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Editorially Speaking:

Help The Blind

Luzerne County Federation of the Blind is making its annual appeal for funds to support its work among the sightless.

Frank Lugiano, executive secretary, says: "It is a terrific job to buck the scores of campaigns, all led by prominent people. Add to this the worst winter in history, and many people out of work, and you can readily guess that we are having a rugged time, with contributions far below last year's modest sum."

Mr. Lugiano is State president and national delegate to Federation of the Blind, in the forefront of the program to stamp out ignorance, discrimination, and exploitation of the blind.

Recognition that the blind can do many things even better than those blessed with sight, is badly lagging. Blind people do not wish to be a burden to the taxpayers or wards of the State. They need opportunity.

All officers of the Federation are blind. They are serve without pay. They all say, "We know from our own experience that blindness need not mean dependence. With your help, we can help other blind people."

... Safety Valve ...

MANY ATTENDED

Dear Editor: Our "Open House" at Retreat State Hospital on May 7 was a tremendous success.

The event attracted 2529 visitors and we feel the publicity with the accompanying photograph stimulated much interest in your community as we had quite a number of Dallas visitors.

Miss Mabel Jones, publicity informed me of the courteous service she received when she visited your office.

Dr. Butler, Superintendent and the entire staff wish to thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely yours, Mrs. Harvey A. Sherman, Chairman

Dear Sir: I am sending you a poem which I feel is most appropriate as our country enters the "Space Age".

The author, 19, was an American volunteer with the Royal Canadian Air Force. He was killed in action on Dec. 11, 1941. The New York Herald Tribune printed his poem:

High Flight

by John Gillespie Magee, Jr.

Oh, I have slipped the surly bonds of earth,

And danced the skies on laughter-silvered wings;

Sunward I've climbed and joined the tumbling mirth,

Of sun-split clouds and done a hundred things

You have not dreamed of—wheeled and hoarded and swung

High in the sunlit silence, Hov'ring there;

I've chased the shouting wind along the flung

My eager craft through footless halls of air.

Up, up the long delirious, burning blue

I've topped the wind-swept heights with easy grace,

Where never lark, or even eagle, flew;

And while with silent, lifting mind I've trod

The high untrespassed sanctity of space,

Put out my hand, and touched the face of God.

Sincerely yours, Helen R. Conrad.

APPRECIATION PUBLICITY

Dear Editor: I want to thank you and your staff for the excellent publicity you gave us during the filling period.

Your continued publicity enabled us to reach many taxpayers, making them aware of the filing requirements and helping us to disseminate tax information of interest and value to the public.

Your cooperation has contributed immeasurably to the success of this year's taxpayer assistance program,

ONLY YESTERDAY

Ten and Twenty Years Ago In The Dallas Post

IT HAPPENED 30 YEARS AGO:

Dallas Borough Council elected Elwood Elston to serve as Chief of Police until October, leaving Wesley Daddow to devote his entire time to duties of Street Commissioner.

Workmen were refurbishing the pavilion of Fernbrook Park, getting ready for Memorial Day opening. Excellent street-car service added to the appeal of the best dancing pavilion in the area.

Shavertown baseball team won the bi-county pennant for the second consecutive time when it defeated Beaumont.

Excavations were going forward for laying of a new sidewalk in front of the Payne property on Lake Street.

East Dallas was setting a fast pace in the Rural League.

Dallas Borough and Dallas Township were planning for their first graduating class exercises, with fourteen and sixteen graduates.

Kingston Township had a senior class of thirty-two; Lehman, sixteen; Monroe Township, seven; Noxen, seven; Lake, fifteen.

Adijah Baird, 77, died at his home in West Dallas.

Michael Sisco, 60, died at his home in Ruggles.

A high mass of requiem was celebrated by Rev. J.J. O'Leary at St. Therese's for Mrs. Charles Kern of Alderson.

Bessie Carle Peterson, formerly of Dallas, died in California.

IT HAPPENED 20 YEARS AGO:

Plans for Memorial Day observance at Lehman outdistanced all expectations with parade scheduled for morning, dinner at noon.

William B. Jeter sat for a Know-Your-Neighbor pen portrait.

Residents hoped for opening of the new Dallas-Truckville high way by Memorial Day, regretted postponement of construction on the Lake highway.

Mrs. George Bronson, badly injured in an automobile accident several weeks earlier, was making good progress.

Dallas Borough was expecting to graduate 23 seniors. Professor T.A. Williams was supervising principal.

Ruth Stevenson, daughter of Chief of Police and Mrs. Ira Stevenson at Harveys Lake was named valedictorian at Lake School, George Kuchta salutatorian.

Aliens suspected of being fifth columnists were rounded up in an internment camp at Missoula, Montana, confined in country club surroundings and scenery, a contrast to internment and refugee camps abroad.

A.J. Sordani was named regional head of Defense Contract Service. College Misericordia's May Day attracted a huge throng.

Willard Newberry, native of Beaumont, died at 74 in Iowa.

John C. Harris, 81, Dallas, was buried at Warren Cemetery.

Chuck roost was 17 cents per pound; fancy seedless raisins, 5 cents a box; bread, two loaves 15 cents.

Rev. C.H. Frick, for the first time since he went to Indiantown Gap as chaplain with the 109th, visited Huntsville.

Mrs. Harvey, Kitchen, after thirteen years as Sunday School superintendent of the primary department at Alderson, resigned.

AND 10 YEARS AGO:

Little League opened the season at Shavertown Little League Ball Park, with a parade, which brought out all six teams, Bands from Dallas Borough, Dallas Township, and Kingston Township, participated.

Ann Peterson, Norton Avenue, was selected president of the National Committee of the National Students Association at Pembroke College.

A crash at intersection of Harveys Lake Highway and 42nd Street sent four injured passengers to Nesbitt Hospital. None of them were local residents. The accident happened within a stone's throw of the place where young Earl Lamoreux was killed in 1950.

Stephen J. Tkach, Goss Manor, lime-light.

Wedding bells for Gloria Sickler and George Parrish.

Mrs. Cora Rust, stepdaughter of Mrs. Jane Stroud, Dallas's oldest resident, died at 85 in Seattle. Mrs. Rust was half sister to Mrs. A.H. Van Nortwick.

Albert C. Groblewski, 53, Trucks-ville, died after surgery.

Five teams were tied in the Bi-Orange, and Vernon.

ing wire brush, and the face lift operation is designed to reduce wrinkling by removing excessive skin.

Baggy eyelids are sometimes operated on to remove excessive skin.

Cleft lip and cleft palate, as well as protruding ears, can be corrected by surgery.

One of the truly vital plastic surgical benefits is in the treatment of burns.

Plastic surgery really came into its own during World War II when many service men disfigured in battle were amazingly restored in appearance and function.

Rambling Around

By The Oldtimer—D. A. Waters

Flirting with death or, at the least, serious injury, a couple of hundred school children are compelled to run the gauntlet at the top of Huntsville Street hill every election day, which is twice a year. Some of them pass four times a day. Only the protection of Divine Providence, or miraculous good luck, has averted a tragedy so far. And with more children, more autos, and more election activity, the danger has built up about to the breaking point.

It may be next November that the whole town will be thrown into a state of shock as ambulances rush half a dozen of our little ones to hospitals or maybe to the undertaker. It will be too late to do anything then, Something must be done now.

Under the most favorable circumstances, traffic conditions at the top of the hill are not good. The pavement is wide enough for two carefully operated autos to pass. If one of them is a wide truck hogging of the road, the clearance is close. If both happen to be trucks, the extreme edge with perhaps some overhang is required.

And twenty-four hours a day, three hundred and sixty-five days a year, speeding is practiced. In ascending the grades up the hill on both sides, drivers naturally accelerate. They have to. But when the flat is reached at the summit of the hill, they do not reduce the fuel enough. With the grade passed, the cars jump like a jack rabbit and practically fly across the flat, which is only a few hundred feet long.

There are no side walks south of the schoolhouse corner. Mrs. Nellie Ritter and Mrs. Josephine Norton have fairly adequate walking space along the east side of the road along their properties, which space is continuous to Parish Street. They maintain the hill section in passable condition, and the flat portion on top of the hill is not too bad. South of Parish there is no safe place for anyone to walk, anytime, day or night.

At present the small building on the Cemetery property is in use

as a polling place. It has been for years, but not continuously. For many years the former Block-sign barber and printing building was used, and for a few years part of the Harry Smith store building. Both are vacant now.

The election activity greatly increases the traffic problem and danger to the school children. Of course the election board members must get to the polls but they are not to blame for traffic congestion. Few, if any of them, park a car there. Most of them walk. Voters driving up must park their cars while voting, but this takes only a few minutes, and perhaps not too many are actually on hand in the few minutes required for the children to pass, four times daily.

The real culprits are the so-called "workers". Half of them stand around handing out cards, which activity is probably utterly useless anyway. And they all seem to have cars parked in front of the polling place, in the only space along the actual pavement on both sides, where pedestrians must walk, including the school children. And if the election is controversial, there are several additional people in and around the polling place classed as watchers, checking lists and observing the procedure. These probably serve a useful purpose.

And then in a contested election there are a lot of additional "workers" assigned to drive back and forth, hauling voters to the polls sometimes, but other times only stopping to see if the vote is heavy, if their friends are represented and being taken care of, if their "workers" are on the job, duly obstructing traffic and bothering the voters, etc.

Several steps are required: first, stop absolutely long time parking, by officials, "Workers", or anyone else; secondly, stop the speeding; thirdly, keep away from the polls all those simply messing around and doing nothing of any real benefit.

The real answer is to change the polling place, and do it now.

Notice

Smorgasbord will be sponsored by Maple Grove W.C.S.S. Saturday, May 27, in the Church Hall, Pikes Creek.

Serving begins at 5 P.M.

Rotary Dinner Tonight

Dallas Rotary Club will hold its annual Father-Son-Daughter Dinner this evening at Prince of Peace Church.

Relief Checks Are Less Than Living Costs

Public Assistance payments are meeting only two-thirds of minimum standard costs of living for most of the needy, the Department of Public Welfare reported today.

Secretary of Public Welfare Mrs. Ruth Grigg Horting said this means that 384,000 needy persons are getting much less than the "decent and healthful standard of living" mandated by the legislature in the public assistance law. The 384,000 include 131,000 on general assistance, the 234,000 on aid to dependent children, and the 19,000 on aid to the disabled. For the 50,000 dependent aged on assistance rolls the grants nearly balance, with minimum standards, having been increased in 1958. More than 17,000 blind persons receive pensions of \$70 a month as fixed by law and are allowed other income of up to \$2,040 a year.

A typical family of four can get an average assistance maximum of \$156 a month, compared to the \$240 needed to maintain a minimum standard of health and decency.

The same family, with the wage earner working, has a living cost of \$420 a month.

The Governor's Budget, now before the legislature, would provide funds for a \$2 monthly increase for food per person for those in the 18-65 age bracket on assistance.

Only old age assistance, which pays a maximum of \$145 a month to a dependent couple, comes near the minimum standard of \$147 a month costs for two old people living together. This compares with \$240 a month spent by the typical self-supporting elderly couple.

The average maximum monthly allowance for a typical family of four, (with the "minimum standard" cost in parenthesis) is: Food, \$84.00 (\$106.76); clothing, \$20.00 (\$36.20); incidentals, \$8.00 (\$29.70); fuel and utilities, \$14.60 (\$16.00); shelter, \$29.80 (\$51.00). Incidentals include such items as personal care, household supplies, recreation and miscellaneous. Total: \$156.40 (\$239.65).

For a man and wife, both over 65, on old age assistance, the comparable amounts are: Food, \$58.00 (\$55.95); clothing \$12.00 (\$13.15); incidentals \$16.00 (\$17.50); fuel and utilities \$14.00 (\$13.80); shelter, \$44.50 (\$47.00). Totals: \$144.50 (\$147.40).

In 1781 Duncan Phyfe, one of the most famous of American furniture makers, set up shop in New York. Furniture and furnishings manufacturing today is big business—as shown by the fact that over \$11½ million worth of national advertising was placed in newspapers in 1958.

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Vet's Questions

Q. I am on active duty in the Army with a part time job when off duty. If I am disabled or killed on that job, am I or my dependents eligible for compensation from the Veterans Administration?

A. Yes. If you should be killed accidentally, through no fault of your own, your dependents would be eligible for death compensation under the present law. If you should be disabled, you would become eligible for compensation after your separation from the service.

Q. President Kennedy recently asked the VA to pay 1961 GI insurance dividends as soon as possible. When will this be completed?

A. Payment of the 1961 dividend was completed by March 17, 1961, with the exception of some veterans not reached because of address changes, etc.

Q. I have found an error in my World War II service record. When can I get it corrected?

A. Submit proof that your record is incorrect to the service involved—Army, Navy, Air Force or Coast Guard—immediately. Generally, application must be made within 3 years after discovery of the error or before October 26, 1961, whichever is later.

Q. Is there a simple way to determine whether a veteran or dependent is eligible to receive pension under the old or new pension laws?

A. Yes. The magic date is June 30, 1960. A veteran or dependent receiving and entitled to receive a pension from the VA on June 30, 1960, is eligible to receive pension under the old law but can elect under the new law. Those who became entitled after June 30, 1960, must come under the new law.

Q. I am the widow of a World War II veteran who had six months of overseas service. Will I get a pension under the new pension law that went into effect last July 1?

A. It appears that you may be eligible for a pension, but you will not receive one unless you apply for it. Contact the nearest VA office. The contact representative will help you make out your application.

Q. Can I apply to the Veterans Administration for a headstone for my husband's grave? He was a World War II veteran.

A. Yes. Headstones are available for eligible deceased veterans of World War II. Although applications must go to The Quartermaster General of the Army, any VA office will provide information and other assistance in filing the application.

Q. Which VA domiciliaries are accommodations for women veterans to live there as members?

A. The domiciliaries at Bay Pines, Fla.; Dayton, Ohio; Los Angeles, Calif.; and Martinsburg, West Va.

Q. Why are some veterans' "children" receiving pension even though they are elderly persons?

A. Pensions to veterans' children usually stop at age 18 or 21 if attending school or when the child marries. In the case of children who become mentally or physically unable to provide for themselves before they reach age 18, and who remain single, the pension is continued as long as this condition lasts.

Groucho says George Axelrod wanted him for a play which he wouldn't consider because he didn't want to live in New York.

Groucho is unable to explain why his rating dropped. It could be that viewers didn't care to watch week after week contestants who stood a great deal of ribbing to make a small sum of money and then didn't make it because the questions asked were too difficult for their ability. It added up to a frustrating show. And the faithful fans of years knew Groucho's remarks before he made them!

One rumor has it that Groucho will replace Jack Paar one night a week next year. Groucho denies this rumor.

There would seem to be a place in television for Groucho and we hope the network finds it. Replacing Jack Paar seems like a good idea to us, should make for an interesting program considering some of Paar's guests.

STEVE ALLEN, who took a year's vacation from television will be back next Fall with a one-hour show on Wednesday from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.

The sponsors have already signed on dotted line.

JAMES HAGERTY announced plans for a new program aimed at young people. It will be a regular weekday feature of the American Broadcasting Company Television network in the Fall. It will be on the air every evening about 5 p.m.

Students will work in the production of shows as well as on camera. Occasionally, student heads of college radio stations or newspapers will be invited to give commentary.

NBC recently announced plans to televise weekly news programs for youngsters from 8 to 18. Theirs would be a once a week program of longer duration and would be presented in Saturday.

JACK WARDEN, who stars in "The Asphalt Jungle" is a graduate of the popular Mr. Peepers series which ran for 3½ years in earlier TV days. You may recall him as the humorously stuffy gym teacher.

A native of Newark, N. J., Jack reached theatrical stardom the hard way. During World War II, he was an Army platoon sergeant in the 101st Airborne Division. Prior to that, he had fought a few professional fights as a middleweight boxer under the name of Johnny Costello; he worked tugboats as a deckhand

Barnyard Notes

This will be the spring to be remembered as having awakened without the blessed warmth of sunshine in her eyes and wet the orioles arrived on schedule and sang as beautifully as ever in the apple blossoms where bumble bees rape every flower.

The cat bird has returned to her nest in the tangled thicket beyond the unfolding grape arbor and scolds in alarm as Black Killer crouches through the brush pile in search of a nest of baby rabbits.

There has been much argument that the tangle of blackberry canes and dried Burdock should be rooted out to make way for a more civilized cover of lawn, but so long as the cat bird returns to her nest and baby rabbits cuddle there, I think this part of the property shall remain uncultivated.

While I have unwillingly been home the past three weeks recharging the batteries, I have had opportunity to observe the simple things about me and I have found, as I long suspected, that they are in reality the things most worth while—that have eternal value when the chips are down—that cost the least and afford the greatest rewards.

It is so with the sunshine that could make this a glorious spring but has withheld its warm grace from all of us, denying fragile May Queens and their colorful courts the brilliant warmth that would make their reigns one of splendor.

How can spring stir hot young blood or agitate the sleeping energy of the tiny prisoners caught in a classroom while the sun plays hide and seek. Only for a moment does it show its tantalizing face, then heavy clouds blot out its smile, the air is chilled and the moment when the May Queen's crown sparkles, passes.

Robert Frost has a verse for it. He speaks the lines (from Two Tramps in Mud Time?)

"The sun was warm but the wind was chill. You know how it is with an April day When the sun is out and the wind is still, You're one month on in the middle of May. But if you so much as dare to speak, The cloud comes over the sunlit arch. A wind comes off a frozen peak. And you're two months back in the middle of March"

From

Pillar To Post . . .

by HIX

Never have the lilacs been so beautiful for Memorial Day.

Ancient bushes, planted when the country was young, and men, the Blue and the Grey, marched away to fight for their convictions in the War Between the States, still send forth their vigorous young shoots, stemming from the gnarled roots, and still scent the breeze with their young blossoms.

The Civil War veterans are all at rest. The Spanish war veterans falter in their footsteps. The world is ever young and ever old. Generations come, generations vanish.

And each year comes the grass, covering the scars of winter—and the lilacs blooming in the dooryard.

Your great-great-grandfather fought in the Civil War. His thoughts turned to his far away home as spring advanced along the Potomac.

Lilacs there, and wisteria. Would the late frost cancel out the promise of the lilac buds at home, along the Susquehanna, or in the blue hills?

Would he ever see the lilacs bloom again? Would he be shattered in body, limping painfully home through the gate in the picket fence under the guarding lilac bushes?

Would he languish in prison, dreaming hopelessly about the child whom he had never seen, picturing his son playing under the lilacs?

The fragrance of spring in the northern hills . . . it must have been almost unbearable to these men, that the spring was returning to the hills, and that they were not there to sense the miracle.

That the acreage along the creek was not planted, that the furrows remained unturned, their promise hidden under the greening sod.

That it would be many a weary month before the dreadful conflict was over.

Would they ever see the lilacs bloom again?

Little League Will Open 12th Season Saturday At 3 At Field

Leo Corbett and George Parks. These minor teams play every Saturday 10 a.m. to 12 noon and 2 p.m. at the Little League field.

Over 120 boys participated in this league.

At the start of the season the league officials announce everything in readiness. The field has been regraded, dug-outs painted, and other items improved.

We are in need of umpires. A person willing to give one night a week should contact Bob Parry by phone OR 47206. Umpires are Bill Roberts, Harry Peiffer, Dale Zimmerman and Dan Bellas.

Officers of Baseball for Boys in the Back Mountain are Bob Parry President; Leonard Dorrance Vice-President; Paul Steinhower Secretary; and Elmer Evenson Treasurer. The baseball program includes Teen-age and also Senior Teeners. The Teen-age league will open in Monday June 5th at the Junior High School field. The Senior Teeners will play all their games Saturday nights at the Junior High School field.

Back Mountain baseball for boys is made up of teams from Trucks-ville, Shavertown, Fernbrook, Dallas, Lehman-Jackson and Westmoreland. The Trucks-ville team is sponsored by Duke Isaacs and managed by Don Hinkle and Ed Teifer.

Shavertown is sponsored by the Back Mountain Lumber Company and managed by Hank Leibald and Cecil Sutton.

Fernbrook is sponsored by Charley Gosart and managed by "Panky" Martin and Stanley Dorrance.

Dallas is sponsored by Lazarus Department Store and managed by Bob Brown and Art Dennis.

Lehman-Jackson is sponsored by Harter's Dairy of Trucks-ville and managed by Bob Disque and Bill Sponseller. Harter's Dairy was last year's Champions.

Daddow Isaacs Legion Post is managed by Keith Yeisley and Jack Bestwick and B. Petroski.

These teams make up the Major League of ninety boys in uniform. They play twice a week at 6:30 at the Little League field.

The minor league is sponsored by the Miners National Bank, consists of six teams. Supervising the boys are: for Dallas—Bill Baker, Wilbur Davis, Bob James; Lehman Jackson—L. Yascar, Russ Bertram; Fernbrook—Art Bellas and Tex Wilson; Shavertown—Elwood Swingle and Bob Wade; Trucks-ville—Ed Teifer and Don Hinkle; Westmoreland—

SPRINGTIME

By Eric Mayer.

This is the time of year I like, and I do wish it would stay. Winter is behind and summer on the way.

The woodland creatures are out once more. Above the forest birds now soar. They perch on every bow and branch of every woodland tree.