

Not Because We Want War

Well, gentlemen, it looks like war. It looks like economic war at first, with the possibility of totalitarian war lurking nervously in the background.

Peace, as we have known it, is dead. The United States of America, as Wendell Willkie pointed out so dramatically last Saturday afternoon, is starting down a "road of sacrifice and of service."

"In these months ahead," Mr. Willkie said, "every man who works... will have to work a little harder. Every man and woman will feel the burden of taxes. Every housewife will have to plan a little more carefully... You will have to be hard of muscle, clear of head, brave of heart."

We'll take that challenge, Mr. Willkie. As individuals, each with a tiny but essential share in the responsibility for the preservation of our way of living, we'll help.

And here's how we'll do it, here in our little corner of the country, in Dallas and Kingston Township and Lehman and Laketon.

First, we'll try to fix clearly in our minds what democracy is. We'll try to remember that it is liberty and freedom and tolerance and charity and humility and unselfishness and faith. We'll try to avoid rash acts which, under the guise of patriotism, might soil the ideals of democracy.

We'll avoid hysteria. We'll remember the advice of FBI Chief J. Edgar Hoover: "It is as essential to preserve civil liberties as it is to track down those who engage in espionage and sabotage." We'll remember that other people have a Constitutional right to opinions. We'll discourage any of our neighbors who favor the intolerant, fanatical, rough-house methods of Hitler and Mussolini.

We'll do what we can about guarding our public offices against the kind of political partisanship and bitterness and corruption which weakened France. We'll try to remember that what's important now is national unity and we'll support the leaders who can bring us together, instead of those who would divide us.

As many of our young men who are able we'll send into the army and the air force and the navy, so they will be trained, healthy fighters if we have to call on them.

We read that in Hamilton, O., and Lexington, Mass., mostly everybody is either learning how to handle a gun or studying military strategy or playing at war. That's the way the greatest army in the history of the world began in Germany, years before they had Stukas and tanks and France. Maybe we can get something like that started.

Our schools will be opening again in a few weeks. They'll re-examine democracy and explain to the youngsters that democracy isn't something you can take for granted, like sunlight or eyesight, but that if you don't nourish it, it dies, as it died in Athens, Rome, Florence, Venice, Ghent and Bruges.

We aren't very important industrially, but we'll serve as best we can in getting ready to defend our country. We understand there are to be about 4,000 new airports built in the country, including underground ports, similar to those which Germany uses. Our neighborhood, smack on the edge of the important hard coal area and crowded with mills of all sizes and shapes, should be a likely spot for one of those underground airports.

We'll do these things not because we hate the Germans or because we want to fight or because we're after conquest. We'll do it because, as free, responsible individuals, we see at last that ours is the cause on which the hope of all mankind depends.

We didn't ask for it, Mister Hitler, but if war's what you want, we'll be ready, too.

POST SCRIPTS

THE NOTE READ "I will answer questions on subjects pertinent to the campaign at a press conference tomorrow afternoon at 3 in my office."

It was on our desk when we came to work one morning this week and underneath the message, in the same bold scrawl, was the signature, "Eph McCoy, Buckskin candidate for President of the United States of America."

We laid plans immediately to be far away from the "offis" at 3, but someone came in and detained us and before we could take it on the lam the Buckskin standard-bearer had walked through the side wall and then it was too late.

Ralph Hazeltine says he knows how old Eph is. All we know is that McCoy fought in the Revolution and was the first settler in Dallas Township. In the three or four years we've known Eph he's become a sort of magnificent nuisance. We no longer jump when we turn and see him, with the sun streaming through him. We don't even mind the musty smell of graveyards, pine boughs and wood-smoke which clings to him. But the outfit he'd collected for his press conference was enough to frighten anybody. Only the fact that we were sitting down saved us from complete collapse.

HE WAS STILL wearing his shapeless coonskin hat, with the tail hanging limply over one shoulder. But he had replaced his leather jerkin with a skin-tight swallow tail coat which had climbed up his broad shoulders until most of it was bunched at the back of his neck. Under that he had a yellow vest embroidered with pink chrysanthemums. His fawn colored tights had been made, it was obvious, for a well-fed man, and they hung, like sails in a windless sea, from Eph's lean flanks, flowing down into a pair of champagne-colored button shoes. He was grinning proudly.

We shuddered. "Now I'm sure I'll vote for Willkie."

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Sanitation Drive Brings Results

Stevenson Pleased With Response To Crusade

An intensive drive by Chief Ira C. Stevenson to enforce sanitation laws at Harvey's Lake has given cottagers at the resort better health conditions this summer than ever before.

Of the 37 offenders discovered when Chief Stevenson began the crusade to find cottages where sewage drained into the lake only two were left this week. One offender was arrested and the other promised to correct the condition. A third family was notified and remedied the situation immediately.

In his inspection of camp sites this week, Chief Stevenson found several violations where campers had departed and left the grounds in bad shape. Because all campers must register at the police station, the chief was able to trace the offenders. He gave them 24 hours to clean up the sites or face prosecution.

Dallas Rotary Host To District Governor

Rock L. Butler of Wellsboro, governor of the 177th District of International Rotary, was the speaker at the weekly supper-meeting of Dallas Rotary Club last night. It was Mr. Butler's annual visit to the local service club. Calvin McHose, president, welcomed the visiting officer warmly in behalf of the club and community.

MAY ASK STATE TO RECONSIDER SITE FOR MILL STREET BRIDGE

The council of Dallas probably will be asked within a few days to propose to the State Highway Department that it make certain changes in its plans for construction of a bridge at the intersection of Mill Street and the new spur road into Dallas.

The culvert through which Toby's Creek will pass under the highway will be a short distance south of the old Mill Street bridge, which

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Smith Proclaims Day In Tribute To Corey Frantz

Calls Upon Townsfolk To Honor Civic Leader Who Recently Retired

Burgess Herbert A. Smith of Dallas last night proclaimed next Thursday (August 29) as "Corey Frantz Day", when townsfolk will join in a warm-hearted gesture of appreciation for the contribution C. A. Frantz, banker, retired business man and long-time resident, has made to Dallas.

Mr. Frantz, who retired recently after 40 years as a businessman here, will be the guest of honor, with Mrs. Frantz, at a reception to be held at the Dallas Methodist Church on Thursday evening at 8, at the end of a day during which he and his wife will be at home to their friends and neighbors.

"No man has done more for Dallas than Mr. Frantz," said Burgess Smith, who conceived the observance. "He has seen the borough grow from a sprawling, rural village with dirt streets to a thriving community with paved highways, electric lights and every improvement that signifies a prosperous town."

"Mr. Frantz has taken part in all of this, and for his efforts we should put aside a day in his honor. Mr. Frantz opened his store on Main Street in a frame building in 1900, and continued in business there until he erected his present building in 1908. He has served on Dallas Borough council and has been president of the local bank for seven years.

Generous Civic Leader

"No request made of Mr. Frantz for any civic contribution has ever been refused. No request for his time has ever been turned down. He has been an outstanding leader in all community affairs. Since his retirement, his counsel and advice have been of the utmost value to those who now carry on."

"No man has had Dallas's welfare more at heart than Mr. Frantz and no man has helped more to bring Dallas to its present position as the business center of this area."

The committee planning the church reception has as members the following old friends of Mr. Frantz: Sterling Machell, Corey Gordon, Morgan Wilcox, James Franklin, Wesley Himmeler, Ray Shiber, Ralph A. Rood, Clark Hildebrandt, George T. Kirkendall, Warden Kunkle, Dr. J. C. Fleming, Dr. G. K. Swartz, Nesbitt A. Garinger, Ralph Hallock and John Frantz.

The active committee will be made up of James R. Oliver, Clyde Lapp, Peter D. Clark, John Durbin and H. A. Smith.

Members of the reception committee will be Rev. and Mrs. Francis F. Freeman, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph L. Brickell, Mr. and Mrs. Sterling Machell, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur R. Dunphy, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Smith and Mr. and Mrs. James Ayre.

Mrs. John Durbin and her class will serve the refreshments. Mrs. Harold Rood, Mrs. James Oliver and Mrs. William Baker will have charge of the music. Mrs. Peter Clark and Mrs. Stanley Davies will arrange flowers. Attorney B. B. Lewis will be toastmaster.

Ratchford Begins Work On Deep Fernbrook Cut

Ratchford and Sons of Naticooke, contractors who are doing the grading on the spur highway into Dallas, yesterday began work on a cut through the sidehill above Fernbrook Park, just west of where the spur will join with the relocated Route 92.

About 30,000 cubic yards of earth must be moved to make way for the new highway and for Toby's Creek, which will be relocated. It will probably take about two weeks to complete the cut. Ratchford's big machinery has been working at top speed all week and has been making rapid progress against some fairly stiff handicaps.

TWO OF PRINCIPALS IN 'COREY FRANTZ DAY'



Burgess Smith... who has proclaimed next Thursday as "Corey Frantz Day."



Mr. Frantz... who will receive the thanks of his neighbors and friends.

5,000 Hear Swing's Pied Piper No. 1: He'll Probably Make \$500,000 In 1940

Glenn Miller, Country Boy Himself, Comes Back To Small Towns One-nighting To Play For Cash

Glenn Miller, who once milked cows for \$2 a week on an Iowa farm, breezed into Dallas Monday night and left early Tuesday morning with another chunk of cash to be added to the \$500,000 or so his band will earn this year.

Like Bonnie Baker and Orrin Tucker, who flustered Dallas last week, Miller is in the jitterbug business. The difference is that Miller is now the No. 1 Pied Piper for America's rug-cutters. Bonnie and Orrin are good. Miller's tops.

That distinction is what keeps a steady flow of dollars rolling in to Miller's treasury from phonograph records, radio and personal appearances. He gets about \$5,000 for his three weekly, 15-minute CBS shows. Phonograph records account for another \$40,000 or \$50,000 a year.

Since April, when Miller left the Hotel Pennsylvania (\$3,000 a week, and he reopens in October) the band has been playing one night stands. It's a gruelling part of orchestra life, but it brings in the big dough, and Miller will play in any tank town that can meet his guarantee.

Usually, the band asks a guarantee and percentage. The ordinary guarantee is \$1,500; the usual percentage is 60 per cent. That means that Miller seldom one-nights for less than \$3,000. He probably didn't make that much here, though.

Small Town Boy Himself

If Miller's income totes up to \$500,000, as is estimated now, he'll pay about \$350,000 of that in musicians' salaries, transportation, arrangements and general overhead. He'll then have about \$150,000 left for himself and the government.

Miller wasn't snooty about the size of Dallas, because he comes from Clarinda, Iowa, a farm town, and most of his schooling, musical and otherwise, came in another one-night town, Fort Meyer, Col., where he went to high school.

Most of the crowd of 5,000 which turned out to hear Miller wanted swing, but the band leader himself is equally proud of his sweet arrangements. As a matter of fact, it's his sweet music that has made the heaviest mark on the band business. A number of orchestras copy his distinctive singing reed style, which he gets by scoring the clarinet and tenor saxophone to carry the melody, with the clarinet "on top."

Aside from directing, signing autographs and posing with a cigarette in his mouth, a reminder that he's sponsored by Chesterfields, Miller does a little composing on the side.

He wrote his theme, "Moonlight Serenade," and other jam operas like "Doin' the Jive" and "Annie's Aunt Fanny." When Miller played for Lucky Strike he wrote a chant called "Sold American." When he went with Chesterfield he quickly rewrote the lyrics. Now they read "Change to Chesterfields."

Mr. Counsman will coach football. He played varsity football at Millersville for four years and was captain of his team in his Junior year.

H. Austin Snyder, supervising principal, has asked all members of the faculty to meet with him at the high school at 1:30 p. m. on September 3.

Garage Man Is Fined For Selling Stickers

Ralph Redmond of Orange, a former garage operator, was fined \$75 and costs on Tuesday on charges of selling automobile inspection stickers and of failing to report the issuance of the stickers to the State Department of Revenue.

LAST WORLD'S FAIR TICKETS WILL BE AWARDED NEXT WEEK

The opportunity to win books of tickets to the World's Fair and its amusements will end next Tuesday night when The Post will close the last of its three weekly contests to find its new name for "The Back Mountain Region."

His Back Broken, 69-Year-Old Man Commits Suicide

Despondent Cripple Had Tried To End Life Once Before; Used Shotgun

His back broken in a mine accident 14 years ago, John Hoover first tried to commit suicide four years ago when he fired a 22 calibre bullet into his mouth. He recovered. On Tuesday afternoon he tried again with a 12 gauge shotgun. This time despondent John Hoover succeeded in ending his pain.

His wife and his sister, Mrs. Agnes Spencer of Shavertown, were picking berries beside the home on Bear Hollow, Road, near Harvey's Lake, when Mr. Hoover, who was 69, told them he was going upstairs to clean his gun.

"Why don't you clean it down here, John?" his wife asked him.

"I'm afraid someone will see me," he explained. He knew that Chief of Police Ira C. Stevenson had forbidden him to have a gun ever since Hoover tried to take his life four years ago.

A little later Mrs. Hoover and Mrs. Spencer heard the shot. Mrs. Hoover went up to the bedroom, the only bedroom in the little house, and found him. He had sat in a chair, leaned the muzzle of the shotgun against the right side of his head and blown it away with a charge of No. 4 shot. He had pushed the trigger with a ramrod. Then they called the police.

Crippled By Accident

A member of an old and respected family, Mr. Hoover had suffered considerably since a mine accident crippled him 14 years ago. He was unable to move without a cane or crutch and the compensation he received did little to solve the financial problems which worried him.

After he tried to kill himself four years ago Chief Stevenson took a rifle, a shotgun and a revolver from the home. The Chief held them until Mr. Hoover promised never to try to commit suicide and returned them but later, becoming suspicious, Chief Stevenson deprived Hoover of his guns.

Some time ago Stevenson returned the guns to Hoover's brother, George, who had bought them from John. Somehow John acquired one of them, because it was his own gun they found beside his body Tuesday, Chief Stevenson reported.

Chief Stevenson and Corporal Charles Connelly of the State Motor Police turned the body over to Deputy Coroner R. L. Brickell of Dallas. Surviving Mr. Hoover, besides his wife and Mrs. Spencer are six brothers, Daniel and Hal of Lehman Road; Jesse of Lehman, George and Frank of Alderson, and James of Ruggles Hollow, and these sisters; Mrs. Julia Zacharias, Alderson; Mrs. Nancy Searfoss, Alderson, and Mrs. Major, Lehman.

Mechanized Troops Return From Maneuvers

Highways in the vicinity of Tunkhannock, Noxen and Pikes Creek are being used again by mechanized military forces as army units return from their maneuvers in New York.

The 109th F. A. will pass through Tunkhannock about noon Saturday, enroute to Tobyhanna for a week's artillery practice. Other units bound for Southern and Central Pennsylvania will follow the same route they took in going to the mass maneuvers three weeks ago.

Senecas To Adopt James As Their Blood Brother

Governor Arthur H. James will become a "blood brother" of old Chief Cornplanter when the Seneca Indian Council adopts him tomorrow at their annual ritual near Warren. Forty Seneca dancers will perform while the ceremony is carried on.

THE POST WANTS:

- 1. The election of Wendell L. Willkie as President of the United States. 2. Emphasis locally on activities which will train men and women in national defense measures. 3. The installation of fire plugs in Dallas Borough. 4. The construction of a new, shorter highway between Dallas and Harvey's Lake before 1942. 5. Centralization of police protection in the Dallas area. 6. More sidewalks.

Republicans Open Willkie Campaign At District Rally

Clark Mobilizes Forces In Preparation For Intensive GOP Drive

If Wendell L. Willkie's acceptance speech last Saturday at Elwood, Ind., marked the opening of the national Republican campaign, then last night's gathering of Sixth District GOP committeemen at Farmers' Inn launched this section's Fall election.

It is always as safe to say that the Republicans will carry the Dallas area as it is to predict that Toby's Creek will continue to flow downhill, but the GOP which now has about 9,300 more voters than the Democrats in this district, apparently intends to take no chances.

The campaign will be as intensive and earnest as if the Republicans weren't assured of a thumping majority here as a matter of tradition.

There's a significant reason for the concentrated effort. Elsewhere in Luzerne County the Republican party will expect stiff blows from the hard-hitting New Dealers and will look to this rockribbed Republican stronghold for votes to stem the Roosevelt tide.

Luzerne County has been favoring Democratic candidates for President for 12 years. Alfred E. Smith carried the County against Hoover in 1928. President Roosevelt carried the county in 1932 and 1936. The Democratic Party is confident he can do it again.

As the biggest Republican district in the county, the Sixth, which includes Dallas and neighboring communities, will have a difficult assignment in attempting to lead Luzerne County back into the Republican ranks in this Presidential election.

Clark Rallies Followers

Peter D. Clark of Dallas, district chairman and who is largely responsible for the heavy gains made by the GOP here in the last two years, presided at last night's meeting and introduced Don Wilkinson, GOP candidate for State Representative; J. Henry Pool, candidate for U. S. Congress, and Charles McCarthy, candidate for State Senator.

Mr. Wilkinson will outdistance his Democratic opponent, Arthur Billings of Duryea, in all local communities. Mr. Billings will poll his strongest votes in the upper end of the district.

Mr. McCarthy, who is opposed by Dr. Leo C. Mundy, will not campaign in the Dallas area, since he is aspiring from the 21st Senatorial District, which juts into the upper end of the Sixth Legislative District. Dallas and its vicinity are represented at Harrisburg by State Senator Robert M. Miller of Kingston, whose term does not expire this year.

The contest between Mr. Pool, the former Republican county chairman, and present Congressman J. Harold Flannery will be the most spirited of any of the local contests. Congressman Flannery has always led his own ticket throughout this section and there is strong indication that his big following here will induce many Republicans to split their vote, despite the pleas of Republican leaders for "straight voting."

The only State contest being watched closely by local voters is that in which G. Harold Wagner, former Dallas burgess and a candidate for State Treasurer, is a principal.

Another important event on the Republican calendar will take place here tomorrow (Saturday) when the Young Republican Women of Luzerne County have their outing at Irem Country Club. A political rally at 4 p. m. will be one of the features of the day's program.

ROAD CREW CUTS PIPE LINE AND LEAVES PART OF DALLAS WATERLESS

The four-inch pipe line which carries water from the main part of Dallas to the Brooklyn section was severed on Tuesday by workmen who are clearing the way for the new highway and residents of that part of town were without water all day.

The workmen also tore out the bridge usually used by Laing Fire Company in answering calls in the central part of town, making it necessary for fire equipment to make a roundabout detour in responding to alarms.