

Editorially Speaking:

A Dedication

A year ago, in a time far less critical than this, when the warring countries of Europe were still an ominous rumble on the distant horizon rather than a black thunderhead close upon the borders of this nation, the editor of The Post wrote these words:

"Our task is to catch the flaming torch which France tossed from failing hands—and to keep it burning brightly for the generation which will come after us. Our duty is not one of fighting, but of building.

"For those of us who live here in Dallas and vicinity the assignment is to practice and preserve democracy in our own communities, to keep building for future generations which will be proud because we kept our vision clear, our purpose steadfast when our institutions seemed threatened..."

This dedication is even more poignant now than it was in 1940, re-introduced in a day when these United States are poised on the brink of the bloody maelstrom which has engulfed the world.

Far too easy is the tendency for a people under the stress of war to lose their hold on the very institutions they are striving to protect, to lose sight of principles and goals in the excitement and hysteria of emergency.

If this nation is plunged into war, a possibility which daily becomes more imminent, it is the duty of all of us... to maintain an equilibrium of living, to keep constant the forward progress of America even while her very existence as a democratic nation is jeopardized. A steadfast basis is perhaps the greatest requisite for a victorious battle, whether it be fought here or in a foreign land.

That the young men of this region will be caught in the maiming toils of the war, if it comes to our nation, is a certainty. But for those behind the lines, a job of living normal lives and continuing to build toward future years of more happiness and greater stability remains.

Wars have changed amazingly in accelerated pace on the battle front through mechanization, but on the home front their economic impact has changed but little. Daily headlines reflect the trend toward higher prices, increased wages, and the inevitable inflation. In times such as these, it is the duty of the individual in the interest of his family and self-preservation to give serious thought to his place in the future.

In times of inflation, the safest investment for the individual's savings is real estate, whether it be a farm or a home. A genuine back-to-the-land movement is already reflected in the Back Mountain Region.

Facing Dallas now is a period of wide-spread expansion and readjustment, an era in which this region must fit itself along commercial and civic lines to care for a great new influx of people—people who plan to make this countryside an even more gracious and wholesome place in which to live.

That this progress be kept alive no matter how turbulent and chaotic the international scene becomes, no matter how close bloodshed, devastation and terror come to our doors, is a task to which all of us here in Dallas are dedicated.

FROM PILLAR TO POST

THOUGHTS OF A CITY DWELLER
By Mrs. T. M. B. HICKS

With the opening of the new road out Dallas-way, the contrast between the old and the new gets up and hits the motorist in the eye. A super-super filling station, and an old-time general store; a spick and span white cottage with blue roof and shutters, lifted direct from a Johns Manville shingle ad, and a relic of the period that expected nothing more convenient than a pump in the back yard and a well-worn path out back.

This generation takes a great deal of credit to itself for following the line of least resistance in the matter of cleanliness. Before the era of indoor pumping, cleanliness was hard-bought and not to be considered lightly. The Saturday Night Bath, capitalized by virtue of its

importance in the weekly calendar, was a rite to be approached with fasting and with prayer. The steaming teakettle, the galvanized iron tub on the kitchen floor, the drawn shades, the fleeting draughts that seeped in around the window frames on a winter night, the shrinking toe

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COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

August 1, 1941.

Mr. Howard W. Risley,
The Dallas Post,
Dallas, Pennsylvania.
Dear Mr. Risley:

Permit me to take this means in your special edition devoted to the new highway system in the area of Dallas, Harvey's Lake, Trucksville, Shavertown and Tunkhannock to join my friends and neighbors in that area in the deep satisfaction which we all share in seeing our dreams of this new system realized.

This new highway system, which represents an expenditure of more than a million dollars of State funds, will be of untold benefit to all of our people, and of special benefit to those of the Dallas-Harvey's Lake Region.

It has been a matter of considerable personal satisfaction to me, as I know it has to all of you in the area, to see narrow, winding roads replaced by concrete roads of modern design, realigned with better grades and greater visibility.

This work leads not only to more comfortable travel but to vastly safer travel and adds a new unit to our National Defense highway network.

The beauties of the Dallas Area are now even more accessible to all of the people of our State, and I know from personal experience that Dallas hospitality will make them ever welcome and anxious to return again.

Sincerely yours,
GOVERNOR ARTHUR H. JAMES.

THE DALLAS POST

MORE THAN A NEWSPAPER, A COMMUNITY INSTITUTION

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Highways Assure Growth

Beyond . . . A New Horizon



One of the most breathtaking views of the new highway sweeping through the valleys toward Tunkhannock just beyond Evans Falls in Northeastern Pennsylvania.

Open Revolt Against Republican Leaders Predicted For This Area

6th District Chairman Looks For Flannery Victory In Back Mountain Polls This Fall

The bitter, unending battle of factions in County G. O. P. forces which defeated the party in 1937 may do the same this fall, according to political observers, with the traditionally Republican Sixth District throwing its support to J. Harold Flannery, Democratic candidate for Judge of Court of Common Pleas. A spirit of rebellion against the Republican High Command is rife in this district, said Peter D. Clark, 6th District Republican chairman, this week, and the chances are heavy that Judge B. R. Jones, Republican candidate for this position, will be handed a resounding defeat in the Back Mountain section.

Mr. Clark believes that 6th district voters have been over-ridden for the last time by the old Fine element which still controls the G. O. P. organization in the county, and that Jones will suffer the consequences when the votes are counted.

In an effort to stem the tide of revolt in this district, Clark attempted to have a primary candidate chosen from the sixes, but his efforts were overruled by Republican leaders Vaughn, Fine, Langan and Bird, whose personal choice for the nomination is Jones.

Time after time in recent years the Sixth District has been subordinated to areas where the Republican vote is less certain, and political plums have been as scarce as the party vote has been strong. That no candidate for the judgeship was chosen from this district to run in the primaries, mainly because of the selfish interests of the G. O. P. bigwigs, may be the last straw, said Mr. Clark.

While Judge Jones is not only his personal friend but also the standard bearer of his party in the fall elections, Mr. Clark feels he is powerless to change the strong anti-organization sentiment in the sixth. To the adamant organization leaders Clark promised no certain support for Jones from the Back Mountain voters, predicted a victory for Flannery here, and claimed that the entire responsibility for the critical political situation in the Sixth rested with the G. O. P. bosses, whose mismanagement of county Republican affairs has shaken the party to its roots throughout the county.

Fordham President Here

The president of Fordham University, Rev. Robert I. Gannon, S. J., visited the beautiful rolling campus of College Misericordia this Monday, accompanied by Rev. Joseph Mulcahy, S. J., professor of philosophy at Fordham. Rev. Gannon, one of the nation's most noted speakers, delivered a sermon at the Pontifical Mass in Scranton celebrating that city's centennial.

Three Local Men Gain Higher Ranks In Army

Two Members Of 109th Promoted; Poad Made Officer In Air Corps

Military promotions came to three local men this week—two members of the 109th and an Army Air Corps officer.

Technical Sergeant Chauncey W. Turner of Dallas, with the 2nd Battalion, Headquarters Battery, 109th Field Artillery, at Indiantown Gap was notified of his assignment to Fort Sill, Oklahoma, for training as a commissioned officer. Keats Poad of Dallas township was commissioned a 2nd Lieutenant in the Air Force Combat Command, and 2nd Lieutenant Alfred M. Camp of Trucksville, with the 109th Field Artillery, was advanced to First Lieutenant.

Son of Mrs. Arthur L. Turner of Huntsville road, Sergeant Turner received his appointment to the Fort Sill school after successfully completing an officer's training course at Indiantown Gap. In order to qualify for the advanced training, his grades had to be among the best in the class.

Turner, who, from his letters home, likes the army better than anything else he has ever been in, graduated from Wesleyan University, Middletown, Connecticut, and had two years at Harvard University Law School. After he left Harvard he was affiliated with the Jewell Tea Company in New York State, leaving the firm to enlist with the 109th last July. He became a non-commissioned officer soon after his enlistment and rose rapidly to his present rating as technical sergeant.

Second Lieutenant Poad, son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel H. Poad of Demunds road, enlisted in the Army Air Corps in 1940 and received his primary training at Tuscaloosa, Alabama. Graduating as a navigator, he was first assigned to the 33rd Bombardment Squadron, 22nd Bombardment Group, and last May was sent to the 41st Reconnaissance Squadron at Langley Field, Virginia. He has now been assigned as a commissioned officer to the 1st Reconnaissance Squadron at Chicopee Falls, Massachusetts.

He graduated from Dallas township in 1936, was captain of both football and basketball teams, president of his class, and also valedictorian. He entered the Air Corps after his graduation from Penn State. First Lieutenant Camp is the son of Alfred Milliner Camp of Lehigh street, Trucksville, and was with the 109th before it was called into active service. At the time of the mobilization he was employed as music instructor in Laketon Schools. His record at Indiantown Gap has been exceptional.

Burgess Smith Advances Ten Points To Make This A Greater Community

Asks For Unselfish Co-Operation Of All Back Mountain Citizens

As new highways in this region open and others are under construction, Burgess H. A. Smith of Dallas this week announced a ten-point program which if followed by all citizens of the Back Mountain region will make this an even more thriving and prosperous community.

Outlined, the program advanced by the Burgess had the following points:

1. Community spirit and enthusiasm.
2. Organization of all businessmen into a Back Mountain association, for the promotion of intra-community co-operation.
3. The location of several new industries here; this may be brought about best by a cohesive program of the businessmen's club.
4. Individual effort to promote a natural growth of the entire section.
5. Buying in the Back Mountain Area; support the merchants and they will support you.
6. A zoning and planning commission in each community.
7. Elimination of all present bill boards, and restrictions on road stands.
8. Traffic regulations to make our roads and streets safe for pedestrian travel.
9. Efficient police protection for each municipality.
10. Support and financial help to our volunteer fire companies.

Some of these points, the Burgess said, open new fields for civic advancement, others suggest broadening trends already begun. All will tend to make this one of the most pleasant communities in the country in which to live and have a home.

Kunkle Boy Hit By Car

Kenneth Martin Struck Tuesday On Highway

Rolled head-over-heels Tuesday evening when he ran in front of an automobile before his home, 8-year-old Kenneth Martin, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Martin of Kunkle, was treated this week at Mercy Hospital, Wilkes-Barre, for minor cuts and abrasions.

The little boy was playing in front of his home, on the new Dallas-Kunkle highway, about 8 o'clock Tuesday evening when he dashed into the front bumper of an automobile operated by Dr. P. P. Mayock, a member of the Mercy Hospital staff. Unable to avoid hitting the youngster, Dr. Mayock slowed his car sufficiently to inflict only minor injuries.

THE BOROUGH OF DALLAS
OFFICE OF THE BURGESS

August 1, 1941.

A Message to My Back Mountain Neighbors and Friends:

With our new road system now a reality every resident of the Back Mountain Region should feel a personal pride and enthusiasm over the advantages these new highways will bring.

Our merchants will benefit from increased business—the result of new families settling in this area. To property owners, too, will come profits from increased land values, causing the construction of many new dwellings and, perhaps, new business establishments. Local contractors in all branches of the building industry will enter a period of wide-spread activity. To these folk directly, and to all others as well, prosperity will come as this section expands.

Thousands of people will be passing our doors who never knew us before. It is, therefore, our duty—the duty of every municipal officer and resident—to keep the unsurpassed scenic beauty of our countryside unmarred. Bill boards and make-shift road stands, if they remain, will be a decided factor in keeping real estate values at a lower level.

New industries can be induced to locate here—if all our businessmen co-operate toward such a goal.

Constructive planning at this time will make this area a better place in which to live.

Sincerely yours,
BURGESS HERBERT A. SMITH.

THE POST WANTS:

1. Permanent and legible street markings and numerals on all homes in Dallas, Shavertown, and Trucksville.
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.