

BROADWAY AND MAIN STREET

Handsome Is, Handsome Does: Case of Mind Over Mattress

By BILLY ROSE

At a spaghetti salon, I got to talking with a reformed bootlegger who is currently the Mister Big of a big whiskey company.



Billy Rose

One night as the storekeeper was about to lock up, a hoodlum stepped into the shop and pressed a gun against the old man's middle.

want," said the gangster. "Make a wish. Better yet, make three wishes like in them fairy stories."

"Well," said the storekeeper, "I hear in a couple weeks some guy from the West Side is opening a candy store on the next block."

"The man who sells me my chocolate syrup, all of a sudden he wants a 15 per cent mark-up."

"That's all I can think of," said Ronowitz, "excepting maybe you'd like to tell me how it felt when you was in the mattress."

THE GANGSTER'S lips tightened. "You're makin' fun of me, Pop," he said, "and I don't like it."

AS HE STARTED back up to the store, a couple of men, guns in hand, came down the stairs.

The gents from Jersey poked around in the trash barrels, examined the coal bin and then came to the rolled-up mattresses.

"I'll throw a bullet into them for luck," said one of them.

The mobsters went upstairs and Ronowitz heard the door bang. He banked the fire, and waited in his store until he saw the men climb into a car and drive off.

"You done fine, Pop," said the fugitive, taking awad of bills out of his pocket. "Tell me when to stop couintin'."

"Such money I don't take," said the old man.

Ten minutes later, as per phone instructions from the hoodlum, a black car drove up and Ronowitz was pushed into the back seat.

The driver took some chains from the luggage compartment, put a heavy piece of scrap iron on the old man's middle, and then lashed his legs to his chest so the metal was wedged in between.

"Throw him over when I count three," said the hoodlum.

The old man braced himself and wondered who would mind the store the next day.

"Now you got your answer, Pop," he said. "That's how I felt when I was in the mattress."

SAFETY VALVE

MORE ABOUT TELEPHONES

Dallas, Feb. 21, 1950

Dear Editor: We have suffered with the telephone service for many years. We did not care to express our dissatisfaction because we felt that some day they would give us a break—TODAY WE GOT IT—our new increase in rates.

I never wrote a letter like this in my life but to have this dern thing jammed down my throat is beyond human endurance.

SLIGHT INCREASE in this and that. Sit down and figure out just what you did pay and then figure out what you are now paying because of a few cents an hour granted to its employees.

Telephone Subscriber (disgruntled) Newspaper Subscriber (satisfied)

SOME TIPS FOR AL

Gobbler's Knob, Pa., Feb. 20, 1950.

Ye Ole Dallas Post Gentlemen:

In answer to Al in his column portraying his troubles with the modern car (His'n and the DalBank's) and his plea for an easy way to raise 'er up when flat-tire.

Out Gobbler's Knob way we has lots of ways, such as a few:

A block and tackle is always a good bet. Throw a line over a tree limb. Hook pulley end on bumper and heave. Tie line to opposite wheel of car after raising. This always works after you find the tree.

We used to use fence rails, but with the mines working as they are, them rails is a disappearing mighty fast.

Back her up over a big fat sow. Once the bumper is over her back, give her a bucket of swill and she'll stay quiet until you've changed that 'er tire.

Some of our friends carry an ole skirt and one of dem Picture Hats. When they gets a flat, they just puts on the femmy rig and looks coy.

With this new house-raising in this back region, steal a few concrete blocks and a plank. Run that of car up plank on block, twist plank out, car falls on block and you change tire.

Hopin' this helps that Al Guy, Ambrose Kitunck.

AUSTIN HAS AL'S IDEA

Dear Editor: To Al and all others who are looking for the same things in a car.

The Austin has a jack that operates from inside the car to lift either right or left side of the car.

If you want economy: The Austin 2 Door Sedan sells for \$1295 completely equipped and the 4 Door Sedan for \$1345.

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Comfort: In the Austin you relax. For here's a ride that is level 'round the sharpest curve.

A demonstration puts you under no obligation so why not come in and see the New Austin?

● You're all right, Mrs. Meeker,—and a darn good ad writer. So good that when your husband offered to pay for this letter as an ad, we made the suggestion that we'd like to run it in the Safety Valve.

GETS \$468,000 GRANT February 23, 1950

Dear Editor: Have noticed by the Post that you are working on a joint school district in Dallas Borough and Township.

Our four boards just voted Friday evening last to accept State Public School Building Authority for addition to our high school for \$468,000.

Our grant has been approved. We are one of the first thirty-four to be approved and were number forty-one on the docket.

T. A. Williammee, Millville Joint School Dist.

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ONLY YESTERDAY From The Post of ten and twenty years ago this week.

February 28, 1930 After months of deliberation, plans have been started to establish a clay products plant at Noxen.

John Yapple was up at the Country Club Saturday trying out his eye on the clay pigeons.

"Bud" a dog owned by H. S. VanCampan, suffered injuries which necessitated amputation of his foot this week when a truck Lloyd Cease was driving collided with a Dallas street car.

February 23, 1940 Mrs. Bernice Lundy and Mrs. Eva Ray are the end women in the Kiwanis Minstrel which will be given at Kingston Township High School next Thursday and Friday nights.

More than 500 properties in Dallas and vicinity which were to have sold at the Court House next 1929 and 1930 taxes were saved when the owners paid the delinquent taxes.

Mr. and Mrs. William Powell returned to their home at Shrine View after spending some weeks in Florida.

Misses Margaret and Ruth Hull of Washington, D. C., were weekend guests of Mrs. Laura Patterson. The girls came to Dallas to attend the Templin-Eck wedding.

A troupe of "Broadway Ladies" who will appear in the dancing chorus in the second act of "West of the Rio" written for Dr. Henry M. Laing Fire Company by Howell Rees and Fred Kiefer, is composed of Mrs. Charles Jones, Mrs. Gerald Dettmore, Mrs. J. C. Fleming, Mrs. Peyton Lee, Mrs. Charles Maxwell, Mrs. William Brickel, Mrs. Kenneth Oliver, Mrs. Ord Trumbower, Mrs. Leonard Harvey and Jean Bogert. Arlene Rood is the director.

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Babson Discusses Insurance Stocks

Many letters have come to me asking that I suggest an investment which combines: (1) proper diversification; (2) an inflation hedge based upon low cost compared with liquidating value; (3) a fair interest yield, and (4) freedom from labor troubles.

Inflation Hedges

1. Insurance companies are actually well diversified and balanced "investment trusts" with a second source of earnings from the insurance business.

2. Fire insurance stocks are selling at a low ratio to liquidating value. To take the case of the Home Insurance Company again as an example, it is selling at about 85% of its current liquidating value.

Dividend Outlook

3. Generally dividends on fire insurance stocks gradually increase. The ratio of dividends paid to investment income received is below the normal average for other classes of stocks.

4. There are cycles in the insurance business. The cycle now is that of a period of good earnings, which give a yield between 4% and 5% although a large part of the assets are in Government Bonds.

5. A period of labor troubles—such as we are witnessing today (Continued on Page Seven)

Barnyard Notes

THE IDES OF MARCH

Garfield Jackson has called our attention to a sort of paraphrase of Lincoln's Gettysburg address that has been going the rounds of western newspapers, author unknown:

"One score and 16 years ago our fathers brought forth upon this nation a new tax, conceived in desperation and dedicated to the proposition that all men are fair game."

"Now we are engaged in a great mass of calculations testing whether that taxpayer or any taxpayer so confused and so impoverished can long endure. We are met on Form 1040. We have come to dedicate a large portion of our income to a final resting place with those men who here spend their lives that they may spend our money."

"It is altogether anguish and torture that we should do this. But in the legal sense we cannot evade, we cannot cheat, we cannot underestimate this tax. The collectors, clever and sly, who computed here, have gone far beyond our power to add and subtract."

"Our creditors will little note nor long remember what we pay here, but the Bureau of Internal Revenue can never forget what we report here. It is rather for us to be dedicated to the great task remaining before us—that from these vanished dollars we take increased devotion to the few remaining, that we here highly resolve that next year will not find us in a higher income tax bracket."

When you pay your income tax, make a special note of how much 10% of your payment will be. Then remember that your Government is spending about \$40 billion. Recall that the Hoover Commission reported \$4 billion could be saved simply by orderly government housekeeping.

The Hoover Commission did not attempt to suggest the Government quit doing anything—only that orderly methods be applied to what it now does. If useless and harmful activities were ended, you might have another sizable percentage of earnings to use for yourself.

THE MAN FOR WHOM DALLAS WAS NAMED

From time to time many persons have asked how Dallas got its name. While it is not clear why this area was named in honor of Alexander Dallas it is interesting to know something more about the man and the circumstances which brought about the formation of a new township out of old certified Kingston and Bedford Townships.

The name Dallas was applied to the new Township, twenty-five years before Dallas, Texas, was named in honor of Alexander Dallas's son, George M. Dallas, for whom Dallas Lodge F. & A.M. was also named.

The following material is gathered in part from Brewster's History of Certified Kingston Township, the Encyclopedia Britannica and other sources.

At the April Sessions of the court of 1816, Nehemiah Ide, a resident of the old certified township of Bedford presented his petition praying the court to erect a new township. The viewers reported, at the August Sessions, in favor of a new township.

In this territory was about one sixth of old certified Bedford. The remainder of this new township was taken from Plymouth. This report was confirmed at the April Sessions of the Court in 1817, and the new township was given the name of Dallas in honor of Hon. Alexander J. Dallas.

What connection Dallas had with the area, history does not seem to recount.

He was born on the island of Jamaica, West Indies on June 21, 1759, the son of Dr. Robert C. Dallas, a Scottish physician practicing there. Dr. Dallas soon returned to England with his family and Alexander was educated at Edinburgh and Westminster. He studied law at the Inner Temple and returned to Jamaica in 1780.

In 1783 he settled in Philadelphia and immediately took the oath of allegiance to the United States and rapidly attained a prominent position at the bar.

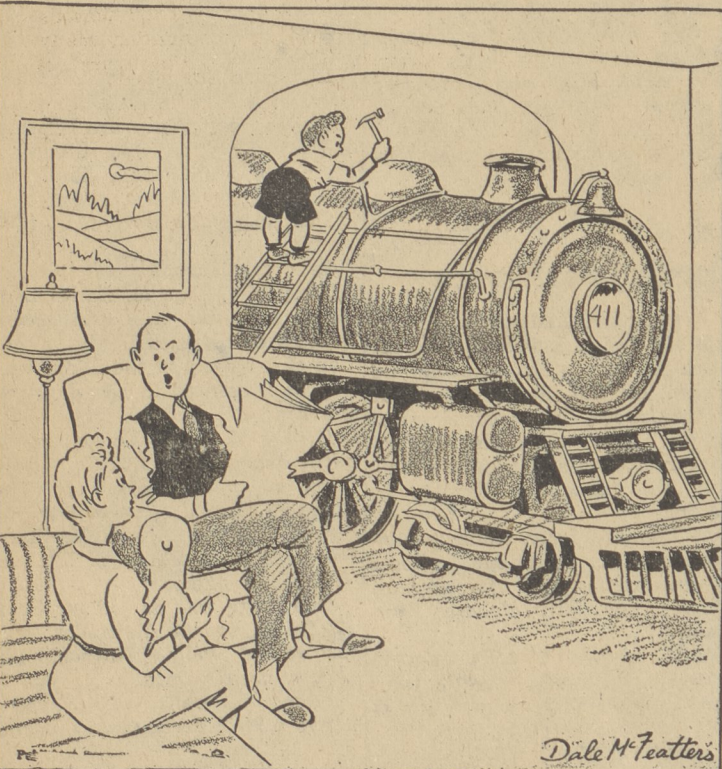
He was interested in theatrical projects and wrote several dramatic compositions. From 1791 to 1801 he was secretary of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and acquired a position of much influence in the Democratic-Republican Party of the State.

In October, 1814 President Madison appointed him secretary of the treasury, to succeed George W. Campbell whose brief and disastrous term had been marked by wholesale bank suspensions, and an enormous depreciation of state and national bank notes. The appointment itself inspired confidence, and Dallas's prompt measures still further relieved the situation.

He retired from office to resume his law practice, but the burden of his official duties had undermined his health and he died suddenly at Philadelphia on June 16th, 1817, at the age of 58, just two months after a new township in Northeastern Pennsylvania was named in his honor.

STRICTLY BUSINESS

by McFeatters



"What kind of a model railroad kit did you say Junior bought?"

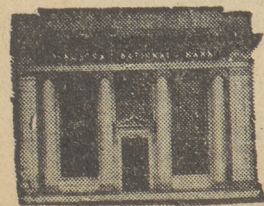
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