

Roosevelt vs. Dewey

It is our hunch that President Roosevelt really wants a third term.

Until the Jackson Day dinners we were willing to believe that the President's silence was nothing but good political strategy.

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.

And if the Democratic candidate for President is Franklin Delano Roosevelt, the Republican nominee will be Thomas E. Dewey.

Without Dewey, it is difficult to see how the Republicans can carry New York State.

The most often expressed criticism of Dewey is that he is too young. A man of 37 is not a child.

A contest between Roosevelt and Dewey would be a lovely one, brimming with color and oratory and the fanciest kind of American politics.

Dewey is broad-minded, forward-looking, clear-thinking, constructive, cautious and uncompromising.

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 readers who have been clipping the coupons weekly can acquire—

The books are bound in blue imitation leather finished on the back in red and gilt.

To obtain a set of the books, you must, first of all, be a paid-up subscriber.

There is nothing to sell, no essay to write, no other requirements to be filled.

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

Direct relief disbursements in Luzerne County during the week ending last Friday totalled \$112,635.90 compared with \$82,708.30 paid during the corresponding week of 1939 according to State Treasury Department.

F. Clair Ross, Treasurer of Pennsylvania, said tonight that the above figures represent checks payable to 14,997 cases, families or individuals on direct relief for the current week, and 10,419 checks for the same period one year ago.

Payments are shown below for the current week together with the number of checks and payments made last week and one year ago in the County of Luzerne.

Table with 3 columns: Year, Number of checks, Amount. Rows for 1940, 1939, and 1938.

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.

Scouts Selling Cookies

With other Girl Scouts throughout the country, scouts in this section are planning to sell cookies to raise funds.

POST SCRIPTS

We'd like to have you meet a friend of ours, a fellow called Flint Baker, who's just back from Mars.

We ran across Flint the other night, on a magazine stand. We were looking for another guy, called Superman.

Superman is supreme in the comic book field, but he is by no means alone.

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CIVIC PROGRAM FOR 1940

- 1. More community spirit in the Dallas area. 2. A concrete highway from Dallas to Tunkhannock. 3. Centralization of police and fire protection. 4. Better fire protection and lower insurance rates. 5. More sidewalks.

Demands Couple Found Overcome By Coal Gas

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

Mr. and Mrs. N. Whitney Howell of Demunds Road, East Dallas, had a narrow escape from death yesterday morning when they were overcome by coal gas.

They were discovered by their son, Harry Howell, of Main Street, Dallas, when he paid a visit at noon to the home where they live alone.

Finding the door locked and getting no response to his knocking, Mr. Howell broke in and found his parents in their bedroom, unconscious. He called Dr. G. K. Swartz of Dallas.

Mrs. Howell is 81 and Mr. Howell is 83. Their condition was still serious last night.

WPA Supervisors Confer In Dallas

Delegates From Eight Counties Convene Here

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

The principal address was delivered by Dr. Frank P. Maguire, State director of the Professional and Service Division of WPA.

Sessions were held at 9 and 11. During the luncheon hour, the visiting educators made a tour of the college.

Sales Postponed For Thirty Days

Auctioneer's Hammer Halted By Court Action

The auctioneer's hammer was literally halted in mid-air this week for about 3,000 persons in Dallas and vicinity whose properties were scheduled to have been sold for delinquent 1929 and 1930 taxes yesterday at the court house.

In response to numerous petitions for a delay, the court on Jan. 25 postponed the sales until February 25.

In making the postponement effective, however, the judges explained that there will be "no more stays."

About 10,000 properties in the county were scheduled to be sold. Since the list was advertised a month ago, hundreds of delinquents have made payments, the total amounting to as much as \$10,000 in a day.

The actual petition upon which the court acted was submitted by County Treasurer John B. Wallis, who asked for the delay because "of widespread economic and business depression and the usual unemployment incident thereto."

Officers To Be Named By Lehman Republicans

Lehman Township Men's Republican Club will meet on Tuesday at the I. O. O. F. Hall in Lehman to elect officers.

Rummage Sale Today

The Ladies' Auxiliary of Huntsville Christian Church will continue its rummage sale on Main Street, Luzerne, today (Friday).

When Dr. Henry M. Laing Fire Co. of Dallas decides to stage a home talent show, it means exactly that.

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James' Bid For Presidency Powered By Colorful Texan

Mysterious Colonel Estes Plays Odd Political Role

(Special to The Post)

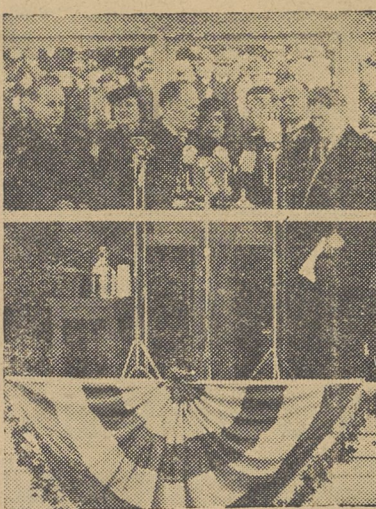
Harrisburg, January 25—At the Farm Show last week thousands of visitors were fingering little pocket pieces which bore the legend "Arthur H. James for President."

Even Governor James professed innocence as to their origin. Somebody had given him one. By the week's end, they were scattered all over the state, and again people were asking "Does this mean that Arthur James is a candidate for the Republican nomination for the Presidency?"

Busy with his quarrel with the WPA, Governor James said nothing about national politics. In the past, he has shushed talk of a Presidential boom, explaining that he is too busy with his job at Harrisburg.

But behind the scenes the "James-for-President" movement is gaining momentum, largely because of the energy, literary talents and salesmanship of a colorful Texas oil operator and publisher by the name of Carl Lewis Estes.

Until 1936 Colonel Estes was practically unknown in Pennsylv-



At the inauguration of Governor James (extreme right) Colonel Estes, the colorful Texas Democrat who wants to make James a Republican President, had a place of honor (extreme left) on the flag draped platform.

vania. In that year—as "Mr. Brown"—he came here to write material for the Alf Landon campaign in 1938—as "Colonel English"—he came back to serve on the James strategy board.

Colonel Estes was involved in three gubernatorial elections in the

Former Democrat Seeks Vengeance On New Deal

year. His candidate lost in Texas but he had a finger in Governor Stassen's victory in Minnesota and he provided many a punch line and quantities of shrewd advice to help Governor James win in Pennsylvania.

Bitter Towards New Deal

Until the Roosevelt Administration, Estes had been a Democrat. He recalls that in Commerce, Tex., as a kid, he hated Republicans. His antipathy was colored, no doubt, by the fact that "Dime" Estes, as he was called because that coin was the only one he seemed to know, was odd-jobs boy around a post office presided over by a Republican.

Estes split with the New Dealers over the issue of government regulation of private industry. His dander up, the thundering Colonel swore he would "run the New Deal out of the country with a nickel ball bat and a 15-cent buggy whip."

Estes has a reputation for pungent expression. In Texas they recall his answer to a railroad commission which had ordered operators to curb production. "We won't obey this order," the irascible Mr. Estes promised, "and we don't care

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Rotary Backing James' Job Drive

Sound Movies Will Be Shown Here Feb. 7

A mass meeting to stimulate local interest in Governor Arthur H. James' Job Mobilization Campaign will be held in Dallas Borough High School on Wednesday night, February 7, under the sponsorship of Greater Dallas Rotary Club, which this week threw its support wholeheartedly behind the movement.

An important person from Harrisburg will be the principal speaker and sound motion pictures, demonstrating how individuals can co-operate in the Job Mobilization emphasis will be placed upon the emphasis will be placed upon the part which can be played by homeowners in renovating their properties and thus providing work for unemployed.

Col. E. G. Smith of Wilkes-Barre, chairman of the Luzerne County committee, is expected to be among the distinguished guests. The Rotary committee which is planning the affair has as members Attorney Peter Jurchak, C. L. Albert, Dr. Robert Bodycomb, Warren Taylor and M. E. Kuchta.

Additional Patrons For PTA Production

Mrs. Frank Ferry, president of the Dallas Borough Parent-Teacher Association, has announced the following names to be added to the list of patrons for the PTA play which was given last week: Mr. and Mrs. George Ayre, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Lapp, Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Legrand, Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Hallock, Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Lee and Mr. and Mrs. John Durbin.

Persons who have not made their returns on tickets are requested to turn in the money to Ralph Rood.

VISITING CLERGYMAN



Rev. R. A. Kelly

... who will conduct a two-weeks' series of revival meetings at Truckville 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 Truckville Revival

A two-week revival campaign will be started next Monday night at Truckville Free Methodist Church, where Rev. H. D. Olver, is pastor, with Rev. R. A. Kelly, Pittsburgh evangelist, as the guest preacher.

Rev. Mr. Kelly will be assisted by Rev. Mr. Olver and by Hugh Lucas, soloist and song leader who is concluding a series of meetings at the Dallas Free Methodist Church. Services will be held nightly at 7:45, except on Saturday. Sunday services will be at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.

Floor and arrangements: Andrew P. Fisher, Joseph Nawrotowicz, Charles Layaou, John M. Polochek, Andrew Polochek, Joseph Polochek, H. J. Seiber, Raymond Laux, Andrew Stosh, David Klinges, Frank Michaels.

Kiwanis Club Minstrels Postponed To March 1

The Minstrel Show to be sponsored by Mt. Greenwood Kiwanis Club, originally scheduled to have been held on February 22 and 23, will be held instead on Thursday and Friday nights, February 29 and March 1. It will be for the benefit of underprivileged children.

Council To Get WPA Estimates On Sidewalk Cost

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

A plan by which property owners in Dallas Borough could have concrete sidewalks constructed at an approximate cost of 15 cents a square foot, through a borough-wide WPA project, will be submitted to council at its meeting on Wednesday night, February 7.

At the same time J. A. Quinn, WPA engineer, will explain to council how it can have street signs erected on concrete posts similar to those adopted by Kingston Borough several years ago.

The major portion of the cost of laying concrete sidewalks would be borne by the Federal government, which would pay for labor and supervision. Materials would have to be supplied by the borough.

When Hazelton sponsored an ambitious sidewalk project a list was made of all persons who wished to have work done on their sidewalks. When the project was approved, the property owners made a down payment of 10c a square foot for the amount of sidewalk they desired to have laid.

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.

Dallas Ladies' Aid Will Serve Turkey Supper

The Ladies' Aid Society of Dallas Methodist Church will serve a turkey supper on Friday, February 2, at the church, beginning at 5 p. m. The following committees have been appointed: Publicity, Mrs. William Niemeyer; dining room and decorations, Mrs. William Baker, Mrs. William Niemeyer, Mrs. James Oliver; Kitchen, Mrs. Marvin Scott; Mrs. Arthur Thomas, Mrs. Burt Lewis, Mrs. Corey Gordon, Mrs. Eugene Fiske, Mrs. Arthur Dungey; solicitors, Mrs. Stanley Davies, Mrs. Laverne Race, Mrs. Elizabeth Niemeyer, Mrs. Thomas Himm, Mrs. Machell Hildebrand, Mrs. John Frantz, Mrs. Arthur Thomas and Mrs. Arthur Parrish. Proceeds will be used for the church budget. Men of the church will have charge of tickets, under the direction of Rev. Francis Freeman.

Wyoming County Opens March Of Dimes Drive

Mrs. Lillian Avuil of Noxen, Wyoming County chairman of the March of Dimes campaign to raise money to fight infantile paralysis, has committees working in a number of communities throughout the county. Some of the chairmen in lower Wyoming County are Thomas J. Wright, Eaton Township; Earl John-

Jennings Resigns Job

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

When Dr. Henry M. Laing Fire Co. of Dallas decides to stage a home talent show, it means exactly that.

The firemen's annual production, which will go into rehearsal within a week or so, will be home-made from beginning to end.

A meeting of Mr. McHose's committee will be held within the next week to decide upon a date and place for the production.

"West of the Pecos", lacked only a few finishing touches.

For director, the committee chose Mrs. Harold Rood, who was formerly a professional director with the New England Producing Co. and who has guided three fire company productions to success.

The play will be unique in that the roles have been tailored to fit

local actors and actresses. Collecting suggestions from other members of the committee, the authors had a part of their cast before the first line was written, and patterned their characters after real-life persons in Dallas, transporting them, however, to Sundown, an incorrigible cow town west of the Pecos River, Texas, where the action, set in the 1870's, takes place.

Besides Mr. McHose, members of the committee are Leslie Warhola, Arthur Dungey, Henry Peterson, Harry Ohlman, John Q. Yaple, H. A. Smith, James Bessecker, Mr. Kiefer and Mr. Rees.