ROOSEVELT VS. DEWEY

It is our hunch that President Roosevelt really wants a

Until the Jackson Day dinners we were willing to believe that the President's silence was nothing but good political strategy. So long as he withheld his decision, he was in a strong position to compromise and thereby unite his party behind any candidate he decided to indorse.

His continued refusal to end the national guessing game, and the unrepressed enthusiasm of his Brain Trusters seems to us to leave only one conclusion. President Roosevelt's strange silence is the result of his indecision concerning the possible reaction of the public toward a precedent-shattering bid for the third term he wants.

And if the Democratic candidate for President is Franklin Delano Roosevelt, the Republican nominee will be Thomas E. Dewey. Among the Republicans who have been mentioned so far—Vandenberg, James, Taft, Hoover and all the rest—Dewey alone has the positive qualities to match Mr. Roosevelt's vote-getting ability.

Without Dewey, it is difficult to see how the Republicans can carry New York State. And if that party does not carry New York, victory will be almost impossible.

The most often expressed criticism of Dewey is that he is too young. A man of 37 is not a child. Alexander Hamilton was Secretary of the Treasury at 32; Napoleon was crowned Emperor of France at 35; William Pitt the Younger became Prime Minister of England, and a darned good one, at 24. Besides, half of the men and women who will be voting this Fall are 37 or younger.

A contest between Roosevelt and Dewey would be a lovely one, brimming with color and oratory and the fanciest kind of American politics, for Dewey, make no mistake, is a votegetter, as well as a crusader. Any Republican who gets elected District Attorney in Manhattan has to be a shrewd campaigner. And Dewey came within 60,000 votes of beating Herbert H. Lehman for Governor of New York last year. Lehman, himself a superior vote-getter, had been accustomed to pluralities of 400,000, 800,000 and such.

Dewey is broad-minded, forward-looking, clear-thinking, constructive, cautious and uncompromising. Best of all, he is a fighting liberal, bearing the indorsement of no less a G. O. P. progressive than William Allen White of the crusading Emporia (Kansas) Gazette. If our neighbor, Arthur H. James, decides to postpone his presidential aspirations, we know of no one who would better revitalize the Republican party and lead it to triumph than Tom Dewey.

Third Coupon In This Week's Post

Subscribers Can Acquire 5-Volume Set For 98c

For the third successive week The Post prints today a Good Will Coupon and for the first time read- friend of ours, a fellow called Flint manager of this area. Prof. M. J ers who have been clipping the Baker, who's just back from Mars. coupons weekly can acquire—for Put down that degravitation rod, ation projects in this section, pre-the sensationally low price of 98c— Flint, and neet the roles. the sensationally low price of the the five-volume "History of the We ran across Flint the other During the luncheon hour, the vis-World" which is advertised on night, on a magazine stand. We

The books are bound in blue im- Superman. As a mater of fact, we itation leather finished on the back in red and gilt. The type is large about him, first. We're no dope. and readable and on a long-lasting, We want no arguments with any-attractive paper. Three of the volattractive paper. Three of the volumes are devoted to world history, buildings and crush steel in his For Thirty Days two to United States history, and bare hands. Not us!
the latter contain such valuable Superman is supreme in the documents as the Constitution, the comic book field, but he is by no Declaration of Independence, the means alone. There were 30 books Monroe Doctrine, a list of the Presi- of comics in the stand where we dents and other interesting facts too found Flint. In one volume called, erally halted in mid-air this week emphasis will be placed upon the numerous to list.

must, first of all, be a paid-up called "The Spectre," who, like good scheduled to have been sold for de-owners in renovizing their propersubscriber. The only other require- old Supe, has sworn to "stamp out linquent 1929 and 1930 taxes yes- ties and thus providing work for ment is that you send 98c and three crime and to enforce justice", terday at the court house. Good Will Coupons clipped from The Whereas Superman leaps into the In response to numerous petitions Post. A number of readers already have reserved sets of the books. Spectre engages in such weird poned the sales until February 28.

There is nothing to sell, no essay yours for less than \$1-an almost which readers of The Post may of Buzzlark. Or coax Spurt Ham- a day. never have again.

Relief Disbursements Up \$30,000 In Luzerne Co.

Direct relief disbursements in Luzerne County during the week ending last Friday totalled \$112,ending last Friday totalled \$1.12,635.90 compared with \$82,708.30 Baker. How Flint escaped the footOfficers To Be Named paid during the corresponding week of 1939 according to State Treasury

crab men of Neptune.

For our money, though, it's Flint

rip somewhere, a possibility which

publisher and the postal laws has

the tensile strength of drop-forged

Flint and Mimi are on Mars, pack-

ing for a well-earned trip home

when Princess Viga, as shapely a

wench as ever flung a come-hither

"This trip to our earth will be

postponed," says Flint, manfully.

So here comes this monster,

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'I shall stay to fight this thing."

sylvania, said tonight that the above abbreviated bathing trunks. Flint elect officers. All interested persons figures represent checks payable to and his brethren get along with will be welcome.

14,997 cases, families or individuals very little clothing, as do the lovely son, Beaumont; Mrs. Floyd Dendler, on direct relief for the current week, girls who invariably accompany Noxen; Rev. Thomas Kline, Centerand 10,419 checks for the same per- them on their hair-raising adven- moreland; Mrs. Andrew Geich, Falls.

tures. Flint's flame is a comely lass Payments are shown below for the who answers to the name of Mimi Rummage Sale Today current week together with the and she manages with a wardrobe number of checks and payments which consists of a sort of chemise made last week and one year ago which is constantly threatening to in the County of Luzerne. keeps the audience in a state of

Wk ending 1|19|40 \$112,635.90 14,997 checks tense expectancy. Research has 117,577.00 15,595 checks proved, however, that the veil-like 82,708.30 10,419 checks garment which stands between the

They Saved (?) The Barn

There was only one way to save John Barnes' sawmill at Blain when it caught fire, neighbors figured, and that was to tear it apart. And flames confined to a 20-foot slab of glance at an Earthling, bursts in wood. Now all they have to do is is throwing his weight about. put it together again.

Scouts Selling Cookies

With other Girl Scouts throughwhich could stand on Main Street out the country, scouts in this section are planning to sell cookies fire tower. It grabs a couple of to raise funds. The scouts will visit local homes to take orders.

THE DALLAS POST

MORE THAN A NEWSPAPER, A COMMUNITY INSTITUTION

FRIDAY, JANUARY, 26, 1940

Mysterious Colonel Estes

Plays Odd Political Role

H. James for President.'

for the Presidency?

job at Harrisburg.

(Special to The Post)

Even Governor James pro-

they were scattered all over the

Busy with his quarrel with

said nothing about national

politics. In the past, he has shush-

But behind the scenes the "James-

for-President" movement is gain-

ing momentum, largely because of

the energy, literary talents and

salesmanship of a colorful Texas

Until 1936 Colonel Estes was

James' Job Drive

plaining that he is too busy with his lraped flatform.

oil operator and publisher by the ame back to serve on the Jame

practically unknown in Pennsyl- three Gubernatorial elections in tha

ed talk of a Presidential boom, ex-

Powered By Colorful Texan

Demunds Couple Found Overcome By Coal Gas

Vol. 50

Harry Howell, Dallas, Saves Parents' Life; **Condition Is Serious**

Mr. and Mrs. N. Whitney Harrisburg, January 25— Howell of Demunds Road, East At the Farm Show last week Dallas, had a narrow escape thousands of visitors were from death yesterday morning fingering little pocket pieces when they were overcome by which bore the legend "Arthur

They were discovered by their son, Harry Howell, of fessed innocence as to their Main Street, Dallas, when he origin. Somebody had given paid a visit at noon to the home him one. By the week's end,

where they live alone. Finding the door locked and get-state, and again people were ing no response to his knocking, Mr. Howell broke in and found his asking "Does this mean that parents in their bedroom, unconcious. He called Dr. G. K. Swartz for the Republican nomination

Mrs. Howell is 81 and Mr. Howell is 83. Their condition was still sethe WPA, Governor James rious last night.

WPA Supervisors Confer In Dallas

Delegates From Eight Counties Convene Here

Supervisors of WPA educational and recreational work from eight name of Carl Lewis Estes. Northeastern Pennsylvania counties held a program planning conference yesterday at College Misericordia and heard vital addresses by important speakers.

The principal address was whiter- Rotary Backing ed by Dr. Frank P. Maguire, State director of the Professional and Service Division of WPA. Other speakers were Major E. L. Manning, State supervisor of recreation for WPA, and Robert M. FitzGerald, We'd like to have you meet a Costello, who heads education-recre-

iting educators made a tour of the were looking for another guy, called

Sales Postponed

Auctioneer's Hammer Halted By Court Action

vering death with a glance". Gosh! that there will be "no more stays."

mond, the planet flyer, to tell you race, get Buzz Crandall of the space "of widespread economic and busipatrol to spin you a yarn about the ness depression and the usual un-Thursday night. employment incident thereto.'

ball scouts from Pitt we don't know. His bulging shoulders con-

stantly theaten to burst the tight- Lehman Township Men's Repubfitting jersey he wears tucked into lican Club will meet on Tuesday at a nether garment which looks like the I. O. O. F. Hall in Lehman to

Luzerne, today (Friday).

Sound Movies Will Be Shown Here Feb. 7

strategy board.



burg will be the principal speaker and sound motion pictures, demonstrationg how individuals can The auctioneer's hammer was lit- co-operate in the Job Mobilization with grim irony, "Fun Comics", we for about 3,000 persons in Dallas emphasis wil lbe placed upon the To obtain a set of the books, you encountered a charming character and vicinity whose properties were part which can be played by homeunemployed. Col. E. G. Smith of Wilkes-Barre,

Other orders will be filled as they practices as becoming invisible, In making the postponement effective and as long as the walking through walls and "deli-tive however, the judges explained" Other orders will be filled as they walking through walls and "deli-tive, however, the judges explained ary committee which is planning It's a gallant company, these About 10,000 properties in the Peter Jurchak, C. L. Albert, Dr. to write, no other requirements to weak Sometime you must meet Since the list was advertised. Robert Bodycomb, Warren Taylor to write, no other requirements to weak. Sometime you must meet Since the list was advertised a long Robert Bodycomb, Warren Taylor be filled. All five volumes can be Planet Payen and have him tell month and at delignment. Planet Payson, and have him tell month ago, hundreds of delinquents Snowden, Mrs. Henry Disque and yours for less than \$1—an almost you about the time he helped the have made payments, the total Snowden, Mrs. Henry Disque and incredible opportunity and one hawkman clean up the avil forces amounting to a small Mrs. Charles Whitesell are also on hawkmen clean up the evil forces amounting to as much as \$10,000 in the committee, representing wo-The actual petition upon which men's organizations. Toby Armhow he brought back the radiatron- the court acted was submitted by strong, president of the Junior Campaign, will be shown. Particular ite from Venus in the year 40,000. County Treasurer John B. Wallis, Chamber of Commerce, addressed And if they can't make your blood who asked for the delay because the Rotarians on the purposes of the drive at their meeting last

Additional Patrons For PTA Production

list of patrons for the PTA play preacher. Mrs. George Ayre, Mr. and Mrs. Rev. Mr. Olver and by Hugh Lucas, cis Clyde Lapp, Mr. and Mrs. L. W. soloist and song leader who is con- Helen Staub, Geraldine Staub, Mrs. lock, Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Lee Dallas Free Methodist Church. Ser- Culvert, Mrs. Puterbaugh, Mrs. Nel-The Ladies' Auxiliary of Hunts- and Mr. and Mrs. John Durbin. vices will be held nightly at 7:45, son Shaver, Pauline Shaver, Betty ville Christian Church will continue Persons who have not made their except on Saturday. Sunday serits rummage sale on Main Street, returns on tickets are requested to vices will be at 11 a. m. and 7:30 Staub, Mrs. Helfrich, Florence Helturn in the money to Ralph Rood. P. M.

VISITING CLERGYMAN

At the inauguration of Governor

James (extreme right) Colone

Estes, the colorful Texas Democra

who wants to make James a Re

publican President, had a place o

nonor (extreme left) on the flag

vania. In that year—as "M

Brown"-he came here to write ma

terial for the Alf Landon campaign

in 1938—as "Colonel English—h

Colonel Estes was involved

Rev. R. A. Kelly

... who will conduct a twoweeks' series of revival meetings at Trucksville Free Methodist Church, where Rev. H. D. Olver is pastor, beginning Monday night. A former comptroller, bank cashier and general manager of a large brokerage firm, Rev. Mr. Kelly, who lives in Pittsburgh, will preach every evening except Saturday.

Special Services To Begin Monday

Pittsburgh Evangelist At Trucksville Revival

A two-week revival campaign will be started next Monday night Andrew Fisher, Mrs. Joseph Bailey, Mrs Frank Ferry, president of the at Trucksville Free Methodist Eleanor Regan, Mrs. Tubridy, Mrs. Dallas Borough Parent-Teacher As- Church, where Rev. H. D. Olver, Jacob Beline, Mrs. Sedler, Lucille sociation, has announced the fol- is pastor, with Rev. R. A. Kelly, O'Konsky, Mildred Beline, Anna lowing names to be added to the Pittsburgh evangelist, as the guest Spaciana, Mrs. Martin Bilbow, Betty

which was given last week: Mr. and Rev. Mr. Kelly will be assisted by Mrs. Frances Gavigan, Mrs. Fran-Legrand, Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Hal-cluding a series of meetings at the Thomas Jones, Margaret Ford, Mrs.

Floor and arrangements: Andrew Fisher, Joseph Nawrotowicz, Charles Layaou, John M. Polochek

Klinges.

Kiwanis Club Minstrels Postponed To March 1

The Minstrel Show to be sponsored by Mt. Greenwood Kiwanis Harry Ohlman, John Q. Yaple, H. A. and Friday nights, February 29 and Fred M. Kiefer and Howell E. Rees. The play will be unique in that Smith, James Besecker, Mr. Kiefer March 1. It will be for the benefit of underprivileged children.

insurance rates. More sidewalks. James' Bid For Presidency Council To Get

Former Democrat Seeks

Vengeance On New Deal

year. His candidate lost in Texas

Bitter Towards New Deal

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List Committees

For Annual Event

Supper Next Wednesday

The annual pork and sauekraut

supper of St. Therese's Church,

Shavertown, will be served by the

Miller, Thomas Kepner, Frank

Michaels, Pauline Palashek, Mar-

garet Yedenick, A. Stash, John Ur-

ban, Thomas Barry, Peter Oberst,

John Estock, Mary Kamor, Kistler,

Table committee: Mrs. Joseph

Bilbow, Mrs. Kamor, Agatha Kamor,

Kepner, Eleanor Staub, Dorothy

frich, Victoria Hudak, Marie Hudak,

Isabel Hudak, Mrs. James O'Boyle,

Eleanor Prushko, Mrs. Blazes, Kath-

erine O'Boyle, Wilma Estock.

Youngblood, Mrs. Dobinick,

day evening from 5:30 to 8.

St. Therese's Sponsors

Better fire protection and lower

WPA Estimates

On Sidewalk Cost

CIVIC PROGRAM FOR 1940 More community spirit in the

Federal Aid Would Cut Owners Share To About 15c Per Square Foot

but he had a finger in Governor Stassen's victory in Minnesota and A plan by which property owners in Dallas Borough he provided many a punch line and quantities of shrewd advice to help could have concrete sidewalks Governor James win in Pennsylconstructed at an approximate cost of 15 cents a square foot, through a borough-wide WPA Until the Roosevelt Administraproject, will be submitted to tion, Estes had been a Democrat. council at its meeting on Wed-He recalls that in Commerce, Tex., nesday night, February 7.

as a kid, he hated Republicans. His antipathy was colored, no doubt, by the fact that "Dime" Estes, as Quinn, WPA engineer, will exhe was called because that coin plain to council how it can was the only one he seemed to have street signs erected on conknow, was odd-jobs boy around a crete posts similar to those adopted post office presided over by a Re- by Kingston Borough several years

Estes split with the New Dealers The major portion of the cost of over the issue of government re- laying concrete sidewalks would be gulation of private industry. His borne by the Federal government, dander up, the thundering Colonel which would pay for labor and suswore he would "run the New Deal pervision. Materials would have to out of the country with a nickel be supplied by the borough.

ball bat and a 15-cent buggy whip". When Hazleton sponsored an am-Estes has a reputation for pung- bitious sidewalk project a list was ent expression. In Texas they re- made of all persons who wished to call his answer to a railroad com- have work done on their sidewalks. mission which had ordered opera- When the project was approved, the tors to curb production. "We won't property owners made a down payobey this order," the irascible Mr. ment of 10c a square foot for the Estes promised, "and we don't care amount of sidewalk they desired to have laid. When the sidewalks were completed, the city forwarded bills to the property owners, giving credit for the down payment and making a charge for the additional

5 cents a square foot required. The custom of assessing property owners for sidewalks is not unusual, and the cost is generally much higher than the figure estimated by the WPA. As a matter of fact, in most communities property owners are assessed for a share of the cost of paving the street before their properties. Dallas Borough has always assumed the entire cost.

women of the parish next Wednes- Dallas Ladies' Aid Will Rev. Harold Durkin is pastor and Serve Turkey Supper

Rev. Eugene Frank Is assistant pas-The Ladies' Aid Society of Dallas Methodist Church will serve a tur-Committee chairmen: Mrs. Jacob Laux, supper; Mrs. Jacob Gabel, key supper on Friday, February 2, Laux, supper; Mrs. Jacob Gaber, kitchen; Attorney Herman Sieber, reservations; Andrew Fisher, games; E. J. Staub, door; Mrs. Jacob William Niemeyer; dining room and William Raker. Solicitors: Mrs. Warren Feacham, Mrs. William Niemeyer, Mrs. James Miss Elizabeth Keating, Mesdames Oliver; Kitchen, Mrs. Marvin Scott; Thomas Jones, Joseph Regan, Fran-Mrs. Arthur Thomas, Mrs. Burt cis Youngblood, Grant Shaner, Nel- Lewis, Mrs. Corey Gordon, Mrs. Euson Shaver, Willard Parsons, Fay gene Fiske, Mrs. Arthur Dungey; Williams, Miss Lucille O'Konsky, solicitors, Mrs. Stanley Davies, Mrs. Mesdames Herbert Lohman, Thomas Laverne Race, Mrs. Elizabeth Nie-Wysnewski, W. Arthur Blewett, meyer, Mrs. Thomas Himm, Mrs. Harry Blessing, Lyman Williams, Machell Hildebrant, Mrs. John Chester Dodd, Jacob Gable, Frank Frantz, Mrs. Arthur Thomas and Anstett, Peter Gallagher, Joseph Mrs. Arthur Parrish. Proceeds will be used for the church budget. Men Kitchen and service committee: of the church will have charge of John Sullivan, Sam Spaciana, Fay tickets, under the direction of Rev. Williams, Mesdames Edward Staub, Francis Freeman. Albert Klump, John Girvan, Teddy

Yop, Raymond Jones, Ambrose Wyoming County Opens Anstett Grant Shaner, Frank March Of Dimes Drive

Mrs. Lillian Auvil of Noxen, Wyoming County chairman of the March Thomas Wysnewski, Joseph Wallo, of Dimes campaign to raise money Joseph Donachie, Fay Williams, J. to fight infantile paralysis, has com-Prushko, J. Culvert, Herbert Loh- mittees working in a number of man, James O'Boyle, Wrobleski, communities throughout the county. Some of the chairmen in lower Sedler, Thomas Jones, David Wyoming County are Thomas J. Wright, Eaton Township; Earl John-

Jennings Resigns Job

Regan, Mrs. James Gallagher, Mrs. James J. Jennings, local newspaperman and former conductor of the "Morning Musings" column in The Record, has resigned as head of the information service in the State's Unemployment Compensation Division to accept another job.

> DON'T LOOK FOR FLAMES: FIREMEN WILL BE TRYING THEIR NEW ALARM SYSTEM

> Dr. Henry M. Laing Fire Co. will conduct a series of siren tests on Saturday afternoon, experimenting with the new alarm system which is being perfected. Residents of Dallas and members of the company are forewarned that the alarms between 1 and 5:30 will be tests, and not genuine fire calls.

The revised alarm system follows: One, Main and Huntsville Streets; two, fire out; three, Parrish Heights; four, Machell Avenue and Lehman Street; five, house call; 12, Claude Street; 13, Country Club; 14, Kunkle; 21, Hay's Corners and Idetown; 23, Fernbrook; 24, Pioneer Avenue and Overbrook Heights; 31, Payne's Farm; 32, Huntsville; 34, Johnson's Farm; 41, Col. Dorrance Reynolds Farm.

Even The Punctuation Is Home Talent In This Play

Co. of Dallas decides to stage a few finishing touches. home talent show, it means exactly

the casting, the acting, the promo- people. tion and the production.

signed the job of writing a play to place for the production. This week their melodramatic opus, the roles have been tailored to fit and Mr. Rees.

When Dr. Henry M. Laing Fire "West of the Pecos", lacked only a local actors and actresses. Collect- Andrew Polochek, Joseph Palochek

the plot, the dialogue, the direction, more, all of whom will be local River, Texas, where the action, set

ing suggestions from other members H. J. Seiber, Raymond Laux, An-The firemen's annual production, a professional director with the New line was written, and patterned which will go into rehearsal within England Producing Co. and who has their characters after real-life pera week or so, will be home-made guided three fire company produc- sons in Dallas, transporting them from beginning to end. Local peo- tions to success. She is preparing to however, to Sundown, an incorrigple will be responsible for the idea, select members of the cast of 40 or ible cow town west of the Pecos

For director, the committee chose of the committee, the authors had drew Stosh, David Klinges, Frank Mrs. Harold Rood, who was formerly a part of their cast before the first Michaels.

in the 1870's, takes place. A meeting of Mr. McHose's com- Besides Mr. McHose, members of Club, originally scheduled to have A month ago the play commit- mittee will be held within the next the committee are Leslie Warhola, been held on February 22 and 23, tee, headed by Calvin McHose, as- week to decide upon a date and Arthur Dungey, Henry Peterson, will be held instead on Thursday