

George Pollock 96 Tuesday Devoted To Faith And Books



GEORGE POLLOCK

In a Carverton home hidden by whispering evergreens George Pollock sits in his arm chair, pipe and books at hand. To a knock at the door George calls out welcome. You walk in, draw up a chair, and in something of awe try to think what to say to one who has lived within four years of a century.

He is not one to do much looking backward, for, as he says, "Keep something ahead". He thanks God continually for letting him live so long. His health is good, and he enjoys eating as much as ever. His only weakness is his legs. Certainly not his head!

George Pollock's 96th birthday is Tuesday. He doesn't go in much for celebrations, but each year more and more he contemplates the wonder of living. Last year the Masonic Lodge presented him his 50-year membership pin. He enjoyed his years of teaching school but regrets that doctor's orders were for him to stay away from the class-room. His work has been varied, from helping in a butcher shop, keeping store which he disliked very much, and truck gardening on land he felt was not suited for the purpose.

His life was and is books and people. Teaching school gave expression to that ambition, and he asks the question, "Why does God put with in a man ambitions which he cannot fulfill?" Doubtless others have asked that same question, but George has made use of the materials of that ambition in the form of love of books. He used to teach the men's

class in the Carverton Sunday School. It is remembered that his method was not lecture style but that of Socrates who drew out people by asking questions to promote thought. The class seemed to be doing its own teaching for they would begin with a question from George and go on to a rich variety of ideas kindled by the flint and steel of discussion. He spoke of the best TV programs as those with maximum audience participation.

As we talk of books his conversation ran to poetry. Without a moment's hesitation he began quoting Whittier's "Barefoot Boy", in which he agreed with the author that money is not what makes one rich. Then he picked up a well-marked volume and turned to a page asking me to read Markham's "A Creed":

"There is a destiny that makes us brothers,
None goes his way alone;
All that we send into the lives of others
Comes back into our own.
I care not what his temple or his creeds,
One thing holds firm and fast—
That into his fateful heap of days and deeds
The soul of man is cast".

After I read that brief poem aloud George commented that he preferred the statement in Ella Wheeler Wilcox's poem "Thoughts are Things" in which she also says that thoughts we think come back to us again.

George is familiar with the reality of religious experience. He says, "I talk to God in my mind", not for the purpose of asking God for things as for the sheer pleasure of knowing God in his mind and giving thanks to Him. The home, the teacher and the preacher he feels are the major influences for good on the young. He is aware of the trend among churches to come closer together in work and fellowship, both Protestant and Catholic. He has noted also the increasing trend in recent years for doctors and ministers to consider their work together. He has recently been reading Sholem Asch's book "Passage in the Night" in which the author gives the opinion that God is more willing to forgive man's sins against God than man's sins against man, that man needs first of all to seek forgiveness from man whom he has wronged.

One significant statement was this: "I have inherited many things

Hat And Bake Sale

Now that Mrs. Betty Meeker, Worthy Matron of Dallas Chapter 396 Order of the Eastern Star, has returned from Florida she is completing plans for the "HAT AND BAKE SALE" in the Lundy Building, Main Street, Dallas this Friday evening, March 29 and Saturday, March 30.

The chairman, Mrs. Evelyn Smith, has done the window decorations and poster advertisements while Mrs. Elsie Jolley, co-chairman, has been taking orders for the "BAKE SALE" Saturday when the public is invited to shop for hats and baked goods.

Completes Course At Okinawa Base

Marine Private First Class Leslie W. Dickson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Dickson, R.D. 3, Dallas recently completed the basic supply course at Davidson Schools, Third Marine Division, Camp Hansen, Okinawa.

Students learn basic supply procedure used by the Fleet Marine Force.

The Third Marine Division is the "force-in-readiness" ground element of the Seventh Fleet in the Far East. Dickson graduated from Westmoreland High School in 1960.

good and bad from people who lived before I was born. I have been influenced by many things over which I had no control".

George Pollock plainly lives much in the realms of ideas. Among the things of nature he loved beautiful trees. It was he who donated the evergreens in front of Grange Hall. And I recall the time when I dug up some small evergreens from his land and set them on the parsonage grounds. One of them now is taller than the parsonage. Well, George Pollock's thoughts have grown tall with the years and have rooted deep within the soil of eternal reality.

George asked me a startling question, "Do you think I'm queer?" I certainly do not. His mind is clear and keen. What I do think is that George is unusual in that he has something in the way of thoughts to live on as he pushes toward a century of full living. My observation is that many people along in years are in poverty of mind because they have not attended to the matters which by contact have made George Pollock a spiritual millionaire.

George urged me to come again. "Sometime when you have some diamonds of thought to share come in". And I went down the tree-shaded walk enriched with such diamonds from George's own treasure-house.

Dallas Junior High PTA Membership 4700

Dallas Junior High School PTA membership is up to 470, a ten percent gain in membership entitling the organization to a Gold Leaf Certificate from the State, reported Dorothy Peifer at a recent meeting of the PTA.

Membership voted to use money available from present funds to help furnish a teachers lounge, and to abandon plans for a spring dance originally projected to raise additional funds. Action was taken because of healthy financial condition.

It was voted to support by letter of approval a proposal by Dallas Senior Woman's Club to set in motion tentative plans for a possible community building, designed to house a medical center and with various rooms for use of area organizations. No financial help, it was felt, could be offered.

Mrs. Henry Otto and Mrs. Frank Huttman were named to the nominating committee, to meet at the home of Mrs. Jack Barnes.

"Ghost For Rent" was presented by the Junior High School Dramatic Club under direction of Miss Judith Richards and student director Pat Martin, a one-act comedy. Players were George Block, Jack Updyke, Patty Sickler, Jeri Jordan, Sally Otto, Susan Banks, Tom Rowlett, Kim Rowddy, and Pat Martin, substituting for Colleen Conaghan. Ann Barnes was stage manager, Bob Graham and Jim Snyder, Stage crew.

Mrs. Welton Farrar presided, Miss Esther Saxe led devotions.

Basketball Wizard Starts Tennis Term

Not satisfied with being high scorer for Susquehanna University's red-hot basketball team which he led to Middle Atlantic Conference games this year, tennis letterman Clark Mosier, Dallas, is scheduled to return to the courts in a 12-match schedule opening April 9.

The Susquehanna team, which expects a winning season, has three other returning lettermen in addition to Clark.

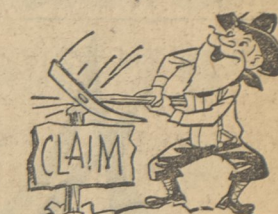
Susquehanna racquetmen were forced to hold a number of their pre-season practices from 11 p.m. until midnight this year, because that was the only time the gymnasium was open.

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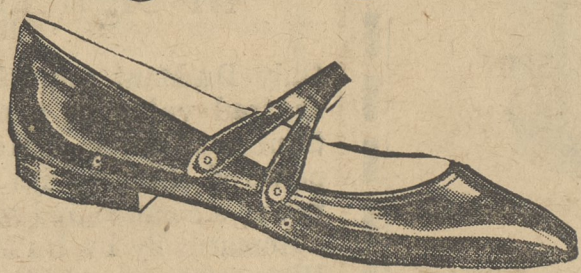
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