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100 Years Ago This Week...in THE CIVIL WAR

(Events exactly 100 years ago this week that led to the Civil War—told in the language and style of today.)

FANTASTIC TEXAS TALE

Twiggs Apparently Certain Of Top Job In South's Army

SAN ANTONIO, Texas—March 16—A top echelon rank in the Confederate army has been assured for David E. Twiggs, who gave away the state of Texas a day after he lost the authority to do so.
Twiggs, as a Union general commanding the Army's Texas forces, surrendered some lock, stock and barrel to secessionist leaders Feb. 16—although he had been officially relieved of duty the day before.

His discharge from the Union army "for treachery to the flag," as announced March 1 in Washington, capped a unique series of events that has left Rebel forces in possession of:
—Union troops numbering some 2,300.
—Building, livestock and equipment at 19 Federal posts, including the 140-year old Alamo here, scene of fierce battle with Mexican troops in 1836.
—Other property with an estimated value of \$1,200,000.

INCLUDED in the captured livestock were 53 camels with a worth of \$20,000. The desert beasts were maintained by troops at Camp Verde, 65 miles from San Antonio.

Official records show that Twiggs, a native of Georgia, had indicated his Southern leanings in a letter written here Jan. 15 and dispatched at once to Army Commander Gen. Winfield Scott in Washington.

In this letter, he asked to be relieved of command.
General Scott authorized this relief in a letter dated Jan. 28 and received by Twiggs Feb. 15. (Normal mail time between here and Washington is 12 to 16 days.)

But on Feb. 16, the day after getting Scott's letter, Twiggs delivered his command to Rebel Col. Ben McCulloch in an impromptu session here.

HIS ACTION insured the results of a state-wide election held Feb. 23 in which citizens voted 34,794 to 11,235 to back the decision of the recent secessionist convention to pull Texas out of the Union.

Twiggs' capitulation is said to have brought shock and dismay to another Union Army leader in Texas.

Col. Robert E. Lee passed through here a few hours after Twiggs' surrender. Col. Lee was on his way from Fort Mason to Army headquarters in Washington.

A woman witness said Col. Lee was distraught upon learning the Union no longer held Texas. She

Safety Valve

TAME PHEASANT

Dear Editor:

The Rodda girls have a new pet. Since the last big snow storm we have been watching a hen pheasant come to our back terrace for sunflower seeds. It started at the height of the storm when she couldn't find any food at all and seemed to realize that we were feeding the little birds.

She came to our back door and pecked away at the seeds the little birds had let fall from the feeders. Then we decided that she ought to have more than that and put seeds out in a pan for her.

By now the girls named her "Lady" and she was being given the popcorn that didn't pop and any other goodies that we novice bird feeders thought she might enjoy. Our "Lady" seems to have decided that we will do as far as people go—she lets me come out to refill the seed pan or sweep the terrace. She pecks away all around the fenced-in play yard even if the youngest is in the playpen screaming at the "big birdie."

It is a ritual at almost any time of the day for one of the girls to go to the back door and climb on a chair for a better view of the area "Lady" uses. They usually find her there and settle down to tell me what she is doing.

We hope she will like us even when spring come—it would be such fun to see her chicks.

Eleanor Rodda
Pioneer Avenue

TO CARE IS TO SHARE.

Dear Editor:

I wonder if people in Dallas know how lucky they are?
When I was looking in "Life" this week, I noticed an article about the poor starving children of Africa, who didn't ask for the trouble over there, but have more than their share of it. The illustrations showed little boys whose legs couldn't have been thicker than a small person's wrist.

The people there are starving while we are living in a land flowing with milk and honey. They have hardly enough clothes to cover them, and some of us have so many clothes we don't get around to wearing them all. While people over here go to the doctor for a slight cold, people over there die because there are not enough doctors and medicines to go around.

I am afraid we take all our luxuries too much for granted. We forget that we could just as easily have been born in Africa instead of the United States, looking now to this country for help, hoping that people would care enough.

The government is doing a lot on this now, but it's people themselves who must help if we really want to succeed.

How about it, people of Dallas, Shavertown, Trucksville, and everywhere else in the Back Mountain?
It doesn't cost much to contribute to CARE. Three cents will buy a high protein meal for a child. A dollar will buy enough food for a family of four, for a whole month.

Think about it. I guess there isn't much more I can say, but remember, "To care is to share."

These are the organizations which are helping to feed the hungry children and provide life-saving medicines for them:
CARE, 660 First Avenue, New York.
Meals for Millions, 115 West Seventh Street, Los Angeles, Calif.
UNICEF, United Nations, New York.

Thank you.
A teenage reader of the Dallas Post.

Prince Of Peace Women Plan Sale

At the monthly meeting of Women of Prince of Peace Church, plans were discussed for a Rummage Sale to be held at Lare's, Luzerne, on April 17, 18, and 19. Mrs. Oswald Griffith was appointed Chairman and Mrs. Donald Evans, Co-Chairman. Rummage may be left at the Prince of Peace Church or any of the following: Mrs. Oswald Griffith, Demunds Road; Mrs. Donald Evans, Church Street, Dallas; Mrs. Sheldon Evans, Ferguson Avenue, Shavertown; Mrs. John Welker, 157 Highland Avenue, Trucksville Gardens. The president, Mrs. Edward Ratcliffe conducted the business meeting.

Following the meeting Mrs. James Van D. Eppe gave an interesting talk and showed slides of the National Cathedral at Washington, D.C. The Cathedral, now nearly two-thirds completed is a fine example of pure Gothic Architecture. Great art is represented in its stained glass windows, its stone and wood carving and its paintings. Thousands of visitors come each year from all over the nation and from many parts of the world. Dedicated as a "House of Prayer for all people," it has become a spiritual center for many thousands of people of diverse backgrounds, traditions and positions.

Desert was served by the hostesses Mrs. Donald Clark and Mrs. Ben H. Edwards to the following: Mrs. A. S. James, Mrs. G. Evans, Mrs. D. W. Evans, Mrs. H. E. Plack, Mrs. A. Broody, Mrs. Donald Evans, Mrs. Sheldon Evans, Mrs. Donald Clark, Mrs. H. Russell Case, Mrs. Ted Ruff, Mrs. William McClelland, Mrs. Edwin T. Roth, Mrs. C. Judd Holt, Mrs. Oswald Griffith, Mrs. Henry Doran, Mrs. John Welker, Mrs. Edward Ratcliffe, Mrs. R. Fuessele, Mrs. Paul Goddard, Mrs. Ben H. Edwards.

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Rambling Around

By The Oldtimer—D. A. Waters

OUR YANKEE HERITAGE. New England's Contribution to American Civilization. By Carleton Beals. 311 pp. New York: David McKay Company, \$4.00.

Mr. Beals has written other books on New England as well as a score or more pertaining to Latin America and other American scenes. In this one he mentions only casually or ignores completely the famous Adams family, Benjamin Franklin, and others who made New England famous, also all the great writers of New England with the exception of Ralph Waldo Emerson.

Some chapters are comprehensive showing events and the march of people over relatively long periods, their manner of life, aspirations and accomplishments. Interspersed are detailed chapters regarding one man or group, including many little known facts, and decidedly interesting. Toward the end of the first chapter, "Here then was a five-fold process in the settlement and growth of New England: (1) adaptation to the American earth and its resources, and the utilization of them in a new 'American' way—a process of becoming American not European; (2) the working out of necessary techniques and the accumulation of the essential capital for taming the frontier; (3) the development of original skills and new products; (4) the development of free institutions, without which the continent could never have been settled and developed so swiftly; (5) the carrying of these skills, the know-how, learning, and institutions, across the land to the West."

After a long chapter on the founding of Plymouth, he moves away from Massachusetts most of the time, intimating that it was a good place to get away from due to arbitrary government. Roger Williams and Rhode Island, "Cradle of Liberty" get a long chapter. Then Pastor Hooker is accompanied to Connecticut, where "The Fundamental Orders" are considered most important to later America institutions. The greater part of the book is made up of a detailed story of Connecticut, the founding of its towns, its resources, its industry, and its people, some of whom are followed family by family, through several generations. Roger Sherman, shoemaker, writer, publisher, statesman, who served with distinction through Congress and the other activities when the nation was founded, rates a long chapter ending, "The one man in America who had helped shape and who had signed every great document of war and independence, of peace and government, from the days of the First Continental Congress."

Ezra Stiles, minister, lawyer, scientist, and president of Yale had a distinguished and useful career, a real explorer in scientific matters. He raised silkworms and grew enough mulberry seed to get a million trees growing, starting a native

silk industry. He sent silk to Benjamin Franklin, then in London. "To have it made into a 'striped and sprigged' green silk gown. His academic gown was made from his own silk."

Able Buell, first convicted as a counterfeiter of the Kings money, later became an inventor and manufacturer of many things. He made the first map of the United States on a single sheet, a machine to mint coins, printing type, and a number of useful gadgets. Eli Whitney, better known as the inventor of the cotton gin, was the founder of mass production, machine manufacturing interchangeable parts for guns for the War of 1812, and other industrial purposes.

Charles Goodyear, who first made rubber useful, like the two last mentioned, had a rough time with others stealing his inventions and all three lived lives of hardship and were at times near or actual bankrupts.

Ingenuous inventors, and industrial managers, who made the great manufacturing industries of Connecticut, did not have any easy time either. It is related that due to British restrictions to protect their own industry, it was difficult to get tools and skilled workmen. Sometimes the latter had to be smuggled out, once in some empty casks. Numerous little items are of interest, of which a few are given here. Hoop skirts were made from clock wire. At one time the colonies made more iron than all England. New Haven was the first "western cattle town." In 1763 it had the longest wharf in the world. A Connecticut man made the first right and left shoes, put into general use about the time of the Civil War, previously manufactured shoes having been uniform and straight.

New England discovered the world in the person of Capt. Robert Gray, in an interesting chapter regarding New England traders and whalers. In the Queen Charlotte Islands Gray's ship Columbia hit a rock and put in at a Spanish port for repairs. The Spanish commandant gave a dinner and entertainment. "Fifty-four persons sat down to dinner, and the plates, which were solid silver, was shifted five times, which made 270 plates. The dishes, knives, and forks and indeed everything else, was of silver, . . . and always replaced with spare ones."

The spread of people throughout Connecticut, and into Wyoming Valley, and the west, is an interesting story. "The leading surveyors were Connecticut men with a map of New England towns in their retinas. . . Connecticut villages with central park, schoolhouse, church, and town hall, appeared along the Ohio, in Wisconsin, and Minnesota."

It is not all commendable either. The what school ever related that the widow and nine-year old son of King Philip were sold into slavery in the West Indies?

ONLY YESTERDAY

Ten, Twenty and Thirty Years Ago In The Dallas Post

It Happened 30 Years Ago:

R. B. Shaver and Sons have unloaded a huge well drilling machine from the train in Dallas. The elder Mr. Shaver has been in the well-drilling business for many years. He is now assisted by his son Dean.

A former teller in the Dallas Bank, now living in Kingston, is jailed for embezzlement. Taylor Johnson of Kingston failed to raise the necessary \$5,000 bail.

Start of construction of the new bridge across Bowman's Creek forces many tannery employees to go miles out of their way. The bridge was to have been built alongside the old one, to eliminate traffic tie-up, but somebody ordered steel girders two feet too short, the exact length to span the present bank.

Lehman basketball team was the winner this season, with eight wins and one defeat. Laketon leads in the Bi-County League.

G. A. A. Kuehn has been in the drugstore business for half a century.

A new white raincoat for fire chief Clyde Veitch has been ordered by Dallas fireman.

Work on new buildings at College Misericordia is going forward rapidly. A beautiful gate at the entrance will give on a winding driveway leading to the administration building. The two new wings will house a chapel, new classrooms, and home-making rooms, in addition to administration offices.

St. Paul's Lutheran Church is observing its fifth birthday. The 100th anniversary of the birth of Dr. James Gardner Laing is being observed by the community he so faithfully served for thirty-five years, before passing the torch to his son Dr. Henry M. Laing.

Baby chicks are \$3.15 per hundred at Brown and Fassett's. And you can get a fur-trimmed coat in Luzerne for \$5. Coffee is 21 cents per pound, and bread 5 cents a loaf.

It Happened 20 Years Ago:

At the Army Recruiting Center in Wilkes-Barre, fifty men daily inquire about enlisting. Thomas Swainback states. Dewey Edwards, insurance man, is the subject of a Know Your Neighbor column. A heart attack was fatal to Bur-

ton Crandall of Shavertown. Dallas Borough basketball team, first in this area to play in the PIAA finals, lost to Luzerne after talking Moosic earlier in the week.

Canning acreage in the County will be enlarged, says Jim Hutchison, farm agent. Jim hopes to promote canning of apples for sauce and for the pie trade.

Borough Council is asked to pay damages to owners of property along the new highway.

Rural post routes from the Dallas Post Office will be reduced to three, and Addison Woolbert, carrier for route 4, will be transferred to Harveys Lake, taking over the route from Alderson now being handled by Harry Allen.

Announcement has been made of the marriage of Alice Evans to Clyde Robbins.

Vernon Road, 36, Harveys Lake, died after a long illness. J. L. Beebe, Holcomb Grove, is 85 years old.

Terrific blizzard March 8. An editorial says: No amount of stateside will keep the United States out of this war. And 10 Years Ago:

Dallas Township School Board voted to join with Franklin Township. Franklin asked a little more time for discussion. Tuition students from Franklin, about 152, will be affected if jointure is made.

Around fifty local residents paid fines to the State Dog-Law enforcement commission. The descent upon the area was unexpected.

Kindergarten is possible in Kingston Township, Dallas Borough schools. Anthony Broody is opening a new floral shop.

Lack of steel has halted construction of the new Gate of Heaven building. Newly formed Little League has permission to adopt Shavertown grade school playground as its playing field.

Mrs. Marion Disque, 56, of Pikes Creek, died suddenly of a heart attack. Ann Donrance, descendant of an important pioneer family, died at 77, putting a period to an era. Kingston Township team took the championship of the Back Mountain League, narrowly defeating Har-

Lenten Concert At Misericordia

William Whitehead, Associate in the American Guild of Organists, will give the second of College Misericordia's Lenten organ concerts on Monday evening, March 20, at 8 in Walsh Auditorium.

The first concert was given by Margery Davis on Sunday afternoon, March 12. At present, organist and director of music for First Presbyterian Church in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, Mr. Whitehead frequently gives organ recitals in conjunction with the National Convention of the American Guild of Organists and the Music Teachers' National Association.

William Whitehead began his musical studies in his native Texas at the age of seven. He was only interested in jazz and popular music until the installation of a large four-manual pipe organ in the church where he was playing during his senior year in high school triggered an interest in serious organ literature.

He was awarded a Presidential Scholarship to Baylor University. There he served as University Organist and toured extensively over the South and Southwest as accompanist for the university's Chapel Choir. Mr. Whitehead received an opportunity to study with the renowned Mildred Andrews at the University of Oklahoma and transferred there during his sophomore year. He received his Bachelor of Music degree from the University of Oklahoma in 1959.

During an Easter vacation during his senior year in college, Mr. Whitehead had the opportunity to meet and play for Dr. Alexander McCurdy, head of the organ department at the Curtis Institute of Music in Philadelphia. McCurdy immediately arranged for him to come to Curtis Institute on a full scholarship the following September.

William Whitehead has received his Associateship in the American Guild of Organists and frequently is invited to play for various chapters and conventions. This Spring, he will be on a two-week concert tour of the South.

Dallas Business Heads Prepare To Organize

A newly-formed group of business people had their second preliminary meeting Tuesday afternoon aimed at the formation of a Dallas Area Businessmen's Organization.

With a prospective list of 25 to 30 businesses invited to become members, the election of officers is to take place at Dixon's Restaurant on Tuesday, March 28th at 8 o'clock. It is hoped this evening meeting will make it possible for more interested business people to attend.

The proposed area to be encompassed by this group will include the businesses from Fernbrook Corners to, and including, Whitesell Bros. Inc., on Rt. 115.

On the agenda for the next meeting will be the matters of: better parking facilities, group promotions, changes in store hours, what to do about present empty store locations and the election of officers.

Present at the meeting Tuesday afternoon at the Dallas Branch of the Miners National Bank were: Harry Vivian, Miners Nat'l Bank; William Phillips, new owner of Hislop's Restaurant; Clarence LaBar, LaBar's Sporting Goods; Henry Mastalski, Henry's Jewelry; John Williams, Ben Franklin Store; Mrs. Arthur Culver, Young Men's Shop; Miss Grace Cave Shoppe; June MacCloskey, Wilkes-Barre Record; Ralph Dixon, Dixon's Restaurant; Clyde Birth, Birth's Esso Servicenter; William Baker, Miners Nat'l Bank and Boyd White, Boyd White's Appliances.

Trout stockings scheduled by the Pennsylvania Fish Commission in Luzerne County for this week were: Truck arrived at 1: P.M. Tuesday, March 14th, at Hunlock Creek Post Office with 450 Brook Trout for Hunlock Creek, 450 Brook Trout for West Branch Hunlock Creek, and 1,000 Brook Trout for Wapwallopen Creek.

Truck arrives 1: P. M. Thursday, March 16, at Harveysville, with 850 Brook Trout for Kitchen Creek and 800 Brook Trout, 200 Rainbow Trout for Huntington Creek.

You're never safe enough to drive one careless moment.—DRIVE

Martha Hoover Heads Lake Democratic Women

Martha Hoover, new president, led the meeting of South District Democratic Women at the home of Mrs. Perry Hoover, Pike's Creek, recently after new officers were installed by candle light.

Happy Birthday was sung to Lela Bulford, Janice Hoover and Martha Hoover. Next meeting will be held at the home of Helen Nalbach, Lake Silkworth, March 27.

Present at the meeting were Elsie Paniczko, Ethel Mathis, Martha Hoover, Cora Hoover, Janice Hoover, Lela Bulford, Helen Novak, Ann Kytte, Mildred Darnell, Elenore Waseloski, Mary Nienius, Veronica Micknavage, Florence Wesley, Phillis Knight, Mary Michalasin, Josie Hummel, Barbara Hoover, Ruth Ann Novak, Donna Hoover and Anna Kytte.

Dental Clinic

Dallas Schools have recently completed stannous fluoride treatments for protection of teeth of 127 children. Audiometric tests have been given to six children; visual tests to 692; weighed and measured, 72.

Make Pledge To Fund

Seventy-four employees of the Dallas School District made cash donations or pledges to the Greater Wilkes-Barre 1961 Industrial Fund Campaign. Cash donations amounted to \$332. pledges to \$1,277.70.

"After the first ballot at a convention, many of the folks back home think their delegates should be committed."—Bert Kruse.

Dallas Educator A Member Of Misericordia Committee



William A. Austin, elementary supervisor of Dallas School District, recently met with other members of College Misericordia's Reading Conference steering and planning committee at Misericordia's Guidance and Educational Institute in Wilkes-Barre. He is shown here with two of College Misericordia's students. From left to right are Katherine Naton, student chairman of the Reading Conference; Mr. William A. Austin, and Theresa Kennedy, chairman of registration.

Members of the committees selected recorders for Misericordia's Reading Conference that is scheduled for March 24-25. They also discussed the formation of a local council of the International Reading Association.

The International Reading Association is a professional organization for individuals who are concerned

with the improvement of reading programs and teaching procedures, both developmental and remedial, for adults and children. They study provisions for adequate guidance in all situations in which reading serves as a vital aid to learning. The association is the only professional organization devoted solely to the field of reading. Its local and intermediate councils are located in Australia, Canada, Puerto Rico, Hawaii, and the United States.

The keynote speaker for the Annual Reading Conference at College Misericordia is the current president of the International Reading Association, Dr. Mary C. Austin of the School of Education, Harvard University. Mr. Williams A. Austin will introduce Dr. Mary C. Austin when she speaks at College Misericordia's Reading Conference.

Kennel Club Gives To Industrial Fund



H. E. Edwards, president of the Back Mountain Kennel Club, is shown above, center, presenting a \$100 pledge from his organization to committee member of the 1961 greater Wilkes-Barre Industrial Fund Campaign. Looking on is a former president of the Kennel Club, Donald Smith, left. Mr. Edwards said the \$100 pledge was made possible from proceeds

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To Abandon Vocational Agriculture In Dallas

Vocational Agriculture courses will be abandoned at Dallas Schools, beginning with the fall term, and certain items included in the equipment of the new high school will be cancelled from the specifications, as they are duplicates of equipment already at hand for use of shop students.

Leave For Brooklyn

Bob and Amy Scott left yesterday for Brooklyn where Bob has taken a position as superintendent of an apartment building. Their new address is 1916 Avenue K, Brooklyn, 30, N. Y. They will be missed in the Back Mountain area where they have for years taken an active part in community life.

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