

THE LISTENING POST

By THE VETERAN

Defeated in efforts to take from Peter D. Clark the control of Republican party affairs in the populous Sixth District, County Chairman David Vaughan of the Judge Fine organization must look to large repair of the damage done by the Primary election. So far as the Sixth District is concerned a majority opinion is that the Republicans chose a weakling for the congressional post and that the temporarily elected Thomas B. Miller is far from safe for endorsement for a full term after his short-time assignment ends.

For several years the Sixth has determined the outcome of many general elections. Here it was that Congressman Harold Flannery was able to overcome large losses elsewhere in the county, to provide him with consecutive elections to the number of three. Here, too, Attorney Dan Flood cut so deeply into normal Republican favor that it was only by official count and re-canvas of the vote that it finally was determined whether he or Miller had emerged the winner.

Contrast this condition with the fact that as short a while ago as 1938 Governor Arthur James came out of the Sixth District with a majority of eight thousand. Already it is indicated that the Fine-Bird-Vaughan attempt to injure the popular control swayed by Chairman Clark is holding back possible moves toward reinstatement of the harmony that made James so decisive a winner on the Republican side. In the whole make-up of the Fine-Bird-Vaughan machine group there appears to be no one whom the Sixth District will trust to an agenda for the final Autumn campaign.

Supporters of Dan Flood expect that with increased interest for the general election they will be able to win much of the support that carried Flannery to success. It is the fact that the man formerly in Congress and now in a secondary position on the bench personally chose Flood as his successor and that will mean a great deal to thousands of persons in the highly literate Sixth District.

Republican workers here were among the first to be apprised of dissatisfaction among the Senator Davis sponsors. The Davis men declared that the Fine organization had failed to carry Davis, a charge apparently proved by the election returns.

Reprisals

Indications of things to come are awaited. An early development is expected in the forces of the State highway department. Despite the support which Governor James and his lieutenants gave General Martin, it is known that a numerous element among the highway forces went out full strength for Senator Davis and challenged their superiors to stop them. The stoppage may come in detachment from the payrolls.

Some form of reprisal also may be expected among the Democrats who have jobs under Auditor-General Clair Ross. As indicated in a forecast here, the supporters of Judge Ralph Smith carried Luzerne County, thanks to an alliance with U. S. Senator Joe Guffy. Even in the Sixth District, where Democratic Chairman Steve Farris and many others draw pay by grace of Ross payrolls, the Smith vote was the majority vote. Elsewhere in the State, the Ross campaign was successful and he is the man chosen to face General Martin as rival in the November balloting.

Ross is able to correct alignments to his great advantage. He is aware that the men and women he hires took orders from his opposition. So, in the nature of politics there ought to be a considerable shakeup among the Democrats still getting political pays.

Fairweather Boys

School and municipal governments, as well as directors of Federal programs allied with the war effort are butts of tremendous and very forceful criticism these days. The cause is the utter lack of enthusiasm for the farewells sessions at which boys drafted for the U. S. Army are given what for many of them will be the last salute from home. At Kingston station of Lackawanna railroad the following remarks were noted:

"These boys are being sent away like cattle."

"Where's the music?"

"How come that some of the boys are honored and others neglected?"

The difficulty is that there is no set program for the leave-takings. On one night there were three bands scheduled to appear. Forty Fort and Edwarsville bands showed up. But, because it was raining, there was refusal by the Kingston band to put in appearance. The Kingston high school musicians were the ones closest to home and their leader was a new man recently drafted from Dallas. To make matters worse, it was the second consecutive appearance of the Edwarsville musicians. Nanticoke, Swoyerville and other town regularly have contributed their high school bands when home boys were off to the front.

That Kingston would permit its

THE LOW DOWN FROM HICKORY GROVE

This idea of rationing has a lot of folks upset. Scuffling around with the truth so as to get a sugar card is annoying. They are in the same boat with the nice old lady who was horrified with the idea that something good could be said even for the devil. "You gotta admit," said the new minister, "that keeping busy and on the job is a good trait. You know the devil don't loaf," he said.

"Alright," says Henry, "what has that to do with rationing?" "Well," I says, "if rationing of cloth will get rid of the sissy pleats in men's pants, it is saying something good for it. And furthermore," I says, "if we all cooperate maybe we can put some pressure on mama and the girls and slow 'em up before they grab everything pleats or no pleats—and we go back to kilts."

"With the horse and buggy coming back on account of no tires, and run-aways again in prospect, is another reason too," I says, "for co-operating with the Government and maybe doing something about rationing mama a less scary regalia, before a lot of folks get run over or killed."

Yours with the low down,
JO SERRA.

POETRY

The Parade

The buggy is old and covered with dust
And the mare is aged and slow,
But I'll clean off the dust, rub down the mare
And off to the parade we'll go.
'Tis a merry sound a horseshoe makes
As it clip clops down the street,
And it send us back in memory
To days we thought obsolete.

We won't fret if we can't use our car
To take a nice drive through the day,
We'll just grin and take it on the chin
In the good old American way.

So get dressed up in your Sunday best
While I hitch the mare to the shay,
And we'll both ride forth in the big parade
On this bright Memorial Day.

F. A.

Patience, Patience

A woman should not struggle so
To outtalk her mate,
Because statistics clearly show
That if she'll only wait,
She'll outlive him, most emphatically,
And have the last word automatically.

W. E. Farbstein.

own band to be absent because of rain raised the comment that it is a good thing the drafted soldiers aren't fair-weather boys. What finally resulted was that citizens began calling the newspapers and Federal officials, then turning their anger against the home governments and school directors.

A possible solution was suggested: In Federal pay and compelled to give at least one concert every day, the WPA Band, under Joseph Marone, could eliminate its concert appearances and take over the entire job of furnishing music for the farewells to the draft contingents. It is well-known that the Federal musicians are the most able group in the county.

The reaction to neglect was blamed for a some what disorderly scene during one of the entrainments. A large group of selective service men, left to their own devices, obtained the means of a celebration of their own. Several of them imbibed too freely and in a jam session aboard one of the cars they knocked out a window. It followed that two of the men had to be removed and detained over night.

"Heroes Of Past Wars and Heroes In The Making"



THE SAFETY VALVE—By Post Readers

Back North Again

Editor The Post:
Again I'm back in the good old Keystone State after a most pleasant winter in Florida.

We returned by a new route to me, Lake City, Florida, Augusta, Georgia; Columbia, South Carolina and thence over the Blue Ridge scenic route.

At Columbia we visited Fort Jackson where there are 60,000 men, mostly from the North. The camp covers 66,000 acres and is a most wonderful place.

I am visiting my son, E. S. Reynolds, in Pittsburgh, before returning home and most surely want the Post here.

Yours very truly,
Bertha S. Reynolds.

Seeks Friends

Dear Editor:
Just finished reading The Dallas Post and wish to thank you for sending it to me every week. I think it is a very patriotic thing to do for the boys in service. If you know of any of the boys that are at Camp Edwards I wish you would let me know so I can look them up. I guess most of the boys are down South but out of all of the boys in service there must be some in this part of the country.

I'm not much of a writer so you will have to excuse the short letter.

Sincerely,
Sgt. Richard Williams,
7th Replacement Bn
Camp Edwards, Mass.

Danny Boyle of Trucksville is the only boy on our list beside yourself who is stationed at Camp Edwards. Dan has just been transferred from Camp Wheeler, Georgia, with Company K, 101st Infantry. He'll be glad to see a fellow from home. You fellows ought to enjoy Cape Cod this summer if you're lucky enough to be stationed at Camp Edwards—Editor.

On His Way

The Dallas Post:
I have received the Post for several months. It is just like a big letter from home. I have been stationed at Camp Holabird, Maryland, but I am now at Fort Dix, New Jersey, temporarily. I don't know how long I will be here. When you send me the next issue of The Post send it to the following address: Pvt. Howard Carey A.S.N. 13025395 Co. A 53rd Quartermaster Reg't (HM) APO 1071 c-o Postmaster New York City

Good luck to you, boy, and don't forget, wherever you land drop us a note at home. Because of the continued activity and movements of troops it is difficult for us to keep contact with many of the men in service. If any man fails to re-

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ceive his Post for even a single issue, be sure to send us a postcard with your old address and your present address. There will be too much delay if we wait for the postoffice department to notify us of the change—Editor.

On The Move

Editor The Post:
I have been getting the Post and we like to read it and get the news out of it from the Back Mountain. I am no longer in Camp Wheeler, Georgia, but have been sent to North Carolina. Here's the new address:

Pvt. Calvin H. Ferrell,
Co. E 60th Infantry
Fort Bragg
A. P. O. 9
North Carolina.

In a New Troop

Editor The Post:
A line to let you know that there has been a slight change in my address. The troop is A now instead of F. I will appreciate it very much if you will change it as I get the paper later on account of the change. They usually send it to the new troop, then it is a day or two before they find out it belongs to me. I enjoy the Post very much and don't think I will ever get tired of receiving it.

Yours truly,
Charles R. Mekeel.

Enjoys Paper

Editor The Post:
Dropping you a line to thank you for sending The Post. Sure is great to know that you think of us boys away from home. No matter what paper comes in, The Post has the first place in camp.

Thanking you again,
Don Gabel,
Battery B 224 F. A.
A. P. O. 29
Fredericksburg, Va.

Now In New Camp

Editor The Post:
In my letter last week I told you that I was to be transferred to a new camp. Well, I left Camp Gordon Saturday night and arrived in Camp Pickett Sunday morning. This camp is not nearly completed and for a month or two will make things pretty tough.

The nearest town is Blackstone, Va., with a population of 2,800 and 6,000 workers from the camp. The next town of any size is Petersburg, about 38 miles from here—and Petersburg has to take care of Camp Lee, so it is beyond me to know what 38,000 men will do for recreation.

I'd like to hear from some of the fellows at home and in other camps.

As ever,
Sgt. Bill Dierolf,
Co. 1 314 Infantry,
Camp Pickett, Va.

In Affirmation

Editor The Post:
The writer having been discharged from the U. S. Marines due to an injury wishes to voice his thanks for the fine spirit you have manifested in placing my name on your mailing list while at camp. While your mailing list may be limited, some other boy, no doubt, will be pleased to receive the "Post" in place of the writer as all the boys have something in common when it comes to receiving news from the Back Mountain Section, while in Uncle Sam's service.

Thanking you again for your thoughtfulness, I am
Sincerely,
Bernard R. Wilson.

Nurse's Day Out

He falls asleep exactly when it's time to have his bottle. Then the moment that the sprout's been fed
And I have tucked him back in bed, His eyes grow big as silver dollars
And how the little demon hollers! So loud he hollers, and so long, You'd think that I had done him wrong.
So long he hollers and so loud He'd keep a fire department cowed. Nor does he close his little trap, Or even contemplate a nap, Until it's bottle time, and then He promptly falls asleep again.

THE SENTIMENTAL SIDE

By EDITH BLEZ

My Dear Grandchildren:

It has been some time since I have written to you. It seems to me it was some time back in April, when we expected that Mr. Hitler would launch his usual spring surprise. Spring has come and practically gone and Mr. Hitler hasn't burst forth in his usual springtime splendor. It has been a particularly lovely spring in this part of the country. The weather has been perfect. There have been so many warm days, and clear blue skies, and everywhere the flowers have been at their very best. The rose bushes are heavy with blooms and the peonies have burst forth weeks ahead of their usual schedule. Everywhere there is a riot of color. The world seems all green, and soft and lovely and yet we know the world is far from green and soft and lovely.

SECOND THOUGHTS

By javie aiche

I'm one of the majority
Subjected to Priority,
My gas is just a trickle from the tanks.
Gosh! Right now I only have a Modicum of fragrant Java
From ships that muddle through the foe's ranks.

But, what's the use of gasoline?
I'd much prefer good vaseline
To grease the blisters on my plodding feet,
For my tires are worn to tissue
And no new ones will they issue
Till war with victory is made complete.

Ere long the latest-fashion card,
The freeman's pass, the ration card,
Will underscore additions to our lacks;
Yes, we'll have to go more slowly
On some foods once deemed too lowly
To bid the force of enemy attacks.

Of treatments called remedial
There's one. It's this: Go seed ye all
The vacant acres of the country-side,
Planting plenty of potatoes,
Cabbage, turnips and tomatoes
With lettuce, radish, onions to abide.

Our sires were tough as hickory,
They made a brew of chicory
And gathered honey neath the forest roof;
They lacked much and couldn't buy it
So they supplemented diet
By what they raised or hunted on the hoof.

Disposed are we to talk a lot;
Instead, now, let us walk a lot,
Let's sleep much more and eat much less a while.
Exercising just a little
And of sacrifice a tittle
Will help us polish off our job in style.

Health Topics

By F. B. Schooley, M. D.

Public Health in Wartime

Public health responsibilities are vastly increased in modern warfare. Maintenance of health during war concerns both the military and the civilian population. The incidence of tuberculosis is increased by contact infection, overcrowding and prolonged physical and mental strain. Organization of emergency medical service and maintenance of adequate nutrition are necessary. In the prevention and detection of disease, full co-operation between military and civilian authorities is important. Recognition should be taken of the epidemic features of reception and evacuation areas, with overcrowding and infectious disease possibilities and deficiency diseases possible during a long war.

Civil and military services should be coordinated. Civil services must cope with special difficulties because civil populations are not as well disciplined as armies and the hampering effect of panic is important. Methods of pestilence control must be rigidly enforced. The shifting of a large population to rather isolated parts of the country requires expansion of sanitary measures and of medical and nursing services. During actual war, infectious diseases have been responsible for a larger proportion of casualties and deaths than have battle injuries. Public health is an important factor in the strength of the nation. The productive capacity of the nation is vitally affected by the state of public health.

The medical resources of the country must be conserved for the protection of its citizens and soldiers. This type of war presents a constant threat to community resources for public aid. The development of new methods of evacuation and treatment of the injured has been necessary. First aid stations provided treatment for patients with minor injuries and only necessary immediate treatment for the seriously wounded. These stations prevent congestion and overcrowding of hospitals by less seriously wounded and frightened persons. The facilities of hospitals must be

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