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Editorially Speaking:

We Must Be Clairvoyant

As recently as its last edition The Dallas Post cited three fatal automobile accidents and commented editorially: "these accidents bear out what this newspaper has long contended—that all of us are so eager to reach our destination that we haven't time to let the train run into us. We must run into it."

That is exactly what happened Sunday afternoon in the center of Dallas. A motorist who said she was blinded by the sun, drove directly into the side of a barely moving Lehigh Valley Diesel engine on the Lake Street crossing. This raises the question, "Might it not be a good idea to slow down or stop when you can't see where you are going?"

A lot of lives might be saved by following that simple admonition!

We'll String Along

While a number of Luzerne County voters may be a bit disappointed with the present regime in the County Commissioner's office, that does not mean that they long for a return of the old order headed for so many years by John Fine.

If the citizens are looking for salvation from political blunders, they are looking within themselves for leadership and that isn't the leadership provided by John Fine, Robert Lloyd, Morgan Bird and a flock of dissatisfied long-time office holders.

As for us—we'll string along with Peter Clark, Newell Wood and Bowden Northrup. Given twenty years, they ought to do as commendable a job as John Fine had an opportunity to do—and didn't!

Department of Highways Is Something

The announcement that no action has been taken by the State Department of Highways to improve or to plan improvements to Route 309 comes as no surprise to this newspaper.

We are not so naive as to be taken in by the high sounding talk of Congressmen, professional do-gooders, and politicians.

If the people of the Back Mountain area sincerely want 309 improved, they, and only they, can get it done—not by going through Dr. John Dorris, County Democratic chairman, or any other politician; but by getting down to business and organizing a committee to keep constant pressure on the State Department of Highways.

Only trouble with that—the State Department of Highways is so weak that pressure applied in the right places may cause it to fold up!

As evidence—the pressure of winter storms which caused its cinder department to collapse!

FATAL AUTOMOBILE ACCIDENTS AND INJURIES

SINCE JANUARY 1, 1957

Table with columns: Location, Hospitalized, Killed. Rows: Dallas, Dallas Twp., Franklin Twp., Kingston Twp., Lake, Monroe, Noxen, Ross, Total.

MOTOR LAW VIOLATIONS

Table with columns: Location, Arrests, Convictions. Rows: Dallas, Dallas Twp., Franklin Twp., Kingston Twp., Lake, Monroe, Noxen, Ross, Total.

ONLY YESTERDAY

Ten and Twenty Years Ago In The Dallas Post

From The Issue of March 14, 1947

Epidemics of children's diseases are on the way out in the public schools. Dallas Borough was hard hit last week with 75 students out. This week it is the Township, with thirty percent of its pupils out on Monday, the percentage decreasing during the week. Lehman had 128 absentees at the peak of its epidemic, with attendance now starting the climb toward normal.

John Kuchta, 67, drops dead of a heart attack in Alderson while feeding his chickens, and is discovered by a neighbor out searching for a lost dog.

Lehman basketball team loses to Nuremberg at the invitation tourney at Bloomsburg. Playing were: Ralph Cornell, Harry Covert, Warren Disque, William Ginter, Joseph Kelban, Homer Major, John Milauskas, John Nulton, and Robert Nulton.

Torchy Wilson, Ted Wilson, and Tom Gerrity, purchase a Stinson plane from army surplus, and park it in Jack Hazeltine's garage while getting it ready for private use after only sixty hours of duty in the Royal Navy, on lend-lease from the United States.

Dallas Methodist Church's new pupil will be dedicated on Sunday.

Dallas Borough's basketball team, champion of the Back Mountain, beats Sugar Notch for the PIAA championship. Players are: Charles Brobst, Neil Koche, Jake Duda, Steve Sedler, Glen Roberts, Paul Shaver, Steve Monka, Dick Peirce, Allen Knecht, Paul Sedler. Jack Pizar is manager, Caddie LaBar, coach.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Edwards, Sweet Valley, celebrate their 53rd wedding anniversary.

From The Issue of March 12, 1937
Championship Dallas Borough Team is swamped by Newport, in the PIAA finals. In the Back Mountain it takes the series, the fourth championship in eight years.

Ruth Jackson, a grade school teacher at Laketon, rescues two skaters who go through thin ice at the Picnic Grounds, by throwing her long scarf to them and working them toward solid ice.

Rev. Charles Thomas, pastor of the Glenview Primitive Methodist Church, is asked to retain the pulpit for another year.

Safety Valve

A RIGHT GUY

March 4, 1957

Mr. Howard Risley
The Dallas Post
Dallas, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Risley:

I would like to thank you for using the material in my newsletter, "From the Senator's Chair" in The Dallas Post.

Your recent comments in response to Mrs. Keller's letter regarding my report to the people were particularly gratifying, and I appreciate your fairness.

Sincerely yours,
JOSEPH S. CLARK

DOGS FALL IN LAKE

Editor:

I was wondering if you could find a small space in your paper to warn the owners of dogs around the lake to try and watch them so they will keep off the lake during the winter fishing season. One morning this week, I chanced to gaze out over the lake and I saw a nice big black dog walking farther and farther toward the middle of the lake. He stopped at a small crate, apparently, and then to my horror, fell head first into a hole. I was panicky, as I love dogs. I didn't know what to do and went to the telephone. But, decided to look once more. There he was struggling for his life. It made me sick. All of a sudden he pulled himself out. God was surely with the dog that

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Huntin' & Fishin' with "SQUIRREL"

This column is made up of comments of the writer and area sportsmen and from material taken from contacts with the Pennsylvania Fish & Game Commissions.

Lists Nine Courses of Action To "Make a Place for Wildlife"

Seth L. Myers, Pennsylvania state chairman for National Wildlife Week, listed nine "courses of action" for conservation-minded citizens who wish to help "make a place for wildlife."

Wildlife Week, sponsored annually by the National Wildlife Federation and affiliated groups, will be observed March 17 to 23. The theme is "Homes for Wildlife," stressing the habitat needs of wild species and the fact that unless Americans act to provide places for wild animals to feed, find safety and rear their young, this nation will lose a valuable natural resource.

If you want to help, Mr. Myers suggests you choose one or more of the following methods and get busy:

1. Start educational projects on wildlife needs and the things that destroy habitat, such as soil erosion, water pollution, over-grazing, drainage of wetlands, and forest fires. Work through schools, civic clubs, youth groups.

2. Encourage and support scientific research on wildlife and its living areas. Work through colleges and universities, your State game and fish department, the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

3. Demonstrate land-use and water-management methods that protect, or even improve, wildlife habitat. This one is for farmers, ranchers, engineers, loggers, industrialists and others who change the face of the land.

4. Encourage sportsmen, garden clubs and other citizen groups to carry out habitat improvement projects in the field. Or pitch in and help with such projects. Seek the guidance of state or federal wildlife experts.

5. Get behind the programs of state and federal conservation agencies. Work toward public purchase and management of vital areas such as waterfowl marshes.

6. Insist that fish and wildlife resources are protected and planned for at federal reservoirs and other water development projects. Stop wasteful drainage of valuable marshes. You can get at these problems through your Congressman.

7. Use your citizenship and your vote if necessary, to protect our state, federal and private sanctuaries, refuges, parks, forests and wilderness areas from encroachment and destruction.

8. Support sound water-pollution control laws. Work for adequate sewage-treatment by every city and for control of industrial wastes.

9. Join a conservation club and support the efforts of state and national conservation organizations.

Area Beaver Trappers Have Successful Season . . .
Claude Campbell, Game Protector of Wyoming County, reports some successful beaver trappers in his area.

Albert DuBoise of Vernon, four beavers; Herbert DuBoise, Vernon, one beaver; Clarence Corby, Centermoreland, two beavers, and "Puss" Clark, Tunkhannock R. D., one beaver.

Man's Best Friend Is Sometimes Wildlife's Worst Enemy . . .
Man's best friend sometimes indirectly assumes the role of enemy. Wild and free-running dogs hurt wildlife any time, but at this time of year they, and pet dogs, too, often seriously menace deer.

Late in winter, when the deer's vitality is low, stray and wild-living dogs harass and more easily cause the death of the weakened white-tails. Chased by dogs, deer that might have escaped often die or apparently commit suicide in unusual ways. When frightened, deer may drive headlong against a fence and break their neck. Commonly, they make a mad, heedless rush across a road and are struck by a vehicle. Sometimes they leap off a cliff to escape pursuers. More often, marauding canines drag deer down, chew them pitifully and leave them to a lingering death.

The Game Law stipulates that a dog may be killed by any officer whose duty it is to protect the game of the state, or by any person, when the dog is in such pursuit as to endanger the life of a deer or elk.

The Game Commission recommends that dog owners tie, pen up or keep their pets and hunters under close control, day and night, as an act of good citizenship and a humane practice that may prevent an undesirable consequence.

Bison Intact—Police Car Is Demolished . . .
According to a U. S. Fish & Wildlife Service report "Old Joe" (the name given a certain bison) is still king of the lonely Alaskan highways.

The release tells that "Joe's latest antagonist, a Territorial police cruiser, was demolished. As he had in all previous encounters with the machine, the shaggy beast, fast becoming legendary in the Far North, snorted defiance at the wreckage and ambled away in the snows.

"To date there is no record that Old Joe, the bison, has ever tried his prowess against a locomotive. Automobiles are his chief objective."

Looking at T-V

With GEORGE A. and EDITH ANN BURKE

KATE SMITH will star in "The Jackie Gleason Show" Saturday, March 6 when Jackie goes on his second vacation of the season. Others on the show will be Jonathan Winters, Pat Rooney, Bill Thompson, of "Fibber McGee and Molly" fame and Bobby Van.

Gleason will be back on April 6. THE OPENING GAME of the National Invitation Basketball Tournament, will be broadcast from Madison Square Garden on March 16, over the CBS Network from 2 to 4 p.m., EST.

Some of the greatest college basketball teams in the country will be pitted against each other. The tournament starts on March 16, kicking off a week-long series aiming for the big final game on Saturday, March 23 between the two top teams. This final game will also be televised.

LORD MAYOR of Dublin, Edith Adams, Mary O'Hara join Robert Mitchum on the Ed Sullivan show Sunday, March 17.

Robert Mitchum who makes his singing-dancing debut will join the Ames Brothers in singing "Too-ra-loo-ra-loo-ra!" Edith Adams, who is currently starring in the musical "Li'l Abner" will do a series of impressions of outstanding film stars of years ago. She will lead off with an imitation of Shirley Temple singing "Good Ship Lollipop," and go on as Marlene Dietrich singing "Falling in Love Again" from the movie "The Blue Angel." Then an imitation of Jeanette MacDonald, Ruby Keeler and winding up with her impersonation of Marilyn Monroe singing "Old Black Magic."

JOAN FONTAINE stars in the story of a woman who falls asleep on an old fashioned chaise longue and awakens to find herself irrefutably linked to a life in another century in "The Victorian Chaise Lounge," on "General Electric Theatre," Sunday March 17 (CBS-TV, 9-9:30 p.m. EST).

KATHARINE CORNELL and Charles Boyer co-star in "There Shall Be No Night," by Robert E. Sherwood on "the Hallmark Hall of Fame. It is the tense drama of a fine family caught in the vise of a Communist invasion. The story as originally written was of the Russian invasion of Finland in 1939. The locale and situation, for reasons of timeliness has been switched to the recent events in Hungary.

STORY OF FIGHT will be developed when "Wide World" goes aloft to cover an aerial dogfight, sky-diving and other daring feats.

The dogfight, the twisting, dodging form of mid-air battle made famous during World War I, will be staged in the skies above Palmdale, Calif., between a German Fokker D-7 and a French Nieuport. These are actual planes used in the war.

Sky-diving, the remarkable new sport in which the participant leaps from a plane and executes figure-eights in mid-air for about 30 seconds will be displayed by Jacques Istel, captain of the U.S. Parachuting Team. (NBC-TV, 4-5:30 p.m. EST March 17).

CHARLES BICKFORD stars in a story of newspaper ethics in "The Man Who Couldn't Wait," on "The 20th Century-Fox Hour," Wednesday, March 20.

Bickford as the owner of a small city newspaper believes it is his duty to print the news even when the story endangers the life of a kidnapped child.

PERLE MESTA's life story will be dramatized on this week's "Playhouse 90." (CBS-TV, Thursday 9:30-11:00 p.m. EST).

PAT BOONE will sing some of his current recording hits when he appears on Dinah Shore's sixth hour-long "Chevy Show" of the season. Dan Dailey will also do a special guest appearance.

THE DRIVER'S SEAT



John Galsworthy, the great British novelist, once wrote that "Nothing in life is more tragic than the utter impossibility of changing what you have done."

This is a made-to-order motto for the driver's seat of every car. It is something we all remember when we're seated comfortably before a fire thinking Big Thoughts about Life. But it's something many of us forget when we're in the driver's seat with our hands on the wheel.

With tragic certainty, however, we begin to know Galsworthy's words intimately when a few seconds of carelessness or inattention are changed into a lifetime of regret.

The motorist, for instance, who has his mind on a golf game instead of the road, and who is speeding to the club as if his being a few moments late really mattered—he will never be able to bring back the life he took when he ignored a warning sign and hit a child. There is nothing about this he can ever change. He will live with it always.

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Barnyard Notes

Every music lover—whether his hair is long or crew cut—should become a member of the Wyoming Valley Community Concert Association.

The small membership fee of \$7.50, including tax, is sufficient incentive to force him to take at least four nights a year for relaxation and enjoyment of music in person by the world's great artists.

If he doesn't buy the tickets in advance, he will be prone to find that on the very night of the concert he most wants to hear, he is too tired, too tied up, or too something or other. That \$7.50 he paid earlier, stirs him out of lethargy—and the first thing he knows he is at the concert and in an entirely different and relaxing atmosphere!

I know this from experience. Every man and every woman owes it to himself to enjoy these rare music treats, even if he has to go by himself—and buying a ticket in advance is the best assurance that he will be there.

This is the twenty-fifth season for the association which literally brings Carnegie Hall to Wyoming Valley. Music lovers from all over Northeastern Pennsylvania have flocked to Irem Temple during the winter season to hear the great artists brought to Wyoming Valley on a non-profit basis by a group of people whose only purpose is to provide the best in music for all to enjoy.

Two of the top attractions next season will be the Cleveland Symphony under the direction of the renowned George Szell and Yehudi Menuhin, whose world-wide fame as one of the great violinists of all time will draw a capacity audience. Two other outstanding concerts are yet to be announced.

Some of the great who have appeared in previous Community concerts include Rise Stevens, Nelson Eddy, Lily Pons, James Melton, John Charles Thomas, Leonard Warren, Albert Spaulding and the Minneapolis, Pittsburgh and Cleveland Symphony orchestras.

Assert your rights as an individual whether any other members of your family want tickets or not. Call up Mrs. Floyd Sanders or Mrs. Donald Innes and tell them now that you want tickets for next season's presentations. If you are an old member, renew your subscription now. It will help a lot!

This is kind of a personal matter with me and it should be with you. Long hair, or short hair—you'll never regret it!

From Pillar To Post . . .

by Mrs. T. M. B. Hicks

If it hurts babies as much to cut teeth as it does later in life to part with them, babies deserve a vote of sympathy, and a great deal more service from their parents than they normally receive.

But at least babies don't know what they are up against when they start champing their gums, whereas an adult, wise in the ways of dentists, foresees the needle, the pliers, and the adroitly concealed slicer, before the dentist actually places the knee on the chest and says, "Open wider, please."

Then there is that moment of suspense when the pliers attach themselves firmly to the molar, and that moment of upheaval when the molar reluctantly lets go, dragging its four stout roots behind it.

And the horrified glance into the mirror, where the gap looks twice as wide as anticipated.

There's only one way of getting on with a prolonged series of visits to the dentist, and that is to make a substantial down payment in advance, a payment much larger than it is possible to afford. This insures weekly visits until the finished product clicks or whistles into place. Once the money is transferred from one checking account to another, native thrift takes over, and in spite of foreboding, the transaction guarantees completion of the job on the grounds that you have to get your money's worth whether it lays you low or not.

That middle stage, however, when the spoken word sounds as if it were issuing from a mouth full of mush, is pretty depressing, especially if the victim has to appear constantly in public and has foolishly made commitments to give a bright little talk to this organization or the other. The bright little talk is apt to emerge slightly tarnished, its S's and F's hopelessly scrambled. Practice in repeating "Theophilus Thistle, the Successful Thistle-Sifter" or "She Sells Sea-Shell by the Seashore," is of little avail.

It is so seldom that one mentions either thistle-sifting or sea-shell sales in actual life.

But I may as well say well in advance that the members of the Book Club will certainly get their money's worth next week, if only for laughs. By the middle of April the China Clippers will presumably be nested securely in place, and either clicking or whistling, according to their nature.

"Face it," said the dentist sympathetically as he made the original survey, "anything I can make you will look better than what you now have."

This was elementary, and could be subscribed to without question; but a person gets attached to teeth after a lifetime of communion three times a day, plus a snack at bedtime.

And not only do you get attached to teeth, they become more and more firmly attached to you, indissolubly grafted upon the native bone and protesting violently upon being disturbed.

However thin you slice it, a visit to the dentist is no picnic, and it is no wonder folks put it off until a tooth practically jumps out of the socket and shrieks loudly for attention.

There may be stalwart souls who can settle themselves in the chair without cringing in anticipation, but even those hardy creatures must suffer a few inner qualms.

Me, I'm frank to admit I'm scared to death, and make no bones about it. But he's cooking up a nice set of uppers and lowers, and sooner or later he'll clap them in place and stand back to admire his handiwork.

Wilmer Kitchen Instrumental In Placing 800 Hungarian Students

Wilmer J. Kitchen, director of World University Exchange Service based in New York, brought his sister, Mrs. Ianthe Sommers, up to date on his work during a weekend visit to her at her home in Trucksville.

Mr. Kitchen, also on the board of CARE and legal secretary of that corporation, has been instrumental recently in placing 800 Hungarian students in universities throughout the United States on a scholarship basis.

During the past year he visited fifty colleges in India, talking to over 20,000 Indian students, in the process of making a survey for exchange of students. In the course of his ten years with the Student Exchange Service, he has travelled widely, circling the globe in 1948. His wife, the former Beatrice Segsworth, accompanies him on certain of his survey trips. In 1952 the couple went to the Scandinavian peninsula and later to Germany to visit universities, Mr. Kitchen acting as consultant for the U.S. State Department.

A native of Millville, son of George and Adda Beers Kitchen, he graduated from State College in 1920, and attended Union Theological Seminary in New York City, winning a B.D. degree, and later an M.A. at Columbia University. He and his wife had planned to enter the missionary field in China, but world unrest cancelled out their plans, and Mr. Kitchen swung to the educational field instead.

There are two sons, John and Richard George. John and his wife live in Madison, Conn. and have three small children.

Richard, unmarried, is a Navy flyer based in Quonset, R. I. Mrs. Sommers, former Kingston Township teacher, has recently been on the registry as home-bound teacher for children unable to attend regular school sessions.

Paul Girton, a cousin in the home town of Millville, has a flourishing factory which manufactures dairy equipment, founded originally in the family barn, and speedily outgrowing its quarters.