THE QUESTION WE COULDN'T ANSWER

People have a way of asking questions which we can't answer because the authority to answer rests with someone else. Such a question came to us this week. It should have been addressed to the volunteer fire departments in the Dallas section, and so we are passing it on to them.

'Why," a public-spirited gentleman asked us, "is it always so difficult to locate a fire in this section after the alarm is sounded? Sometimes even the firemen can't find the blaze if they're not near a telephone. Why couldn't the fire companies out here adopt a system of signals which would disclose the location of the fire, at least the general direction, or enlighten people a little beyond the mere fact that something is burning?'

It's a good question. When we submitted it yesterday to the chief of one of the local fire departments he agreed that it was a good one. We pass it on now to the firement of Harvey's Lake, Dallas, Trucksville and Shavertowr volunteers all-and count our duty done. It should be especially timely suggestion in Dallas, where the Dr. Henry M. Laing Company is taking a new lease on life and showing a praiseworthy earnestness about improving its protec-

It would seem easy enough to decide upon a simple alarm system. One blast of the siren might mean "house call—no fire" and be reserved for meeting nights. Two toots generally mean "fire out". Other numbers might give, not only the general location of the blaze, but other informa-tion, i. e., "grass fire", "call out of town", etc.

Moreover, it should contribute to the solution of a pro-blem which has always annoyed firemen and the/local telephone company. As soon as the fire equipment rolls, curious citizens besiege the telephone exchange with requests for information. Frequent announcement that the location of the fire will be given only to members of the fire company has scarcely stifled the eagerness of the citizenry to know what is burning and where. An alarm system should eliminate a good many of such calls, leaving the lines open for

As we explained, it is not within our province to answer our friend's question, but we believe it deserves some discussion at the next meeting of the four volunteer fire companies in this section. Then we would like to give him the answer-in a headline story announcing which of the local companies has taken the lead in adopting a simple, informative system of alarms.

Brings Protest

Along Upper Road

to his next-door neighbor, Floyd

Six days later Mr. Sanders re-

January 6: Keelersburg Regains

January 13: Dallas School Board

January 27: Sub-Zero Weather

FIFTEEN INCHES OF SN

Rides Into Dallas On Wings Of G..

FALL WITHIN TWO WEEKS

never came.

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covered among a litter of confetti, empty bottles and badly-broken service on Sundays and holidays, resolutions early last Sunday and brought protests from residents of submitted to The Post's "Lost and that area this week, particularly Found Department" in the hope from persons 300, unaware of the that it would come eventually into change, which became effective Janthe hands of the proper persons. | uary 1, braved Monday's near-zero

If the Executor mentioned reads this, he may claim the document by presenting himself at the offices of The Post, with proper identifica-

merely for life, and being irre- Lake will take 30 minutes and the a result of the pensions, will in- Francis E. Freeman is pastor. Fol- ter Covert, chief of police. vocable and non-transferable, is no trip into Wilkes-Barre from Dallas crease purchasing power and thus lowing Rev. Dr. Smith's talk, the Grover Jones and Carl Deutch forced their inchility of the forced their inchility. for this possession all else in the schedule. world I now proceed to devise and Card To Neighbor

"Item: To young men, I bequeath devise ambition, courage and Travels 3,000 Miles onesty: to young women, charm, sensitivity and honor; to those who are no longer children, I bequeath emory, that they may constantly ve their youth over again and again; and to my most beloved Sanders. friends, the old ones, I leave the contentment of old age, the respect ceived the card. It had been sent to of their children, and the blessing Dallas, Texas, and returned, travelof wisdom, to be theirs, in entirety, ling over 3,000 miles to go 100 feet. until they fall asleep.

Stalin, with the assurance that it has ceased to be a joke. A S. Culstudy, cause them as much will, eventually, cause them as much has ceased to be a joke. A S. Culstudy afternoon to discuss a liver the closing words from 9 to tentative budget. Joseph MacVeigh studying offers.

9:30, during which period there will is chairman of the committee. will, eventually, cause them as much bert, express agent at the Lehigh bert, express agent at the Lehigh Valley station, keeps a Dallas, Tex. value, with three per cent interest ports of such district meetings will Up Go Paper Prices

and devise as follows: To patriots, receive shipments which should 1, 1940, and bonds will become due representatives from all parts of the newspapers from two to three cents Mean temperature for December I give Washington's and Lincoln's have gone to Texas. birthdays; to all small boys, Independence Day; to warriors, Memorial Day; to humorous columnists and the Presidents of the United Composure As Police Withdraw; States, share and share alike, Margaret Martin's Slayer Still Free Thanksgiving Day; to John L. Lewis . . . UNITED MINE WORKERS, 40,and William Green, Labor Day; to 000 STRONG, BEHIND MOVE TO all children, Christmas; to bibulous END NEWSPAPER STRIKE folk, New Year's Eve.

Ground Is Broken At Lehman As States of America what is left of School. democracy and I charge this legatee with the preservation and per- Threatens To Sink New Well Befection of democracy until such time cause Of Inadequate Water Service as it will be safe elsewhere in the Dallas . . . Thief Takes 40-Gallon

"Item: The Rome-Berlin axis, Tank, Motor And Pump From Harslightly fractured, I bequeath to Be- vey's Lake Boat House. nito Mussolini, with the suggestion that he hang it in plain sight as a RY COUNTY DELEGATION WHICH Charge Of Disorderly Conduct; Fin-Center. warning against future embarrassing entanglements.

and the music of the waltz I leave Plan And Asks Co-operation Of La-ROBERTS JEWELRY STORE, DAL-FERNBROOK . . . Flood Danger In to lovers, together with anything bor And Capital . . . Mrs. A. R. else which falls with the eminent Holcomb Passes 84th Birthday, Says domain of romance. She "Feels Too Young To Be So

"Item: All Saturdays during the Old". school term and the entire months of July and August I bequeath to children, subject to certain privi-

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MORE THAN A NEWSPAPER, A COMMUNITY INSTITUTION

FRIDAY, JANUARY, 5, 1940

bwnsend Plan ains Following In Dallas Area

Group Headed By Doll Boasts 100 Members; To Found Second Club

that the Townsend Plan will reach the floor of the United cows, proceed to dump the milk in country lanes. State Senate at its next session, Townsend Club No. 1 of suming as much milk as they need for health and stamina. the highly-controversial plan, cause the drought has in- wage is preparing to capitalize on creased the dairyman's costs. the gains it has made in the last six months.

formed, Dr. Francis E. Town- they do for a quart delivered the consumer is to pay. send's scheme to provide pen- by a milkman in a shiny truck sions for retired elderly per- at their door. sons through a tax on the na- But the average person never ganizing a second club in this sec- ence to a major American problem.

New Bus Schedule a small group organized a club. The vania. **Change Slights Families**

campaign to enlist local people in made in plants and trucks. Dr. Townsend's campaign to make A new bus schedule, which leaves his plan a law are Stanley Doll, unions see that the men who dethe Mt. Greenwood section without president, P. P. Vosburg, vice-president; William Myers, treasurer, and Jesse Franklin, secretary.

Would Pension Elderly

Far from being a pension program the Townsend Plan has been broadened in recent years to include many economic factors which weather to wait for buses which were not a part of it originally. Basically, according to the local Under the new schedule the first club, it provides for retirement of north-bound bus leaves Wilkes- the estimated 10,000 persons in the Barre for Dallas at 4:50. The last United tSates who are now 60 years The document:

"I Nineteen Hundred and Thirty Nine, being of sound and disposing mind and memory, do hereby make and publish this, my last will and testament, in order, as justly as I the most of all the last testament, in order, as justly as I the most of the last testament, in order, as justly as I the most of large or older. A transaction tax of age or older. A transaction tax of a church will be organized on Wednesday night and next as part of a church will be organized on weather organized on two additional special policemen were elected to be on call for gram to achieve program arising from the suggestion of church members. The program arising from the public square leaves at 2 a. m. The first bus from Dallas council reduction of age or older. A transaction tax of all be level. The program arising from the suggestion of church will be organized on weather the program arising from the suggestion of church members. The program arising from the

Buses will leave Harvey's Lake picnic grounds daily at 6:50, 7:50 ment of 10,000 persons will not speaker on Tuesday night at 7:30 at treasurer; William Schmoll, road "That part of my estate which is and 9:10 a. m. and 1:10, 3:50 and known as Time, having been mine 5:10 p. m. The trip from Harvey's employed men and women but, as Transit F. T longer at my disposal; but except 35 minutes, according to the new stimulate business. Critics of the meeting will be divided into three are the new special policemen. plan charge it is not sound eco- groups, for discussion.

> Township Seeks Two days before Christmas Burt Offer On Bonds Jones of Pioneer Avenue, Dallas Township, mailed a Christmas card

School Board Will Open Bids On January 29

A bond issue of \$20,000, authorized by the voters last November, The detour was not without pre- has been offered for bid by Dallas to a general meeting at 8:30 and present because of illness. "Item: The lust for power I bequeath to Adolf Hitler and Joseph Pa., is so often misdirected to Dallas fixed Monday night, January up suggestions. Dr. Smith will deSaturday afternoon to discuss a

phone directory hanging on the payable semi-annually, will be sold. be carried to Binghamton, where Both daily newspapers in Scran- rain fell, of which nearly half, .92 "Item: My holidays, I bequeath wall for reference, so often does he The issue will be dated February there will be an all-day meeting of ton have increased the price of their of an inch, fell on December 20. on each February 1 for 20 years. | conference on January 22.

Year In, Year Out, The Consumer Pays More Than He Should For Milk, Because He Ignores A Problem

(This is the first of a series of articles discussing factors which control the cost of milk. The Post is eager to publish contributions representing different viewpoints. Another article will appear in an early issue.)

In a vague sort of a way, most people who read news-Encouraged by assurances papers know that there is a milk problem.

They see newsreels of farmers who, having milked their

They read that Americans are, for some reason, not con-

Dallas, spearhead in the local drive to arouse interest in will go up one cent a quart beget what they consider to be a fair

They may even wonder, once in a while, why they have To an extent surprising to to pay as much for a quart of

tion's business has been winning bothers to add all these things up. strong support throughout the Dal- and so he goes on, year in and year as area and at its meeting next out, paying as much as four cents Tuesday night Townsend Club No. 1 more than he should for his quart of Dallas will discuss plans for or- of milk—the price of his indiffer-

The farmers are organized. After Since its inception in 1934, the plan has had a staunch following lently, farmers in the Dallas area mong elderly persons in this sec- are mobilizing right now under the ion, but the support was never banner of the Milk Producers' Ascrystallized until last Spring, when sociation of Northeastern Pennsyl-

membership now is just a few short The dealers are organized. Batof 100 and the meetings every other teries of attorneys and lobbyists are Tuesday night draw about 30 per- ready to arise at the slightest threat to the considerable invest-The officers who have led the ment the dairy companies have

The milkmen are organized. Their

Even the State has its finger in ity. the pie-the powerful Milk Control Commission, which hears petitions from dairymen and dealers and decides from the evidence how much those who have been unin- milk they buy at the store as each is to receive and how much

All He Does Is Pay

the bill—has no organization. He weather, Mr. Warhola said. seems content, probably because no has been ignoring.

The farmer, the dealer and the 3/8 of an inch thick. mers receive.

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Methodists Adopt Council Retains Intensive Plan

Members Aids Pastors In **Advancing Church Cause**

Thirty Methodist churches in the

Do to Enlarge Church and Sunday
School Attendance During Lent".

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Services were held at the house at 7:30 last night. The body has been taken to Dillsburg, near Harthetic interest in their problems. which will discuss "What We Can Gansel and Ralph Eipper. will discuss "How We Can Increase \$1,200 a year. World Service Interest in Giving James Ayre, William Davis and During Lent". The third discussion. Joseph MacVeigh, all councilmen nounced later.

All Officials

Clark Again President; Roberts, Ill, Is Absent All borough officers were re-

Wilkes-Barre District will conduct elected when Dallas council re-

Other special policemen are Joseph

'What Items Should Be In Our re-elected last November, were inwill be led by a member to be an- so administered the oath to other and father and two sisters, Mar- in every phase of school life and his Evangelistic Program During Lent", stalled by Burgess Smith, who alofficials. Jack Roberts, the fourth garet and Patricia. The discussion groups will report new councilman, was unable to be

Significant News Of Last

Water Service Restored After Tank Explodes

No Shortage, Warhola Promises; Fragment Sheared Five-Inch Tree

The destruction of Shaverploded on New Year's Day, will cause no shortage of water to consumers in that section, according to assurance given yesterday by Leslie a heart attack. Warhola, manager of the util-

within a few hours after the through the week. The tank was associates and townsfolk. constructed primarily as a reser-Only the consumer—who pays voir for a reserve supply in dry Brickel's funeral parlor this morn-

one has ever impressed upon him utility head expressed the opinion ship High School auditorium this the magnitude of the problem he yesterday that the explosion was afternoon, where it will rest in caused by the freezing of an air state, flanked by a guard from the Quite likely, he is not even aware release valve or a check vent, or faculty and student body, from 2 that the milk business in United both. The tank, which is situated to 4, as sorrowing friends file be-States is even bigger than the 2,- near Mt. Greenwood Road, above fore the coffin. 000,000,000 automobile business or Jacob Laux's was about 20 feet the \$2,800,000,000 meat-packing in- long and eight feet in diameter. It (Saturday) afternoon at 1 at St. was constructed of metal, about Paul's Lutheran Church, Shaver-

doesn't know that milk brings in Houses in the vicinity were officiate. Brief services will be held the biggest single chunk of all farm shaken when the tank exploded later at Bloomsburg, where Mr. Girincome, 19 per cent of all cash far- with a deafening report, which was ton will be buried heard by persons two miles away. A native of Hemlock Township, If he interested himself, the con- Jagged pieces of metal were found near Bloomsburg, Mr. Girton was sumer might learn that the per 200 feet away. One whizzing frag- the son of Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Gircapita consumption of milk in the ment sheared a five-inch apple tree ton. He was educated at Blooms-United States is about 170 quarts a owned by Harry Ritts. No other burg Normal School and Pennsylproperty damage was reported, Mr. vania State College, where he re-Warhola said.

The explosion occured about 4:30 p. m. Mr. Warhola began the work of restoring service immediately and by 9:30 all consumers had an Buckhorn, and in his second year adequate supply.

Local Child Dies Of Rare Ailment

Thomas Karns Victim Of Lymphatic Leukemia

Thomas A. Karns, 2, son of Mr. Shavertown Lutheran Church. and Mrs. Irvin Karns, Davenport

No cure for the disease has ever man than anyone I know. been discovered and specialists who Rather than delegate dut John Durbin will lead the group Jewell, Leonard Harvey, James are said to "eat" the red corpus, ties he assumed, he managed to do

Dillsburg.

32.55 Inches Of Rain The finance committee will meet Fell Here During 1939

The rain fall for this section during 1939 was 32.55 inches according to Scranton-Spring Brook Water Co. In December 2.11 inches of was 35.7 degrees.

In Future, Judge John S. Fine Tells Daddow-Isaacs Post.

Year, Taken From The Files March 24: VALLEY NEWSPA PERS, CLOSED BY STRIKE, PRE-PARE TO PUBLISH . . . Peter Davis, Alderson, Dies In Hospital; Three Others Injured After Crash On Luzerne-Dallas Highway . . . Irked By Delays, New Committee Investigates Possibility Of Municipal Ownership Of Water Plant In Dallas. First Christian Church, Sweet Valley, Burns Last Note On New Church.

March 31: Answer Filed By Dallas Water Company Indicating Demands May Bring Rate Increase . . . Lu-March 10: The Post Goes Neo- zerne Protests State's Failure To Dynamic . . . Snowfall Arrives Three | Keep Promise To Pave Main and COLLIDES WITH STREET CAR AT ning Of Year . . . Grand Jury Probe Newspaper Strike Prolonged By Of Election Graft On Highways Printers' Demand For Protection Herbert R. Culp Dies At H

> April 7: Budget Bugg ... Util

Maurice Girton, School Principal, Dies Suddenly

VIC PROGRAM FO 1. More community spirit

A concrete highway from Dallas

4. Better fire protection and lower

insurance rates.

5. More sidewalks.

Body Will Be On View This Afternoon At 2 In School Auditorium

Maurice J. Girton, supertown Water Company's 5,000- vising principal of Dallas gallon storage tank, which ex- Township schools for the last 12 years, died suddenly at 3:30 yesterday morning at his home on Overbrook Avenue of

The news of his passing shocked the entire community Full service was restored and evoked an outpouring of tributes to the kindliness, the big reservoir blew to bits on tious character of the softued, without any complaints, sincere respect from his pupils, his

The body, which will be at ing for those who wish to view it, Completing his investigation, the will be moved to the Dallas Town-

town. Rev. Herbert E. Frankfort will

ceived his B. S. degree.

Came Here In 1928

He began teaching in 1911 at was named supervising principal. After four years at Buckhorn he went to Pottsgrove as supervising principal, where he taught six years, also as supervising principal, before accepting his post at Dallas Township in 1928.

He was a member of the Pennsylvania State Education Association and the National Education Association, a member of Bloomsburg Lodge, F. & A. M., and of

His outstanding characteristics Street, Dallas, died at 2:12 Wed- were his sympathy and his kindlinsday morning of acute lymphatic ness. Commenting on Mr. Girton's Townsendites claim the retireChurch, Wilkes-Barre, will be guest Niemeyer, secretary; Ralph Brickel, discovery Ralph Br er to being a true

fessed their inability to halt the form them himself and somehow, ailment, in which white corpuscles despite the burden of responsibilicles. The boy had been ill for about every job well. His school was a

parents, where services will be held was known for the keen interest he this afternoon. Interment will be at had in the financial welfare of the school district and in athletic The boy is survived by his mother events. His influence was apparent passing leaves a vacancy which it will be difficult to fill.

Surviving him are his widow, his father, S. M. Girton of Danville R.

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How Long Will You Remember

. when Slovakia seceded from Czecho-Slovakia and became an independent state under German protectorate.

. . . how long it took Germany to capture War-

the date on which Pius XI died.

... how many men Joe Louis fought in 1939. ... when the first Yankee Clipper flew across the Atlantic.

. when Russia invaded Finland.

.. how many men died in the ill-fated Squalus. ... who won the National League pennant.

John D. Grant's illustrated Chronology of 1939 on Page Six, supplement na the local

HEADLINES OF 193

86, Dies At Dallas Township . . Observers Retire From Conferences on Valley's Strike.

. Marilla Martin, 59, Dies At East January 20: NINE TRAINS CAR- Scranton Streets, Pleads Guilty To Lay Plans For Building Community . BURGLARS SMASH SEES ARTHUR H. JAMES INAUG- ed \$100 . URATED AS GOVERNOR . . . Ex- DISPLAY WINDOW, TAKE MER-"Item: The stars, all leafy bowers breaker Boy Outlines Recovery CHANDISE WORTH \$100 FROM LAS . . . Weird-looking "What-is-it" Puzzles Centermoreland's Farmers.

ery . . . Mrs. Charles White- cal Center.

"Item: I bequeath to the United Work Starts On New \$10,000 High Lee Tracy, Shavertown Movie Star, sell Re-elected President Of Dallas Spends Two Days Here On Return Junior Woman's Club . . . Francis Makes No Headway At Joint Ses-From London . . . John C. Wilson, Drake, 8, Injured While Coasting.

February 17: DISTRICT ATTOR-CHARGES . . . Says State Highway TY Mile, Break-neck Chase Through Election Campaign . . . Civic Groups Five Weeks After Daughter.

foot Crest . . . Public Utility Com-February 10: Dallas School Direc- mission Prepares To Act On Comrs Slash Per Capita Tax From \$5 plaint Of Consumers Against Dallas \$2 . . . Bail-jumping Lyle Gordy, Water Company . . . Dr. G. K. Monroe Township Tax Collector . . . LAS WATER COMPAN timore, Provides Iron-clad Alibi Swartz Leaves To Study At Neuro- Alderson Drama Group Wins Place ITS PO Clear Timself In Martin Murder logical Institute Of New York Medi- In Finals At State Farm Show . .

March 3: Community Center Plan session Of Dallas Borough And Dallas Township Officials . . . REAL ESTATE CONTINUES RISE HERE DES-NEY PROBES 'PAYROLL PADDING' PITE DROP ELSEWHERE IN COUN-Sherman Hildebrant Gets February 3: Russell F. Weaver, Department Lists Were "Padded" In First Air Flight On His 72nd Birth-Trucksville, Captured After Three- Luzerne County During Bitter 1938 day . . . Mrs. Kate Wilson, 87, Dies

ERS IN HOSPITAL AFTER TRUCK Days After Dallas Gets First Light- Bennett Streets . . Valley Passes As River Reaches 24- Opens . . . Esther Honeywell Weds Against Possibility Of Merger Andrew Race.

March 17: Myrtle Martin Named Dallas School Board Ag American Legion Faces Great Task