

POST SCRIPTS

ODDS AND ENDS OF THE WEEK

FAIR

A steady stream of glamorous publicity from Mr. Whalen's New York World's Fair 1939 is pouring across our desk these days. Up to now, we thought the peak in superlatives had been achieved by the gentlemen who write the moving picture previews, but we know now that they have met their masters. Mr. Whalen's gifted writers fling star-spangled phrases about with such giddy abandon that we think they, and not the cold in our head, are responsible for this dizziness we've been noticing lately.

We expect, of course, to go to the World's Fair. After the selling job Mr. Whalen's advertising department has been doing on us, nothing could keep us from it. We know we shall come home a changed man. No ordinary person, like us, can ride "magic carpets," step from a "South Sea island village" into "Merrie England" and gaze upon the other phenomena in Mr. Whalen's bag and be the same afterward.

There are, according to the latest multi-colored folder to reach us, a million things to see at the fair. We have neither the physique nor the inclination to see all of them, but we have been making mental notes of the things we must be sure to see. Tops on our list is something called "The Lagoon of the Nations," which (referring to our folder) "runs the gamut of human emotions . . . from hissing fury to a dream of loveliness." We gather that this is some sort of a fountain, but besides water, which is enough for most fountains, this one also has fire, color and sound. "Pillars of water rise high in the air . . . flames dart from unseen sources . . . fireworks burst high above in resplendent glory . . . vari-colored lights play upon the every-changing cloud forms which float over this scene." We might like that, or, on second thought, it might just scare hell out of us.

Some things about the fair we shall, frankly, ignore. There are things we can't swallow, even for Mr. Whalen. We shall not go a step to see his "largest sundial every built by man" because we can't see any connection between it and "The World of Tomorrow". True, it's big, but so is Keeler Mountain. Our rickety old alarm clock, a relic of The World of Yesterday, has just as many minutes to the hour and is probably a good deal more accurate. When Mr. Whalen finds a way to get longer hours, then we'll go to see it.

We admire Mr. Whalen's fair greatly, though, and we'll go to see it, maybe more than once. And when we come back we're going to try to interest Epy McCoy in a similar project, the theme center of which will be called "In Reverse to the world of yesterday". We're going to try to sign up Hitler and Mussolini. It will be colossal.

EFFECTIVE

The talk at the Tally Ho the other evening turned to divorce. Someone mentioned that the cost of a divorce suit usually runs from \$225 up. "That's awfully expensive, isn't it?" said one Sweet Young Thing. "Yes," chimed in Bill, from behind the counter "especially when you can get the same results with 15c worth of strychnine!"

EXCHANGE

We are grateful to W. A. Fry, proprietor and publisher of The Dunnville (Ontario) Chronicle for a recent copy of his interesting weekly. We enjoyed especially "Old Bill's Column", which occupies in The Chronicle a spot similar to this column in The Post. Mr. Fry will not mind, we think, if we lift this from his column: If an S and an I and an O and a U With an X at the end spell Sue, And an E and a Y and an E spell I, (Continued on Page 4)

Commission To Act Soon On Complaint Of Local Consumers

Disque Receives Assurance Petition Is Receiving Attention

MAY HAVE HEARINGS

The complaint of 60 consumers of Dallas Water Co. who asked the Public Utility Commission at Harrisburg last November for an investigation of local conditions in an effort to improve water service in Dallas is expected to receive action within the next few days.

Because of the change of Administration at Harrisburg, and the resultant changes in the Commission's personnel, response to the complaint has been delayed. Engineers from the P. U. C. visited here shortly after the complaint was filed but no formal action has been taken upon their recommendations.

Henry J. Disque of Dallas, who led a successful campaign for better service four years ago and who is again advising consumers, said yesterday he had talked with an attaché of the Public Utility Commission early this week.

Whether the Commission will schedule a hearing on the complaint is a matter of conjecture. Mr. Disque is hopeful of solving the problem without resort to testimony, but if a hearing is held a number of persons are ready to testify. Dallas Borough Council, which has a petition to present to the P. U. C., has agreed to support the consumers in their action.

Churches Attend Conference Here

Free Methodists Holding District Meeting At Trucksville

A four-day district meeting of 10 Free Methodist circuits of Northeastern Pennsylvania began last night at Trucksville, Pa. M. Church, with Rev. A. K. Lindsay, district elder, in charge. The meeting will continue today and tomorrow and will end on Sunday night.

A Sunday School Institute will be held tomorrow (Saturday) afternoon at 2, with Rev. T. M. Holcomb as chairman. Among the speakers will be O. J. Barnes, F. F. Shoup, Mrs. Worthy Jayne, Justine Williams and Marjorie Sweppenheiser.

Services will be held today at 10, 2:30 and 7:45. The quarterly conference, a business meeting, will be at 9 a. m. tomorrow. Other meetings will be public, including the missionary service at 7:45 tomorrow night, Sunday school at 9:30 a. m. Sunday, and services at 10:30, 2:30, 7 and 7:45 Sunday.

Chamberlain Explains Bogus Bill Detection

A counterfeit five-dollar bill provided a basis for a talk on the detection of fraud in banking, given before the office practice class of Dallas Borough High by Floyd W. Chamberlain of Goss Manor Wednesday morning.

Mr. Chamberlain, representative of the Wyoming National Bank of Wilkes-Barre, also spoke on various phases in banking of general interest, such as clearing houses, money orders, checks, etc.

Part of the public educational program of the customers' relationship class of Wyoming National Bank, the services that banks offer, and the general need for such services.

REPUBLICAN CLUB

The Republican Club of the Northwest District of Kingston Township met at the home of Hale Garey this week. There was a large attendance. Plans were made for a registration drive.

Lake Voters Must Fill Three Major Offices

Kocher's Six-Year Term As School Director Expires

(This is the first of a series of articles discussing the political outlook in municipalities in the Dallas section. Another article will appear soon.)

Although no local issues are anticipated for Lake Township's municipal elections this Fall, the bitter battle between Republicans and Democrats for control of county offices will extend to the township and make its returns of wide-spread interest and significance.

After the nominees have been selected in the September primaries, the general election at the Lake will be a routine affair. Since its incorporation, the township has had a strong Republican majority. The Democratic

SUPERVISORS INVITED TO JOINT CONFERENCE ON COMMUNITY CENTER

Supervisors of Dallas Township were invited this week to attend a joint meeting with Dallas Borough Council, tentatively set for next Wednesday night, to discuss plans for a community center.

The committee from Dallas Junior Women's Club, which is promoting plans for the project, carried the invitation to Mrs. Olin Kunkle, secretary to the supervisors on Tuesday.

Delegates from the various civic organizations backing the plans for a community center will receive word from the Women's Club when the date for the joint conference is set. They will ask the supervisors and council to authorize an architect to make sketches.

Swartz Will Study At Medical Center

Local Physician Will Work Beside World-Famous Specialists

Dr. G. K. Swartz of Dallas will leave this morning for New York City to begin a four-and-one-half month study of neurology under some of the most eminent neurologists in the world.

Dr. Swartz will do special work for the first six weeks at the Neurological Institute of New York's famous Medical Center, where he will perform clinical work under the supervision of Dr. Joughin, professor of neurology at the Post-Graduate Medical School of New York.

When his studies at the Medical Center have been completed, Dr. Swartz will spend an additional three months at Lenox Hill Hospital in New York City. There he will work with Dr. Thomas Davis, professor of neurology at New York University, another internationally-known specialist.

The unique opportunity to study beside the most brilliant men in the neurological field has been an abiding ambition with the local physician and is recognized by his associates as a rare honor. Mrs. Swartz and the children will remain here while Dr. Swartz is in New York.

National Defense Theme Of Irem Lecture March 1

Beginning a series of lectures on national affairs and problems, Prof. Leroy Bugbee of Wyoming Summary, noted political and economic authority, will speak on "The Problem of Defense" Wednesday at the Irem Temple Country Club. The following Wednesday, Prof. Bugbee will discuss "How Far Can Appeasement Go?"

The series is sponsored by the Women Golfers' Club of the Irem and tickets may be purchased from any club member or at the door.

Walter Browns Complete 45th Year Of Marriage

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Brown of Parish street observed their 45th Wedding Anniversary Wednesday evening with a family dinner at their home.

The following children and grandchildren attended: Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Ide and son, Dean; Mr. and Mrs. Albert Major and daughter, Barbara, of Shavertown; Mr. and Mrs. Elwood McCarty and sons, Eugene and Victor; Alvin Brown and Mr. and Mrs. Victor Brown and daughters, Flora Belle, Jane, and Alma of Lehman.

WAGNER TRANSFERRED

G. Harold Wagner, a former resident of Dallas, now a special appraiser in the office of Auditor General Warren K. Roberts, has been assigned to Lackawanna County to assist in the inheritance tax department.

Flood Danger Passes After 24-Foot Crest

Wyoming Valley's \$3,500,000 Flood Control System Repels Attack Of Rain-Swollen River; Lowlands In Dikeless Communities Flooded

SCENES RECALL DISASTROUS 1936 CATASTROPHE

Its spectacular rise checked by the return of frigid weather, the Susquehanna River was receding slowly yesterday from its Wednesday morning crest of 23.98 feet.

With the danger of flood passed, Wyoming Valley was able to observe thro its new \$3,500,000 flood control system had stood up under the worst threat since the disastrous Twin Floods of 1936. when the rampaging river left \$9,000,000 damage in its wake.

John Mirmak, river observer at Wilkes-Barre, announced yesterday at noon the river had dropped to about 18 feet above low water mark. It reached its crest at 7 a. m. Wednesday. By 7 p. m. of that day it had dropped to 22.90 and at 7 a. m. yesterday, the measurement was 18.24 feet.

There were scenes reminiscent of the 1936 catastrophe this week as the river, swollen by an early thaw and several days of rain, slowly climbed toward flood stage. Mindful of the suddenness of the disaster three years ago the American Red Cross quickly established five stations to collect information and prepare for any emergency.

In the lowlands, water seeped into cellars and in several depressed areas families began moving their furniture to the second floor. Traffic on Route 11, near Wyoming Valley Airport, was interrupted for a while as flood waters swept over the landing field. American Airlines planes were unable to land and were sent to the Scranton airport instead.

Lowland Homes Flooded

In Plymouth, where there are no dikes, the river lapped into the front yards of about eight homes in the lowlands. A sizeable area in Hanover Township was flooded when Solomon's Creek overflowed. Extreme alarm was felt on Tuesday night when the river was approaching its crest. Household-ers near the river kept an anxious vigil beside their radios.

United States Army Engineers, who are supervising construction of the valley's nearly-completed levee system, expressed themselves as satisfied with the effectiveness of the dikes.

Kirby Park, which has always been flooded in freshets which reach a height of 20 feet, was free of water this week. Lowlands in Wilkes-Barre Township, Kingston and Edwardsville which were formerly the first sections to be inundated were protected adequately, except where water backed up from sewers.

Eventually the levee system will be augmented by pumps, which will eliminate sewage backwater. It will be another year, probably, before that phase of the flood control work will be reached. Engineers, although pleased with the test of their dikes, saw the need for adequate pumping facilities to make the flood protection complete.

This week's freshet was about 10 feet below the mark of the historic 1936 flood. The river began rising about a week ago, when the warm weather began to move the winter's snowfall from mountainsides in Upper Pennsylvania and New York State. The rise continued through Tuesday's drizzles but when the mercury dropped suddenly Tuesday night and the rain turned to snow the advance was checked.

CHOSEN FOR CLASS

Miss Jane L. Banker of Dallas, Class of '42, Cornell University, is one of eleven new women members chosen to join the horseback riding class of the Reserve Officers Training Corps of Cornell University.

D. OF A. TO MEET

The Mt. Vale Conference, Daughters of America, will meet tonight at 7:30 in the Odd Fellows Hall, Dallas, for a business session.

Two Supervisors Must Be Elected At November Balloting

township supervisor will expire. O. A. Allen and D. J. Martin will conclude their tenure on the school board. The terms of Steve Honeywell and Ed Gaynor, inspectors of election, and Harold Flske, judge of election, expire. The retiring G. O. P. committee-men are Ben Rood, North District; Russell Hoover, Middle District, and Alfred Martin, South District. Democratic committeemen whose terms expire are Alex Kocher, North District; Clarence Gay, Middle District, and Michael McHugh, South District.

None of these men have formally announced their candidacies for reelection but it is assumed that several of them plan to be candidates. party has made substantial gains in

Seven Men Injured When Trolley Hits Loaded WPA Truck

Trolley Jams Truck Against Bank At Fernbrook Intersection

MOTORMAN INJURED

Seven men were injured when a Dallas-bound street car struck a WPA truck at Fernbrook shortly after 4 Wednesday afternoon. Six of the men, including the motorman from the street car were treated at Nesbitt Memorial Hospital, Kingston, and discharged. A seventh was admitted.

The injured: Gerald Finnerty, 19, Market Street, Kingston, possible fracture of the left elbow; Shock; admitted; condition good.

Joseph Hughes, 33, 139 South Welles Street, Wilkes-Barre, minor lacerations; discharged.

Frank Gritman, 53, 312 East Market Street, Wilkes-Barre, lacerations of the forehead, discharged.

Frank Krasnik, 58, 208 Courtright Street, Pringle, lacerations of the scalp; discharged.

Joseph Sorrento, 35, 199 Division Street, Kingston, shock; discharged.

Michael Toole, 50, 4 Park Avenue, Wilkes-Barre, shock and bruises, discharged.

Clarence Benjamin, 27 Vulcan Street, Wilkes-Barre, motorman on the street car, bruises and lacerations of the face; discharged.

The street car, operated by Mr. Benjamin, was bound for Dallas. The truck, which was being driven by Edward Law, 61 Division Street, Kingston, who was not injured, was carrying a load of WPA workers from Demunds to Wyoming Valley.

At Fernbrook Corners the truck left the main road to cut up the hill toward Pioneer Avenue. The intersection where the accident occurred is about 100 feet from the traffic light and about 50 feet from the main road. The truck was half way across the intersection when the street car struck it broadside.

The truck was jammed against a dirt bank, so badly damaged it had to be towed away. Glass in the street car vestibule was broken. Sherman Warden of Main Road, Shavertown, took the injured to the hospital, accompanied by Charles Remphrey, Dallas, and Joseph Larentina, Kingston.

Privates Follmer and Lewis of the State Highway Patrolmen investigated the accident. No charges have been placed against anyone yet.

GALLOWAY INNOCENT

Youth Arrested After Burglary At Hansen's, Harvey Lake, Is Acquitted

Harry Galloway of Tunkhannock R. D. 5, complicated with Russell Vandermark and Keith Edwards in the robbery of Hansen's Restaurant, Harvey's Lake, last July 12, was found not guilty on charges of receiving stolen goods in Luzerne County Court, Wilkes-Barre, last week.

Charges were preferred by Chief Ira C. Stevenson of Harvey's Lake and the case was tried by jury before Judge John J. Aponick. Vandermark has been committed to Kis-Lyn and Edwards to Huntington reformatories.

BOARD TO MEET

A supper meeting of the Board of the Dallas Junior Women's Club will be held Tuesday evening at the home of Mrs. Charles Lee of Lake Street. Final plans will be made for the Quick Quiz and Spelling Bee which is to be held on March 17 at Dallas Township High School. Miss Beth Love is general chairman. The Community House project will be discussed also.

GOVERNOR JAMES READY TO APPOINT VALENTINE INFORMED SOURCES SAY

A persistent report in Luzerne County political circles this week was that Governor Arthur H. James has decided to appoint Judge W. A. Valentine of Wilkes-Barre to the vacancy on the Superior Court bench left by Governor James' resignation.

It was also rumored that District Attorney Leon Schwartz will be selected by the Governor to fill Judge Valentine's place on the Common Pleas bench in Luzerne County. Attorney Schwartz was once Governor James' secretary.

Judge Valentine's appointment has seemed certain for a month. Several reliable observers say the Valentine appointment may be handed down today.

INVESTIGATORS PRESS INQUIRY INTO CHARGE OF "PADDED PAYROLLS"

The investigation into alleged "padding" of State Highway Department payrolls in Luzerne County before last year's election moved nearer to a Grand Jury investigation this week as auditors uncovered more evidence.

A number of men charged with having accepted checks for which they did not work were summoned before the investigators and questioned concerning the appearance of their names on the Highway Department payrolls.

The Grand Jury will convene next Monday. District Attorney Leon Schwartz is expected to lay the results of his investigation before the jurors and ask them to direct an inquiry into the fraud charges.

TEACHERS SURPRISE

The faculty of Dallas Borough High School turned out en masse last Thursday evening for a house-warming party at the home of Prof. and Mrs. T. A. Willamnee of Lehman Avenue. The teachers brought refreshments for the surprise party, presented Mr. and Mrs. Willamnee with a handsome table lamp.

Attending were Cornelia Davis, Helen Anderson, Charlotte Mack, Louise Colwell, Mary Morgan, Ralph Rood, Leona Kingsley, William Moran, William Brickel, Ernest Line, Beverly Knoll, Howard Tinsley, and Prof. and Mrs. Willamnee.

BAND CONCERT

The Dallas Township School Band will give a concert on Thursday evening, March 2, at 8 in the township high school auditorium.