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Only Yesterday

Ten, Twenty and Thirty Years Ago In The Dallas Post

It Happened 30 Years Ago

Dallas Township School Board approved an eight mill decrease and Kingston Township a two mill cut in school taxes.

First National Bank of Dallas reported a large amount of gold certificates and coins turned in for redemption following President Roosevelt's order.

Fire destroyed a stable and store-room at the Monastery of the Congregation of Jesus at Harvey's Lake.

Sunday's traffic was reported heaviest during the year in this area.

Members of Kingston and Dallas Townships and Dallas Borough met at the Old Orchard Packing Company to discuss matters of common interest.

Anniversary: Mr. and Mrs. Stephenson, Sweet Valley, celebrated 50th wedding anniversary.

Died: Winifred Griffith, 46, Dallas.

It Happened 20 Years Ago

William Hillard Conyngham, 74, owner of Hillside and Orchard Farms, died after a brief illness.

Grant Thomas was reported a prisoner of the Japs.

Thelma Gregory enlisted in the Marine Corps.

Servicemen heard from: Lloyd Garinger, Joseph Hudak, Glenn Kitcher, Emory Kitchen, James Murphy, Alfred Roman, W. E. Ray, Ray Schultz, Walter Pilger, Bill McIntyre, Harold Casterline, George London, John Culp, Jr., Howard Johns, Louis Kelly, Edward Hartman, Tom Caldwell, Wilford Montross.

Marrriages: Elmer Smith, Jackson, to Sgt. Alfred Swelgin, Jackson; Marjorie Mekeel, Trucksville, to Paul Walter, New Britain, Conn.; Ethel DeKester, Fernbrook, to Norman Frantz, Alderson.

Died: Luther Dymond, 72, Dymond Hollow; Edward Swartwood, Huntsville.

Anniversaries: Fred Boote, Trucksville, celebrated his 87th birthday.

It Happened 10 Years Ago

Ground was broken for the new \$210,000 Ross Elementary School.

Dallas Township operated speed trap for first time.

The advantages of jointure and what it had meant to Kingston Township and Dallas Borough was disclosed at a dinner meeting of directors and school officials at Westmoreland High School cafeteria.

Three generations of Ecks were present at St. Paul's Father and Son Dinner: John Eck, grandfather, Fred Eck, father, and Jack Eck, son.

Two Icelanders, Joe Magnusson and Geir Gudmason, visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. M. B. Hicks, observed that Dallas area was colder than their native land.

Parents were ordered to pay vandalism damage inflicted by their children on Church Street.

Dallas-Franklin and Lake-Noxen School directors met at Lake High School to discuss problems of their respective school districts.

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Rambling Around

By The Oldtimer — D. A. Waters

THE SECRET DIARY OF HAROLD L. ICKES (1933-36). 738 pp. New York: Simon and Schuster, Inc. Price missing.

This is one of those very heavy thick books that stand around for years awaiting a fortunate combination of time and ambition to get started to read them, but turn out to be well worth the effort, and make you regret that reading did not start sooner. Quotation from the book is not permitted. The Diary was really secret. Much of the information contained would have raised a furor if openly stated at the time. It is now an even thirty years since the first stirring days of THE NEW DEAL. This book refreshes the memory.

Born and reared in Pennsylvania of Republican ancestry, Ickes later became a lawyer in Illinois. He supported various independent candidates and was an active member of the Bull Moose movement in 1912. Due to a deaf ear he served in the YMCA in France in World War I. He kept up relations with all the leading surviving Progressives including Hiram Johnson, George W. Norris, Gerald P. Nye, all in Congress in the period covered, also Gifford Pinchot, then Governor of Pennsylvania, and many others, whose names appear frequently throughout the book.

He vigorously supported Roosevelt in 1932 and after election asked two men to intercede for a job for him. It turned out that both the men were offered the job of Secretary of the Interior and turned it down, but neither was asked for suggestions and could not recommend him. Later after others also had refused, Roosevelt offered him the post which he held all through Roosevelt's lifetime and for a while under Truman, the longest period in history. Only a few years before his department had been rocked with the Teapot Dome and other scandals. He succeeded in maintaining a reputation for integrity in an atmosphere in which it appeared to be the exception, rather than the rule.

Throughout the book he felt he was under attack from various sources, and was jealous of his position, prerogatives, responsibilities, and reputation. Admitting that he never made a really effective speech in his life before, he made a lot of speeches, at every opportunity. It was his practice to have his staff work up the necessary facts and figures and other information, then he did a lot of work whipping the speeches into shape. He was exasperated one time when Stanley High tried to take credit for a speech, which Ickes had only shown him, and which was his own work. By his own definition he came to be called "The Old Curmudgeon", in the sense of a churlish person.

Ickes confirms many things about Washington in those days, some commonly known and some suspected. It was almost unbearably hot much of the time. All the government officials and many lower level employes were almost swamped by the round of dinners, receptions, etc., always going on so that heaving book.

complaints almost all the time of feeling under par, due mostly to the outside activities. His sleep was unsatisfactory. Almost every night he had to take "soporifics", one of which was whiskey. And he realized most of the time that he was under nervous tension. Drinking was common everywhere at all levels. After a party at his own house, Ickes remarks that the President carried his liquor well. He must have had five highballs after dinner and did not show it. And Miss LeHand and Grace Tully did not show any effects either.

A subordinate placed in his department for political purposes is plainly described as not worth a damn for his proper duties. The pulling and hauling for spending privileges between agencies is fully described. He was in charge of PWA, a big-works program in which sponsors had to pay part of the cost, and was in constant fighting with WPA, a fully federal spending agency pouring out money like water.

In his own department and under PWA, many things worried him, and he felt they could not be defended if known. A subsistence homestead project at Reedsville, W. Va., got out of hand, the places costing several times what they should have. He frankly lays this to interference by Mrs. Roosevelt. A hotel costing \$120,000 in the Virgin Islands which he later visited was found to have parquet in the rooms, and no hot water supply. He was able finally to soft pedal the Passamaquoddy power project and the Florida ship canal, both of which incited much opposition and which he personally did not favor. By direct orders of the President, which he did not dare to admit at the time, he put pressure on Mayor LaGuardia of New York to fire Robert Moses, whom he did not even know personally, but had been described as an unpleasant person who was tremendously efficient.

Many times he felt dissatisfied with his relations with the President, and once resigned in writing. Rather early he found that he could not depend upon what had been promised him, and after a while he so records, saying that he had for a long time hated to admit it to himself. He records his likes and dislikes with amazing frankness, at one time or another mentioning almost all the figures in public life. He felt that the papers were against the administration and himself and cultivated many of the leading owners and reporters. In the 1936 campaign he led an attack against William Randolph Hearst which took the heat off many things which would probably have defeated Roosevelt if known.

An intimate of the President told Ickes that Roosevelt would never have been president if it had not been for his affliction. Previously he had been a playboy. During his long illness he began to read deeply and study public questions, becoming one of the best informed men in the country.

This is an informative and interesting book.

Better Leighton Never

by Leighton Scott
METS CATCHING ON

I was in New York Saturday in time to witness a striking phenomenon which is of interest to red-blooded Americans everywhere.

The sour old city has fallen in love with the Mets. (The Mets, if for some reason you don't know, is a new baseball team in the National League. It is beginning its second season although some New Yorkers don't count last year as a season.)

New York's most powerful station adopted the team after theyttitton (watt-wise), WABC, promptly adopted the team after they won two games in a row, and was busy over weekend bally-hooing the upcoming game against the Pirates. The Mets lost a close one there.

A small forum of pundits tried to figure just what it was with the Mets that was taking New York. Their record to date was neutral at best, although 100 per cent better than last year.

Of the two "New York" teams of yore, the Yankees were (and are) accepted as a fact of life, and the Giants relatively ignored.

Then one of the pundits mentioned Brooklyn Dodgers, and it was evident he had uttered a truth. New York missed them after they went to California.

The Mets, recovering from their own bumbling, are the town's new little bad boy of baseball, sometimes up, sometimes down, but always interesting.

The man in the street in Manhattan, trudging home from a hard day's work, customarily stops at the corner for a beer, and can usually drum up a conversation by asking "How did the ——'s do today?"

With only the Yankees, that became a moot question, and until this year, it looked as though the Mets would be just as moot.

MISTAKENLY TAKEN

Last week's speculation on the locality of Dallas' new post office was meant to concern itself with that subject solely.

The side reference to Shavertown post office was meant only as a translation by me of an extreme viewpoint held by some, and to which, as I said, I did not agree.

The article was certainly never meant as a diatribe against a person, organization, or municipality, and I was shocked to learn that it was thought so by a few people.

I had no intention of any reference to Superintendent of Mails Richard Griffith, a fine and devoted public servant, whom I met for the first time only last weekend.

As most people are aware, post-office authorities in Shavertown were not at liberty to take any action when the U. S. postoffice department decided to make Shavertown a branch of Wilkes-Barre. The move was consummated after the government made a "survey" of

... Safety Valve ...

BUSINESS MANAGER NEEDED

All this beating about the bush in the selection of candidates for school directors ignores the three most important questions a candidate should be compelled to answer, viz:

1. Will he cultivate a tough hide and demonstrate an ability to say "No"? And if there is any doubt of the necessity of an expenditure, will the candidate always say "No" until fully convinced that the expenditure is justified, and not indulge in log rolling, "If you do this for me, I'll do that for you."

2. Will the candidate insist that a fully qualified business manager, at an adequate salary, be appointed to look after financial matters, the same as any ordinary corporation would do spending a million and a quarter dollars a year with obligations for many millions more? At present the whole responsibility rests with the Associate Superintendent. The Secretary, formerly an executive officer of the school board, is simply a figurehead and bookkeeper.

3. Will the candidate insist that the present plan of an appointed hand-picked auditor, even though he be a C.P.A., be discontinued forthwith and auditors elected responsible to the people, who will make an honest effort to uncover any extravagances or irregularities, which a hand-picked auditor will never do? He cannot bite the hand that feeds him.

In earlier days a craftsman or small manufacturer took pride in using the best materials and having work performed with the best tools by the best workmen, creating a superior product, which cost more. Since the NEW DEAL DAYS a converse theory has been in vogue, "It costs more it is better, and the more it costs the better it is. This is the way our schools are planned today. An official stated publicly that our local

feasibility, some of which was purportedly based on public opinion.

FUMBLER RUMBLE

An impromptu exercise of strength and skill between several high-school factions, slated to reach gang-fight proportions, was badly attended Friday night.

According to the high-school grapevines, car-loads from West Side and Kingston were going to land in the bowling alley parking lot, whereupon Dallas area boys would sit quietly in their own cars and wait for the invaders to start something.

The night was COLD and the moon was yellow, and there was darned little place to park, because Friday night's a big bowling night.

State and local police cruised quietly through the lot at regular intervals. So did two or three car-loads of kids, but they never stopped.

taxes are "painfully low". The air is full of charges that we are not spending enough, our average being so much less than that or that.

It is time to get away from this. We should spend what we have to, to maintain good schools. It is not necessary to worry about keeping up with the Joneses. We have a lot of frills already, such as teaching a housewife to drive when there are already half a dozen drivers in the same family, and others who have no car available to drive.

And above all, the expenditure should not be controlled by one man, recorded by his secretary, and audited by a hand-picked auditor.

ABOUT TROLLEY CARS

Dear Myra:
In reading the Post today I noticed that Mrs. Newman wanted to know when the last trolley went to Harveys Lake. I suppose by this time a number of people have sent information but they may not know that the library has "The Trolley Car Treasury" among the memory books. In that is a picture of the last Dallas trolley in 1940 which literally ran over a car on its last trip. There is nothing in the text but just the caption under the picture. I don't suppose it is necessary to send the information all the way across the U.S. when there must be plenty of people who remember but they might not know about that picture.

Best wishes always
Miriam Lathrop
Editor's Note: Here's your answer, Mrs. Newman, and clear from Sun City, Arizona. The Library has a picture.

Dallas Senior Chorus To Present Concert
Dallas Senior High School Chorus will present its annual spring concert in the high school auditorium Thursday evening, May 2, at 8 o'clock. The fifth and sixth grade chorus of Dallas Elementary schools will also participate.

Several violin selections by a group of students will be featured. The group has recently started stringed instruction under the direction of Lorraine Rowe, College Misericordia.

Meeting Held
The Back Mountain Police Auxiliary, held its monthly meeting at the Lehman Fire Hall, Thursday, April 25. Edward Gdosky, district game protector, showed a film on wild life. The firemen will hold their annual dance at the Jackson Fire Hall, May 17 at 8 p.m. The auxiliary will assist with Mrs. Michael Traver, head of the committee. Music will be furnished by the Sharps Trio with Red Jones, caller. It is going to be a modern farmer dance.

Editorially Speaking:

Hands Off, Jimmie

The mounting incidence of petty thievery is making headlines in periodicals and newspaper editorials. Shoplifting is becoming a commonplace.

There is much beating of breasts about "teen-agers" who shoplift as a lark.

Okay, where does it start, this complete disregard for the property of others?

It does NOT start with the teenagers. (And somebody better invent another name for boys and girls who are beyond the stage of being children, not quite mature enough for adults, and are therefore considered to be living in a never-never land where they can't be spanked, and where they are immune to all the responsibilities which will hit them like a load of bricks in a few short years.)

All right, it does not start with teenagers.

You young mothers, face up to it; you are responsible for shoplifting.

When you take little Jimmie into a grocery store, do you keep him with you as you trundle your cart up and down the aisles?

Or do you let him roam the store, picking up anything that appeals to him, sampling the candies, poking his fingers into the cookies, knocking the cereal boxes onto the floor?

It's natural for him to experiment?

Of course it's natural for him to experiment, but civilization is not built on a foundation of being natural. It is built on a foundation of NOT being natural, but of conforming to accepted social behavior.

A primitive savage will grab what he sees, with no regard for ownership.

You are rearing a solid citizen, not a savage.

How Jimmie acts on his first visit to the grocery will shape his entire future approach to grocery stores.

The importance of getting off on the right foot simply cannot be overestimated.

Teach him to keep his hands off, look but not touch. Once he finds that he can pick up something which does not belong to him, he is on the road to petty thievery.

And don't worry too much about the dangers of his being frustrated. Life is full of frustrations.

It wouldn't be safe to walk down the street or drive a car or step outdoors at night if frustrations were not in good working condition.

Keep right on frustrating Jimmie. With a paddle, if necessary.

See that he goes out through the turnstile with nothing that does not belong to him in his pants pocket, and with nothing in his mouth.

It is not fair to Jimmie to let him get away with it.

Fellow Educators Will Honor Veteran Teacher At Dinner

Mrs. Rachel Porter, member of Dallas School faculty will retire at the close of the present school term after thirty three years of service, twenty six at Shavertown Grade School.

Mrs. Porter will be honored at the Spring Dinner of the Pennsylvania State Education Association of Dallas Area at Irem Temple Country Club Saturday evening.

A graduate of Kingston High School and Bloomsburg Normal School, Mrs. Porter taught at Kingston Borough prior to her tenure in the Back Mountain area. During the intervening years she took advanced work at Wilkes College.

Active in a number of organizations, Mrs. Porter has been especially interested in youth work.

Assisted by Mrs. Russell Houser, Mrs. Porter organized the Football Mothers Club serving as its first chairman. During her term of office the group raised funds with the help of Rotary, Lions and Kiwanis Clubs to buy the players and second team jackets.

In 1933, she served as a member of the committee which organized the first PTA in Kingston Township. She was a charter member of the Kingston Township Band Association and recalls ringing doorbells for donations to purchase material for capes and hats in which to dress band members.

Her record in Girl Scouting has been an outstanding one, culminating in the award of a thirty five year pin by the Wilkes-Barre Council. She had previously received a Thank You Badge.

Mrs. Porter organized the first girl scout troops in Shavertown, Trucksville, Fernbrook and Lehman and the Dallas District Council, serving as its first chairman.

For ten summers she served as Director and Supervisor of Work Camps in Connecticut, recruiting 250 boys and girls and staff members for five camps each year.

In her spare time she gained recognition among church groups and organizations as a director of religious dramas, minstrel shows, Tom Thumb weddings and plays.

Cub Scouts Clean Up Shaver Cemetery

Den Mothers of Pack No. 233 of Shavertown met on Monday afternoon with Cub Master, Joseph Precone and Mrs. Dan Shaver at the Shaver Cemetery on Overbrook Avenue to complete plans to clean up the cemetery for Decoration Day and to observe "Clean and Spruce Up Week."

Plans for all cub and dads to meet on Saturday, May 11 at 10 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. were made. Dads are to bring saws and clippers to cut the dead timber from

Represents Shrine

Mrs. Arnold Yeust, Shavertown, will leave Saturday morning from Avoca Airport to attend the Supreme Session of the Order of the White Shrine of Jerusalem in New Orleans. Representing Calvary Shrine 20 of which she is Worthy High Priestess, she will spend a week in New Orleans.

The pack will hold its monthly meeting on Monday evening at 7:30 p.m. in St. Paul's Church.

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