

Should A Wife Consider Her Husband's Career Before Her Own Happiness? Lynn Conway Thought Not, Until— Read "The First 100 Years" On Page Two.

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POST SCRIPTS

WEATHER
SHAME
ZEPHYR
PROTOPLASM
NEPTUNE

We have never been as disgusted with the weather as we were last week. It waited until we had our spring column in type and then, with a fine display of indifference toward our reputation, it unleashed the worst snowstorm of the season. There we were, in a driving snowstorm, babbling about Spring.

Fact of the matter was we wrote last week's column three weeks ago but had to hold it out of the paper at the last minute for lack of space. Then we tried to sneak it in last week's paper, and the snowstorm caught us. Everything happens to us. Watch for our big winter column next July.

Judge Arthur James has consistently refused to reveal publicly his fraternal affiliations because he does not believe a man should attempt to capitalize on purely social relationships but there is one club in which he not only admits membership but about which he will talk for hours if given a chance. It is the Zephyr Club, which is probably one of the most exclusive organizations in the state. It was organized about forty years ago, in a rickety barn behind the home of the James family to further the cause of temperance. After the first couple of meetings temperance was dropped in favor of boxing and from boxing it drifted to other concerns as its members grew older. The nine youngsters who founded it are all still alive. Eleven more members were admitted, all miners or small business men, but the club hasn't taken in a new member in the last twenty-five years. The club has no meetings, no dues, no clubhouse, but occasionally the Zephyrites get together to talk over old times. The other night they recalled a lazy afternoon when they gathered in the barn and the talk turned to what each member hoped to be in later life. One wanted to be a policeman. Another dreamed of operating the Plymouth street car. The freckle-faced, red-haired kid they called "Art" said he was going away to law school to study and become a lawyer and his fellow-Zephyrites gasped. None of the boys had ever been away from Plymouth overnight. But the kid managed it somehow and it became one of the club rituals to see him off on the train to Carlisle and to meet him upon his return. They saw him become a lawyer, then district attorney and later a judge of the Superior Court. They're laying odds now they'll see their fellow Zephyrite in the Capitol at Harrisburg, come November, and there are even those who bring up the matter of the White House upon occasion. Who knows?

We are indebted to Charles Elpper, who is as philosophic as his hard-hitting brother, Chris, is pugnacious, for the following bit of thoughtful doggerel:

Said the scientist to the protoplasm,
"Twixt you and me there's a mighty chasm.
We represent the extremes, my friend;
You're the beginning, I'm the end.

To which the protoplasm said in reply,

As he winked his embryonic eye,
Well, since I've seen you, old man,
I'm rather sorry that I began.

Because we reported her uncle, William Thomas's visit to Singapore aboard the S. S. Trenton in February, at the height of the Anglo-Japanese crisis, Miss Betty Niemeyer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Niemeyer, thought we might be interested in some seafaring mementoes she received from her uncle this week, and we were.

Mr. Thomas, to refresh your memory, was among the American sailors who steamed into the British Empire's Asiatic stronghold in a friendly gesture which prompted reports of an English-American naval alliance. His greetings to his niece throw no additional light on that international subject, but he did inclose a rather interesting mimeographed magazine published by the sailors of the U. S. S. Trenton to celebrate their crossing the Equator.

The saltiest bit of the magazine is its "Summons Extraordinary" from the High Court of Neptunus Rex, and addressed to the "large and slimy cargo of landlubbers, swabs, hay-tossers, beach-combers, gardo rats, sea-lawyers, lounge-lizards, parlor-dunnigans, plow-deserters, park-bench warmers, chicken-chasers, chit-signers, soda-inhalers, dance-hall engineers, four-flushers sand-crabs and other living creatures of the land, and last but not least, he-vamps and liberty hounds, falsely masquerading as seamen."

This motley crew is ordered by King Neptune to appear before his court and to accept "with good grace the pains

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Two Local School Districts To Get Money From Fund

Trustees Prepare To Divide Income From Lands Set Aside Years Ago

ELEVEN TO SHARE

Two local school districts—Kingston Township and Franklin Township—will receive gifts soon from the shrewd Connecticut Yankees who made provisions more than 150 years ago for the education of succeeding generations of children.

When the Susquehanna Company began to settle this section it set aside land which was to be used to provide income for the support of public worship and to maintain common schools. Some of the best land in the original Kingston Township, which once included most of the territory on the West Side of the Susquehanna between Edwardsville and Exeter, stretching west to the present county line, was put aside for that purpose.

Intervening years brought many complications. For example, it was discovered that coal had been illegally mined under some of these lands and suits were instituted to recover. Finally, about six years ago, accumulated income totalling about \$141,000 was distributed among the eleven school districts in communities which formerly were in Kingston Township.

At that time Kingston Township received \$13,703.63. The installment to be paid from the present accumulation will, of course, be considerably less, but it will be a welcome help to Kingston Township, which has been under financial strain as a result of slow payment of taxes.

Known as the Proprietors' Fund of the Certified Township of Kingston, the trust income will be distributed as follows:

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| Kingston Borough | 28.77% |
| Pringle Borough | 5.29% |
| Courtdale Borough | 1.65% |
| Luzerne Borough | 11.46% |
| Forty Fort | 13.63% |
| Swoyerville | 14.75% |
| Wyoming Borough | 7.88% |
| Kingston Township | 9.66% |
| Edwardsville | 2.50% |
| Franklin Township | .28% |

Townend Admitted To Higher Court

Young Local Attorney Is Recognized By State Supreme Court

Attorney Frank Townend, son of Mrs. Mae Townend of Pioneer Avenue, Dallas, was admitted to practice before the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania on Monday at Philadelphia. The motion for his admission was made by Stanley W. Root.

Mr. Townend is a graduate of Andover Academy, Princeton University and Harvard Law School. He was admitted to Luzerne County bar on January 24 and is associated with Attorney Neil Chrisman of Wilkes-Barre and has offices with Mr. Chrisman.

Attorney Townend has opened an office also on the second floor of the Kitchen Building on Main Street, Dallas, for the convenience of local persons who desire to consult with him evenings.

Township Band In Concert On April 29

The Dallas Township High School band will appear in its first concert on Friday, April 29, with 46 members. Mrs. Haley, music supervisor, directs the band.

Flight To Capitol Awaits Winner In Essay Contest

An invitation to local high school pupils to compete in the nation-wide Air Mail Essay Contest was extended yesterday by Joseph Polacky, acting postmaster at Dallas.

The winner of the Pennsylvania contest will be given an air trip to Washington, D. C., where he or she will attend a dinner of all state winners at which the national awards will be announced.

Essays must not exceed 250 words. The subject must be "Wings Across America" and the essay should deal with the ideas, purposes and advantages

LEAGUE CHAMPIONS WILL BE HONORED AT PTA DINNER



Members of Dallas Borough High School's 1938 champion basketball team of the girls' Back Mountain League. In this picture are: First row, left to right; Mary Elizabeth Morgan, coach; Charlotte Roberts, captain; Betty Niemeyer, manager. Second row, l. to r.: Rhoda Thomas, Alberta Harvery, Mary Ellen Templin, Patricia Klug, Dorothy Van Horn, Florence Miller. Third row: Stella Misson, Alma Nelson, Louise Frantz, Audre O'Kane, Maydell Van Campen, Gertrude Kintz and Betty Him, assistant manager.

WPA Beautifies Gutters But Leaves Holes In Road Alone

Terrific Waste Of Energy, Morale And Money Evident On Nearby Highways As Recession And Approaching Election Increase Number Of WPA Projects

Citizens of this section were treated this week to the ironic spectacle of a corps of WPA workers beautifying gutters and berms along a highway on which the pave is so badly in need of repair it's almost impassable in spots. That example of hindsight reasoning was, however, only one of the topsyturvy sights which greeted Post investigators one day this week on a tour of some nearby WPA road projects.

There were WPA workers so thick in spots they almost blocked the highways, forcing traffic to slow down to a snail's pace. In one place the men were scattered far and wide through fields adjoining the road. On another project only one man was working—gathering pussy willows. At another the watchman had his flag stuck in a road sign, while he reclined under it, indifferent to passing cars.

Everywhere, authority was notable only by its absence. What men there were working seemed to be proceeding under the vaguest sort of a plan. The final picture was one of a disheartening waste of energy and morale.

Mounting relief rolls and the nearness of a crucial election are reflected in the increasing number of WPA trucks which rumble through town morning and evening, five days a week, bound for the rural highways which criss-cross about Dallas.

The spectacle of a flood of road workers before an election is not new here. Long before WPA it was customary with the Republicans to hand out road jobs, on the assumption that gratitude would be expressed at the ballot-box when it was needed. But it is doubtful that, in its palmy days, the Republican organization was guilty of such flagrant waste as confronts any traveller today.

The road from the old Goss school house in Dallas Township to Demunds is in deplorable condition in spots. The entrance to it from the main highway is rocky and pitted. At intervals along the road there are spots which are badly in need of repair. Yet this week several hundred WPA workers were scattered along that highway, beautifying the gutters. Not a thing was being done about the fundamental problem of repairing the road itself.

Such incidents are not unusual in an era which has given Luzerne County a national reputation as one of the

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Girls' Champions To Be Honored

Borough's Athletes Guests Of PTA Affair On April 29

The girls' basketball team of Dallas Borough High School, which won the Back Mountain championship last month, will receive the league trophy at a supper to be sponsored by Dallas Borough Parent-Teacher Association at the high school on Friday, April 29, at 6:30.

Letters will be awarded to members of the girls' championship team, the boys' football team and the boys' basketball team. Mrs. Grace Kintz is general chairman of the affair, which will be sponsored by the PTA, in conjunction with parents of team members. H. L. Tennyson, chairman of the program, expects to have an outstanding speaker.

James Forces Open Headquarters Here

Office On Lake Street To Be Hub Of Campaign In Dallas Area

A headquarters for the James-Ford Governor Campaign will be opened by a local committee in the building owned by James R. Oliver, formerly occupied by Beseker's garage, on Lake Street, Dallas, tomorrow.

The office will be staffed by volunteer workers, who will be on duty during day and in the evening. Any persons interested in contributing their time during the campaign are invited to communicate with Peter D. Clark, chairman of the local committee which is sponsoring the headquarters.

The headquarters will distribute literature, arrange meetings, provide speakers, and will be available for meetings in behalf of Judge James' candidacy for the Republican nomination for Governor of Pennsylvania.

EASTER PROGRAM

The Sunday School of Kinkle M. E. Church will hold its Easter program on Sunday morning at 10:30.

Borough Pupils Will Present Annual Exhibits On April 29

The annual exhibition of the work of pupils in Dallas Borough schools will be held on Friday, April 29, H. L. Tennyson, supervising principal, announced yesterday.

Conducted primarily to acquaint the public with the work being done at the school, the exhibit will open at 3:30 p. m. and visitors will be welcome until 4:30. In the evening an operetta, "Tom Sawyer", will be produced and the exhibit will re-open after the performance. A small admission will be charged for the operetta.

Flames Destroy 2 Summer Homes, Scorch A Third

Lake Firemen On Job Early To Check Stubborn Fire

LOSS ABOUT \$10,000

Chief of Police Ira C. Stevenson of Harvey's Lake was making an investigation yesterday in an effort to determine the cause of the fire which levelled one cottage, destroyed a second almost completely and scorched a third summer home badly about 6 Wednesday evening at Warden Place.

The blaze began in the cottage of Isaac Fisher of Main Street, Edwardsville, which was completely destroyed, at an estimated loss of \$2,200. It was reported the family had been cleaning and preparing the cottage for the season and had left only about twenty minutes before the fire was discovered.

The summer home of Mrs. Anna Lukesh, Wyoming Avenue, Forty Fort, was almost completely destroyed and Chief Stevenson estimated that the damage would nearly reach the total valuation of the place, about \$5,000.

The third cottage damaged was that of Mrs. Hannah Simkovicz Cantor, 473 South Franklin Street, Wilkes-Barre. Her home is valued at about \$5,000 and the damage was estimated at \$2,000. The building was badly scorched.

Daniel C. Roberts Fire Co. of Harvey's Lake was on the job quickly but the flames spread so rapidly in the Fisher home the firemen were able to do little more than protect other buildings. Henry M. Laing Fire Co. of Dallas also responded.

Court Dismisses Request For Cop

Farrell Points To Evidence Of Majority Opposition To Proposal

The petition requesting the appointment of a full-time policeman for Dallas Township was dismissed by Judge Thomas F. Farrell on Tuesday at the conclusion of a brief hearing.

A number of residents of the township signed a petition several weeks ago asking the court to authorize appointment of a salaried policeman for the township, basing their request upon the claim that there is inadequate protection at present.

Immediately after the petition was filed a second, and larger, group of township citizens met and circulated a petition opposing the movement, and charging that the subsequent necessary increase in the millage would be unfair to taxpayers.

Attorney Peter Jurchak was counsel for the original petitioners and Attorney Patrick O'Connor and J. Q. Creveling represented the opposition.

Curtis Anderson, Dallas Township constable and who was mentioned as the logical appointee for the full-time police job, was the first witness. He outlined his reasons for believing there should be better police protection in the township.

John Anderson, township supervisor, who had signed the original petition, was also called by Attorney Jurchak and when asked if he thought there was a need for a full-time policeman he answered negatively, a change of mind which apparently influenced Judge Farrell's action in dismissing the petition. Judge Farrell also called attention to the fact that the opposing petitions carried more names than those petitions requesting a policeman.

PTA POSTPONED

The meeting of Dallas Borough Parent-Teacher Association scheduled originally for next Monday, has been postponed to Monday, April 25, because of the Easter vacation.

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