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Editorially Speaking:

WHO WILL CAST THE FIRST STONE?

Who will cast the first stone? Ever since Adam and Eve fell from grace in the Garden of Eden, the knotty problem has been with us.

Is it the fault of the times in which we live that so many boys and girls who are far too young for marriage, find themselves pitchforked into adult responsibility before they are ready for it?

Is it the fault of the parents who set a poor example for their growing children, or who are afraid to safeguard them by laying down rules of conduct?

Is it the fault of the schools which provide the meeting place for boys and girls who have a normal and healthy interest in each other?

The fault of the automobile which leads so inevitably to parking along the roadsides?

The fault of the cheap taverns which wink at serving liquor to minors?

Or could some slight blame be laid at the door of the boys and girls themselves?

Does a girl believe that she is being brave and modern when she surrenders what she will never be able to regain?

Does she realize that it is she, and she alone, who is going to hold the bag when she steps outside the accepted frame of social behavior?

Does she know that the boy can skip, leaving her with the foreboding, the panic, the eventual pains of birth, the care of a helpless infant at a time when she should be enjoying her girlhood, going to parties, dancing care-free and light as a breeze with her schoolmates?

Do girls and boys stop to think at all?

Do they know that the social structure was set up for their protection and the protection of mothers and children?

It happens. It happens every year. It happens in our schools.

And the community draws its skirts about itself in righteous indignation, demanding stricter supervision, demanding that the child who is suffering out the long nine months of pregnancy, anguished at the results of her folly, not knowing which way to turn, be treated as an outcast and a pariah.

True, there are some tramps who will never learn, who shrug off the consequences, or seek the aid of an abortionist. They have asked for it.

For the most part, the victims are appalled at the consequences. They never meant it to work out that way . . . but they considered that they would not be popular if they did not permit familiarity. They lacked the personal fastidiousness which would have guarded them.

The community which allows conditions to develop that lead inevitably to complications, has no business to stand in judgment.

The damage is done. The punishment is automatic.

The most important thing now is that any baby arrive in good shape, whether born in or out of wedlock; that it be loved and cherished; and that as an innocent bystander, it not be tagged with the word illegitimate.

Re-read your Bible.

This problem is as old as the human race. Each generation thinks it invented sex, rejects the idea that an older generation could have been conceived in the same old way.

WHAT? My FATHER? my MOTHER? What could the old folks have been thinking of? Such goings-on!

Who will cast the first stone?

Word Fresh From Congo

Our phone rang, I was down cellar, Catherine answered and I heard her squeal, "Here's someone just over from Congo who ate lunch with Dottie!" I hurried up to get on the phone too. He announced himself as Bill Starnes, a Methodist minister of the Tennessee conference, who has been working in the Southern Congo Conference. Recently, however, he has been back and forth between Congo and U.S. on cultivation work on behalf of the Agricultural Technical Foundation. He and Bishop Mathews of the Boston area and others went down from Leopoldville to visit the work at Kimpese where Dorothy is. On Monday of last week he was having lunch with the doctor there, "Bob" White and with Dorothy. He reported to me that she was in good health, was not noticeably affected by the embargo on food going into Leopoldville, for they could get food in the immediate area. He reported with enthusiasm that Dottie has a big class of young men in the area of

Only Yesterday
Ten, Twenty and Thirty Years Ago In The Dallas Post

It Happened 30 Years Ago

Applications for the postmastership of Dallas continued to mount. John Sullivan, former postmaster, has the strongest support. Daniel Waters resigned as president of Dallas School Board at stormy session. A George Prater was endorsed as school director; Harry Bogart as tax collector; Lewis Evans as supervisor at a meeting of Shavertown voters. Luzerne County Emergency Gardens Committee distributed free seeds to the needy. Backyard gardens were seen as a big aid in solving the food problem. The cost of educating a child this year was estimated at 48.7 cents a day. Hardy two year rose bushes were selling for 25 cents. Died: Raymond Heale, Shavertown; Mrs. Eugene Egle, 58, Dallas; Mrs. Estella Brace, 70, Idetown; Robert E. Anwyll, 46, formerly of Beaumont.

It Happened 20 Years Ago

Dallas Post Script Club receives national recognition. Edward Hartman, Trucksville insurance man, joins the U. S. Cavalry. Farm repairs course taught by Zel Garinger wins acclaim of farmers. There are Societies and meetings, and books and genealogies in great number, even a periodical called "The Mayflower Descendant." With all these, it is sometimes a difficult problem to connect up with the first Pilgrims. Many people, maybe most of them in these days, could not write. There is a wide variation in spelling, even of his own name by the same man in making a will. There has been some change in the meaning of some words involving family relationships. After a little delay in starting, town clerks in New England recorded marriages, births, deaths, etc. Here trouble is found in reading dates. Up to 1752 the calendar designed by Julius Caesar was in effect. The year started with March 25, December, for example, was the tenth month. The prevailing practice was to show the day first, such

It Happened 10 Years Ago

Ross Twp. citizens opposed raise in road taxes. Margaret Pilla, Philadelphia, was injured Sunday when the car in which she was a passenger failed to make the turn at the "Death Angle" intersection of Rt. 115 and Harvey's Lake highway. Charles Nuss will head 7th Library Auction. Measles epidemic at Lake Noxen reached its peak. Dr. Henry Laing Fire Company expecting their new pumper. Died: Mrs. Mary E. Jones, Dallas; Mrs. Frances Fisher Still, 90, Dallas.

Farm Calendar

Get Reliable Seed—While making up the garden seed order, be sure to include the old garden standbys along with some new varieties, suggests Robert Fletcher, Penn State extension vegetable specialist.

Clean the Lawn—Spring is not far off and a good lawn cleanup can be a worthwhile early spring job. John Harper, Penn State extension agronomist, urges getting rid of all trash blown on the lawn by winter winds. Remove all matted down leaves as soon as possible to prevent injury to the grass. A flexible-toothed rake can be used to avoid pulling grass plants out of the soil.

Think Ahead—Try to visualize how plants will look in your garden before you plant them, suggests A. O. Rasmussen, extension ornamental horticulturist at Penn State. Many people set their plants too close together, not realizing how they will look when they are mature.

Be Cautions—Overhead wires can be dangerous if they are forgotten or overlooked, warn Penn State extension agricultural engineers. Never assume that insulated wires carrying current between buildings are safe to touch because insulation can become ineffective with age. It is best to avoid running wires across buildings, or above driveways.

Evening School Over For Year March 28

Dallas Evening Extension School under direction of principal Thomas F. Carr is winding up its season on Thursday, March 28. According to Mr. Carr, the year has been successful, with many students eligible to get back their registration fee. Requirement for return of the fee is a 75 percent attendance. Weather interfered with a few sessions. The Adult Evening School Chorale will meet for the last time on Monday, when it will present a concert to which everybody is invited. Bill Starnes was calling from New York, and we heard him clearly. He left Congo 6 o'clock on Thursday night and had just gotten in New York on Friday morning on Pan American. Boy! How good it sounded to get word so direct from Congo and Dottie.

Rambling Around
By The Oldtimer — D. A. Waters

Every once in a while someone, desiring to put on a good front, will come out with the statement that his or her ancestors came over in the Mayflower. Sometimes these statements seem to be untrue. About twenty-five years ago a man, showing me a museum in Boston, introduced himself and said his ancestor of the same name had come over in the Mayflower. It happens I am descended from the same family and could have told him that the first of the name arrived about nine and a half years later than the Pilgrims. However, I did not argue with him. In passing down for over three hundred years, his story may have become mixed up in the details and be basically true. Somewhere in ten generations, or probably more, the Mayflower descent may have passed through the female line involving one or more changes in name, and he may still be a Mayflower descendant.

Since a woman changes her name by marriage, and her daughters likewise, when you get down ten or twelve generations, there may be hundreds or even thousands of descendants of each of the Pilgrims from the first arrivals. And many of them, in all probability do not even know that they had such famous ancestors. And family tradition may state that the family is descended from a Mayflower ancestor without records or any attempt at proof. The Mayflower descendants have not been slow to assume any benefits or prestige they may have. There are Societies and meetings, and books and genealogies in great number, even a periodical called "The Mayflower Descendant." With all these, it is sometimes a difficult problem to connect up with the first Pilgrims. Many people, maybe most of them in these days, could not write. There is a wide variation in spelling, even of his own name by the same man in making a will. There has been some change in the meaning of some words involving family relationships. After a little delay in starting, town clerks in New England recorded marriages, births, deaths, etc. Here trouble is found in reading dates. Up to 1752 the calendar designed by Julius Caesar was in effect. The year started with March 25, December, for example, was the tenth month. The prevailing practice was to show the day first, such

as the 5 of the tenth month, which would be December 5. Anyone today seeing 5/10 would read it May 10. And January and February belonged to the previous year. For several years previous to 1752, as the so-called "New Style," which means the present calendar, was in process of adoption, two years are shown such as January 10, 1735-36. Many gravestones, being partly illegible. Place names in those days were not the same as at present, and the pioneers, sometimes, did not stay long in one place. When a reference is found of a man in one town, the word for the town may not mean the same as the same town name does now. From all early coastal New England Towns, settlers moved inland in small or large groups, then in a generation or more some jumped to entirely new towns, sometimes to different colonies. The classic example, locally, was Massachusetts to Connecticut to Wyoming Valley. Many early Dallas families came from Knowlton Township, just over the Delaware River in what is now Warren Co., N. J. And in the new frontier settlements everywhere, the records were not kept as well as in the more settled regions and some cannot be found at all. The Pilgrims are not famous for their earliness in the country. Virginia was settled thirteen years before. The French had settlements along the St. Lawrence and on the coast, and the Dutch in New Amsterdam. There was an English settlement on Monhegan Island on the coast of Maine. Captain John Smith had mapped the coastline beginning in 1609 and been appointed Admiral of New England in 1615. Earlier in 1620, all New England had been granted to Forty "Knights and Gentlemen", headed by Sir Ferdinando Gorges. Fisherman had been fishing along the coast for centuries. Someone has estimated that fifteen hundred crossings had been made to New England area by sailing ships before the Mayflower came. European ships had entered Plymouth harbor six times before the Pilgrims came, and none of the captains had thought it a suitable place for a settlement. The Pilgrims were squatters, with no paper title. Two things make them famous to this day: their strong religious convictions, and the Mayflower Compact, made Nov. 11, 1620, to which they subscribed, providing a form of self-government.

... Safety Valve ...

CONSERVE WILDLIFE

Dear Editor: The week of March 17-23 is noted as National Wildlife Week, and I as a conservationist would like to give you a little story about our wildlife.

Even in the early days, the Colonial governments recognized a need for some protection of wildlife. Domestic and wild animals have enormous biological, economic and social values in our environment. The early explorers of our land followed the trails used by animals in their migration.

It was the commercial hunters of big game and wildfowl, and the enormous slaughter of game for use as food (before the first conservation laws prohibiting the practice were enacted) which substantially reduced the animal population of this country.

The biological value of wildlife is now well recognized. There is an ever shifting balance of creation, predation and survival in the animal world.

We know that the birds control the spread of insects and pests which are harmful to crops. Even the moles which disturb our lawns eat outworms. The study of wildlife, its habitat and behavior and its relation to living things including man, brings valuable knowledge to our farmers and businessmen as well as to the scientists.

Animal populations have always increased and decreased in the cycles affected by the condition of the environment. Important factors in these changes are food supply, predation and cover.

One of the greatest influences in lessening the favorable environment for most of our wildlife is the mechanized activity of man. It is important to recognize that when animal populations increase too rapidly and consume too many of the resources they need, prosperity declines.

We are learning that we can continue to farm the land and raise domestic animals on the land, and at the same time provide proper habitat to nurture wildlife. Strip farming and refuges provide better wildlife conservation projects.

JIM HOPPLE

Dear Mrs. Risley: Last week in East Stroudsburg, we spent one of the most pleasant evenings I can recall. Our son was fortunate in being one of those chosen to represent Dallas High School at the District Band Festival. There were about 175 in the band. These young people began rehearsing for the first time as a group on Thursday. We understand from Rick that it was quite ragged. I can well imagine! But on Saturday night we heard a very polished and professional program of quite difficult music, played to a more than capacity audience. (The auditorium

Better Leighton Never

by Leighton Scott
SEWER SENTIMENTS

There is some feeling that, although the proposed three-municipality sewer system, recently resurrected by the County Planning Commission, is an expensive proposition, it ain't gonna get any cheaper. Implicit in this is the postulate that a sewer system in Back Mountain is inevitable, that some day it will have to be. So why not now, before costs go up more?

I suspect that if you asked the man in the street whether he figured future expense was his children's children's problems, he'd say "Absolutely not. I love my kids."

Maybe so, but he probably won't hustle to buy them a four million dollar sewer.

Least opposition to the idea, generally speaking, is found in the borough, where frontage is more proportionate, and in small, suburbanized areas of Dallas and Kingston townships, or developments.

In central Shavertown, Trucksville and Dallas longtime residents have concocted all kinds of ingenious walls, traps, etc. after warring with neighbors over seepage and creepage.

Weight of vote in those areas for sewage might overcome the influence of Carverton and most of Dallas Township in vetoing the works. In the latter two areas, farmers and large property-owners, who don't necessarily have money to burn, get sick just thinking about that \$6.57 a foot frontage fee.

This is especially unpopular along lower Demunds Road. If the county, or any other responsible agent, were to devise some more reasonable assessment method, these property owners might come around.

But there's one other thing that gripes Dallas Township. Backing up that gripe is a large Fernbrook vote that doesn't want a disposal unit in its back yard, contrary to whatever the county sees practicable.

The people phrase it this way, not in itself an unreasonable query: If the sewer system could be gravity-fed from the borough to Kingstown Township, what's this idea of pumping it up-hill from Trucksville to Fernbrook?

Not only does the county's plan project two pumping stations for this project, but one of them would be pumping back sewage from Carverton Road to Dallas Township—back where it came from by gravity.

Dallas Township people don't worry about the practicability of this plan nearly so much as they do about its essential fishiness, which seems calculated beyond all reason to leave them holding the disposal unit.

War-Orphan Peak 1963

Nearly 24,000 children whose veteran-parent died of a service connected disability will take advantage in 1963 of the educational program offered to war orphans by Veterans Administration. In 1962, more than 20,500 participated. The peak is expected to be reached this year, with only 300 war orphans enrolled by 1965.

many accomplishments of that age group. There are so many more in their school life and in plain every day living. Why shouldn't we tell them when we are proud of them?

Also, we are most grateful to all who made it possible for Rick to attend. It was a fine experience for him, both personally and musically.

Sincerely, Thelma W. Ratcliffe

From— Pillar To Post...
By Hix

There are those in the Back Mountain who are bravely facing death for themselves or for those they love. The rebirth of life in the spring of the year is not for them. They sense the awakening, but as they pass through the Valley of the Shadow they grope with blind fingers for a remembered joy.

Because so many people know me through the pages of the Dallas Post, and have been kind enough for the past twenty years to laugh over my foibles, drawing a bit of cheer from the ridiculous things that have happened, reminding themselves that editors too have their weak points, I am now asking for a place in their understanding.

My husband is hopelessly ill. He has a brain tumor, and he will not recover, no matter what heroic measures are taken to prolong his days. If God is merciful, he will be released, without pain and without awareness.

There are others in this area who are not so fortunate. For them, the unbearable agony, the knowledge of what is happening to them, the anguish of a family which suffers with the stricken, prays mutely for cessation of mounting pain, falls on its knees in utter thankfulness when the inevitable happens, and the sufferer embraces death.

Life is to be lived . . . lived to the best of the ability as long as it can be lived. Death is a friend, not to be feared. "Now lettest thou Thy servant depart in peace."

SUSQUEHANNA RIVER

By Rev. Ralph A. Weatherly
Susquehanna River (in reply to Eunice Pond Lasalle's "Long Susquehanna", N. Y. Tribune 1957 in which she laments about its "barge-prisoned, vacant-eyed children")

Remember the Long Susquehanna? I know it, love it well. Born in the lovely lake where Cooper, devout Churchman, wrote woodenly of Indians. Wandering serpentine through Oneonta Valley. Joined by the Chemung, Chenango, Tunkhannock; Past Iroquois and Five other Nations. By Asilum, haven intended for a queen. By Wyalusing, the horseshoe above Meshoppen, by Mehoopany, Shawnee, Nanticoke.

Once traversed by saintly Zinzendorf, over whom Like Paul, a serpent charmed harmless — marvel to Indian friends. Travelled by Sullivan sent by Washington to avenge Wyoming; Fought over by Penn's men and Yankees.

Down it a hundred years ago thousands of rafts bore timber. Then coal, to build an industrial kingdom; Rafts long ago yielding to railroad, then to truck. Beautiful river bringing riches to vast valleys — Fearful in flood (I know two of thirty feet or more). Joined by western streams from regions remote; Producing rich fields world-known for Amish and Memnonite; Flanked by highways to the Great Bay; Her people busy,—her sons undergird the athletics of our nation.

Yes, I remember, I know the Long Susquehanna; In reality, I know no "barge-prisoned, vacant-eyed children."

Local College Star Ends Great Season

Despite losses to Hofstra in two crucial Middle Atlantic Conference games, Susquehanna University's basketball team is looking back with pride on an outstanding 1962-63 season, with Clark Mosier, Dallas, pacing the team in scoring for the third consecutive year.

The Crusaders completed the campaign with a record of twenty wins and four losses. They chalked up more victories than any other team in the university's history, were undefeated in twelve games on their home court and at one point scored eleven triumphs in succession.

In addition, they earned a rating among the top ten small-college defensive teams in the nation by limiting their opponents to an average of only 50.5 points per game.

Mosier, a 6-2 guard, graduate of Westmoreland High School in 1958, peppered the nets for 395 points or an average of 16.5 a game. He completed his brilliant four-year varsity career with a total of 1801 points—by far the most ever scored by an S. U. player. (The old record of 1401 points was set by Frank Romano in 1954-57.)

Son of Mr. and Mrs. Sheldon Mosier, Kunkle Road, Clark is majoring in merchandising. He suffered pulled leg and abdominal muscles early this season, which failed to hamper his playing ability.

Advertisement for Commonwealth Telephone Company. Includes text: "For Happy Telephone Party-Line Co-existence", "Space your calls fairly", "Keep your calls brief", "Replace the receiver properly", "ALWAYS give up the line in the event of an EMERGENCY", "Always respect your party-line neighbors' privacy". Includes image of a telephone and a woman talking on a phone.

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