

A Highway—Or A Revolution?

We doubt if many people in the Kingston Township-Dallas area are aware even now of the far-reaching effects the new \$750,000 highway now under construction is bound to have upon this territory.

This is not just another road. It is almost a revolution, for besides changing the physical appearance of this area it will bring innumerable benefits and problems which will transform the social character of the community for all time.

As the spinal column of the body politic it will link these adjoining towns together as they have never been united before.

As a traffic artery it will give access to undeveloped meadows where building has until now been unthinkable.

As a civic asset it will attract new taxpayers who will swell the municipal coffers.

As a social factor it will create new business districts and cause growth in an entirely new direction, reversing the trends of the past 10 years.

As a gateway to the loveliest scenic area in Northeastern Pennsylvania it will bring a steady flow of tourist dollars into this section every summer.

*Nothing as important as this new highway has happened here since the first restless settlers tramped through the gap in Kingston Mountain and erected their log cabins along Toby's Creek.*

So far the community has been content to sit back and watch the highway take shape. There has been no effort to control the conditions which will spring up as a result of the new route, to solve the problems it will create nor to capitalize upon the opportunities it will present. If this complacency persists, Dallas and its neighboring communities are certain to fumble their biggest opportunity in years.

There is a crying need, right now, for some sort of a planning board, representing the citizens of Dallas Borough, Dallas Township and Kingston Township, to investigate the significance of the new road, study its probable effects upon the community and recommend measures for development of the residential areas it bisects.

*Unless something of this sort is done, we shall all some day regret our lack of foresightedness.*

Are there to be restrictions on the type of building which will be permitted along the highway? Is the scenery to be hidden by billboards? Is there to be any sensible system of feeder roads, or are present intersecting streets, such as Mill Street and Sumpter Street in Dallas, to be abandoned? What sort of traffic control will there be through the towns along the highway? Are visitors to Dallas to be greeted by a row of backhouses? There are a score of important questions pleading for an answer while municipal officials mark time.

Pennsylvania is investing more than three-quarters-of-a-million dollars in our section of Luzerne County this summer. As a result, we are on the verge of a sweeping change in the appearance, character, prospects and wealth of our community. It will be tragic if we have not the public spirit to add our appreciation, our imagination and our efforts to that investment.

POST SCRIPTS

We know our limitations, so we shan't try to write any preface to the letter which follows. Our clumsy circumlocution might spoil it. It's from a 13-year-old girl, who has written to her aunt in this country.

Dear Auntie:  
Hans and Sara, Mummie and me were up in London for dinner and tea;  
We had for our luncheon, as soon you will guess,  
Cheese, milk and rolls, mustard and cress.

It was such a wonderful day! The sun woke up in a hurry and let us know it. We jumped on a bus and jumped off at Parliament Street, ate our lunch in St. James's Park, fed the ducks and the birds, and then went on to Hyde Park and Kensington Gardens. The rabbits were wriggling their furry ears and shaking their bob-cotton tails and Peter Pan looked as happy as ever. The Serpentine was rippling so peacefully, glistening like gold.

We walked past the Army huts and sand-bagged guns where the new recruits were being drilled. Sara and Hans were interested to see the political what-nots having their say at the Marble Arch Corner. Speakers and shouters and squeakers, for or against the Government, all talking about what they jolly well pleased. Sara and Hans had never known anything like that in Germany and it gave them a little idea of what we do in England. Later we went to Lyons and had some ice cream and cakes. Oh, I hope you won't think I'm too interested in things to eat. I just think it adds spice to letters to tell what nice things one has sometimes, don't you? (Really, there's no use put-

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READERS TO SELECT NEW NAME FOR 'BACK MOUNTAIN REGION'

Beginning next week, The Post will invite its readers to vote on a new name for what is now called "The Back Mountain Region."

From the names which have been submitted in the last three weeks the judges have selected 15. The contestants who submitted the winning names each have received an \$8.50 book of tickets to the World's Fair.

Strangely enough, a number of persons have expressed their fond-

Weather Delays Road Operations

Big Cut Takes Shape As Ratchford Speeds Job

After a week's rapid progress, operations on the new Dallas Highway were held up this week by rainy weather, but clear skies yesterday saw Ratchford & Sons, the sub-contractors, moving ahead again with excavating and grading.

The 30,000-cubic-yard cut below Dallas is about one-third finished and will probably be finished in about a week and a half. Forms have been erected for several of the nine bridges which are to be built. The grading is being hurried so Coon Construction Co., which is ready to pave parts of the link northward from the Fernbrook intersection, can use the spur in trucking concrete from its mixer at Dallas.

Record August Low Touched Last Sunday

A record-breaking low temperature for August occurred on Sunday according to the Pennsylvania Weather and Crop Report. On that day the mercury registered a low of 29 degrees at Kane. Light to heavy frosts accompanied the cold spell throughout this section. The average temperature for the week was 61, about 8 degrees below average.

Two Canoes Are Stolen At Harvey's Lake

Chief of Police Ira C. Stevenson is investigating the theft of two canoes stolen from Harvey's Lake recently. One, a red Old Town with the name "Pudger," was the property of Alan Kistler. The other one, also red, was stolen from Penn Williams.

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Misericordia Prepares To Welcome Unusually Large Freshman Class

Anticipating its "biggest and best year", College Misericordia is preparing to welcome an unusually large Freshman Class on Wednesday, September 11, with members from as far west as Wisconsin.

The new students will report on that day for a series of conferences and tests which will continue through the week. Upper classmen will report on Monday, September 16, and the formal opening of the new term will be marked on Friday, September 20, at a high mass.

Several new and important courses have been added to this year's curriculum and an imposing array of lectures has been arranged, including Mme Sigrud Undset, world-famous Norwegian novelist, and Mortimer J. Adler, internationally-known psychologist and author.

There will be several new members of the faculty.

Freshman Week Program

The schedule for Freshman Week follows:  
Wednesday, September 11: 9 a. m., general assembly, welcome, introduction to class counselors and sectioning of classes; 10, registration for Sections 1 and 3; medical examination for Section 3; 12:30, lunch; 1:15, Registration for Section 3; medical examination for Section 1 and 2.  
Thursday, 9 a. m., general assembly; 9:30, psychological tests for Sections 1 and 2; 12:30 lunch; 1:15, speech clinic for Section 3.  
Friday, 9 a. m., English placement test; 11:30, introduction to library for Section 1 and 3; speech clinic, Section 2; 12:30, lunch; 1:15, introduction to library, Section 2; speech clinic, Section 1; 2:30, tea and introduction to faculty.

Martin Explains School's Plans

Thursday Opening Day At Kingston Township

A summary of the regulations governing the opening of Kingston Township schools next Thursday morning was given yesterday by J. A. Martin, supervising principal. The time schedule will be the same as last year, with sessions in the Junior-Senior high school from 8:30 to 11:30 and from 12:30 to 3:30 and sessions in the grade schools from 8:45 to 11:30 and from 12:30 to 3:15.

Buses will follow the same routes on the same time schedule as last year. All bus pupils for the sixth and second grades will attend the Truckville grade school. All bus pupils for the first, fourth and fifth grades will attend the Shavertown grade school.

Lake Township Wettest Town In This Section

Lake Township, which has 16 liquor licenses and four beer licenses, is the "wettest" of any local communities, according to the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board.

But this section also has the only "dry" town in Luzerne County, Ross Township, which includes Sweet Valley.

Liquor licenses issued here follow: Dallas Borough, 2; Dallas Township, 10; Franklin Township, 1; Jackson, 1; Kingston Township, 3; Lake, 16; Lehman, 4. Beer licenses: Dallas Township, 2; Jackson, 1; Lake, 4; Lehman, 1.

Bloomsburg Fair Plans 86th Year

Annual Exposition Will Open On September 23

The 86th renewal of the Bloomsburg Fair on September 23 is expected to break all existing records for attendance. The fair will continue through the week, closing on the night of Saturday, September 28.

Because the fair operates on a policy of putting all earnings into a progressive improvement program, there is never a year but that there are many improvements. It's the same in 1940. The convenience of the fair visitor has been given full consideration.

No longer will there be any delays in the securing of tickets either for entrance on the grounds or grandstand or for the securing of advance grandstand tickets.

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Dallas Township Directors Appoint Four Teachers

Miss Bogart Was Also Appointed At Lehman; School Opens Thursday

Four new teachers were appointed by the directors of Dallas Township school district on Monday night, one of them Miss Jean Bogart of Dallas, who had already been offered a teaching position on the Lehman high school faculty. It was the third offer Miss Bogart has received this summer.

The other teachers named are Martha Russ of Fernbrook, Martha Zehner of Bloomsburg and Robert Dolbear of Plains. They will succeed teachers who have resigned.

School at Dallas Township will reopen on Thursday, September 5, Ronald C. Doll, principal, announced yesterday.

Registration of all pupils, including those being admitted for the first time, will take place on that morning. The first meeting of the teachers will be held in the afternoon of the same day.

The calendar of school holidays has been announced as follows by Mr. Doll:

Recess for teachers' institute, October 17 and 18; recess for Armistice Day, November 11; Thanksgiving vacation, November 28 and 29; Christmas vacation, December 23-January 1; Easter vacation, April 10, 11 and 14; Memorial Day recess, May 30; closing date, June 5, 1941.

Milk Price Rise Likely This Fall

Control Board Supports Anti-Chiselling Plea

The possibility of a one-cent-a-quart increase in milk prices, to aid farmers who are producing for less than cost now, looms as a result of arguments presented by dairymen at a hearing before the Pennsylvania Milk Commission at Scranton on Wednesday.

The producers also pleaded for protection against dealers who "chisel" on milk prices and John H. McKee, chairman of the Commission, asked producers and distributors to co-operate in enforcing price regulations in fairness to all groups.

Milk is selling now for 12c a quart. It is probable that the price level will be returned to that of last winter, when producers received \$2.76 a hundredweight, instead of their present \$2.50, for fluid milk containing 3.5 per cent butterfat.

Clyde Lapp Chairman Of Truck Council

National Defense and highway safety will be the chief topics of discussion at the meeting next Tuesday evening at Hotel Redington of the Luzerne County Council of Pennsylvania Motor Truck Association, of which Clyde Lapp of Dallas is chairman.

"Co-ordination of highway transportation is part of the national defense program, in which trucks will play an outstanding part," Mr. Lapp said.

Autos Kill Two Daily

Pennsylvania's pedestrians met death on the highway at the rate of more than two a day during the first six months of 1940, the A. A. A. has reported.

109th F. A. Home From Camp

Expect Mobilization Sometime In December

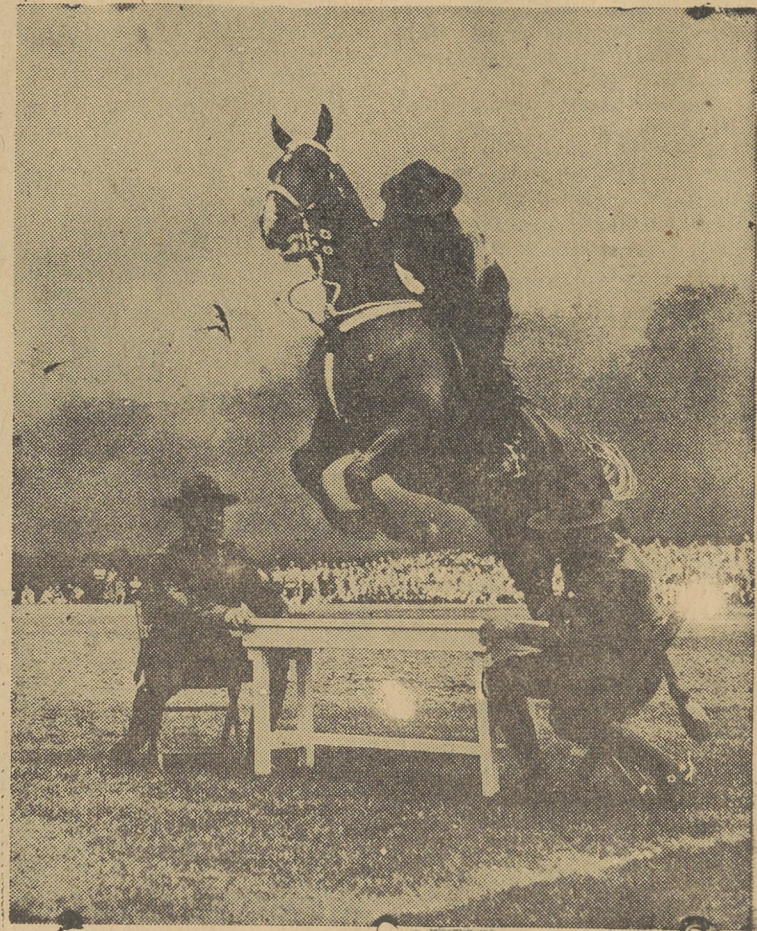
Three weeks' intensive training, the last few days on grounds soggy from the steady rain, will end for the 109th F. A. when it returns today from its maneuvers at Lisbon, N. Y., and Tophanna. The regiment includes a good-size detachment and several officers from the Dallas section.

How long the men will have with their families before they are mobilized remained a matter of conjecture this week. The calling of the National Guard will be a preliminary step to conscription, because it will be needed to train the recruits who will be drafted.

One report from Washington is that the local outfit will be mobilized about December 15 for service at Indiantown Gap, near Harrisburg.

- 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, short-cut highway between Dallas and Harvey's Lake before 1942.
  5. Centralization of police protection in the Dallas area.
  6. More sidewalks.

THEY CAN STILL STICK TO A SADDLE



Pennsylvania Motor Policemen answer calls and patrol highways in fast sedans, nowadays, instead of riding horseback as they did in the days when they first earned a reputation as relentless man-hunters, but they haven't lost their old-time skill at horsemanship, as this trooper demonstrates in one of the series of rodeos being staged in different parts of the state.

Presentation Of 'Book Of Friendship' Climaxes Dallas's 'Corey Frantz Day'

Old Friends Pay Warm-Hearted Tribute To Guest Of Honor At Neighborly Reception At Church

A "Book of Friendship" containing hundreds of signatures inscribed by his neighbors was presented to C. Corey Frantz, retired business man, banker and civic leader in Dallas for the last 40 years, at a reception in his honor in Dallas Methodist Church last night.

The presentation was made by Attorney B. B. Lewis, who presided during the informal program at the church. A dedication in the front of the book characterized the event as "an American tribute to a good American." Mrs. Frantz received a lovely bouquet.

The reception climaxed what Burgess Herbert A. Smith had proclaimed as "Corey A. Frantz Day." Congratulations came to Mr. Frantz throughout the day and he received numerous messages, including one from Dr. Henry M. Laing Fire Company, thanking him for his co-operation in the firemen's behalf over a long period.

At the church a huge banner announced "Dallas Honors Corey Frantz." Several hundred persons heard many of Mr. Frantz's old friends speak feelingly of their admiration for him. There was a delightful musical program and refreshments were served after the speeches.

The messages to Mr. Frantz in his "Book of Friendship" said in part: "Your career is a living confirmation of the theory that men cannot acquire what they do not produce. In our town, your name is synonymous with stability, soundness, decency, character and wise counsel."

"In your activities as a business man, banker and civic leader during the last 40 years you have steadfastly exemplified the principles on which this fledgling nation was founded. Simply, quietly, and without fanfare, you have given vitality to the glorious American legend that in our country a boy with brains and two willing hands and enough ambition can still make his own career."

Acknowledging the tribute, Mr. Frantz made a typically modest statement. "You know," he said, "I've really only done what any citizen should do."

NEW BOAT CLUB AT LAKE WILL SPONSOR RACES ON LABOR DAY

The newly-organized boat club at Harvey's Lake will sponsor a water carnival on Labor Day.

A two-mile course has been laid out, starting at Rudy Hochreiter's boathouse north of the picnic grounds. The first races will begin at 10 a. m. and after a recess for lunch the contestants will resume the program at 2 p. m.

A sailboat race and an aquaplane ski race will be two of the principal features. There will also be races for 6-cylinder inboards, 4-cylinder inboards, 4-cylinder outboards and 2-cylinder outboards.

Entry blanks can be secured from Chief of Police Ira C. Stevenson, at Zorzi's, at Stonehenge Cottage at North Corners, at Jack Nothoff's or from Reese Meredith, president of the boat club.

Firemen Would Organize Defense Corps For Dallas

Fred Kiefer Sends Word Encouraging Committee To Speed Its Plan

Impressed by the national defense preparations he has observed on his 2,000-mile trip northward to the Canadian Rockies, Fred M. Kiefer of Shrine View sent word home this week encouraging Dr. Henry M. Laing Fire Company of Dallas to speed its plans to organize a drill team which could serve as a training corps for local young men.

Such a plan was discussed by the firemen at their regular meeting last Friday night and a committee was appointed to consider forming a drill team to serve as the nucleus of a program to interest young men in the volunteer fire company.

"I am encouraged to believe an organization of this type will mean much to the company and will be a direct benefit to the community," Mr. Kiefer wrote home after seeing what other towns are doing.

Awakened by official recognition of espionage activities in this country, a number of communities are inaugurating their own training corps to supplement the job the army is doing. Modern air warfare, with its parachute troops, has made civilian training essential.

It is also recognized that such vigorous activity on the part of American towns will have an effect on pugnacious foreign countries which might be tempted to invade this nation. They would be less eager to attack a country which has a population which can submit to discipline and knows how to use firearms.

Besides, home defense is typically American and has been since the first settlers in this section kept long rifles in the corner to insure their property rights.

Suggests Weekly Drill

Mr. Kiefer, who has been one of the most active members of the local fire company, proposes that the drill team or defense corps be made up of members of the fire company who are also American citizens. He suggests that a bugle corps might be organized in conjunction with the drill team and that drill be held at least one night a week and more often if convenient while the weather permits outside drill.

He points to the number of ex-army officers or present commissioned officers of the National Guard in Dallas and its vicinity who could command the corps, and believes guns, even if not uniform as to make or calibre, could be secured by the members of the team.

Mr. Kiefer then proposes that the firemen secure a 200-yard rifle practice range, so the members and other interested citizens can become acquainted with the use of guns.

He believes it would also be appropriate to design a special fire company flag, which could be flown beside the national colors on appearances of the drill team.

Joe Elicker In Midst Of Nassau's Excitement

Joe Elicker of Dallas, who is associated now with the Development Board of the Bahamas government at Nassau, has been one of the privileged eye-witnesses at the excitement attending the arrival of the Duke and Duchess of Windsor at the famous tourist resort.

Mr. Elicker has been in Nassau since January and his duties have identified him with the preparation which were made to welcome the new Governor. On his next trip home he will undoubtedly have a fresh supply of the stories which Joe tells so well, a probability his numerous friends are anticipating with pleasure.