

We'll Still Take Willkie

A month ago The Post took an editorial stand in favor of Wendell L. Willkie's candidacy for the Presidency. Nothing which has happened since then has changed our mind.

Our principal reason for speaking up editorially in behalf of Mr. Willkie's candidacy was, and still is, our conviction that the election of Mr. Roosevelt will look like panic to other nations.

If the nation was able to find able successors for Washington, Jefferson, Madison, Monroe, Jackson, Cleveland and other giants but cannot now find, among its 130,000,000 souls, one man to take over Mr. Roosevelt's job, so he can retire to a well-earned rest, then perhaps there is some element of truth in Mr. Hitler's claim that the democracies of the world have become decadent.

We believe Mr. Roosevelt is a tired man—too tired, we are told, to assume the responsibilities which will be the President's during the next four crucial years.

Perhaps he can fool some voters by looking down his nose at Mr. Willkie and explaining to the press that he "cannot adjourn the Battle of Britain" to debate political issues with a Republican nominee.

Mr. Roosevelt is deeply concerned with the problems of national defense, as are all of us these days, but he finds time for wholly superficial tours of inspection and he made two major speeches in Tennessee last Monday.

No, President Roosevelt's attempt to use the war situation as a shield against Mr. Willkie's forthright challenge is too transparent. The game is plain. If Mr. Roosevelt can use the Battle of Britain as a smoke screen, he can evade the unpleasant duty of defending his administration against the charges that under the New Deal new enterprise has been stagnant for the longest period in our history.

Mr. Roosevelt has asked the American people to do an unprecedented thing. No other President, even the greatest of them, has ever sought what Mr. Roosevelt is now seeking. We do not believe that in this country a man can ask for such a thing and then expect intelligent citizens to obey blindly, like sheep following a bellwether.

If Mr. Roosevelt chooses not to accept Mr. Willkie's challenge, then we can only assume that Mr. Roosevelt has no adequate defense and that it is not so much a matter of the people asking too much of Mr. Roosevelt as it is Mr. Roosevelt asking too much from the people.

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Freeman Believes Planning Group Should Be Formed

Minister Emphasizes Need Of Foresight To Capitalize On New Road

A plea for careful civic planning to capitalize on the opportunities presented by Dallas's new \$750,000 boulevard was made this week by Rev. Francis F. Freeman, pastor of Dallas Methodist Church.

Rev. Mr. Freeman said his appeal for united community action to study problems raised by the new highway was suggested by an editorial, "A New Highway—or a Revolution," in last week's Post.

At the same time Rev. Mr. Freeman was suggesting a Planning Commission, Burgess Herbert A. Smith was striking an almost identical civic note as guest-columnist on Page 6 of this week's Post.

"Instead of utilizing two short sections, your entire editorial might well have been italicized," Rev. Mr. Freeman wrote. "You suggest many pertinent problems and make a very worth-while suggestion for their solution."

"To mention just one of the problems: Billboards. We are to have a new highway, but some of us who admire the natural beauty of this area are wondering whether the new highway will be just another 'Billboard Avenue.' We can rest assured that advertising companies are alert already to the possibilities of the new road as an advertising medium.

"I ask along with you, Mr. Editor, whether or not visitors to this region are going to be greeted with an unending line of billboards, I do not object to such advertising, but I most certainly object to an indiscriminate placing of such billboards."

"The growth of the population which will inevitably come will bring many problems—proper grading of streets, sewerage disposal, sidewalks, mail delivery, fire and police protection, enlarged schools, playgrounds for the children and many others."

"I suggest that a Planning Commission be formed immediately. 'May I sincerely commend you for this very excellent 'Editorial of the Year.' I hope it does not die prematurely, but produces the results hoped for."

Sugden Addresses Dallas Rotarians Gives Graphic Account Of Havana Convention

An interesting account of the convention of International Rotary at Havana, Cuba, last month was given before Dallas Rotary Club last night by Rev. W. Herbert Sugden, pastor of Westminster Presbyterian Church of Wilkes-Barre.

Last week the club received a unique gavel from G. Earl Smith of Reading, a former resident of Wilkes-Barre. The gavel, inscribed to the local club, was made by Mr. Smith of a translucent plastic material with which he moulds objects for a hobby.

MAYBE THIS IS WHAT AN AUTO GRAVEYARD THINKS ABOUT



Young Oren Root Wants 25,000 Clubs Working For Willkie Before Election

Unique Political Device Enlists Amateurs In Drive To Send GOP Nominee To The White House

The vanguard of a huge force of workers for the election of Wendell L. Willkie, which will number hundreds of thousands of men and women throughout the country before the close of the campaign, goes into action this week, it was announced yesterday by Oren Root, Jr., chairman of the Associated Willkie Clubs of America.

The Willkie Worker Kit is a new device in political campaigning and promises to be one of the deciding factors in the coming Presidential election. It was developed by Mr. Root, 29 year old attorney, who only a few months ago gave up his job in a New York law firm, and, without the knowledge or consent (at first) of Mr. Willkie, started campaigning for Willkie's nomination.

Kit Has Campaign Tools The worker kit is a small cardboard envelope containing the tools which Willkie supporters throughout the country will use to obtain the pledge of at least 10 persons to vote for Willkie.

Beside the pledge card the kit contains buttons for the supporters to wear, pamphlets entitled "Willkie The Man", directions on how to go about their campaigning, record sheets and a report card. There is a blue and gold identifying button for the Willkie worker to wear and a number of buttons of a special design which are to be given to each person who has signed the pledge to vote for Willkie.

In the week following the first announcement of the kits, made over all four major radio networks after Wendell L. Willkie's acceptance speech at Elwood, Indiana, August 17, more than 25,000 requests for the kits were received at national headquarters. Some of the requests came from organizations ordering as many as 500 kits but most of them were from enthusiastic individuals.

"This response," Mr. Root pointed out, "will have the effect of making active political campaigners out of hundreds of thousands of people

Gardening Season Nears Its Close

Winter's Wedge Brings New Duties And Thrills

(This is the first of a series of articles Mrs. Kent will write for The Post discussing subjects of particular interest to local gardeners.)

By SARA EVANS KENT

At this season of the year in the evening, from out of doors comes the noise of katydids and through the open window pours cool night air, laden with the perfume of phlox and nicotiana blooming below in the perennial border. They are gentle reminders in these mountains that the comfort and warmth of summer are rapidly passing and before many weeks are gone we shall be wearing our woolen clothes, hugging the open fires and deriving a few vicarious pleasures from garden books and plant catalogs.

September, even though it be the entering wedge of winter, has its own special rewards for the person who has toiled through the dampness of spring and the heat of summer to preserve his garden from the ravages of weather, insects and all other pests. There seems to be a renaissance when the cool nights begin and plants that have sulked all summer and refused to respond to the best treatment suddenly revive and put forth renewed effort.

When I go into the garden early on an autumn morning every leaf and blade of grass is sparkling with dew and the marigolds and zinnias are bright colors amidst the vivid greens. The petunias, hanging over the grey rocks and the dwarf dahlias in the annual bed make a brave show of defiance against approaching winter. At such moments I am always reminded of Longfellow's poem "Morituri Salutamus." "O Caesar, we who are about to die salute you." The flowers know that life for them is short and with flaming courage they salute me in the morning light.

September in the gardens back of the mountains is what the Southern planters call "laying by time". In the South this time comes early in August when the last weeds have been hoed from the corn and cotton and there is no more hard work to be done until harvest time arrives. I ought to be able to imitate the Southern farmer and do nothing but "lay by" and watch with infinite joy the fruits of my labor but if there is one real gardener who can sit in peace and quiet in his own garden I would be happy to meet him.

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- 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.

Billboards Taboo In Town Limits, Council Resolves

New Ordinance Designed To Preserve Beauty Of New Road Into Dallas

An ordinance prohibiting the erection of billboards within the town's limits was adopted by Dallas Borough Council at its meeting on Tuesday night.

The new legislation, proposed by Councilman Joseph MacVeigh and seconded by Councilman James Ayre, was designed primarily to protect the appearance of the new spur highway into town.

It was understood that it will not affect billboards already standing within the borough limits.

Moving with rare dispatch, the councilmen suspended the rules to permit the required three readings of the new ordinance at Tuesday night's meeting, in order to speed the date upon which the new law can become effective.

Along the same line, Councilman MacVeigh, who is chairman of a planning commission organized some time ago but inactive until now, was requested to submit suggestions for a new zoning ordinance which would control future construction in the borough.

Discuss Bad Crossing

The councilmen also visited the Mill Street intersection along the new spur highway into Dallas to investigate a complaint that the crossroads there will be dangerous when the new highway is completed.

After studying the situation and discussing it, councilmen concluded that the complaints had been exaggerated and that the intersection, as shown on the plans made by the State Highway Department, would be satisfactory for traffic.

A letter questioning the State about its plan for the Mill Street intersection had already been sent to the State Highway Department but no answer has been received.

The councilmen discussed briefly the agitation for fire protection. Councilmen Peter D. Clark and MacVeigh have been authorized to confer with Robert Hall Craig of Dallas-Shavertown Water Company to see if the utility will install fire plugs. The two councilmen are awaiting Mr. Craig's reply.

John T. Jeter, borough engineer, was asked to submit plans and estimates for a borough-wide curbing and ditch project to be carried out with WPA funds.

Highway Goes On Despite Bad Rains

Banks Begins Work On First Of Two Bridges

Soggy ground compelled Ratchford & Sons to hold up grading operations along the spur highway into Dallas this week but other phases of construction proceeded at a good pace.

Banks Construction Co. poured concrete for one wall of the first bridge south of Dallas, in the rear of Titman's store. The increased flow of Toby's Creek as a result of last week's unusual rains handicapped the workmen. Moulds were started on Wednesday for the north wall of the bridge which will be erected over the creek at Mill Street.

Coon Construction Co. began erecting a concrete-mixing plant on the old Adelman plot along Lake Street. The concrete mixed there will be trucked along the spur highway as soon as it is finished, to pave the main road from the Fernbrook intersection north.

POST SCRIPTS

50,000 Children Guests At Fair

Bloomsburg To Be Host At Day For Youngsters

More than 50,000 school children from Central Pennsylvania will be guests of the Bloomsburg Fair during the 86th annual exhibition which will open Monday, September 23, to continue day and night throughout the last week of September.

Directors of the fair are now busy in perfecting plans for the distribution of tickets to school children in Columbia, Montour, Luzerne, Northumberland, Schuylkill, Snyder, Union, Sullivan, Lycoming and Lackawanna counties.

Under the plan successfully carried out during the past few years and to be continued this year, children of Columbia, Montour and Luzerne counties are guests of the fair on Tuesday, September 24, and those from the other counties are guests on Friday, September 27.

School days are colorful days at the fair for many of the visiting schools bring with them their bands and it is not unusual to have at least a dozen colorfully attired musical organizations on the spacious fair grounds at one time.

We are informed by sources generally reliable that tonight the forces of Sir Naylor Smith, hurt to the quick by our editorial expose of their blundering through 14 consecutive chapters of the current serial at the Himmler, will subvert the insidious Fu Manchu and triumph.

At the folksy reception for Corey Frantz the other night, Attorney Bert B. Lewis, who was an affable and neighborly master of ceremonies, repeatedly emphasized the impromptu nature of the program. It was, therefore, some-

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WET WEATHER DELAYS SERIES; BEAUMONT AND VERNON POISED

The hard luck which has dogged teams in the Bi-county League all summer ran true to form last Sunday when rain washed out the first of the series games between Beaumont and Vernon, forcing postponement of the opening tilt until this Sunday afternoon at 2:30 at Vernon.

The league almost folded up in mid-season when Noxen forfeited its franchise. Later rain delayed the schedule and now the climaxing

series between Vernon, league leader, and Beaumont, the second-place team, is late getting started. Three games must be played, on succeeding Sundays.

"Mac" Taylor, who pitched the season's only no hit, no run game, probably will be on the mound for Beaumont and Arch Austin will catch. Vernon's battery will be Martin and Stevens. A good-sized delegation of Dallas fans plans to go to Vernon to see the game.

Ballot For A New Name

A good many readers of The Post have indicated that they are tired of hearing their community referred to as "The Back Mountain Region" as if it were a refuge for hill-billies. Another good-sized group like "Back Mountain Region" and are opposed to any move to change it. It isn't what you call a thing, they say, recalling Shakespeare's widely-quoted comment on the rose, it's what you make of it. There's one way to settle it. For three weeks The Post has been awarding prizes for suggestions for a substitute label. Fifteen have been accumulated. Now The Post submits them for your choice. Put a check opposite the one you prefer and in a few weeks we'll announce the results. Here they are:

- Back Mountain Region... Suburban Hills... Highland Manor... Mountainboro... Mountain Parkway... Ruralvania... Newer Dallas Region... Blue Ridge Region... Bedford Hills... Dallwood Heights... Dal-King Suburbs... Dallarea... Suburban Heights... Dallmont... Sylvan Hills... King-Dal-Lake Mount...

LACK OF DROWNINGS AT LAKE BREAKS TWENTY-YEAR RECORD

For the first time in 20 years, Harvey's Lake has passed a summer without a drowning.

Since 1920 the Lake has claimed an average of three lives a year, Chief of Police Ira C. Stevenson recalled yesterday. The resort's season ended on Labor Day.

An odd circumstance was that this year, for the first time, the Lake police department has had two modern inhalators, a gift from the

Wilkes-Barre post of American Legion. Although the inhalators were used once at Lake Louise, there has been no call for them at Harvey's Lake all year.

Last year, late in the season, there were two drownings. A boy was killed when a high speed motor boat tore through his rowboat and a week later a man fell from a speed boat and was drowned.