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POST SCRIPTS

ODDS AND ENDS OF THE WEEK

BANNER

And any time now they can take down the "Arthur James For Governor" banner which is still waving proudly above Main Street. Judge James, in case someone missed the news, was elected on November 8.

SIMILE

Patrolman Fred Swanson at Harvey's Lake describes the devilishness of Squire Ralph Davis's newly-captured wildcat by explaining that it is "as mean as a Nazi."

AMERICA

In Plymouth, Mass., where the first Thanksgiving was held 317 years ago, Rev. Carl Knudsen, pastor of the Church of the Pilgrimage, has made his answer to anti-semitism in Germany by inviting Rabbi Samuel F. Friedman of Beth Jacob Synagogue to preach at the union service of the Plymouth Council of Churches.

REASON

A prominent Democrat who is displaying praiseworthy sportsmanship following his defeat on Nov. 8 is of the opinion that no one was more surprised on Wednesday morning, November 9, than the State Democratic candidates.

"I would have bet my life that we were going to be elected," he told a friend. "We promised more, we had a better chance than ever of fulfilling our promises, there was more enthusiasm at the parades and the rallies and we talked to bigger crowds than ever before." He sighed. "I've just realized that all during the campaign I was making speeches to WPA workers."

SINGERS

We propose that the Rotary Club give a public concert this winter under the direction of their genial accompanist and song leader, the intangible "Hiney" Kleinkauf. The Rotarians preface their meetings on Thursday evening with that lusty brand of musical (?) expression which is an inevitable part of any luncheon-club program. The local Rotary Club does itself especially proud, as you can easily prove by dropping into the Tally Ho any Thursday night about 6:30. We are unable to identify the talented vocalists whose voices soar above their brethren, adding their own improvements to the composer's score, but we could never mistake "Hiney's" reverberating bass chords on the piano. As one of the reportorial brotherhood we used to attend quite a few banquets and we never discovered anyone who could compete with "Hiney" for transforming a group of staid and dignified business men into a bunch of hysterical yodelers. We recommend that you get a load of "Hiney" and his Rotary grand opera.

HUNTER

Once a year we go hunting. We get a license and sew it carefully on the back of our old leather coat. We unearth our gun, wipe off the grease, shine it up, aim it about the room a few times and listen critically to the smooth click of the trigger. We take our dog out in the back yard and give him a few test commands. We fill our pockets with shells and then we go out in the woods. We have never shot anything on any of these annual excursions.

Actually, the kill is a very minor part of the ritual of hunting now. No one can convince us that this army of hunters which pours into the woods each November goes solely for the excitement of blasting the life out of some sad-eyed deer or comic-looking rabbit. You can't kid us. We've seen them, sitting around a fireplace in their stocking-feet, puffing at an odoriferous pipe and matching tall tales. That's the best part of hunting.

We're satisfied if we don't shoot the gun. There's a kick in just the feel of (Continued on Page 8)

POST PUBLISHES ONE DAY EARLY IN ORDER TO OBSERVE HOLIDAY

The Post was printed on Wednesday afternoon this week, one day earlier than usual, in order to observe Thanksgiving Day. As usual, it carries a Friday date-line and is being distributed to subscribers and customers on Friday.

As a result of the change in publication day, The Post does not carry late news, such as the result of the Kingston Township-Lehman Township championship football game. That news will be reported in next week's issue.

Governor-Elect James Meets Retiring Governor of Texas



Allred Preparing To Become Judge As James Prepares To Resign From Bench

Judge Arthur H. James of Plymouth and Gov. James V. Allred of Austin, Tex., met this week and had a lot in common.

Both ran for Governor this year. Judge James, a Republican, was elected. Governor Allred, a Democrat, was defeated.

On January 17, James will step out as Judge of the Pennsylvania Superior Court. On the same date Allred will become an ex-governor and will move into a Federal judgeship.

James and Col. Carl Estes, his host, who opposed Allred in the Texas primaries, visited the Governor at Austin, stopped at Loredo and Dallas and then expected to go to "some place on the Mexican border." Judge James probably will return home next week.

He will bring with him a white racoon which he will present to the Philadelphia zoo. He captured the 'coon while at Colonel Estes' estate at Mineola, Texas.

In telephone calls to his family in Plymouth, Judge James reported he is enjoying thoroughly his rest after the strain of campaigning. He has been fishing, gunning and boating, he said, and has had a warm welcome from everyone he met.

Although foregoing official business until he returns, Judge James sent back to Pennsylvania a telegram assuring WPA workers that they need expect no political reprisals as a result of the Republican victory on November 8.

Gang War Turns Out To Be Just A 'Skimmelton'

Bursts of gun fire and the eerie wail of a siren tumbled Dallas out of a sound sleep about midnight Monday. Lights went on and windows went up along Main Street. It was, sleepy-eyed citizens supposed, either another Martian invasion or the end of the world.

In reality, however, all the sound effects were merely a boisterous "skimmelton" at the Center Hill Road home of Add Woolbert, Jr., and his new bride. An old Pennsylvania Dutch custom, the "skimmelton" is becoming common around Dallas, and this one was about the liveliest of the year.

Called out to extinguish a mysterious blaze in the Woolbert yard, the fire truck added much to the general hue and cry. About fifty friends and well-wishers of the newlyweds gave a boisterous salute, with all kinds of noise makers, taking time off for refreshments in the Woolbert parlor.

Dynamite was set off, bottoms were pounded out of tin pans, and a live skunk, through the courtesy of Dean Ida, took his bow before the festive group.

Republicans Plan A Victory Dinner

A Victory Dinner will be held in the Kunkle Community Hall on December 13 by the Fernbrook "James for Governor" Club. The Ladies Aid of the Glen View P. M. Church and East Dallas M. E. Church will prepare the meal and the proceeds will be turned over to both organizations. The public is invited.

REVIVAL MEETINGS

The old-fashioned revival services will continue at the Trucksville Free Methodist Church each evening at 7:30 except Saturday.

Guild And Dailies Still Deadlocked

Strikers Report Progress In Conference With Independent

The American Newspaper Guild, which yesterday passed the 55th day of its strike against four Wilkes-Barre newspapers, reported headway in its negotiations with the Sunday Independent.

Meanwhile, the three daily newspapers refuse to negotiate until the question of "jurisdictional rights" has been settled. Representatives of the three newspapers, the Guild and the American Federation of Office Workers, met in Philadelphia last Friday in an effort to determine which union has the right to represent business and advertising office employees but no decision was announced.

A spokesman for the National Relations Board said it will take six months to solve the "jurisdictional rights" problem unless strikers and publishers come to some agreement themselves.

Inquest In Death Of Seven Awaited

To Fix Blame For Tragedy Which Took Lives Of Crippled Boys

The responsibility for the death of seven crippled boys and an automobile driver who drowned when their car fell in a mine cave-in in Wilkes-Barre Township last Saturday morning will be fixed at an inquest to be held by Dr. I. C. Morgan, county coroner, next week—probably on Thursday.

The inquest, originally scheduled for last Tuesday night, was postponed to permit Dr. Morgan's staff to accumulate more evidence and complete its search for witnesses. Several eye-witnesses have been discovered, Dr. Morgan said. He has not decided where the inquest will be held.

Wilkes-Barre Township officials, who had a low barrier of ashes thrown up about the hole after it caved in last March, and Glen Alden Coal Co., which owns workings beneath the cave-in, emphatically have denied responsibility for the tragedy, which occurred when Willard McIntosh, 22, Wilkes-Barre, chauffeur for Wyoming Valley Crippled Children's Association, drove too close to the edge of the water-filled hole.

Heavy rains had undermined the surface about the cave-in and McIntosh's car, carrying seven crippled boys to treatment at Kirby Health Center, slid into the water with the soft earth. The twisted automobile, with its mud-soaked bodies, was pulled from the water after about four hours grappling by a Jersey Central Railroad crane.

Drive Ends Short of Quota But Federation Is Pleased

Termed a "splendid showing" by Chairman E. B. Mulligan, Jr., the annual Welfare Federation drive for funds was closed Tuesday night with total contributions amounting to \$310,117. That is less than \$50,000 short of the goal and Federation officials are pleased with the results in consideration of the unfavorable conditions under which the campaign was conducted.

"In spite of the lack of the usual publicity and the inability of a number of groups to contribute their usual amount, the drive has run only 8 percent behind that of last year," said Seward C. Simons, Federation director. "Although the drive is officially ended, more contributions are expected which should swell the fund considerably within the next few weeks."

The best showing was made by solicitors in the West Side municipalities, a district including Dallas and the surrounding territory. Under the direction of Mrs. G. Guthrie Marvin, 96.5 per cent of the West Side quota was reached.

During the past two weeks, the Dallas district team, working under Mrs.

Local Leaders See Improved Business With Inauguration

Expect Upswing To Be Aided By Policies Of James' Administration

FEELING OPTIMISTIC

With industrial recovery gaining ground in many sections of the state, an optimistic outlook was expressed this week by a number of local businessmen and a Chamber of Commerce official.

A slow but stable rise in business conditions is generally predicted because of the belief that the new Republican Administration will provide a sound base for commercial and industrial improvement. Favorable legislation and more equitable taxation will give business here impetus towards recovery, local businessmen believe.

"There must be some basis for a definite business increase," said Fred Eck, attache of the First National Bank of Dallas. "The sudden spurge of last year was due very largely to optimism alone. When the enthusiasm of the businessmen petered out, the market fell and the bottom dropped out of the boom."

Sees Substantial Gain

"We are coming out of the recession gradually. The results of the election affected the market considerably for a short time, but the real rise is coming slowly as confidence picks up. I believe a slow but substantial gain will be built."

T. M. B. Hicks, Jr., Industrial Commissioner of Wilkes-Barre-Wyoming Valley Chamber of Commerce, said recovery will be reflected by the corporations and bigger business units.

"Possessing confidence in the new administration and feeling encouraged that there will be a return to conservative government, corporations will invest more and expand more. Corporate tax growth caused a certain amount of migration. If the administration modifies taxation and modifies restrictive legislation, it will hold several industries in Pennsylvania and encourage several others to come in."

New Industries Coming

Several important industrial deals in the Wyoming Valley were delayed until the results of the election were learned, and are now coming to a head. The new industries coming to this section in view of the new administration will offer more industrial employment and cut down the relief situation.

"Business men, however, are likely to expect too much from the James administration. A great deal of government expenses are necessary things, such as relief, and those necessities will not disappear over night. More equitable taxation may be brought about, but it will be difficult to cut down on the taxation totals."

"Business men of Pennsylvania have a right to expect sound and constructive government from James, but not miracles."

"I don't know how much of an increase in business the new year will see, but I do know that we all are feeling better about it," said John Williams, proprietor of the Dallas 5 and 10 cent store. "Business will pick (Continued on Page 8)

Consumers Join To Demand Better Water Service; Council Announces Special Meeting To Hear Protests

Decisive Action Expected To Assure Better Service To Consumers In Hill Sections Of Town; School Suspended On Monday For Lack Of Water

ANGRY CITIZENS CALL FOR PROMPT ACTION

A serious shortage of water in the hill section of Dallas—coming on the heels of frequent interruptions of service in the last few months—provoked consumers to join this week in a vigorous demand for official action to end—once and for all—the problem of an adequate supply of water for Dallas Borough.

As a result of widespread complaints, Dallas Borough Council called a special meeting for tonight (Friday) in the borough building to hear protests and decide what action can be taken to assure satisfactory service for consumers.

COUNCIL IS EXPECTED TO ELECT NEW CHIEF AT MEETING TONIGHT

Aside from its announced intention of taking some action to relieve the serious water shortage in Dallas, Dallas Borough Council is expected to name a new chief of police tonight.

The position has been vacant since the death of Chief Leonard O'Kane about a month ago. A flood of applications have been filed with the councilmen.

Chief O'Kane also was high candidate in Dallas Borough and some action will have to be taken to elect a successor to that office.

Outcome In County Rests With Court

James Will Win If Judges Uphold Commissioners' Action

An appeal to the court en banc to prevent Luzerne County Commissioners from ruling out the entire vote from two districts will be made by Attorney Daniel Flood, representing the Democratic County Committee this (Friday) morning.

The voting precincts involved are the 13th Ward, Second District, of Wilkes-Barre and the 14th Ward, First District of Hazleton, where fraud has been charged. Upon the court's decision rests the outcome of the election in Luzerne County.

With the two districts included in the returns, Judge James loses his home county. But if the court upholds the Board of Elections in dismissing the vote, Judge James will win in the county. Both districts involved went heavily for Charles Alvin Jones, Democratic candidate for Governor.

The Commissioners have requested District Attorney Leon Schwartz to bring criminal prosecution against election officials in the two precincts.

Two Local Men Plan Visit Along Rio Grande

William Higgins of Dallas and H. E. Freeman, Luzerne jeweler, are planning a ten-day visit to the King Ranch in the Rio Grande Valley of Texas. Both men plan to renew acquaintances they made at the King Ranch when they visited in Texas in 1934. They will leave for Texas soon after the first of the year.

William Powell, 66, Dies At Hunlocks

Was Driver Boss For Glen Alden Coal Co. For 27 Years

William Powell, 66, died at the home of his sister, Mrs. Charles Kirby, Hunlock Creek, Tuesday night of pneumonia. The funeral will be held from the Kirby home at 2 Saturday, with Rev. Mr. Snyder, pastor of Roaring Brook Baptist Church, officiating.

Mr. Powell lived in Edwardsville until about 14 years ago when he moved to the home of his sister. He was a driver boss and captain of the First Aid team of Glen Alden Coal Co., for 27 years. He had been scoutmaster of the Edwardsville troop of Boy Scouts and was active in affairs of the I. O. O. F., the Jr. O. U. A. M. and the P. O. S. of A. of Plymouth. He was a man of high character and was held in great esteem. Surviving are a sister, Mrs. Charles Kirby, and Thomas Powell of Nanticoke.

Criticism of the service to consumers in the higher sections of town has been mounting for some months. Last summer a group from the Parrish Heights section filed a protest with the Public Utility Commission and an investigator came here and interviewed some consumers. The complaint is still hanging fire.

Service was interrupted over a wide area last Sunday when a pump at Hay's Corners broke down. Workmen repaired that promptly but on Monday a main broke and service was interrupted again. The break was discovered and repaired Monday afternoon. On Tuesday morning full service was restored but the unusual demand, after the two-day scarcity, taxed the capacity of pumps and reserve supplies. The situation was much improved by Tuesday evening.

Flood Of Complaints

The officers of the water company were deluged with complaints. Many persons called The Post, which took an active part in the campaign for improvements four years ago, and urged this newspaper to demand decisive action.

One man who has a well on his property but who leases it to the utility was without water. Another irate citizen complained that he had company for dinner and his wife was unable to get enough water to cook the vegetables. Housewives were irate because they had to postpone their Monday morning washing.

When the service was interrupted on Monday classes were suspended at Dallas High School. It was the third suspension because of lack of water in the last two months.

At the last meeting of the school board the directors authorized John T. Jeter, a member of the board, to determine the cost of sinking a well at the school to supply water independently of the local water company.

Problem 40 Years Old

W. C. Shepherd, building counselor, was among the most vigorous complainants. "We've been living with his problem for more than 40 years," he said. "I rented a home here in 1896 and there was trouble about an adequate supply of water then. I built a home in 1905 and we were still talking about improving the situation. Always we have ended right where we started. I think if we work together and seriously on this problem we can solve it permanently right now."

"We've been very fair in this matter," said Peter Clark, councilman. "We've gone along with the company every time we could and given them every encouragement we knew. Now the situation is so bad we cannot ignore its seriousness. We must find a way to give the people of Dallas an adequate water supply."

What steps will be taken remains a matter of conjecture until tonight. It is likely a new complaint will be filed with the Public Utility Commission, together with a request for prompt action to assure immediate relief.

In 1935, when inadequate service provoked a complaint similar to this week's the Public Utility Commission heard testimony from local consumers and as a result ordered the water company to carry out a five-point improvement program, including the construction of a 70,000-gallon standpipe on the Machell Avenue Hill.

Promised Adequate Service

Later the company filed a request for increased rates with the Public Utility Commission and when Dallas Business Men's Association protested that the rates were exorbitant the company compromised on a lower rate of increase. At that time the Business Men's Association was given assurance that the new rates would guarantee adequate service to all parts of Dallas.

A few months ago, when complaints mounted, the company added two sections to the tank on Davenport Street and made several other improvements.

The suggestion that the water company be purchased by a local group or by the borough was heard frequently this week. Municipal ownership has been suggested several times in the past but has never been considered very seriously.