic nominations in the May primaries. Dr. Mundy is one of three Luzerne County men seeking a major state office this year. Judge James of Plymouth is a candidate for the Republican nomination for Governor and this week Thomas P. Kennedy of Hazleton, secretary-treasurer of the United Mine Workers, announced he will be an independent candidate for the Democratic nomination for Governor. He will have the support of John L. Lewis, powerful CIO leader, who opposed the state committee's slating of James.

ROTARY AND KIWANIS WILL MEET TOGETHER TO DISCUSS PROGRAM

Mt. Greenwood Kiwanis Club and Dallas Rotary Club will have a joint meeting at Hillside Inn on Wednesday night, March 23, to discuss further plans for the proposed Community Council.

Various committees have been investigating various suggested civic improvements and are beginning to make their reports to the joint committee from the two civic clubs investigating the plan.

Reports of those committees will be printed in The Post in the near future.

Dickey Will Talk To Potato Growers

Meetings To Be Held Next Week At Lehman And Carverton

Four meetings of interest to potato growers and general farmers will be held in Luzerne County next week under auspices of Luzerne County Agricultural Extension Association.

John R. Dickey, who is in charge of the Crops Extension Department of Pennsylvania State College, will address the meetings on potato growing, lime, legumes and general crops. Mr. Dickey is considered an authority on farm crops. Any grower is welcome to attend.

The schedule of meetings: Tuesday, 1:30 p. m., Carverton Grange Hall; 8 p. m., Huntington Mills High School; Wednesday, 1:30 p. m., Lehman M. E. Church; 8 p. m., Junior Mechanics Hall, Sugarloaf Township.

Dallas Girls Win Basketball Title

Defeat Kingston Township In Post-Season Game, 18 to 9

Coach Mary Elizabeth Morgan's crack girls basketball team from Dallas Borough High School clinched the Back Mountain championship in a post-season game with Kingston Township girls on Tuesday night at the Dallas Township gymnasium.

The game, which ended 18 to 9 in the champions' favor, was necessary to break a tie for first place between Dallas Borough and Kingston Township. Dallas took an early lead in the game and held it until the end.

For the last seven years Lehman High School girls have been Back Mountain champions but this year that team finished the season in a last-place tie with Laketon. Dallas Borough lost only one game during the season.

Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Huff, Shavertown, who has been ill, is much improved. She celebrated her 84th birthday on Monday. Her husband, C. D. Huff, is seriously ill.

Lent Adjusts Eyes To Divine Reality

Prepares Man For Triumphant Note Of Easter Morn, May Believe

This is the second of a series of articles on Lent being written especially for The Post by local clergymen. Next week Rev. Guy A. Leinthal of Alderson will be the guest contributor. It is hoped that these sermonettes will bring about a finer appreciation of Lent among all denominations.

BY REV. RUSSELL J. MAY
Pastor, Shavertown M. E. Church

Man has always been a two-world creature. In his best moments he has instinctively known that life consists of more than food and raiment. Since long before the ancient Psalmist said, "Be still and know," mankind has felt the inner urge of the soul upward.

In our modern day of proud sophistication it may be the popular thing to place a question mark before everything that appears to be religious, but the person who thinks, knows that life without dependence upon a higher Power is a pretty sordid and discouraging experience.

The Lenten season gives us a definite time before Easter during which we may readjust the focus of our eyes from the near things of ordinary human experience until the glorious background of Divine reality appears. True faith is like the colors of a gorgeous sunrise, the delicate tint of a rose, the stirring harmonies of a symphony or the security and love which turn a house into a home. A person may exist without any of these but he cannot live victoriously.

If God lives and loves, as Easter assures us, then life cannot be the same. The greatest thing that could ever happen to any individual would be the coming of a soul stirring certainty that Jesus lives! If he does then we shall live also. If he does not then nothing else matters. The testimony of the Ages gathers together in the triumphant hymns of Easter to assure us that he does. "Be still and know."

SCOUT HONORED

Francis J. Pierce will receive the Golden Eaglet Award of the Girl Scouts tonight at 7:30 at a ceremony at Shavertown M. E. Church.

EQUINE ARISTOCRATS TO COMPETE IN KIWANIS' SHOW NEXT MONTH

Interest in the horse show to be sponsored by Mt. Greenwood Kiwanis Club at 109th F. A. Armory, Kingston, on April 23 and 24, was spreading swiftly this week, practically assuring success of the ambitious venture for the local civic club.

Scores of entries from outstanding owners are being received almost daily, attracted by the \$500 worth of prizes the Kiwanians have announced. Hunters, jumpers, gaited saddle horses and

Traction Company Asks Right To Abandon Street Car Lines

Subsidiary Applies To State Commission At Same Time For Permission To Establish Bus Line Between Dallas And Wilkes-Barre; By-Pass Takes Right-Of-Way

Wilkes-Barre Railway Corp. has filed an application with the Pennsylvania Utility Commission requesting permission to abandon its street car service between Wilkes-Barre and Dallas. At the same time an affiliated company, Wyoming Valley Autobus Corp., has asked for a Certificate of Public Conveyance to establish bus lines in place of the trolleys.

There will be a hearing on the petitions before the Commission in Lackawanna Court House at Scranton on Friday, February 25, according to notification received by Dallas Borough Council this week. Council met in special session on Wednesday night to discuss the proposed change.

The move to substitute buses for the street cars here is an outgrowth of plans for the Luzerne by-pass. Part of that highway will follow the traction company's right-of-way into Luzerne Borough. Late last year negotiations for the purchase of the right-of-way were concluded and plans were started to begin the by-pass this spring.

The company's decision to change is probably influenced further by discussion of a proposed super-highway between Wyoming Valley and Dallas which would utilize parts of the traction company's right-of-way between Mt. Greenwood and Dallas.

Some years ago Dallas Council agreed to permit the traction company to use buses through Dallas on occasions when street cars were unsuitable. The street car service between Dallas and Harvey's Lake was abandoned several years ago and buses connect the two points.

If the Public Utility Commission will grant the requests it is probable that the change to buses will be made within the next few months.

Dallas Township People Want Cop

Petition Court After Series Of Thefts Show Need For Protection

More than twenty-five property owners of Dallas Township, which has no full-time, police officer, petitioned the court this week to authorize the appointment of a policeman in the township. A series of thefts in recent months motivated the request.

Kurt Anderson, who is constable in the township, did excellent work in helping to round up thieves responsible for the burglaries recently but he does not receive a salary which would warrant his full time on police work.

Attorney Peter Jurchak represented the petitioners and Judge John J. Aponick fixed a date in April as the time for a hearing. Most of the names on the petition were of people in the lower end of the township.

Board Considers Building Program

Dallas Directors Will Meet With Architect Next Monday Night

A plan to replace the wooden annex on the Dallas High School building with a matching addition, such as was provided for when the building was constructed in 1928, was discussed by school directors at their meeting on Wednesday night.

L. V. Lacey, who prepared plans for a new annex several years ago, was asked to meet with the board next Monday night to consider the proposition further. Finances of the board are in such shape now that the plan for enlarging the high school, to meet future needs, is entirely possible.

The directors continued revision of fire insurance schedules, dropping two policies, one for \$3,000 with Stanley Doll and one for \$3,500 with James Robinson. Policies for \$3,500 with George Gaertner and \$3,500 with William Niemeyer were renewed, the latter for three years. Warden Kunkle received two policies, one for \$3,000 and one for \$3,500.

A discouraging report of tax returns was submitted, showing continued failure of taxpayers to respond to the urgent request for prompt payments. The board authorized the secretary to apply to the State again this year for emergency aid which is being granted to school districts.

Rev. Howard's Wife Undergoes Operation

Mrs. John Howard, wife of the pastor of the Free Methodist Churches of Dallas and Trucksville, underwent an operation for mastoid in General Hospital on Wednesday night. The operation was successful and reports from the hospital indicate her condition is favorable.

Court Kills Act To Change Lines

Dallas Back In Old Sixth District For Fall Election

What gave promise of being this section's most exciting election in years collapsed this week with abolishment of the new Seventh Legislative District, a "germinder" created by the Reapportionment Act of 1937 which the Dauphin County Court declared unconstitutional last Friday.

The decision, anticipated in last week's Post, puts Dallas back in the old Sixth Legislative District, with Courtdale, Dallas Township, Duryea, Exeter, Forty Fort and Franklin and Jackson Townships, part of Kingston Borough, Kingston, Lake and Lehman Townships, Luzerne, Pringle, Swoyerville, West Pittston, West Wyoming, and Wyoming.

Attorney General Charles J. Margiotti ruled the bill invalid when it was passed and repeated his belief after Lester B. Shoemaker, a taxpayer of Tullytown, Bucks County, brought suit. He contended that the act excluded from any legislative district six townships in Bucks County, two boroughs and a township in Chester, and threw the Dauphin County representation out of line on the basis of the city and county population.

Judge W. C. Sheely, who handed down the decision said: "As a result of the failure to include territory in any district the inhabitants of that territory would be deprived of the right to vote for a representative in the General Assembly and, to that extent, would be deprived of representation. That such condition cannot exist under our Constitution and our form of government requires little or no discussion."

The Reapportionment Act, fought from its inception by The Post, would have combined the rural Republican communities in the Western half of Luzerne County in one sprawling Legislative District. A score or more prospective candidates had hoped to be in the scramble for the G. O. P. nomination but the field probably will be cut considerably as a result of the court decision.

GOP Committeemen Seeking Re-election

The three Republican committeemen of Lehman Township, Stanley Culp, Middle District; Nelson Rogers, Northeast District, and Joseph Zelesky, South District, will seek re-election at the May primaries. All three are basing their candidacies upon their past records, particularly their work in boosting the Republican registration in Lehman township and although there have been rumors of opposition it is expected the three will have little difficulty in being re-elected.

Club Wants State To Rebuild Spans

Two Bridges At Lake Badly In Need Of Repairs, Johnstone Says

Norman Johnstone, secretary of Wyoming Valley Motor Club, this week asked the State Highway Department to rebuild the Outlet and Inlet bridges at Harvey's Lake before heavy summer traffic begins.

Mr. Johnstone suggested that wider approaches be constructed at the Inlet, to eliminate the traffic hazard which exists at that point now. He recommended plans for making the Outlet bridge safer and more convenient.

At the same time the motor club urged the State Highway Department to make some provision for having Route 92 from the end of the present concrete to Lute's Corners this Spring.

Borough Insists Piedmont Is Not In Kingston Twp.

Blaze's Paid Taxes To Courtdale, Liquor Fees To Township

MAKING NEW SURVEY

A boundary dispute between Kingston Township and Courtdale Borough, considered settled by the Township following a survey by its engineers several months ago, has been revived by Courtdale Borough, which has authorized engineers to make a new survey in an attempt to disprove the township's claims.

The controversy centers about the section along the main highway, just this side of Luzerne, where several good-sized buildings were constructed recently. Late in January Kingston Township officials announced that a survey had indicated that Blaze's Club Piedmont and Prater's gas station are in Kingston Township, and the new O'Malia building and a neighboring structure in Courtdale Borough.

Charging that such disposition of the case is not in agreement with old maps in its possession, Courtdale Borough Council voted to have James Langan survey the lines. The Courtdale officials believe Joseph Blaze's place is in the borough, basing their claim upon the fact that the taxes on that land have been paid to Courtdale borough since its inception.

Court Dale was originally a part of Kingston Township. It was known first as Pringleville but was incorporated as the Borough of Courtdale in 1897. Very shortly after the turn of the century, Courtdale paid \$700 for the old toll-gate road, with the idea of realizing income from it, but a few weeks after the deal had been consummated the State abolished toll-gates. After that Courtdale, instead of receiving revenue from the old road, had to pay the county a yearly amount for maintenance.

It will be recalled that the old road out of Luzerne made a much wider swing than the present concrete highway. When the new road was built the bed was laid nearer to Toby's Creek and a considerable portion of Courtdale's old road was abandoned. When Blaze built his stone house on the curve he filled in the space between the old and the new roads to be used as a parking ground. Traces of the old road are still visible, however.

Court Dale now maintains that the Blaze building occupies a part of the abandoned roadbed and is, therefore, in the borough, not in Kingston Township. The Blaze building has been assessed each year by the county as a Courtdale property, the county having fixed the assessment after referring to old maps.

Aside from the taxes on the property, there is also the amount of the Piedmont club's liquor license and beer licenses at stake. Although Blaze's taxes have gone to Courtdale, its license fees have been returned to Kingston Township by the State. If the resort is found to be in Courtdale, its fees will be higher, since boroughs receive a greater fee than do townships.

A spokesman for Courtdale Borough said this week he expects to see the new survey finished in about two weeks. If that survey indicates that Kingston Township's claims to Blaze's and Prater's are not valid Courtdale will resort to court action to establish the line definitely and sue for license fees already received by Kingston Township.

On the other hand, if Courtdale cannot establish its claims, Kingston Township may sue for taxes which have been paid by mistake to the borough.

THE LOW DOWN FROM HICKORY GROVE

Down on our corner we got a nice little drug store—with a peewee P. O. in the back—and the fellow who runs it, we call him Dock, and he is around 60 and a pleasant kind of party.

And the reason I am tellin' about him is because he is one person who is not squawkin' about big business eating him alive but he is goin' ahead and selling wisk-brooms and sodas and lip-stick and stamps—and I reckon some drugs, maybe.

Dock does not have a stomach ache about the chain stores, etc., and he is makin' money and selling our family a new kind of toothbrush every time we go in and he has 4 or 5 clerks—and is not gloomy—so we all go back.

But he says the woods is full of meddlers, like little business versus big business, and all kinds who don't know sour apples—and especially down there on the Potomac. But I says it is good for business. I is out of head-ache powders half time.

Yours with the love
JO SERR