

POST SCRIPTS

NO SPRING COLUMN THIS YEAR

Columnists are suckers for Spring. Whether their beat is Broadway or the barnyard you can wager that the capital "T" boys will hang one column about this time of the year on Spring. It has been several weeks now since Dallas hailed the vernal equinox and we've been remiss in our own duty to the budding trees, the mild breezes, the wistful twilights and the grass fires. We've been at a loss for some new angle. Perhaps the way to do it is to shut our eyes and plunge right in. Heaven knows, we have an adequate supply of examples.

For example, if Walter Winchell were writing Post Scripts, he'd not hesitate a minute. He'd twiddle his telegraph, he'd say "Good Morning, Mr. and Mrs. America and all the ships at sea, let's go . . ."

"Red" Schwartz of Shavertown had a bit of a winning Sweepstakes ticket . . . He was one of the "Lucky 26" pool at the T-L only nobody recognized his name because the Leader, where he works, called him "Leo" . . . Alfred Adler, the eminent psychiatrist who was placed under "protective arrest" by the Austrian Nazis, lectured in Wilkes-Barre in 1927 . . . in Temple Israel . . . Orchids to "Javie Aiche," whose sprightly contributions have brightened Wilkes-Barre newspapers recently . . . Funny, how much his style reads like that of our great and good friend, John V. Heffernan . . . The Hottest Gal In Town: Miss Spring . . . The day of her arrival the mercury went up to 74 . . . It's a boy at the nest of Mr. and Mrs. Robin Redbreast on Huntsville Street, who returned on Monday from the South . . . She was the glamorous Gloria Tweep, whose swing ding rhythm featured the Tree Top Scandals last year.

Or David Lawrence, that Sage of Capitol Hill, might handle the new season this way:

Although it has had no effect so far upon the present recession in business and employment, the return of the sun, after days of cloudy weather, does recall that this celestial orb is about 93,000,000 miles, more or less, from the earth. This is still only a drop in the bucket beside the national debt, which was hovering somewhere around \$37,000,000,000 the last we heard. That was Tuesday, no, it must have been Monday—or was it Sunday? Well, anyway, the sun got over the equator on Monday and I can get back to brooding about what my linotype operator is going to do for figures if the budget isn't balanced soon. This tendency to accumulate a staggering national debt is, no doubt, a political deal with the type founders who manufacture the numerals, and although it is giving more employment to the men who cast figures it is driving the rest of us about nuts.

Dorothy Dix, the harassed housewife's friend, would probably run a column something like this: Dear Dorothy Dix:

We are a group of young fellows, all about 87 years of age, over here in Lehman and we are writing to tell you our problem. We think we should be allowed to go out sparking these fine Spring nights but our parents tell us we should stay at home and do our school work. Well, gosh, you know how it is in the spring, and we do not want to stay at home but want to go out. The other night when I tried to sneak up the road to meet a girl who's in my Sunday School class grandpa chased me clear up past the corn crib and back and walloped me across the britches so hard that I lost my lower plate and now I sound like a peanut roaster. Tell me, Miss Dix, I like a girl who is 94 years of age and she likes me. I want to do things like the other boys do. What do you think? Or do you?

Flaming Youth.
Dear Flaming Youth:
Well, if you aren't old enough to (Continued on Page 5)

Committee Candidates Draw For Places On Ballots Today

Candidates for committeemen from the Sixth Legislative District which includes Dallas, will draw for their positions on the primary ballot this morning at Luzerne County Court House.

The number of candidates seeking the support of local voters was reduced materially over the week-end as withdrawals were recorded. Henry Jones of Shickshinny withdrew as a candidate for Congress, leaving Michael Yeosock as the sole Republican candidate for that office.

The list of candidates seeking the

Farmers Afraid Continued Cold Will Harm Fruit

No Damage Yet, Although Buds Are About Two Weeks Advanced

RECALL '36 FROST

Snow flurries and chill blasts, coming after several weeks of comparatively mild weather, threatened local orchards this week and caused alarm among farmers, who are afraid continued cold weather will damage buds which were coaxed out prematurely during the recent warm spell.

The buds have not developed enough yet to be seriously effected and although orchards are about two weeks ahead of the season the buds are still fairly well protected against frost, a check-up among local orchards indicated yesterday.

Trees are in what is known as the "silver bud stage", no green showing yet. The buds developed rapidly during the last days of March, under the warm sun and mild breezes, but their progress has been slowed considerably in the last week.

The quickly changing weather recalls to farmers the frost which ruined thousands of dollars worth of fruit here in the middle of May, 1936. Some farmers in this section reported losses of ninety per cent at that time, although some of the damage was repaired later in the season. The small crop which resulted from that frost was followed, in 1937, by a bumper crop with a surplus which has not yet been consumed.

Although orchardists are worried by the weather, truck farmers made enough progress last month to be pleased with their advantage. The sun softened the ground for plowing and the absence of rain gave farmers a chance to push their planting far ahead of schedule.

On many local truck farms lettuce and cabbage have already been planted and celery is being seeded. Truck farmers are confident they will have an unusually early crop this Spring.

Exhibit To Be Held By Dallas Schools

Schools of Dallas Borough will join for a general exhibit of the year's work on April 22. A feature of the program will be a musical play, "Tom Sawyer" by elementary students under the direction of Louis Colwell and Helen Anderson. Pupils from first to twelfth grades will exhibit their work.

Supervisors Send Request to State

Ask Marshall To Authorize Acceptance Of Center Hill Stretch

The supervisors of Dallas Township this week asked S. W. Marshall, chief engineer of the State Highway Department, to accept for State maintenance two-tenths of a mile of Center Hill Road.

"This is a township highway in very poor condition and in need of paving as quickly as possible" the supervisors wrote to Mr. Marshall, "because it is the chief artery to the homes of a large number of taxpayers in Dallas Township."

Norman Johnstone, secretary of Wyoming Valley Motor Club, who co-operated with the supervisors on the move, said he expects the Highway Department to take prompt action on the request.

Profile



Photo From Penna. Publicity Commission Nature, tireless sculptor with tools of wind and water, carved this close likeness of George Washington in Sayre Park, near Bethlehem, Pa.

Baseball Season To Open April 29

Four Local High Schools Put Teams In Local League

A baseball league which will include teams from Dallas Borough, Dallas Township, Kingston Township and Lehman was organized at a meeting of representatives from the different high schools at Dallas Borough High School Wednesday night.

The first games will be played on Friday afternoon, April 29. Games will be on Tuesday and Friday afterwards. The season will end on May 20, by which time each school will have played each other school twice.

On the opening date Dallas Borough will play at Lehman and Kingston Township will play at Dallas Township. Ralph Rood will be the coach at Lehman, M. J. Girton at Dallas Township, Warren Taylor at Kingston Township and Mal McCullough at Lehman.

Austin Snyder, president of the league, presided at Wednesday night's meeting.

Merryman Attracts Throngs To Church

Rev. B. J. Merryman is attracting large crowds to his nightly evangelistic services at Outlet Free Methodist Church, where Rev. L. H. Seifert is pastor. There will be no service on Saturday night but meetings will be resumed on Sunday to continue each evening at 7:45. The campaign will end on Easter Sunday.

Eight-Inch Snowfall Blankets Plowed Fields, Budding Trees

Winter's Return Engagement Brings Heaviest Snow Of Season

EXPECT QUICK THAW

An eight-inch snowfall on Wednesday—the sixteenth day of Spring—blanketed Dallas and the surrounding countryside under its heaviest snow of the year and brought an abrupt end to balmy weather which had enabled farmers to get away ahead of their spring schedule.

A steady fall of snow all day Wednesday and into the night broke existing records for spring snowstorms in this section. Although road crews were on the job promptly, keeping main thoroughfares cleared, driving was hazardous Wednesday night and some rural roads were still in dangerous condition yesterday.

The Weather Bureau predicted a quick return to warmer weather and an early thaw. Predictions of rain to come brought danger of flood to families along the Susquehanna River.

The storms bore out predictions of local weather prophets who persisted in their forecasts of snow even during the sunny days last week. Ralph Rood, a member of the faculty of Dallas Borough schools, was one of the forecasters whose prediction was vindicated by Wednesday's storm.

Although the snow fell hard all day it was not cold the mercury hovering about 25 degrees. Yesterday snow on borough streets had turned into slush, making extremely difficult walking.

Gladiolus Bulbs Come Here From Over World For Tests

RAY SHIBER RECOGNIZED AS RANKING GROWER

If there is a world map of gladiolus fanciers, Dallas must be on it in good-sized type for in a modest, three-acre garden on Center Hill Road tests are made each year on seeds and bulbs which have arrived in Dallas from all over the world.

From Canada, from France, from Australia, from Germany and from scores of other spots on the globe come rare, high-priced gladiolus bulbs and seeds each year to be studied by this section's outstanding gladiolus expert, Ray Shiber.

Right now Mr. Shiber is busy preparing 2,500,000 bulbs for planting. He will not plant all of them in his own garden, of course. A few days ago he dispatched 15,000 bulbs, including 10,000 of the popular salmon-colored Picardy glad, to one of the nation's biggest nurseries. He will sell thousands of others between now and July.

Before he plants his garden, sometime next month, Mr. Shiber must put his bulbs through a painstaking process. He washes them first with bichloride of mercury to kill disease germs. After a 17-hour bath, the bulbs are spread on screens which permit a free circulation of air. Even when he has finished his preliminary work and is ready for planting, extreme care must be exercised to see that every flower is marked clearly so it can be identified later.

One of the most fascinating phases of Mr. Shiber's hobby is his origination of new species. He has developed many which have received top rating with the American Gladiolus Society. Usually, he names his creations for prominent local people. A deep salmon one he called "The Dr. Sprague Gladiolus." He named a pink flower, with a lemon center, in honor of Mrs. William Conyngham. Another, a white flower with a red vein, he registered as "The Mrs. Percy Brown Gladiolus."

Not all grower's experiments with new species are successful, of course. Sometimes he walks in his garden, tearing out flower after flower which has failed to mature as he hoped. It is a red letter day when science and nature combine to produce a thrilling new flower.

It is likely that Mr. Shiber's garden, when it is in bloom, represents a value of untold thousands of dollars. One row of flowers, twenty feet long, Mr. Shiber valued at \$700. Hundreds of persons, glad experts or just casual visitors, come to Mr. Shiber's home during the summer to drink in the rare beauty of his garden.

Mr. Shiber loves to talk about his avocation and he has fascinating stories to tell about his own work and that of glad experts from all over the world who correspond with him. He hedges on only one subject, the pronunciation of "gladiolus." Your reporter, bewildered by the variety of pronunciations, appealed to Mr. Shiber, as an authority.

"I've heard the most famous grower argue on that subject and if they can't decide how to pronounce it how can I? I just say 'glads' and leave it at that," Mr. Shiber says.

HEARING MONDAY ON NEED FOR POLICEMAN IN DALLAS TOWNSHIP

The request of a group of Dallas Township citizens for full-time police protection will be considered by Luzerne County court at a hearing at Wilkes-Barre on Monday morning.

A group which is opposing the move to appoint a paid policeman will be at the hearing to present arguments against the request, which was embodied in a petition filed last month.

Opinion is sharply divided and it is likely there will be a good-sized representation of Dallas Township taxpayers in court to listen to testimony.

Describes Drama Of Palm Sunday

Savacool Recalls Conflict As Christ Rode Into Jerusalem

(This is the next-to-the-last of a series of Lenten sermons which are being written especially for The Post by local clergymen. The concluding article next week will be by Rev. Francis E. Freeman, pastor of Dallas M. E. Church.)

By HARRY M. SAVACOOOL
Pastor, Trucksville M. E. Church

The first Palm Sunday was a tragic drama. Three groups besides the Christ himself moved across this stage. First there were the Jews. For centuries they had dreamed of and looked for a Messiah. It had been the hope sustaining them through their amazing trials. Now the long expected Messiah had come and they would not accept him. It was the same old story of refusing to accept what did not agree with their preconceived ideas. They were not looking for such a Christ as had come but for such a Christ as they had wanted. This same old stumbling block has persisted through the ages. Many will not yield to Christ and His Church because it is not like their own man-made conception of God and religion. It is the modern worship of idols, the idol now being the creation of our minds and imaginations rather than of the hands.

Then there were the Romans, the second group of actors in this drama. Procurator, officers and soldiers alike, they looked on with quiet contempt. Their conceit and racial arrogance made it impossible for them to see the Divinity in Christ. So it is today. The so-called intelligensia are so sure of their own knowledge and importance that the idea of a Saviour is not within their powers of comprehension. There are those who feel no need and the first step towards salvation is the realization of need.

Then there were the disciples. They were tragically weak but they were humble seekers willing to learn and that was and is the key to salvation. The seed of the future was in the hearts of these weak men but they were trusting in God and, behold what that seed has become—the Church of Christ through the Ages.

It is again Palm Sunday. The Christ again passes by. With which group do we stand; the Jews with their minds closed by prejudice; the Romans with their false superiority; or the weak but trusting and dedicated disciples?

Asphyxiated Man Well Known Here

Ryman Lived At Noxen And Shavertown; Mother Dallas Resident

Marvin D. Ryman, 42, West Pittston automobile salesman who was asphyxiated on Sunday night in an unusual tragedy which also took the life of Julia Pavlick, 23, of Swoyerville, was a former resident of this section and well known here.

He had resided at different times in Idetown, Noxen, where he was employed in the tannery, and Demunds. Until July of last year he lived with his wife and three children at 36 Hillcrest Avenue, Shavertown. Mr. and Mrs. Ryman were parted.

On Sunday night Mr. Ryman and Miss Pavlick returned from visiting the girl's sister and parked in the driveway with the motor running. The lethal fumes from a broken exhaust permeated the car and Miss Pavlick's mother discovered the lifeless bodies at 6:30 the next morning.

Mr. Ryman's mother, Mrs. Marilla Ryman Brown, is a resident of Dallas.

G. O. P. MEETING

Men's Republican Club of Dallas Township will meet on Wednesday night, April 13, at Kunkle Grange Hall. There will be a speaker and refreshments.

Study Plan To Convert School To Town Hall

Expect Council And School Board To Confer On Proposal Soon

RARE OPPORTUNITY

Representatives of Dallas Borough School Board and Dallas Council will confer within the next month to discuss the possibility of making a community building of the old frame school house on Huntsville Street.

The building, which has been in use for about sixty years, will not be needed by the school district when the proposed addition to the high school is completed next fall. It has been suggested by the school directors that the borough acquire the building and transform it into a town hall.

The plan for a community building, to house borough offices, the fire truck, recreational facilities and a hall for public meetings, has been discussed frequently in recent years but it has never received more than casual attention because of the expense involved in constructing such a building. Many are of the opinion that the abandonment of the old grade school by the school directors offers an opportunity to acquire a town hall at little expense.

Council probably will be reluctant to enter into any plan which might be expensive but one councilman expressed the opinion this week that council might appropriate funds to remodel the interior of the building if the school board donates the structure to the town for a community hall.

The board on the other hand, may balk at making an outright gift of the building. Several councilmen and school board members already have discussed the suggestion tentatively but are awaiting a more thorough investigation of the probabilities before reaching any definite conclusion.

To Repair Bridge Near Fire House

Mill Street Span Too Weak For Safety, Councilmen Hear

In response to complaints of James Gansell, fire truck driver, that the bridge on Mill Street is in bad condition, Dallas Borough Council on Wednesday night authorized William Schmoll, road supervisor, to make repairs promptly.

Mr. Gansell said the bridge, which spans Toby's Creek, is in such condition that it is not safe to drive the seven-ton fire truck over it. Mr. Schmoll will place timbers under the bridge and patch the surface and it is hoped that later a new bridge can be constructed as a WPA project.

R. Lawrence Coughlin, county solicitor, informed the councilmen that the county will not pay rent for use of the Burgess's office as a polling place. A recent law designates public buildings as polling places, he said.

May 5, 6 and 7 were fixed as Clean Up Days for Dallas Borough and persons who deposit rubbish where borough trucks can collect it will have it hauled away free on those days.

The councilmen agreed to use Colas, a patching preparation sold by Gordon Mathers, again this year, several councilmen reporting that experiments with the material last year proved highly satisfactory. The borough street department used the material for the first time last year and found it easier, cleaner and quicker to use, the councilmen were told.

"Scholastic" Prints Poem By Local Girl

"Scholastic", a national school magazine published in Pittsburgh, printed a poem by Jane LeGrand of Dallas High School in its current issue. Miss LeGrand is the girl who won the Luzerne County Oratorical Contest for girls last week.

Kiwanians Hope To Raise Cash To Aid The Underprivileged

Encouraging reports of interest in the two-day horse show to be sponsored by Mt. Greenwood Kiwanis Club at 109th Field Artillery Armory in Kingston on Friday and Saturday, April 22 and 23, were heard at the weekly club meeting Wednesday night.

Receipts from the show and from the dance which will be held on Saturday night will be used by the club in its broad program in behalf of underprivileged children in this section.

The show will be open on Saturday evening, April 23, and continue on Sunday afternoon.

A feature of the show will be the appearance of Major Norbert C. Manley's famous steed, "Black Bottom", which is one of perhaps twelve horses in the world that has been trained to the high degree necessary to give a dressage exhibition.

David Joseph is general chairman of the show committee.