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POST SCRIPTS

ROOSEVELT AIRMAIL RING RHYME TENNYSON

We had hoped President Roosevelt would get around to answering our letter this week but he went off on a battleship fishing, leaving us with a column to fill without any help from the chief executive. In his absence, we'll have to rely upon another good Democrat, Joe Polack, to stop the gap.

Mr. Polack, who is acting postmaster in Dallas, has been working feverishly lately on plans for Air Mail Week and we question whether any employe of the post office department is taking that red, white and blue occasion more seriously.

He believes in getting right down to fundamentals when he tackles anything. For weeks he has been getting ready to make Dallas air mail conscious. The other day he decided that it was tough for a fellow who had never been up in a plane to try to sell aviation to his customers so he went down to the Wyoming Valley Airport and took a ride. Felt more like celebrating Air Mail Week when he came back, he said.

Now Mr. Polack is offering prizes of free airplane rides to the boy and the girl who build the best model airplane. That was pretty new to Joe, too, until he went shopping in John Williams' store and acquired a knock-down airplane. Mr. Polack was in to see us one day this week. "You know," he said, "it's no cinch to build these model planes. I was up until 11:30 last night working on mine."

He won't enter his in the trials though, he promised.

This is an old story, but one which we'd never heard until this week and it is such excellent proof of the theory that truth really is stranger than fiction that we hasten to pass it on to you.

Sometime between thirty and forty years ago Mrs. Amos Kitchen of Alderson lost her wedding ring while working in the garden behind her home. Naturally, the loss disheartened her and she and her husband spent days searching carefully in the garden. But the ring was not to be found and as time passed on the Kitchens gave up hope of recovering it.

Years passed. The land where the ring had been lost was plowed again and again. Finally the Kitchens gave up the garden and made a lawn of the plot. A few years ago, after a Sunday dinner, Mr. Kitchen and his son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Leas of Kingston, strolled out across the lawn, chatting. During the conversation Mr. Kitchen recalled the story of the lost ring and related it.

Mr. Leas was standing quietly, listening to the story. As it ended, he glanced idly toward his feet. Then he stooped over and picked up something.

"Is this the ring?" he asked quietly. Mr. Kitchen reached for it excitedly and examined it. He rushed to call his wife. It was the ring, the ring which had slipped from her finger nearly four decades before.

"It is no easy job into which Harry L. Tennyson will step when he becomes supervising principal of Dallas Borough's schools next Wednesday," said an editorial in The Post of June 26, 1936.

The editorial continued: "The principalship of the borough's school system has been a storm center for many years. Within the last few months it has become again the pivot point for an unfortunate controversy. The dust from the latest trouble seems to be settling now and perhaps a new chapter is opening."

"Mr. Tennyson comes with exceptionally good references. The people who have met him have been impressed by his friendliness, alertness and fairness. The Post extends a warm welcome . . ."

There was more to it. We looked it (Continued on Page 8)

BOLT OF LIGHTNING TRAVELS DOWN CHAIN TO ELECTROCUTE DOG

A setter owned by Scott Van Horn of Parrish Heights was electrocuted during a heavy thunder storm last Thursday night.

The dog was on a chain which slid along a metal clothes-wire between a tree and a barn in Mr. Van Horn's yard. Apparently lightning struck the tree, travelled along the clothes-line and down the dog chain.

Mr. Van Horn was unaware that a bolt of lightning had struck so near the house until he went to call the dog and found it dead.

Mothers Hold Key To Ills Of World Speaker Believes

Mrs. Frick Addresses Junior Women's Club At Annual Dinner

SPLENDID PROGRAM

The ills of the world could be cured in one generation if the mothers of the world cooperated toward that end, declared Mrs. Charles H. Frick in an inspiring address at the annual Mother and Daughter dinner of Dallas Junior Women's Club on Wednesday night.

Mrs. Frick, who is the wife of the pastor of Wyoming Avenue Christian Church in Kingston, stressed the need for queenly qualities in mothers today. Mothers must give, not only to their children, but also to the community in which they live to achieve the highest rank of motherhood, she said.

She traced the history of Mothers' Day to 250 B. C. and described the beginning of its modern observance in response to the efforts of Ann Jarvis. Mrs. Frick warned the young women that they must choose between two roads, one with a gleam, the other with a glare. "Don't be disillusioned by thrills!" she pleaded. "Take the gleam, for the glare will leave you disappointed."

Mrs. Reese Finn was toastmaster. Invocation was given by Mrs. Charles Smith. Mrs. Peyton Lee gave a toast to the mothers and Mrs. Claude Cooke gave the toast to the daughters. The musical program included solos by Mrs. George K. Swartz, who sang "Morning," and Mrs. Charlotte Payne, who sang "Songs My Mother Taught Me." The Glee Club sang several selections, a quartet having as members Mrs. Kenneth Oliver, Mrs. Robert Bodycomb, Mrs. Peyton Lee and Mrs. Arthur Oliver sang, and Mrs. Charles Whitesell gave a reading. Mrs. Thomas Robinson was song leader, with Mrs. Maude Baker as accompanist.

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Girls Have Chance For Airplane Ride

Invited To Compete For Own Prize In Air Mail Week Contest

Girls, as well as boys, from Dallas Township and Dallas Borough High School will have an opportunity to win a free airplane trip over Dallas as a result of Postmaster Joseph Polack's decision this week to have a model plane contest for them, too.

Complete details of the type of plane to be built and the rules can be secured from Mr. Polack. The models must have a wing span 22-inches or less and must be submitted to Mr. Polack at the post office not later than May 16, to be displayed during National Air Mail Week.

On Saturday of that week, May 21, the models will be tested before judges and the planes which fly the greatest distance, perform best and look best will be adjudged the winners. One boy and one girl, owners of the best planes, will receive a free airplane trip from Wyoming Valley airport over Dallas.

In urging girls to compete in the contest, Mr. Polack quoted Amelia Earhart, who said: "Girls have had few opportunities to express their mechanical bent. Yet some of them would prove better carpenters than cooks, just as some boys would make better pies than machines. Many girls are skillful with their fingers. Model-making gives a background in aeronautics that women, as well as men, will need tomorrow."

Street Car Line To Dallas Began As Steam Road 42 Years Ago

The inexorable march of time will lay another local institution low soon when the 42-year-old trolley system between Wilkes-Barre and Dallas is abandoned in favor of gasoline buses.

Ten years younger than the Bowman's Creek Branch of the Lehigh Valley Railroad, the street car line will be severed when the by-pass is constructed at Luzerne, and modern buses will take the place of the electric cars.

Like the railroad, the street car line has felt keenly the competition of trucks and automobiles and its volume of business has dropped steadily during the last quarter of a century.

The railroad, which had been built to tap the rich lumber section west and north of Dallas, had scarcely begun to profit from the boom business of the 1880's when financiers began to discuss the possibility of constructing a rival road.

JAMES IN CHARACTERISTIC FIGHTING FORM



JUDGE ARTHUR H. JAMES

Fought Way From Breaker To Superior Court Bench

ARTHUR JAMES' CAREER STUDDERED WITH BATTLES

(This is the first of two installments of the biography of Arthur H. James, candidate for the Republican nomination for Governor)

The story of Arthur H. James is the story of a fighting man. Almost from the sultry July 14 in 1883, when he came into the world in the little mining city of Plymouth, Luzerne county, in the heart of Pennsylvania's anthracite fields, his life has been one long battle, uphill and against odds.

In boyhood, he fought with other boys, because he couldn't help it. In youth, he fought poverty to win his education. In manhood he fought injustice and evil and the battles of those less fortunate or less gifted than he, whom the world had treated harshly.

His red hair and jutting jaw are symbolic of the rise of a little slate picker from a Pennsylvania colliery to his present eminence as a Judge of the Superior Court.

Judge James was born not a half mile from his present modest, white frame residence in Plymouth. He was the oldest boy in a family of five girls and three boys, six of whom survive. His parents were James D. and Rachel Edwards James, natives of Wales who had emigrated to America. The elder James was a mine worker. Judge James' mother, before her marriage had been a teacher in a rural Pennsylvania school of the early 80's.

Arthur began early in life to contribute his share toward the precarious support of the family. He went down to the same colliery in which his father worked. They had a saying in the mine country that "you went down in the dark and came up in the dark." Arthur worked from before dawn until after sunset, picking slate, driving mules, hauling wooden coal cars from face to passage.

At the mine, as in school, the other boys taunted him because of his curly red hair. A taunted boy has either to run away or to fight. Arthur chose to fight. He lost a lot of fights, because he was a frail boy then. But he won a lot, too.

Study and work, with little or no time for play, was the program of the pugnacious red-head's early days. Even after he had come home from school and delivered groceries, which was his after-school chore, and then studied his lessons, Art was not through by any means.

His father, an ambitious man, had learned the bitter lesson that a full day's work in the mines, even though regular, was not sufficient for more than bare existence. He sought constantly to better himself, imbued with (Continued on Page 8)

Tourists To Come Here During Trip

Caravan Of Newspapermen To Pass Through Dallas On May 14

A caravan of newspapermen and travel counselors from Eastern United States will visit Harvey's Lake and Dallas briefly on Saturday, May 14, during an eleven-day jaunt through Pennsylvania.

More than 100 guests of the State Publicity Commission will begin the 1500-mile trip at Harrisburg after a breakfast with Governor Earle on Sunday, May 8.

On Friday, May 13, Col. Ernest G. Smith, member of the State Commission, and Norman Johnstone secretary of Wyoming Valley Motor Club, will meet the Good Will Caravan at Williamsport and on the following morning will guide them to Wilkes-Barre.

The first stop near here will be at Kitchen Creek, where Colonel Ricketts will show the guests the first falls. The caravan will then proceed around Huntsville Dam to Harvey's Lake and then through Dallas on the way to the valley. Wyoming Valley Motor Club and Wyoming Valley Chamber of Commerce will be hosts at a luncheon at The Sterling.

"I am absolutely certain," says Roy E. Brownmiller, chairman of the State Commission, "that the views these guests will see on this tour will leave no doubt in their minds that 'Pennsylvania Has Everything' is no idle slogan. And they will return home to tell their readers and clients, too, what a wonderful scenic and historic State Pennsylvania is."

Tennyson Resigns As Head Of Dallas Borough Schools

Will Accept Position As Supervising Principal In Home Town In Western Part Of State; Local Board Prepares To Appoint His Successor Soon As Possible

DIRECTORS FIX 1937 BUDGET AND MILLAGE

Harry L. Tennyson, supervising principal of Dallas Borough Schools for the last two years, has accepted a position as head of the joint districts of Smith Township and Burgettstown Borough in Washington County.

Mr. Tennyson submitted his resignation to the school directors at their meeting on Wednesday night and after accepting with regret, the directors set in motion plans to appoint Mr. Tennyson's successor as quickly as possible.

The new position will be a step up for Mr. Tennyson. He will have supervision of a faculty of 90 teachers in his new job. Burgettstown is Mr. Tennyson's home and is only about seven miles from Midway, where he taught before he came here in 1936.

He was appointed to the new position last Friday night and will assume his new duties on July 1. His tenure of office here has been extremely successful and his departure will be regretted by board members, pupils and faculty.

At the same meeting the school board adopted tentatively its new budget, which will be presented for formal action on May 25. The millage will remain at 29, the same as last year, and the customary \$5 per capita tax will be continued.

Amounts listed on the budget are: Expenditures: General control, \$1,395; instruction, \$21,672; auxiliary, \$140; operation, \$2,558; maintenance, \$750; debt service, \$4,000; capital outlay, \$9,425.

Receipts were stated as follows: Cash balance, \$2,000; current taxes, \$17,800; state appropriation, \$9,150; delinquent taxes, \$3,000; tuition, \$1,010; interest, \$5; miscellaneous, \$200; bonds sold, \$7,500.

Democrats Report Heavy Gains Here

Back Mountain Rally Will Be Held At Shavertown On Monday

Steady Democratic gains in registrations throughout the Back Mountain region were reported by Democratic workers at a meeting at the home of Charles Youngblood in Shavertown on Wednesday night.

Plans were made for a rally to be held at the new home of Shavertown firemen on Monday night, when prominent Democratic candidates and party leaders will be speakers. All Democrats from this section are invited.

Speakers at Wednesday night's meeting were Stephen Farris, chairman of the Sixth Legislative District, Frank Corrales, candidate for State Senator, and Edgar Lare, candidate for Representative from this district.

Advices Farmers To Study New Act

Program Benefitted Local Farms Last Year, Stock Says

Grover C. Stock, Carverton, chairman of the Luzerne County Agricultural Conservation Committee, yesterday advised all county farmers who intend to participate in the 1938 Agricultural Conservation Program and who expect to carry out practices involving spring operations, to obtain complete information on such practices at once.

"Immediate and accurate information is imperative," declared Chairman Stock, "where practices call for the use of materials such as seed, lime, and fertilizer, so that the proper types and amounts may be obtained early, and the best place to procure such information is from the community committeemen or the county agricultural conservation office located at the Rear of 84 Scott Street, Wilkes-Barre."

"The 1937 program in the county resulted in substantial gains in agricultural advancement in line with good farm management. Practically the same soil-building practices which were responsible for such gains are available to county farmers under the 1938 program. In fact, the new Farm Act continues them as the backbone of the present program."

"We farmers have an opportunity in 1938 again to use practices calling for the use of lime and superphosphates on hay and pasture land, to make new seedings of legumes, to plant forest trees, improve woodland pasture by excluding livestock, and the orchardist and vegetable grower have an opportunity to mulch their land."

Conneaut Lake in Crawford County, covering 929 acres, is the largest natural lake wholly within the State.

Amateurs Invited To Enter Contest

Talented amateurs in this section have been invited to compete for cash prizes in the Amateur Night to be conducted on May 13 at Kingston Township High School under auspices of Dr. Places' Men's Bible Class of Shavertown M. E. Church. Franklin D. Coslett, WBRE announcer, will be master of ceremonies. Try-outs will be held on Wednesday night, May 11, at Shavertown grade school.

Pastors Returned For Another Year

M. E. Conference Makes No Changes In Its Local Charges

For the first time in a number of years, no changes in local charges were made at the annual session of Wyoming Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, which ended its sessions at Kingston on Monday morning.

Seven pastors of churches in Dallas and its vicinity were returned to their congregations for another year. Local churches and their pastors follow: Alderson, Noxen, Guy Leinthal; Carverton, Charles H. Gilbert; Centermoreland, Thomas F. Kline; Dallas, Francis F. Freeman; Lehman, C. Duane Butler; Shavertown, Russell J. May; Trucksville, Harry M. Savacool.

To Give Minstrel For Fifth Time

The Honey Boy Minstrels of Kunkle Grange have been invited to present their successful minstrel show at Centermoreland on Saturday night. It will be the fifth time the Kunkle grangers have given their show. It has been presented recently at Kunkle, Beaumont, Mooretown and Jackson.

BAKE SALE

The Junior Class of Dallas Borough High School will sponsor a bake sale tomorrow (Saturday) in the store room on Main Street formerly occupied by the Grand Union.

FUNDS ARE EARMARKED FOR LOCAL HIGHWAY JOBS BY ROOSEVELT

Washington, D. C., May 5—Two projects in Dallas Borough were among those approved by President Roosevelt this week, according to Congressman J. Harold Flannery.

An allotment of \$2,681 was approved to improve Elizabeth Street on Parrish Heights. Another appropriation of \$5,681 was authorized for improvements to Matchell Avenue.

The projects must be approved yet by the Comptroller General and the State authorities. Dallas Borough Council is the sponsor.