

POST SCRIPTS

THE OTHER SIDE OF THE FIRESIDE

Hon. Franklin D. Roosevelt, The White House, Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. President:

I have such a difficult time reconciling so many of the things I see about me every day with the things you do in Washington that it has occurred to me you might welcome a simple little report from one of the fellows on the other side of the fireside.

I have some idea of the volume of mail which you receive. Much of it, I suspect, is prejudiced, either for you or against you. I neither hate you nor idolize you. I voted for you in 1932 and I shall always be grateful to you because your dramatic attack on the depression gave me a new faith in my country. My idealism had suffered several setbacks by 1936, but I voted for you again because I felt you deserved an opportunity to work out your program, and Mr. Landon's proposals were pretty vague.

I question whether you had a more inspired booster back in 1932. I remember how proudly I displayed the telegram you sent us when our straw vote forecast your election. I was a member of the younger generation in the era when it was smart to snipe at the poor dubs who were running the government, but in my enthusiasm for your aggressive and humanitarian policies I found myself becoming an American again.

I probably talked too much because today I find myself in a fine jam. Fortunately, not very many persons remember how I gushed back in 1932 and 1933 so it is embarrassing only when I recall it myself. The truth of the matter is that I am confronted, on every side by overwhelming evidence which indicates that I was woefully wrong.

I think my position is typical. In fact, I estimate that there are about 7,000,000 voters in this country—enough to swing any election—who are passing through the same transition. We are the independent voters, bound by no party ties (merely as a matter of convenience, I am registered, as I have always been, as a Republican). We are the middle class, sandwiched between the Sixty Families and the 13,000,000 unemployed.

You have travelled about this country more than any other President, I know. You have a remarkable organization for securing information confidentially. The advice of your wife must be invaluable. And yet, I think you are unaware of the real state of public opinion. That is the most charitable way I can explain some of the things my friends and I are alarmed about.

Take your Reorganization Bill, for example. Now that the smoke has cleared, it is admitted pretty generally that the provisions of that bill were fairly harmless, that they were, in fact, not very different from the bill President Hoover wanted during his term. I've been talking with people about it and I find that only a fraction of them even know what was in the Reorganization Bill. They were not against it because of what was in it. They were against it because you wanted it. Now that may be mighty unfair, but you can't ignore the significance of such distrust. People are losing faith in you, Mr. Roosevelt, because they associate you, rightly or wrongly, with the shiftlessness of WPA, with the high taxes, with the steam-roller politics which are by-products of your administration.

And that brings us to your frequently-expressed conviction that the people of this country gave you "a mandate" and that they are "behind you". It is high time some good and sincere friend warned you about the fallaciousness of that theory.

You have, of course, the comparatively few sincere New Dealers, who are really inspired by some of your policies and will stand blindly by you whatever happens. Any personable, eloquent leader can count on a certain proportion of those.

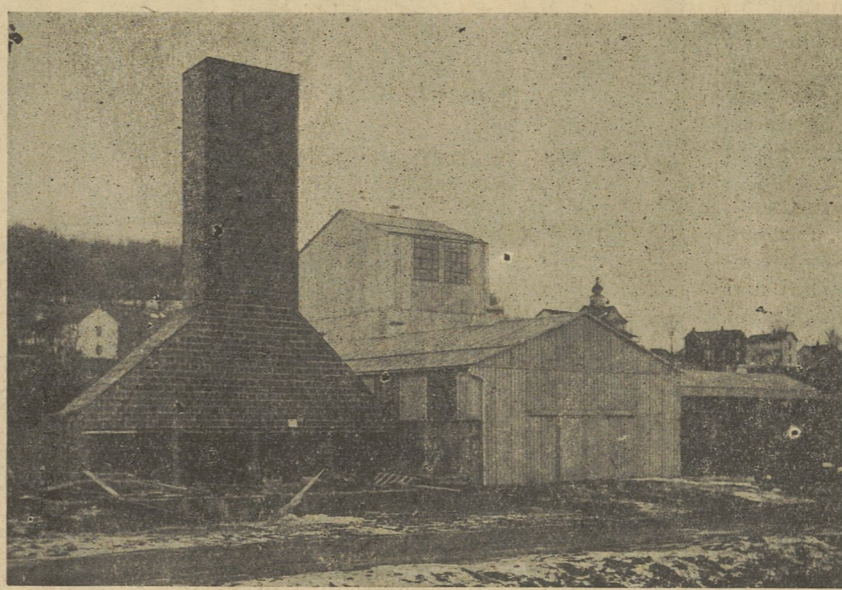
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SHAVERTOWN YOUTH, 16, FOUND DEAD IN GARAGE AT HOME

BRICK PLANT FINANCED LOCALLY NEARS COMPLETION AT LOPEZ



Buildings of the brick plant at Lopez which will be worth \$100,000 when completed, will employ 40 men and will have a capacity of 45,000 bricks a day.



Dutch Mountain Plant Nears Completion; Ready May 15

WILL HAVE CAPACITY OF 45,000 BRICKS A DAY

The result of years of planning and two years of concentrated effort, the \$100,000 plant of Dutch Mountain Clay Products Co., which has been financed mostly by local capital, will be ready about May 15 to turn Sullivan County's valuable clay deposits into fine bricks.

Although the plant itself is at Lopez, 35 miles from here, the story of the development of the idea is bound up with Dallas.

Cachet Will Carry Town's Name Afar

Polacky Names Committees In Charge Of Air Mail Week Here

A list of committees which will have charge of the local observance of National Air Mail Week, May 15 to 21, was announced this week by Joseph Polacky, acting postmaster at Dallas.

Mr. Polacky also announced that he has arranged to have all out-going air mail from Dallas stamped with a cachet during Air Mail Week, an idea which will give Dallas publicity throughout the country.

The executive committee which will have charge of the observance, which will include an essay contest and another contest to be announced next week, for school children, has as members Mr. Polacky, chairman; Josephine Stem, vice-chairman, and Dorothy B. Moore, treasurer.

Burgess H. A. Smith is chairman of the honorary committee, which has as its other members: C. A. Frantz, Fred M. Kiefer, Leonard O'Kane, James Gansell, Leslie Warhola, Warden Kunkle and George T. Kirkendall.

Other committees follow: Publicity: Howard W. Risley, chairman; Mary Wallo, Howell E. Rees, Wesley Himmler.

Education: H. L. Tennyson, chairman; Henry J. Disque, Ronald C. Doll, John A. Williams, Sister Mary Loretta, Civic Clubs: M. E. Kuchta, chairman; R. L. Hallock, Gustav A. A. Kuehn, Paul Shaver, Ernest M. Culp, Arthur Brown, Minnie Brown.

Business and Professional: James R. Oliver, chairman; A. N. Garinger, George Stolarick, H. Stanley Doll, Morris M. Lloyd, George K. Swartz, Harold Rood, J. E. Roberts, R. S. Roberts, Alwood McCarty, Howard A. Cosgrove, A. A. Sibolka, W. A. Higgins.

Air mail pick up, schedule and services: William Corcoran, H. B. Arnold, Fred Youngblood, Addison Woolbert, Sheldon Drake and Milton Perrego.

Women's Club Will Repeat Play May 6

"The Phantom Bells", the play presented with such success by Dallas Junior Women's Club last month, will be repeated, under the joint auspices of the club and Dr. Henry M. Laing Fire Co., on Friday night, May 6, in the borough high school auditorium.

early Monday. He fled and was arrested on Pierce Street, Kingston. When he was arrested he said he was William J. Dig of Dallas and was carrying Mr. Dig's operator's card. Dig is Mack's father-in-law. Police said the car was owned by a brother-in-law who died recently. When taken before Magistrate Hender on Tuesday Mack gave his right name and plead guilty.

Charged with having left the scene of an accident in which his car figured, John Mack, 32, R. D. 8, Dallas, was released under \$500 bail at a hearing before Magistrate Joseph Hender of Wilkes-Barre on Tuesday. Police say Mack rammed into a parked car owned by Charles Glasser of Wilkes-Barre at North Franklin and North Streets, Wilkes-Barre,

FREAK RAIN DRENCHES PART OF TOWN, OTHER END ESCAPES SHOWER

A sudden sun-shower about 2:30 Wednesday afternoon sprinkled the upper end of Dallas, in the vicinity of Lehman Avenue, while the lower section, near Main Street, remained dry.

The freak of nature first came to the attention of The Post, which was in the shower zone, when a Trucksville visitor expressed wonderment at the soaked ground. Later, people from the lower end of town were confused by a reference to the afternoon's shower and investigation disclosed that they had been unaware of it.

The storm lasted only about five minutes and rain fell heavily for a few minutes until the sun burst through. There were other showers later in the afternoon, but they were more general.

Farmers Can Apply For Loans Tuesday

Field Supervisor Will Be At Wilkes-Barre To Confer

Donald G. Rose, field supervisor of the Emergency Crop Loan Office, will be in Wilkes-Barre at the County Agent's office on Tuesday at 9 a. m. to accept applications for crop loans.

These loans are made for the purpose of purchasing seed and fertilizer and feed for work stock. The maximum amount any one person can borrow is \$400 and the rate of interest is 4 per cent.

Anyone who is interested and cannot meet Mr. Rose at that time should write to him at Box 86, Harrisburg.

Mrs. Billings Dies At Daughter's Home

Passes Away Wednesday At End Of Eight-Month Illness

Mrs. Flora Billings, 79, respected resident of this section, died about 5 p. m. Wednesday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. A. C. Woolbert of Dallas. Mrs. Billings had made her home with her daughter for the last few years.

Surviving are three daughters, Mrs. E. C. Hulme, Towanda; Miss Florence Billings, Washington, D. C.; Mrs. A. C. Woolbert, Dallas, one son, Walter Billings of Trucksville, and eight grandchildren.

The funeral will be held tomorrow (Saturday) with services at 2:30 and interment in Warden Cemetery.

Smith Will Speak At Meeting Of PTA

Rev. George M. Smith will be the speaker at the regular meeting of Dallas Township Parent-Teacher Association in the high school auditorium next Monday night at 7:45.

The program, which will be directed by William Banks, a member of the faculty, will include also piano selections by Warren Kistler, trumpet solos by Bernard Price, vocal selections by Marion Brandt.

The first locomotive to turn a wheel in America was run at Honesdale, Wayne County, August 8, 1829.

Discontinue Daily Freight To Dallas

Curtailment To Every Other Day Marks Road's 50th Anniversary

Another reflection of the trend which has sent business of the Bowman's Creek Branch of the Lehigh Valley Railroad from its high peak at the turn of the century to a point where passenger traffic has disappeared entirely and freight transport is at a low ebb came this week when the railroad discontinued daily freight service through Dallas.

Freight trains will come here from Coxtan Yards every other day in the future. Express was delivered here by truck this week and it is likely that plan will be followed. Ironically enough, this latest concession to changing times comes in the fiftieth anniversary year of the completion of Bowman's Creek Branch.

Surveys for a railroad through Dallas and into the rich timber country to the west and north were made as early as 1868 but it was not until Albert S. Orr interested John Shook of Wilkes-Barre in helping to finance the road in 1886 that construction was started. A few months after Mr. Orr's imported Hungarian laborers began to lay the tracks out of Luzerne the Lehigh Valley Railroad became interested and purchased the road.

The first locomotive chugged through Dallas on Thursday, December 9, 1886. Although historians differ some on the date of completion, A. S. Culbert, station agent at Dallas, claims the road northward from Wilkes-Barre was linked with the tracks running south from the main line at Towanda in 1888, fifty years ago. Albert Lewis, big lumberman and one of the leading promoters, was first president of the company which started the branch.

Mr. Culbert was station agent at Stull thirty-five years ago and recalls colorful stories of the lumber boom which kept long trains shuttling back and forth over the Bowman's Creek Branch night and day for years. Almost everywhere was dotted with sawmills. Mr. Culbert says it was unusual to ship 28 cars out of Stull in a day and he remembers a day on which 65 cars left Lopez alone.

Then there were two passenger trains daily each way between Wilkes-Barre and Towanda and two locals travelling between Stull and Wilkes-Barre.

In addition to the heavy freight business there would be, during the summer, almost daily excursion trains to Harvey's Lake, some of them so long they had to be split into three or four sections. The curtailment of service began with the decline in the lumber business and was accelerated by the advance of the automobile. Daily passenger trains were discontinued several years ago.

YOUNG DEMOCRATS
The Young Democrats of Lake Township will meet on Monday at 8 p. m. at Tip Lewis's place, Pike's Peak.

Says Women Can Run Farms Cites Miss Weir's Record

Contending that women make good managers for farms, Miss Muriel Hill, well-known lecturer, recently cited Miss Mary Weir, manager of Col Dorance Reynolds' Goodleigh Farm in Dallas Township, as proof.

Miss Hill pointed to the outstanding record of the Goodleigh Guernsey herds and said: "Miss Weir calls herself a real dirt farmer and she bears an enviable reputation in the community in which she is employed. She uses some

Had Taken Gun Out After Cats; Wound Is Found In Head

Think Neck Was Broken Also In Fall From Ladder In Garage

WELL-KNOWN FAMILY

Carlton Averett, 16, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Averett of Mt. Airy Road, Shavertown, was found dead in the garage near his home about 9 yesterday morning.

There was a wound in the right side of his head from a bullet from the .22 calibre rifle which he had taken to the garage intending to shoot some cats which had been annoying the neighborhood.

It was also possible that he had suffered a broken neck in falling from a ladder to the second floor of the garage and Deputy Coroner R. L. Brickel of Dallas had X-ray pictures taken at General Hospital to determine which of the accidents had caused the boy's death.

The boy went out to the garage about 8, hunting for cats which were in the vicinity. An hour later his brother went to the garage to get his automobile and found the boy dead on the floor.

As The Post went to press details of the accident were scarce but police expressed opinion that the boy had fallen while climbing a ladder to the second floor of the garage. It was still unknown whether the bullet wound or the neck injury had been the cause of his death.

The Averett family and the boy, who is a student at Kingston Township High School, are well known in this section and news of the tragedy spread over the community like a gloomy cloud.

The circumstances of the tragedy indicated clearly that it was accidental, Mr. Brickel said.

Borne to Last Rest By Her Classmates

Cause Of Blaze Which Took Life Of Anna Costine Still Unknown

Her classmates from the Michigan school in Franklin Township carried the remains of eleven-year-old Anna Harriet Costine, who was burned to death when fire destroyed her home on Dallas Star Road last Friday, to their final resting place in Wyoming Cemetery on Monday afternoon.

The cause of the blaze which swept suddenly through the home at 1:30 Friday morning, trapping Mr. and Mrs. Norman Costine, their sons, Norman, Jr., 19, Forrest, 9, and the child who died, remains a mystery.

There were no electric lights in the building and the furnace was not being used. Norman, a student at Bucknell University Junior College, returned home from the movies in Dallas about 11 and noticed nothing unusual. About 1:30 the family was awakened by the smell of smoke. The flames had already spread through the first floor, cutting off escape that way, so the family leaped from the bedroom windows.

Anna was with her mother, but apparently was overcome by panic and ran back from the window. Norman and his father secured a ladder and entered the home again, exposing themselves to danger of asphyxiation, but were unable to find the child. Her body was recovered about noon and brought to the parlors of R. L. Brickel, deputy coroner.

One son, Forrest, suffered a sprained back when he jumped from the second-floor window.

The home was owned by Mrs. J. L. Welter.