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Editorially Speaking:

Where To Look For Action

You can look for action when the Woman's Clubs get behind a project!

That's especially true of the Dallas Clubs, both Senior and Junior.

Both of them bely the old wheeze that women talk much and do little.

Whenever a community problem needs immediate attention—whether it's a load of coal for a destitute woman or warm clothing for a burned out family, you can count on the woman's clubs to be Johnny-on-the-spot.

It's foolish to waste your breath talking to others; just call the presidents of either of the clubs.

And you'll find those same women at the forefront of United Fund Drives, Heart, Polio and Cancer Drives.

This newspaper is especially proud of the action taken Tuesday night by Dallas Junior Woman's Club.

They are going to do something about the unsightly Lehigh Valley Railway station in Dallas and they are going to back a program of highway safety within their own families and in the Back Mountain Region.

In both of these projects they need the help and cooperation of everybody just as they have always been willing to give it to others in the past.

But We Still Need A Labor Law

"This is a painful year for Labor Day orators. The misdeeds of the Teamsters and other union racketeers, as brought out in the McClelland hearings, have brought to a climax a record of labor gangsterism that attacks the moral and social health of the whole Country. Crooked labor runs wider, deeper and dirtier than anyone had suspected . . .

"Congressmen and candidates will soon go before the people. They should do so with one ear cocked toward the McClelland hearings. It is the business of every voter to exact a pledge from each man running for Congress to go to Washington next year and vote for a labor law—better than the Kennedy-Ives if possible and with more teeth in it." — Life Magazine, September 1, 1958.

Civil Defense 'Is Everybody's Business Your Neighbors Are Helping. Are You?

In modern war, civilians are a primary target of enemy attack. Atomic attack upon an American city would cause widespread destruction, kill and injure thousands, and deprive many more of the necessities of life. Such an attack could break the spirit of the people and halt their defense effort—unless they were organized to restore order, continue their regular activities, and man the industries that remained.

The Emergency Welfare Services are designed to assist people in need after an enemy attack, supply them with immediate essentials and encourage them to self-help. Some would need food, lodging, clothing, essential household goods, tools and occupational equipment; others, financial assistance and aid in job placement. Many would need information on the whereabouts and condition of members of their families, or counseling in personal and family problems.

The Federal Civil Defense Act of 1950 provides for welfare services as a part of civil defense. Limited Federal financing to plan the emergency welfare program has been provided for in the Act, and Federal stockpiling of certain materials and supplies is permitted.

The Dallas area is organized and prepared for emergency action in the event of a natural disaster or an enemy attack. Aid could be extended to include care of evacuees from nearby, disaster stricken, cities as well as to our own community.

The local Welfare Emergency Services, under the direction of Stefan Hellersperk, with Pat Reynolds as Deputy Director, are well rehearsed in the details necessary for the provision of the essentials of life for great numbers of people. This provision of basic welfare services on a mass scale is known as mass care; and is under the direction of Mary Weir. Mass care includes the emergency lodging, feeding, and clothing of victims of enemy attack.

During a trial alarm in May of this year, this group demonstrated their ability to cope with emergencies on a mass scale. 200 school children were "evacuated" from Kingston and received in Dallas for emergency care. Under the supervision of Red Ambrose, Chief of Emergency Feeding, these children were welcomed by the Ladies Auxiliary of the Dallas Methodist Church who had prepared a lunch for them. The Ladies Auxiliary of the Fireman's Association in Kunkle were ready and standing by to receive the overflow.

Joe Sekera as Chief of Emergency Lodging had arranged for the emergency availability of the Irem Temple and the Sheddleski Motel. As a result of nuclear attack, large areas of cities may be almost completely devastated or rendered temporarily inaccessible or uninhabitable. While many families of these areas would be able to live with friends and relatives, vast numbers would have to rely on the emergency welfare services to provide

them with temporary lodging. In the immediate post attack period it will be essential that lodging facilities be made available promptly.

An attack which causes large-scale destruction of property and forces people to leave their homes hurriedly, will also produce extensive needs for clothing. This will be true especially if the attack occurs at night and without warning. Plans must be made therefore to have a supply of garments readily available to replace essential clothing destroyed, lost, or contaminated. Mrs. Charles Lee is Chief of Emergency Clothing.

Your neighbors in Dallas are preparing to meet all emergencies, but they need your help. Could you make sandwiches or distribute clothing if someone's life depended on it? Sure you could! Call Mrs. William Baker Jr. at OR. 4-6208.

YULE CUSTOMS

In Ireland, only women named Mary may snuff the candles in church on Christmas Eve. Gifts are exchanged in Holland on December 6, not Christmas Day. Some Scandinavian families place all their shoes together on Christmas Day, in the belief that this will cause harmonious living through the year. In Nova Scotia, it is considered bad luck to take a Christmas tree down before the end of New Year's Day.

"Some housewives go over their budgets carefully each month, others just go over them."—Poeria Journal Star.

Looking at T-V

With GEORGE A. and EDITH ANN BURKE

Christmas comes early this year on television. Rather than saving all the Christmas programs for a few days at Christmastime, when the viewers are apt to be busy with last minute shopping, trimming the tree or wrapping gifts the three networks are starting early.

O. Henry's famed classic, "The Gift of the Magi," will be offered Tuesday, 9 p. m. This musical version of the Christmas story tells of a husband who sells his watch to buy a tortoise shell comb for his wife only to discover she has sold her long hair to buy him a chain for his watch. Gordon MacRae and Sally Ann Howes will star.

"Amahl and the Night Visitors," one of the tenderest Christmas operas ever presented on television, will be offered in color Sunday, December 14 at 5 p. m. It will be given for the ninth time by the NBC Opera Company.

Hallmark Hall of Fame, on the same evening at 7, will offer its Christmas program. It will be a light and serious dramatic segments and pantomime on the ice. Several stars headed by Maurice Evans, Carol Channing and Ralph Bellamy will be seen in this colorcast.

Du Pont's Christmas "gift" to the television audience will be "The Hasty Heart" on Thursday, December 18, at 9:30 p. m. Don Murray will star as the Scottish sergeant in a Burma hospital who resists efforts of others to fill his last days with love and friendship.

Shirley Temple's Christmas presentation will be offered in color Sunday, December 21, at 8 p. m. It will be "Mother Goose" and, in addition to Elsa Lanchester, Shirley and her three children will take part.

The final Yuletide offering will come Christmas night from 9:30 to 11 when the New York City Ballet will dance the famed "The Nutcracker" to Tchaikovsky's music. A cast of 95, including 40 children, will take part.

Puppets express the personality of the person who operates them. So says Bill Baird, who has been making puppets for more than 25 years.

"A puppet is an extension of a person," Bil explained. "It brings out the wolf, the pig, the lion in us. There are some puppets I can't operate. They were made for other people.

"For instance," Bil continued, "Cora plays the girls. With the exception of a few witches I can't do them. We build them to fit the character of the operator."

"If Maurice Evans, Laurence Olivier and Clark Gable read for the same part in a play, each would come up with a different treatment. And one would be better than the others. It's the same way with us."

The Bairds' two children, Peter, six, and Laurie, three, feel the same as their parents about what is created at their studio on Manhattan's West Side.

"They've grown up with puppets," Bil pointed out. "They don't treat them as dolls, but something much more important—a means of expression."

Wayne and Shuster, the two Canadian comedians who have appeared on Sullivan's show a number of times have their own weekly variety show on forty-eight coast-to-coast stations of the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation each Friday night at 8. This is their fourth successful season on Canadian TV.

Rambling Around

By THE OLDTIMER

Continuing our comments this week on the Dallas of the decade preceding World War I, we start at the two railroads and work along the south side of Main Street.

On the first floor of the Odd Fellows building which then stood on the street line was the new drug store of G.A.A. Kuehn who had been in town only a few years. The Kuehns were not young. Mr. Kuehn had conducted a store in Wilkes-Barre for many years and both Mr. and Mrs. Kuehn had grown up, or nearly grown up, children by previous marriages when they came to Dallas. Mrs. Kuehn's son, John Ammerman, was in school or working most of the time.

Mr. Kuehn's daughter, Lydia, was noted as a singer. Her married name was Rohrbach and she lived elsewhere for many years visiting her occasionally. Some years later, after the death of her husband, if the writer's recollection is correct, she married again returned and resided in Dallas. While in the Free Methodist Church at a rehearsal for a solo to be sung the following Sunday she inadvertently stepped through the wrong doorway, fell to the cellar, and was killed. Her death was a shock to the entire community. Gus Kuehn died in 1939, well known to everyone in the entire region as a cheerful and capable pharmacist.

Karl Kuehn remained full time in Dallas and entered into the business until his death in 1950. It is now conducted by his widow Lillian and son Frank. Mrs. Jean Kuehn, widow of Gustav, has a reputation in her own right, chiefly in the field of politics. She served as committee woman or chairman of most Republican affairs for about half a century. She has reached an advanced age and in recent years her health has not been good.

Next to the drug store in a one-story wood building was the barber shop of Charles B. Gregory, Charlie, as he is popularly called, was born and reared in Dallas on Mill Street in the house in which he now resides which was then owned by the Rice family. Upon his marriage to Althea Garinger he built a new house on the adjoining lot, but some years later purchased the family residence and returned to the old place.

His original shop was marked by one feature no longer in evidence. In specially made racks stood row after row of highly decorated shaving cups. The custom of the times called for those who could afford it to have an individually owned lather cup, usually marked with the owner's name and plenty of colorful decoration.

Most of the time there was another now obsolete feature, the checker and domino table where Civil War veterans and other retired men loved to gather, play, and visit. Charlie gradually worked it out, adding a cigar stand and candy, later shoes, and finally built a whole new building now in use in which he added a men's furnishing store. The store was discontinued about the time Joe Hand went into the same business.

Adjoining the Gregory property was the wedge shaped brick building owned by William Norton, this year removed for the Miner's Bank driveway. For years the upstairs room contained the telephone exchange. On the first floor, Norton had an office with a big fern filling the entire display window. He wrote deeds and wills, served as justice-of-the-peace and in various other offices, and operated a job printing business. About the time of which we write, the latter was sold to H. Allen Holmes who was in Dallas only a few years.

In the concrete block building removed for the bank addition and first parking lot, Philip J. Ritter, trading under the firm name of Dallas Motor Car Co., operated the Overland Agency and a supply and auto repair shop. He specialized in electrical starting and lighting systems and subsequently opened an additional shop for that work on Market Street, Kingston. In a wood building at the year, his wife, the former Nellie Norton, did auto painting which she continued many years. Mrs. Ritter still resides in the old Norton homestead on Huntsville Street.

Where the main portion of the Bank is now for many years was a nice lawn. Just before the period of which we write, John Reese built in a wood building, metal surfaced, in this location. The upper floor was used for meetings of the Jr. O.U.A.M. and others. On the first floor in the right half he established what was probably the first hardware store in Dallas. Later Reese added, in the left half of his building, flour, feed, and fertilizer, started a coal hauling business which his son Thomas still continues, and sold farm machinery.

Mr. and Mrs. Reese with their children Thomas, Lewis, and Catherine formerly lived on Huntsville Street but at the time of which we write, lived on the old Lehman Road on a farm at the top of the hill across the reservoir inlet from Orchard Knob farm.

The original portion of the Borough building was then the home of Dr. Henry M. Laing who has been mentioned in detail in this column.

The adjoining residence presently occupied by Mrs. Louise Colwell was for many years the home of Dr. C. A. Spencer.

FATAL AUTOMOBILE ACCIDENTS AND INJURIES

SINCE JANUARY 1, 1957

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

EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBERS

Ambulance 4-2121 Fire 4-2121 State Police BU 7-2185

SUCCESSFUL INVESTING...

by ROGER E. SPEAR Investment Advisor and Analyst

RETIRED COUPLE WOULD DO

Q. B. Pennsylvania, writes, "I have just been retired from a pretty good job at the age of 65. My wife and I are going to try living in Florida. In addition to my pension, I have \$15,000 in the savings bank which I don't intend to disturb. An endowment policy which matures soon will give me funds, part of which I would like to invest in some conservative stocks with reasonable yield and at least moderate growth prospects. What would you suggest?"

A. There are a number of groups that I might suggest. Electric utilities would at most times meet your requirements. The price of these stocks, however, is closely related to money rates. With the latter pointing upward, I'm not too keen about new purchases in the group just at present. I like the grocery chains for the objectives you mention and have frequently recommended in this column such stocks as Safeway Stores, Great Atlantic & Pacific, First National Stores, Kroger and Winn-Dixie. At the present time I think you might do well to consider the food packaging group. There are a number of sound stocks in this category which it seems to me would meet the requirements which you outlined. These stocks have a built-in characteristic which assures steady growth. American women like attractively packaged products and familiar brand names.

Some Sound Food Packaging Stocks

The unquestioned leader in the field of food-packaging is General Foods. This company markets a widely diversified list of products, best known of these are such widely advertised items as Maxwell House Coffe, Postum, Post cereals, Jell-O, Swans Down flour, Baker's chocolate, Minute rice and Birds Eye frozen foods. General has shown a steady rise in earnings since 1951, is strong financially, and has paid dividends without interruption since 1922. The stock yields a little over 3 1/2%. Dividends have been raised in each year since 1952. I can recommend this issue strongly to people who, like yourself, want a conservative holding with prospects for continued steady appreciation.

Corn Products Looks Undervalued

Corn Products has long been a favorite of mine and the stock looks even better as a result of the recent merger with Best Foods. The re-created company will make and distribute a wide list of grocery products including Hellman's mayonnaise, French Dressing, Skippy peanut butter, Nucoa margarine, Karo syrup, Mazola oil, Argo and Linit starches. Because it takes a little time for a merger to become operationally efficient, Corn Products seems relatively undervalued at present. The company has paid dividends since 1920 and the directors plan to initiate a \$2 annual payment. On the expected new rate the stock will yield nearly 4 1/2% at recent levels. The merger puts Corn Products second only to General Foods in the packaged field.

Many Other Good Stocks In Group

Standard Brands should not be overlooked. This company processes and distributes such well-known items as Chase and Sanborn coffee, Tender Leaf tea, Blue Bonnet margarine, Royal puddings and Fleischman's yeast. Standard Brands affords a yield of 4.6% on a dividend that looks very safe. Then there are the two great soup makers, Campbell and Heinz. Both companies, of course, produce many other things besides soup. Campbell puts out 1-8 vegetable juice, Swanson's frozen foods and Franconi American spaghetti and macaroni among other items.

Cambell is a strong stock. Dividends have been paid for over 50 years and should continue without interruption. On the present \$1.50 rate the yield is 3.2%. Heinz in another excellent food producer. There are few Americans who haven't heard of the 57 varieties, and the company is almost as well known abroad. Last year about 80% of net income came from foreign business. Heinz yields 3.9% on a well-protected dividend. The company has not shown much growth in recent years and I regard this stock mainly as a good income producer.

(Send your investment questions to Mr. Roger E. Spear, c/o this paper.)

ONLY YESTERDAY

Ten and Twenty Years Ago in The Dallas Post

From The Issue of December 3, 1948

Wilkes College students plan a vacation tour of Cuba during the Christmas holidays. Active on the committee is Mary Porter of Shavertown.

Charles Long and Luther Hunter are awarded honorary degrees by Lehman FFA, in recognition of their outstanding service to the Blue Ridge Chapter. Mr. Long sponsors the annual commencement award, a gold wrist watch, and Mr. Hunter, helped organize the Purebred Duroc Swine Club.

Navy reserve cruise in January, says Lt. John Kenny of Shavertown, will take participants to warm waters. Cruise is from January 9 to January 22.

Shirlee Allen, Dallas high school majorette, is winner of the "Miss Football Contest" conducted by officials of the Wilkes-Barre professional football team at Artillery Park. Shirlee is a go-getter. Faced with lack of funds to put out the year-book, of which she is junior editor, she put on a show Wednesday night, which raised enough money for two years of publication. She wrote the script for "Amateurs' Delight."

Mrs. Clyde Cooper heads Dallas Kiwanis Women's Club.

College Misericordia's sewage disposal plant, built at a cost of \$32,000, is now in operation, an undertaking following lines of the clean stream movement planned by the State of Pennsylvania.

Fewer deer are killed by local hunters on the opening day of deer season, due to heavy snow hanging on the trees.

Lou Banta issues eight tickets for passing the red light in central Shavertown.

Sportsmen shoot D. L. Edwards' constant deer visitor, gutting the animal alongside the house in Huntsville, in the face of No-Tres-passing signs clearly posted.

Mrs. Isabella Merical, 88, Lake Street Dallas, dies after a short illness.

Mrs. Arley Shannon, 54, dies at her home at Sandy Beach.

Mrs. Sam Woolbert, 75, is laid to rest in Evergreen Cemetery.

Ruth Lozier becomes the bride of Austin Wertman.

From The Issue Of December 2, 1938

A heavy doe-kill is reported from this area, with hundreds of does shot. Very few bucks are reported killed illegally. A sixteen-point buck, one of the most impressive ever seen in the Back Mountain, is hit by a car at Harveys Lake. Light snow aids in tracking. Doe season is for the purpose of cutting down the herds, as many deer starve to death each year.

A new hospital plan has just gone into effect under sponsorship of hospitals of the area. George T. Bell is director. The plan is open only to those people who are regularly employed, and must be contracted for at their place of business.

Sixty residents sign a protest on the water supply of Parish Heights. Atty. M. F. MacDonald will succeed Judge William S. McLean.

An epidemic of mumps which closed Noxen schools is now under control and schools are reopened. Kingston Township high school team finishes its championship season scoring twice as many points as its opponents, and winning first place for the second successive year.

The Guild is ending its strike against the Sunday Independent, but chances are the paper will not publish this week, as printers refuse to return to work.

Basketball season will begin locally December 13. Lehman high school won the championship last year.

Frank Heminway, coach at Dallas Borough, asks for candidates for both first and second teams. The first team will play against fast-moving industrial teams, such as Hazard Wire Rope and Penn Tobacco.

Berwick staged its 29th marathon in a snowstorm on Thanksgiving, with two contenders finishing the nine mile, 257 yard course in 51 minutes, 25 seconds, almost neck and neck.

John Lizards, dies at Lake Silk-woorth.

George K. Mosser, formerly owner of Noxen Tannery, dies in Allentown aged 76.

Men of Dallas Methodist church will cook and serve the annual turkey dinner.

Squire Ralph Davis' caged wildcat is drawing a crowd at Harveys Lake. Edwin E. Davis, 73, dies at Alder-son.

Mary Leona Smith becomes the bride of Owen M. Jones.

Bettie J. Morgan is wed to Fred Kirkendall.

Baldwin R. Cook, Northmoreland, dies of a heart attack.

Rev. Francis Freeman's brother Frederick, dies when crushed between two coal cars in a Scranton coal mine.

Thomas J. Knorr, 79, dies at his home in Trucksville.

Rhys E. Miles, 70, Dallas, dies of complications.

Retail price of milk is up to twelve cents a quart.

Read The Post Classified

Barnyard Notes

The bedside telephone urgently breaks the sleepy quiet. "There's a hell of an accident at Trucksville," comes the excited voice over the wire.

Moments later we use the same phone to summon photographer James Kozemchak and in the minutes between the call and his arrival, we slip into our trousers, pull on a flannel shirt, grab a notebook and flashlight, and wait in overcoat and leather cap on the frigid front porch.

Headlights sweep down Huntsville Road and edge over toward our sidewalk.

We leap into the front seat loaded with flashbulbs and camera equipment.

Jim states as a matter of fact: "When I heard the phone ring, I told Ann I'll bet that's Howard Risley reporting another bad accident." Then silence.

A shrill siren pierces the frosty air, sparking under the bloody, haze red of late burning neon lights. Aside from that a peaceful stillness hangs over all of Dallas.

Far down Memorial Highway the bright lights of Clyde Birth's never-sleeping service station cut through the slowly rising mists from Toby's Creek.

There is an ominous absence of late moving traffic! The world is asleep—except for the cozy, amber glow from night lamps in one or two isolated homes along the way.

A protective aura—good insurance—lights the blue and orange front of Evans Drug Store, and a subdued brilliance from Acme Market's fluorescent illumination enfolds Back Mountain Shopping Center.

Far ahead on the straight stretch beyond the forever sleeping mounds on Mt. Greenwood hillside, forboding red flares make grotesque shadows of gaunt weeds on the thin snow.

Now just ahead smoke rising from dancing police flares almost conceals the giant hulks of a long row of motionless Acme trucks and automobile carriers, their frames outlined with red danger lights.

Farther ahead there is feverish activity in the middle of the confusion of hastily parked passenger cars and delayed midnight commerce.

In the vortex, rotating ambulance beacons flash their awesome warning over the carnage—police flashlights beckon.

We pull part way into a neighboring driveway, grab the cameras, slam the door, forgetting to turn out the headlights.

There is no noise save the hiss of the flares, the soft mechanical purring of throttled ambulance motors and the low questioning of bystanders, shivering from nervousness and cold.

Men in white coats and grey uniforms go about their business efficiently and impersonally.

Clyde Birth's wrecker with its high swinging crane backs cautiously through the tinkling glass, blood, and escaping water, and oil on the frosty concrete toward the broken red Buick in the center of the crowded circle!

Lehman's buff ambulance, its rear door swung wide, reveals its yawning interior as it edges backward toward the stricken Buick. Within those dark shadows rests one victim on a rolling cot covered from head to toe by dark grey blankets, while the merciful hands of grey clad officers and white coated ambulance attendants probe the front seat of the Buick to bring out still another victim—the last!

Five others—three from the Chevrolet, two from the Buick—broken, bleeding and unconscious, are already on their way to Nesbitt Hospital in ambulances from Dallas, Luzerne and Kingston Township.

Gently the men beside the Buick lay the blue-shirted, ash-faced young airman on the waiting litter. Elmer Williams, deputy coroner, steps out of the crowd of onlookers. A photographer's flash brightens the scene. Elmer feels the pulse, brushes the battered brow, moves an elbow and then a leg. There is no doctor in the crowd. Then he lifts the head gently. "Broken neck. He's dead!" But just in case there may be a flickering spark, the white coated men lift the cot and roll it into the dark ambulance beside the other.

Headlight beams stab through the surrounding crowd. The ambulance siren moans as it turns slowly. The yellow beacon revolves more rapidly and the last ambulance leaves for Nesbitt Hospital.

The crowd moves silently away. Trucksville Volunteer Firemen's pumper arrives unnoticed to flush away the glass, and oil and blood.

Truck drivers mount their cabs, zoom their motors and are on their way with vegetables and fresh bread for tomorrow.

And tomorrow, dads and mothers as they drive by Duke Isaacs place, will say: "Just wonder was that accident last night. Who died?"

SUNSHINE AND SHADOW

I've heard it said by the hale and hearty That life has just begun at forty, But along comes one whose road has been rough, And he says, at forty, he's had quite enough.

And so you see that it all depends On whether your life with good fortune blends, For many there are who could scale the heights Had not their summers been ruined by blights.

Life is fickle, and constantly changing, Our plans are subject to much rearranging, And the happiest of folks, and those worth-while, Are the ones who can mingle a tear with a smile.

No one can tell what tomorrow may hold, It may be disaster, or good fortune untold, But be the day fair, or somber and gray, Sunshine and shadow will soon pass away.

Take what Life offers, and pretend that you love it, Take each reverse and make the best of it; If you can't be a Captain, then act as his aide, For an act of devotion shines brighter than braid.

With the passing of midnight our gaze turns away And, on the horizon, we see a new day, Hope cannot die if faith remains strong, And God will, eventually, right every wrong.

GEORGE Z. KELLER

A KELLERGRAM

The woman who flies into a rage When someone asks her about her age, Should tell the truth, and not digress, Nor ever permit her friends to guess. 'Twould be the wisest thing to do — AND SHE MIGHT SAVE HERSELF A FEW YEARS, TOO.