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SAFETY VALVE . . .

NOTHING TO BRAG ABOUT

February 5, 1960

Dear Editor: Architect James Lacy, in a recent statement at a school board meeting, as reported in the daily press has painted a disturbing financial picture to taxpayers who will have to pay for the new school.

He states that taxes have been raised ten mills and will probably go up another five and a half mills. He estimates an annual rental charge of \$125,000, about \$30,000 to \$35,000 to be paid by the state. He explains the relatively low state reimbursement by stating that the state will not reimburse anything for the auditorium. Previously certain other items have been listed which the state will not accept for full reimbursement.

The high cost of the school is deflected on increased costs; and

comparison with other newly built schools, or schools now building, is made to make it appear that our new school will not cost an excessive amount in these times.

This boils down to this: our school board has delayed and delayed year after year to get a lot of free money from the state. The actual amount they are going to get will be roughly a quarter of the rental.

In the meantime during all this delay building costs have skyrocketed. By delay we have lost an increased building costs a large share of what we will receive from the state.

The writer has in mind a school containing facilities for 1250 to 1450 pupils, over twice our auditorium seating 750 persons, twenty classrooms, four rooms for home economics, five science laboratories, ten business education rooms, a home nursing laboratory, speech and medical clinics, a library, a student activity center and a cafeteria seating 420 which was built less than ten years ago for about \$2,500,000 exclusive of site.

Our Board has nothing to brag about. D. A. Waters

CANDIDATE FOR BIRD CLUB

Dear Mrs. Hicks: You have welcomed me in a very lovely way to Dallas. We came in November from Honey Brook in Chester County. I enjoy your "Pillar to Post" and look forward to it each week.

I, too, have been feeding the birds. It is quite thrilling to see the evening procreants for the first time. I was undecided about watching them or running for the book to see what they were. Since reading of them in the Dallas Post I have also seen a red-nod, also new to me. Thank you so much. Miriam (Mrs. C. D.) Hosler

Ed. note: There's a Bird Club in this area. Call Mrs. Amott Jones and talk to her about it. And of course you have the Bird Watcher's Bible, Peterson's Bird Book. Look in at the Bank Mountain Library, too, and see the lovely memorial gifts of special bird books. Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, 2 to 6 p.m.; Fridays, 2 to 9 p.m.; and Saturdays 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Dallas Legion Post Honors Frank Ferry

(Continued from Section A, Page 1) mander and as loyal Legionnaire, he has always been on hand to help veterans of the Back Mountain area while carrying on his responsibilities as representative of Albert H. Weinbrenner Co., shoe manufacturers, over a wide territory.

Many old Legionnaires and friends are expected tomorrow night at the meeting that will honor a faithful comrade and leader in local Legion affairs.

Among the guests will be Pete Tolosko, National Field Representative of the Legion, and Fred Shupnick, Sixth District Representative.

During his years of active participation in the Legion, Frank has had the encouragement of his wife, Mary, who has been a member of the Legion Auxiliary for many years.

The Ferrys have six children, Virginia, a teacher in Mt. Pleasant High School, Wilmington, Delaware;



Grandpa Explains

IN ANY ASSESSMENT of Soviet capabilities these facts stand out: 1. Nuclear attack by the Soviet long-range airforce presents the most immediate threat.

2. The Soviets have a well-developed and continually improving missile system, although at the present time they probably do not have militarily significant quantities of intercontinental ballistic missiles.

3. Through their development of ground-to-air missiles, the Soviets would hope to neutralize our Strategic Air Command, or at least, considerably blunt its effectiveness in delivering a massive retaliation.

4. Through the development of an elaborate Civil Defense system utilizing critical manpower, money and material, the Soviet Union hopes to be able to absorb our retaliation punch. It is important that we consider all of these points in any discussion of Soviet capabilities. Because of the Soviet capability we face one of the greatest challenges in our history. It is up to us to do something about it.

(Recent intelligence reports indicate that all Soviet citizens are required to take twenty-two hours of intense Civil Defense instruction. H.)

So, Mr. Hanson closed his article "THE GREAT CHALLENGE." That he is not alone in his opinions is shown by the following news items recently published:

SIR WINSTON CHURCHILL SAID

"The need for an effective system of Civil Defense is surely beyond dispute. It presents itself today in its noblest aspects, namely the Christian duty of helping fellow mortals in distress. No city, no family, nor any honorable man or woman can renounce this duty and accept from others help which they are not prepared to fit themselves to render in return."

COMMODORE PERRY, 1856, PROPHESIED:

"The people of America will, in some form or another, extend their domination and their power to the eastern shore of Asia. Her great rival in aggrandizement, Russia, will stretch forth her power to the coasts of Siam and China. And thus the Saxon and the Cossack will meet. Will it be in friendship? I fear not. The antagonistic exponents of freedom and absolutism must meet each at last—and on its issue will depend the freedom or the slavery of the world. I think I see in the distance the clouds that are growing up for that fierce and final encounter."

—From NY Herald Tribune, May 10

"UN-INVENTED" THE H-BOMB?

From Liverpool, England a "Warrior's Digest Newsletter," carries this interesting item:

"Vice-Admiral H. H. Hallett, M. P., speaking at Bedford, said the truth about the H-bomb controversy was that, having been invented, the bomb could not be 'un-invented.'"

"Supposing a ban on nuclear weapons was agreed upon, and suppose it was enforced by large numbers of United Nations inspectors: suppose that all existing stocks of nuclear weapons were destroyed and the factories in which they were made were razed to the ground, the knowledge of how to make the bombs would still remain."

SOVIET HAS VAST SUBMARINE FLEET

"The authoritative 'Jane's Fighting Ships' estimates Russia has in operation 525 submarines. This is 10 times the size of Hitler's U-boat force in 1939. Moreover, Soviet submarine production is expanding rapidly at the rate of at least 110 a year."

—N. Y. Mirror, 7/13

AM I SURE YOU HAVE PLENTY? ANY QUESTIONS?

GRANDFATHER

CHEER UP KIDS.

BLACK JELLY BEANS AGAIN ON SALE

Cheer up, kids, you can have your black jelly beans this Easter after all.

The publicity was a little premature. Black Jelly Beans are NOT harmful. Maybe you'll have to brush your teeth a little harder to set the black off, but your favorite jelly beans have cleared B.F.A. REC-5544 5-a been cleared by health authorities. Tell Mom they're all right.

And I Quote . . .

Pleasure admitted in undue degree. Enslaves the will, nor leaves the judgement free. —Cowper

A man is rich in proportion to the number of things which he can afford to let alone. H.D. Thoreau

There's not a string attuned to mirth. But has its chord in melancholy. —Hood

Patricia, Kennett Square; Barbara, New Jersey; Dennis, a helicopter pilot with the Army; John a pre-medical student at the University of Scranton and Eileen, a freshman at College Misericordia. They also have three grandchildren, children of their married daughters, Patricia and Barbara.

Rambling Around

By The Oldtimer—D. A. Waters

When the Church Street Methodist Church was built a special loft was built for the choir back of the pulpit with floor level several feet above the speaker's platform. About the turn of the century the loft was removed, the floor brought down, and a pipe organ installed, at which time the choir was placed in rows across in front of the organ. Shortly after World War I a new organ was installed and the choir moved to a platform on the parsonage side of the chancel. Later a second choir was placed on the opposite side.

Early organists included Edith Ryman Stone, Anna Richards Isaacs, Bessie Horning Strous, Edna Isaacs Faust, Margaret Bennett LaBar, Edna Hallock King, Ella Sutton Ribenburg, and Arline Beisel Road. The old organ was powered by a hand-operated bellows. Long time operator of the pump was Walter Stroud.

Supplementing the music of the organ Edna Ryman Gave and Rodney Saxe played the violin at widely separated periods. In the interval Ralph Road played the cornet regularly and served many years as choir director.

Later, positions of organist and choir director were combined. In-struments included Mark A. Dwyer, Albert Collett, Arline Beisel Road, (second time), Carl Keefer, and Ruth Turn Reynolds. For a short period Sylvia Kuhnert served as organist and Mrs. W. L. Heaps and Gordon Wolverson acted as choir director. At present the combined position is filled by Fern Coldren.

Singing in the choir has run in families, sometimes for three generations, other times two generations, or husband and wife, and brothers and sisters. No list is available of those who have served. The following list is supplied by courtesy of former organists and choir members and is incomplete.

Mrs. Ash, Mr. and Mrs. William Baker, Sr., Carol Bestwick, Ralph Bröckel, Mr. and Mrs. William Bröckel, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Bogert, Mr. and Mrs. David Brace and son Evan, Mrs. Marzette Brace, Lucille Disque Bittenbender, Mildred Kingston Burnsford.

Rita Cummins, Elizabeth Breckinridge Cese, Alberta Cross, Roberta Williams Carey, Marilyn Conklin, Howard Cosgrove, Pearl Lauderbach Coles, Mattie Horning Caudbach.

Bruce Davies, Benlev Davis, Betty Lou Dymond, Mame Heft Davey.

Hattie Albertson Evans, Helen Himmler Eggleston, Evelyn Templin Eck, William Elston, James Franklin, Dr. and Mrs. J.C. Fleming, Ola Frantz, Mrs. Joseph Gibbs, Ruth Gregory Gregg, Zel Garinger, Janet Garinger Garris, Peggy Brace Garris, Bertha Gordon, Althea Garinger Gregory.

Martha Hadsall, Frances Siley Harrison, Margaret Thomas Hildebrandt, Mrs. William Heaps, May Honeywell.

Barbara Hope Ide, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Ide, Mable Yaple Erich, David Joseph, sons David and John, Joseph Jewell, Lola Pittman Johnson, Edith Lauderbach Jeter, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Kuhnert, Lydia Kuehn Kraybill, Frances Yaple Kiefer.

Lewis LeGrand, Margaret Bennett LaBar and daughter Della, Doris LaBar, D.C. Lauderbach.

Fred Mott, Arthur Miller, D'ana Meyers, Iva Mitchell, Antoinette Coolbaugh Mason, Ethel M-Adam, Jessie Hislop Moore, Jean Templin Maxwell.

Nelson Nelson, Elizabeth Niemeyer, Ethel Yaple Oliver and son Richard, Jane O'Kane, Lillian Road Oliver.

Mary Jeter Parkhurst, Laura Seward Patterson, Mrs. Robert Parry, Elizabeth Pittman, Mrs. Lawrence Peirce.

Joseph Road, Ralph Road and son Harold, John M. Reese, Mary Templin Reese, Mr. and Mrs. John Roberts and son John, Laverne Race, Irene Rempie, Mrs. Frederick Reinfort, Margaret Thomas Robinson, Mrs. Robbins.

Edith Shaffer, Mrs. Donald Smith, Mr. and Mrs. William Sarley, Mary Gregory Shaver, daughters Naomi and Carol, Ruth Scott Searfoss, Kathryn Stringham, W.T. Sutton, Stella Ide Sedler.

Thomas Templin, Eloise Franz Titman, Ruth Gordon Taylor, C.A. Van Tuyl.

James and Daniel Waters, Georgianna Welch, Donald Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Weidner, Wilma Weidner, Virginia Williams, Mrs. William Wilson, Lillian Whipper, Ruth Drake Wasserott, Marilyn Mosier Yale.

Some of the organists sang in the choir while no playing. No effort has been made to include members of the Junior and Children's choirs for lack of space. Since many married women sang in the choir before marriage, maiden names are shown.

This column written by request.

ONLY YESTERDAY

Ten and Twenty Years Ago In The Dallas Post

From The Issue Of February 10, 1950

Plans for Gay Nineties Easter Parade are in the making. Dallas Businessmen's Association will sponsor the horse parade Easter afternoon. More than 100 horses are already entered. It is a purely social event, with no prizes offered and no commercial entries. Floats are solicited. William Stockert is general chairman.

Mrs. Bucky Edwards' car went through a guard rail near her home and teetered on the bank above Huntsville Reservoir until towed away. Mrs. Edwards was not injured.

James Hutchison, Luzerne County Farm agent, explains how farm ponds cut losses by fire, and urges all farmers to excavate for such a pond.

Catholic Daughters of St. Therese are planning a party in aid of the building fund of the new parish, Gate of Heaven, February 21.

E.S. Teter, Luzerne County superintendent of schools, talked with the board members of Dallas Borough, Dallas Township and Franklin Township schools, presenting a joint plan of operation, with grade school in the Borough, high school at the Township. The plan stemmed from refusal of the State to OK building plans at Dallas Township, on the grounds that non-resident pupils (from Franklin Township) were being accommodated. The State recommends jointure, and offers inducements.

A new Lion's Club is formed at Harveys Lake, with Calvin McHose president, and Dean Shaver secretary.

Robins at Mrs. Gilbert Carpenter's place at Harveys Lake. Janet Smith's group at the Library Story Hour Saturday mornings has become so large that older children have been siphoned off into a group headed by Mrs. Elizabeth McQuilkin.

Lehman-Jackson is graduating his first veterans from his vocational school. They are Stephen Skopic, Edward Drochinski, Fred Stroud, Stanley D. Keller, Michael J. Niemchick, Charles Patla, and Warren Sutton. Instructors: William Kiel and Raymond Seafoss.

Elda Jean Murray of Trucksville became the bride of Milton Raymond Lomax of Salisbury, N. C. The ceremony was performed in Washington D.C.

Announcement has been made of the marriage of Edna Grossman of Philadelphia, to Fred Kammler, also of Philadelphia.

Mrs. Louise Williams, Harveys Lake, died after an illness of two months at Mercy Hospital.

From The Issue Of February 9, 1940 James Parkinson, 39, of Harveys Lake, got a year in jail for wife

beating from Judge Ben Jones. He was arrested by chief Ira Stevenson.

George Coles, 85, fell down a flight of steps in his home in Dallas, and was admitted to General Hospital on Wednesday with suspicion of a fractured skull.

State Executive Committee of the American Progressive League washed its hands this week of any further truck with the former Carverton Branch 28, which has recently withdrawn from the body and changed its name to United Citizens League. A brisk scrap with Kingston Township branch 22 has been raging for the past several months.

Netherlands, says a visiting bulb salesman, Mynherr George Alkemade, is now in a position to reel Nazi invaders. Unprepared last summer, Holland has flooded great areas along the border, and built fortifications. Mussolini, he says is his candidate for Europe's smartest diplomat. Everything is humming there in Italy.

Rives Matthews is back again, with "Ricochets," joining Javiesche, Edith Blez, Jo Serra, and F. R. Turner on the editorial page.

Harry Covert, 92, died at Lake Silkworth.

Mrs. Marilla Heller will celebrate her 95th birthday in Chase.

Mrs. Norman Thompson, 49, of Noxen, was buried in Orcutt Cemetery.

Norman Sutton, seven-year old son of Mr. and Mrs. James Sutton, died of pneumonia at Alderson.

The age-old suggestion is here again, that Dallas Borough and Dallas Township bury the hatchet and combine their school systems. Twice within the past fifteen years they have discussed a jointure. Now it is suggested that they might combine resources on the high school level. Population increase would almost mandate at least this preliminary step, says an official from Harrisburg.

From The Issue Of February 14, 1930 Dallas Borough Council is receiving many demands for a modern sewage system. Council has been offered a tract of land near the traction company barn for a disposal plant, at half price.

Laketon High School is in first place in the Bi-County League with Lehman second.

Senator and Mrs. A. J. Sordon have left for an extended tour of Hawaii.

A detachment of State Police, accompanied by Rev. H. P. Henry, pastor of Shavertown Methodist Church, raised the establishment of "Handle-Bar Mike" at Luzerne and confiscated 1800 quarts of home-brew, together with 140 gallons of wine.

SUCCESSFUL INVESTING...

By ROGER E. SPEAR

Investment Advisor and Analyst

COUPLE FACING RETIREMENT WITH LIMITED FUNDS SHOULD LOOK TO SAFETY OF PRINCIPAL

Q. From New York State, "We plan to retire soon. Aside from Social Security, we'll have about \$15,000 in cash. We are considering putting about \$5,000 into stocks and bonds. What would you suggest that we buy and what dividend could we receive?"

A. I assume from your letter that \$15,000 represents the sum total of your capital and that you are not likely to be able to add to it. Since you mention a possible investment of \$5,000, I am also assuming that you will keep the balance in some form of savings account. I would certainly advise you to do so.

Before making any suggestions about investments, I would like to point out some basic differences between stocks and bonds. Right now better grade stocks yield less but have a good prospect of increasing in value over the years through earnings and dividend growth. Normally, the better the growth prospects, the lower the yield. All stocks have one factor in common, they fluctuate. If you buy shares, you must realize that the market value may be subject to variations, and if you're a worrier, you must take this factor into consideration.

Bonds are, theoretically at least more secure than stocks because they are a first charge on post-tax income. There is no chance of growth in bonds and they also fluctuate, but within narrower limits. They should be regarded solely as income producers, offering a high degree of security and a limited opportunity for profit. Since I think you need some growth as well as income to help you keep ahead of inflation, I'm going to suggest that you put your \$5,000 into conservative and relatively safe stocks.

Public Utilities Suggested

Among common stocks, public utility issues probably offer the least risk for someone in your position and over the years there should be continued satisfactory growth in this field. American Telephone would be my first suggestion. This stock at its recent price around \$2 would give you a yield of 4% on its present annual dividend rate of \$3.30 a share per year. I would put one-third of the \$5,000 into Telephone.

In the electrical utility field, I like Southern Co., which is a fast-growing holding company operating through subsidiaries in an expanding region. Southern Co. has just raised its dividend for the sixth consecutive year. The stock now pays \$1.40 annually. At its recent price around 40, the yield would be 3 1/2%. I would put one-third of funds here and the remaining one-third into Southwestern Public Service.

Another For Fast Growth

The latter is also a fast growth situation operating in a region where population and industrial expansion should be above average. Southwestern has just voted to split its shares two-for-one. This means that if you buy the old stock around 47, you will ultimately get an additional share for each share held, which would probably bring the price of the new shares down to around 23 1/2. The dividend on the new stock will become \$0.84 annually starting next June, which will mark the 10th dividend increase since 1948. The yield, figured on this rate that starts in June, would come to 3 1/2% at current levels. I believe you would have relatively little risk in the issues I have outlined, and that over a period of time, your income should continue to gain.

MIDWESTERN INSTRUMENTS—AN ACQUISITION CANDIDATE

Q. From New York State, "I would like your opinion on Midwestern Instruments. Should I hold these shares or trade them for another electronics issue?"

A. Midwestern is a situation that is not easy to analyze. The company makes a diversified line of specialized electronic equipment but has shown no earnings growth in recent years. Both sales and net were down in the first half of 1959, the latest period reported. Tectron Electronics recently tried to acquire Midwestern, and it looked for a time as if the deal would go through. Negotiations were broken off, however. I still think Midwestern is a candidate for acquisition and that there are some speculative possibilities along these lines. Personally, I would prefer to own Baird-Atomic, selling about 2 points higher. Baird is a leader in optical electronic equipment, a pioneer in infrared, and a strong research situation. I believe there is more glamor here than in Midwestern, and that over a period of time, you would do better with Baird. (Send your investment questions to Mr. Roger E. Spear, c/o this paper.)

Divide It By Four

Puzzled about Leap Year? The year has to be divisible by four. 1960 qualifies, so this is Leap Year, and babies born on February 29 will have to wait four years before they can celebrate a birthday.

The Dallas Post will run a list of Leap-Year February 29th birthdays if residents will cooperate and send in the information.

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College To Present Chicago Opera Ballet



Ruth Page's ballet Camille in which Melissa Hayden and Kenneth Johnson will star is a highlight of College Misericordia's third presentation of its THEATRE 3 series, the Chicago Opera Ballet, at Irem Temple on Monday evening, at 8:30.

Camille is the newest of Miss Page's ballet creations. Recently added to the Chicago company's repertory, Camille is a vivid translation of Verdi's La Traviata to the dance medium. The strikingly stylized sets and costumes for this ballet were done by the famous designer, Jose Basarte.

The internationally famous American ballerina Melissa Hayden and the young premier danseur Kenneth Johnson will be supported by a brilliant cast of rising young dancers. They are featured soloists Veronika Makar, Barbara Stelc, Patricia Klekovic, and Orrin Kayan.

The touring company of fifty also includes the Chicago Opera Corps de Ballet and an orchestra under the direction of Neal Kayan. In the repertory of her Chicago Opera Ballet, Ruth Page presents a daring new art form. It is the opera-into-ballet, a medium that was pioneered and developed by Ruth Page, the director and choreographer of the Chicago company.

Because she was dissatisfied with the visual aspects of opera, she developed this new use of ballet to bring more visual beauty to the interpretation of opera. Casting the roles of an opera's plot with young and handsome people who look the parts they are supposed to represent, dressing them artistically, and setting them against stylized backgrounds, Ruth Page lets them tell the story of the opera clearly in dance.

Commonwealth Adds 300 Lines To Its Dallas Central Office

An additional 300 lines of central office equipment was placed in service this week in Commonwealth Telephone Company's Dallas exchange, the second such equipment addition within the past 20 months. J.N. Landis, district manager, stated yesterday.

The new addition, Mr. Landis noted, placed in service an Orchard 5 series of numbers in the exchange. Until now, all Dallas numbers were in the Orchard 4 grouping.

Mr. Landis cautioned that with this exchange growth and corresponding new central office switching equipment it is mandatory that subscribers dial both letters of the exchange designation plus the five immediate adjoining areas. Managers been instances where dialing only

one letter of the prefix plus the residence number would obtain the party dialed. However, the new series of numbers makes the full 2-5 dialing a must as any other method will result in either a disconnection at all or in obtaining a wrong party.

Installation of the new Orchard 5 series at a cost of \$54,300 is part of Commonwealth's extensive service improvement program now at its height throughout the Dallas exchange and district area. It is part of a \$377,000 program which includes the new Centermoreland dial office, enlarging of the Harveys Lake exchange and extensive cable projects in Dallas and the numbers. Until now, there have been instances where dialing only

Landis concluded.

Barnyard Notes

FLORIDA BEACH

Cradled in sand with ocean at my feet, Passive as is the sea to moon's intent, I hear no sound but falling waves that beat With steady pulse, untroubled and content.

My eyelids closed against the burning sun Shutter the blazing blue beyond my sight; My thoughts float freely as the currents run, As sea gulls gliding when they rest in flight.

Suspended between consciousness and sleep, I reach a gulf stream of tranquility And drift upon the subtle tides that sweep Between the dreamworld and reality, Where time dissolves like seafoam in the air, In peace and light almost too much to bear.

LIZ JACOB

Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS 1. Extremities 7. Celestial body 13. Alternative 14. Ducks 15. Tellurium: symbol 16. Babble 18. Pronoun 19. Skill 21. Free feast 22. Hole 23. Pungent 25. Fish 26. Male children 27. Underworld god 29. Sofa 31. Caress 32. Meadow 33. Slips 36. Cadets 38. War god 40. Short for Harold 42. Scheme 47. Be 43. Disenumber 48. Perform

DOWN 1. Vegetable 2. Musical dramas 3. Pronoun 4. — and tuck 5. Wrongful act: law 6. Lures 7. Flower parts 8. Sing 9. Fruit drink 10. Compass point 11. Fur 12. Fly 17. Golf mound 20. Measure 33. Lasso 34. Bristlelike appendage 35. Strips 36. Folds 37. Young eagle 38. Hair nets 41. Tune 44. Imitator 45. Pace 48. Single 49. Do wrong 52. All right! 54. Mother