

Interest Is Keen In Wagner's Bid For State Office

**Former Dallas Burgess
Is Democratic Nominee
For Important Post**

Although most local voters have such little interest in this year's State elections that they scarcely remember the names of the candidates, they will watch with unusual keenness the campaign of G. Harold Wagner, a former Burgess of Dallas who is seeking election as State Treasurer.

Mr. Wagner, who was once editor of The Post, was a potent figure in local affairs 10 years ago and played an important part in strengthening the Republican Party here. Soon after Mr. Roosevelt's election, Mr. Wagner was converted to the Democratic Party, reversing Mr. Willkie's change of convictions, and is now that party's candidate for the important office of State Treasurer.

A specialist in State and municipal financing through training and experience for more than 20 years, Mr. Wagner would take to the office of State Treasurer a wealth of knowledge of the Commonwealth's business.

A tax specialist, a consultant upon corporate and governmental financing, an organizer of ability and a former business man, Mr. Wagner has acquired a fine reputation throughout the State. As the supervising inheritance tax officer in the Department of the Auditor General since 1937 his services have been in great demand in many counties where, under his direction and supervision, new methods have been established for the assessment and collection of inheritance taxes to give not only better service to the public, but to yield greater income to the State.

Through his experience, Mr. Wagner is well qualified to handle the great sums of money that are received and disbursed by the State Treasurer each year, as well as the guardianship of some \$300,000,000 worth of securities owned by the State and its various boards and commissions.

Fought With U. S. Navy

A descendant of thrifty Pennsylvania Dutch ancestors, Mr. Wagner has always made his own way through hard work. Born July 19, 1900, in Drifton, he is the son of the late George Wagner and Sallie Kitchen Wagner.

Wagner was educated in the city schools of Wilkes-Barre, the Mining and Mechanical Institute at Free-land and the Wilkes-Barre Business College.

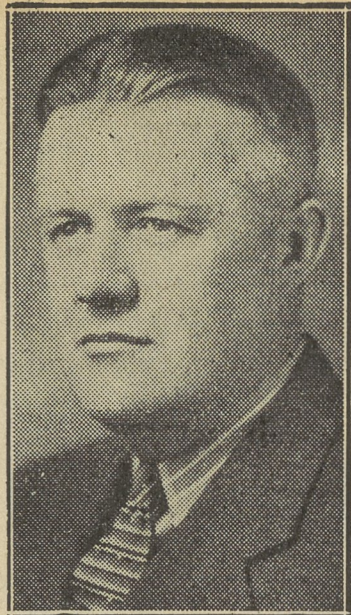
Following his graduation from business college in 1917 he was employed as Assistant City Ticket Agent for the Lehigh Valley Railroad and Secretary to the Valuation Engineer of the Delaware and Hudson Railroad, which position he resigned to join the United States Navy at Newport, R. I., for participation in the World War. He was assigned to the Naval Mine Depot at Yorktown, Va., as a second class seaman, and three months later was promoted to first class petty officer. He was honorably discharged in April, 1919.

His father died in 1920 while in office as Clerk of Courts, and, upon recommendation of her cousin, A. Mitchell Palmer, who was at that time Attorney General of the United States, his mother was appointed to fill the vacancy. Mrs. Wagner was the first woman in Pennsylvania to hold public office following the ratification of the Nineteenth Amendment in August, 1920.

Wagner engaged in the insurance business and became associated in the organization of The Post, of which he was for a time editor and business manager. A great deal of his time was devoted toward the operation of a special tax service, wherein municipalities and others were advised regarding State, county and inheritance taxes. He also served as Burgess of Dallas.

In 1927, he was named chief of the inheritance tax department in

FORMER BURGESS



G. Harold Wagner

... former Dallas official who is now the Democratic nominee for State Treasurer.

Play-off With Fairdale At Noxen Tomorrow

The fourth of the five "play-off" games between Noxen and Fairdale of Wyoming-Susquehanna League will be played at Noxen tomorrow (Saturday) afternoon. The game was washed out by rain last Saturday. Noxen has won two games and Fairdale one.

Luzerne county, and in 1930, while specializing in the appraisal of real estate, he was named as county property assessor. In 1931, he was appointed special auditor of county offices by the late Controller Leonard D. Morgan. With the reorganization of the inheritance tax division in the Auditor General's Department, Mr. Wagner was called upon by Auditor General Roberts to train appraisers.

Mr. Wagner is married, father of four children, a member of the Presbyterian Church, is a past Noble Grand of the I. O. O. F., a member of the Loyal Order of Moose, was active in American Legion affairs, and for two years was president of the Dallas Rotary Club.

Due to industrial research, phonograph records can now be played by photo-electric light.

There are twice as many motor vehicles in the United States as in the entire rest of the world.

New Dallas Road Part Of System To Help Defense

**Invasion Would Demand
System Such As Hitler
Perfecting In Germany**

Dallas's new \$750,000 boulevard is part of this nation's answer to Adolf Hitler's wide, intersectionless, straight Reichsautobahnen, which Germany built so it could hurl its mechanized forces at high speeds to the points where they might be needed most.

A lot of attention has been given to the new local road because of its significance as a social and economic factor, likely to cause great changes in the development of this area, but not so much has been said about its importance in the military sense.

Actually, it is a part of the beginning of an unprecedented program of new highway construction to improve roads vital to hemisphere defense.

Road-building was one of the first projects Hitler launched when he rose to power in 1933. By the time war began he had about 2,000 miles of superhighways, and since then the network has been increased by 1,500 miles.

Over these roads 70,000 motorized troops can pass a given point in an hour (compared with about 3,000 on average American highways).

Highways For War

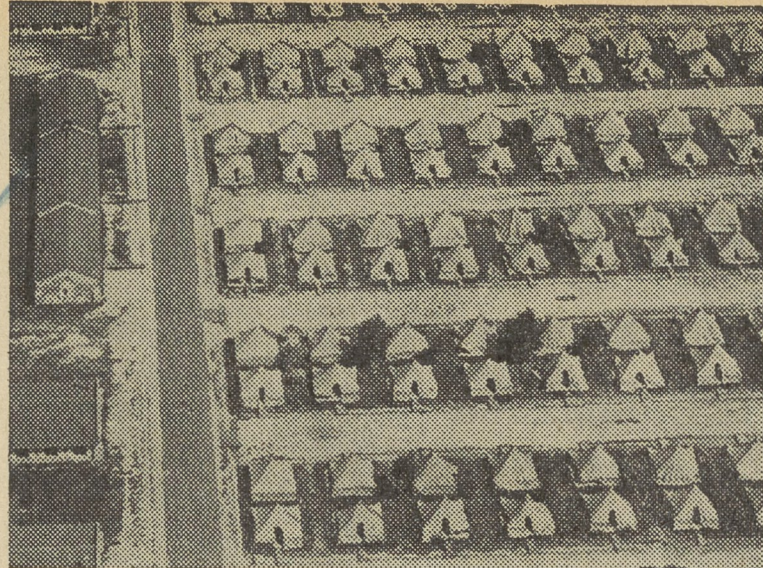
The United States has more roads and automobiles than any other nation, but it has only one highway which equals the German system, the new \$70,000,000 Pennsylvania Turnpike between Pittsburgh and Middlesex, near Harrisburg, which will be opened this Fall.

The Public Roads Administration is now conducting a survey of the 78,000 miles of highway (out of our total of 3,065,000 miles) that are considered of strategic importance. Already it has been discovered that 12 per cent of the bridges on this strategic road system—an average of one every 35 miles—are incapable of carrying loads of 30,000 pounds—the weight of a medium tank.

Congress has approved plans to spend \$832,700,000 on highways during the next fiscal year. In addition, the WPA will construct traffic feeders to military and naval reservations, widen shoulders of main highways and improve secondary routes.

Because of its already extensive system of highways, the United States will not need to spend as

CANVAS CITY FOR MOBILIZED NATIONAL GUARD



An aerial view of the tent city at Camp Dix, N. J., where some 9,200 National Guardsmen will be housed until construction of wooden barracks is complete. A total of 852 buildings, to handle at least 20,000 men, are being built. 60,500 guardsmen have just been mobilized for federal duty as the opening move to put 1,000,000 men under arms by January 1.

31 Reasons For Joy On Golden Wedding

Mr. and Mrs. Freeman Boice of Sugar Hollow had 31 reasons for happiness when they celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary last Thursday.

The reasons are ten children, 20 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Mr. Boice is a native of Kunkle and Mrs. Boice was a resident of Noxen. They were married in Beaumont by Justice of the Peace William Frear. Twenty-five years later they moved to Noxen and 16 years ago they moved to Sugar Hollow.

Their children are Charles of Sugar Hollow; Ralph, who died 20 years ago; Jesse, Dallas; Mrs. Anna Patton, Noxen; Howard, Dallas; William, Mehoopany; Elmer, Noxen; Mrs. Mary Kester, Brookside; Solomon, Sugar Hollow; Mrs. Ruth Zenger, Eatonville, and Harry, Sugar Hollow.

much money as Germany did in constructing its system of super-highways. The imperative need in this country is to widen and deink existing highways and to provide by-passes around towns.

Those are the principles which are being embodied now in the construction of the new boulevard through Dallas, skirting the main section of the town.

Dallas Firemen To Hear Committee Reports

Special committee reports will be given tonight at the regular meeting of Dr. Henry M. Laing Fire Company of Dallas, James F. Besecker, secretary, announced.

Mars Likes Sons!

There is an old legend that in time of war few daughters are born, because Mars needs boys who will grow into soldiers. In the first three weeks of this month, 301 boys were born in Luzerne County, 31 girls.

THREE LOCAL FOOTBALL TEAMS FACE OPPONENTS ON SUNDAY

Lehman and Kingston Township will open their 1940 football season Saturday afternoon and Dallas Township, which dropped its opener last week, will meet its second opponent.

Lehman will entertain the fast Shickshinny eleven, last year's county league champions. Coach Walter Hicks' K. T. H. S. eleven will go to Clark's Summit.

NEW CENSUS FIGURES GIVE POPULATION OF U. S. AS 131,409,881

The population of the United States was 131,409,881 on April 1, 1940—a gain of 8,634,835 in 10 years—Census figures showed this week.

The Census Bureau computed the increase at seven per cent and termed it the smallest of any decade in American history.

The gain was less than half the ratio in any previous decade, and was attributed to a declining birth rate and a virtual stoppage of immigration during the last 10 years.

From 1910 to 1920 the national gain was 14.9 per cent and from 1920 to 1930 it was 16.1 per cent.

The gain from 1930 to 1940 in the seven towns which comprise the Dallas area was about 28 per cent, far above the national ratio.

Bazaar Next Tuesday

The Ladies' Aid Society of East Dallas Methodist Church will sponsor its annual bazaar and chicken supper next Tuesday night. Serving will begin at 5:30.

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