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THE POST'S CIVIC PROGRAM

1. A modern concrete highway leading from Dallas and connecting with the Sullivan Trail at Tunkhannock.
2. A greater development of community consciousness among residents of Dallas, Trucksville, Shavertown, and Fernbrook.
3. Centralization of local fire protection.
4. Sanitary sewage systems for local towns.
5. A centralized police force.
6. A consolidated high school eventually, and better co-operation between those that now exist.
7. Complete elimination of politics from local school affairs.
8. Construction of more sidewalks.

EDITORIALS

Wanted: A Streamlined Name

There must be a better way to designate the territory about Dallas than by calling it "The Back Mountain Region", a label which has become so threadbare, and which is so unjust, that it is due to be scrapped.

A hundred years ago, when the towns in Wyoming Valley were scarcely bigger than Dallas is now it may have been excusable to refer to the sparsely-settled territory back of Kingston mountain in such unflattering manner, and probably no one objected. But it is scarcely an apt tag in 1938.

Several years ago we asked readers to submit suggestions for a new name. The best, we thought, came from Gene Lazarus, who proposed "Lake Suburban Region". We used that for some time, but abandoned it under pressure when readers protested that it was wrong to name this section for a lake which was on the fringe, instead of in the middle, of the area. Readers in Trucksville and Shavertown, in particular, objected, asking for a more general designation, not so lop-sided. So we fell again into the habit of calling it "the Back Mountain Region", a label which other newspapers also find too convenient.

There must be a better name, one which will more accurately fit the rich, growing, progressive rural-suburban area about Dallas, one which will summon a mental picture of a sunny residential territory with good roads, fine schools and well-kept lawns, instead of a backwoods community populated by hill-billies. It should retain enough of the old to be recognized immediately, but it should be new enough to crystallize the changing spirit here.

We're open to suggestions. Let's have a sort of town meeting right here in the editorial column and select a short, meaningful name which will present us in a little more modern light to strangers. Give us a good name, and we'll promise to kick out old "Back Mountain Region".

A Better Foreign Policy

Jean Jacques Rousseau, prophet of democracy, said in 1761 that the imperfections of government are due less to their constitutions than to their foreign relations, an observation which might be studied by our own State Department.

After 150 years it might be suspected that this country would have formulated a consistent foreign policy but the confusion existing during the European crisis indicates that we are still without anything that can accurately be called a foreign policy.

Our foreign relations are a strange hodge-podge. On one hand we demand that other nations observe the Monroe Doctrine and limit their activities in our hemisphere; on the other hand we insist upon The Open Door for us in China. We pretend to isolate ourselves from conflicts beyond our borders, yet we have sent our army or navy to fight on other shores five times in the last 150 years. We are again half-in, half-out of a European squabble which we helped to foster by withdrawing from a movement we helped to initiate 20 years ago.

George Washington's ideal of isolation has never worked for us. Upon that evidence, let us resolve now to establish a new policy of intelligent co-operation with the other great nations in an effort to restore order to the world.

Who'll Take The Lead?

It isn't too late for some alert, civic-minded organization to give the youngsters of Dallas a rip-snorting Hallowe'en celebration.

A great many communities—among them our neighbor, Shickshinny—have learned that it is wiser to direct Hallowe'en hilarity into supervised channels than to permit it to run wild. Shickshinny has a Hallowe'en costume parade which has become a community event. It is such an enjoyable affair for adults, as well as for young folks, that it attracts many visitors into town for the occasion.

Providing an opportunity for the youngsters to work off a perfectly understandable excitement would be much more intelligent than punishing them for falling into Hallowe'en temptation which few of us old-timers could resist.

Business Outlook Good

Business news remains good in this country. Stock prices have been going up again, following a series of breaks caused by war scares. The analysts look for continued, gradual improvement for the balance of the year at least.

All industry, with no major exceptions, seems to be improving. Orders are up and inventories down. Basic industries are operating on accelerated production schedules.

So far as anyone knows, the President has no legislative bombshells in mind to present to the next Congress, and this is a highly encouraging factor to business.

Washington Parade

Moth balls and bathing suits are easier for the average person to keep track of than figures.

In the spring a fur coat is put in moth balls and hung in the closet. At the same time the bathing suit is taken from the closet and made ready for use. That is all quite simple.

But it is different with figures. Experts would say statistics. But it matters not. Whichever word is used the problem is the same.

All of which means this. About the time the bathing suit is to be put away for winter, government and private figures became available on what was going on during the summer. It is the same way with the moth ball season.

Recently the Labor Department announced employment figures for August. (The late announcement is no reflection on the department. Nobody can hurry the collection of either private or government figures.) These August figures showed that employment in non-agricultural occupations had increased 320,000. That is far from taking care of the millions unemployed. But the trend is in the right direction at last.

Many economists think this upward trend has developed none too soon. They reason that jobs just must be found. Government spending cannot continue forever. At the close of September the national debt was roughly 38.5 billions of dollars. This is within 6.5 billions of the limit Congress has placed on the national debt.

The legislators have enacted a law prohibiting a public debt in excess of 45 billions. Public opinion is likely to roar against any increase in that amount—say to 80 billion as some propose. All of which makes it more important than ever that voters be sure to know how the candidates they will vote for in November view this situation.

The Nobel Peace Prize will be awarded this year, as usual. The judges may be perplexed. Carefully, at the outset they can eliminate the statesmen of two continents, Europe and Asia. America, however, has a real candidate—that is, of course, if the judges place a broad interpretation upon the rules governing the award.

He is Senator Joseph C. O'Mahoney of Wyoming, Chairman of the National Economic (Monopoly) Study. He is trying to clear up the misunderstandings between government and business. Business men were much pleased with the Senator's statement that he would seek to have representatives of industry invited to sit with the Economic Committee during prospective hearings "so that industry will have first-hand access to every fact we develop."

Congressman Dies, of Texas, who,

as head of a House committee has been developing information about the activity of foreign Isms in the United States, now proposes to organize a League of Americanism. Of the twelve-point program he has outlined for the League, point No. 2 is much talked of today. It is a vital part of the American form of government. Dies sets it forth as follows:

"To oppose every effort to undermine or weaken our system of checks and balances and the maintenance of the three independent departments of the Government."

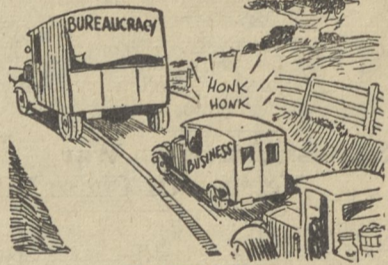
The Texas Legislator should have added these words . . . the Legislative, the Executive and the Judicial. The fundamental difference between the American form of representative government and the dictatorships of Europe lies in these words. No dictator can operate unless he has a rubber stamp legislative body and a controlled judiciary. . . . And the man all other men are looking for is the one who suggested that all husbands should pay their wives a salary of \$1,000.00 a year.

HERE AND THERE . . .

Without a smile, the War Department has lifted its ban against love birds on army transport ships. The ban was placed to stop the spread of parrot fever. . . . The WPA seems to be running out of public buildings and highways and bridges to build. It has set relievers to counting salmon climbing ladders on the Bonneville dam. . . . Press Club definition of the European "peace" treaty: "You take a 'piece' and I'll take a 'piece.'"

ARTHUR JAMES SAYS:

"How can business and enterprise get ahead when big loads of government red tape and bureaucratic



The Road Hog

restriction block the road to Progress? By easing the unconscionable burden of taxes and by ending the constant interference of unfair and unreasonable regulations, we can restore confidence, produce more employment, and place Pennsylvania again in its proper place in the productive life of the nation."

The Mail Bag

Editor:

Is not this time your opportunity? Can you not now change your valued weekly to a valuable daily? Cut out all foolishness and unnecessary news and give us the news of the day as you may be able to get it.

This thought has been in my mind for some little time and after calling on a neighbor yesterday, who said her husband misses the newspapers so much, and they do not get any news of the strike or doings in Wilkes-Barre over the radio, I decided to pass this thought and wish on to you. Nothing could please me more at the present time than to see the Dallas Post come out a clean, independent daily, with no liquor or cigarette ads. I believe it would meet a ready response from the public.

Yours for success,
Lorena G. Swartz

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Editor:

I believe you have violated your custom of giving credit where credit is due by neglecting to pay tribute to the Democratic leaders in this section who have done such a fine job against terrific odds.

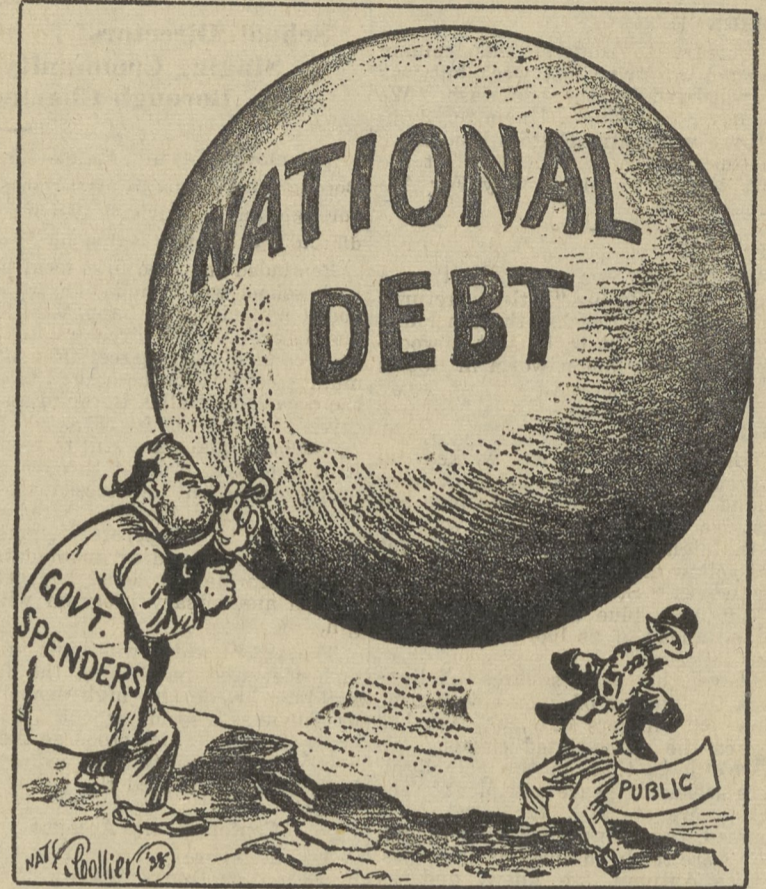
It was not to be expected that the Democratic committeemen would surpass the Republican registration, which has been far in the lead for many years, but I think it is wonderful that the men and women who are following Mr. Roosevelt to a new life have built up such a fine organization in Dallas and its vicinity.

We are still behind, but this election will give us another boost, and I am sure the day will come when Dallas will again be Democratic, as it was when our fathers and grandfathers were staunch supporters of the party of Jefferson.

R. F. D.

Lehman

NEWS ITEM: National Debt Reaches New All Time High, and Still Going Up.



City Symphony

By Edna Blez

I have just finished reading a new book, "Fanny Kemble, A Passionate Victorian". Fanny Kemble was an English actress who came to this country at the height of her career on the English stage. She married a young Philadelphian who not only possessed extensive local holdings but owned great plantations in Georgia as well. The book is really worth reading but it isn't about the book I want to tell you.

Fanny Kemble's husband divorced her and even though he proved to be a very poor husband, and she was quite justified in her attitude, people felt that the failure was hers and the fact that she was divorced put her in a class by herself. I suppose if she had married again things would have been perfectly alright but back in 1838 Fanny Kemble was a social outcast—that is with people who were not her real friends.

As I read the book I became more and more provoked with the narrow-mindedness of Fanny Kemble's generation and I couldn't help but feel that the feeling about the book hasn't changed very much since 1938. It matters very little what the real cause of a divorce might be a divorced woman is as much an outcast today as she was back in the days before the civil war!

You might be amazed at such a statement and want to tell me that I don't know what I am talking about—that we are living in 1938 and people are divorced every day in the week and no one thinks anything about it. But stop and think for a minute. Think of some woman you know who is divorced and hasn't seen fit to marry again. Perhaps she was a member of your particular group of friends before she was divorced. Do you still include her in your gatherings and parties? Is she invited to dinner when the rest of the group is invited? Do you include her as much as you used to when she came with her husband?

After a woman is divorced there isn't the same place for her in the community. She isn't in the inner circle any longer! She is more or less on the outside looking in. She has become a woman on her own again. She is a woman without a husband and to most women a woman without a husband is an object of pity or perhaps she is to be feared!

This is 1938, but a divorced woman is not very much different than she was when Fanny Kemble had her battle to fight. Women can be very cruel and it might not be intentional but a divorced woman is soon put in

her place! A woman who has lost her husband—good or bad though he might be—is an object of pity. To many small minds a husband is a passport to success and a divorce is an admission of defeat—a defeat which must be paid for in more ways than one. A divorced woman is made to feel that she must be publicly spanked for making a failure of her marriage. Does anyone publicly spank the husband?

Fanny Kemble several generations ago was faced with the same difficult problems so many women find facing them today. But Fanny Kemble was a courageous woman and cared little about the pettishness and cruelty of other women. But there are many women today who find themselves suddenly alone in a strangely changed world. I suppose we really aren't as modern as we think we are nor as broadminded as we give ourselves credit for. Divorce today is just as difficult as it was for a lovely lady back in 1838 who managed to live quite successfully to the ripe old age of eighty-three without a husband!

THE LOW DOWN FROM HICKORY GROVE.

You will need to get up early if you plan on getting ahead of those goober-grabbers and sand-hillers down yonder around Atlanta and in Carolina, etc. But if you have been lucky enough to know some of these people, I do not need to tell you anything more about them.

But for folks who have not been south and kinda have an idea that they are maybe a little slow down they are barking up the wrong tree.

What I got in mind is how they been taking the bit in their teeth, and figuring out for their ownself what they want or don't want—and then they vote.

And if you have been sorta scared the country is going to pot you can toke one squint southward—and relax.

And if Wash. has been hounding you town to do this or that, like building more swimming pools or power houses, or something which you do not need any more than a cat needs a coupla tails, you do not have to shiver and shake and be scared stiff any more.

Cotton Ed and Mr. George, they have clarified the air.

Yours, with the low down,
JO SERRA