

DEMOCRATIC HARMONY SPURS REPUBLICANS

The testimonial dinner at the country club last night to inaugurate Peter D. Clark's second term as chairman of the Sixth Republican District of Luzerne County was an oasis of harmony in a desert of political discord.

The apparent unity of the Republicans who came from all parts of the Sixth to pay festive tribute to the dynamic Mr. Clark was highly significant politically, not only because the Sixth is now Luzerne County's biggest Republican district, but particularly because in other parts of the county the GOP is not so unified.

The gravity of the Republican discord in Luzerne County was indicated by the fact that Governor James himself was sought last week-end to bridge the gap that lately has split the Republican citizenry into two stubborn camps. The meeting with the Governor had the official stamp, because the party included J. Henry Pool, Luzerne County Republican chairman and key figure in the unfortunate situation which has divided the GOP in a crucial election year.

The damage was done in the Primary Election, and the responsibility lies now with those leaders who believed they could close the primaries to all candidates except those on a tight, little slate hand-picked by the self-appointed leaders. Officially, Dr. C. Murray Turpin, who came within 23 votes of defeating Mr. Pool, the slated nominee for Congress, has abandoned his fight for that nomination, but his treatment at the hands of county leaders has left wounds which cannot be quickly healed.

In defeat, Dr. Turpin and his fellow-independent, John Wallis, hold the loyalty of thousands of Republican voters, who believe the time is ripe for a reorganization of the Grand Old Party in Luzerne County. This cleft in the party has already caused a postponement of the county convention to elect a new chairman, a move which has merely deferred the open opposition long-threatened and brought to a climax by the bitter Turpin-Pool vote embroglio.

If the leaders believe this editorial exaggerates the gravity of the situation, we invite them to visit this rock-ribbed Republican section to observe the surprising strength of J. Harold Flannery, the Democratic candidate for Congress and, at the present time, a very likely victor over the GOP's choice for the office.

We suggest, too, that they study the harmony which has been achieved by the Democrats in Luzerne County. When the time for action came the Democrats rallied behind James J. Law and Senator Leo C. Mundy as the persons responsible for their party's success. In every district convention they elected the approved candidates of the executive committee that takes counsel from Law and Mundy. Moreover, after Law had rejected an offer of the State chairmanship, the Democrats drafted him for county chairman, drafted him for his third term of two years.

So, with harmony the Democrats are prepared to go ahead. How far depends upon President Roosevelt. This week it seemed to be Governor James' move, and Republicans looked to him to say how far and in what direction Luzerne County's GOP will go.

POST SCRIPTS

There was a rustle somewhere, like a sad sigh; a cool, damp bit of a wind slithered across the back of our neck, and we turned, puzzled, just in time to see Eph McCoy, The First Settler, striding through the wall.

His lean features, which are the color of well-oiled saddle leather, were twisted into a bold grin and his eyes, peeping out from their crinkled settings, twinkled mischievously. He was carrying his Pennsylvania long rifle cradled in the crook of his arm.

"By Washington's nose, it's good to be back," he bellowed, tossing his coonskin hat on the desk. Our resignation must have shown in our face. "Ain't ya glad to see me, son?" he asked.

Eph, a Revolutionary soldier who built the first log cabin in Dallas 170 years ago, invariably drops in at the wrong time. His visits coincide with our darkest moods, and if they fall on a warm, lazy afternoon then we can be doubly sure that the windy Eph will turn up, to disrupt our work and frighten subscribers who are timid about ghosts.

"It isn't that we aren't glad to see you, Eph," we assured him, waving to him to move over into the shade. He fades terribly when he stands any place where the sunlight can stream through him. "It's just that we're feeling a little low and we can't get any ideas for this week's column and Germany's winning and the market's shot and the whole cock-eyed world is going to pot. You'd better beat it, Eph, before you lose your youthful illusions."

The old Indian fighter leaned his musket against the wall, within handy reach, kicked a chair under himself and proceeded thoughtfully to shear off a hunk of the vile-looking plug tobacco he favors.

"Appears to me you're in a mighty bad fix, son," he opined. "Good thing I come back. I mind how I used to get about this time of the year. There's something mighty

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MRS. COTTLE'S NEW WIRE-HAIR ENGLISH-AMERICAN CHAMPION

Champion Edgemoor Example of Fenbor, a wire-haired fox terrier famous for his show conquests in this country and England, became the property of Mrs. Margaret McL. Cottle of Shavertown this week.

Sired by Champ, Gallant Fox of Wildoaks, a New York kennel, Edgemoor Example is a 4-year-old dog with tan head and hound-marked body. He finished his championship at the Chicago International Show. Mrs. Cottle, who will place him at stud, bought him from Robert Ness of Montclair, N. J., nationally-known breeder of wires.

Wilcoxes Visit Town's Namesake

Also Meet Descendant Of Alexander Dallas

Dallas, Pa., and Dallastown, Pa., were introduced to each other this week by Councilman Morgan Wilcox of Northeastern Pennsylvania's Dallas.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilcox drove south last week to attend their granddaughter's graduation, but in their side excursions they not only served as good will ambassadors to Dallas's namesake, but also found time for a little historical research.

Dallastown, which the Wilcoxes came upon unexpectedly while driving through York County, is a neat little town, a little bigger than Dallas. Dallastown was named for George Miffin Dallas, vice president of the United States. Dallas was named for his father, Alexander Dallas, an intimate of Benjamin Franklin and a potent figure in Colonial days.

Later, attending the graduation of their granddaughter, Doris Lynch, at Camp Hill, Mr. and Mrs. Wilcox met a Mrs. Tyler, a descendant of George and Alexander Dallas and again Mr. Wilcox resumed his official dignity to extend greetings from his fellow councilmen.

Accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Lynch of Camp Hill, the Wilcoxes went as far south as Havre de Grace on Memorial Day. On their return they stopped at Ephrata and visited the historic Cloisters, a settlement founded by a German religious order about 1738.

Lake's Season Gets Off To Good Start

Warm, sunny weather has given picnic places and concessionaires at Harvey's Lake a running start on their 1940 season. A good crowd visited the resort on Memorial Day. This week's fine weather brought more crowds and although the water is a little chilly yet, many people were in swimming yesterday.

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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.

It May Have Been Superman In One Of Those Planes!

Merriwell Tale Sounds Like Propaganda, Post Commentator Believes

By JAVIE AICHE

Frank Merriwell arrived on the Anglo-German front one day this week. Or maybe it was three other fellows. Of course it could have been Gilbert Patton (Burt L. Standish to you) who arrived at the Ministry of Propaganda in London.

The net result, from whatever source, was the heroic story of how three Hudson planes from America flew into a formation of 40 of Hitler's Stukas and bombers, not to mention a column of fighting craft, and what happened was fearful in the telling.

Five of the bombers were destroyed, five of the Stukas were pounded out of control. The other 30 German planes turned tail and went away from there. (Was that the alarm clock? What time is it? Gee, what a dream!)

What you couldn't mistake about that piece of newspaper reporting was that you, sir, were given to understand that you or any other son of the Stars and Stripes are as good as 15 Germans even in the element which the Germans happen to control.

Let's you and him fight! The cobbler who has his shop around the corner was a soldier in the army of Franz Joseph, on the Rumanian front during that other war which the United States finally resolved to the permanence of democracy. He tells a great story and it is recommended to London that he be hired right away—as Minister of Propaganda.

"Them Rumanians!" said he, and there was scorn in his voice. "Poof! You send out three-four soldiers and you see a whole division of Rumanians. You make face at them Rumanians and they run like hell."

Are They All Down? Steve the Statistician has things figured out. Up to Tuesday the British and French have destroyed 10 more planes than there are in the Hitler legions. The Germans have wiped out five more than the combined fleets of England and France.

There's no British fleet at all, says Steve, because his count of the sinkings accomplished by the minions of Hitler are four ahead of the pre-June total of His Britannic Majesty's battle line.

The same Steve figures that democracy on its last crusade created three world-menacing dictators, a military for Japan, left infernal machines at the frontiers of six nations that no longer exist and spent fifty billion dollars. In an epilogue to the story the statistics show 11 years of the worst depression America ever experienced, adoption of two generations of waifs from the storm, profligacy in public office and no solution other than to go to war again, reduce the population and give more veterans more pensions and bonuses.

At the cost of three more dictators—in England, in France and in the United States.

Superman, of whom there is not the like on earth, in the heavens over the earth or in the waters around it, has become the most popular of all cartoon creatures.

Maybe it was three of him who knocked down all those German opponents.

Old Lumber Sheds Must Be Levelled

The abandoned buildings on the site of the old Adelman lumber yard on Lake Street, Dallas, have been condemned by the State Fire Marshal and the owners have been instructed to raze the buildings, according to word received by Fire Chief Leslie Warhola of Dallas this week.

Chief cause for concern has been the tinder-dry shed which stretches along the Lehigh Valley R. R. tracks. A month or so ago a grass fire licked dangerously close to the rambling old structure, which is close to an attractive dwelling which has been vacant for several years. Lately, the big shed has been a gathering place for youngsters, who are exposed to the danger of injury because of the weakness of some of the supports. The property is owned by a bank.

The State also condemned several old buildings behind the American store on Main Street, Dallas, Chief Warhola said, and those structures have already been torn down.

WINS B. S. DEGREE



Charles S. Girton

... who received his Bachelor of Science degree in mathematics, science and social studies at Bloomsburg State Teachers' College at commencement on May 28. Mr. Girton, the son of Mrs. Anna L. Girton and the late Prof. M. J. Girton of Dallas Township, was one of 12 Seniors who received Service Keys for extra curricular activities. He sang in the capella choir for four years, was president for three years, sang in the mixed chorus, played trombone in the band, was treasurer of his class in his Freshman year, played baseball, a member of the Science Club and was elected to two honorary fraternities, Kappa Delta Pi and Phi Sigma Pi, serves as president of the latter in his Senior year and as a member of the interfraternity council.

Legion Presents School Medals

Eight Eighth Grade Pupils Receive Awards

Four eighth grade students from Dallas Borough and Dallas Township received handsome bronze medals this week from D. J. Dow-Isaacs Post, American Legion, in recognition of their school records.

H. Brooke Arnold, a member of the post, presented medals to Helen Koehler and Graydon Mayer, members of the borough eighth grade class on Tuesday. On Wednesday he presented two identical medals to Jean Van Hyning and Harry Martin, pupils in the Dallas Township eighth grade.

Medals also will be awarded to pupils at Lehman and Lake Townships. The local Legion post sponsors the awards annually, but the selection of pupils is made by the students themselves. The awards are based on courage, character, service, companionship and scholarship.

Steal Hens From Coop

Thieves stole two red hens from Mrs. Allie Morris's chicken coop on Franklin Street, Dallas, on Saturday night. A watch is being kept as a precaution against further theft.

College Is No Soft Snap For This Collegian

Kenneth Westover, a former resident of Dallas and now a student at Syracuse University, is doing his level best to blast the illusion that all fraternity men have to worry about are (1) blondes, (2) brunettes, and (3) which sports coat to wear tonight.

So impressed was a Syracuse newspaper by Westover's energy and versatility that it used a three column picture of him this week over its story relating how he carries 17 hours of class work a week at Syracuse University, holds down a 30-hour-a-week job in the Merchants National Bank and Trust Company and is steward at the Phi Kappa Psi fraternity house.

Westover, who is the son of Mrs. D. F. Westover, also plays intramural tennis, is a musician in the school band and is working for a scholarship in the law school. Entering school with a scholarship, Westover had to forfeit it in 1937 when he began working days, so for the next two years he studied at extension school. He resumed his regular classes this year. He has a Senior standing but he won't be able to graduate until 1941, by which time he will have made up three or four required courses. After that he intends to complete his law course in four or five years while working at the bank.

His mother, who visits Dallas occasionally and has many friends here, is living now at 960 Salt Springs Road, Syracuse.

FAITH'S FOLLOWERS WILL MAKE A SHRINE OF HER BIRTHPLACE

A crew of workmen were busy this week transforming the birthplace of four-year-old Faith Hope Charity Harding of Trucksville into a shrine which, the child's sponsors believe, will attract visitors from all parts of the country.

The activity about the Harding home is another amazing development in the unusual story of the curly-haired youngster, known as "The Little Prophet", who has been the center of a series of lively arguments between her followers and skeptical observers during the last four years.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry G. Harding, parents of the child, promised an explanation of the landscaping and renovation later, but the obvious extent of the changes and the presence during the week of several of the child's distinguished patrons from out of town indicated that something sensational is happening in Trucksville.

Nation-wide publicity which came on the heels of claims that the precocious youngster was able, with the help of a spirit control known as "Entity", to predict future events brought thousands of letters to the modest suburban home and scores of visitors.

The changes being made to the home this week were being sponsored by a group of wealthy persons who have become interested in the child and it was intimated that the establishment of the shrine is just a part of the plans which have been decided upon for her.

K. T. H. S. Seniors To Hear Emmons

68 To Receive Diplomas At Graduation Tonight

Rev. Peter K. Emmons, pastor of Westminster Presbyterian Church, Scranton, will discuss "Youth in an Adolescent World" at the 30th annual commencement of Kingston Township high school tonight (Friday) at 8.

Sixty-eight members of the class will receive diplomas from Stanley Davis, president of the school board. The Salutatorian will be Elfrida Rose Vrhel, who will speak on "Tomorrow". Marian Frances Jones, the Valedictorian, will speak on "The Challenge to Youth".

James A. Martin, supervising principal, will award a College Misericordia scholarship and present the graduates. An alumni award will be presented by Clarence W. Jones, president of the Alumni Association.

Rev. Herbert E. Frankfort, pastor of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, will invoke divine blessing and pronounce the benediction. The high school orchestra will play.

Officers of the class are John Warren Meacham, president; Donald Joseph McFadden, vice-president; Audrey Mae Schmidt, secretary, and Eleanor Mae Bartells, treasurer.

McCole To Speak Before Graduates

Con McCole of Wilkes-Barre, whose reputation as a humorist and philosopher is known throughout the East, will speak at Commencement at Lehman high school tonight. Diplomas will be awarded to 27 Seniors.

Charles Nuss, president of the school board, will award the diplomas. Mr. McCole will be introduced by E. H. Kent, a member of the board. The Valedictorian will be Richard Parks. Eleanor Hardisky will be the Salutatorian.

A flag given to the school by Dad-dow-Isaacs Post, American Legion, will be presented to the Juniors by the Seniors. The graduating class will leave for Washington, D. C., next Tuesday.

19 Are Graduated At Laketon High

Wayne County Educator Commencement Speaker

Nineteen young men and women were graduated from Laketon high school on Tuesday night at Commencement exercises at which A. H. Howell, superintendent of Wayne County schools, was the principal speaker.

The Salutatory address was given by Miss Elizabeth Sorber and the Valedictory by Miss Marian McNeel. Awards for scholarship, athletics, activities, music, school spirit and dramatics were given by Supervising Principal W. E. Roberts to the following students: Marian McNeel, Elizabeth Sorber, Charles Kern, Robert Payne, Josephine Hummel, Richard Williams, Leo Johnson and Otis Allen.

Russell Hoover, president of the board of education, presented diplomas to the following:

Otis Allen, Olga Brin, Kenneth Davis, Joseph Garrity, Eugene Gordon, Josephine Hummel, Leo Johnson, Charles Kern, Faith Koehler, Marian McNeel, Florence Melusky, Dorothy Nienius, JuneONEY, Robert Payne, Isem Pennington, Elizabeth Sorber, Reese Walters, William Watlock and Richard Williams.

Believes GOP Is Nation's Answer

Ewing Discusses Issues Of Coming Campaign

The election of a Republican President this Fall will give the United States new security against the chaos which is whirling through the rest of the world, Attorney Samuel E. Ewing, Jr., dynamic young Pennsylvania Republican leader, told about 350 persons at Irem Temple Country Club last night.

His audience, which included key figures in county Republican politics, important office holders, judges and representatives from every municipality in the Sixth Republican District, had assembled to honor Peter D. Clark of Dallas and to inaugurate his second two-year term as chairman of the district.

Speakers were enthusiastic in their tributes to Mr. Clark, under whose leadership the Republican registration in this district jumped from 18,707 in 1938 to 25,632 in 1940, a gain which established the Sixth District as the strongest Republican sector in Luzerne County and drew attention to Mr. Clark as a likely successor to J. Henry Pool as county GOP chairman.

Fred M. Kiefer of Dallas made a witty and gracious toastmaster and his lively comments kept the program moving along briskly.

The general committee for the testimonial dinner had as members Albert Jones, chairman, Earl Layou, Walter Elston, John Yaple, Olin Ide, Floyd Chamberlain, Shadrach Goss, Palmer Updyke and Fred Kiefer.

On the reception committee were Burgess Herbert A. Smith, Dallas; John McCarty, Lehman Township; George Bulford, Jackson Township; Ralph Hazeltine, Kingston Township; Thomas Earle, Sr., Franklin Township; Phillip Harris, Exeter Township; Russell Hoover, Lake Township; Herman Kerstein, Kingston Borough; Sam Boyd, Forty Fort; Donald O. Coughlin, Forty Fort; Aldo Franconi, West Wyoming; Joseph Cheslick, Swoyerville; William Scureman, Wyoming; John V. Hudock, Exeter; Russell Davis, Luzerne; Strat H. Brandon, West Pittston; William M. Williams, Duray; Meredith Phillips, Courtland, and Joseph Pickowtowski, Pringle.

Three-Way Tie Exists As School League Ends

The end of this section's high school baseball league finds three rival claimants for the championship, Dallas Township, Kingston Township and Lehman, each team having won six games and lost two.

Since school ended for each of the three teams this week, it is unlikely that a post-season play off can be managed. If such a series were to be played, Lehman, which held the lead during the first three-quarters of the season, would be handicapped, since two of its players figured in a serious automobile accident last Saturday.

Bombs Over Lincolnshire

Among the sections of England bombed this week was Lincolnshire, the home of Geoffrey T. Serth, British newspaperman who has frequently contributed articles to The Post discussing the war.

Dallas May Vote On \$20,000 Issue Next November

Councilmen Studying Plan To Cut Interest, Finance Road Repairs

The advisability of floating a \$20,000 bond issue to cancel all outstanding obligations against the borough and finance a large scale road reconditioning program was discussed by Dallas Borough councilmen at their meeting on Tuesday night.

Councilman Joseph MacVeigh and Peter D. Clark and Attorney Arthur Turner, solicitor, were named members of a committee to study the plan and submit a report. If their report is favorable council will have the question placed on the ballot in November, since the bond issue cannot be floated without approval by the voters.

In an effort to stimulate employment, the borough has reconstructed Barker Lane, Ridge, Pinecrest, Machell, Terrace, Elizabeth and Park Streets in the last several years. Jackson Street and Center Hill Road are now being improved. Although this provided work for a number of men, it imposed a financial strain upon borough finances.

On Monday night authority was granted to borrow \$650 on a demand note, making the total indebtedness on short term loans \$8,400. In addition, the borough owes a balance of \$3,000 on a bond issue floated in 1921. The councilmen hope a new bond issue might be sold at interest rates which would make a sizeable saving possible for the borough.

Besides cutting interest costs, the bond issue would enable the borough to do needed repairs on streets, thereby reducing the cost of maintenance during the next few years.

An application was signed for NYA aid in grading and stoning Crescent Lane. A number of applications for building permits also were approved.

School Board Snubbed?

The good-natured rivalry between the school board and council, both of which have been claiming superior efficiency and dignity, enlivened the meeting of the town fathers.

Last week, welcoming Councilman James Ayre to a school board meeting, Clyde Lapp, president of the directors, called the councilman's visit to the attention of the other directors and accepted it as proof that the councilmen have finally conceded the school board's parliamentary superiority.

With great dignity, Mr. Lapp, asked Mr. Ayre to convey to the other councilmen and to Burgess Herbert A. Smith an invitation to attend the next meeting of the school board and "learn how a real board operates."

On Monday night the invitation was received by councilmen, who declined, instructing Secretary William J. Niemyer to inform the school board that because of the "urgent demand on their time by important borough business" they cannot find time to attend the board meeting. At the same time, they invited the school directors to attend the next council meeting on July 2, an experience which the councilmen say they feel will be beneficial to the directors.

Miss Zimmerman Plays Shakespearean Role

Chambersburg, Pa., June 6—Miss Jean Zimmerman, Dallas, has been chosen for a role in "As You Like It", which the Kittochtiny Players of Wilson College will present on the college green Saturday, June 8.

The staging of a Shakespearean comedy is a traditional part of Commencement Week at Wilson. This year's production is expected to be more than usually effective because its setting, the Forest of Arden, can be strikingly portrayed in Wilson's outdoor theater.

Miss Zimmerman, a member of the Junior Class, has been cast as Corin. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred U. Zimmerman.

HIGHWAY DANGER SPOTS HERE STUDIED BY STATE ENGINEER

A number of dangerous intersections in the Dallas area were inspected by John L. Herber, State Highway Department district engineer, this week at the request of Norman Johnstone of Wyoming Valley Motor Club.

As a result, safety measures are expected at the junction of Route 115 and 29 at Pike's Creek, where a high bank blocks the view; a new stop sign is to be erected at Sweet Valley on Route 115 and a danger sign on top of Red Rock Mountain on Route 467.