

POST SCRIPTS

WISDOM: According to plans made some months ago and discussed repeatedly with Fred Kiefer and Ralph Hazeltine, our counsellors in matters historic, this week's column was to be dedicated to our trip to Gettysburg. Then a wisdom tooth began cutting up with all the thunder of Hunt's artillery. The tooth was soon added to our dentist's collection of unusual specimens, leaving us with a hole in our jaw such as might be made, roughly, by a fair-sized Confederate howitzer. Result: While our friends hid themselves to Gettysburg, we gargled and stayed away from drafts. Further result: No Gettysburg column this week.

BODYGUARD: One of our friends who did get to Gettysburg tells of stopping to talk with a 32-year-old Union veteran from Walla Walla, Wash. The old soldier was wandering about by himself so our friend asked him if he had come to the reunion alone.

"No," the spry old fellow answered, "I've got a bodyguard but I never wait for him. He's my son-in-law. He's only 63."

POLL: Only in the New York Times have we seen a report of the first straw poll on the outcome of Pennsylvania's November election and we wonder why, since the vote was taken at Kingston during the firemen's convention a few weeks ago. Forty Locust Gap firemen stopped more than 1,000 automobiles to take the straw vote. Of the 4,351 persons questioned, the total number eligible to vote in the November election was 3,223. In the Governorship contest, Judge James received 2,108 votes to 1,115 cast for Charles A. Jones, the Democratic nominee. For Senator, Governor Earle received 2,211 to 1,012 for Senator James J. Davis, the Republican nominee. Because the poll was taken in Luzerne County, the home of Judge James, the firemen divided the straw voters to determine the number from Luzerne County itself and the number from the rest of Pennsylvania. In the Luzerne County vote Judge James received 1,198, Mr. Jones 805, Governor Earle 1,071 and Senator Davis, 932. The total for the rest of the State showed: James, 684; Jones, 536; Earle, 822, and Davis, 398.

ZIP: At 60 miles an hour your automobile travels 88 feet a second, which is 80 feet too far for some of us.

PALOOKA: Joe Palooka, the lovable comic strip prize fighter, has a sizable following hereabouts because his creator, Ham Fisher, is a Wilkes-Barre boy and worked on newspapers in the valley, including his own "Pictorial," for a number of years before his strip elicited. Recently, Palooka fans were surprised to see President Roosevelt appearing in the strip, a highly unusual, if not unprecedented, situation. Palooka, you will know if you follow Ham's hero, joined the Foreign Legion and became involved in a sequence of novel adventures which brought him, and Ham, to the difficult point where Palooka was to be shot. For once, Ham had his brain-child in a predicament from which there was no "natural" escape. So Fisher wrote Marvin McIntyre and Stephen T. Early, Presidential secretaries, asking if he could have the President intervene in behalf of Palooka and have him released from French service in Africa. Early assured him it would be all right if Fisher would handle it discreetly. So Ham drew Palooka's manager, Knobby Walsh, at the White House. The President's features appeared in every panel for two days, discussing the situation with Knobby and, finally, promising to ask the President of France to pardon Palooka.

Fisher received more than 1,000 letters after the stunt, including one from Mr. Early, saying that President Roosevelt had seen the comic strip and had enjoyed it. Now that Joe has been pardoned he will return to America and we understand Ham intends

(Continued on Page 8)

Nazi Ace Who Visited Noxen Last Year Breaks U. S. Record

Peter Riedel, Nazi ace who spent five hours in Noxen last July after his glider had ridden the winds here from Elmira, N. Y., is back in America and adding new laurels to his record.

This week Riedel piloted his motorless ship 225 miles from Elmira to the Arlington airport at Washington, D. C., smashing the old American record of 212.45 miles established this spring. His mark did not count, however, because Riedel is not an American citizen.

The smiling German, who received

Civic Group Meets Tonight To Study Sewage Conditions

Committee From Rotary And Kiwanis To Press For Action

INTEREST GROWING

Realizing fully the great need for a joint sewage system for Dallas and the possibilities of the opportunity at hand for the convenient and relatively inexpensive construction of a disposal system in conjunction with the public works fund made available by the Federal Appropriation Act of 1938, a joint committee of Mt. Greenwood Kiwanis and Dallas Rotary clubs will meet tonight to discuss local sewage conditions, long a sore spot of the Back Mountain region.

The joint committee, headed by Earl Monk and Russell Houser, realizes that speed is imperative if the full benefit of the proffered federal financial and advisory assistance is to be realized, and immediate action will be taken on the sewage problem, it was disclosed by Attorney Peter Jurchak, a member of the committee.

The sewage committee, comprising Mr. Monk, Mr. Houser, Warren Yeisley and Peter Jurchak, which is a part of the Kiwanis and Rotary plan for the formation of a community council for Dallas Borough, Dallas Township and Kingston Township, started work on the sewage problem some months ago. They met with L. D. Matter, district engineer, last April to confer on the possibility of constructing an efficient joint sewage system in this section.

Due to press of business and other immediate considerations, the committee was forced to postpone active work on the problem until this week, when, in connection with The Post's current campaign for sewage correction, they are once again taking up a serious consideration of conditions with a view towards immediate action.

In July, 1933, The Post suggested the following steps in a plan for the betterment of local sanitary conditions:

Three-Point Program

(1) An immediate investigation and detailed report by Dallas Board of Health so Council will have an authoritative and official report on which to base any subsequent action.

(2) The formation of a committee having representatives from Dallas, Shavertown and Trucksville to discuss the plan to construct a joint sewage system.

(3) A survey by the borough engineer to determine an estimated cost of a sewage system, giving the cost of a borough disposal plant and an alternate for the cost of connection with a joint sewer outlet to the Susquehanna.

It is believed that the sewage committee will base its suggestions along similar lines, with special accent on the last point, the speedy accomplishment of which will make more certain the obtaining of government aid.

Flood control work at the foot of Toby's creek includes inclosure of that portion of the stream. Whether it would be the best plan to enclose

(Continued on Page 8)

LAKE MAN WARNED

Keithline Told To Stay Away From WPA Office In City After Creating A Disturbance

Harold Keithline, Warden Place, Harvey's Lake, was arrested this week after he created a disturbance in the WPA headquarters at Wilkes-Barre. Magistrate Paul Kulesavage released Keithline after warning him to stay away from WPA headquarters in the future.

CONDITION WORSE

Word was received this week that Mrs. J. J. Ryman, who is in a hospital near Philadelphia, is in serious condition. Mrs. Ryman has been ill since February.

ACCEPT FAC PROGRAM

914 Luzerne County Farmers Eligible To Take Part In Federal Conservation Program

Nine hundred and fourteen farmers in Luzerne County have agreed to regulate crops and build up their soil this summer as part of the Federal Agriculture Conservation program.

The governor will pay the farmers for carrying out soil-building practices and growing allotted acreage of certain crops. They will receive approximately 70 per cent of the cost to them.

Seven hundred seventy-five farmers in Wyoming County are eligible to take part in the 1938 program.

League's Top Team To Be Here Sunday

Arrows Will Meet Vernon On Espy Diamond At 2:30

The Dallas Arrows will meet Vernon, leading team in the bi-county baseball league, at Espy Field, Center Hill Road, Dallas, on Sunday afternoon at 2:30. It will be the first time this year that the Dallas nine has crossed bats with the fast Vernon aggregation and an unusually good game is expected.

Last Sunday the Arrows' run of four victories was cut short when Noxen defeated the local nine, 5 to 4, in a 10-inning game. Noxen broke the tie in the beginning of the tenth with a walk and two singles. Dallas got a man as far as second in the last half of the closing period but he was left there at the last out.

In a game which preceded the league tilt last Sunday, Sordoni's softball team defeated Arthur Kiefer's team.

Dallas is in fourth place in the league, having climbed there from the bottom position in the last month. Next week the Arrows will play at Factoryville. A good crowd—largest this year—enjoyed last Sunday's game and another good turnout is expected Sunday.

WOMAN WHO SET TYPE FOR POST 39 YEARS AGO BACK FOR VISIT

Recalls Dallas In Days When Paper Was In Its Infancy

"PEOPLE THE SAME"

Although there have been amazing changes in the town of Dallas since the beginning of the century, the people are as friendly and hospitable as ever, according to Mrs. Jennie Bross Howland of Binghamton, who set type on The Dallas Post 39 years ago, and who came back this week for a brief visit.

Mrs. Howland was accompanied by Miss Ella Warden of Johnson City, also a former resident, Miss I. L. Butler of Binghamton and Catherine and Carl Epler of Johnson City.

Mrs. Howland was 16 years old and a pupil in Dallas High School when she began to work for W. H. Capwell, who had founded The Post in 1889. She recalls that the late Frank Morfy was superintendent of the schools and she still has sincere admiration for that venerable personage.

In those days the paper consisted of four pages of a size slightly larger than now and the stock, with the two pages on the inside already printed, came to Mr. Capwell each week from Chicago. Mr. Capwell and Mrs. Howland set the type for the front and back pages by hand.

The paper was published in the little building on Huntsville Street now owned by Paul Shaver and used as his electrical shop. A great coal stove heated the shop in winter and the press was operated by steam power. After Mrs. Howland had been working a while Capwell sold The Post to the late Harry Anderson, who was editor for many years.

Mrs. Howland's sister, Ida, collected from subscribers. She traveled mostly by train and recalls the hospitality of the people she visited up and down the Bowman's Creek branch. She has an especially warm spot for the people of Kunkle, Mrs. Howland says, for they always were noted for their friendliness.

Mrs. Howland worked at The Post two years. She came to know a great many people during that time and she had an opportunity to visit some of her old friends this week. She was particularly impressed by changes at Harvey's Lake, which was a quiet, isolated resort at the turn of the century. She also expressed surprise at the spread of the town of Dallas, and the number of buildings on surrounding hills.

Outing On July 17 Will Signal Start Of Fall Campaign

2,500 Republicans From This District Expected At Oxbow Lake

WILL LAUNCH DRIVE

The opening gun in this section's General Election campaign will be sounded on Saturday, July 16, when thousands of Republicans from the Sixth Legislative District, of which the Back Mountain is a part, will gather at Oxbow Lake, near Tunkhannock, for a gigantic rally.

The keynote of the Republican drive to elect Arthur H. James Governor of Pennsylvania will be sounded by prominent speakers at the rally. Judge James, himself, may attend. An especially large turnout from the communities about Dallas is expected as a tribute to Peter D. Clark, new district chairman.

Although ostensibly a social affair, the outing will end the political inactivity which has prevailed since the primary election and will be followed by a concentrated and comprehensive campaign to boost the Republican registration through the Sixth District. Although the G. O. P. still leads 2 to 1 in this section in registration, certain voting precincts are weak and the committeemen will aim at strengthening their party in those districts.

Next Saturday's outing will begin with a sports program in the morning, including trapshooting, softball, volleyball, quoits, fishing, boating, swimming and water polo. Plans are being made to accommodate 2,500. The affair will be held on the property of Attorney Donald Coughlin and Oxbow Lake is near Lake Carey, about six miles from Tunkhannock.

Committees Announced

A number of local men are on the committees which were named by Chairman Clark this week. John Shoemaker will be treasurer. Albert Bryden, secretary. Others on committees are:

Refreshments, Kyle Cundiff, Harry Marlos, Martin Craze, Adam Boslewicz, (Continued on Page 8)

Appeal For \$1,500 For Fire Company

Dallas Firemen Need Money For Current Expenses And New Hose

A letter to citizens of Dallas Township and Dallas Borough urging them to contribute to the current fund-raising campaign of Dr. Henry M. Laing Fire Co. is being dispatched this week as the opening gun in a drive to raise \$1,500.

"The Henry M. Laing Fire Co. protects your family and property day and night," the letter explains. "This service is rendered to you without pay. The only way we have of maintaining equipment and paying insurance and operating expenses is by paid memberships and by your contributions. Your voluntary contribution to your volunteer fire department will enable this organization to serve you in the future as well as it has served you in the past."

Clyde Lapp is chairman of the campaign. It is hoped that a good start of the \$1,500 goal can be raised within a week after all the letters have been dispatched. The money is needed to pay for new hose and for current expenses for 1938.

Weidner Appointed Watkins Distributor

Earl G. Weidner of Pioneer Avenue, Dallas, has been appointed local distributor for the products of J. R. Watkins Co. and announced his plans this week for prompt and complete service to local families.

Mr. Weidner's line will include the food products, medicinal preparations, toilet articles, soaps and cleansers and other items manufactured by the famous firm. The products have an excellent reputation for their purity and economy.

Mr. Weidner will be available at Dallas 269 and will make delivery daily. His twenty-four-hour service on orders and his demonstrations of products without obligation are two features he has established. Mr. Weidner is widely known throughout this section and well liked and is sure to succeed in his new venture.

Select Route For Three-Mile Stretch Into Lutes' Corners

SCHOOL BOARD MEETS TO APPROVE PLANS, ACT ON LINE CASE

As The Post was being printed last evening, the Dallas Borough School Board was meeting in an important session at which the directors expected to reach a decision on the case of Ernest E. Line, high school faculty member who was called before the board last month to answer seven charges.

The board also was expected to approve finally the plans of the architect for the proposed annex to the high school. All other steps have been taken and the directors are anxious to advertise for bids soon so the annex can be available for use before the end of the year.

Debt Is Smallest In Last Ten Years

Dallas School Board Hears Detailed Review Of Finances

"The outstanding feature of Dallas School Board's fiscal operation is the retirement of the last of the temporary loans," Daniel A. Waters, secretary of the board, reported in his detailed review of the year presented to the directors at their meeting last night.

"The total devoted to retirement of bonds was \$5,000," Mr. Waters said. "Bonds amounting to \$2,000 falling due during the year also were retired. Debt at the end of the year is at the lowest point in 10 years. All the property of the district is in good condition of repair and the equipment of all kinds is the best and most complete in the history of the school."

In opening his report, Mr. Waters called attention to the severe drop in receipts from current taxes, but said it was offset by increased revenue from delinquent taxes and tuition and receipts from miscellaneous sources which enabled the board to close the books with some cash in the treasury. The fiscal year ended July 4.

The school board estimated its expenditures for the year as \$30,925. Actually, the board received about \$300 more than it expected. Expenditures totaled \$30,275.98. As a result the balance at the end of the year is \$984.67.

Assets of the borough school district now, with the exception of sites, buildings and equipment, and including land returns due on delinquent taxes, total \$34,055.08. Liabilities are \$29,930.85, a reflection of the sound financial condition of the district.

QUIETEST HOLIDAY

Chief Stevenson Says 30,000 Visitors To Lake Enjoyed Fourth, Got In Less Trouble

Questioned as to the number of accidents at Harvey's Lake over the holiday weekend, Chief of Police Ira C. Stevenson yawned, stretched, looked a trifle bored, a trifle gratified, and said "nary a one".

And "nary a one" it was, setting an all-time record for the lake, which hasn't gone through a Fourth of July in eight years without a major accident of some kind, and hasn't ever gone through the holiday without an accident of some kind registered on the books.

No cars collided, nobody swam out too far, no stomach aches were reported—even in one restaurant which served over 1,500 safe and sane celebrators—and well over 30,000 people crowded the resort over the weekend.

Truly a banner Fourth for Harvey's Lake, and Chief Stevenson owes it all to his efficient police force, comprising the capable Frederick Swanson, assistant to Stevenson, and Chief Stevenson himself.

Thaddeus R. Zilch Editor Of New Huntsville Paper

"Mr. W. Wyatt Wilcox, Mr. John McCartney and Mr. Edward Powell announce the birth of a newspaper—their first—born suddenly at a meeting at Huntsville.

Thus did The Post receive news this week of its only local competitor, "The University Club News", a sprightly publication dedicated to publicizing the mid-summer outing of the University Club at the Frank Martz Farm tomorrow. Edited by Thaddeus R. Zilch, former "sex editor of The Dallas Post", the journal strikes a new

New Link Follows Present Highway

Next Stretch Will Join Noxen Road At Lutes' Corners

SURVEY IS STARTED

A route for a three-mile concrete link on Route 92, between Dallas and Tunkhannock, was agreed upon tentatively this week at a conference of Wyoming County Commissioners and engineers of the State Department of Highways.

Ever since the last concrete stretch was completed last year officials have been considering alternate routes for the next link, which will connect the present concrete highway at Evans Falls, with the Noxen highway at Lutes' Corners. Two of the routes under consideration would have necessitated considerable relocation. The one adopted follows the old route nearly all the way.

The State Highway Department at Scranton announced this week that a survey has already been started along the route agreed upon and will soon be finished and forwarded to Harrisburg. Doubt was expressed, however, that construction can be started yet this year.

Third Concrete Link

The new link will be the third in the program to improve the main highway between Dallas and Tunkhannock. Sections from Evans Falls to Eatonville and from Eatonville to Tunkhannock have been constructed within the last few years. The next link will meet with the improved road into Noxen and although the section between Dallas and Lutes' Corners will still remain in its present deplorable condition, the improvement will be of vast benefit to Harvey's Lake and Noxen motorists.

Residents along Route 92 have revived the road crusade within the last month and the conference at Tunkhannock this week was the result of numerous pleas for action by motorists who have to use the neglected highway. The first sections of the road were paved after a delegation of civic leaders had carried to Harrisburg petitions carrying 8,000 names which had been gathered by The Post in a drive to bring the need for improvements on Route 92 to the attention of the State Highway Department.

At the same time it announced the agreement on the next link on Route 92 the State Highway Department said no word has been received yet concerning advertisements for bids for the Luzerne by-pass.

WILL BORROW \$500

Borough Council Exonerates Tax Collector On 1937 Duplicate, Names Him Delinquent Collector

A loan of \$500 from First National Bank to pay current borough bills was authorized by Dallas councilmen at their meeting on Wednesday night.

The councilmen exonerated Arthur Dungey on the 1937 duplicate and appointed him delinquent tax collector.

Burgess Herbert Smith reported arrangements to enforce the ordinance demanding the cutting of noxious weeds on vacant lots in the borough. He also reported he would confer soon with officials of Lehigh Valley Railroad and the traction company relative to repairs to sidewalks from Main to Lake Streets.

CHIEF IMPROVED

Chief of Police Leonard O'Kane was able to be out this week but he is still weak as result of the illness which has confined him to his home for a considerable part of the last month. His friends wish him a speedy and complete recovery.

high in nonsense. Typical personal: "Edward H. Foggi, popular University Club member, has been sold to the Cunard Lines for use as a fog horn."

Mr. Zilch, who brings to his new editorship "every qualification except literacy", was a phenomenal success at one thing or another in the Back Mountain District. Forewarned, The Post is preparing to expose Zilch's past. A bitter feud between the two journals is anticipated.