

Conyngnam Solving Problem Similar To That Of Dallas

Community In Lower Luzerne County Replacing Old-Fashioned Sewage Facilities With Up-To-Date System, Financed With Help Of Federal Government

LESSONS LEARNED THERE ARE WORTH STUDYING

It can happen here! At least it's happening at Conyngnam Borough, where the Federal government is helping to finance a modern sewage system to replace old-fashioned sumps and cess pools.

One-third the size of Dallas, Conyngnam's problem was essentially the same. Generally unsanitary conditions brought frequent objections from townfolk, as they do here. Clogged sumps and cess pools overflowed into basements. Open drains polluted streams. Conyngnam faced a problem similar to that of many small towns.

Then an irate farmer, fearing for the safety of his livestock filed a complaint with the Department of Health, and under the advice of L. D. Matter, district engineer for the Department, Conyngnam Borough Council went into action about a year ago. The system is about half completed now. Last week the borough received its third grant from the government, \$40,000. Previous grants totaling \$20,000 had been received. This money is being used for labor.

Conyngnam borough is near Sulphur Creek, and the sewers will discharge into that stream by gravitational force. Fortunately, mineral matter in the stream will equalize the sewage discharged into it, relieving the borough of the further expense of a sewage disposal plant, such as has been recommended for Dallas.

Will Cost Borough \$18,000

Conyngnam council estimates that its share of the cost will be the \$15,000 to \$18,000 it will spend for materials. This will be covered by a set fee of \$60 from each property owner who connects with the trunk lines.

"Conyngnam people are nearly 100 per cent behind the project, and we anticipate no trouble in the collection of the connecting fees," said Councilman R. A. Hetler. A new ordinance requires all Conyngnam householders to connect with the system. If the fee is not paid, the land of the delinquent householder will be attached.

What has Conyngnam Borough got that Dallas Borough doesn't have?

Conyngnam has an ideal location for a gravitational sewage system. It is in a natural bowl which drains into the stream into which the sewage is to be discharged, but Dallas is also fortunately located on a hill overlooking Toby's Creek, the logical discharge for the proposed system.

Would Need Disposal Plant

Sulphur Creek has a mineral content which will equalize the sewage discharge, making a sewage purifying plant unnecessary, whereas Dallas will

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Kunkle To Manage Lopez Clay Plant

Manufacture Of Bricks To Be Started Next Monday

Warden Kunkle of Dallas was elected general manager of the Dutch Mountain Clay Products Co. plant near Lopez at a special meeting of the directors in Dallas on Wednesday. Manufacturing operations at the modern, new plant will begin on Monday.

Since the death of Asa Lewis, Mr. Kunkle has taken a good bit of the responsibility for the construction and development of the plant and deserves a great share of the credit for bringing the plan to this point. Edmund Whitby of Fernbrook has been employed as bookkeeper and Bert Woolever will be production manager.

The company has been financed by a group of prominent Dallas men, who are convinced the valuable clay deposits about Lopez will make some of the finest bricks in the East. The company already has leases on ground which will supply clay to the plant for hundreds of years, geologists have estimated.

POST SCRIPTS

TYKE O'KANE HOSPITAL KUNKLE HISTORY

Everybody misses Leonard O'Kane from his accustomed spot at the intersection of Main Street and Huntsville Avenue but no one is more bewildered by the absence of the Chief of Police than Tyke, who has been the officer's loyal companion for the last several years.

We saw Tyke the other day, shoving his nose in one door after another along Main Street in a vain search for the Chief. There was no way to explain to Tyke that his friend is in Nesbitt Memorial Hospital, no way to answer the question in Tyke's eyes, so we had to go on, leaving the dignified old fellow to continue his search.

There are those who say that Leonard bought Tyke's undying loyalty with hamburgers, but those of us who know can testify that Tyke's respect is not so easily bought, nor is he one to fall for a uniform. Tyke is, primarily, a judge of character and he saw in Leonard a friend worthy of confidence. Tyke is too dignified to take up with folks who pet him and make baby talk at him. A hardened cynic, with an adventurous life behind him, Tyke prefers rough, manly talk, and when Leonard tries to scold him into shame, Tyke has actually been known to look up blandly and wink at the Chief.

Anyway, we felt that Leonard, who has been having quite a battle in Nesbitt Memorial Hospital, should have a report on Tyke and know that Tyke, too, misses him dreadfully. We can't bring Tyke to the hospital, Leonard, but we know Tyke won't be content until you get home. Maybe if you think of the way that big brown brush of a tail will wag and the way those sleepy eyes will twinkle when Tyke finds you, you'll feel better and get home sooner. And it can't be too soon for us, either, Leonard.

Oddly enough, this week finds another friend of this column in the hospital, Norman Johnstone, secretary of Wyoming Valley Motor Club and staunch booster for better roads in the Back Mountain Section. Norman isn't very ill, fortunately, and for all we know he may be out of the hospital and back on the job by the time this gets into type. If Norman and Leonard could get together in the same hospital we'd be tempted to take a room ourselves. It would be well worth while being close to a combination like that. Anyway, Norman, if you're still in General Hospital when you read this, be informed that 1,958 persons have been overheard by us, personally wishing you a quick and pleasant recovery.

To judge by comments, everyone enjoyed Mrs. Kunkle's folk poem about Joe Hoover's rescue of the flag at Gettysburg. Comes a letter now from Mrs. Kunkle, with a promise of another interesting article. She writes:

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CO-CHAIRMAN



Earl Monk of Dallas, co-chairman of the joint committee from Dallas Rotary Club and Mt. Greenwood Kiwanis Club which is investigating the need for more modern sewage disposal facilities in Dallas and surrounding communities. His committee is preparing to meet with Dallas Council.

Council Will Name Special Committee

Will Meet Wednesday Night To Study Sewage Problem

"Ways and means of financing a sewage system for Dallas will be discussed at the next regular meeting of Council. Before any action can be taken, however, we must have some definite facts and figures with which to work," said Peter D. Clark, borough councilman, this week.

The financial angle of the proposed sewage disposal system will be one of the main topics of discussion when Dallas Borough Council meets next Wednesday night. A committee will be appointed to cooperate with the joint sewage committee of the Rotary and Kiwanis clubs and L. D. Matter, State engineer, in an investigation of the possibilities of securing Federal aid in the construction of the system.

"It seems to me that the solution of the small town sewage problem in Pennsylvania lies with the State. If the Commonwealth goes ahead and finances the construction of proper sewage disposal facilities on a long term re-payment basis in those municipalities, such as Dallas, which cannot readily afford to install a sewage system, I believe that the cess pool type of disposal will soon disappear," Mr. Clark stated.

Oliver's To Close For Annual Picnic

The sales rooms and garage of James R. Oliver, Main Street, Dallas, will be closed on Thursday afternoon, August 4, while employees have their annual picnic.

KRIEGER TAUGHT HERE

Kingston School Official Who Died This Week Has Many Friends In This Section

Lewis W. Krieger, 47, principal of Kingston High School, who died on Wednesday night at his home in Kingston, was a former teacher at Noxen and Harvey's Lake and had a host of friends in this section.

Mr. Krieger had been ill for several years, having taken two leaves of absence from his duties. He was thought to be nearing recovery, but suffered a relapse Monday night.



International . . .

Possibilities of another European war were declared remote by optimistic Britishers as Great Britain stepped into the Czech-Nazi powder barrel, appointed an unofficial mediator for the quarrel. Prime Minister Chamberlain had hopes of dispelling war clouds through mediation, paid tribute to Hitler for "a notable gesture—for protection of peace" in the British-German naval agreement.

ASSASSINS
Unhurt was American Major Gen-

Promise Of Prompt Action Is Received From Utility Head

Disque Intimates Consumers Will Await Company's Improvements

PIPE BREAK FOUND

Assurance that Dallas Water Co. will take prompt action in an effort to remedy complaints which have been made by Parrish Heights residents during the past few months was received this week from Robert Craig of Harrisburg, general manager of the group of Utilities of which the local company is a part.

The promise of co-operation came to Henry Disque and was a response to a letter Mr. Disque had written at the request of sixty-five petitioners who have threatened to take the matter before the Public Utility Commission unless the water company supplies better service. They charge that they have been without service almost half the time recently.

Mr. Disque, who took a leading part a few years ago in securing an ambitious improvement program from the water company, said it is likely any further action on the part of consumers will be withheld pending the improvements promised by Mr. Craig. One of the steps to be taken, according to Mr. Craig's letter, will be the enlargement and raising of the reserve tank in which water from the old Parrish well is stored.

"There is no question that these people have a just complaint," Mr. Disque said. "They have been without water nearly half of the time."

A number of consumers in the West end of Dallas were without water for a few days last week but service was restored after Leslie Warhola, manager, discovered a serious break in a main. The break was repaired promptly and there were no interruptions of service this week.

On Parrish Heights, however, the service supply continued to be inadequate for the number of homes and complaints were still being made.

Noxen-Dallas Toll No Longer Charged

35 Phones In Noxen Linked Now With Harvey's Lake Exchange

Thirty-five telephone sets in Noxen homes have been converted into dial sets and connected with the Harvey's Lake exchange, Michael Kuchta, manager of Commonwealth Telephone Co., announced this week.

As a result of changing the phones from the Centermoreland to the Noxen exchange the former toll charge between Dallas and Noxen has been eliminated and calls from Dallas or Harvey's Lake to any of the 35 homes will be free.

To make the change, the telephone company erected a new line five miles from Harvey's Lake to Noxen. Harvey's Lake telephones have been dial sets for some years and the exchange at the Lake is automatic and controlled from Dallas.

The Centermoreland exchange will still control telephones in its own immediate section.

CARROLL SAYS BY-PASS WILL BE BEGUN BEFORE THE END OF NEXT MONTH

W. J. Carroll, Scranton, division engineer of Pennsylvania Department of Highways, expects now the long-awaited Luzerne by-pass will be started late in August. Nothing remains to delay the project after U. S. Engineers approve plans. Congressman J. Harold Flannery is in touch with the engineers and expects to receive their O. K. yet this week. As soon as that final detail is out of the way the advertisement for bids, which are already prepared, will be released.

Bids will be awarded three weeks after the first ad is placed. Work will be started immediately after the contract is awarded. With ordinary breaks from now on, the job should be under construction before the end of next month, Mr. Carroll told The Post.

Aquatic Spotlight Turns Toward Lake

Thirty Ace Swimmers Are Registered For A. A. U. Events Sunday

By ALAN G. KISTLER

The sports spotlight will swing towards Harvey's Lake on Sunday when crack swimmers from the Middle Atlantic States assemble for the open A. A. U. three-mile championship race, first major aquatic event ever to be held at the resort.

The swim meet will take place at 3:30 Sunday afternoon. A mile-and-one-half course has been laid out between the Picnic Grounds and Sandy Beach by Luzerne County engineers. Contestants will circle the triangle twice to complete the three-mile swim. The important event is being sponsored by the Wyoming Valley Swimming Association and WPA Adult Recreation group.

Over thirty entries have been received from the Middle Atlantic Section of the A. A. U. Among the outstanding competitors for the nine trophies and eight medals at stake are Sylvester Stell of Brighton, N. J., long distance champion of that state; Michael Koster, Washington and Peter Cavanaugh, Philadelphia A. C. star.

Enter Mystery Team

Scranton Swimming Association has entered a mystery team. It has not been ascertained yet whether the boys from the Electric City will wear masks or not, but their coach has sent five entries to "Slats" Obitz, the local club's official, with the request that their names not be divulged until the afternoon of the race.

Herzog, Phillips and Taylor have been mentioned as three of the nators that will probably swim under the Scranton banner, but "Slats" so far just shakes his head wisely when any names are mentioned and keeps silent. Herzog and Phillips were members of the coal region team that took the President's cup last August at Washington and they have been consistent winners in A. A. U. meets this year.

Roe May Be Out

The local boys who will compete for prizes in the men's swim are numerous enough to cause the officials to make up two teams. Elwood Davis, Harvey's Lake hope and member of the five-mile championship team will probably captain one of the local organization's quintets. Charles Stitzer, James Campbell, Andrew M. Tryka and possibly Irving Roe will complete this team. Roe, a resident of Dallas and also a member of the five-mile championship aggregation which won the Lake Ariel race last year with Bob Jackson, Davis and Campbell as his teammates may not compete Sunday as he cannot satisfy himself that he is in proper condition. Roe has reached the age of discretion now, to use his own language, and if he enters the race he can be depended upon to give a good account of himself. If he scratches his own entry it will be a big disappointment to many of his

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Burgess Tops List In Initial Report Of Local Firemen

\$356 Raised Toward \$1,500 Goal; Second Reports Tonight

LAPP ASKS SUPPORT

A little more than \$350 has been raised by Henry M. Laing Fire Co. in its drive to collect \$1,500 to clear off its debts and provide for maintenance. Volunteer solicitors will meet tonight (Friday) in the hose house to make their second report of the campaign.

Burgess Herbert A. Smith, who turned in \$216 at the first meeting, is leading the corps of solicitors. Clyde Lapp, chairman of the drive, is second, with \$117. Art Culver is in third place, Tom Robinson in fourth place and Tim LaBar in fifth place. Many of the solicitors did not report at the first meeting.

"The response to date has been gratifying," Mr. Lapp reported last night, "but we must show an even better spirit if we intend to put this campaign over the top. This is a job for the entire community, not just for the firemen. There is not one person in Dallas who does not benefit by the protection these volunteer firemen give, day and night, throughout the year. This is the only opportunity we have to show our appreciation, and to assure adequate protection from fire during the year."

Wants All Reports

Mr. Lapp urged that persons who have cards but who have not made their contributions yet do so today so a report of their gifts can be made tonight. He asked also that firemen who have reports to make be at tonight's meeting so the committee can receive all reports to date and determine the progress of the drive.

The contributions received follow:

Elmer Parrish, \$2.00; W. F. Newberry, \$1.00; Henry Schultz, \$5.00; First National Bank of Dallas, \$25; C. A. Frantz, \$25; William H. Conyngnam, \$10; R. L. Brickel, \$15; Samuel Chase, \$10; William Powell, \$10; Arthur Turner, \$10; Frank Sgarlet Estate, \$10; Fred Kiefer, \$10; Ewan C. Jones, \$5; Arthur Rainey, \$2; Wilbur H. Manning, \$5; Adam Kiefer, \$5; Joseph Polack, \$2; Mrs. Peter Dohl, \$5; Hugh Murray, \$2; Ed. H. Sheporwich, \$5; Allan Sanford, \$1; Stanley Moore, \$3; Dallas 5c to \$1 Store, \$5; Harold Titman, \$5; Jack Jeter, \$3; Herman Bidwell, \$1; Harold Blewitt, \$2; R. B. MacDermott, \$1; Rebecca Monk, \$2; Carrie Ryman, \$1; Ray Stephens, \$1; Thomas Robinson, \$3; Fred Welsh, \$5; Jack Hislop, \$10; George Ayre, \$5.

Arrows To Be Home For Double-Header

Games With Factoryville On Sunday May Determine Play-Off

Dallas Borough, which has climbed to third place in the Bi-County baseball league, will play a double-header with Factoryville at Espy Field beginning at 1:30 Sunday afternoon.

Although Factoryville is in the cellar position, the game will be important because it will probably decide the local nine's position in the playoffs for the championship next month. After Sunday's double, the Arrows have only two games with Carverton to play before the end of the regular season.

Carverton is leading the league now, with only one defeat against it. Vernon, which defeated Dallas, 7 to 5, a week ago, is in second place and Dallas third, followed by Noxen, Jenks, East Dallas, Beaumont and Factoryville, in that order.

Casper Salansky will be pitcher and Albert Salanski will be catcher for the first game. The battery for the second game probably will be Sutton, pitcher, and Salanski, catcher.

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1938 Fruit Crop To Be Half Of Last Year's Bumper Crop

The 1938 fruit crop in Dallas and its vicinity is expected to be about half of last year's bumper crop, growers estimated this week.

Actually that isn't a discouraging prediction. The 1937 fruit crop, following a year in which frosts had resulted in heavy losses, broke all records and created a surplus which lasted until a few months ago. Usually a bumper year is followed by a less productive one.

And although there will be less fruit, prices will be higher. Last year prices fell sharply when the market was glutted with apples and many farmers took a loss. The possible scarcity this year will peg prices at a fair figure and give farmers a better break.

The quality of this year's fruit will probably be good. Weather has been favorable for quality so far and there has been little loss from disease.

eral Blanton Winship, governor of Puerto Rico, when three assassins fired upon him from a crowd celebrating American occupation of the island. Casualties in the riot following the attack: dead, 2; wounded 31.

STUNT

Impressive was the airplane stunt at a Bogota, Colombia, celebration. Then one of the planes got out of control, crashed into the crowd, killed 34 and injured at least 150. Said War Minister Pumarejo, just before the crash: "The aviators promised no dangerous acrobats."

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Judge Rules Act Requiring School Mergers Not Legal

Rural school districts in this section may be spared the necessity of voting next year on consolidation as a result of a decision handed down this week by a Somerset County judge.

Although the case decided by the judge concerned a different part of the Act than that which affects Noxen, Centermoreland and Monroe Townships, where consolidation is being discussed, the jurist held the entire Act unconstitutional.

The attempt to effect the mergers violated Section 7 and 34 of the State Constitution, the judge said, and "offends against the Constitution forbidding local or special legislation for school districts."

The case probably will be taken before the State Supreme Court now for a decision. If that body declares the Act illegal 22 municipalities in Wyoming County and 25 in Luzerne will not have to vote on consolidation.