

POST SCRIPTS

ODDS AND ENDS OF THE WEEK

DOUBT

A poetic lady who isn't sure that we always tell the truth verifies our statement of week before last that the Kunkle Road, despite its tar surface, looks like an ivory ribbon in the moonlight, but she thinks maybe there is no one named Joe Elicker and that we were just making something up when we reported last week that he objected to our "ivory ribbon" simile. "Did a real man really pick you up on that," she queries, naively, "or is this some more of your cleverness?" Blushing profusely, we confess that Mr. Elicker, no figment of our imagination, is real, lives on Pioneer Avenue and is advertising manager for the Comerford Theatre Corp. If we tried, though, we could, no doubt, invent someone, if it would get us another letter.

GHOST

All things really do come to those who wait and now we've met a gentleman who saw a ghost. He is Mr. Irving Renbar, a printer who has just departed for home after working for The Post for several weeks, and he chose one night when we were both working late to relate his spectral adventure to us.

"I was vacationing in the Adirondacks," began Mr. Renbar, with no warning, "and had gone to bed early I awoke out of a sound sleep and saw someone entering the door. At first I thought it was a woman in a nightgown but then I saw it more plainly and knew it was a man. Aha, I thought, a sleepwalker. So I waited until he was near the bed and I put out my hand to wake him. So my hand went right through him."

"You mean your hand went right through him?" we asked, wondering if we'd heard correctly.

"Sure," said Mr. Renbar, cheerily. "What was it?" we asked, fearing the worst.

"An apparition," Mr. Renbar declared.

"You mean you really believe you saw a ghost?" we queried, double checking.

"I mean I really know I saw a ghost," Mr. Renbar informed us. "It walked around a little while and then it went over by the window and sat down, with its chin on its fist, sort of thinking. Funny, but I didn't feel scared. Just laid there and watched it and finally it disappeared."

And he wasn't kidding, either. He knows he saw a ghost and he was so earnest we didn't prolong the conversation. We just closed up the desk and went home, walking in the middle of the road and listening fearfully to the whisper of the leaves falling from the gaunt trees as we passed.

LEG

We often wonder what ever became of our mastodon leg. An item in The Times the other day, reporting the discovery of a big bone in New York state, reminded us of the great occasion when we added an ancient femur to the paleontologic bone-pile.

Newspaper offices become hardened to crazy reports so there was scarcely a flutter in the one we were working in when someone called and reported the uncovering of a prehistoric bone at Pennsylvania Avenue and North Street. The boss made a brief note and forgot it until he saw us lifting our feet up on the desk for a short period of reflection. We drew the assignment.

It was early evening when we waded through the ooze of a cellar excavation to the watchman's tiny shanty. "I understand you dug up a big bone around here today," we said, by way of arousing the vigilant old character who was draped over a rickety chair beside the doorway. Up to this point we were expecting nothing, but when the watchman unfolded and, kicking the door open, disclosed a really gargantuan bone we swallowed hard. It looked like a story, a big story.

That bone was at least three feet high and about six inches thick. Obviously, it came from something

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4-H CLUBS FROM CARVERTON WILL BROADCAST SATURDAY AFTERNOON

The 4-H Club of Carverton, sponsored by Wilkes-Barre Kiwanis Club, will broadcast from 12:45 to 1 on Saturday over Station WBRE during the daily Farm and Home Program. A similar group from Wyoming County will broadcast immediately after the local club.

The broadcasts will take a half hour of the daily program of the Department of Agriculture in conjunction with the National Broadcasting Company. The broadcast will begin from Washington and will later be switched

JUDGE JAMES HOMEWARD BOUND AS EXCITING CAMPAIGN NEARS END

SCENE AT NEW \$183,470 STATE PARK NEAR DALLAS



This waterfall, one of 33 which mark the course of Kitchen Creek, is typical of the scenic beauty which will be preserved by the State Department of Forests and Waters, which this week acquired 13,105 acres along the stream for a State Park. The park is 15 miles west of Dallas.

State Buys 13,000 Acres For Kitchen Creek Park

PAYS \$183,470 FOR BIG TRACT NEAR HERE

(Special To The Post)

Harrisburg, November 3—Secretary James F. Bogardus of the Department of Forests and Waters announced today that the State has purchased 13,105 acres of woodland at Rickett's Glen, 15 miles west of Dallas, preparatory to establishing a recreational area along the beautiful Kitchen Creek watershed.

The price was \$14 an acre, a total of \$183,470. The area covers part of Sullivan, Wyoming, Columbia and Luzerne counties and contains waterfalls, gorges, lakes and about 1,000 acres of virgin timber. Secretary Bogardus said the land would be important to flood control work.

Several years ago the Federal government spent \$14,000 on its survey in the Kitchen Creek watershed and then abandoned its plans. Since then a number of groups in this section of the state, notably Wyoming Valley Motor Club, have urged either the State or the Federal government to develop the area.

Secretary Bogardus said today the acquisition of Rickett's Glen to the State's outdoor areas is one of the most important steps taken in the past fifty years.

"It will not only give healthful outdoor recreation to Pennsylvanians," he said, "but will also attract hundreds of thousands of out-of-state visitors each year to Northeastern Pennsylvania, increasing the tourist trade a hundred-fold."

Park Is On Good Road

Kitchen's Creek crosses the recently improved main highway between Huntsville and Benton at a point east of Red Rock. A good part of the acreage to be acquired by the State is leased now by the North Mountain Club, which has maintained the picturesque walks and the parking space beside the road.

Colonel Rickett, a member of a famous Luzerne County family and a

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Democrats In Lead After Vote 'Purge'

GOP Hit Hardest As List Is Reviewed By Board

The purge of Luzerne County's registration list—which began with the removal of about 8,000 names last week—took on a new complexion this week as Democrats took legal steps to protect their registration lead in the county.

As a result of William A. O'Connor's appeal to the court en banc last Friday, the names purged were reduced this week from the 8,000 originally estimated to about 5,000, more than 3,000 of whom are Republicans. The Democratic party will, therefore, go into next Tuesday's election with a lead estimated yesterday at 9,500.

A review of the "purged" names this week by the Registration Board, with Attorney O'Connor and Attorney Charles B. Lenahan present to represent the Democratic County Committee, resulted in about 3,000 of the names being replaced in the files.

The continued study of the questioned cards also produced several cases which will result in prosecution against WPA foremen who are alleged to have induced boys under age to register as Democrats. Attorney Lawrence R. Coughlin, county solicitor, said. Bench warrants are expected to be issued in these cases.

Slightly more than 5,000 of the 8,000 or so names questioned were "purged" by unanimous agreement. Of that number 3,283 were Republicans and 1,984 were Democrats, an unexpected result in view of predictions that the "purge" would cut Democratic strength considerably. Actually, there were about 2,000 more Republicans than Democrats purged.

The names wiped from the list were

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Post Will Have 'Open House' Election Night For Readers

The news-gathering facilities of The Post, expanded for the occasion, will be working at top speed next Tuesday night to keep the people of this section informed of the results of Pennsylvania's exciting General Election.

Visitors will be welcome all evening to receive at first-hand the stream of election news which will be pouring into the offices of The Post. There will be refreshments to prevent monotony during lulls in returns.

For those who will not be able to drop in on us personally, there will be extra telephone lines to assure prompt service and alert operators to answer questions quickly and completely. This service will be available to anyone telephoning Dallas 300.

The returns will be compiled and condensed for publication in next week's Post, which will carry a complete review of the Pennsylvania election.

All adults will be welcome to The Post's "Open House" on Election Night. Officials at local polling places and others having returns are requested to co-operate by phoning them to The Post.

20,000 Expected At Home-coming Rally

Plymouth Jurist Winds Up Campaign So He Can Report To Old Friends And Neighbors In Rally At Kingston Armory; State Awaits His Last Public Address

TORCHLIGHT PARADE WILL PRECEDE RALLY

Back from the political wars, Luzerne County's own candidate for the Governorship of Pennsylvania, Judge Arthur H. James of Plymouth, will come home tomorrow to a rousing welcome which is expected to surpass any political demonstration in the history of Luzerne County.

An estimated 20,000 persons will jam the 109th F. A. Armory in Kingston Saturday night to welcome the Republican standard-bearer and listen to his last public address before the General Election. As he did just before his landslide victory in the Primaries, Judge James will review the historic campaign for his neighbors.

Judge James, who may be Luzerne County's first Governor in 60 years, will come home a 10 to 7 favorite to win. Like a star football player who is the principal target for the opposing team's attack, he has been subjected in the last two weeks to more "mud-slinging" than he encountered in any of his previous campaigns. Democratic leaders freely predict his defeat as a result of such attacks. Perhaps they have been effective. But seasoned political observers can not forget that in every one of his four political victories Judge James has astounded careful statisticians by his "surprise" vote.

In the last two months Judge James has given the State one of its most colorful campaigns. He has addressed audiences totaling in the hundreds of thousands, he has visited cities and villages throughout the State, he has stepped to the microphone time and again. His bid for the Governorship has brought him national publicity. He is tired, but he is drawing upon a seemingly boundless reserve of energy to bring his campaign to a smashing climax.

Bond Issue Before Voters On Tuesday

Fate Of \$15,000 Addition To School Rests With Electorate

The only municipality in this section which will have a purely local issue in next Tuesday's election will be Dallas Township, where the electors will decide whether the school district shall float a \$15,000 bond issue to finance an addition to the high school.

On voting machines in the township will appear this public question: "Shall the indebtedness of the School District of the Township of Dallas be increased in the amount of fifteen thousand dollars for purpose of enlarging the present high school building by adding a new second story to the addition erected in 1936?"

If township citizens approve the bond issue, the contemplated school construction in the Back Mountain section will reach a total well over a quarter of a million dollars.

The present indebtedness of Dallas Township school district is \$55,000, which includes an issue of \$20,000 worth of bonds floated this year. The proposed \$15,000 issue is equivalent to about 1.4 per cent of the last assessed valuation of township property.

If the addition to the high school is authorized the 40-year-old Goss school, which has been a target for criticism, will be abandoned and pupils will be moved into the main building.

Missionary Society Has Birthday Party

The Youn Women's Missionary Society of Dallas M. E. Church held its 17th birthday party last Tuesday in the church, with 75 attending. Mrs. Russell J. May of Shavertown spoke.

BOX SOCIAL

The Men's Class of Huntsville M. E. Church will sponsor a box social on Friday night at the church.

HEAVY BETTING MARKS GENERAL ELECTION; JAMES IS FAVORITE

..Evidence of the intense excitement over Pennsylvania's General Election, untold hundreds of thousands of dollars have been bet on the outcome of next Tuesday's balloting.

Best odds of the week were two bets reported at 3 to 2 on James' election. Democratic adherents insist odds will tighten in the closing days and as proof of their prediction several bets were reported at even odds.

One of the biggest bets was one covered by a group of prominent Luzerne County men after Philadelphia

interests had sent money here to be wagered on Judge James' chances 10 to 7 odds. It is said \$20,400 worth of wagers were covered by the local syndicate.

So important a part of the election is the betting that a representative of the firm of Robert Green & Co., Wall Street, New York, made a special trip through Luzerne County on Tuesday and was reported to have covered bets totalling \$25,000 in Wilkes-Barre and Scranton.

Last Public Address

He will make a broadcast from Philadelphia on election eve, but his speech at the Kingston Armory tomorrow night will be his last public address.

The rally will be preceded by an old-fashioned torchlight political parade, complete with blaring bands. Doors at the armory will be open at 7:30 and the program will begin at 8:30, with opening remarks by "Little Bill" Phillips, Republican radio commentator. After invocation by Rev. George G. Summerson, Col. B. F. Evans will introduce J. Henry Pool, Luzerne County Republican chairman, who will introduce candidates who are on the slate with Judge James.

Parade headquarters: South River and West South Streets.

Officials: J. Henry Pool, county chairman, chief marshal; Col. B. F. Evans, chief of staff; William B. Healey and Frank Slattery, Jr., aides to marshal.

First Division: To form on West South Street and West River Street, with head of column at West South Street and on South River Street. This division will be headed by an escort of Wilkes-Barre policemen, the colors, the grand marshal and his staff, and will be followed by the candidates and their parties, a band, women's organizations, veteran's organizations, fraternal organizations and young men's organizations.

Second Division: To comprise voters from the First Legislative District and to form on West River Street with head of column at South River Street.

Third Division: Second Legislative District voters, to form on Riverside Drive, with head of column at West River Street.

Fourth Division: Third Legislative District; to form on Riverside Drive with head of column at West River Street at rear of third division.

Fifth Division: The Fourth Legislative District. This group will form on Old River Road with head of column at West River Street, at the rear of the fourth division. The motor di-

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