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Editorially Speaking:

SO WE'RE DOGS!

Again, or perhaps it's yet, newspapers, radio, television and magazines are in the presidential dog-house. In backing up the statement of Governor Stevenson that the nation has a "one-party press," the President in his press conference declared that these institutions had become big business, and that big business has always been Republican.

To begin with, this classification of business as "big" and "small," is a Democratic idea, stemming from the late FDR's credo of "divide and rule." But even if the inventors were sure of where to draw the line between "big" and "small," which is obviously impossible, Mr. Truman's charge is still a bit confusing.

Is big business bad because it's big, or because it's Republican?

Is small business holy because it can't raise the price of moral turpitude, or because our President has a notion it is Democratic?

Governor Stevenson estimated that 90 percent of the press is "just against Democrats . . . as dogs are against cats," and that ten percent is "enlightened." We think his figures are about right, whether his descriptions are or not. And it is highly significant that the thousands of "grass-roots" weeklies throughout America are Republican in similar proportions.

Does Mr. Truman think these country weeklies are "big business?" We very personally wish that were the case . . . unless, of course, that would automatically shred our moral fibre.

The simple fact is, President Truman, and Governor Stevenson, you can not see yourselves—and the New Deal-Fair Deal—as 11,818 American newspaper publishers, big and small, wicked and virtuous, see you . . . and the place to which your policies are leading us.

Ten thousand publishers could be right.

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FROM

PILLAR TO POST

By MRS. T. M. B. HICKS

Speaking of birthdays, we just got a letter from Virginia, containing priceless information about birthday presents. We quote:

"I want to tell you about Clara's birthday. Clara is old and grey, must be at least a freshman in high school. She baby-sits for the children while I teach dancing, and rides herd on Bill while I teach kindergarten."

"Clara was having a birthday this past Monday, and the kids wanted to get her a present. I said a dime apiece would be about right, so armed with their money they trotted happily off to the dime store. I had spread a rich layer of propaganda around, because I thought they ought to get something a big girl would want. I explained how pretty a hair ribbon is, and how you can buy pins for a scarf and maybe ear-rings."

"Todd came back all smiles and opened his mysterious brown parcel, flourishing a small American flag. 'Won't Clara be pleased?'"

"Susie clutched her brown paper bag to her and breathed, 'Clara will just love this'. Then she opened it up and pulled out a little colored dolly with a brief white ruffle for a skirt."

"Chuckie got her a pair of red plastic cowboy guns that go click, because, 'Clara is always playing cowboy with us and she hasn't got any gun of her own. AND, I'm going to use some black oilcloth if you don't mind and make her two holsters with buttons on them for decorations. 'And he did indeed, and a belt to go along with them."

"But Howie, whom I had told about ribbons, combs, cute things for big girls, Howie came whizzing into the kitchen and jerked out his present before I had time even to guess. His delight at his choice was more than he could suppress, and he glowed all over. Looky, Barbie, WATERMELON SEEDS, TEN CENTS."

"I'm sure this is the most unique birthday Clara ever had. As my own present I gave her this week's tap lessons free."

"And while I'm about it, did I tell you about our new cat? We didn't actually need him, but you know how it is. A kid comes home from the postoffice and reports that there is a poor little kitty in a tree and he doesn't know how to get down."

"Zingo, a rescue mission of three arrives with a white and tortoiseshell job, very nondescript. 'Dear me, sez I, you don't have to bring him to our house, he'll be so lonely. Take him back where he belongs.'"

"Dutifully, but with dragging feet, the trio trudges back and deposits him at the base of the tree, and the kitten promptly follows them home again."

"Susie keeps him in an orange crate, or in the high chair, or tucks a doll blanket around his pink paws, and brings him bites of crackers and cookies to eat. He's just the sort of kitty you can't live without, even if he is sort of odd looking. Because he PURRS and he PATTY-PAWS."

"We call him Foundy, because he isn't lost any more. He's the only one of all our cats that has a real name."

No, they didn't actually need another cat, but they come of a long line of children who have been permitted to have pets, who love pets dearly, and who are kind to

Family Of Three Escapes Death By Narrow Margin

Coal Gas Overcomes Young Mother And Children In Sleep

George Stofila, 2½, and his little sister Mary Ann, thirteen months, were discharged from Nesbitt Memorial Hospital Tuesday forenoon, as out of danger. Their mother, Mrs. Sophie Stofila, 22, in poorer condition after being overcome by coal gas, remained another day.

When Mrs. Stofila did not unlock her door Monday morning, her sister-in-law, Elizabeth Stofila, thought that she had gone to relatives in Swoyerville to spend the day. A neighbor, Mrs. Arthur Shelley, knocking later in the day on the door of the Poplar Street residence in Fernbrook, thought that she had gone out.

A telephone call to Swoyerville established the fact that the little family was not with their relatives, panicked the George Stofila Sr. family. Mary Pasa, a half-sister, rushed to the house shortly after 6 p.m. with a key, opened the door, and found the house full of coal gas, escaping from the kitchen range. The family, still in bed, were unconscious.

She and another sister, Rosemary, picked up the two small children and carried them to the outdoors, throwing open the window to give Mrs. Stofila air. Dr. Malcolm Borwick was summoned. Howard Woolbert and Rev. Russell Edmondson, answering the call for an ambulance, rushed the unconscious mother and children to Nesbitt Memorial, where Mrs. Stofila spent the night under an oxygen tent.

Tuesday morning Mrs. Stofila was pronounced out of danger, but too weak from fumes to be discharged. Mrs. Stofila Sr. took the children home with her.

Shavertown Pack 233 Graduates, Inducts Three

Cub troop 233 met at Shavertown Fire Hall Monday evening to accept three new cubs into the organization, graduate three to Boy Scouts, promote two boys to higher grades, and award ten service stars.

Idea Committee for November consists of Mrs. Charles Eberle, Mrs. George Jacobs, and Mrs. D. Howell. Inducted into the pack are Charles Eberle, John Curtis, and Harry Misson.

Graduated into Boy Scouts are Jim Parry, Laing Coolbaugh, and Ray Malkemes.

Promoted to wolf status are Pete Weaver and Tom Jenkins; to bear, Fred Eck.

Stars for service were awarded to Laing Coolbaugh, Ray Malkemes, Jim Parry, Roy Hall, Dick Thomas, Jim Morgan, Fred Eck, Charles Woolbert, Jim Eckerd, and Dick Powell.

Volunteer Firemen To Gather For Joint Session October 3

Local Schools Close For Fair High School Bands Scheduled To Play

Back Mountain Volunteer Firemen's Association will meet at Trucksville Fire House, Carverton Road, Trucksville, Friday, October 3, 8 p.m., Joseph Schuler presiding. The date has been arranged in advance of National Fire Prevention Week, October 5-12.

Guest experts who will attend are Edwin McLaughlin, Arson Investigator, National Board of Fire Underwriters; Al Wilson, Fire Marshal, State Police; Elmer Eggert, chairman Wyoming Valley Joint Council for Fire Prevention; Captain Lee Weir and Captain Sheldon Wintermute, Kingston Fire Department.

Films issued by National Board of Fire Underwriters on fire prevention will be shown.

All volunteer firemen of the region are cordially invited. Refreshments will be served.

Dave Schooley, secretary, lists fifteen rules for fire prevention:

1. Inspect and clean chimneys, stoves and furnaces periodically.
2. Install spark arresters on chimneys.
3. Use a metal and asbestos stopper in the stove-pipe hole.
4. Have screens in front of open fireplaces.
5. Put ashes in metal containers.
6. Thoroughly field-cure hay before storing.
7. Equip farm buildings with lightning rods properly installed and grounded.
8. Do not smoke in the barn.
9. Do not use kerosene or gasoline in starting fires.
10. Store gasoline 75 feet from other buildings.
11. Use spark arresters on the tractor when using it near the barn.

Services Of Visiting Nurses Explained To Back Mountain

By MRS. CHARLES L. SHAFER

Wyoming Valley Visiting Nurse Association depends upon services of many Back Mountain Area volunteers, both individuals and organizations, to help the staff of two nurses provide our region with skilled nursing services, according to Miss Hannah Dutter, R.N., Executive Director of the Association.

For over 19 years, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Hall of Hall's Pharmacy, have been real neighbors to the community and outstanding volunteers to the Association. They have given office space and allowed requests for calls to be left at the pharmacy for delivery during the day to the nurses. From 8 to 8:30 a.m. messages to the Kirby Health Center office reach the nurses, but after 9 a.m., they are relayed through the cooperation of Mr. and Mrs. Hall, as a year round service.

The Shavertown Volunteer Fire Company has provided quarters Thursday afternoons for the Well Baby Clinic. Members of the Fire Company have kept the equipment painted and in repair, and recently purchased new linoleum to improve the appearance of the room.

The Junior Woman's Club of Dallas, Mrs. Charles Mahler president, provided volunteers to assist at the baby clinics, and so far this year have given 55 hours of volunteer service. They also assure motor corps transportation to mothers requesting it and have financed supplies and new equipment to make the clinic one of the most efficient in the Valley.

The late Doctor Sherman Schooley was for many years the physician in charge. The last few years Doctor A. A. Mascali has given his services in the triple-shot campaign against diphtheria tetanus and whooping cough, attending the clinic at intervals to give advice.

Members of Wyoming Valley Visiting Nurse Association Board of Directors from this area include Mrs. Sherman Schooley and Mrs. Edgar Brace, who have served over 20 years each; Mrs. Floyd Sanders, a past president, and Mrs. William Evans.

To the volunteers who help make nursing services possible, should be added all citizens who contribute their money and time to the Community Chest Campaign, for over 60% of current expenses of Visiting Nurse Association are met from funds received through the Red Feather Campaign.

During the summer months, the present staff nurses, Miss Hope Sampsel, R.N., and Mrs. William Papanoski, R.N., made 901 home visits to families in this area, cared for 150 babies at the clinic sessions, and drove 5,155 miles in Association cars to provide nursing care in the homes of acutely and chronically ill patients. By the combination of volunteers and professional services, the spirit of helpfulness and neighborliness still exists in the Back Mountain.

Post Office To Be Relocated

Department Approves Dallas Dairy Building

Dallas Post Office will shortly be housed in a new location in the Dallas Dairy Building on Lake Street according to an announcement made this week by Walter Myers, Assistant Postmaster General.

This building which was built originally for a snack bar and has never been occupied, has 2,016 feet of floor space, a little more than double that of the present building which has housed the Post Office for the past forty-five years.

News that the Post Office Department is considering a 10-year lease on the property, owned by A. N. Garinger, and that it will take final action within the next ten days was contained in a letter from Mr. Myers to Congressman Daniel Flood.

Mr. Myers said the building has met the approval of a post office inspector and that "it will be completed according to post office specifications with a good driveway, loading platform; and room of satisfactory shape. The building has good light, is located adjacent to business center and has ample area for patrons." Mr. Myers added that there are "no disadvantages indicated."

The Dallas Dairy building was one of two buildings being considered by the Post Office Department. The other was the Dixon store property owned by Mrs. Harold Titman. The latter building with a floor space of 4,800 square feet was offered at a rental of \$225 per month with heat furnished.

For the past two years the Post Office Department has rented its present quarters for \$60 per month. Prior to that time the rental was \$40. According to Mrs. Titman, who owns the present building, rental has been on a month to month basis and there has been no lease for forty-five years.

Questioned about the new location, Postmaster Joseph Polacky said it will probably be some months before the transfer can be made since there is considerable work to be done to the interior and new fixtures will have to be installed.

He added that city delivery of mail will probably come about shortly after the transfer is made. He also said that a survey has been made in the new Goss Manor section of Dallas Township and that rural delivery of mail will be made there in the near future.

Services Sunday At Famous Old Church

Services Sunday afternoon at 2:30 will mark the 118th anniversary of the first baptism in the recently restored Old River (Susquehanna) Church of Wapwallopen. The church has been cited by the Department of Interior as one worthy of preservation.

Rev. Raymond D. Kehler, pastor of Wapwallopen Evangelical and Reformed Church, will be in charge. There will be special music by the choir of St. John's Evangelical and Reformed Church.

Rev. Thomas D. Jones, Danville will preach the sermon, and Rev. Clark W. Heller will give an account of the Rev. John Nicholas Zeiser, first regular pastor, who organized the congregation in 1820.

The old church was built in 1833 and has been restored to its former quaint charm by the local historical society.

The service will mark the baptism of Lucinda, the infant daughter of Rev. John Nicholas Zeiser Jr. and his wife, Catharina.

The public is cordially invited. The church may be reached by crossing the river at Shickshinny and following the river road to a point some distance north of Wapwallopen.

During the past year youth groups from churches of Wyoming Valley and other points in north-eastern Pennsylvania have held services in the old church which is open by arrangement with Wapwallopen Historical Society.

Rev. John Nicholas Zeiser was the great, great grandfather of Myra Riskey, of Dallas.

Bowman's Creek Track

The fourth stock car race on the new Bowman's Creek Speedway is slated to start at 2 Sunday afternoon.

The speedway is located just off Route 309 on the Sugar Hollow Road.

Bible Dedication



DR. EVALD B. LAWSON

Dr. Evald B. Lawson, President of Upsala College, East Orange, N. J., will speak at the union service of all Protestant Churches of the Back Mountain, Tuesday evening, September 30th at 8 o'clock in Shavertown Methodist Church. The service will mark the dedication of the new Revised Standard Edition of the Bible.

Dr. Lawson was born in Brockton, Mass., and educated in public schools. He was graduated from Upsala College in 1925 and from Augustana Theological Seminary in 1928 and ordained as pastor of the Lutheran Church in 1928. Dr. Lawson was pastor of Trinity Church, White Plains, 1928-1938. He received the Doctor of Theology degree at the Biblical Seminary in New York in 1937. He pursued graduate study at Columbia University and Union Theological Seminary.

King Gustaf V of Sweden made him a Knight of the Royal Order of Vasa in 1943.

He is a contributor to literary and theological periodicals with numerous writings in the field of Church History.

He became president of Upsala College in December of 1938.

Dr. Lawson is past president of the New Jersey Association of Colleges and Universities.

Polacky Gives Instruction On Military Mail

November 15 Is Final Date For Christmas Mail

Postmaster Joseph Polacky has announced that Christmas mail for members of the Armed Forces overseas must be mailed between October 15 and November 15. Foodstuffs subject to spoilage and breakage should not be sent overseas since military personnel are well supplied with food by the Armed Services.

Air Parcel Post—Should not be mailed later than November 25. Air parcel post, other than official mail, is limited in size to 30 inches length and girth combined and 2 pounds in weight.

Parcels being mailed to Japan and Korea, and the Islands in the Pacific should be mailed as early as possible and not later than November 1. A limit not to exceed 50 pounds has been established for parcels addressed for delivery through APO's 22, 120, 124, 125, 125-B, 147, 179, 190, 121, 192, 193, 194, and 755 c/o Postmaster, New York, N. Y. Parcels must be packed well and can be sealed, if they carry the printed inscription "Contents merchandise—Postmaster: This parcel may be opened for postal inspection if necessary."

Prohibited Articles: In addition to the usual articles normally prohibited in the mails, matches of all kinds and lighter fluid may not be mailed to overseas military address. Cigarettes and other tobacco products are prohibited to certain APO's along with coffee.

Custom Declarations—Form 2966 and 2976-A, must be completed by senders for parcels addressed to certain APO's, such information can be obtained at the post office window.

Rev. Williams, Guest At Farewell Party

Rev. William Williams will be guest of honor at a farewell dinner given by members of the vestry at Irem Temple Country Club this evening at 6:30. Present will be Charles W. Lee, Paul Goddard, Donald J. Evans, Clarence Woodruff, Joseph MacVeigh, Ralph Davis, Calvin C. Hall, John F. Sheehan, Arlean T. Bowman, Thomas Andrews, William Wright and Floyd Sanders.

Cancer Center Will Open At Library Annex

Volunteers Will Furnish Information And Make Dressings

Cancer Information Center, sponsored by the American Cancer Society, will open at the Back Mountain Library Annex on October 7. This was announced yesterday at a meeting of local volunteer chairman who met with Miss Gwen James, executive director of the Information Center at Kirby Health Center. Headed by Mrs. Harry L. Ohlman, area chairman, the Center will be open Tuesdays and Fridays, from 10 to 3, serviced by volunteers in charge of Mrs. William W. Thomas, chairman, and Mrs. Clyde Cooper, vice chairman, of the local Center.

Other officers and chairman are: Secretary, Mrs. David Hall; treasurer, Mrs. Herman C. Thomas; service, Mrs. David Hall; dressings, Mrs. J. Houston Day; transportation, Mrs. Ralph Dixon; loan closet, Mrs. Robert Evans; education, Mrs. Robert Maturi; volunteers, Mrs. John Robinson Jr.; publicity, Mrs. Gerald Stout, Mrs. D. T. Scott Jr.

Outlining the duties of the chairman, Miss James explained that at a Cancer Information Center information is offered concerning the cancer control program of the County, but stressed that it does not give medical advice. However, upon request, patients will be referred to cancer clinics or detection centers, and all patients are urged to see their own family physician. Among other literature available is a list of 93 physicians and surgeons in Luzerne County who are participating in the 5-point program which makes "every doctor's office a cancer detection center."

Mrs. Day, aided by a large group of volunteers from Back Mountain members of the Junior League, Dallas Woman's Club, and others, will make dressings at the Annex on "Center" days and arrange for other groups to meet in homes evenings.

Mrs. Dixon will arrange transportation for local cancer patients who need transportation to and from Clinics, and for dressings made here to be taken to Kirby Health Center for sterilization.

Mrs. Evans is planning a well-equipped Loan Closet, articles from which will be furnished to all local cancer patients in need of them.

The work of these three chairmen will be coordinated by the Service chairman, Mrs. Hall.

On request of clubs, church groups, service organizations, and high schools, Mrs. Maturi will secure speakers and films on cancer education.

Approximately 5,000 "flyers" announcing the opening of the Center will be distributed within the next week to schools and stores. Church bulletins throughout the Back Mountain, will announce the opening date.

"One of the most valuable features of a local Cancer Society program," Miss James stated, "is a permanent information headquarters to answer questions from persons seeking advice about cancer problems."

"Information Centers have grown in the program since 1936. In 1947 the first Luzerne County Center was started in the Kirby Health Center with members of the Junior League serving as volunteers. The Pittston Information Center was opened on December 4, 1951, with a group of volunteers in the headquarters office of the VNA."

"Opening a Cancer Information Center for the Back Mountain is another step forward in the fight against cancer and another significant example of the serious public spirit which prevails among Back Mountain citizens," Miss James declared.

Mrs. Thomas, chairman, urged Back Mountain residents to assist with this worthwhile job. "The volunteer list can never be too long," Mrs. Thomas asserted.

All members of the cancer information committees will share in the duty to acquaint self, family, clubs and organizations with the 7 danger signals; encourage regular physical examinations, promote the films, give talks to clubs; interview, solicit material and equipment, and inform the community of all its services.

In concluding yesterday's meeting, Miss James reminded the group that although cancer isn't a happy subject, awareness of it is vital to all of us.

Burgess In Hospital

Burgess H. A. Smith who is a patient at General Hospital where he underwent a serious eye operation is expected home this week-end.

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