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Editorially Speaking
For Those Over Sixty

Questionnaire for those over sixty:
How long has it been since you bought a loaf of bread for five cents, a dozen eggs for a dime, bananas for ten cents a dozen, and pork chops for twenty-five cents a pound?
How long since you bought flowered percale for ten cents a yard?
Did you have a family car when you were a child?
Were you educated in a one-room school-house?
Was there electricity in that small building?
Plumbing? How far did you walk to school?
Did you carry a dinner-pail?
Did you do your arithmetic on a slate with a squeaky slate pencil?
How much do you pay for coal nowadays, compared with what you used to pay?
A good suit? A piece of farm machinery? An extension ladder?
You would agree, then, that the price of everything has gone up?
Right?
Everything has gone up.
Including the cost of education, the cost of erecting new buildings, the cost of fuel and maintenance.
In 1900, a teacher earned \$30 a month. In 1935, teachers earned less than \$1,000 a year, principals a little more. This was in the depth of the Depression.
But, because living expenses were less, and you could get more for your dollar, people managed.
Your teachers are paid more realistically these days. They are still not paid enough. Each year we lose to other states new teachers who would much prefer to take positions nearer home. Some of our teachers make a real sacrifice in order to remain with a school system which enlists their loyalty, turning down lucrative offers.
A school system is big business, and it requires an administrator who can operate it.
This area is steadily changing its complexion. It used to be largely rural, settled by the pioneers back in 1775.
Times changed, electricity made its appearance, houses installed plumbing, people bought cars.
And they complained then, as now, about the cost of education.
What was good enough for Pa was good enough for their grandchildren.
Education does cost money. It will continue to cost money. It will cost more money as mandated standards rise.
Face it. Reassessments of property, with increased taxation, will work hardship on people with fixed incomes, especially those who are retired, who find themselves now financing education for youngsters belonging to their neighbors.
The "frill" of one generation becomes the necessity of another.
What about that TV you just bought?
No candidate for office can possibly promise his constituents that the clock can be set back.
Do you really WANT it to be?

Not A Simple Disease

Measles is not a simple disease. It can lead to unfortunate complications. Annually, many children die of measles, far more than die of Polio.
Vaccines are now available.
Advice to parents is not to accept as a matter-of-course the belief that all children get measles. Children can be safe-guarded.
The seasonal peak is at hand during the spring.

KEEPING POSTED

- May 5: FOREST FIRE out of control in the National Forest near Omaha, Nebraska. CEASE FIRE in Dominican Republic. More Marines.
May 6: IN VIETNAM, civilian government somewhat stabilized. U. S. Airborne forces join Marines. Air attacks on North Vietnam continue. COUNCIL VOTES formation of joint peace force. Chile, Ecuador, vote against, Venezuela abstains. Diplomats see South American action as hopeful TWISTERS STRIKE northern mid-west, second in month. KKK JURY deadlocked. MORE MARINES in Vietnam.
May 7: ANNIVERSARIES: V-E, Day, 20 years ago. Sinking of Lusitania, 50. HEAT WAVE, most of Nation.
May 8: SOVIET SPACECRAFT soars toward moon. Unmanned. HEAVY FIGHTING in Vietnam continues.
May 9: MOTHERS DAY. Florists do land-office business.
May 10: PEACE EEPING FORCE in Santo-Domingo being worked out. Military Juntan power. More U.S. Troops airlifted.
May 11: NAVY MEN asked to extend enlistments for six months, draft seems certain for five more years, as service lines stretch thin. WORLD OPINION strong in favor of U.S. negotiating peace in Vietnam.

Only Yesterday

Ten, Twenty and Thirty Years Ago In The Dallas Post 30 Years Ago

Roland Doll refused the job as principal of Dallas Borough School. Two hundred parents and teachers joined the protest against dismissal of Calvin McHose, supervising principal.

Stanley Rauch headed the Harveys Lake pitchers when elected president of the Quoit Club. Dallas Water Company opened new mains to connect with Hayes Corners.

Mrs. Thomas Healy, Rice Street, died suddenly at her hom.

Melvin Mosier, Jr., swept into the lead in the Trade Expansion Contest, against 16 active competitors. Henry Laing Fire Company was given a lease to the house by Dallas Borough Council.

Nicholas Shields, 29, was killed in a mine accident at South Wilkes-Barre Colliery.

20 Years Ago

Donald Malkemes, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Malkemes, was killed in action in Germany.

Comrades of the late Sgt. Charles Billings sent a check to his widow, in memory.

On V-E Day Mr. and Mrs. Henry Phillips, Dallas, received word that their son, Seaman William Phillips, had been killed in action in the Pacific.

Evans Drug Store was closed all day on V-E Day, the first time since President Roosevelt's funeral. Sgt. Joseph Girvan received an award for meritorious service.

Pvt. Daniel Morris, Noxen, was killed in action in Germany. Anniversaries: Grandma Baird, Harveys Lake, 83; Mrs. Charlotte Lewis, Trucksville, 90.

Outpost: Pvt. Robert Lauderbaugh, Texas; William Rhodes Jr., Fla.; Sterling H. Meade, APO New York; Gene Fogle, P.O. San Francisco; Russell Greenwood.

10 Years Ago

Warden Kunkle and Joseph MacVeigh, Dallas councilmen, honored at a Testimonial Dinner by Local Government officials at Wilkes College.

Margaret Bellas was Lake-Noxen May Queen.

Harveys Lake approved daylight saving time.

Edgar Inman, 6th grader at Shavertown, attended a Safety Patrol Conference in Washington, D.C. Dr. Henry Kiekendall, Dallas native, died in his sleep.

Married: Ruth Hummell to Edmund Szymanski. Marion Miller to Richard Searfoss. Carolyn Shaffer to Donald Purvin.

Died: Henry Marsh, 59, Sweet Valley; Mrs. Mary Chere, 90, Shavertown; Mrs. Eva Johnson, Dallas.

William Jenkins To Run For School Director

William Jenkins, 117 Elizabeth Street, Dallas, is a candidate for School Director in Dallas Borough in the Primary Election on the Republican ticket.

Bill has been a property owner and taxpayer in the Borough for 15 years. Always interested in youth, he put time and effort into "Teeners" baseball activities, where he served as manager for the Dallas team.

A machinist at Air Products and Chemicals, Inc., Jenkins was sent on a four month assignment to Italy where he functioned as a quality control engineer in the manufacture of machine parts used in the missile program of our country.

He served as Treasurer of the International Association of Machinists for more than ten years. In the Philadelphia area, he acquired an enviable reputation as a baseball player under the famous "Bucky" Walters of major league baseball fame.

A member of Huntsville Christian Church, he is married to the former Emily Yarasheski. They are the parents of Scott Jenkins, 16 months old, who arrived at the Jen-

Vandals Rip Up Five Flower Beds



Some drunks got loose around 3 or 4 Sunday morning and tore up spring flowers by the roots and cut them off with a knife, along Overbrook Avenue and at Huntsville on Hillside Road. They hit five or more homes, but were not seen.

Top photo shows Clarence Laidler and James Davies inspecting the damage at Mr. Laidler's flower beds, corner of Overbrook and Pioneer Avenues. Bottom picture, Police Chief Frank Lange and Assistant Chief

Better Leighton Never

I have been referred several times this week to the May issue of Red-book magazine, an article called "The Best Wagon in the Fight for Better Education". It begins with the proposition that a school board "can make or break a school system".

Since the school directorship race in the Dallas district primaries (the only election that counts around here) looks like near war between the avowed liberal, or education-first adherents, and conservative elements, the article, which I hesitate to quote because of copyright laws, has bearing here. Sufficient to say that, if you think your vote is "worth anything in these primaries, you should read the article, and if you don't think your vote is worth anything, you may or may not be pleasantly surprised at your school district in the years following.

(Just like all the politicians in this race, I the columnist am stating that I aligned with nobody, and frankly, of all of us, the only one I believe is myself.)

So why bother to write about it? I'll tell you why bother to write about it. It's because I get wearied of all this mountain dew whereby some guy is backing (or pushing) such and such a candidate for school director he wants to crucify his cousin once-removed who might stand to lose something if the candidate on the other side wins. His cousin once d'd h'm dirt, see, forty years ago, and that kind of thing is hard to forget.

Then, also undermining the over-role as administrator of public education with ultimate responsibility to the student, are all the stupid shadowy ideas people have of WHO CAN DO ME SOME GOOD, without knowing just how this good will be done. (People who need some good done for them usually can't do themselves any.) Here are assumptions that because a man is a certain national background he is less our kind of person, or because he is a fellow member of this organization or that in-group, he is more our kind of person.

These petty political alliances are cross-tunneled with supervisor and tax collector races, making just a bit of a mess when it comes to trying to pick a specific man for a specific job. This may be part of the reason why college administrators I know have been pushing for a complete disjunction of school directorship from local politics in years to come.

The college admissions officer, kids home after the couple had been married 18 years.

CAST YOUR BALLOT.

PRIMARIES ARE VERY IMPORTANT

The Primaries are scheduled for May 18. In this area, Primaries are of far greater importance than elections in November.

Vote. If you do not express your sentiments by voting, you have no business to be disappointed when your favorite candidate is defeated.

Your vote is your own. Cast it for the man you think can best do the job.

Safety Valve

COMPETENT WORK

Editor of the Post: May 11

We are concerned because there has been talk recently of "extravagance" on the part of the School Board.

We would like to bring to the attention of your readers the statement made by Ray Carmon, of the Pennsylvania Economy League, at the April meeting of the Dallas School Board with reference to the budget for the coming year.

"This budget is one of the best prepared school budgets we've run into in this area. There is no indication of unrealistic estimating of expenditures or revenues. The only thing I'm concerned about is that, for an operation of this size, the cash balance is very small."

As for the increase in the budget between 1960 and 1965, the increase in the pupil population of the school system - from 2400 to 3200 - and the mandated teacher salary increases are sufficient to account for this in themselves. It is only due to the competent and dedicated work of the administration and school board that we have gotten so much more for our money.

Sincerely yours,
Henry H. Otto Jr.
Shavertown
James Alexander
Dallas Township
Dr. and Mrs. Carlton Davies
Dallas Borough

Mette Larsen On TV

Mette Larsen, Norwegian Rotary exchange student recently tapped for Queen of the May at Lake-Lehman, appeared on TV over WBRE in the local newscast Tuesday evening.

out tax notices to the citizenry. When these notices - featuring some outrageous inequities as a result of the county reassessment - come out, there are going to be some pretty mad people, you understand. It won't be any fault of the township tax collector that the county made some flubs in evaluation, but you know who are going to hear about it.

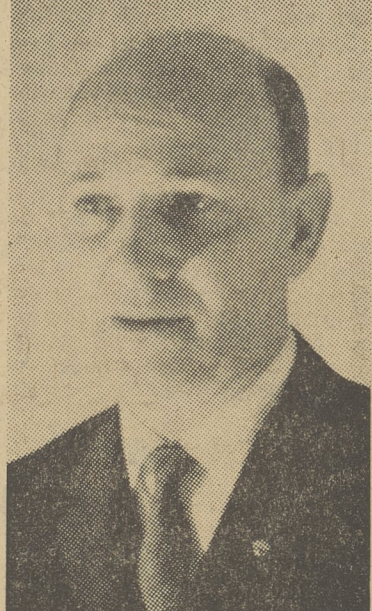
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WILBUR DAVIS

From—

Pillar To Post...

By Hix

When Merrill Faegenburg started talking about some wonderful woman or other at the Auction Kick-Off dinner last Wednesday night, it sounded good, but it made no lasting impression on Hix, who was allowing her mind to wander, hoping for another cup of coffee, and estimating the probable number of people present.

Good time, she reflected, for circulating on tiptoe and gathering up the yellow Dallas Post slips from the ends of the tables.

Then Mildred Smith hissed, "Stand up, you nitwit."

"What for?" was the obvious retort.

Then came the light. So THAT was what Merrill Faegenburg was up to a little earlier in the afternoon, and the Antique Committee had come and sat in the lap of the only genuine Antique in the business.

That person was Hix, wearing her laurels like a lopsided halo, and entirely speechless.

A sucker to end suckers.

The committee on Antiques for the Auction gathered round. "We'll HELP YOU," they chorused, "we'll do all the work, and you can sit around with your feet up."

This sounded fine, just what Hix has always wanted, a chance to sit around with her feet up, gathering the credit, while others scurried about, and produced the goods.

When the Auction Committee scrapes the bottom of the barrel to find a chairman it deserves exactly what it has paid for: precisely nuttin.

But on general principles, Hix will come across with that fish-platter, the one she contributed about ten years ago. When she saw it on the auction block, she couldn't bear it, and started feverishly bidding it in again.

Competitive bidding from the onlookers tapered off, but one dogged voice from behind the block kept raising the ante to an impossible level.

Finally, Hix threw in the sponge. If the bidder wanted that yard-long fish platter that earnestly, he could have it, Bob Bachman, knocked it down.

Hix sat back sorrowfully and watched it vanish into thin air.

Howard stepped out from behind the block. "Thought I could bid you up," he grinned, "and now you can take your such-and-such and so-and-so fish-platter home with you. Be my guest."

The fish platter, English china with the classic gold rim and an indecipherable monogram, would hold a whale. Nobody since the first World War has bought a whale, even in steak form, so it is completely useless.

But there is no doubt about it. It is a genuine antique.

Along with Hix.

And the committee on antiques doesn't know what it is up against.

On account of they ARE going to do all the work.

And let that be a lesson to all future auction chairmen.

For a short person to attempt to walk as a giant, results only in a strut which is ludicrous to behold.

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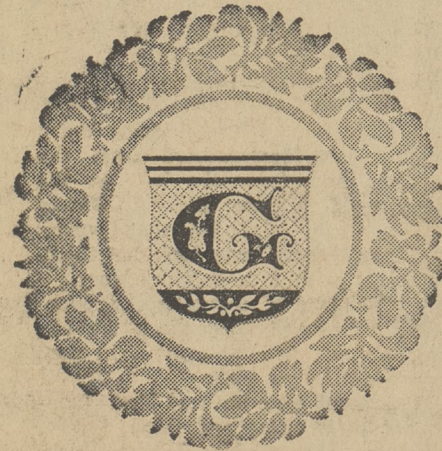
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