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Editorially Speaking:..

MARCHING AHEAD — BACKWARD!

For a generation one of the great prides of Dallas Borough was its streets.

First of the Back Mountain communities to embark on a yearly permanent street construction program, Dallas Borough Council more than thirty years ago laid the foundation for good streets properly maintained.

The first permanent street was a small piece on Mill street from Main to the railway crossing. The next year Machell Avenue was made permanent from Main to Spring and each year thereafter new permanent streets were built and extended and those previously constructed kept in tip top shape.

Council steadfastly held to that principle and through intelligent planning, the wise appropriation of money and the selection of competent Street Commissioners took care of the expanding needs of this community without too much commotion or fanfare.

It even cut taxes by four mills, but raised them again to the previous level during a period when it expended \$20,000 to match WPA funds for new street construction; but it never lost ground, the old streets were always kept in as good shape as the new.

At the same time the men who were then on the Council had the foresight to purchase a new Borough Building, contribute to the support of a community library and fire company and took the lead in building a progressive community — and they did all this without increasing taxation when the Borough had far less income than it has today.

It was a matter of pride that Dallas streets were cleared of snow quicker than any municipality in Wyoming Valley; that the streets were constantly patrolled winter and summer—catch basins opened after every storm, streets kept brushed and tidy, with bad spots patched so that water did not lie in nasty puddles for pedestrians to wade through. All permanent streets were constantly repaired and kept up to date with smooth surfaces.

By contrast look at the Borough streets today and observe the lack of maintenance. We are spending far more money for the Street Department than ever before.

Even the outlying streets like upper Machell Avenue and Reservoir Drive around Huntsville Reservoir to Center Hill Road were graded, oiled and a joy to travel.

Even the old streets like Franklin and lower Main that were built well are now washboards. Upper Machell Avenue to Center Hill Road is completely neglected, Reservoir Drive has reverted to a log road and there is no regular scheduled program of street inspection before and after storms.

Lehman Avenue is a classic example. The water lies in puddles in a dozen spots even during dry weather. Catch basins are cleaned only when property owners complain. In fact that is about the only way anything gets done — by complaint.

We don't know of any great emergencies the present Council has had to face—nor any great improvements that have cost a lot of money. We do know that its street program has gone by the boards — with the exception of a little work on Main street and Sterling Avenue and the prolongation of Pine Crest Avenue.

And yet Council is constantly strapped for money and has to send out its tax notices far ahead of schedule to keep in the running.

Dallas Borough doesn't have to be second rate in street maintenance or police protection or in anything for that matter, but it will take a little skull practice to maintain the position and make the advances that were made under former Borough Administrations.

Completes Army Course

Fort Belvoir, Va. (AHTNC)—Army Pvt. Kenneth M. Calkins, whose wife, Elaine, lives at 34 Orchard St., Trucksville, completed the ten-week engineer equipment repair course at The Engineer School, Fort Belvoir, Va., June 1.

Calkins was trained to perform organizational and field maintenance of heavy-construction equip-

ment such as tractors, graders and crane shovels. He entered the Army last October and completed basic training at Fort Benning, Ga.

The 17-year-old soldier, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Calkins, Dallas R.D. 1 attended Leke-Lehman High School.

Why is it that the fellow who has an hour to kill always spends it with someone who doesn't?

ONLY YESTERDAY

Ten and Twenty Years Ago In The Dallas Post

IT HAPPENED 30 YEARS AGO:

An editorial recommended a speed limit of twenty miles through Dallas in the interest of safety. Another editorial deplored the flagging interest in installation of fire-plugs.

A survivor of the 1912 Titanic disaster, ten years old at the time of its sinking, died recently in White Haven. His uncle, Charles Thomas saved the boy, Assis Thomas, when both of them were washed out of a lifeboat. The uncle was able to get the floundering child to another boat, lift him aboard, but was not able to save himself. In the worst sea tragedy in decades, 1,517 people were lost when the "unsinkable" ship, on its maiden voyage struck an iceberg and foundered on the night of April 14, 1912. This was in the days before radio was a part of all sea-going equipment, before the signal S.O.S. had been invented. No T-V, no radio announcements. News was by wireless, papers put out special editions.

Mrs. Esther Crosby, staunch church worker at Noxen, died at 92. She was a daughter of pioneer ancestors.

Wild turkeys were on the increase.

Dallas' only fire-plug was removed from in front of the Schwartz property on Main St. to make way for laying of a new sidewalk.

You could get 2 big cans of sliced pineapple for 35 cents. Tuna fish was 2 cans for 29 cents, dried prunes 2 cans for 25 cents, evaporated milk three cans for 25 cents.

News was very scarce. The paper was loaded with blurbs about the various advertisers.

IT HAPPENED 20 YEARS AGO:

The draft board for the area issued a call for 28 men, to enter the service during July if physicals were passed.

The Kunkle section of the new highway was being rushed to completion by Joseph Banks.

Bob Lewis, son of Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Lewis, was astonished when he heard his questions being answered over the radio on the "Information Please" program. He got a check for \$10 for submitting them. (This was before people expected a mink coat, \$64,000, or a pair of Cadillacs for their cooperation in appearing on a program.)

A Hazleton firm started work on the new Lake Highway. Carloads of equipment arrived, and the Adelman property on Lake Street was rented as construction headquarters.

Howell Reese wrote from the Bahamas that the world conception of The Duke of Windsor was behind the times. That the former King of England was a mature statesman, no longer the gay young Prince of Wales.

Captain C. N. Booth, Dallas, suffered a cerebral hemorrhage while submitting to a routine physical examination, and died a week later.

Lawrence Smith and Robert Patrick, Dallas Township High School, placed high in a judging contest of Future Farmers at State College.

New housing was creating a building boom along the new highways of the area.

Washington and Germany neared the breaking point of diplomatic relations, closing embassies and recalling ambassadors.

Nesbitt Garinger's homing pigeons came in fourth in a 500 mile race.

First National Bank of Dallas instituted a new checking service, with no minimum balance required.

Carl Landon and Loren Keller drove to Indiana to pick up two new school buses for Lehman schools.

Arline Frantz Gage became the bride of S. Victor Eiben.

Ruth C. Walters was wed to Paul Shouclie.

A number of weddings took place in the area: Muriel Lewin to Wilson Garinger; Clara Mae Evans to Clayton Powell; Frances Thomas to John E. Williams; Rose Evans to Robert M. Jones. Elmer D. Parrish purchased the John C. Wilson farm of 63 acres. Raymond Balut bought 23 acres immediately, for a home site near the Country Club. Walter Evans took eight acres for a home site. Claude Shaver bought the timber. James Race was executor of the Wilson estate.

IT HAPPENED 10 YEARS AGO:

Gate of Heaven Parochial School construction was proceeding rapidly, with brick exterior walls nearly finished. Designed to serve three parishes, Rev. Francis Kane, administrator, laid plans to have buses serve the parishes. Ernest Wood, 67, well known music instructor, suffered a fatal heart attack while seated in the garden of his home on Rice Street. Alderson church for the first time planned an early season flower festival.

Wet weather was delaying planting of corn.

The American Legion gave the Library a \$200 bond.

Lake summer band drew 25 interested players, under direction

Rambling Around

By The Oldtimer—D. A. Waters

The School Board proposed to spend \$629,701 for "Instructional Service" out of a total budget of \$1,075,250 for the coming fiscal year. This is about 58.6% of the expenses to be devoted to the main purpose for which the school is operated. In other words, over two dollars out of every five collected is to be spent on extra services, frills, etc. It is true that some of these, such as operating and maintaining the school plant, and transporting the pupils to school are mandatory, but the proportion not devoted to instruction is excessive.

General Control is listed for 4.9%. This includes salaries and expenses for the secretary, treasurer, tax collector, auditors, legal service, census, and the superintendent and clerks.

Auxiliary Agencies and Coordinating Activities is allowed 8.8%. This allows for the transportation expense, health, recreation, food service, and various small items. Noteworthy is the fact that this item is far more than the 7.7% allowed for operating the school plant which pays for janitors, fuel, water, light and power, telephone, and miscellaneous services.

Only 2% is allowed to maintain the properties which is a very low figure and very likely to be exceeded. Fixed charges take up 4.9%, most of which is not subject to much change by the school board. In the past the directors have had brainstorms when giving out juicy insurance contracts, but the amount allowed does not seem to allow for too much of this.

Debt service is shown as 11.9%. This relatively large figure is not for the payment of existing debts and interest only. It includes the "rental" payment to be made to the Authority for the new school. This will continue until the year 2000 so any reduction in this item cannot

ever be excepted within the lifetime of any present taxpayers.

Another item allowed an exceedingly small amount is Capital Outlay, only 1.2%. Probably this will be found insufficient before snow flies.

Over eighteen column inches of newspaper print devoted to the account of the budget and tax levying meeting reveals only the total amount of the budget and tax levying meeting reveals only the total amount allowed to instruction, as far as that service is concerned. The entire column, otherwise, is a listing of actions concerning additional services overhead, etc. most of which recite additional expenses devoted to these items.

A year ago in commenting on the budget we stated there would be a deficit. In a recent meeting action was taken by the board to borrow \$62,500 to make the June 1961 payment to the authority. This money was allowed in the last budget for this purpose and evidently spent for something else. So much of the deficit is revealed. Nothing is said as to the amount of unpaid bills and other deficit items. And we will never know. With the prevailing plan of having the accounts audited by a handpicked auditor, nothing that's embarrassing to the administration will appear in the audits.

Even the additional tax making 78 mills, an all-time high for any local district, will not be enough for the coming year. A year from now, look for emergency financing and another raise.

Correction

In a recent column on the Garinger Family it was stated that the husband of Thelma Gregory is Edward Guyette. This is an error.

Thelma Gregory is married to John Gildea. Her cousin Claudia Shaver, not a Garinger, is married to Edward Guyette.

Looking at T-V

With GEORGE A. and EDITH ANN BURKE

The Lennon Sisters put 20% of the money they make on the Welk show in trust immediately. They also carry an insurance policy on each one for \$50,000.

Peggy very proudly told us that, "The money we've earned enabled us to pay for our 50-year-old house in Venice, Calif., which we've completely remodeled. And we've bought a new summer house at Malibu Beach."

The three girls, who'll be on the Welk show all next season, may do a TV special. Perry Como wants them again for his Thanksgiving show and possibly others.

According to their father, the movies are anxious to have them do a film along the lines of "Tammy" something fresh and clean. Their agent is meeting with Joe Pasternak this week.

Their father has refused scripts in the past because they were of the rock 'n' roll type.

We were curious to know if Diane, who was married last fall, missed the show.

This brought a laugh from Peggy. "She's so happy as a housewife," she said, "that she has no regrets at all. I feel the same way. I'll be happy to give up show business when I marry because I feel marriage is a full-time career."

Steve Allen will bring back two of his old buddies when he returns to television next fall. Louis Nye and Quincy's Bill Dana will join his cast.

Nothing would have delighted Steve more than to have the third member of the trio aboard — Don Knotts.

But Don is gathering fame and a fat salary in his Emmy-winning role on the "Andy Griffiths Show," one of the season's top-rated shows.

Peter And Mary are breaking up the team. Peter Lind Hayes is getting himself a new professional partner. Mary wants to spend more time with their children now and wants to quit show business entirely. Another reason is that her health isn't the best.

Special For Jackie — A major network is hopeful that Jackie Kennedy will take part in a special 90-minute forum program planned for the fall.

The idea at this date is that the First Lady would head up a panel of distinguished citizens for a discussion of proper parental guidance when children show sparks of creativity in any of the arts.

Johnny Carson is the one the sponsors, the producers and Allen Funt would like to see signed up as successor for Arthur Godfrey on Candid Camera. The only obstacle may be his exclusive contract with ABC-TV, for which he emcees the "Who Do You Trust?" daytime show.

Sam Levenson is one person who seems to have no difficulty working on Ed Sullivan and Jack Parr shows in view of all the talk about fees. On June 25 he will receive \$7,500 for a stand-up act on Sullivan's show. Not bad pay for a little patter. A few weeks ago he received the regular fee of \$320 on Jack's show. Of course on that show he did sit down.

Truman has signed a contract for a series of taped and filmed television programs, which will be produced by David Susskind.

At the age of 77 he may become a television star. He will appear in twenty-six hour-long programs dealing with the "major historic events of our time" and the years when he occupied the White House. He was president from 1945-1952. "I'll do the talking and I'll be the show," is the way Harry S. Truman described the show.

One thing he did emphasize is that it will not be called "The Truman Years."

He will illustrate and supplement his comments with films from many sources. He will adhere, he said, "with complete fidelity to historic facts and avoid partisan politics."

Garroway will be giving up a \$300,000 a year job when he quits NBC. He joined NBC as a page boy, studying rudiments of announcing. He finished 23 in a class of 24. Undaunted, he stayed with it. His decision paid well both for him and NBC. He brought close to \$100 million into the NBC coffers over the years.

Pairs And Spares Class Plans Annual Affair

Pairs and Spares Class of Carverton Methodist Church met recently to lay final plans for their annual ice cream social and square dance, scheduled to take place Saturday. A specialty will be homemade ice-cream and strawberries, but homemade pies, cakes, and of course hot-dogs and hamburgers, will be on the list. Games will keep the children happy while parents visit, and Kermit Sicker will call for the square dancing, beginning at 8:30.

Chairmen include: Mrs. Stephen Stearns, general chairman; Harold Lewis, Mr. and Mrs. David Perry, Jr., Mrs. Joseph Perry, Stephen Stearns, Mr. and Mrs. David Searfoss, Mr. and Mrs. R. Calkins, Kermit Sicker, Gale Spare, Willard Platt, and George Parrish.

The public is cordially invited for fun and food.

Barnyard Notes

LOW CALORIE REDUCING DIET

Monday
Breakfast: Weak Tea
Lunch: 1 Bouillon Cube in 1/2 cup diluted water
Dinner: 1 Pigeon thigh, 3 oz. Prune Juice (gargle only)

Tuesday
Breakfast: Scraped Crumbs of Burnt Toast
Lunch: 1 Doughnut hole (without sugar)
Dinner: Bee's knees and Mosquito Knuckles, Sauted in Vingar

Wednesday
Breakfast: Boiled-out stains from table cloth
Lunch: 1/2 oz. Poppy seeds
Dinner: 2 Jelly Fish skins, 1 glass dehydrated water

Thursday
Breakfast: 2 Lobster antennae (boiled)
Lunch: 1 Guppy fin
Dinner: Jelly Fish vertebrae a la mode

Friday
Breakfast: Shredded egg-shell shins
Lunch: 7 Belly-button from Navel Orange
Dinner: 3 eyes from Irish Potato (sliced)

Note: All meals are to be eaten under microscope to avoid extra portions. Positively no substitutes. From Wilkes College Beacon as many women working in banks today as there were 20 years ago. Women now fill nearly 6 out of every 10 bank positions.

VALUABLE DOLLAR. All but 7 of 19,570 U. S. dollar coins minted in 1804 were lost at sea. Today the existing coins are valued at several thousand dollars each.

OUR WORD "BUDGET" dates back to the Roman Empire when housewives carried money in small leather "budget" bags.

From

Pillar To Post . . .

by HIX

When I read about desegregation riots in the South, I think about Ruby.

Ruby would have been horrified. The kind of people screaming in the streets, shown with their mouths wide open, shrieking obscenities . . . Ruby would have had no truck with those people.

I can see her, ironing a frill with careful hands, her black face shining with pleasure in her work.

"No'm, Miss Mildred," I can hear her now, "I ain't used to that kind of white folks." Then, drawing herself up proudly and testing her iron with a moistened fingertip, "My white folks is always QUALITY."

If you have not lived in the South, you cannot understand the deep affection between white and colored people. Or the standards which colored folks set for their "White folks."

I remember it well. It was my first sight of Ruby, many years ago. I had come to Virginia to visit my parents in their new home. Ruby, her face radiating friendship stood in the bedroom doorway.

"Miss Mildred, you just gimme your pretties, and I rinse 'em right out before you gets up."

Fumbling at the foot of the bed, I handed her the tailored white slip I had hauled off the night before, as I fell into bed after the long journey, from Seattle.

"Miss Mildred," Ruby said firmly, but with great kindness, "them ain't no things for a lady to wear. You get yourself into Norfolk today and you buy some pretties, lace and pink silk. These ain't fitten. They do for Lydy. I swoosh 'em out now and take 'em home to Lydy. She goes to high school this fall."

And with that, Ruby sailed out. From the adjoining room, I heard a muffled snort. Mamma was taking notes on my education.

A few years later, the family moved to Virginia for a year and a half, and Ruby divided her time between the big house on the cove, and the small house across the causeway.

Ruby saw to it that the children minded their manners. She explained with great firmness that "quality folks don't eat thataway, now you mind your manners and don't put your Mamma to shame."

Years later, my eldest daughter went back to Virginia to show off her new baby.

"Now remember," my mother said to her, "while you are here, that baby belongs to Ruby. Don't you do a single thing for him. Ruby would be insulted. Ruby will let you take care of him at night, and that is all. Maybe she will let you make his formula each morn-but don't you touch a diaper."

Ruby took over. Never was an infant so pampered, so swept and garnished, so fragrant, and so well fed.

Years passed, and the home in Virginia passed into other hands. At the breaking up, as the huge van pulled away from the door, and the house, a home no longer, echoed with emptiness, Ruby rinsed out her scrub cloth at the sink, tears streaming down her face.

Ruby and I embraced, and mingled our tears. Miss Mildred," she wept, "tain't never going to be the same again."

No, Ruby, it will never be the same again. Mamma and Papa are gone, and Ruby is gone, and freedom-riders infest the land.

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

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

Union Troops Arrest Baltimore Marshal

Capture Causes Constitutional Controversy

BALTIMORE, June 27—Federal authorities early today seized Baltimore city police marshal George P. Kane, an outspoken pro-secessionist, and hustled him off to Fort McHenry.

The four police commissioners met at once and disbanded the entire force.

Kane's arrest apparently was an outgrowth of his vehement objections to seizure by Federal troops of 40 wagonloads of muskets earlier in the month.

Government officials charged the arms were destined for Southern forces.

The new development capped a series of activities in and around this Maryland city that has resulted in a running controversy between Chief Justice Roger B. Taney of the U.S. Supreme court and President Lincoln.

THE DISPUTE was touched off May 25 when soldiers under orders of Gen. George Cadwalader, commander of Fort McHenry, seized John Merryman of Hayfields on charges of "treason."

Merryman was locked up at Fort McHenry.

Later in the day, his lawyers asked the chief justice, who lives here, for a writ of habeas corpus to force Merryman's appearance in court.

The writ was issued at once. But instead of bringing Merryman to court, Cadwalader sent a statement via an aide, to the effect that Merryman, as a known lieutenant in a pro-South military unit, was charged with "treason."

CADWALADER also informed the court that President Lincoln had suspended the writ of habeas corpus when public safety so indicated.

He asked for a continuance pending receipt of further orders from Mr. Lincoln.

Chief Justice Taney ordered a contempt attachment served on Gen. Cadwalader, U.S. Marshal Washington Bonifant was barred from Fort McHenry when he tried to serve the attachment.

The court ruled that the marshal's force was not match for the McHenry soldiers, then urged the president, in a long, written opinion, to "perform . . . the constitu-

tion of John Milus.

Many items of new merchandise for the library auction were listed on the front page.

Mrs. W. E. McQuilkin was the subject of a Know-Your-Neighbor. Peter Rekus was named Honor Scout of the Year at the Father-Son banquet of Boy Scout Troop 232, St. Therese's.

Lois Ann Warriner became the bride of Robert Morgan. Shirley Siglin was wed to Charles Witter. Donald King and Doris Traver became man and wife. Norman Johnstone, executive secretary of Wyoming Valley Motor Club, investigated accidents



CHIEF JUSTICE TANEY
tional duty to enforce the laws." Mr. Lincoln reportedly still is drafting his reply.

Confederates Get Capitol As a Gift

RICHMOND, Va.—June 25—The picturesque state capitol has been turned over to the provisional Confederate government, which is moving here from Montgomery, Ala.

The unusual building is a replica of the famed Maison Carree of Nimes, France. It impressed Thomas Jefferson so much that he had the duplicate built for his native state.

President Jefferson Davis of the provisional Confederate government and his wife, the former Varina Howell of Natchez, already have arrived here. They settled in the ample Brockenbrough mansion at Clay and 12th sts. after a short stay in the Spottswood hotel.

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at the right-angle turn where 115 branches from the lake highway. These were his findings: two drivers fell asleep; four lived in this area and were well acquainted with the danger; two drivers were not familiar, and overshot. Jerome Marshall graduated from Princeton.

Scouts Camp Out

The Flaming Arrow Patrol, Boy Scouts, Troop 281, camped out in the McClary yard, Center Hill Road, Monday night. Present were Bruce Davies, Jr., Ray McClary, Joseph Goode, William Rowett, Tom Rowett.