

From— Pillar To Post...

By Hix

The water situation in Trucksville brings memories flooding back of the water situation in Old Baltimore at the turn of the century.

Residents hereabouts are thunderstruck at the idea of boiling the drinking water. They take a pure water supply for granted, and considering the price they pay for delivery to the home faucet, how right they are. Water is not for free, and in time of extended drought, such as we are going through this year, it is not to be wasted.

Unless you get it out of your own deep-drilled well, it reeks with chlorine, and unless ice-cold, it is about as unpalatable as water in the sulphur springs regions of the West.

We always boiled the drinking water in Baltimore. Those were the days when typhoid fever took its toll every summer, and oysters fattened on polluted water during the winter months, a grisly thought, but accepted as one of the laws of nature.

The drinking water probably was not wholly responsible for too great a percentage of typhoid fever. Unwashed fruit and vegetables, handled by careless pickers, played a large part in spread of disease, for at that time no health enforcement agency insisted upon cleanliness.

Boiling the drinking water was something which everybody could do. It was a fundamental rule in our household that nobody EVER took a drink of water that had not been boiled.

So maybe it was a nuisance, but everybody was used to it, and taking a drink direct from the faucet was equivalent to grand larceny or homicide, doubtless to be followed by handcuffs and a term in a cell.

I was so completely indoctrinated, and so accustomed to the sight of two steaming teakettles cooling on the brick pavement of the back yard, that taking an unauthorized drink was absolutely unthinkable.

The day after I broke the rules and swallowed a glassful without benefit of boiling, I spent in a daze of misery, waiting for my hands to drop off, or my hair to turn white, or my skin to develop symptoms of leprosy. And for several weeks I shuddered when I dared look in the mirror.

But nothing seemed to happen, and I was cheered mightily, though still expecting long-range results from that bit of deviltry.

I don't remember what the occasion was, but it was a protest of some sort against an adult world that had been bearing down pretty heavily on a small girl.

Taking a drink out of the faucet was the meanest thing I could think of to do. When I was laid out in a small white casket with a lily in my hand, THEN they'd be sorry. I bravely blinked back tears, and sniffled loudly.

Half a minute after the glass was drained, thoughts of a casket had not seemed anywhere nearly as appealing. After all, how could I enjoy the chargin of the adult world at seeing me laid out in lavender, if I WASN'T GOING TO BE THERE?

This was something that had not occurred to me at the moment of the crime.

It was a recurring punishment . . . The thought of that stolen drink haunted me for a long time.

It kept right on haunting me until there was a thin skim of ice on the water in the teakettles, and Papa started experimenting with various concentrations of glycerine for the car radiator. (Anti-freeze? What was THAT?)

There was some relationship between a skim of ice, cold weather, and the spectacular falling off in the number of new cases of typhoid. I drew a long breath of relief and got out my ice skates. I'd probably live through the winter.

Editorially Speaking:

Two years from now, it will be as much of a disgrace to a community to acknowledge a case of Polio, as it is now to admit to a case of Typhoid Fever or Smallpox.

One by one, major health menaces are being conquered, and findings of research men implemented by the medical profession.

For too many years, medical associations held that it was up to the individual to arrange with his own physician for protective shots, but little by little public sentiment demanded that mass immunization be practiced, to eradicate killers that could decimate a community.

The important thing is that disease which can be conquered, be brought under control, whether by mass movement or individual effort.

No child is admitted to school without proof of protection against Smallpox. Infants are normally protected by injection against Diphtheria, Tetanus, and Whooping cough. As research broadens, more diseases are prevented under a package deal.

Put on a purely commercial basis, physicians lose nothing by going along with mass immunization.

As the span of life is lengthened by controlling childhood and early maturity diseases, coronaries and high blood pressure, malignancies, and symptoms of advancing age take over, all of them requiring expert treatment, and NOT on a county-wide basis.

The Back Mountain's response to the first inoculation with Sabin oral vaccine September 15 was terrific.

It is equally important to get the second inoculation October 27, and the third later in the fall.

Lady Democrats Meet

Women's Democratic Club of Lake Township met last week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Grey.

Hostesses were Doris Schooley and Lorraine Grey. Mrs. Joseph Desiderio presided.

Mrs. Frances Yonkouski was named chairman of the annual Christmas Party. Door prize was won by Mrs. Walter Hennebaul.

Next meeting will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Yankouski the first Wednesday in November.

Shavertown PTA Reports On Fair

Shavertown PTA reported \$360 profit made at their recent Fair, Tuesday evening at a meeting of the group.

Group also voted to purchase silverware and a coffee maker.

One hundred percent membership was reported for Mr. Goodwin's room. Miss Suttill's record grade was awarded attendance award.

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Rambling Around

By The Oldtimer — D. A. Waters

The Supreme Court decision outlawing the reading of The Bible in public schools only, issued in a case presented by individuals is new. But only the circumstances and conditions are new. Bans on Bible reading by unauthorized persons were common over large areas for hundreds of years. Such prohibition was usually issued by church authorities or by temporal political authority by request of the church. There was no agreement then, and to some extent there is none now, as to just what is included in the Bible.

There is no such thing as an original master copy of the Bible anywhere. It is really a collection of books of various kinds, written separately over thousands of years. A large number of religious writings over the centuries are not included in the Bible, and some copies or collections included in one Bible are not included in others. Many are lost.

What we call the Old Testament was written in Hebrew over hundreds or thousands of years and collected before the time of Christ. Some lists show over fifty books. Others combine certain books and leave out many. Josephus, a famous Jewish historian, about A. D. 100 showed five books of Moses, thirteen books of Prophecy, and four books of hymns and moral teaching, combining several of the present books now shown separately. Many of Hebrew descent, particularly those in foreign lands, could not read Hebrew and translations had already been made before Jesus' time. The most famous being the Greek Septuagint made by seventy men over a period of at least seventy-five years. This included fourteen books, not commonly accepted in the canon, since called the Apocrypha. Paul and others early Christians used the Septuagint.

The New Testament books were written in Greek which, with the Greek Septuagint, made a complete Bible in Greek, the spoken language of the Mediterranean World. But the religion soon spread into foreign lands, and translations were made of all or parts in many languages. In the meantime, early leaders questioned some books of the Apocrypha, and threw out a lot of new writings as not authentic.

Various translations were made in Latin for the Church at Rome, but these were not uniform. In 383 AD, Pope Damasus commissioned a priest, who knew Latin, Greek, and Hebrew, also Aramaic, since called St. Jerome, to revise the Latin Bible. In 383 he wrote Pope Damasus, "You urge me to revise the old Latin version and as it were sit in judgment on the copies of the Scriptures which are now scattered throughout the world." After discussing the difficulties, he says, "Is there a man, learned or unlearned, who will not, when he takes the volume into his hands, and perceives that what he reads does not suit his settled taste,

break out immediately into violent language, and call me a forger and a profane person for having the audacity to add anything to the ancient books, or to make any changes or corrections therein?" Jerome knew just what would happen. Shortly he had to leave Rome, but finally lived to old age in Bethlehem. His version was opposed by many bishops and some later Popes. Later it became the Bible of all western Christendom for over a thousand years and is still official in the Roman Catholic Church. And probably all subsequent translators have experienced the same reaction as expected by Jerome.

If all later workers had paid attention to another of Jerome's statements, much confusion and bitterness would have been avoided. After listing the twenty-two accepted Old Testament Books, he writes, "Whatever is beyond these must be reckoned as Apocrypha. Therefore these books are not in the canon. . . The church reads them for the edification of the people."

For hundreds of years the Bible was read by the clergy, not the people, particularly in those lands not speaking Latin, and the Church opposed translations into the common languages. Bible translators in England were martyred. English Bibles were prepared on the Continent. And when Luther and others working from ancient Hebrew and other sources discovered that the Apocrypha was not included therein, Jerome's note over a thousand years before having been forgotten or thrown out, there was an uproar.

Since that time most objections to Bible reading anywhere have been by those of one set of views trying to keep out the views of others, and it has been by no means one-sided. As a general rule, the established or more prominent church or faction has opposed dissenters from the official view. And dissenting sects and individuals and some well-meaning scholars today have come out with many independent versions, claiming the old ones are inaccurate. Either by actual changes in the text or by differences in marginal references, meaning is sometimes changed.

The Rheims-Douai Catholic version of 1610, one year before the King James Version of 1611 basically used by Protestants, stated in the preface that it should not be read by "husbandmen, artificers, apprentices, boys, girls, mistresses, maids," and that it was not intended for "table talk, alehouses, boats, barges, and for every profane person and company." In England as late as 1540 a proclamation was issued prohibiting all private discussion of the Bible, especially in "taverns and alehouses".

The Supreme Court did not refer to these ancient prohibitions and probably did not connect the public school's with "Taverns and alehouses".

Penns Woods Notebook

Pennsylvania Game Commission reported that District Game Protectors have completed the stocking of ringneck pheasants reared under the Commission's cooperative pheasant chick program.

The day-old chicks are hatched out on the Commission's Game Farms, and then distributed to farmers and other groups in the program to raise. They are raised in wire covered holding pens to twelve weeks of age at which time they are caught and taken in balanced numbers to areas open to public hunting. They are sexed prior to delivery, and only male pheasants are delivered to the co-operators.

Roy W. Trexler, Northeast Division Supervisor at Dallas, states that 26,075 baby chicks were delivered farmers and other groups during the past Spring. 24,075 raised and stocked in the thirteen county area which make up the Northeast Division. These counties are Bradford, Carbon, Columbia, Lackawanna, Luzerne, Monroe, Montour, Northumberland, Pike, Sullivan, Susquehanna, Wayne and Wyoming.

Additional pheasants will be received and will be stocked prior to the open season.

If you have any questions or would like any talks given to a group on conservation, send a post card or write to: PENN'S WOODS NOTEBOOK, BOX 408, DALLAS, or phone 674-3529.

First Prize Winner



SCOTT LEFKO

A sixth grade student at Dallas Borough High School, Scott Lefko, was the only Back Mountain contestant to win the Punt, Pass and Kick Contest, sponsored recently by Motor Twins Inc.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Lefko, Luzerne Avenue, Dallas, Scott made an outstanding score, winning first prize in the eleven year old class.

The competition sponsored annually by Ford Dealers on a nationwide basis was held October 5 at Kingston High School stadium with one hundred boys ranging from eight to eleven years of age and representing all schools in the valley participating.

First, second and third prizes were awarded to each age group. Wayne Dornise was chairman of the event with Al Merolla assisting. All winners were selected by the point system.

Scott received a handsome athletic jacket like those worn by the football pros at an official ceremony Friday evening before the Kingston Swoyersville Game.

When surrounding towns submit their final report on scores, the winner will be chosen to attend a major football game in New York or Philadelphia accompanied by his parents, all expenses paid. Scott stands a fine chance of being the winner.

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Only Yesterday

Ten, Twenty and Thirty Years Ago In The Dallas Post

It Happened 30 Years Ago

A four-day strike at Noxen Tannery ended when 275 men returned to work. The short-lived strike was called when Noxen Tannery officials refused to order five employees to join the union, formed in January of 1933. In September, Noxen Tannery upped wages by 32 percent, retroactive to July, and added 75 more men to the payroll. Arbitrators ruled that no official had any right to force any man to join a union, nor could he prevent any man from joining a union.

Business trend was up, recovery from the long slump beginning.

Construction of a new bridge across Bowman's Creek was started at Noxen.

Possibility of repeal resulted in a spate of liquor ads in New York newspapers.

Edward F. Kotchi was writing the sports news.

You could get four cans of baked beans for 19 cents, and butter was still two pounds for 49 cents. If you bought margarine, you crushed it down with a fork and mixed in the coloring matter. The effect was striped, as in zebra. Bacon squares were 11 cents a pound.

It Happened 20 Years Ago

Alfred Lamoreaux was with the famous Headhunter Squadron in the South Pacific.

Clifford Martin performed a mercy killing with a rifle, when a 150 pound black bear, victim of a car crash at Pikes Creek, broke three of its legs. Chief Fred Swanson investigated.

Registration for Ration Book 4 was announced, with stamps to be used to accompany purchase of canned fruits and vegetables.

Community War Chest goal was exceeded in the Back Mountain, oversubscribed by \$213. Quota was \$2,400.

Honor roll with 75 names was dedicated at Northmoreland.

Top billing on the front page went to a pix of boys about to cross a covered bridge on their way to the one-room schoolhouse.

From the Outpost: Gilbert Huey, South Pacific; Glenn Loveland, North Africa; Thomas Garrity, Florida; Chet Drophchinski, California; Elmer Wyant, Fort Eustis; Carl J. Dykman, Bowling Green, Ky.; Joe Garrity, Washington, D.C.; William Rhodes, Beaufort, S. C.; Earl Williams, Savannah; Bud Mitchell, Nashville; Benjamin Johnson, Camp Edwards; Ted Schwartz, Newport, R.I.; Thomas Reese, University of Illinois.

Married: Arline Ide to Charles Rattigan. Laura Edhoff to Carl Carey. Ellen Trethway to James Agnew.

Rev. Joseph Fiske became pastor of Maple Grove Charge.

Evan Evans, Guadalcanal Marine, copped the proud post of orderly to the Colonel at Bremerton, Washington, nosing out 85 other Marines by being the best pressed and best dressed in the line-up.

Died: Mrs. Bessie Williams, 66, Idetown. Mrs. Sarah Ashton, Ceasetown.

Adults who wanted to mask for the Halloween Parade had their fears allayed. Yes, it was perfectly legal to mask for the parade, in spite of wartime regulations.

It Happened 10 Years Ago

It was a fifteen year old kid who admitted to four forcible entries at Trucksville Poultry Mill.

A small weather balloon landed in Goss Manor.

Dallas Borough tax-payers staged a rowdy session when Dallas School directors attempted to re-assess property and levy school taxes accordingly. It was a hot session at Dallas Borough School, with Doc Bodycomb holding the bag, trying against a background of hoots and catcalls to explain that property values were inequitable, but getting nowhere in the face of determined opposition. Anguished citizens, 200 of them, were up in arms. Lewis LeGrand, L. L. Richardson, David Jenkins, answered questions from the floor. A malcontent offered to punch William Morsan, moderator, in the nose. Dr. Budd Schooley urged that questions be addressed to the chair in an orderly manner.

Nobody who was present will ever forget that night. People who were satisfied that assessments had been made fairly, stayed away by the dozen. Those who objected, were vocal. Explanations that cost of education had gone up, were booted down. Everybody wanted education, but nobody was willing to pay for it. It was an illuminating session.

Devens made the high bid of \$1,500 for the old Borough Building adjacent to his mill.

Five school districts, Monroe, Dallas, Franklin, Kingston Township and Dallas Borough discussed jointure to ease classroom space problems.

Daniel Nicholson, 43, Shavertown, was in critical condition at Nesbitt Hospital following a traffic accident at the Lake. Thrown from his car by impact with a stone wall, Nicholson suffered a fractured skull, was not expected to live through the night.

Better Leighton Never

by Leighton Scott

Vote Your Baby To Sleep

While dry weather knocked hunting season for a loop, at least temporarily, it only served to tighten the knot in men's throats when they talked politics, for these are autumn's chief concerns.

The party confabs lately have dealt chiefly with the race, if it can be called that, for two school directorships. The Republicans, Kozemchak and Richardson, will probably clean house. I say that with no axe to grind, since I was dumb enough to forget to change my registration from Easton and consequently don't feel too involved.

In the first place, a Democrat in the Back Mountain has about as much chance as Mao-Tse-Tung at a Goldwater rally. In Franklin Township last year, for example, Donald Ayers, a Wilkes-Barre chiropractor, won handily over Dan Flood for Congressman. (The same was the case, if I remember correctly, in three other townships.)

In the second place, your average voter seems convinced that R & K will effectively combat what is felt to be the extravagant cost of school administration (often particularized in Dr. Mellman's salary). "I've had it up to here!" they'll say, raising outstretched hand to their throats, indicating they think somebody is getting a little too much daily bread.

Add to this the impish notion, particularly among male voters, who seem to be enjoying a second childhood, that K will "keep things hopping at the board meetings". This idea is fostered by the semi-public image of the rigged board meeting and secret sessions, periodically aired by a certain newshawk who apparently feels that the Post and the Record are enough coverage for any meeting, and that he can more effectively ferret out the truth from his vantagepoint high in Trucksville.

(To make things a little more exciting, I might add, the Democratic medium which up till recently has been backing K, enigmatically, featured Professor Farrar's name rather prominently for the first time last week, indicating a change in the wind.)

In any case, R and K are evidently appealing to most of old time Dallas, who say, in a wonded tone of voice: "Why, even Wilkes-Barre doesn't get that", referring to you-know-who's salary. "Dallas doesn't need that much administration".

This is going to be a tough line for Professor Farrar to beat. His chief support will come from suburbia Dallas, the young split-level set, who have not been here so long that they say "even Wilkes-Barre", and who recognize Dallas for what it is -- one of two boom areas in Luzerne County (the other being Mountaintop). Old-timers here habitually seem to regard the Back Mountain as an inferior satellite of the city.

They echo K's old line about going from house to house, and being appalled at the number of houses for sale, selling simply because of high taxes. "Dallas is going down the drain", they say.

Well, if Dallas is going down the drain there's a lot of darn fool builders and businessmen wasting their own money. But I think it's more a case of executives getting shifted, and having to sell their homes. (Ever tried to rent an apartment back here? Somebody must like the Back Mountain.)

In any case, Dr. Mellman's bread is going to make K's case, and not anything else. Opposition will come from those who are now envisioning explaining to their kids that the reason they can't get into Harvard is because Dallas didn't "need that".

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I also believe that everyone gets a buck for a buck."

FRANCIS DIXON

Francis Dixon, Democrat, has resided in Dallas for nearly five years and is permanent manager in this locality of Proctor and Gamble Unit Sales. A graduate of Olney High School, Philadelphia, he served in the U. S. Army during the Korean War. Upon discharge from the service, he took studies at LaSalle College adding to his college credits obtained while in the service.

Married to the former Elsie Richter, the couple has three chil-

dren, Christine, 11; JoAnne, 7 and Thomas, 5. The Dixons are members of Gate of Heaven Church and their children attend the parish schools.

Mr. Dixon's territory has received recognition as the most economically operated in the division. He feels that the school board would offer him an outlet where he might best serve, well aware by interviewing many applicants, just what qualifications a high school student should possess.

He favors the best education possible, but stresses the need for conservative budgeting.

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